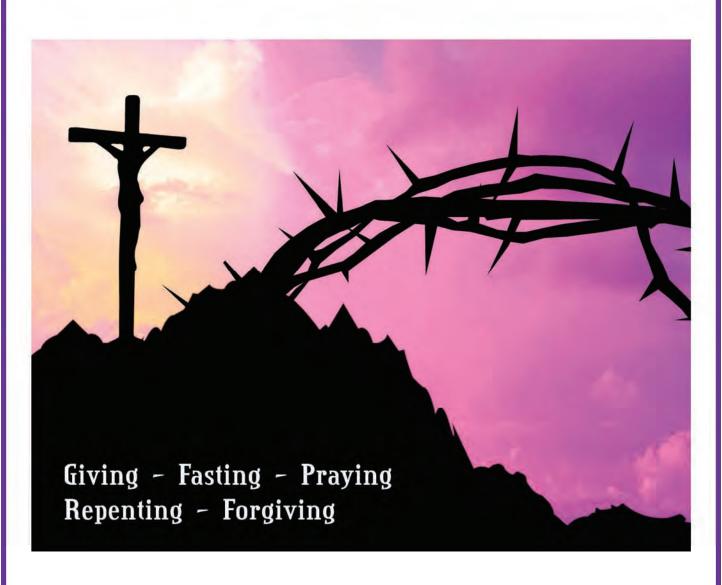
Fifth Sunday of Lent

"God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy."

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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
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, April 5, 2025

9:00AM Michael Trifaro by Tresa Murphy

4:00PM People of the Parish

Sunday, April 6, 2025

8:00AM Gary Mennuti by Gregory & Joan Mennuti 10:30AM Jerry Lardieri Jr., by the Lardieri family

Monday, April 7, 2025

9:00AM Luis Cabalatungan by Mitzi Cabalatungan

Tuesday, April 8, 2025

9:00AM Raymond Taibi & Family by Marina

Intentions in the Grey Book

Wednesday, April 9, 2025

9:00AM Patrick J., Margaret & Jerome P. Erwin by Dan

Thursday, April 10, 2025

9:00AM David Furr by Diane Ponsiglione

Friday, April 11, 2025

9:00AM Michael Trifaro by

Anthony, Owen & Wyatt Brizendine

Saturday, April 12, 2025

9:00AM Joseph Ali by Helen & George Bailey 4:00PM Stanley Chrzastek by the LoRe family

Sunday, April 13, 2025

8:00AM People of the Parish 10:30AM Zachary Loret by Gail

This Week at our Parish

Monday, April 7, 2025

10:00AM Food Pantry - PH

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

Tuesday, April 8, 2025

9:45AM Come and See Bible Study – APR 4:00PM Conf. Candidate Interviews – WA/APR

7:00PM Parish Pastoral Council - APR

Wednesday, April 9, 2025

3:00PM Adoration - WA

7:00PM Altar Server Training - WA

7:30PM Knights of Columbus Meeting – APR

Thursday, April 10, 2025

7:00PM Adult Choir – WA

7:00PM Bereavement Group Meeting - APR

Friday, April 11, 2025

7:00PM Stations of the Cross - WA

8:00PM AA – APR

Saturday, April 12, 2025

9:30AM Lenten Retreat – APR

10:00AM Food Pantry – PH

4:00PM Altar Rosary Society Religious Item Sale - CA

7:00PM K of C Live Last Supper – WA/APR

Sunday, April 13, 2025

8:00AM Altar Rosary Society Religious Item Sale - CA

Legend: APR – All Purpose RoomPH – Parish HallCA – Commons AreaWA – Worship AreaRE – Religious Education RoomOS – Outside

Sunday Scriptures

Here are next Sunday's Scripture Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

Isaiah describes an individual who had been taught by God to reach out to others. He also describes this individual's willingness to be beaten and spit upon, secure that with God's help, he will not be disgraced.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel: Luke 22:14-23:56

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

Emil Vernerec, TJ Mirro, Edna Duffy, Roy Jackson, Pope Francis, 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, 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.



Holy Thursday - April 17th
No Morning Mass
7:30PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday - April 18th
No Morning Mass
3:00PM The Passion of the Lord

Holy Saturday - April 19th No Morning Mass 8:00PM Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday 8AM & 10:30AM Masses

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

It is where you can be in the Presence of God in a real way. Jesus Christ Himself is present, on the altar, in a consecrated Host that is in the monstrance. "To visit the Blessed Sacrament is...proof of gratitude, an expression of love toward Christ our Lord" (CCC1418). It's where Jesus is waiting...for you to come to Him...

It takes some time to adjust to the silence & can even seem boring if you've never gone before. That's normal but if you can just breathe & relax, Jesus can teach you how to come to Him as a little child. Children find a sense of awe & wonder at things the rest of the world takes for granted or doesn't slow down to enjoy.

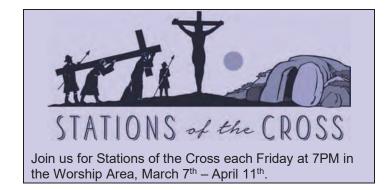
Re-discover Jesus! He's right here. In Adoration, God is present! Come talk to Him. He's waiting to listen to you, to help you & to pour out His graces upon you. He knows you. He loves you & He wants to bless you!

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.

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.



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 May 3rd, 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. Please note that April 7th will be our last meeting until May.

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.

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 **April 11, 2025**

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.

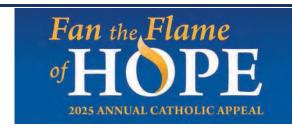


Our Current Collection

Your continued generosity is most appreciated!

March 30, 2025

Total weekly collection: \$7,579.00 / Online: \$1,393.00 Catholic Relief Collection: \$628.00 Needed to meet the budget: \$8,363.00



2025 Annual Appeal Progress - \$29,000 Goal

Pledges: \$24,350.00 (84% of goal) Payments: \$21,922.00 (76% of goal)

2024 Comparison at this same week: Pledged: \$23,700.00

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

Second Collection for New HVAC

This weekend (April 5th & 6th) we will be taking up a second collection for our new Heating and Air Conditioning unit. We need \$101,000 for this project. Thank you for your continued generosity!



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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
- *Brown Rice
- *Assorted Canned Beans
- *Canned Pasta
- *Cheese
- *Eggs
- *Assorted Dried Beans
- *Cereal/Sweet Cereal

Needed

Coffee

Frozen Vegetables

Fresh Fruit & Vegetables

Snacks

Cooking Oil

Tea

Dairy Free/Nut Free/Gluten Free Foods

Easter Dinner Baskets

Helping Hands is looking for individuals or small groups to donate an Easter dinner for a family in need, or if you want to donate a ham, pork roast or turkey breast, we will make up the basket with all the trimmings. Please contact the parish office to sign up. It will be necessary to bring the donations to the Parish Hall on Thursday, April 17th between 8 & 10AM, client pick up is from 10AM-2PM. Thank you for caring and sharing.

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.



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.

"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.

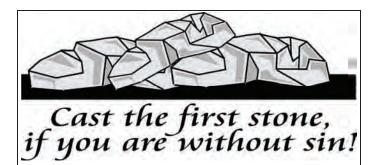
Who: Anyone interested in learning more about the faith

What time: 7:00PM – 8:30PM Where: The All Purpose Room When: Tuesday, May 6, 2025

Why: Why not?

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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.



Gospel: John 8:1-11

Jesus preached forgiveness of sin, but in the old law those accused of adultery were to be stoned. So the Pharisees tried to trap Jesus and brought a woman accused of adultery to him, asking him what he would do to her. Jesus asked that one without sin cast the first stone, and then all of the elders left. Jesus told the woman that he did not condemn her, but warned her to avoid such sin in the future.

"I consider everything as a loss, because of the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in him...depending on faith to know him and the power of his resurrection, and sharing in his sufferings by being conformed to his death. I continue my pursuit in hope that I may possess it."

As we continue our Lenten journey, the goal of the resurrection looms even closer. We know well that there are many obstacles and barriers, and Paul's vision clarifies for us once again our goal. I might ask myself again 'how well do I know Jesus?'

Surely not as well as He knows me. I might think I can say many things about Him and His forthcoming passion, but do I really know Him? His passion and death reveal how far He would go to save me.

May my prayer this week be to take a few minutes, ask His help to know Him as my savior and redeemer, based on an often-overlooked fact, that I am in need of Him right now. Jesus I want to know you better.

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.

Baby Shower

The Altar Rosary Society will be hosting our annual Baby Shower for mothers in crises. All baby items collected will go to The Sisters of Life. We have gift tags on the tree in the commons area with gift ideas. Any new baby item can be donated, for the exception of baby furniture.

All baby items must be dropped off by Sunday, April 13th.

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.

When: Tuesday, May 6, 2025

Why: Why not?



Save the Date!

The Knights of Columbus Council 8160will be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt on **Sunday, April 27**th at noon at the Church of Epiphany grounds.

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. 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 Fifth Sunday of Lent | John 8:1-11

The gospel reminds us to think about our own behaviors and not talk about the faults or sins of people in our community.

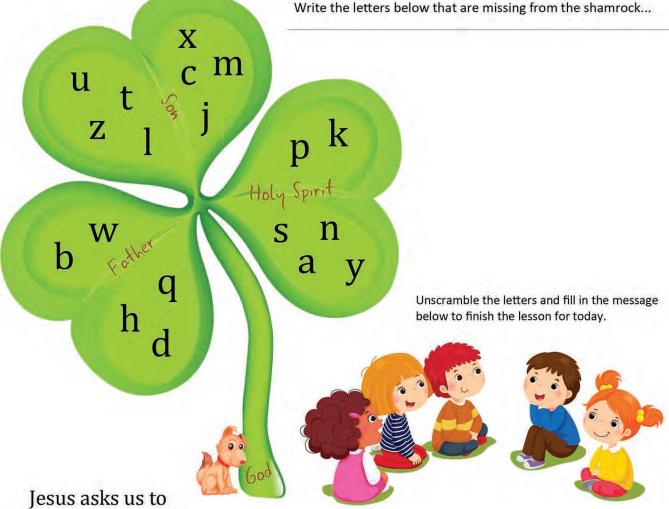
St. Patrick was a humble man of strong faith and love of God. He began his missionary work (following his early years of slavery) using his knowledge of scripture and his devotion to God. Like Jesus, he taught with love, mercy and forgiveness, not by force. Legend tells us he used a 3 leaf clover to help the people understand the Trinity - three persons; the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit, in one God.

Love, mercy and forgiveness are shown to the woman in the gospel - let's practice being more like Jesus, and forgive anyone who has hurt or wronged us, as we:



one another.

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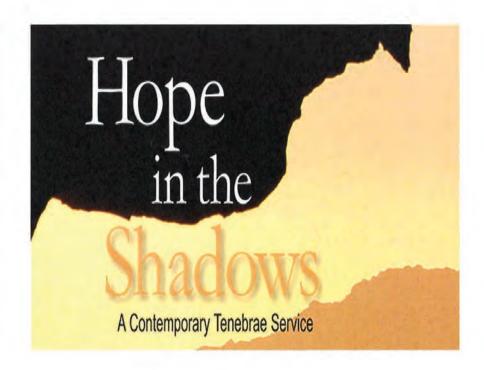
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The Epiphany Adult Choir presents:

Hope in the Shadows: A Contemporary Tenebrae Service

Enhance your Lenten season by joining us here at Epiphany, on Tuesday, April 15th at 7:00PM for this special Tenebrae service. *Hope in the Shadows* recalls Christ's journey to the cross by examining the shadows of betrayal, injustice and agony that marked the journey. It contrasts the selfish exploits of humanity with the diving nature of loving God. As you take this sacred journey, may the words of James be a reminder of the hope which is ours:

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. (James 1:17)



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