Blessed Mother's Day



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Rectory Office Hours

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
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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, May 10, 2025

9:00AM Gina Taibi & Family by Marina

Intentions in the Grey Book

4:00PM All Mothers Living & Deceased

Sunday, May 11, 2025

8:00AM All Mothers Living & Deceased 10:30AM All Mothers Living & Deceased

Monday, May 12, 2025

9:00AM Francis Marion Fryer by Their Children

Tuesday, May 13, 2025

9:00AM Ann Bell by The Curcione Family

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

9:00AM Gary Nee by Knights of Columbus

Council #8160

Thursday, May 15, 2025

9:00AM Ann Bell by Mary Kellenberger

Friday, May 16, 2025

9:00AM Deceased members of the Roady Family

by Jim & Pat Gaffney

Saturday, May 17, 2025

9:00AM Robert Thomas Northcutt Sr.

by Helen & George Bailey

4:00PM People of the Parish

Sunday, May 18, 2025

8:00AM Stella Polchowne by her daughter Helen

10:30AM Merry Lester by Victim Services Unit

This Week at our Parish

Monday, May 12, 2025

10:00AM Food Pantry - PH

7:00PM Let's Get Together and Pray Group - WA

Tuesday, May 13, 2025

9:45AM Come and See Bible Study – APR

5:30PM Confirmation - WA

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

9:30AM Wellness for Maturing Adults

3:00PM Adoration – WA

7:30PM Knights of Columbus Meeting - APR

Thursday, May 15, 2025

7:00PM Adult Choir - WA

Friday, May 16, 2025

6:30PM Healing Mass - WA

8:00PM AA – APR

Saturday, May 17, 2025

9:00AM Jordan's Roses – APR

10:00AM Food Pantry – PH

Sunday, May 18, 2025 9:00AM EM Mandatory Make up training – WA

11:30AM May Crowning - WA

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: Acts 14:21-27

Paul and Barnabas traveled to many towns and found many disciples willing to help them preach. They warned their disciples of the trials they would face. Paul and Barnabas then returned to Antioch, where their journey had begun, and told the congregation there of the progress they had made.

Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-5a

Gospel: John 13:31-33a, 34-35

Please remember those who have died

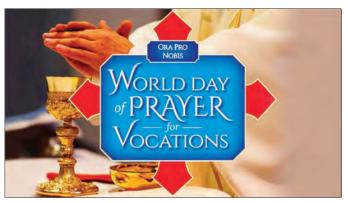
Please pray for the repose of the souls of the deceased spouses, relatives, friends, and benefactors of the parish and for the comfort and consolation of their families.

Please pray for the sick

Bess Kelly, Sandy Netkie, Kim Perri, Dee Rebecky, Jim Alexander, Lauren Rodia, Baby Logan, Oney Johnson, Phil Karg, Dolores Masiero, Evan Romano, Martin Whalen, Chris Cancel, Tom Cornwell, Charlene Rutledge, Alex Rutledge, Madeline Oberting, Bob Oberting, Gemma Brennan, Emil Vernerec, TJ Mirro, Edna Duffy, Roy Jackson Greg Piekarz, 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





VIGIL LIGHT PRAYER

Weekly Remembrance May 11th - 18th

The Tabernacle Lamp will burn in the honor/memory of: **Julie Sanicola-Johnson**



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

Victor Kuduk



The Sacred Heart Devotional Lamp will burn in honor/memory of: **All Mothers in our parish**



The St. Joseph Devotional Lamp will burn in honor/memory of: **Vocations**



Eucharistic Adoration: Every Wed. 3-6PM Things to do during Eucharistic Adoration

Fr. Benedict Groeschel has said there are "four kinds of prayer most appropriate in the presence of the Eucharist, namely adoration and praise, thanksgiving, repentance, and trusting intercession." Some suggestions:

- 1. Come and adore Him. Thank Him for all He has done and then pour out your heart to Him.
- Sit quietly and "just be" in the Presence of God. Instead of talking to the Lord, try listening to what He wants to tell you.
- 3. Recite the "Jesus Prayer", "Lord Jesus, have mercy on me, a sinner", repeatedly as you quiet your heart and mind. Then ask for forgiveness and intercede for others.
- 4. Pray the Rosary, Divine Mercy or Liturgy of the Hours
- 5. Meditate using Scripture. Choose a passage from the Bible Read the words a few times and if something strikes you, ask the Holy Spirit to let them speak to you. Ask what God wants you to understand from that and write it down

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 **May 16, 2025**

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 on May 17**th following the **9AM Mass.**



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

Albert & Michelle Ionno & family Dardan & Danielle Karacica & family

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 May 14th following the 9AM 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 June 7th, 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.

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.

Bethany Bereavement

The Church of Epiphany Bethany Bereavement Support Group offers peer support for those grieving the death of a loved one. If you have lost a loved one, join others who have also experienced a loss for a series of 6 sessions of information, mutual sharing and peer support in a spiritual, caring, and confidential setting. If you are interested in joining, please call 732-458-0220.

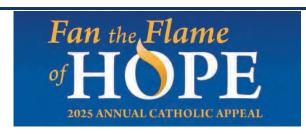


Our Current Collection

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May 4, 2025

Total weekly collection: \$5,714.00 / Online:\$1,457.00 Parish Grounds Flower Fund: \$1,424.00 Needed to meet the budget: \$8,363.00



2025 Annual Appeal Progress - \$29,000 Goal Pledges: \$29,693.00 (102% of goal)

Congratulations on making goal!

Payments: \$27,940.00

Thank you for all that you do to support the Annual Catholic Appeal.

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

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
- *Pancake Mix & Syrup
- *Butter
- *Cheese
- *Sweet Cereal
- *Canned Pasta
- *Eggs
- *Fish

Needed

Coffee

Frozen Vegetables

Fresh Fruit & Vegetables

Snacks

Dairy Free/Nut Free/Gluten Free Foods

Tea

Cooking Oil

In March Helping Hands helped 362 families / 1620 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.

Power & Purpose Conference

for more information.

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



REGISTRATION HAS BEGUN!

Faith Formation Registration:

- Summer classes will be held in person on the following dates: 6/23/25 6/27/25.
 Please make sure your children can attend on all of the days before you register.
- Please visit church website faith formation tab for information and forms.
- Grades 1-4 will meet from 8:45AM 1:00PM
- Grades 5–8 will meet from 2:00PM 6:15PM

Please consider volunteering to be a Religious Education teacher or aide!! Teachers will receive a \$50 per child discount on their tuition and Aides receive a \$30 per child discount.

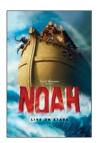
We need a 7th grade teacher and aides for both sessions of our summer program, if you are able to volunteer, please contact Kelly in RE.

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.

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Stay up-to-date with what is going on in your parish throughout the week. Enjoy many useful faith-building resources and features to complement our daily faith life, such as, Confessions and prayer time reminders, daily Mass readings, quick access to parish contacts, receive MASSMode reminders to silence your phone before Mass, and much more.



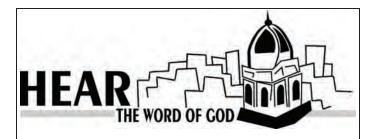
Noah

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.



Gospel: John 10:27-30

Jesus states that his sheep know his voice and follow him, and will receive eternal life. Jesus also says that no one can snatch his followers away, because God is greater than anyone who might try, and Jesus is one with God.

"Jesus said: 'My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish. No one can take them out of my hand" "All who were destined for eternal life came to believe, and the word of the Lord continued to spread."

Traditionally, the fourth Sunday of Easter is called Good Shepherd Sunday, as the gospel always focuses on Jesus who shepherds us, leading us to eternal life. He has instructed us, stating that 'eternal life is this, to know the Father and the Son whom He has sent.' That knowledge is not something reserved for the head, but a knowledge which flows from the heart as well. We are told only eighteen inches separate the head from the heart.

As I live the Easter season, I wish to pursue this life, that Jesus by His dying and rising gained for me. As the word of God continues to spread today, I am called to bring this message to others. 'Do I hear His voice speaking to me today?'

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.

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.

"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, June 3, 2025

Why: Why not?

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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.

Help Wanted

Our parish is in need of a part-time Bookkeeper. If you have experience, or know someone who does bookkeeping, please contact Fr. Mike.



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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.



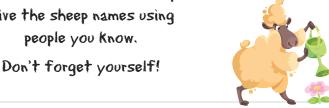
Gospel Today Fourth Sunday of Easter | John 10:27-30

Jesus is the Good Shepherd and we are His little sheep - loved, guided and cared for. Following His voice leads us to eternal life, with God.

Jesus says, "The Father and I are one."



We are all Jesus' little sheep. Give the sheep names using people you know.



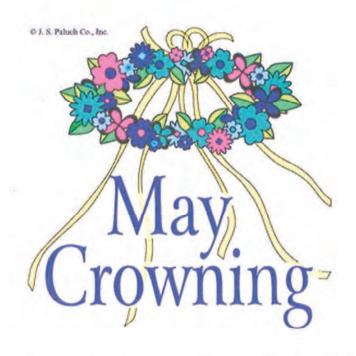
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On Sunday, May 18th immediately following the 10:30AM Mass, we invite you to join the First Communicants in Crowing our Blessed Mother.

We hope you can join us for the special event.





April 29, 2025

Dear Parishioners,

This year we are going to try something different. Every year we mail out a letter asking for your support of our Italian Feast with purchasing our Super 50/50 Raffle tickets as well as becoming a family Sponsor. This year we decided not to mail out the tickets due to low returns. Even though we are not mailing out our "Feast" letter, we are still very much in need of your support. The "Feast" can not happen without your help.

You can support our parish by purchasing SUPER 50/50 Tickets at \$20 per ticket. The winner will be chosen on the final evening of the Feast at 10:00 PM and the winner need not be present. We have started selling Super 50/50 raffle tickets after mass. This will continue until the weekend of August 9th & 10th. You can also find raffle tickets to purchase or take to sell in our commons area.

Please also consider a Family Sponsorship for a donation of \$25.00. Family names will be published in the Parish Bulletin as well as on our church website. Kindly complete the form below and return the form together with your donation as soon as possible, but no later than August 9th, 2024.

God bless you and your family. Thank you for your continued support of our parish and I'll see you at "The Feast"!

Fr. Mike Santangelo
Pastor

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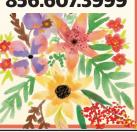
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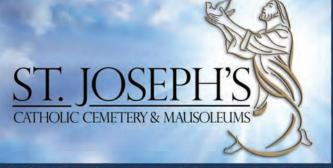
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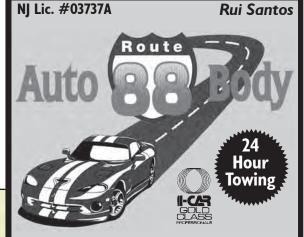


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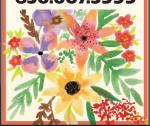
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