

# Second Sunday of Advent (C) December 9, 2018 Reading 1006 in our WORSHIP HYMNAL

"You will be named by God forever."

## Let it be to me

How can you tell me you are waiting for love? That would be like waiting for the blood to run in your veins, or for grass to be green.

So if you have not recognized love, closer than your very breath, inseparable from your self as heat is from the sun -- oh,

how can I help you?

Is it because you are afraid of what it feels like to be in love, inside of love, with love inside you? Is 'in-side" too much?

Don't be afraid! You can, like Mary, invite me to be with you and in you, loving as I am (love is what I am) and to full-fill you with my self.

"How can this be?"

"The Holy Spirit will come upon you and the power of the Most High will overshadow you ... ... you will take in and hold in the deepest most precious part of your very true self (that person I dreamt of when I made you!), where life itself may be formed and nurtured and sheltered and grown.

And what comes forth will be holy - mine, love, oh lovely - and together we will live in joy at what we have

created. Together, you and I."



Will you?

I will, yes, I will, my love, my lover "Let it be to me according to your word".

### **EPIPHANY PARISH MISSION STATEMENT**

#### A PLACE OF MERCY AND HOPE, WHERE EVERYONE IS WELCOMED, LOVED, AND FORGIVEN

#### **Announced Mass Intentions**

Saturday, December 8

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION** 

Denise Sweeney 8:00 am

4:00 pm Domenica & Anthony Maruffi

Sunday, December 9 Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 am Thanksgiving

Margaret & Peter Cameron 10:00 am

12:00 pm Julia M. Foody 7:30 pm Alberta Gill

Monday, December 10

Gertrude M.S. Walsh 8:00 am

12:10 pm Mary T. Walsh

Tuesday, December 11

Jeanette Rose Ertelt 8:00 am 12:10 pm Luis Ortiz

Wednesday, December 12 Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe 8:00 am Timothy J. McGinn

12:10 pm Yolanda Sipin

Thursday, December 13

St. Lucy

8:00 am Margaret Mary Fina 12:10 pm Denise Sweeney

Friday, December 14 St. John of the Cross

8:00 am Agustin Fernandez Felisa Marin 12:10 pm

Saturday, December 15

8:00 am intentions of Maria Shella

Bong B. Sabino

4:00 pm Felisa Marin

Sunday, December 16 Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 am Eric Riso 10:00 am Frank Duff &

deceased Legionaries of Mary

12:00 pm Alex Sarmiento

7:30 pm Patrick Joseph McCarthy

> May the Souls of the Faithful Departed, through the Mercy of God, Rest in peace. Amen

> > Rev. Austin Titus, Pastor

Rev. James Mayzik, S.J., Parochial Vicar Rev. Msgr. Thomas A. Modugno In Residence Mrs. Kate McHugh, Principal, The Epiphany School

Mrs. Kathleen Crimmins. Director of Religious Education Mr. John D. Coen, Director of Music

## MASS ATTENDANCE

(church capacity: 700)

Mass	Dec 1 - 2	capacity
4:00 PM	175	25%
8:00 AM	84	12%
10:00 AM	441	63%
12:00 PM	302	43%
7:30 PM	165	24%
total	1167	33%

### **Sunday Basket** Collection

Dec 1 - 2



#### REMEMBRANCE & SPECIAL INTENTIONS

A wonderful way to remember our loved ones who have passed on and to pray for special intentions, while giving back to God

Announced Mass (\$15)

Altar Bread & Wine (\$50 / week)

Sanctuary Lamp (\$20 / week)

Please make these arrangements at the rectory.

December 9 - 15 our Sanctuary Lamp will burn for the intentions & good health of

Rosalinda Ontalan





Advent Candle Dedication

Luella Ramos for her good health

**ADVENT** RECONCILIATION MONDAY December 17 4 PM to 8 PM Prayer Service at 7 PM



#### **Church Hours:**

Monday through Friday hours:

7:30 am - 9:00 am and 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Saturday hours:

7:30 am - 9:00 am and 2:45 pm - 5:30 pm

Sunday hours:

7:30 am - 1:30 pm and 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Celebration of the Eucharist:

Monday through Friday: 8:00 am and 12:10 pm Saturday: 8:00 am; Vigil Mass at 4:00 pm Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am (Family Mass),

12:00 pm (Adult Choir) 7:30 pm (Contemporary Choir)

Parish House (Rectory):

239 East 21st Street, New York, NY 10010-6463

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The Parish Office is closed on Saturday, Sunday, and Holidays

Telephone: 212-475-1966 Fax: 212-504-8363

Website: www.epiphanychurch.nyc E-mail: epiphanychurch239@gmail.com

The Epiphany School:

234 East 22nd Street; New York, NY 10010-5601 141 East 28th Street; New York, NY 10016 Telephone: 212-473-4128 Fax: 212-473-4392

Website: www.theepiphanyschool.org

For information about Sacraments. please call the rectory office.

Please let us know if you have family or friends whose names you would like to add to our parish prayer list. Call the Parish Office at 212-475-1966

Tentative Celebrant Schedule		
Dec 8 - 9	Dec 15 - 16	
4 PM - AT	4 PM - JM	
8 AM - TM	8 AM - TM	
10 AM - AT	10 AM - JM	
12 PM - AT	12 PM - JM	
7:30 PM - JM	7:30 PM - AT	
AT = Fr. Titus	JM = Fr. Jim	
TM = Msgr Modugno		

#### Schedule of events at Epiphany - Dec 9 - Dec 17

Sunday - Young Adult Mass & dinner - 6:00 pm (PH) (Dec 9)

**Monday** - Beacon of Hope - Catholic Charities - 3:00 pm (PH) (Dec 10)

Tuesday - 22 Club Senior Gathering - 12:00 pm (PH)
(Dec 11) CCD Confirmation Class - 4:30 pm (Library)
Advent Program - 7:00 pm (PH)

**Wednesday** - OLPH novena - after 12:10 Mass (CH) (Dec 12) CCD for non-hearing children 1:15 pm (PH)

CCD (grades 1-6) - 3:00 pm (PH) Legion of Mary - 5:00 pm (rectory) Cub Scouts - 5:30 pm (PH)

Lessons & Carols rehearsal - Youth & Adult 6:00 pm (CH)

Thursday - Song Project - 7:00 pm (NX)

(Dec 13) Foundation Xmas Cocktail Party & car raffle 7:00 pm (PH)

Friday - Christmas Concert - 7:00 pm (CH) (Dec 14)

Sunday - Baptisms - 1:15 pm (CH)

(Dec 16) Lessons & Carols - 3:00 pm (CH) reception following (PH)

Young Adult Reception - 8:30 pm (NX)

**Monday** - Adopt-a-Family drop-off - 3:00 pm (main school) (Dec 17) **RECONCILIATION MONDAY** - 4:00 pm (CH)

Advent Program - 7:00 pm (CH)



# CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER UPCOMING MEETING

Tues, Dec 18 at 6:15 PM IN THE RECTORY

"Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him."
Psalm 37:7

### MAKE A CHILD'S CHRISTMAS BRIGHTER! Sunday, December 9



Help Cub Scout Pack 422 perform a good deed as they sponsor a *Christmas Toy Drive*.

Bring unwrapped toys and gift cards to Epiphany church after the 8:00, 10:00 & 12:00 Masses.

(If you can't come on Sunday, please drop off your gifts at the rectory by Tues, Dec 11)

Help us "wrap up" some smiles this Christmas!



## Adopt a Family for Christmas

(or just one or two people)

Help Santa bring Christmas to everyone! For more information: contact Virginia Urban virginiaurban@yahoo.com or 212-217-3044

Drop-off date: Mon, December 17 - 3:00 - 7:00 PM at the Epiphany Main Campus - 234 E 22 St

(Please do not leave your gift in the narthex!)



Join us for touring & application season!

Toddler Twos Program through Grade 8
For information and touring schedules, visit our website:
www.theepiphanyschool.org or call 212-473-4128



Church of the Epiphany Second Avenue at 22nd Street

Monday, December 24 <u>NO Masses during the day</u> <u>Vigil Masses only</u>

## Christmas Eve Vigil Masses

4:00 PM Family Mass with Epiphany Youth & Adult Choirs

7:30 PM Mass with guest choir & musicians

### Christmas Day Masses

8:00 AM \* 10:00 AM \* 12:00 PM (no evening Mass)

Wednesday, December 26 8 AM only - <u>no 12:10 PM</u> Mass Rectory Closed

#### Little Sisters of the Poor

Sister Jane sends her sincere thanks to the generous parishioners of Epiphany parish. The total amount of donations was \$4,473.00, which will be used for the care of the Residents at Jeanne Jugan.

As always, the sisters count our parish among their most precious blessings, and Sister Jane promised that we would be remembered in the prayers of the sisters and their Residents.

ON THE MONEY from Fr. Titus

Fiscal YTD - Sep 1 - Nov 30			
Collections	2018	2017	
Decrease: 6.2%	\$171,534	\$182,792	



As always, we thank our parishioners for their generosity to the many charities requesting donations at Epiphany. We hope that, while you support other charitable causes, you will not forget Epiphany, your home parish.

We <u>depend</u> on your financial support

to keep Epiphany alive, fiscally and, more importantly, spiritually!



Please give to those who have given a lifetime.



#### 2ND COLLECTION - DECEMBER 8 - 9

The brothers & sisters who were the roots that established Catholic schools, hospitals, and social service agencies are now living in retirement, often on small stipends, struggling to support themselves in their senior years.

Please join us in supporting the people who supported us during their working years.

As always, your generosity is greatly appreciated.



### YOUNG ADULTS RECEPTION

Upcoming bi-weekly meetings December 16 & 30 after 7:30 PM Sunday Mass

#### DIVINE RENOVATION



The current book chosen for our Spiritual Reading Club is an engaging guide for parishes seeking to cultivate communities of discipleship and vibrant, dynamic faith. Fr. James Mallon reveals how his church in Nova Scotia had a complete culture change and attracted thousands of new parishioners. Through humorous and colorful stories, Mallon challenges us to embrace our personal relationship with Jesus and to rethink our models of parish life.

It is available at Amazon, at the Pauline Bookstore on 29th St or through our Spiritual Reading Club.

Please e-mail Debbie Keogh @ <u>debbiej.keogh@gmail.com</u> or Helen Orzuchowski at <u>toabetterlife77@yahoo.com</u>.

#### SPIRITUAL DIRECTION AT EPIPHANY

Our team of Spiritual Directors is available to help all who seek a deeper relationship with God and a meaningful prayer life.

Contact <u>spiritualdirectionepiphany@gmail.com</u>. or call the rectory at 212-475-1966

#### THE SONG PROJECT

Join our community chorus on Thursdays at 7pm in the narthex of the church.

"Where words fail, music speaks."

Join us in preparing

# SANDWICHES & BLESSING BAGS FOR THE HOMELESS

Sunday, December 23 after the 12 noon Mass in the narthex of the church

## JOIN US IN RENEWING EPIPHANY!

#### Fellowship & Outreach Young Adult Food Sandwiches & Receptions Drive Blessing Bags 2018 2018 2018 Dec 16, 30 Dec 23 Dec 16 2019 2019 2019 Jan 13, 27 Jan 20 Jan 27 Feb 10, 24 Feb 17 Feb 24 Mar 10, 24 Mar 17 Mar 24 Apr 7, 21 Apr 14 Apr 28 May 5, 19 May 19 May 26

Christmas Fundraisers			
PULPIT APPEAL SUNDAYS			
Dec 8-9	Cub Scout Toy Drive		
Dec 15-16	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Poinsettia Sale		

#### MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE

# December 15 -16 after all Masses in the narthex of the church

Suggested food items & other necessities jam + mayo + relish + tuna + cookies brown lunch bags + plastic sandwich bags + plastic spoons +

small water bottles + small juices

→ men's white socks →

Perishable items: eggs + ham + turkey
Perishables should be brought to church
ONLY on Saturday & Sunday, December 15-16.
Please do not leave these items during the week.





**7pm Epiphany Church** All are welcome.

# ADVENT PRAYER SERVICE Monday, December 17, at 7 PM in the church

#### Our New Hymnals

We hope you are enjoying our new Worship IV Hymnal & Missal!

For a donation of \$50, you may dedicate a hymnal to a loved one, living or deceased, or for your own intentions.

In recognition of the dedication, a special notation will be included in the hymnal.



Forms are available in the back of the church or in the rectory.

The dedicated hymnals will be retained in the church for the use of our parishioners.

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