

# THE STAR

OCTOBER 2018



## Church of the epiphany

### VESTRY VIEWS

By Kim Hyde

"Be the change that you wish to see in the world. "- Mahatma Gandhi

Change, as you know, is everywhere we turn. Change is difficult and can cause discomfort and bring about the fear of the unknown. It requires one to work hard, learn new skills, listen more and to understand views that are not necessarily your own. Change also means personal growth, opportunity and allowing yourself to leave a little something else behind to gain something new. Personally, I have changed my career, my nest is empty, and retirement is looming on the horizon. But I also feel quite a bit of growth in all areas of my life.

As I have transitioned into my new position on Vestry, my role in the church has changed from a long run as Church School teacher to leadership. I will admit I was nervous about taking on this new role and the time commitment required. Now that I have spent 6 months on Vestry, I can honestly say that it has been very rewarding, and I enjoy being front and center in the "goings on" at Epiphany. I listen intently to understand the roles everyone plays, the needs of the parishioners and the different committees that keep our beautiful church running. I have embraced the challenge and received more than I thought possible. I have gotten the chance to make new friendships, strengthened existing ones and enjoy the positive feeling knowing that we are making a difference in the community.

Jimmie Sue is very respectful of our volunteer time. Meetings start and end on time and all ideas or suggestions are taken into consideration by everyone. Each vestry member has a voice and everyone's views are welcome. If you are ever asked to be on Vestry, please consider the request. The time commitment is minimal, and you will have the opportunity to be part of a team that can have a large impact on the growth of the church. If you are asked to be on a committee or to volunteer, please give it some thought. You will not regret the decision. When you get involved, change will occur, positive things will happen to Epiphany and to you personally. "Be the change that you wish to see in the world" of Epiphany.

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### OCTOBER CALENDAR

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Parish Office 247-4190  
Mon.-Fri. 9:30am-  
1:30pm  
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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  
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

### OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



*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, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

October 1 Laurie Zaso  
Tammy Weber-D'Angelo  
October 2 Jody Parisi  
October 4 Mark Durkin  
October 5 Amy Deppe  
October 7 Alice Marshall

October 8 Kevin Hockeborn  
Ashley Betteridge  
October 9 Ariana Heslin  
Barb Cieslinski  
October 11 Derek Pulhamus  
October 15 Cheryl Cappon  
October 17 Sabrina Morien

Joe D'Anunzio  
Ken Gamet Jr.  
October 25 Patty Ornt  
October 27 Jessica Hyde  
October 29 Don Metzinger  
Amber Plail  
Jaida Ward

### OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

*O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their homes may be havens of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*



October 16 Jack & Nancy Phillips  
October 17 Steve & Kathie Entress

October 25 Glenn & Kim Hyde  
October 28 Jerry & Judith Brown (40 yrs)



**The office will be closed Monday, October 8 for Columbus Day.**



## CHANGES & ADDITIONS



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

[coeoffice@frontier.com](mailto:coeoffice@frontier.com). Office hours: Monday-Friday, 9:30 am-1:30 pm

NEW ADDRESS: Jorja Benson  
254 Autumn Chapel Way  
Rochester, NY 14624

## STAR DEADLINES

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Mailing</u>
November	October 16	October 26
December	November 18	November 28

Please email **photos** and **articles** to Faith Weston at [coeoffice@frontier.com](mailto:coeoffice@frontier.com). Thank you!

FROM THE



Our Stewardship campaign focuses on "Let's Celebrate Epiphany!" and I think it is important for us to remember how extraordinary we are as a parish. We are a can-do, let's do this together congregation!

It is amazing what we are able to do when we all work together.

It's our relationships with one another, this is the backbone, that helps us be connected to our parish, community, and this is what deepens our relationship with God.

It's our relationships that help to sustain our faith, which leads us and guides us into action, and helps us to be in relationship with God, each other, and others. It's through our worshipping together that we express our outward gratitude of our love and thankfulness for God.

"Let's Celebrate Epiphany!" is a reflection of where God's love and our love intersects within our parish and our local communities, and this is one of the most important gifts we have to bestow upon others and each other: love, compassion, togetherness. It takes all of us – each and everyone one of us is important to Epiphany!

Thank you for being the beautiful big-hearted people you are!

Blessings,  
Rev. Jimmie Sue



### Ask the Rector a Question:

I'm in need of questions to reply to ☺

Blessings, Rev. Jimmie Sue



### Veteran's Day –

The Liturgy Planning Team would like to honor our Veterans on Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup> during the Prayers of the People. If you are a Veteran or you have a family member who is a Veteran, and you would like your name and/or their names prayed for that day, then there will be a sign-up sheet to place your name and/or your family members name on the sheet.



### Blessing of the Animals



All animals welcome! On **Thursday, October 4th at 6 pm** we will be outside on the front lawn of the parish, or inside depending on the weather. Parishioners and guests, please have your animal on a leash or in a crate, and we will bless our animals as they bless us with their love and companionship. People are also welcome to bring photos of their animals for a blessing too.



### The Cup of Our Life

We will explore the power of symbol that connects us to our worldly selves and to our deeper soul-selves, and this gives us an opportunity to move us to a place where we find our unique experience connected to the universal experience of others. For six weeks we will explore "cups" as symbols of our inner journeys and connections to God and the world.

Please have read Chapter 1 prior to the first class, which is on October 11th at 6:30 pm in the Auxiliary Room. The schedule then goes as follows: October 18th, October 25th, November 1st, November 8th, and November 15th. The book can be obtained from either Barnes & Noble or Amazon.com (*The Cup of Our Life: A Guide to Spiritual Growth* by Joyce Rupp)



## **VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS**

### **SEPTEMBER 18, 2018**

**Vestry Meeting Minutes:** -M-S-A to accept the August 21, 2018 Vestry Minutes.

**Treasurers Report:** -M-S-A to accept the August 21, 2018 Treasurer's Report.

If you are the Chairperson of a Committee, please have your budget request to Jimmie Sue by October 19, 2018.

#### **Action Items (Require Vestry Action/Vote):**

- -M-S-A Gates Parks and Recreation have requested the use of space in our facility, July 8 – August 16, 2018 for their Kindergarten Summer Camp.

#### **Reflection Time:**

- Continuing MMR discussion on Stewardship and the necessity of everyone stepping up and taking ownership of our Parish, it's a critical time for us!

#### **Rector's Report:**

- I have made PC visits and calls. Met with families to discuss funeral plans, gave last rites.
- Stewardship/Commitment Sunday Planning continues to go well.
- WOE Potluck was wonderful and so were the guest speakers, Holly and Margaret.
- TENS Stewardship Conference was very interesting.
- Thank you to everyone who helped with Spruce Up Day!
- Potluck at the Durkin's was very nice ☺
- Thank you to the Property Committee for all the improvements they've done this summer.
- Kick-Off Sunday was great! Thank you to Pam for setting up the breakfast, and thank you to all the church school teachers, and to the parents and grandparents for bringing the children and youth to church. Thank you to Mike for making our Let's Celebrate Epiphany poster ☺
- The Fall Music Picnic was really nice.

#### **Reports and Housekeeping:**

- Two Technicians from York Manufacturing spent most of a day checking/fixing our furnaces.

Following the Vestry Meeting, an award was presented to Jimmie Sue by Gates Police Chief Jim VanBrederode and Town Historian Bill Gillette, recognizing her dedication and service to the Gates Police Department and to the Town of Gates.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, October 16, 2018

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Renehan



## **Stewardship Corner**

The Episcopal Church defines stewardship as: What I do, with all that I have, after I say, "I believe." and Using the gifts God has given us, to do the work God is calling us to do.

Christian stewardship is grateful and responsible use of God's gifts in the light of God's purpose as revealed in Jesus Christ. Christian stewards, empowered by the Holy Spirit, commit themselves to conscious, purposeful decisions.

Stewardship is lived out in:

- Living and telling the good news
- Sharing God in seeking justice, peace, and the integrity of creation in an interdependent universe
- Wisely employing God-given human resources, abilities, and relationships
- Sharing the material resources we hold and giving them in service, justice, and compassion
- Providing for future generations, sharing in the life, worship, and responsible stewardship of the Church and of its mission
- Stewardship is a joyful act for the individual, the community and for the sake of God's world.

This definition comes from the standing rules of the Ecumenical Stewardship Center. The



Episcopal Church is a founding member of this group and remains active in its continuing work.



## **UNITED THANK OFFERING (UTO)**

Our Annual UTO In-Gathering is October 14 and October 21. United Thank Offering (UTO) is a ministry of The Episcopal Church for the mission of the whole church. Through United Thank Offering, men, women, and children nurture the habit of giving daily thanks to God. These prayers of thanksgiving start when we recognize and name our many daily blessings. Those who participate in UTO discover that thankfulness leads to generosity. United Thank Offering is entrusted to promote thank offerings, to receive the offerings, and to distribute the UTO monies to support mission and ministry throughout The Episcopal Church and in invited Provinces of the Anglican Communion in the developing world. Mite boxes are available on the table in the hallway. All of the collected UTO monies will be offered up by our parish at the Diocesan Convention at the end of October.



## **CHURCH OF EPIPHANY GROWTH PLAN 2019**

As some of you know, the church has been talking about growth for a few years.

We have done surveys in the past, and came up with a few areas that we wanted to focus on.

When we were going thru our search for a new rector, we were focused on “Joyful Noise” in Our Sunday service and Adult Formation.

Now we have our “Top 5 Mindfulness Categories “.

- Mission and Purpose (Includes Social Media / Technology)
- Welcome and Invitation (Includes Special Events)
- Liturgy (Includes Music)
- Children and Youth Leadership development (Includes Service Opportunities)
- Adult Formation

Going forward, we are asking that everyone at Epiphany participate in 1 of these 5 categories.

We believe that participation is crucial to Epiphany’s growth. We are not asking you to run anything or do anything that is out of your comfort zone. We just want YOU to participate.

We will be putting up a sheet of paper for each of the 5 Mindful Categories.

In the next couple weeks we are asking EVERYONE in the parish to put your name under one of the categories you feel you want to participate in.

Epiphany has so much to offer and the only way to experience what we have, is to participate.

We are not just talking about attending a lunch or a dinner or a social hour. We are talking about Sunday services. Epiphany needs YOU NOW. With everyone’s participation, we will not be just a few people on a committee, or a few people on the Vestry. We will be a whole Church parish building a larger Church family.

Sincerely The Growth Team



## **What is a Qualified Charitable Distribution from an IRA Account?**

Would you like to make your 2019 pledge and not pay taxes on your gift in spite of the new tax laws? If you meet certain conditions, you may be able to make a charitable contribution from your IRA without reporting additional income. Here’s how it works.

IRS rules mandate that individuals age 70 1/2 and older take Required Minimum Distributions (RMS) from their IRA each year, regardless of whether the income is needed. These annual withdrawals are subject to ordinary income taxes. But, there is a provision in the tax code that allows retirees age 70 1/2 and older to donate up to \$100,000 tax free from their IRA each year if the distribution is made directly to charity. This

allows you to satisfy your RMD amount without reporting additional income.

The distribution is not included in your income so you avoid the potential negative consequences that regular IRA withdrawals in retirement can create, including taxes on Social Security benefits. The IRA Trustee or custodian must make the distribution directly to the charity. Distributions made payable to the IRA owner and transferred to the charity do not qualify.

You should always talk to your financial representative or tax advisor before making a decision that alters your tax situation.

Nick Parisi  
Treasurer



### AUGUST 2018 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Income	August YTD	2018 YTD Budget	
Pledges & Plate	\$85,861	\$88,167	We should catch up in the Fall
Investment Income	11,780	15,707	
Flowers	1,435	1,300	Received quarterly, will be at 100% in September
Special Offerings	1,211	1,000	
Building Use	11	100	
Other	4,803	4,767	Mostly Red Wings income
Total Income	\$105,100	\$111,040	
<b>Expenses</b>			
Worship	4,932	4,917	Nothing terribly out of line in any expense category. We are under budget in virtually every expense category
Formation	801	1,167	
Diocesan Apportionment	16,313	16,313	
Stewardship	1,927	3,400	
Other Action	-	600	
Youth	154	600	
Evangelism	1,108	1,267	
Oversight	19,572	20,114	Our deficit through 8/31 is \$2653 less than anticipated at this point
Salaries & Benefits	91,973	96,995	
Total Expenses	136,780	145,373	
Surplus/Deficit	(31,680)	(34,333)	

*Submitted by Nick Parisi, Treasurer*



## **OCTOBER 7 - COMMITMENT SUNDAY**

The theme for this year is "Celebrate Epiphany!"

- On Commitment Sunday, there will be **one service at 9:30** followed by brunch where we will continue to celebrate Epiphany with live Jazz music and an opportunity to help our neighbors at Open Door Mission.
- We invite you to participate by joining together by attending services during this time, and especially by joining us as we come together on October 7th and celebrate Epiphany together as one congregation and pledge our financial commitment for 2019!



## **Church School & J2A Schedule**

\*\* all classes begin at 9:45am

Sunday, Oct 7: Commitment Sunday - service begins - 9:30am

Sunday, Oct 14: Church School

Sunday, Oct 21: Church School

Sunday, Oct 28: Church School

Sunday, Nov 4: No Church School

Sunday, Nov 11: Church School

Sunday, Nov 18: Church School

Sunday, Nov 25: Church School

Don Metzinger, Youth Coordinator



## **CHURCH SCHOOL KICKOFF – 9/9**



Dear Parishioners of Epiphany!

Thank you so much for your continued support and participation in the musical activities of Epiphany! With the preparatory season of Advent fast-approaching (Just under 4 months until Christmas!!!), it is time to restart our interest in music! I want to personally invite all of you to come and join us! Whether your voice is big or small, high or low, all are welcome to share the gift that God gave us each in the human voice!

You may say that "I can't sing, I'm not musical!" But my friends you are, just let the Holy Spirit fill you and guide you in song. You do not have to be like Lady Gaga or Tony Bennett, or Aretha

Franklin to lift up your voices and Praise God - he loves your voice because it is your own. To me, an earnest hymn, sung with a full heart is better for the soul than an opera or a praise band concert.

If you are a musician of any kind, we will welcome you into the fold with open arms: There is room at God's table for everyone, whether they are pianists, jaw-harpists, flautists, trumpeters or percussionists - each can find their role in the beat of God's eternal anthem of Love!

Along with this invitation to join us in song and play, this note is an introduction to some of the wonderful soulful changes that will be beginning at Epiphany. Starting with the First Sunday in Advent we will be offering a new, seasonal gospel acclamation: "Come, Lord Jesus! Come and be born in our hearts!" which will last through the Christmas season. The text and sheet music for this will be provided in the weekly bulletin. There will also be an additive closing hymn, where each week we will add a verse. The hymn for Advent will be "O Come, O come, Emmanuel". During the Season of Epiphany, we will begin singing the Lord's Prayer as a congregation, to connect in a different way with the bold words our Savior taught us. As we begin again the annual journey of the church calendar, we will be introducing a form of responsorial Psalm that will allow the congregation to experience the text of the Psalm in song.

If anyone, ever has any questions, or suggestions please connect with me! I am usually around the church during coffee hour after the 10AM service, and make an effort to be active in the church community during other events. Please feel free to reach out to me via FaceBook, Twitter, Instagram, or send me an e-mail or text!

Thank you all for your kindness, love and consideration for the wonders of music!

Best Love & Blessings,  
Reyers P. Brusoe



## Flowers on All Saints' Day



On All Saints' Day, Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, there will be a small cross available in the Sanctuary. You are invited to bring a flower to place in our Cross in memory of your loved one or a remembrance or thanksgiving.



## SERVICE MINISTRY UPDATE

The most recent Service Ministry project was volunteering at Foodlink's warehouse on Tuesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>. This is always a very rewarding project which helps families, kids, and seniors that need supplemental food and help decrease hunger in our community.

Our October project is a week-long event starting on **Commitment Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>** and ending with a **parish pot-luck dinner on Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>**. The focus of this service project is to help the newly opened Open Door Mission's Coldwater House which will provide temporary housing for Women and Children. This facility is located around the corner from church at 250 Coldwater Road. We will be collecting gently used women's and children's clothing, underwear and socks and money donations from the pot luck dinner will go towards Coldwater House. It will be great to help our neighbors in need.

Our November project will be providing our well received meatloaf dinner at **Cameron Ministry on Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup>**. Keep your eyes open for further information. We will need lots of help providing the needed food and paper products, volunteers to cook and serve the meal. This meal



is appreciated by the guests of Cameron Ministry which is located in the Otis-Lyell neighborhood.

The Service Ministry is very pleased that we have received several suggestions for future projects. Please feel free to stop any member of the Service Ministry team or put a note in the Service Ministry box with additional ideas. Our projects would not be successful without the support of the Epiphany parishioners.

The Service Ministry Team (Marsha Pulhamus, Amy Deppe, Birdie Ames, Diane and Mike Moffatt)



### BOUNTIFUL BASKETS & BRUNCH

*A benefit for Aurora House,  
a home for the dying & their  
loved ones*

**Saturday, October 20, 2018**

9:15 am to 12:45 pm

**Location: Pearce Memorial Church**  
4322 Buffalo Rd., North Chili



Once again Epiphany will be supporting Aurora House by supplying a basket to be raffled and our presence at the event. Cost is \$22 per person. **Please sign up soon. Sign up sheet on board in hallway.** E-mail Kim Hyde at [khyde3@rochester.rr.com](mailto:khyde3@rochester.rr.com) if you want a reservation.



### **Euchre and Fellowship Fun is Back!**

**Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup> and Friday, November 16<sup>th</sup> from 7pm – 9pm.** 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.

### Wednesday Nite Café

October 24, 2018

6:30 p.m.



Please join us at a Special Wednesday Café on October 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm with Epiphanies Historian, Bob Sudlow, as he highlights some of the special historical events of the last 50 plus years at The Church of the Epiphany

Sign-up sheet on board in hallway

Thank you - Formation Committee



### MOE

**Men of Epiphany**

**Annual Apple Sausage  
Roast**

**Thursday, November 1, 2018 - 6:30 p.m.**



### **Fellowship Opportunities**

### “Drifters “White Christmas

Seneca Niagara Casino

Tuesday Dec 11, 2018

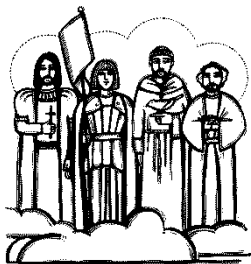
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Depart 8:30 am and return approximately 6 - 6:30pm. Greece or Henrietta.

Upon arriving at Seneca Niagara Casino, receive \$20.00 slot bonus, and lunch buffet. Then to the Events center to see the Drifters Christmas show. Hear classics such as “There Goes My Baby”, “Save the Last Dance for Me”, “Under the Boardwalk”, “White Christmas” and many more.

Government photo ID required to get casino bonus. Call Carpe Diem for reservations 585-295-9393 ask for locations on departures in Greece or Henrietta

There is no sign up sheet at church – Sue Greenauer



### For All the Saints

## The Feast of All Saints will be commemorated on

Sunday, November 4 at both 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

We gather together in community to remember, give thanks, and pray for all those persons we love but no longer see, and will read the Necrology, the list of those saints known to us who have died since November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017.

Every year, we create a special bulletin insert, listing the names of our other loved ones who have died. A special prayer will be offered for those on that list. It is right and good to take time out to give thanks for all the saints who have touched our lives.

If you would like us to include the name(s) of your loved ones please fill out the form below and return it to the Parish Office (or email [coeoffice@frontier.com](mailto:coeoffice@frontier.com)) **no later than Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you.

**Please print clearly.**

Loved ones who died this year:


Others who have died in years past:


Your Name & Phone Number:

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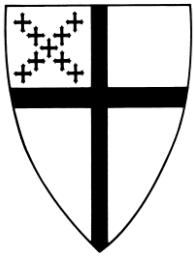
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>30</b> 8:00 AM HE 9:45 AM Church School 10:00 AM HE	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 3:30 PM MITE -ESL	<b>3</b> 7:00 PM Liturgy Planning	<b>4</b> 6:00 PM Blessing of the Animals 6:30 PM Handbell Choir	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 9:30 AM Commitment Sunday, HE 11:00 AM Brunch	<b>8</b>  Columbus Day Office Closed	<b>9</b> 3:30 PM MITE -ESL	<b>10</b> 7:00 PM Theodon Moffatt Memorial Service	<b>11</b> 6:30 PM Handbell Choir 6:30 PM Bible Study	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 3:00 PM Jane Lenhard Memorial Service 6:00 PM Parish Pot Luck Dinner
<b>14</b> UTO Sunday 8:00 AM HE 9:45 AM Church School 10:00 AM HE	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 3:30 PM MITE -ESL 7:00 PM Vestry	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 6:30 PM Handbell Choir 6:30 PM Bible Study	<b>19</b> 7:00 PM Euchre	<b>20</b> 9:15 AM - Baskets & Brunch for Aurora House
<b>21</b> UTO Sunday 8:00 AM HE 9:45 AM Church School 10:00 AM HE	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 3:30 PM MITE -ESL	<b>24</b> 6:30 PM Epiphany Café w/Bob Sudlow	<b>25</b> 6:30 PM Handbell Choir 6:30 PM Bible Study	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Diocesan Convention
<b>28</b> 8:00 AM HE 9:45 AM Church School 10:00 AM HE	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 3:30 PM MITE -ESL	<b>31</b> 11:00 AM Widows Group	<b>1</b> 6:30 PM Handbell Choir 6:30 PM MOE Sausage Roast 6:30 PM Bible Study	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>





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[twitter.com/EpiphanyGatesNY](https://twitter.com/EpiphanyGatesNY)

## **EPIPHANY HIGHLIGHTS**

**Blessing of the Animals... October 4**

**Commitment Sunday... October 7**

**Parish Pot Luck Dinner... October 13**

**Euchre Night ...October 19**

**Aurora House Brunch... October 20**

**Epiphany Cafe... October 24**

**Diocesan Convention... October 27**

**MOE Sausage Roast... November 1**