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Third Sunday of Advent (C)

December 16, 2018

Reading 1009 in our WORSHIP HYMNAL

"One mightier than I is coming."

His name is John,

a man who was a lamp,
at least that is what Jesus said,
"a burning and shining lamp."

The implication is clear:

The lamp is a torch through the darkness
to find the Light of the World.

As the lamp comes closer to the Light,
its radiance is overwhelmed.

It is in the presence of a stronger shining.
It decreases as the Light increases.

Follow John and find Jesus.

Find Jesus and find the Illness of John.

But John is not so easy to follow.

He is no toady

He lacks senility

and does not work for pay

In truth,

he is more guardian than guide,

more dragon at the gate than porter at the
door,

more fire on the earth than lamp on a stand.

Opposite of the sought-after child in every
way

The child is round,

this one has edges;

the child nurses on virgin's milk,

this one crunches locusts;

the child is wrapped in swaddling clothes,

this one is rubbed raw by camel hair.

Yet they know one another

even exchange smiles.

They share a mystery,

this hairy man and smooth child.

Jesus came out of John

as surely as he came out of Mary.

John was the desert soil

in which the flower of Jesus grew.

John was the voice in the wilderness

who taught Jesus to hear the voice from the
sky.

John would push sinners beneath the water
and Jesus would resurrect them on the
waves.

John was the fast

who prepared for Jesus the feast.



EPIPHANY PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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

Announced Mass Intentions

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



Monday, December 17

8:00 am Amelia Compas Cornejo
12:10 pm Rose Ruocco

Tuesday, December 18

8:00 am Joseph Walsh
12:10 pm Carmelo & Theresa Spadaro

Wednesday, December 19

8:00 am Jimmie Dwyer
12:10 pm Ek Yong Choa

Thursday, December 20

8:00 am Aunt Mercedes
12:10 pm Evaristo Sipin

Friday, December 21

8:00 am Frank Hollywood
12:10 pm Dorothy R. Walsh

Saturday, December 22

8:00 am Ernesto B. Cruz
4:00 pm James & Helen Turner

Sunday, December 23

Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 am intentions of Herminia Rotor
10:00 am Mary & Robert Madden
12:00 pm Adolph Fasulo
7:30 pm everyone affected by the Maamtrasna Mayo, especially members of the Joyce, Casey, Lyden & Philbin families



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

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 16 - 22
our **Sanctuary Lamp**
will burn in memory of
Rose Ruocco



December 16 - 22
our **Bread & Wine**
will be offered in memory of
Rose Ruocco



Advent Candle Dedication

Deceased Members of the
O'Connor & Sheehan families



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

(between Second and Third Avenues)

Office Hours: Mon-Fri 9:00 am - 1:00 pm & 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

The Parish Office is closed on

Saturday, Sunday, and Holidays

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The Epiphany School:

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**For information about Sacraments,
please call the rectory office.**

ADVENT RECONCILIATION MONDAY

December 17 - 4 PM to 8 PM

Prayer Service at 7 PM

Experience God in Joyful Repentance!

GOD LOVES
GOD FORGIVES

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 8 - 9	capacity
4:00 PM	202	29%
8:00 AM	105	15%
10:00 AM	287	41%
12:00 PM	228	33%
7:30 PM	155	22%
total	977	28%

Sunday Basket Collection

December 8 - 9
collection total
will be published
in next week's bulletin



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 15 - 16	Dec 22 - 23
4 PM - JM	4 PM - AT
8 AM - TM	8 AM - TM
10 AM - JM	10 AM - AT
12 PM - JM	12 PM - AT
7:30 PM - AT	7:30 PM - JM
AT = Fr. Titus	JM = Fr. Jim
TM = Msgr Modugno	

Schedule of events at Epiphany - Dec 16 - Dec 21

Sunday - Baptisms - 1:15 pm (CH)
(Dec 16) Lessons & Carols - 3:00 pm (CH)
reception following (NX)
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)

Tuesday - 22 Club Senior Gathering - 12:00 pm (PH)
(Dec 18) CCD Confirmation Class - 4:30 pm (Library)
Contemplative Prayer - 6:15 pm (rectory)

Wednesday - OLPH novena - after 12:10 Mass (CH)
(Dec 19) Mass for non-hearing CCD children 1:15 pm (CH)
CCD (grades 1-6) - 3:00 pm (PH)
Youth Choir rehearsal - 3:30 pm (CH)
Legion of Mary - 5:00 pm (rectory)
Cub Scouts - 5:30 pm (PH)
Adult Choir rehearsal - 6:00 pm (CH)

Thursday - Advent Prayer Service - 9:00 am (CH)
(Dec 20) for Epiphany school - all are welcome
Boy Scouts - 6:30 pm (PH)
Song Project - 7:00 pm (NX)

Friday - School Christmas Shows - (PH)
(Dec 21)



CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER UPCOMING MEETING

Tues, Dec 18, Jan 1 & 15 - 6:15 PM in the rectory
"Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him."
Psalm 37:7



Sunday, December 16 at 3:00 PM
EPIPHANY MUSIC MINISTRY
presents

Christmas Lessons & Carols

Sacred Hymns and Holy Scripture
combine to celebrate Christmas in
an afternoon of music & spirituality.

Reception immediately following in the narthex

One more way to enjoy music at Epiphany!

Free Will Donation

Admission is Free



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!)



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For information and touring schedules,
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Church of the Epiphany
Second Avenue at 22nd Street

Monday, December 24
NO Masses during the day
Vigil Masses only

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 - no 12:10 PM Mass
Rectory Closed

Our gratitude to our directors for many years of wonderful Christmas pageants!



We regret that the children's pageant
at our Christmas Vigil Mass will not be
offered this year.

After many years, Ms. Megan Grant
and Ms. Kate Crotty are unable to
continue their work with the children.

Sadly, all things, however wonderful, come to an end and,
in their absence, the people of Epiphany realize how truly
blessed we have been as we enjoyed the sacred pageant
at Christmas Mass.

Well done, good and faithful servant. Matt 25:21

A Gift of Beauty & Honor

ONE FINAL CHANCE Help Epiphany School's class of 2019
raise funds for their graduation activities.

Honor your loved one by purchasing live decorations to be enjoyed by
our parishioners throughout the Christmas season.

The name of your loved one will be handwritten on a specially designed
honor tag which will be placed on the altar.

You will receive a matching card as a Christmas keepsake.

Suggested donations of \$25 to \$200
will contribute to the purchase of live decorations.
Representatives will be in the narthex of the church
this weekend during all Masses (except 7:30 PM).
We welcome donations of any amount.





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 @ debbiej.keogh@gmail.com
or Helen Orzuchowski at toabetterlife77@yahoo.com.

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 spiritualdirectionepiphany@gmail.com.
or call the rectory at 212-475-1966

THE SONG PROJECT

is on Christmas hiatus.
Join us when we return
on January 10
at 7 pm in the Narthex.

"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 Receptions	Food Drive	Sandwiches & Blessing Bags
2018	2018	2018
Dec 16, 30	Dec 16	Dec 23
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 15-16	8 th Grade Poinsettia Sale
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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.

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Building Our Christmas Forest



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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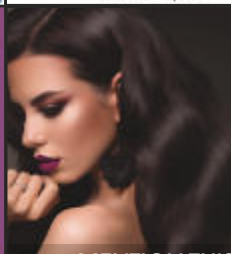
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