

THE STAR

APRIL 2018



Church of the epiphany

VESTRY VIEWS

By Margaret Schweizer

Finding my niche and being a good steward of my talents. One of the things I love about The Church of The Epiphany there are so many things to get involved in and to fully experience the joy of being with and serving with my church family to serve God. The church doesn't run its self and we all need to take the time to search 'what is my talent and how can I use that talent to be a steward to God and my church'. The great thing about this is everyone has a niche and talent – mine – I enjoy working behind the scenes.

Alter Guild is perfect for that. I get to come in on a Saturday morning and prepare the alter for Sunday. It gives me 'personal' time with God and gives me a sense of peace and happiness to be able to give back a little something to God and the Church that I love so much. It doesn't take much of my time but brings much joy – not just to me but I believe to the Congregation who gets to enjoy the service the next day.

Being on the Vestry also brings me joy and kind of is behind the scenes. Serving on the Vestry is a great way to really get to know your church – the ins and outs so to speak. I have started my second year on a 3 year term and have learned a lot and it has helped me grow as a person.

All the ministries we offer at The Church of The Epiphany – it makes it so easy for use to be good stewards to God and our church and to find your niche. I know most people think of Stewardship and think it's all about money but it isn't it's also about our time and talents and making sure we don't waste our talents that God has given us – we need to be good Stewards of our Talents! It really isn't all about money.

Thank you and God Bless,

Margaret



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APRIL CALENDAR

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BULLETIN PRAYER LIST
Parish Office 247-4190

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:00 & 10:00 a.m.



THE BISHOP

The Rt. Rev'd Prince G. Singh

THE MINISTERS

The Congregation

THE VESTRY

Kathie Entress, Warden
Jack Merrick, Warden
Nick Parisi, Treasurer
Jerry Brown, Treasurer
Gail Renehan, Clerk

Kim Hyde
Heidi McGrath
Cassie Metzinger
Don Metzinger

Mike Moffatt
James (Jim) Powers
Margaret Schweizer
Gladys Van Brederode
Laurie Zaso

THE STAFF

Rector: Rev. Jimmie Sue Deppe
Parish Secretary: Faith Weston
Organist: Reyers Brusoe

Sexton: Robert J. Heslin, Sr.
Church School Coordinator: Don Metzinger



FROM THE PARISH REGISTER



O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace; strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

April 3 Laura Pillman
April 4 Eddie LaDuke
April 5 Ray Ornt, Jr.
Robert Schweizer
April 7 Jimmie Sue Deppe
Marc Passafiume
Matteo Passafiume

April 9 Bruce Barclay
Christopher Plail
April 13 Jorja Benson
April 14 Kat Pillman
Bob Shannon
April 15 Ronnie Burling
April 16 Karla Leader
April 20 Ron Ruchalski
April 21 Steve Entress

April 21 Janeen Lane-Ornt
April 23 Todd Wentworth
April 24 Douglass D'Anunzio
April 25 Meredith Woo
April 28 Jonathan Austin



O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church. Send your blessing upon these your servants that they may so love, honor and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and godliness, that their homes may be havens of blessing and peace. Amen.

April 19 Bob & Gail Renehan
April 22 Bill & Valerie Jones

April 26 David & Marsha Pulhamus
April 30 Doug & Donna Craig (35 yrs)



CHANGES & ADDITIONS

If you have changes to your contact information, please notify Faith Weston in the Parish Office: 247-4190 or coeoffice@frontier.com

Office hours:

Monday-Friday, 9 am-1 pm



STAR DEADLINES

Please email **photos** and **articles** to Faith Weston at coeoffice@frontier.com. Thank you!

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Mailing</u>
May	April 16	April 26
June	May 21	May 30



In my sermon I shared that the Episcopal Church has a formal definition for its understanding of what evangelism is, and it is: the spiritual practice by which we seek, name and celebrate Jesus's loving presence in the stories of all people – then invite everyone to more.

And at the Conference during the opening plenary the speakers went through each part of this definition. They shared that our actions speak louder than our words, and that words need to match our actions – like the hymn says, they'll know we are Christians by our love. That each one of us are invited to share our stories, and that it takes practice getting comfortable talking about ourselves, listening deeply, and sharing about why our faith is important to us.

The speakers acknowledged that sometimes people won't be open to what we're sharing, and that's okay too. God invites us to be courageous, be open, be generous, be curious in this manner of asking others to share their stories, people will sense our genuineness and they'll feel gratefulness for having shared their story with us.

Every one of us is a treasure, we are each unique, our lives are gifts meant to be shared. I am grateful to be able to share my life with each of you, and that each of you share your life with me.

Blessings,

Rev. Jimmie Sue

Ask the Rector a Question

This month's question is: Did you know that the Episcopal Church's Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music is working on revisions to our Lesser Feasts and Fasts?

In an essay on the Commission's website (<https://standingcommissiononliturgyandmusic.org/>) they explain the work they are doing on creating "a sanctoral calendar that addresses the many resolutions passed at the last General Convention." The resolutions to which the report

pertains are A065, A066 and A067. Please see excerpts of the essay below.

In the Episcopal Church, we remember the saints because they show us how to make and remake our lives, following the Way of Jesus Christ. They do this by messing things up; they mess up our preconceptions about God and ourselves so that we can be transformed in both our self-understanding and in the ways that we know God.

[They] asked dangerous questions about the world in which they lived. They questioned the common assumption that history was either an inevitable ascent by human will, or devolution into chaos or an exercise of power over weakness. In their lives, the saints lived out the Gospel in ways that so captured the imagination of their friends (and sometimes their enemies) that we continue to tell their stories. The saints' stories are repeated as a part of our own sacred stories, giving us, year after year, a way of listening anew to the Gospel, and then speaking Gospel in our lives.

All of this means that the lives of the saints, and the ways that we organize telling their stories, matters tremendously...Our efforts at calendar revision attempt to create a calendar that reflects the diversity of the Church. This work is important; our diversity as a Church is one of our great strengths. Welcoming commemorations of saints who look like, talk like and live like us in our diversity gives new ways of hearing the Gospel, and new ways for us to speak the Gospel in the world. The hope of remembering a more diverse company of saints is that their lives will give us new stories by which to live, new ways to understand the world around us, and new ministries to take up in the world. We hope that adding greater diversity of persons to our calendar we will find new ways to work for the reconciliation of all things.

We are asking General Convention to authorize Lesser Feasts and Fasts 2018 "for optional use throughout the church."

Peace,

Rev. Jimmie Sue





VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS

March 20, 2018

Vestry Meeting Minutes: -M-S-A to accept the February 20, 2018 minutes.

Treasurer's Report: -M-S-A to accept the February 20, 2018 Treasurer's Report.

Chicken BBQ Request:

A request was made by the Hand bell Choir for Vestry financial support, for their Annual Chicken BBQ. A new supplier is being sought and the guarantee of 200 dinners is a possibility. **-M-S-A** to cover the cost of the unsold dinners, if necessary. Also the Vestry agreed to sell five tickets each.

Action items (Require Vestry Action/Vote)

- **Church Windows:** A motion was made to renew our Church Windows technical support for \$430.00. **-M-S-A**
- **Key Bank:** Approve Key Bank WOE authorization bank account users. The following individuals are now approved by the Vestry of the Church of the Epiphany for signature authority for checks written off the Women of Epiphany bank account.
-M-S-A

Rectors' Report:

- Have made PC visits and calls.
- Euchre is planned for April and continues to have a good turn out with all having a lot of fun.
- Church Architecture went well and was very interesting
- Evangelism Matters Conference was very good
- THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR EVERYTHING YOU ALL DO TO MAKE RUMMAGE A SUCCESS
- Thank you to all who baked items for the Rummage Bake Sale!
- Hilton Parma Gazebo band won't be with us this December they are trying out something new
- Vacation days: April 10th & 11th; June 25th – June 30th

Reports and Housekeeping:

Formation Committee: Don reported that the Boston trip has been cancelled.

Stewardship Committee: Shared new monthly stewards/stewardship highlights.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 17, 2018

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Renehan



Video of the Parish

On Sunday, April 22nd Steve Richards, the Communications Director, for the Diocese will be working with us to put together a promotional video of the parish. The video will highlight a "snapshot" of who we are as an amazing parish. The video will then get shared by the Diocese and by the parish on various social media outlets. If you have any questions about the video, please contact Rev. Jimmie Sue.



Vestry Liaisons

Here are the Ministry Areas and the Vestry Liaison(s) of Epiphany:

Formation: Don Metzinger

Evangelism & Fellowship: Laurie Zaso, Jim Powers

Service: Mike Moffatt

Worship: Cassie Metzinger

Oversight: Heidi McGrath

Stewardship: Margaret Schweizer/Kim Hyde

Congregational Development: Don Metzinger/
Gladys VanBrederode

PALM SUNDAY MORNING



FEBRUARY 2018 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Income	Feb. YTD	2018 Budget YTD
Pledge & Plate	\$21,331	22,042
Investment Income	-	3,927
Flowers	175	325
Special Offerings	280	250
Building Use	-	25
Other	(228)	1,192
Total Income	21,559	27,760
Expenses		
Worship	\$837	1,229
Formation	199	292
Diocesan Apportionment	4,078	4,078
Stewardship	197	850
Other Action	-	525
Youth	99	150
Evangelism	400	317
Oversight	7,101	5,029
Salaries & Benefits	22,249	24,249
Total Expenses	35,162	36,718

Submitted by Nick Parisi, Treasurer



Thank you to those who helped out at our last Spruce Up day held on Saturday, March 3. We accomplished much in the 2 hours we were there.

Thank you to: Pam Metzinger, Marsha Pulhamus, Gail & Bob Renehan, Kathie & Steve Entress, Gladys VanBrederode, Kim Hyde, Amy, Jimmie Sue & Jacob Deppe.



CHURCH SCHOOL & J2A SCHEDULE

Class begins at 9:45 a.m.

- Sunday, April 1 - No Church School classes - Easter Sunday
- Sunday, April 8 - Church School
- Sunday, April 15 - Church School
- Sunday, April 22 - Church School
- Sunday, April 29 - Youth Sunday
- Sunday, May 6 - No Church School classes



RUMMAGE SALE VOLUNTEERS

I would like to give a heartfelt THANK YOU to everyone who brought items, who helped unload the trailer, who helped to sort all the boxes and bags of stuff, who helped price all these items, who helped at our sale days!! Because of all of your effort we are able to make a difference in our local community and for our parish ♥

Thank you to everyone who made goodies for the Bake Sale and for those who helped sell all those goodies!

I am blessed to be part of a loving and generous parish,

Rev. Jimmie Sue



Exploring Connections through Art:

Painter and priest, Roger Hutchison had a dream which led him to paint a picture celebrating the life of Jesus. This led him to write and create his book "Jesus: God Among Us" where he invites us to join him on a personal and hope-filled journey; a journey in search of the sometimes pivotal,

often ordinary, moments where one might glimpse Jesus' face or experience his presence firsthand.

The painting is built around celebrating Jesus as an infant, child, and adult, and Hutchison highlights sixteen points from Jesus' life, through image and scripture, followed by the retelling of the Gospel in familiar terms, offering both "Then" and a "Now" reflections on Jesus' encounters with others. These reflections offer readers a glimpse of Jesus both in his own time and in our time. Questions are offered at the end of each chapter to invite us to reflect on where Jesus might be found in our daily encounters.

If you are interested in this exploration, then please order the book before our first meeting, **read the first 3 chapters**, and then be ready to share your thoughts, ponderings, and reflections.

We will meet every 2 weeks on Thursdays at 6:30pm in the Auxiliary Room. Our first gathering will be **Thursday, May 3rd; following gathering dates are: 5/17 [CH4-6]; 5/31 [CH7-9]; 6/14 [CH10-12]; 7/5 [CH13-16]**. If you have any questions. Please see Rev. Jimmie Sue.



Healing Prayers

During the service there is an opportunity to ask for prayers of blessing, this is also an opportunity to ask for prayers of healing. If you would like more private healing prayers, stay after the service and let me know, and we will say private healing prayers together then.

Peace,
Rev. Jimmie Sue



March Steward of the Month – Service Ministry – Marsha Pulhamus

Tell us a little about the Service Ministry?

Service Ministry looks for opportunities to help others outside the church which includes the local community, nationally and internationally.

What does Stewardship mean to you and your ministry area?

Stewardship means putting Christ's words into action and helping others in need.

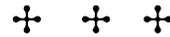
What does it mean to you to give back by serving in this ministry area

Being a Christian does not only mean attending church. It means attending to the needs of others. This means service in the community, as well as, service within the parish, such as volunteering for coffee hours, working with the youth, church clean-ups, etc.

How can someone become involved in Service Ministry?

You can become involved by:

1. Giving suggestions for projects.
2. Attending Service Ministry team meetings.
3. Participating in projects.
4. Contacting Marsha



SERVICE MINISTRY APRIL UPDATE

March was a busy month for Service Ministry who coordinating two projects. Epiphany is donating six Easter food baskets this year to The Gates Police Department to deliver to six family in need of a donation of foods and a gift card so they can enjoy a tasty Easter dinner. A big thanks to the YAC class for making an Easter decoration filled with candy for each family to enjoy with their meal. Birdie Ames was instrumental in coordinating this project and delivering all the baskets to the Gates Police Department.

Our second project is our annual Fiber Ministry project which is ongoing until Easter Sunday. Our goal is to have at least 40 items that were created by parishioners that are created from fiber. The projects can be knitted, crocheted or sewn and include prayer shawls, blankets, hats, scarfs and

mittens. We are still collecting but it appears that we have surpassed our goal. A final count and update of this project will be in the next STAR.

Our April project will be returning to the Foodlink warehouse on **Tuesday April 24th from 6-8 pm.** We are looking for 10 volunteers to join us again this year helping to sort non-perishable food items to be distributed by Foodlink. Volunteers can be from age 8 through 100. Youth from 8-15 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. Please dress appropriately for working in a warehouse which includes close toed shoes. A signup sheet will be in the main hallway.

Please feel free to suggest any possible service ministry projects. Our team is always looking for new ideas. If you would like to join our Service Ministry team, please contact Marsha Pulhamus for information on the next Service Ministry meeting.

Marsha Pulhamus
Dmpul80@gmail.com
352-0149



RELAY FOR LIFE

I will be attending the Gates Chili Relay for life in April and here is the information about this year's event. The event has changed from

previous years. If you have any questions, let me know at ent1@frontiernet.net. Kathie Entress

Family Rodeo Carnival of Relay for Life of Gates Chili 2018

When: April 20, 2018, 4:30pm - 8:30pm
Where: High School Field House
What: Food Truck Rodeo
Activities: Games, bounce house, photo booth, DJ, Silent Auction, dancing
Honoring our survivors, caregivers, and those we have lost with luminaria ceremony
*(A change for this year—
no registration or walking event.)*

Tentative schedule:

- 4:30 Food trucks open, games open
- 7:00 Games close, Cotton Eye Joe dance competition, line dancing lessons
- 7:30 Survivor and caregiver recognition
- 8:00 Luminaria ceremony-- which will include acknowledgment and honoring of Willow Pickard, a former Relayer who passed away in January after sharing her beautiful light with us during her battle with cancer
- 8:30 Event ends

This year's fundraising platform has changed and is located at:

<https://www.crowdrise.com/relay-for-life-of-gates-chili-high-school>

If you are looking for a traditional Relay For Life event, you can register and fundraise for the Gates Chili event and then attend the Relay For Life of West Side. The Relay For Life of West Side will take place on Friday, June 15th from 6pm to 12am. This event will feature all the aspects of a normal Relay event from walking, to ceremonies, to all the fun! Find more information on the West Side event here:

www.RelayForLife.org/WestSideNY.

If you have any questions on the Relay For Life of West Side, contact Lauren Bevacqua at

Lauren.Bevacqua@cancer.org.



Evangelism & Fellowship



ROCHESTER RED WINGS 2017

Are you thinking Baseball yet? Spring is here and Red Wings Concessions are back!

Please consider signing up to help in this great fundraiser. Check your calendars, we always need help! Signup sheets are posted in the hall.

Questions: See Jack Merrick or Don Metzinger

These are the 2017 dates:

Wednesday May 17
 Wednesday May 24
 Thursday June 8
 Monday June 19
 Thursday June 22
 Tuesday July 4
 Sunday July 9
 Wednesday August 2
 Tuesday August 8
 Thursday August 10
 Friday September 1

See you at the ballpark!!



MOE

**(Men of Epiphany)
SPAGHETTI DINNER**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 19TH
6:30 P.M.**

Sign-up sheet on board in hallway.



EUCHRE & FELLOWSHIP FUN

**Friday, April 20th
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**

Come join us for an evening of playing cards together in friendly rounds of Euchre. Light refreshments will be available, and everyone is welcome to bring snacks to share. Sign-up sheet on board in hallway.

To refresh your skills or learn how to play Euchre, come at 6:30 - 7:00 p.m. before we start playing at 7:00 p.m.



**LAWN RANGERS &
FLOWER POWER**

The LAWN RANGERS need your help. The lawn rangers are the men and women who cut and trim the grass at The Church of the Epiphany. This is a rewarding and fun thing to do for everyone from teenagers to senior citizens. Each person has a partner and they cut the grass 3 or 4 times during the growing season. Call Tom Seils at 247-1401 or use the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

Also on the bulletin board is a sign-up sheet "Flower Power." If you are willing to care for one of the gardens please sign up.



Epiphany Garden 3.0



Despite what you may see outside, spring really is coming and plans for the third annual Epiphany Garden are underway! We will be planting the garden on **Saturday, June 2**

beginning at 10:00 AM. All are welcome to come and help plant! Please bring garden gloves, spades, etc. And as we have no budget, we again are relying upon donations. This year we will not be starting any plants from seed, but will be asking for plants already started, along with some other items. A sign-up sheet will be posted, to ensure we get a nice variety of plants. Stay tuned for details!

Thanks to your donations, our garden was successful beyond our wildest dreams last year! To ensure another successful year, we need volunteers! Please consider helping out with watering and garden maintenance, as much or little as you like. See Amy Deppe for details.



Thanks to the generosity of the families and friends of the Rev'd John VanBrederode and Karen Marr, we are fortunate to have two funds which provide assistance for post-secondary education. The deadline for both is **Sunday, May 6th.**

How are recipients chosen? The Scholarship Committee meets and reviews all applications. It may, at its discretion, interview the applicants.

Who serves on the Committee? A member of the Vestry, a representative from the Church

**JOHN VANBREDERODE
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

School or J2A program, a representative from one of the parish's Teams or Committees, and an "at-large" parishioner.

Notification: The Committee will notify each applicant of its decision in writing by June 1st. Recipients will be announced on a Sunday in June, at the 10:00 a.m. service.

* will continue their studies in college or trade school

Eligible applicants:

- * Graduating High school seniors
- * have been active in the life of Epiphany

**KAREN MARR
MEMORIAL AWARD**

Eligible applicants must:

- * have "special need." Special need can be a physical or learning disability.
- * have completed one year of post-high school education. Continuing education can be college or trade school.
- * be a confirmed member of The Church of the Epiphany for at least one year.

Note: The Marr Award is available 3 times per year. Application deadlines are May 1st, August 1st and December 1st.



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OUR LIVES
3/24/18**



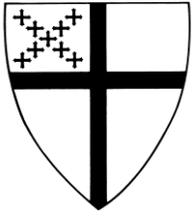
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2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1  <i>Easter</i> 8:00 AM HE 10:00 AM HE Easter Egg Hunt	2 OFFICE CLOSED	3 3:30 PM MITE - ESL 7:00 PM- Liturgy Planning	4	5 6:30 PM - Handbells	6	7
8 8:00 AM HE 9:45 AM Church School 10:00 AM HE, Baptism	9	10 3:30 PM MITE - ESL	11	12 6:30 PM - Handbells	13	14
15 8:00 AM HE 9:45 AM Church School 10:00 AM HE	16	17 3:30 PM MITE - ESL 7:00 PM - Vestry	18	19 12:30 PM - ESLC Luncheon 6:30 PM - Handbells 6:30 PM - MOE Spaghetti Dinner	20 7:00 PM - Euchre Night	21
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EPIPHANY HIGHLIGHTS

**April 1 - Easter Sunday, 8 & 10 am - Holy Eucharist
Easter Egg Hunt following 10 am service
April 19 - MOE Spaghetti Dinner
April 20 - Euchre Night
April 24 - Foodlink
April 29 - Evensong**