

**Church Hours:**

*Monday through Friday hours:*

7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

*Saturday hours:*

7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. and 2:45 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

*Sunday hours:*

7:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

**Celebration of the Eucharist:**

*Monday through Friday:* 8:00 a.m. and 12:10 p.m.

*Saturday:* 8:00 a.m.; Vigil Mass at 4:00 p.m.

*Sunday:* 8:00 am, 10:00 a.m. (Family Mass),

12:00 pm (Adult Choir)

7:30 pm (Contemporary Choir)

**Sacrament of Baptism:**

Baptisms are celebrated on the First and Third Sunday of the month at 1:15 p.m. Parents are asked to contact the Parish Office to make the necessary arrangements.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Confessions are heard in the church on Saturdays from 3:00 – 3:45 p.m. and during the week at the Parish House or by appointment with a priest

**Sacrament of Marriage:**

Couples planning to get married are asked to contact the Parish Office at least one year prior to their wedding date to begin their marriage preparation.

**Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick:**

Parishioners, especially those who are entering the hospital, who wish to receive the Anointing of the Sick are asked to contact the Parish Office.

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:**

Saturday from 3:00 – 3:45 p.m.

**Novenas:**

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal:

Monday after the 8:00 am and 12:10 pm Masses.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help:

Wednesday after the 12:10 p.m. Mass

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Mrs. Bogna McGarrigle  
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**April 10, 2016**  
**Third Sunday of Easter**

*Epiphany Church is Handicapped Accessible*

**Announced Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, April 9, 2016**

4:00 pm (vigil) Ciara Hannon (living)

**Sunday, April 10, 2016**

8:00 am Healing  
 10:00 am Roger Gill  
 12:00 pm Kathryn Meany  
 7:30 pm Lori Para

**Monday, April 11, 2016**

**St. Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr**

8:00 am Margaret O'Boyle  
 12:10 pm Kathryn & Margaret Meany

**Tuesday, April 12, 2016**

8:00 am Decima Ibarra David  
 12:10 pm Lazaro Pesigan

**Wednesday, April 13, 2016**

8:00 am Souls in Purgatory  
 12:10 pm Madeline Wierzbicki

**Thursday, April 14, 2016**

8:00 am Easter Novena  
 12:10 pm Radajevic family

**Friday, April 15, 2016**

8:00 am Helen Donahue  
 12:10 pm Celedonio Tolete

**Saturday, April 16, 2016**

8:00 am Dominick & Rose Martire

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

***Our Carillon Bells***



Our carillon bells were installed in 2010, thanks to the generosity of parishioner José Ramos.

We are once again indebted to Mr. Ramos for the repair of the bell system - just in time to announce the Resurrection of Christ on Easter Sunday.



**MASS ATTENDANCE**

**April 2 - 3**

|         |         |          |          |         |
|---------|---------|----------|----------|---------|
| 4:00 PM | 8:00 AM | 10:00 AM | 12:00 PM | 7:30 PM |
| 180     | 112     | 312      | 236      | 191     |

**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**

**Altar Bread & Wine (\$50 / week)**

**Sanctuary Lamp (\$20 / week)**

**Memorialize a Weekday Mass Book (\$25 / copy)**

Please make these arrangements at the rectory.

**There are many Masses available in our 2016 Mass Book.**

**Please call the rectory to reserve Masses.**



**Our Sanctuary Lamp**

from April 10 - May 7 will burn in remembrance of members of the Wycoco & Stamatelaky families, living & deceased.

***Annual Golden Wedding Mass***

at St. Patrick's Cathedral

Couples celebrating 50 years of marriage during 2016 are invited to attend a Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral, celebrated by His Eminence, Timothy Cardinal Dolan.

Sat, June 25 at 1:30 PM **OR**

Sun, June 26 at 2:00 PM



Pre-registration is required.

(All couples must register in their home parish.)

Call the Epiphany rectory to make arrangements.

Closing date for registration is Tuesday, May 24.

**KEEPING THE CHURCH ALIVE!**



Many heartfelt thanks to all who gave so generously to the Church for Easter! Christ gave his life for us and we give our best for Him and His Church.

Our Easter Sunday basket collection was \$22,499.



Thanks so very much to our parishioners for your patience during our changeover to a new telephone and internet provider. We are still ironing out a few wrinkles, but we expect to save a good amount each month by making this change in our service.

We never want to take our parishioners' generosity for granted, so we're keeping our eye on the bottom line.

**Fr. Austin**



### Music at Epiphany

Join us and share the gift of music

As we celebrate our rebirth in Christ,  
it's a perfect time  
to sing and play together at Epiphany.

Come and be a part of the music of our parish all year long.

**Music is an expression of joy. Come and be joyful with us!**

### Sacred Music of Poland

St. Patrick's Cathedral  
Sunday, April 24 at 7:00 PM



The Consulate General of the Republic of Poland invites all New York to a concert of sacred Polish, Renaissance & Baroque music, plus selections from our current era. Our Music Director, Bogna McGarrigle, will perform on the cathedral's organ. Epiphany choir's own Alex Galambos will conduct two combined choirs.

**Don't Miss This Wonderful Performance!**



We are pleased to announce that Mr. James Hayes has been appointed President of The Epiphany School. Mr. Hayes has dedicated himself to our school for over 38 years. We are so pleased that he will continue to be a

presence in maintaining our school as a thriving institution of Catholic education.

Congratulations to Mr. Hayes as President of The Epiphany School!

Our long-time parishioner, Mrs. Kate McHugh, will step into the position of Principal, continuing to foster academic excellence and Catholic identity at the Epiphany School.

Congratulations to our new Principal!

We are blessed to have both Mr. Hayes and Mrs. McHugh with us in their new and well-deserved leadership roles.

### Couples suffering infertility and recurrent miscarriages

St. Gianna Mass on Thursday, April 28 at 6:30 PM  
St. Catherine of Siena Church (411 East 68 St)

Couples, family and friends are invited to attend.

For further information, contact

Sr. Shirley Ann at the Family/Respect Life office  
212-371-1011x3195 or sr.shirleyann@archny.org

### "Money Talks"

A well-worn dollar bill and a similarly distressed twenty dollar bill arrived at a Federal Reserve Bank to be retired. As they moved along the conveyor belt to be burned, they struck up a conversation.

The twenty dollar bill reminisced about its travels all over the country. "I've had a pretty good life. I've been to Las Vegas and Atlantic City, fine restaurants in New York, Broadway plays, even a cruise to the Caribbean."

"Wow!" said the one dollar bill.

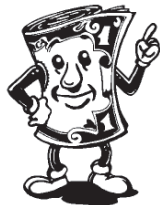
"You've really had an exciting life!"

"So tell me," said the twenty,

"where have you been in your life?"

The buck replied, "Oh, I've been to the Methodist Church, the Baptist Church, the Lutheran Church..."

The twenty interrupted, "What's a church?"



### The 2016 Cardinal's Appeal

Good News! We've reached our goal!

The Cardinal's Appeal Office has informed us that we have reached the goal set for Epiphany by the Archdiocese.

Our generous parishioners have enabled us to go a bit over our goal and 60% of any amount over the goal of \$131,000 will be returned to our parish.

| GOAL      | PLEGGED   | PAID     |
|-----------|-----------|----------|
| \$131,000 | \$134,620 | \$78,544 |

We are immeasurably grateful to all our families who made their pledges. If anyone is still considering making a pledge, your contribution will be most welcome.

### Irish Music in Concert

Saturday, April 23 at 7:00 PM



The Glee Club of the  
**Friendly Sons of St. Patrick**  
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Admission is Free

**Afterglow** following the concert featuring  
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Afterglow admission: \$30

To purchase tickets to the Afterglow,  
please call: 347-281-4276

### Girl Scout Cookie Sale

April 16 - 17

after the 4:00, 8:00, 10:00 & 12:00 Masses  
1st Grade Daisies

Girl Scout cookies will be on sale in the narthex.



### Kindergarten Daisy Bingo Fundraiser

Sunday, April 17 - 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
in the Parish Hall

Join the Kindergarten Daisy Troop  
for a day of fun & winning  
to raise funds for the Bowery Mission.



### 7th Annual Pilgrimage of NY

Saturday, April 16 (rain date: Sat, Sep 17)  
Begin: 9 AM at St. Frances X. Cabrini Shrine  
701 Fort Washington Avenue - NYC 10040

End: 6:15 PM at a Pilgrim's Mass  
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## UNDERSTANDING TODAY'S READINGS

(In order to understand God's love, we need to understand what He says)

### Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41

**"God exalted him ...to grant Israel repentance and forgiveness of sins."**

As directed by Jesus, the apostles continued his work after his resurrection with their healing ministry and their presence in the Temple.

The Sanhedrin, the highest religious authority in Jerusalem, commanded the apostles to stop preaching, but they ignored the court's order. In fact, they accused the Sanhedrin of murdering Jesus.

The apostles' answer was simple: they answered to a higher power. In obedience to the Spirit, the apostles acted as witnesses, proclaiming what they had seen. God had raised Jesus and made him Savior so that Israel might repent and receive forgiveness. In essence, Peter declared that God had taken away the authority of the Sanhedrin and had given it to the Church. In the eyes of the leadership, this was an act of religious treason.

Missing from today's reading is the Sanhedrin's desire to punish the apostles with death. A Pharisee named Gamaliel defused the situation by pointing out that, if the apostles' work was human in origin, it would fade away as any movement in the past. "But," he told them, "if it is from God, you will not be able to stop them; you will only find yourselves fighting against God."

Instead of putting them to death, the Sanhedrin had the apostles flogged and released. The apostles rejoiced that they had been found worthy to suffer dishonor in the name of Jesus.



**Revelation 5:11-14**  
**"Worthy is the Lamb that was slain... To the ...Lamb be blessing and honor, glory and might forever and ever."**

This reading is one of great joy, of angels singing, with the elders of

the church and all living creature crying out the praises of the Lamb who was slain and rose to sit on the throne of God.

It is a joy to all the world, to see that God dealt with man in grace and mercy through the Redeemer. He governs the world, not merely as a Creator, but as our Savior.

Christ has redeemed his people from the bondage of sin, guilt, and Satan. He has not only purchased liberty for them, but has made them kings and priests; kings, to rule over their own spirits, and to overcome the world and the evil one; and has made them priests, giving them access to himself and liberty to offer up spiritual sacrifices.

In Revelation, John declares that Christ is to be worshipped - equally with the Father - by all creatures - to all eternity. Happy is all creation who shall adore and praise in heaven, and happy are we who have been delivered and set apart for himself by his blood.

### Today's Psalm: 30

*I will praise you, Lord,  
for you have rescued me.*

### John 21:1-19 or 1-14

**"Do you love me?...Feed my lambs...Tend my sheep."**

Like much of John's writing, today's gospel is full of symbolism. The disciples got into a boat to go fishing at night. The boat was an old symbol for the church. Fishing at night represented a failing missionary effort. The disciples were in the dark as they were on the night Jesus was dead in the tomb. But with the dawn, the Risen Lord was present, and with him came the great number of fish, representing the new Christians. With the great catch, the Lord was recognized.



Peter tucked his garment, symbolizing his readiness to work, and rushed to meet the Lord. The disciples pitched in to bring the catch to land. On the shore, they found Jesus had prepared them a

breakfast of bread and fish, a meal in the tradition of the early Christians. The Lord ate with them as proof of his resurrection.

The meal represented the initiation of Christians being incorporated into Christ. It was the image of the Eucharist in reverse - instead of the disciples consuming Christ in the Eucharist, the new believers were consumed by Christ. The inclusion of new believers into the Body of Christ brought new life.

Finally, Peter is led three times to confess his love for the Lord. It was Peter's opportunity to expiate his sin of having denied Christ three times. Peter is then directed three times by the Lord to "feed my lambs" and "tend my sheep." So Peter has been given his command - to follow Christ and lead the new Christian people. Jesus then confirms that, by fulfilling the mandate of a Christian's life of faith and service, consequences would follow, foretelling a death for Peter that would be similar to his own.



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