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*The Church Of Epiphany  
Brick Township, New Jersey*

# The Church of Epiphany

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

615 Thiele Road ~ Brick, New Jersey 08724

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## Served By

REV. MICHAEL SANTANGELO -----Pastor  
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MICHAEL MULLARKEY-----Deacon  
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MICHAEL & AMY NOWAK-----Middle School Youth Group  
BARBARA FAVRETTO-----High School Youth Group

## 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](mailto:kim@churchofepiphany.org)  
Kelly Curcione – Administrative Assistant  
[kelly@churchofepiphany.org](mailto: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 Vigil-----4:00 pm

Sunday-----8:00 am & 10:30 am

Holy Day Masses -----Mass as Announced

Confessions-----3:00 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 or 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.

May 25, 2025 • 6<sup>h</sup> Sunday of Easter



## Daily Mass Intentions

### Saturday, May 24, 2025

9:00AM Claire DePaul by The Butala family  
4:00PM Richard Chrzastek by the LoRe family

### Sunday, May 25, 2025

8:00AM People of the Parish  
10:30AM Randall Raniero by George & Helen Bailey

### Monday, May 26, 2025

9:00AM David G. Beach by Rosemarie & Jerry

### Tuesday, May 27, 2025

9:00AM James J. Hayes by Stephanie & Jim Lepore

### Wednesday, May 28, 2025

9:00AM Paul Bogan by Marianne & Ralph Moscatiello  
Intentions in the Grey Book

### Thursday, May 29, 2025

9:00AM Anton J. Zambell Jr.  
by Michael & Marian Tocci

### Friday, May 30, 2025

9:00AM John Ogradowski by Mary Ogradowski

### Saturday, May 31, 2025

9:00AM Charles Crowley by Bucky & Terry Lewer  
4:00PM Theresa M. Fitzsimons  
By Deacon Ron & Kathy Nowak

### Sunday, June 1, 2025

8:00AM Claire DePaul by Marina Taibi  
10:30AM People of the Parish

## This Week at our Parish

### Monday, May 19, 2025

10:00AM Food Pantry – PH  
7:00PM Let's Get Together and Pray Group - WA

### Tuesday, May 20, 2025

7:00PM Liturgy Team Meeting – APR

### Wednesday, May 21, 2025

3:00PM Adoration – WA

### Thursday, May 22, 2025

7:00PM Adult Choir - WA

### Friday, May 23, 2025

8:00PM AA – APR

### Saturday, May 24, 2025

10:00AM Food Pantry – PH  
10:00AM Memorial Mass - WA

### Sunday, May 25, 2025

**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 7:55-60

Stephen was filled with the Holy Spirit, and described seeing Jesus standing at God's right hand. Then he was dragged away and stoned to death before many witnesses who did not believe his words. Before dying he cried, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them."

### Second Reading: Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20

### Gospel: John 17:20-26

### *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 including; Maryanne Landicino

### *Please pray for the sick*

Brian Baldari, 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 Piekarcz, 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](mailto: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.

## **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.
2. 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.

## **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](mailto:kim@churchofepiphany.org) for more information.

## **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 June 4<sup>th</sup> following the 9AM Mass.**

## **Father's Day Intentions**

Mass intentions on Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup> will be offered for our father's living and deceased. If you wish to have your father's (grandfather's, etc.) name on the altar for the Mass, please pick up a Father's Day Mass Remembrance envelope in the commons area. If your Father/Grandfather is still living and you wish to send him a special card, please stop in the parish office for a card.

## **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 7<sup>th</sup>, following the 9AM Mass.** Remember to keep praying your Rosary!

## **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.

## **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](mailto:jordan'sroses@churchofepiphany.org) or contact the Parish office with any questions. **Our next meeting will be on June 21<sup>st</sup> following the 9AM Mass.**

## **“Did you ever wonder...?”**

On the 1<sup>st</sup> 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?

## **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.

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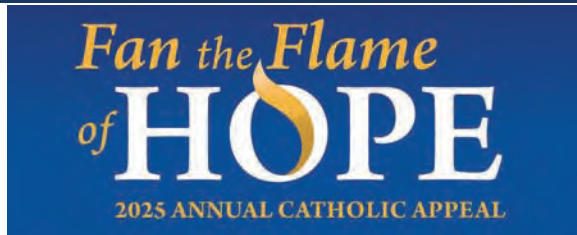
## \*\*\*Our Current Collection\*\*\*

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**May 18, 2025**

**Offering totals not available at the time of bulletin submittal.**

**Needed to meet the budget: \$8,363.00**



**2025 Annual Appeal Progress - \$29,000 Goal**

**Pledges: \$30,173.00 (104% of goal)**

**Congratulations on making goal!**

**Payments: \$28,100.00**

**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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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
- \*Cheese
- \*Cereal/Sweet Cereal
- \*Canned Pasta
- \*Fish
- \*Assorted Canned Beans
- \*Assorted Dried Beans
- \*Macaroni & Cheese
- \*Pasta

### 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](mailto: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

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](mailto:kim@churchofepiphany.org) for more information.



**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 7<sup>th</sup> 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.



**ATTENTION KINDERGARTEN PARENTS:**

If your child will be going into first grade in September 2025, please note that First Holy Communion is made in 2nd grade and it is a 2 year program beginning in 1st grade. Please register for Religious Education at your earliest convenience. If you have any questions, please contact the Religious Education office.

## myParish App

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.

## 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.



### **Gospel: John 14:23-29**

Jesus tells his disciples, "Anyone who loves me will be true to my word." For those who do honor his word, both Jesus and God will love them and stay with them always. He also tells them that God will send the Holy Spirit in his place to give them the instructions they will need. Jesus then tells them that peace is his farewell gift to them.

"Jesus said, 'Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him... I have told you this while I was still with you. The Advocate, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send you in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of everything I have taught you... Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you.'"

How often Jesus' role is described as teacher, preacher and miracle worker. Today He places emphasis on His teaching mission as He promises to send the Holy Spirit to teach and remind us of His message. The Lord knows we sometimes forget and need to be reminded of His word and His wish to abide with us. As He was preparing to take leave, He knew we needed additional help and for this reason promises us a gift. He offers us the gift of His peace. Do you still have it? Can you make it your gift for someone else? It was given to you to be given away.

### **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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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: [Seasonal615@gmail.com](mailto:Seasonal615@gmail.com). Please make check payable to "Church of Epiphany Altar Rosary Society."



**Beginning on May 27<sup>th</sup> the Parish Office hours are Monday – Friday 9AM – 3PM**

### *Church of the Epiphany's*



Help support the 2025 Italian Feast by purchasing Super 50/50 tickets at **\$20 each**. **The winner will be chosen on the final evening of the Feast at 10PM.**

**Raffle tickets can be purchased after Mass each weekend or at the parish office. They can also be obtained in the mailbox in the worship area.**

**You can also help to support our Feast by becoming a Family Sponsor. Family names will be published in the bulletin as well as on our church website. The Family Sponsor forms can be found in the commons area. Thank you for helping to make this year's Feast a big success!**

### **Catholic Charities**

#### **Mental Health Crisis Services**

Feeling Down or Anxious? Catholic Charities can help you. They Offer:

- Mental Health Crisis Services
- Psychiatric Urgent Care
- Substance Recovery Treatment
- Social Services and Support

Call 609-729-5468, you connection to Catholic Charities Mental health Crisis Services. Daily hours of operation are 8AM – 6PM.

### **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.

### **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](mailto: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.

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## Gospel Today

Sixth Sunday of Easter | John 14:23-29

Jesus continues to prepare His disciples for His death and resurrection. He gives them the gift of peace and the power of the Holy Spirit to help them.

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"Peace I leave with you."

—JOHN 14:27

## BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Find all the words... left,  
right, up, down or diagonally.

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*Registration Deadline: 10/25/25*



### PRESENTERS

FR. MIKE SANTANGELO

SR. BRUNILDA RAMOS, MPF

KIM LORENTZEN, DRE

### GUEST SPEAKER

GEZ FORD - 38 YRS OF AA SOBRIETY

**SATURDAY, NOV. 1, 2025**

**9:00 AM - 3:45 PM**

**MASS: 4:00 PM**

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# Italian Feast

## Super 50/50 Raffle

**\$20 / *chance***



Purchase your tickets after Mass.

Tickets are also available at the office or in the commons area in the mailbox.



Drawing is held on last day of Italian Feast August 17, 2025 at 10PM. As always, winner need not be present to win.



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