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Second Sunday of Lent

February 28, 2021

This week

- » Praise and worship night
- » Lenten retreat continues

"Peter hardly knew what to say, they were so terrified."





WELCOME to Epiphany

HIS FACE SHONE like the sun," Matthew says, "and his garments became white as light." Moses and Elijah were talking to him. There was a bright cloud overshadowing him and out of it a voice saying, "This is my beloved son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." The three disciples who witnessed the scene "fell on their faces, and were filled with awe"

It is as strange a scene as there is in the Gospels. Even without the voice from the cloud to explain it, they had no doubt what they were witnessing. It was Jesus of Nazareth all right, the man they'd tramped many a dusty mile with, whose mother and brothers they knew, the one they'd seen as hungry, tired, footsore as the rest of them. But it was also the Messiah, the Christ, in his glory. It was the holiness of the man shining through his humanness, his face so afire with it they were almost blinded.

Even with us something like that happens once in a while. The face of a man walking his child in the park, of a woman picking peas in the garden, of sometimes even the unlikeliest person listening to a concert, say, or standing barefoot in the sand watching the waves roll in, or just having a beer at a Saturday baseball game in July. Every once and so often, something so touching, so incandescent, so alive transfigures the human face that it's almost beyond bearing.

Kathleen Crimmins

Epiphany Parishioner for 24 years

Where were you born? Norfolk, Virginia. My dad was off on destroyers and submarines and things. My brother was also born on a Navy base a little later. When he got out of the Navy, we moved to New Jersey, Woodland Park. That's where my sister was born.

So you were the oldest, like the bossy sister? (laughs) I actually get along great with both my siblings.

Schools? I went to public school my whole life, until I went to Providence College, which was where my brother and my father also went, and it's where I met my husband! I studied history. I love history. I really like the Middle Ages, it was a fascinating time.

New Jersey is a terrible place to live. Did you like New Jersey? At the time I didn't know any better, but now, would

Fast Facts about Kathleen

Favorite restaurant? Barfly. We ate inside there the other day for the first time in a year for Kevin's birthday. I also love Coppolas.

TV, Netflix? We really like Firefly Lane and Bridgerton. I like the girly shows on Bravo. Kevin grew up with five sisters so he likes those shows too.

Favorite Food? I love soup. My husband always says that soup is not a meal, but I say it is, and I like any kind of soup.

What do you like about New York? Kevin and I just love to walk and end up in a neighborhood and realize we have never been here before.



I ever live there? Absolutely not. My husband and I just love the city life so much, and we're not leaving.

So what about that guy, Kevin? We dated in Providence and both wound up moving to DC, we had a whole Providence contingent down there. We got married pretty young. Then we had our three children—Tara, Emily and Kevin. Kevin worked for Marriott and they offered him a position here at the Marriott Marquis so we moved to New York. We got an apartment in Peter Cooper. I love it here. It's a real community.

Did you get a job here? Yes, this is actually my 20th year teaching at Epiphany, and all three of my kids went here too. I love teaching Early Childhood, kids who are 3 and 4. It's just such a fun age to work with. I love to dance and sing with them. They're just so curious, and they have so much fun together.

Your kids are all grown up? Yes. Do you miss having them around? No, we raised three kids in a two bedroom apartment. Kevin's mother's favorite expression is "bless you, and blow", love you, but now go be free. But they all live nearby.

Sports? Oh my gosh. That's a huge bone of contention. I'm married to the biggest sports fan in the entire world—his nickname is "Coach", because he is a great athlete—and I am not an athlete and have no desire to watch sports of any kind. Kevin is like, how did I marry you?

Interview by Jim Mozjak, St. Photo by Kevin Jackson. Have a parishioner in mind for our spotlight section? Let us know!

LENT

at Epiphany
THIS WEEK



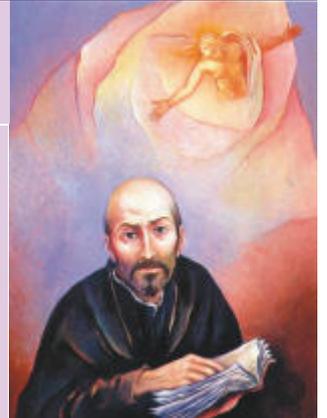
Weekly Bible Study

Join Father Austin Titus as he guides you through a study of the Word of God. It will be a wonderful opportunity for you to dig much deeper into the Scriptures, and to grow your faith. Join him on ZOOM for fruitful discussion, **Tuesdays 7pm.**

40 Days with the Pilgrim and Jesus

Wednesday 7pm on ZOOM

Come to know Jesus more personally? Our meetings will provide points and suggestions for prayer, and the opportunity to share the fruits of your prayer with others. More information on Epiphany's website.



Prayer Grove Returns

Share your ribbon prayers **daily** on the plaza with our sisters and brothers of the neighborhood as we make visible our common need for God.

Stations of the Cross

Join your sisters and brothers in praying the Stations of the **Cross daily on our website, or Fridays in church after the 12:10pm Mass.** Both will include music and direction.



PRAISE AND WORSHIP COMES TO EPIPHANY This Thursday March 4th at 7:30pm

If you have ever been to Catholic Underground here in Manhattan you have experienced a powerful evening of beautiful music, evening prayer, and eucharistic adoration. We are introducing a special service this Lent that will include similar elements. This offers everyone a moment to personally encounter the Jesus who is waiting to meet you again. If you can, join us in person in our church, or join us as we live stream the experience on our Epiphany website.

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Announced Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 27

4:00 pm Rose Higgins

Sunday, February 28

11:00 am Richard & Patricia Bradley

7:30 pm Maura Mandt

Monday, March 1

12:10 pm the Brown family, living & deceased

Tuesday, March 2

12:10 pm June Racine

Wednesday, March 3

12:10 pm Sr. Jeanne Burns

Thursday, March 4

12:10 pm Linda & Tony Luciere

Friday, March 5

12:10 pm Francisca Lacza

Saturday, March 6

4:00 pm Augustine, Peter, Elizabeth, Joseph & Paul

Sunday, March 7

11:00 am Jaime Barroso & Victoria Gaetan

7:30 pm Paul J. Vercesi III

Monday, March 8

12:10 pm Dr. Julian Garcia

Tuesday, March 9

12:10 pm George Memoly Jr.

*May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen*

For weekend Masses only, we ask our parishioners to reserve a seat by responding to the FlockNote e-mails that will be sent to all parishioners who have provided their e-mail addresses. If we do not have your e-mail address, please call the rectory or e-mail the office at epiphanychurch239@gmail.com to be added to our FlockNote contacts.

At all Masses, seating will be assigned at the direction of our hospitality ministers. Seating has been arranged to maintain optimal sanitary conditions and social distancing.

Masks are required
for all persons entering Epiphany church at any time.



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2021

Feb 13-14

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Feb 28- Mar 6
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REMEMBRANCE & SPECIAL INTENTIONS

A wonderful way to remember our loved ones who have passed on and to pray for special intentions, while giving back to God

Announced Mass for 2020 (\$15)

Altar Bread & Wine (\$50 / week)

Sanctuary Lamp (\$20 / week)

Our ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR 2021 ARE NOW OPEN

Mass reservations for 2021 are limited :

one 4 pm Mass per parishioner 11 am Sunday Masses may be limited at our discretion.



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Lenten Disciplines of Fasting and Abstinence

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to abstain from meat and to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.

The 2021 Cardinal's Appeal Stewardship Appeal

Assigned Goal: \$161,000 **Pledged:** \$81,015 **Gifts:** 58

We are so very grateful to all our parish families who are prayerfully considering their pledges to the *Appeal*.

Can you help us meet the goal set for us by the Archdiocese?

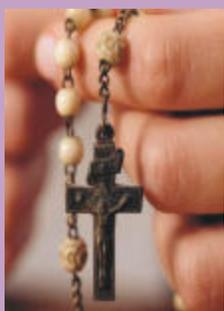
WHERE YOUR 2021 GIFT GOES



Join our parish in supporting the work of the Church in New York



cardinalsappeal.org



Pray the Rosary at Epiphany
Sat, March 6, at 3 pm

*We beseech
Our Blessed Mother,
as, Our Lady of Sorrows,
to direct our Lenten prayers,
fasting, and almsgiving,
to help all who are suffering
in body, mind, or spirit.*

TAX DEDUCTIONS FOR YOUR DONATION TO EPIPHANY

If your 2020 Tax Deductions exceed \$12,200 (single) or \$24,400 (married), and they include church donations, you must obtain a report from Epiphany before filing your 2020 tax return.

Even if you do not itemize, you may deduct up to \$300. To take either of these deductions, please call the parish office to request a statement of donations.



SUNDAY READINGS FOR SECOND SUNDAY of LENT

Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

God put Abraham to the test. He called to him, "Abraham!" "Here I am!" he replied.

Then God said: "Take your son Isaac, your only one, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him up as a holocaust on a height that I will point out to you."

When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. Then he reached out and took the knife to slaughter his son. But the LORD's messenger called to him from heaven, "Abraham, Abraham!" "Here I am!" he answered. "Do not lay your hand on the boy," said the messenger. "Do not do the least thing to him. I know now how devoted you are to God, since you did not withhold from me your own beloved son." As Abraham looked about, he spied a ram caught by its horns in the thicket. So he went and took the ram and offered it up as a holocaust in place of his son.

Again the LORD's messenger called to Abraham from heaven and said: "I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you acted as you did in not withholding from me your beloved son, I will bless you abundantly and make your descendants as countless as the stars of the sky and the sands of the seashore; your descendants shall take possession of the gates of their enemies, and in your descendants all the nations of the earth shall find blessing—all this because you obeyed my command."

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19

R. I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

I believed even when I said, "I am greatly afflicted."

Precious in the eyes of the LORD is the death of his faithful ones. **R.**

O LORD, I am your servant; I am your servant,
the son of your handmaid; you have loosed my bonds.

To you will I offer sacrifice of thanksgiving
and I will call upon the name of the LORD. **R.**

My vows to the LORD I will pay in the presence of all his people,
In the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem **R.**

1 Peter 3:18-22

Brothers and sisters: If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him?

Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones?

It is God who acquits us, who will condemn?

Christ Jesus it is who died—or, rather, was raised—who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.

Verse before the Gospel - Matthew 4:4b

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
This is my beloved Son, listen to him.

Gospel: Mark 9:2-10

Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them.

Then Elijah appeared to them along with Moses, and they were conversing with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here! Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He hardly knew what to say, they were so terrified.

Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him."

Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them. As they were coming down from the mountain, he charged them not to relate what they had seen to anyone, except when the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what rising from the dead meant.

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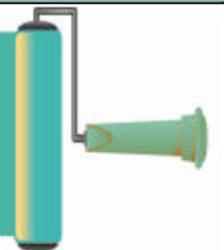
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