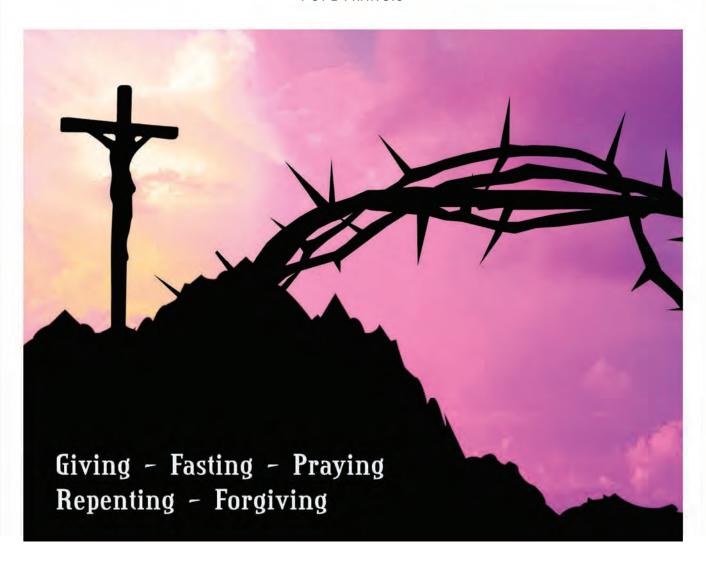
Second Sunday of Lent

"Fasting makes sense if it really chips away at our security, and as a consequence, benefits someone else, if it helps us cultivate the style of the good Samaritan who bent down to his brother in need and took care of him."

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Monday – Thursday 8:30am – 4:30pm Office is closed for lunch 12:00pm – 1:15pm Friday 9:00am – 3:00pm (no lunch break on Friday)

Religious Education Office

Same as Rectory Office Hours
Kim Lorentzen – Director of Education
kim@churchofepiphany.org
Kelly Curcione – Administrative Assistant
kelly @churchofepiphany.org

Welcome to our Parish

Please fill out a registration form to be affiliated with Epiphany Parish. Registration forms can be found on the parish office door or online on our website.

Masses
Saturday Vigil4:00 pm
Sunday 8:00 am & 10:30 am
Holy Day MassesMass as Announced
Confessions3:00 pm - 3:30pm

Sacrament of Marriage

Saturday 11:00 am, 12:30 pm, 2:00 pm. Couples should contact the Parish Office to make preparations at least 1 year before the planned wedding date.

Sacrament of Baptism

The Sacrament of Baptism is ordinarily celebrated the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at 12:00 pm. To schedule Baptism, please call the Parish Office, at least one month in advance.

Sponsor Letters/Requirements

The following is required by Canon Law to be a Catholic Godparent/Sponsor for **Baptism** Confirmation. Be at least 16 years of age. Have completed the Sacraments of Initiation. (Baptism, Eucharist & Confirmation). If married, have a marriage that is canonically valid and recognized by the Catholic Church. Be a registered and active parishioner living a life of faith. You must be registered with our parish for at least 3 months before we will provide a sponsor letter. Although you may have registered with our parish, if you are not attending Mass regularly and using the envelope system there is no way for the parish office to confirm regular Mass attendance. Please contact the Parish Office to confirm your status with our parish.

Daily Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 15, 2025

9:00AM Emmanuel Spano by Mom

4:00PM People of the Parish

Sunday, March 16, 2025

8:00AM John Ward by Jim & Pat Gaffney

10:30AM John Daugherty by the Curcione family

Monday, March 17, 2025

9:00AM Ida DiGiovanni by the DiGiovanni family

Tuesday, March 18, 2025

9:00AM Peter Kiraly by Deacon Lou & Mary Commisso

Wednesday, March 19, 2025

9:00AM Lois Van Bergen

by Deacon Lou & Mary Commisso

Thursday, March 20, 2025

9:00AM Daniel Cremin by Beth & Maureen Kelley

Friday, March 21, 2025

9:00AM Patricia Harrington by Beth & Maureen Kelley

Saturday, March 22, 2025

9:00AM Peter Kiraly by Mary Kellenberger

4:00PM Lawrence Greenburg by Marie Dibblee

Sunday, March 23, 2025

8:00AM People of the Parish

10:30AM William Taibi & Family by Marina

This Week at our Parish

Monday, March 17, 2025

10:00AM Food Pantry - PH

7:00PM Let's Get Together & Pray Group – WA

Tuesday, March 18, 2025

9:45AM Come and See Bible Study – APR

5:30PM Family Faith Formation Class – All Facilities

7:00PM Liturgy Team Meeting – APR

Wednesday, March 19, 2025

3:00PM Adoration - WA

Thursday, March 20, 2025

7:00PM Adult Choir - WA

Friday, March 21, 2025

6:30PM Healing Mass - WA

8:00PM AA – ÄPR

Saturday, March 22, 2025

10:00AM Food Pantry – PH

4:00PM 5th & 6th Grade Mandatory Mass – WA

Sunday, March 23, 2025

8 & 10:30AM 5th & 6th Grade Mandatory Mass – WA

12:00PM Baptism - WA

1:30PM Life in the Spirit Seminar – APR

Legend: APR – All Purpose Room PH – Parish Hall

CA – Commons Area WA – Worship Area

RE – Religious Education Room OS – Outside

Sunday Scriptures

Here are next Sunday's Scripture Readings

First Reading: Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15

Moses came upon a burning bush, when God called out to him. God told Moses that he had seen the suffering of his people in Egypt, and intended to lead them from their captors to a land of milk and honey. Moses asked what he should say if the Israelites should ask what God wished to be called. God replied, "I am who am."

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

Please 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.

Please pray for the sick

Greg Piekarz, Peggy Lane, Kelly Flanagan, David Ericksen, Carmen Vidal, Jenna Ogrodowski, Samantha Coyle, Henslie Walling, Mary Salerno, Mary Jane Reilly, Jimmy Blewett, Harleigh Walling, Margaret Wallace, Warren Perez, Mary Bores, Doris McCabe, Jim Alexander, Jerry McCormack, Mary Buono, Barbara Ballestas, Bill Wilder, Simone McDill, Patrick McHugh, Maureen Kelly, Stella LoBianco, Linda Wingler, Theresa Rosas, Billy Rutledge, and those in the sick call book.

"Please Pray for the Sick" list is for those parishioners who are in need of further prayers from our "Prayers of the Faithful". They will remain on the list for 2 months, after which time their names will be moved to the Gray Book. To add someone to the prayer list, call Donna at 732-458-0220 or email Donna@churchofepiphany.org

JUBILEE PRAYER

Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts
by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth, to you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever.

Amen.

VIGIL LIGHT PRAYER

Weekly Remembrance March 16th - 23rd

The Tabernacle Lamp will burn in the honor/memory of:

Those living with mental illness



The Blessed Mother Devotional Lamp will burn in honor/memory of:

Those in the Parish who are sick



The Sacred Heart Devotional Lamp will burn in honor/memory of: Retired & Infirmed Religious



The St. Joseph Devotional Lamp will burn in honor/memory of:
Victims of Domestic Violence





A warm welcome to our newly registered parishioners. We are pleased to have you worshipping with us.

Brett & Iris Burr & Family

Eucharistic Adoration: Every Wed. 3-6PM Some reasons to spend time in Adoration:

- + You are greatly needed! Your hour with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament will repair for evils of the world & bring about peace on earth.
- + This is a personal invitation to you from Jesus to come & spend time with Him. He wants you to do more than to go to Mass on Sunday.
- + You grow spiritually with each moment you spend with Jesus! "Our essential commitment in life is to preserve & advance constantly in Eucharistic life & Eucharistic piety & to grow spiritually in the climate of the Holy Eucharist." (Pope John Paul II).

HOPE For the Homebound Ministry

We are reaching out to parishioners who may be alone, homebound, and unable to participate in our Church Community. If you are homebound, or know of someone who is homebound, and would like to receive the Eucharist or just a friendly visit or call from one of our parishioners, please call the parish office.

Healing Mass

All are welcome to join us from September to May for a Healing Mass. We will begin at 6:30PM in the worship area with prayer and reflection. Mass will commence at 7PM followed by Prayers of Healing and Adoration. Our next Healing Mass will be on **March 21, 2025**



Join us for Stations of the Cross each Friday at 7PM in the Worship Area, March 7^{th} – April 11^{th} . (Please note that there are **no** stations on March 21^{st} due to the Healing Mass.

Altar Rosary Society

The Society's Mission is "to sustain the beauty and sanctity of our Church and to increase devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary by promoting true Christian Charity, love of God, Neighbor, and Catholic Family Life" and recitation of the Rosary. Meetings last about one hour in the APR. Our membership is open to all Catholic Women and Men of our Parish. Please come to any of our monthly meetings to meet us. Our next meeting will take place on April 5, following the 9AM Mass. Remember to keep praying your Rosary!

Let's Get Together and Pray

Meetings take place on **Mondays at 7:00PM**. Our prayer group is open to anyone who is searching for answers and looking to pray as a community. Please contact Kim at kim@churchofepiphany.org for more information.

Jordan's Roses

Jordan's Roses cordially invites all women to join us for a morning of spirituality and fellowship. The day will begin with Mass at 9:00 a.m. followed by fellowship at 10:00 a.m. in the APR. Please contact jordan'sroses@churchofepiphany.org or contact the Parish office with any questions. Our next meeting will be announced next week.

Wellness for Maturing Adults

The HOPE – Wellness Ministry invites you to join them every first Wednesday of the month where they will discuss wellness for maturing adults. This program goes far beyond simple "health practices" (diet, exercise, etc.) for better health; it teaches how to harness psychological power, and spiritual strength to achieve optimal health in body, mind and spirit.

Our next meeting will be on April 2nd following the 9AM Mass

Celiac Sprue Parishioners

The parish provides a low gluten (<0.01% gluten content) host for those who are gluten-intolerant. Parishioners should see the Deacon or Priest prior to the beginning of Mass in order to be included in the reception of the Eucharist.

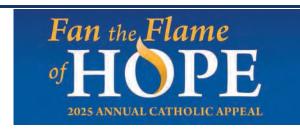


Our Current Collection

Your continued generosity is most appreciated!

March 9, 2025

Total weekly collection: \$5971.00 / Online: \$1,137.00 Relief Services Collection: \$522.00 Needed to meet the budget: \$8,363.00



2025 Annual Appeal Progress - \$29,000 Goal

Pledges: \$16,158.00 (56% of goal) Payments: \$14,136 (49% of goal)

2024 Comparison at this same week: Pledged: \$10,370.00

Online Giving

If you prefer to pay bills and manage your finances online, you can set up an account and make your parish offering online via our website. You will be able to specify exactly how much you are giving, how you are giving it (credit card or bank withdrawal), to what fund you are giving, and when/how often you would like to contribute. It's safe and secure, and you can even track your giving history and pledge progress at any time. Just click the Online Giving button (on the home page or the Online Giving page) to get started or access your existing account. Please note: Special Holidays/days of Holy Obligation Donations may be set up separately.

If you have questions about the security of online giving or the processes involved, check out the Online Giving FAQ page on our website: churchofepiphany.org

Why Should I use weekly envelopes? The

use of envelopes is important, they document your active participation in the faith life of our parish. This information is needed in order to obtain a Letter of Eligibility to be issued when you are asked to be a baptism or confirmation sponsor. This also facilitates the preparation of a statement of contributions for income tax purpose.

If you do not currently participate in our envelope system and would like to start using them, please contact the Parish Office at 732-458-0220.

Ways to Perpetuate a Memory or Commemorate an Event

The Tree of Life:

This is a way to perpetuate the memory of a loved one or to memorialize someone. To make a donation of \$500 for an engraved leaf or \$2500 for a stone, please contact the parish office staff at 732-458-0220 or email carol@churchofepiphany.org

Commemorative Bricks:

This is an ideal way to commemorate a graduation, wedding, special family celebration, or acknowledge a love one. To order one of the two bricks (4X8" or 8X8) and make a donation of \$150 or \$200, please contact the parish office staff at 732-458-0220 or email carol@churchofepiphany.org

Bequests

We are a tax-exempt non-profit Organization and gratefully accept donations from last will and testament and/or stock to assist in carrying out our mission. For more information on how to have your wishes known, please talk to your personal banking representative. May God Bless you for your generosity!

Vigil Candles

Candles will be in honor or memory of the named individual for one week (Sunday to Saturday) and announced in our bulletin and displayed at candle. Donation is \$10. Please come to the parish office to see dates available dates.

Spiritual Bouquet

A Spiritual Bouquet is a spiritual blessing that is made for a loved one during the First Friday Mass of the month. In addition, their name will be printed in the bulletin. You can also request a card. Donation is \$10



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Helping Hands

Our Food Pantry is located in the Parish Hall, the small white church, on the corner of Herbertsville Road and Thiele Road in Brick. Food Pantry hours are Saturday from 10AM – 1PM and Monday from 10AM – Noon.

Below is the list of items needed for the Helping Hands food pantry:

Most Needed

*Meat/Chicken/Pork/Hamburgers

*Pasta Sauce (Jars)

*Pancake Mix & Syrup

*Butter

*Assorted Dried Beans

*Brown Rice

*Assorted Canned Beans

*Canned Pasta

*Cheese

*Eggs

Needed

Coffee

Frozen Vegetables

Fresh Fruit & Vegetables

Snacks

Cooking Oil

Tea

Dairy Free/Nut Free/Gluten Free Foods

In December, Helping Hands helped 270 families / 1164 people with Food.

OCIA

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is the process by which adults who would like to become Catholic, or Catholic adults who would like to receive all of their Sacraments are able to do so. If you would like more information about the process, feel free to reach out to Kim at Kim@churchofepiphany.org or contact the parish office.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Our youngest parishioners are invited to join us every Sunday, at the 10:30 Mass in the APR for the Children's Liturgy of the Word. It's open to ages 4 through Second Grade. No need to pre-register or sign up. If you have any questions, please leave a message with the Church office.

RE Students: Homily Reflection Books

Homily Reflections: Each student must write 14 Homily Reflections as follows: A minimum of 9 Masses throughout the year as well as 3 Mandatory Masses together with Christmas and Easter Masses. (*Minimum Total of 14 Homily Reflections.*) This is not saying you only have to attend Mass 14 times a year. Sundays are a Holy Day of Obligation and Practicing Catholics are required to attend weekly Mass and all Holy Days.



"Did you ever wonder...?"

On the 1st Tuesday of the month we will gather in the APR for a casual gathering to answer your questions about the Faith. Questions can be submitted ahead of time or will be collected as we gather.

Who: Anyone interested in learning more about the faith

What time: 7:00PM – 8:30PM Where: The All Purpose Room When: Tuesday, April 1, 2025

Why: Why not?

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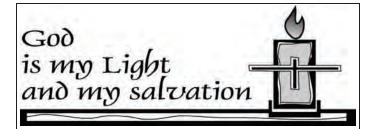
John Kearns Scholarship

John Kearns was a man who dedicated his life to assisting others, always willing to share his time and perform charitable works.

The Knights of Columbus council 8160 will award two \$500 scholarships, one to a current 8th grader who will attend a Catholic High School and the other to a current High School senior going to any college. Information and the application form can be found in the commons area or on our website. Deadline to apply is May 18th.

Blessing for Pregnant Women & Couples Hoping to Conceive, Adopt or Foster a Child

Are you currently pregnant, or are you & your spouse hoping to conceive, adopt or foster a child? If so, please attend the **St. Denis 9:30 am Mass on Sunday, March 30, 2025.** A special blessing will be offered to you by Fr. Bill Lago along with a blessed St. Gerard medal and prayer card. No need to RSVP... just come to this Mass! Family and friends are welcome...spread the word!



Gospel: Luke 9:28b-36

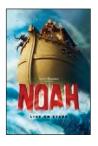
Jesus took Peter, John and James to a mountain to pray. When his clothes grew incredibly white, Moses and Elijah appeared. They spoke of the scripture he was to fulfill. Then a cloud came down and a voice said, "This is my Son, my Chosen One. Listen to him." The disciples who had seen Jesus' glory did not disclose this experience to anyone until much later.

"Jesus took Peter, John, and James and went up the mountain to pray. While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were conversing with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem... As they were about to depart from him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good that we are here.'"

How privileged for us to join the three apostles and two prophets, on that holy mountain. Peter spoke for us, and the father spoke for His Son. Moses and Elijah represented the Old Testament, the law and the prophets, and Jesus brings what was spoken to fulfillment. For this reason, Lent becomes our retreat to join in prayer and preparation for the Paschal Mystery.

If you were on that mountain what would you say to Jesus? As you listen to God speak, what is God asking you to do as you live this special season?

"This is my chosen one, listen to him". Ready to come down the mountain and continue your Lenten journey with Jesus?



Noah

Sight & Sound Theatre

The Church of Epiphany Altar Rosary Society is hosting a bus trip to Sight & Sound Theatre to see Noah. The trip will be on November 22nd and cost \$190 per person. The bus will leave the Epiphany parking lot at 7:30-AM to see the 11AM

show. Cost of the trip includes bus transportation, Hershey Farm Grand Smorgasbord, and ticket to see Noah. For more information email:

<u>Seasonal615@gmail.com</u> . Please make check payable to "Church of Epiphany Altar Rosary Society.

Calendar Raffle

The drawings will take place every Tuesday for 12 weeks (until March 25th). Winners do not need to be present; we will call you if you are our lucky winner.

Week 1 winning ticket #419

Week 2 winning ticket #237

Week 3 winning ticket #537

Week 4 winning ticket #231

Week 5 winning ticket #520

Week 6 winning ticket #251

Week 7 winning ticket #216

Week 8 winning ticket #128

Week 9 winning ticket #531

Week 10 winning ticket #523

Congratulations!

Gift Auction ~ Regift!

We are already working on our 2025 gift auction! Did you receive a gift that you really don't need or want? We will be happy to take it! Out shopping and see a great deal? We would love it! Please consider picking up an item to donate, don't know what to buy we can always use gift cards. Please make sure all items are new with the tags still attached. Donations can be dropped off at the parish office.

Power & Purpose Conference

Join the Church of Epiphany at the Power and Purpose Conference on **June 20-22** at Franciscan University of Steubenville. Experience the Holy Spirit's power and healing! Allow him to reveal the purpose of your life: to live in true freedom and joy of the Spirit. Flyer with more information can be found in our commons area. Or contact kim@churchofepiphany.org for more information.

Catholic Women of Zion Chapter 1

Women's Conference & Workshops – Saturday, April 12th from 9AM – 3PM at St. William the Abbot Church.

"Step Into New Beginnings"

We are reaching out to women Mid-life to help those in need with professional education, guidance, and especially those experiencing losses, grieving, divorce, health problems. Admission \$35. For more information go to www.cwoz.org or call 732-475-7113.

Promise to Protect Pledge to Heal

The Diocese of Trenton is committed to the initiatives outlined in the US Bishop's Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People and to its own policies and guidelines in regard to the reporting and investigation of sexual abuse allegations involving minors. If you have been sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church or if know of someone who was, you can report the abuse through the diocesan ABUSE HOTLINE: 1-888-296-2965 or via e-mail at abuseline@diocesoftrenton.org. The Diocese of Trenton reports any allegations of sexual abuse to the appropriate law enforcement agencies. Anyone with an allegation is also encouraged to provide that information to the local enforcement authorities.



Gospel Today Second Sunday of Lent | Luke 9:28b-36

On the mountain, Simon-Peter, James and John saw Jesus transform to a dazzling bright light, like the rays of the sun!

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Upon seeing Jesus, Moses and Elijah, the apostles were filled with the light of faith.

Let our eyes be open to the light of God's power and love as we:

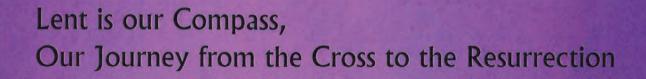


Find and write here the missing letters (from A to Z) not found in the sun...

Unscramble the letters and fill in the blanks to complete the sentence below.

God is my and salvation!





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April 12, 2025

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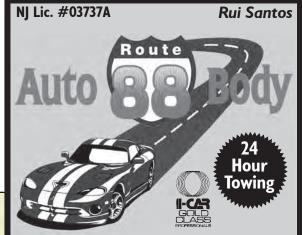


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