

The Church of Epiphany

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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And 1:30 to 5:00 pm

Home Page Website: www.churchofepiphany.org

Religious Education

Office Hours 732-785-0872
Mon.-Fri. 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Sacrament of Baptism

The sacrament of Baptism is ordinarily celebrated the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at 1:15p.m. We emphasize sacramental preparation consisting of a four part Parish Baptism Process, in which the infant is always present. To schedule Baptism, please call the church office, **at least one month in advance.**

Letters of Recommendation

Letters of Recommendation to act as sponsors will be issued only to parishioners who attend Mass regularly, are confirmed and if married, are married in the Church. To help us make this judgment, we expect you to be registered with us for 3 months. Weekly use of envelopes (with or without a contribution) also helps. To arrange for Letters of Recommendation or Baptismal certificates, please call the parish office during office hours.

Welcome New Parishioners

Please fill out a registration form obtained in the Commons Area or contact the parish office during office hours. Envelopes will be ordered in your name. Departing Parishioners, please notify the office as well at 732-458-0220.

Our Church Gathers for Celebration of the Eucharist

ON SUNDAY at 8:00, 10:00 am & 12:00 Noon
ON SATURDAY 9:00 am and Vigil of Sunday, at 5:00 pm
ON WEEKDAYS Monday thru Saturday at 9:00 am
ON HOLIDAYS Mass as Announced

Sun.	Jan. 1	Solemnity of Mary
Sun.	April 8	Easter
Thurs.	May 17	Ascension Thursday
Wed.	Aug. 15	Assumption of Mary
Thurs.	Nov. 1	Feast of All Saints
Sat.	Dec. 8	Immaculate Conception
Tue.	Dec. 25	Christmas

The Sacrament of Penance

On Saturday at the Church 3:30 to 4:30 pm or by appointment anytime.

Sacrament of Marriage

Saturday at 11:00 am, 12:30 pm, 2:00 pm. Necessary preparations require that arrangements be made one year in advance.

DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 19, 2012

9:00AM Deacon Bill Heard by Evelyn & Kim Lorentzen

5:00PM Nazarena Cifrodella by John Cifrodella

Sunday, May 20, 2012

8:00AM Frederick Eckhardt by Deacon Rene & Edna Perez
The People of the Parish

10:00AM The Tirone Family by Sara Durante

12:00N Carol Cerato & Angela Scavone by Diane Scavone

Monday, May 21, 2012

9:00AM Deacon Bill Heard by Pat Tracey

Rosemary Fitzgerald by Alan & Cheryl Robinson

Tuesday, May 22, 2012

9:00AM Deacon Bill Heard by Judy & Larry Wagner

Wednesday, May 23, 2012

9:00AM Eddie Ruiz by wife, Betty

Intentions in the Grey Book

Al Tunis by Larry & Judy Wagner

Thursday, May 24, 2012

9:00AM Deacon Bill Heard by Joan & Ann Selk

Friday, May 25, 2012

9:00AM Philomena Burkert by Ogradowski Family

Saturday, May 26, 2012

9:00AM Deacon Bill Heard by Gil & Jean Getz

5:00PM Bernard Kope by Arlene & Matt Varley

Sunday, May 27, 2012

8:00AM Sara & Gerald Ponsiglione, Sr. by Jerry and Diane Ponsiglione

10:00AM Picknally & Mc Cormack Families by Mc Cormack Family

12:00N Rev. Bernardino Esguerra (L) by your Staff

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, May 21, 2012

8:15AM MM Novena & Rosary (Mon. thru Sat.)

9:00AM Helping Hands PO #2 Kit.

2:30PM Senior Exercise

4:00PM Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday, May 22, 2012

10:00AM Bible Study APR

7:30PM Contemporary Group WA

7:30PM JOY Prayer Group PH#1

7:30PM Finance Meeting APR

Wednesday, May 23, 2012

5:45PM Girl Scout Trp #1270 PH#1

7:30PM S.D.W. PH#2

8:00PM K of C Social PH#3

Thursday, May 24, 2012

6:30PM Young Adult Choir WA

7:15PM Jr. H.S. Youth Group APR

7:30PM Adult Choir WA

Friday, May 25, 2012

8:00PM A.A. PH#1

Saturday, May 26, 2012

1:00PM Wed. Reh. WA

Sunday, May 27, 2012

12N Fr. Bernardino's Anniversary Mass

3:00PM Jeronimus/Tilley Wedding

Collections: 3

1st collection is for Weekly & Energy Needs Envelope

2nd collection: honorarium for Archbishop Tagle

Sunday Scripture



Here are next Sunday's Scripture readings
Read and reflect on them in your Bible this week

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Acts: 2:1-11

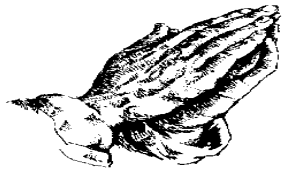
1 Cor. 12:3b-7

Jn. 20:19-23



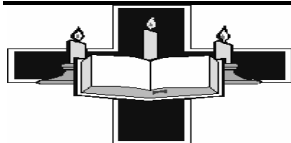
Parish Office Summer Hours

Beginning Friday, June 1, through Friday, August 31, 2012 the parish office will close on Friday afternoons at 3:00PM



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please let us know in the parish office when someone's name should be removed from the spoken or bulletin printed sick list due to their recovery, or other prayers answered, or in the case of one's death: Helen Beben, Joan Selk, Bridget Morris, Dennis Ligus, Bob McGrath, Desirae Olsen, Claire De Paul, John Osborne, Howard Sansom, Joellen Andreula-Ortiz, Robert Novy, Laura Marie Tedeschi, Val Palomba, Tara Batzel, Indra Bolton, Ken Milroy, Barbara Hartmann, Alex Crevillone, Charles Forman, Charles Banks Grove, Ellen Cox, Howard Larson, Rose Cusano, Josephine Troiano, Renee Troiano, Gary Akerley, Michael Murray, "Baby" Mason, D.P. Bienvenue, Margaret Light, Michael Cope, Don Tarquini, Steven Christopher, Agnes Skrobacz, Martin Borelli, Barbara Langer, Theresa Herlihy, Casper Cacciopo, Diane Harker, Carly Stephens, Evelyn Rogers, Kathleen McGonigle, Edward Gelormino, Florence Vogel, Gloria Martinez, Vera & Ed Baumgart, Elizabeth Mook, Cheryl Robinson, Margaret Ruff;



Remember Those who Have Died

Please pray for the repose of the souls of the deceased spouses, relatives, friends and benefactors of the parish and for the comfort and consolation of their families, including RITA MAE HILDIN

Important

Special Collection

On the weekend of May 27th, we have 2 collections scheduled: Weekly and Energy Needs. We are requesting that you place both donation envelopes in the 1st collection. The reason for this is that we, as a community, are privileged to be hosting the Archbishop of Manila that weekend, who will preside at the 12:00Noon Mass to celebrate Fr. Bernardino's Silver Jubilee. We would like to present Archbishop Tagle with an honorarium. Therefore, the 2nd collection taken at all Masses, will be used for this purpose.

Vigil Light Prayer

Lord, May this candle be a light for You to enlighten me in my difficulties and decisions. May it be a fire for You to burn out of me all pride, selfishness and impurity. May it be a flame for You to bring a warmth into my heart towards my family, my neighbors and all those who meet me. Through the intercession of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Mary, I place in your care those I come to remember.

For the week beginning May 20, 2012

The Vigil Lamp in front of the **Tabernacle** is in memory of Marie Rizzo requested by her family;

The Vigil Lamp in front of the **Blessed Mother** is in loving memory of Matt Timney requested by the Benwell's;

The Vigil Lamp in front of the **Sacred Heart of Jesus** is in memory of Walter Frigon requested by his family;

The Vigil Lamp in front of **St. Joseph** is for the intentions of Melone Ade (Living);



St. Vincent de Paul

THANKS to the generosity of the People of Epiphany, we were able to help six families during the month of April. Because of your donations, three families had their electric bills paid. In addition, one family was able to maintain their water service and two families kept their gas service for a total of \$1,335.00. None of this would be possible without you, the People of Epiphany! God Bless You-

The Vincentians of the Church of Epiphany

HELPING HANDS MINISTRY

We are collecting toiletries for the men and women of Lexington House. Your donations may be placed in the bin in the Commons Area. Please have them in no later than June 19th. Thank you

Helping Hands Ministry

Donations from May 13, 2012

Registered Families	3180
# of families using envelopes	340
Envelope Contributions	\$5,280.00
Loose money & checks	\$1,657.00
Total weekly contributions	\$6,937.00
2 nd collection	\$1,607.00
Total amount deposited	\$8,544.00

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATORS CORNER

Bishop's Annual Appeal - Our Goal \$48,000.00

Our Goal for 2012 \$48,000.00
 Pledged as of 5/16/12 \$37,313.00 (78%)
 Paid to date \$26,543.00

These results are from 173 Parishioners.
 Please consider making a pledge.

There are pledge cards available in the Commons Area.

www.churchofepiphany.org

Please check out our web page. On the first page you will find many links to help you in learning about our Parish Family and perhaps encourage you to join us.

There is also a link for "On Line Giving"; our Religious Education program; a link for parish information and many other informative topics that might interest you. Please call us if you would like to have additional information.

Our Church Bulletin:

Please look at our bulletin ads and patronize our advertisers. Mention that you saw their ad in the Church bulletin. This is a good source of revenue for us.

"Commemorative Brick Campaign"

Consider purchasing an Epiphany Commemorative Brick for any upcoming Graduation, Wedding or other special family celebration or a memorable acknowledgement for your loved one. The cost is \$150 for a 4x8 inch brick and \$200 for an 8x8 inch brick. There are plenty of spaces left. Please consider purchasing one. Thank You.

TD BANK: AFFINITY MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

TD Bank will make an annual contribution to our Church based on the average balance of your accounts.

- Checking
- Savings
- Money Market
- Certificate of Deposits
- Retirement

All information regarding accounts included in the program is kept strictly confidential.

SIGN UP TODAY - It's simple. Your TD Bank representative can register you. Tell them you want to register with the Church of Epiphany's Affinity program. This is another program that you can utilize to help our Parish. There is no cost to you.

"The Tree of Life" - Look at the tree in our Worship area. This is another way to perpetuate the memory of a loved one, or to memorialize someone. The engraved leaf costs \$500 and a stone is \$2,500.00. Both of these can be paid in installments over a monthly payment.

PATHMARK COMMUNITY REWARDS

Please register your Pathmark Advantage Club Card one of the following ways:

1. Call us 732-458-0220
2. Call 1-800-931-6258
3. On line - visit www.escrip.com/Pathmark

IT'S FREE! IT'S EASY! SIGN UP TODAY!
 We currently have 80 families enrolled. Please consider this program. This is an easy fundraiser for us.

CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISERS NEEDED

PLEASE CALL BILL POTTER
 1-800-883-4343 x93 or 1-856-607-3999

NOCTURNE'S BIG BAND

Saturday, August 9 at 7PM Greenbriar II will present a 2-hour musical array of much loved melodies of the 1940's. Music of Glen Miller, Artie Shaw, Kay Kaiser, Duke Ellington, and many more will be featured. The Hall, located on Burnt Tavern Rd. Brick, will be set up in "Concert Style" with plenty of room for dancing. B.Y.O.B. and your own snacks. Tickets are \$12.00 each. Call Joe Mignone 732-458-8905 for tickets.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
July 23 thru July 27 9:30AM - 1:00PM

This year's theme is "SONRISE NATIONAL PARK". This is the place to be this summer! Your kids will love the high-energy games, cool wilderness crafts, tasty snacks, bible storytelling and the best VBS music and skits ever! As your kids explore this awesome wilderness, this awesome adventure park, they'll learn to depend on Jesus as their all-powerful Guide and Savior. We believe VBS is all about reaching kids for Jesus, and our program this year will do it!

Ages 3-10 (must be potty trained). Fee is \$35 per child which includes a t-shirt. Registration forms can be found on the table in the commons area or stop by the Religious Education Office Monday through Friday from 9AM-4PM. **REGISTRATION IS LIMITED TO THE FIRST 65 REGISTERED STUDENTS.**

Registration ends July 1st or sooner if the limit is reached. Any questions please call 732-785-0872.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED - CALL 732-785-0872 IF YOU CAN HELP THAT WEEK.

The following First Communicants received the body and blood of Jesus Christ on May 5th and 12th.

Happy are they who are called to His Supper.

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| Alex Acanfora | Stephanie Magnotta |
| Gavin Atkinson | Tristan Manca |
| Brett Baxter | Callie Martin |
| Brianna Beck | Cory Martin |
| Connor Burke | Anthony Martino |
| Anjelica Calnan | Ryan Mastrojohn |
| Kayla Capozzi | Joseph Mc Nabb |
| Melissa Casella | Rhianna Menshon |
| Morgan Casey | Rose Meyers |
| Gianna Cerbone | Sebastian Morales |
| Maya Cifrodella | Grace Noonan |
| Natalie Cortez | Brian Osipovitch |
| Alexis Coville | Faith Pagan |
| Nicole Cullen | Madison Partenfelder |
| Chase De Veau | Angelina Piccirillo |
| Aerynxun Freeman | Samantha Polhemus |
| Jason Fullington | Kaitlyn Reeves |
| Evan Gillen | Dale Reinhard |
| Emma-Mae Gnolfo | Colin Riley |
| Joseph Grenier | Gia Scaramella |
| Isabella Jacobs | Morgan Scott |
| Kaelyn Jasina | Giuseppe Sculco |
| Joseph Kearney | Megan Shaughnessy |
| Meghan Knox | Matthew Speciale |
| Catherine Lepore | Alexander Stavrou |
| Ruben Lizardi | John (Ocean) Strittmatter |
| Richard Lockard | Madison Tophan |
| Jeremy Luzzo | Alyssa Tronccone |
| Ryan Magnotta | Aiden Weaver |

Abigail Winemiller

Thank you to our Catechists: Carol Hopps, Kelly Curcione, Pat Mc Cormack, MaryAnne Radosti and Tiffany Strittmatter. Their aides: Danny Hopps, Tonianne Ricciardi, Alexa and Meghan Mc Cormack, Joanne Holler and Cynthia Manco whose dedication and hard work with the First Communicants made their day a truly special and blessed one.

A heartfelt THANK YOU to the Knights of Columbus for giving each Communicant a personal First Communion Mass Book, Rosary with a case, a laminated scapular and an enamel chalice pin. The Knights are very generous to the students of our Religious Education Program and we ask God to bless each and every one of them.

Pilgrimage Trip

Join with Fr. Bernardino (Spiritual Chaplain) on a Pilgrimage Trip to Italy and Medjugorje for 11 days
OCTOBER 15 – 25, 2012

(Canonization of New Saints: Pedro Calungsod; Kateri Tekawitha; Marianne Cope)

\$2,799+tax (Newark)

Included: Daily Mass, roundtrip airfares to Rome and Rome to Croatia; first class hotel accommodations (dbl occ) in Italy; pansion accommodations in Medjugorje; breakfast and dinner daily; deluxe motorcoach and professional guide.

For more information, please contact:

Nolette Tours

1-845-323-4522 or 1-845-634-5746

Email: sales@nolette.com

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Today's gospel is from Jesus' great prayer which he made at the end of the Last Supper. Jesus prayer is that all those who believe in him may be one with the Father just as He is. This is the prayer of unity of Jesus.

Christian communities consist of a great variety of people from all classes of society; from many ethnic groups; various levels of education and diverse careers.

The effective Christian community brings many disparate individuals and groups together into a loving community where there is a total acceptance and deep mutual respect with an ability to work together as we live out the gospel.

Sometimes, even within Christian groups, there are situations where individuals do not mix well; unity is hard to attain and the atmosphere may even be charged with hostility towards one another.

How can we attain unity?

Unity is a gift from God that is closely linked to prayer. The reason why we may not have attained unity in our life is that we don't accept the differences that exist in one another and in a wider perspective, differences in our faith community.

When selfishness is placed before the good of all, unity breaks down and misunderstanding occurs, which can happen within our families; our society and even in our small Epiphany faith community. The lack of love, understanding and communication have always been the #1 cause of the lack of

unity within our family and our Christian faith community.

Unity is not easy to attain but when we recognize the action and the presence of the Holy Spirit, and the love of God within us and with our faith community, God will give us the strength to live in mutual respect and love of our family, our neighbors and members of our faith community. By our actions we encourage others to practice and attain unity.

Ascension Thursday

Last Thursday we celebrated the Feast of the Ascension of our Lord. This feast commemorates the elevation of Christ into heaven on the fortieth day after His glorious resurrection.

The ascension of Jesus into heaven completes His work of redemption. Through his apparition to hundreds of people between the day of His glorious resurrection and the day of His ascension, Jesus proves two things:

1. He proved that He was the promised Messiah, who is to come, who saved us from our sins.
2. He proved that through Him who overcame death, that for those who persevere in living their faith, they too shall overcome death and will inherit the kingdom of heaven.

So what does the Ascension of Jesus mean to us? It reminds us that our life, happiness and true destiny depend totally on God.

Peace

Fr. Bernardino

