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# Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 21, 2021

This week

» Holy Week and Easter  
Masses are coming up

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*"Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies,  
it remains just a grain of wheat"*



# WELCOME to Epiphany

It's hard to die. A grain of wheat might feel safe inside its shell. But God has a plan the grain cannot imagine. Placed in the dark earth, the water and warmth begin to open its shell. Hesitatingly, tiny roots come out and begin to take nourishment from the soil. What happens in silent darkness breaks into the light - and produces fruit: 30, 60, 100 fold.

The seed achieves this amazing result because God has placed a law inside it. When the seed follows that code, it fulfills its purpose. To do so, it has to die.

Once again, it's not easy to die. C.S. Lewis tells about a young man who falls into hell because of his attachment to a lizard that perches on his shoulder. The lizard whispers in the boy's ear and gives him pleasure. But the pleasure gets less and less and the lizard becomes more powerful. It controls the boy's life and he winds up in hell.

One day he gets a chance to come out. God sends a good spirit to speak to the boy, to invite him to heaven. The boy says, "yes, I want to get out of this place."

The spirit says, "OK, but I have to kill that hideous thing on your shoulder."

The lizard becomes agitated, "No, please, don't let him. Think of all the years we have had together. Think about what you will lose."

The boy pleads, "Can't I take him with me?"

The spirit explains that in heaven he can have pleasure beyond imagining. With great reluctance, the boy agrees and spirit touches the lizard. As if struck by lightning, the lizard begins to writhe in agony, then falls to the ground. The boy feels frightened and desolate, but when he looks down at the ashes of the lizard, he sees something growing from them. It becomes a mighty horse that carries the young man to paradise.



# Margaret Klein

Epiphany Parishioner since 1986

**Is it true you are from Ireland?** Yes, I was born in one of the smallest villages of Ireland. There were a total of five houses, and three of them were owned by my family. I had lots of cousins there, and I was one of eight children, three girls and five boys. I was the eldest girl. So you can see why I ran away.

**How did your parents support all of you?** My father was a tradesman—electrical and carpentry. And we lived on a farm. It was my mother's family farm. We had cows and sheep, grew vegetables. My mother loved farming work. My father hated farming.

**Did you work on the farm?** Yes, I milked the cows all the time. Sheared the sheep sometimes, but as the oldest girl I would be helping my mother.

**With your own hands?**

Yes, yes. There were no machines back then. I liked living on the farm

but I knew it was not a life for me. I wanted to get away from there. That was my dream.

**What did you do for fun growing up?** Oh we played in the fields, we always had lots to do. The first time I saw television was at the house of my father's boss. We watched President Kennedy's funeral.

**Did you learn Irish?** Yes, we lived in an area where people spoke it. I studied and majored in Gaelic in college. Don't ask me to speak it now.

**Wasn't it rare for women to go to college then, and wasn't it expensive?** Yes, very unusual. I was the first girl in my family. I got a scholarship, and I worked

as a chambermaid. In my second year I started studying law. I eventually got my BA and an LLB, a law degree, and then was certified as a Solicitor.

**How did you get to New York?** I always wanted to go to New York. I just loved the fast pace, so many things to do. So I got a job (the summer before I graduated) to be an au pere for a family in New Jersey. During my weekends off I'd come into the city, and I met the man who would become my husband! We met at a pub. He was in computers, working for Met Life. My Jewish husband from Brooklyn. A year later I returned and we married. I don't think I'll ever leave New York.

**Wow, that was fast.** Yes, and shortly thereafter we had the first of our two girls. We moved into the apartment building on 23rd Street we're still in, East Midtown Plaza, by Morton Williams. And after taking care of the kids, I was the first lawyer from the Republic of Ireland to apply for admission to the New York Bar.

**You're kidding. The first one ever?** Yes. And I've been working in law firms ever since.

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

## Fast Facts about Margaret

**How long at Epiphany?**

I was originally at our Lady of Scapular, which is no longer there. I came to Epiphany when Monsignor Byrne was here, probably 1986.

**Favorite Restaurant?**

El Parador Café. I love the paella.

**Newspaper?**

The New York Times. My husband wouldn't allow any other.

**What do you like to do when you have free time?**

I cook. My favorite dish is duck à l'orange.

**Anything new during the pandemic?**

Yes, I've been studying the Bible, and have been attending daily Mass online, at Loretto Abbey in Canada.



# LENT

at Epiphany  
**THIS WEEK**

## 40 Days with the Pilgrim and Jesus Retreat

Wednesday 7pm on ZOOM



## Stations of the Cross

Join your sisters and brothers in praying the Stations of the Cross **our Fridays in church after the 12:10pm Mass** and online anytime on our 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.



## Weekly Bible Study

Join Father Austin Titus as he guides you through a study of the Word of God on ZOOM **Tuesdays 7pm.**



## Wednesday Devotions

**Each Wednesday after the 12:10 Mass** you are invited to pray special devotions for Lent in our Narthex .

## Lent Reflections

Enjoy the insightful Lenten reflections of your fellow parishioners every day in your email inbox. You will receive them automatically if you subscribe to our Good News from Epiphany!



# HOLY WEEK at EPIPHANY

## Palm Sunday March 28th

Palms distributed at all Masses

## Reconciliation Monday March 29th

Come be reconciled to your God 3pm-9pm

## Holy Thursday April 1st

Lord's Supper 7:30pm; Visit until 9:30pm

## Good Friday April 2nd

Tenebrae 10am  
Liturgy of Lord's Passion 3pm  
Stations of the Cross 7:30pm

## Holy Saturday April 3rd

Tenebrae 10am  
Solemn Mass of Easter Vigil 8pm

## Easter Sunday April 4th

Masses at 9:30am and 11am (No 7:30pm Mass)

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## Announced Mass Intentions

**Saturday, March 20**

4:00 pm Edward P. Mescall

**Sunday, March 21**

11:00 am Jennifer McNulty

7:30 pm Augustine, Peter, Elizabeth, Joseph & Paul

**Monday, March 22**

12:10 pm Daria Rose Norton

**Tuesday, March 23**

12:10 pm Mary Ellen Harrington

**Wednesday, March 24**

12:10 pm Mary & Joseph Walsh

**Thursday, March 25**

**Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord**

12:10 pm Joan J. Fougner

**Friday, March 26**

12:10 pm Adolph Fasulo

**Saturday, March 27**

4:00 pm intentions of Dori Diomampo

**Sunday, March 28**

11:00 am Edward E. Brown

7:30 pm intentions of Teodora Diomampo

**Monday, March 29**

12:10 pm John Fanning

**Tuesday, March 30**

12:10 pm Edward P. Mescall

*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](mailto: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.



## BASKET COLLECTION

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REMEMBRANCE &  
SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Announced Mass for 2021 (\$15)  
Altar Bread & Wine (\$50 / week)  
Sanctuary Lamp (\$20 / week)

## *What Should I Give to God at Easter?*

Truly, all we have, we owe to Christ,  
who spared nothing of himself on Calvary.  
During the Easter season, we build our commitment  
to God by placing our treasure  
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John Caradonna

## 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:** \$117,750 **Gifts:** 101

We're making progress! If even 50% of our parish families pledge a gift to the Appeal, we would easily meet this year's goal set for us by the Archdiocese.

We pray that the Easter season will inspire our parishioners.

**We are so very grateful to our parishioners who are prayerfully considering a pledge to the Cardinal's Appeal.**

### WHERE YOUR 2021 GIFT GOES

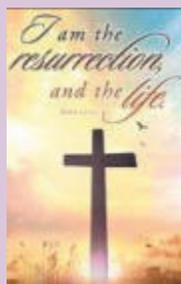


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### EASTER NOVENA OF MASSES

The souls in purgatory need our prayers. Throughout the Easter season, every Mass will include a special plea for the souls of the faithful departed listed on our Easter novena envelopes, which can be found in the narthex. Complete the envelope and place it in the collection basket or give to a minister or priest.

### 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.



## READINGS for the Fifth Sunday of Lent

### Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their fathers the day I took them by the hand to lead them forth from the land of Egypt; for they broke my covenant, and I had to show myself their master, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD. I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer will they have need to teach their friends and relatives how to know the LORD. All, from least to greatest, shall know me, says the LORD, for I will forgive their evildoing and remember their sin no more.

### Responsorial Psalm: PS 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15

#### R. Create a clean heart in me, O God

Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness;  
in the greatness of your compassion wipe out my offense.  
Thoroughly wash me from my guilt and of my sin cleanse me. **R.**

A clean heart create for me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me.  
Cast me not out from your presence, and your Holy Spirit take not from me. **R.**

Give me back the joy of your salvation, and a willing spirit sustain in me.  
I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners shall return to you. **R.**

### Hebrews 5:7-9

In the days when Christ Jesus was in the flesh, he offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered; and when he was made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

### Verse before the Gospel - John 12:26

Whoever serves me must follow me, says the Lord;  
and where I am, there also will my servant be

### Gospel: John 12:20-33

Some Greeks who had come to worship at the Passover Feast came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we would like to see Jesus."

Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus.

Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me. "I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour.

Father, glorify your name."

Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it and will glorify it again."

The crowd there heard it and said it was thunder; but others said, "An angel has spoken to him."

Jesus answered and said, "This voice did not come for my sake but for yours.

Now is the time of judgment on this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself."

He said this indicating the kind of death he would die.

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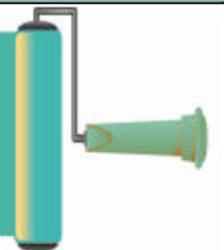
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