The Church Of The Epiphany
Brick Township, New Jersey

Lord, thank you for our many Blessings.
DAILY MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday, November 21, 2015
9:00AM Jessie Salvato by Mike & Roseanne Silverstein
5:00PM Mary Stephen Butler by Helen Conforth

Sunday, November 22, 2015
8:00AM People of the Parish
10:00AM Susan Jones & Bertram Schwahn by Brian & Rosaleen
12:00N Raymond Taibi & Taibi Family by Marina

Monday, November 23, 2015
9:00AM Helen Conforth by Donna Yannaji

Tuesday, November 24, 2015
9:00AM Liz Riley by Barbara Hartmann & John DePoto

Wednesday, November 25, 2015
9:00AM Helen Conforth by Marge Akerly

Thursday, November 26, 2015
9:00AM All Parishioners Living & Deceased

Friday, November 27, 2015
9:00AM Virginia Mardini by Family
   Intentions in the Grey Book

Saturday, November 28, 2015
9:00AM Carmella Archer by The Hebert Family
5:00PM Alice & Floyd Steensen by Loving family

Sunday, November 29, 2015
8:00AM Rev. Bernardino Esguerra by Knights & Ladies of
   Epiphany Knights Council #8160
10:00AM People of the Parish
12:00N William Sheahan by Donna Gulzeth

Sunday Scripture
Here are next Sunday's Scripture readings
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
First Reading: Jeremiah 33: 14-16
Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

Penance Service
Friday, December 15th at 7:00PM. All are invited
to gather together here at The Church of Epiphany
to celebrate God being with us during the Advent
Season. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be
available afterwards. There will be several priests
available to assist in hearing confessions.

A Call to Prayer
There will be NO Wednesday Prayer group for
this coming Wednesday, November 25th, do to
the Thanksgiving holiday. We ask for people
to pray on their own. The group will resume
in December. Thank you.
PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK
LISA KLOKUS, COLLEEN MOOK, JOHN LEDDY, BARBARA CHRISTOFERSEN, GUY SALANI, JOAN FERRANTE, ANTHONY MANFRE, THOMAS BREASSETT, GEORGE GO, JUDY GRASSI, MARIAN KEARNS, BABY EVAN ROMANO, DEACON PETER REYNOLDS, DONNA FOGLER, MAUREEN TRACEY, PATRICIA ALEXANDER, LORRANE BEAVER, LYDIA CAMPOS, CI NDI LOSI, JOHN OGRODOWSKI, ARLENE RICCIARDI, JOHN PLIS, MORIE TIVENAN, PAT PECK, JOAN & JOHN PRATT, JEAN DORIA, ANN MARIE SPIRI O, JACK OSBORNE, LISA KLOKUS, TIM DELLI GATTI, DOROTHY BORELLI, MARTIN BORELLI, ARTIE BASCIANO, CHRISTINE FOZ, ROSEMARY COYLE, VERONICA SEGARS, STEWART HODSON, JIM TEATES, RYAN PANICO, KATHY BOYD, ED PUZIO, DYLAN KELLENBERGER

"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 Grey Book.

Remember Those who Have Died
Please pray for the repose of the souls of the deceased spouses, relative, friends and benefactors of the parish and for the comfort and consolation of their families including;
CHRISTOPER CALDERONE

St. Vincent DePaul
The members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to extend well wishes for a blessed Thanksgiving to our Epiphany family.

Thanksgiving for all God's Gifts
O God, whose mercies are without number, and whose goodness is an inexhaustible treasure, we give You thanks for the gifts You have given us, evermore beseeching Your goodness, that while You hear the prayers of all those who ask, You also prepare them for the blessings yet to come. Amen.

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 November 22, 2015
The Vigil Lamp in front of the Tabernacle is for Anita Thompson by Irene Szeliga;
The Vigil Lamp in front of the Blessed Mother is for Jean St. James by Family;
The Vigil Lamp in front of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is in memory of Domenick (Dick) D’Innocenzio by Diane Steensen;
The Vigil Lamp in front of the St. Joseph is in memory of Christopher Calderone by the Avelenda Family;

Food Pantry
We are in need of parishioners who would be able to donate meat, butter or cheese on a monthly basis for our families in need. It could be for a family of two, three or four. Whatever is best for you. There is a sign us sheet in the commons area. Thank you in advance for all you have given to us already.

LAY CARMELITES - St. John Paul II was a Lay Carmelite. Perhaps God is also calling you? Ages 18-69. For more information, please contact Lydia Bargiuk at 732-279-9939.

Silver Bells...
Are ringing for the MAGI Christmas Luncheon.
Come join us – (APR)
December 1, 2015
12:00-3:00PM
Price $19.00 per person
Sign – up now (need head count by 11/30)
Pick up flyer on table in commons area.
"FAITH TO MOVE MOUNTAINS" 
UPDATE AS OF 11/8/2015 

As of our last tally we are 84% of goal. This money will be used to repave our parking lot, fund a Faith Formation program for our youth and adults and go toward a Capital improvement Fund for repairs and improvements to our Buildings and grounds. We need $72,285 to reach our goal.

We have received a few one-time contributions toward this campaign and are very grateful for them. Please consider a pledge or gift so that we can reach this goal.

"Epiphany is people", and we have always rallied to the call. Please prayerfully consider this request and help us go over the top. Thank you for your consideration.

***Our Current Budget***
Due to unforeseen circumstances we will not have new numbers this week. Thank you for your patience.

We are a tax-exempt non-profit Organization and gratefully accept donations from last will and testament’s and/or stock to assist in carrying out our mission. For more information, please contact Michele at Wells Fargo Advisors (800-533-6163) May God Bless you for your generosity.

"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 in $2500. Both of these can be paid in installments with monthly payments.

"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 us 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, but we can receive additional support without any extra expense. You must tell the TD Bank teller that you want your ACCOUNTS LINKED TO THE EPIPHANY AFFINITY PROGRAM. THANK YOU!!

Checkout Church of Epiphany’s Facebook page where you will find upcoming events, past events and important information. Like us, Follow us, and Share us.

Respect Life
“I know I don’t need to give you a laundry list of Planned Parenthood’s disgusting and illegal activities-covering up statutory rape, overbilling taxpayers, aiding and abetting sex traffickers, operating unsafe and unsanitary clinics, scheduling sex selection abortions, accepting money to abort African American children and now selling the body parts of aborted babies-and that is only the tip of the iceberg. This is and organization that gets over $500 million a year in taxpayer money and kills over 327,000 babies a year. They had a net profit of $127 million in the last year…” New Jersey Right to Life newsletter.

Please continue to pressure Senators Menendez and Booker and your representative to defund Planned Parenthood. Neither our tax dollars nor Medicaid funds should be used to support this organization. Call, write or email.

Senator Cory Booker, 2 Riverside Dr., suite 505, Camden, NJ 08101; 856-338-8922; Senator Robert Menendez, One Gateway Center, Suite 1100, Newark, NJ 07102; 973-645-3030 Email can be easily done from their online websites.

Our Respect Life bulletin board is slowly but surely filling up and looking very nice. A big "Thank You" to those of you who have shared your precious pictures with us!! If you haven’t submitted a picture yet, there is still time. Just drop it off in the basket on the table and it will be put up right away! Thank you for participating in our Respect Life project! God bless you and your loved ones.
Come Join Us at the Stable
This year’s Living Nativity will be presented on Saturday, December 5th, at 6:45 PM. Immediately following the performance, there will be a tree lighting ceremony and caroling outside the church. Refreshments will be served in the APR. There is no admission charge.

Calling all Angels!! We are in need of children to help us with our production, ages 4-8. If your child is interested please give Bob Hermida a call at 848-448-0740.

Thanksgiving is quickly approaching and we will once again hold our annual Thanksgiving Dinner. Last year we fed over 1200 people and we had just enough food for all. Could you find it in your heart to help someone who will be alone for the holiday? We are in need of volunteers who are willing to make us a cooked turkey, a tray of either mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes or stuffing. In addition, we are in need of desserts and folks who are willing to deliver meals. If you are going to be away for the holiday and still want to help we are accepting donations to cover the cost of the paper goods which cost us over $2000 last year. If you would like to help please call the Church office at 732-458-0220 or stop by at our Thanksgiving table after mass. Thanks for your help in advance.

Sue Hermida

Christmas Wish Tree “2015”
Our wish tree is up. Please take a heart and purchase a new gift to make a child’s wish come true. Let us give what reflects the love we have for Jesus. Please bring unwrapped gifts to the parish office NO later than Monday, December 15th. Hearts must be taped on Gifts. Thank you for sharing and caring - Helping Hands Ministry
Gospel: John 18:33b-37

Pilate asks Jesus if he is a king. Jesus explains that his kingdom is not of this world. Pilate asks again if Jesus is a king, to which he replies, "I came into the world to testify to the truth. Anyone committed to the truth hears my voice."

"Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead and ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, who has made us into a kingdom, priests for his God and Father, to him be glory and power forever and ever. Amen... Jesus answered 'my kingdom does not belong to this world.'"

We bring the church’s year of grace to a close, as we proclaim who Jesus is for us all. Celebrating this great feast, may we pause for a moment and ask, ‘How often do I pray the words of Jesus, ‘Thy kingdom come?’ What do they mean to me?

How often I have listened to the parables which begin with the words ‘The kingdom of heaven is like’ or ‘The kingdom of God is like’. Jesus is speaking of our church, the place where grace flows, blessings pour out and Jesus is at the center. Our celebration today allows us to refocus and make sure that He is what we proclaim in reality, that He is the one from whom we receive the love and freedom of which Revelation speaks. As we direct our attention on Him, we repeat the words of praise above, and express gratitude for the kingdom, the church, to which we belong, live, move and have our being.

Polar Express Movie Night

Save the Date for... All aboard the "Polar Express!" for children grades 1st - 5th.
Date: Saturday, December 19th from 6:00-8:15 PM.
Admission: $3.00 per Child.
(Admission fee includes: 1 hot chocolate & movie). Snacks will be available for purchase through the Junior Youth Group. Tickets will be available for purchase through the Religious Ed office or at the CCD sign in table on Tuesday evenings, and the parish office.
Parents: This is a great opportunity for you to get some last minute shopping done!

Christmas Amore starring “The Sicilian Tenors”

This year make Christmas special with Christmas Amore, a new show by The Sicilian Tenors that’s all wrapped up like a present around the beautiful music of the holiday.
Friday, December 11, 7:00PM. The Tenors, Aaron Caruso, Elio Scaccio and Sam Vitale, intertwine classic songs with timeless Christmas melodies. Tickets are $30 and include complimentary beverages during intermission. For Tickets call 732-840-1410 x47. St. Dominic Parish Center.

A Thanksgiving Table Prayer

O God of all creation, Giver of all good gifts, You bless our lives with your generous love, by giving us once more the fruit of the fields, our family and friends, our faith, our work, and our lives together. We thank you for these gifts, and ask that you help us to imitate your goodness, to share our blessings with those who are in need. Amen.