

# THE STAR

DECEMBER 2018



# Church of the epiphany

## VESTRY VIEWS

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**DECEMBER  
CALENDAR**



**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

*Sundays*

*8:00 & 10:00 a.m.*

I have been a part of Epiphany's Service Committee for several years now and I would like to share some thoughts from my experiences.

Once a year, volunteers from Epiphany prepare and serve a meal at Cameron Ministries off of Lyell Ave. in the city. I have watched people with children wait in the rain so that they could have a warm meal on a cold day. People who are struggling to take care of themselves and their families. Poverty had a great impact on me when I put a face on it.

Myself and other volunteers from Epiphany have also spent a few evenings at Food Link, a huge warehouse of donated food (mostly from Wegmans and Tops). Stacks of boxed and canned foods are wheeled around with forklifts to constantly keep food moving in and out of the facility to the needy in surrounding areas. We packed bags of food that were distributed to teachers in local schools that make their way discreetly into the backpacks of children. This sometime is the only food these kids may have in the house over a weekend.

The Church of the Epiphany is a very caring and generous parish. Besides the above examples we will also be involved in the Meals and More project this Christmas and we have adopted a family from RAIHN to buy Christmas gifts for. And let's not forget the longstanding WOE project of giving baskets of food for SWEM (Southwest Ecumenical Ministry) so families can have a holiday meal.

Jesus says to us – Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one the the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me. Matthew 25:40, 45.

These are only a few examples of our generosity and caring that have opened my eyes to the needs of our community. I am proud of how we reach out and serve the needs of others. It is what the body of Christ is meant to do.

In the coming season of giving and receiving, let's be ever mindful of the needs of others.

“For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required”  
Luke 12:48

In Christ, Mike Moffatt

**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**

**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**



*O God, our times re 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.

**December 5** Lill Poppleton

**December 6** Lance Guglin

**December 8** Danielle D'Anunzio

**December 10** Terry Barker

**December 11** Sharon Raetz

**December 12** Sam Guglin

**December 15** Bill Raetz

**December 16** Donna Craig

**December 17** Diane Moffatt

**December 19** Mike Moffatt

**December 21** Larry Burling

**December 21** Doug Collinge

**December 22** Joe Woo

**December 24** Elaine Bagley

**December 28** Macguire Morien

**December 29** Zack Durkin

**December 31** Brenna McKane

**DECEMBER 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. Amen.*



**December 18** Carol & David Kohan



The  
**Church  
Office**



**Will Be  
Closed:**

**OFFICE CLOSINGS:** The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, and Monday, December 31<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday, January 1<sup>st</sup> for the Christmas and New Year holidays.

*Jimmie Sue, Faith, Bo, Don, Reyers, and our families wish all of you a blessed, safe and joyful Christmas and New Year.*





## Changes & Additions

If you have any 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: Mon.–Fri., 9:30 am–1:30 pm

### New Address for Gloria Hopkins

676 Calkins Road  
Rochester, NY 14623  
Phone #334-2615

### NEW Phone Numbers

Dick Zwerger phone #: 585-533-1532  
Ernie & Gail Schulze phone #: 585-360-4707



## STAR DEADLINES

Issue	Deadline	Mailing
January	December 16	December 28
February	January 20	January 30

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



## VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS

### November 20, 2018



**Vestry Meeting Minutes:** -M-S-A to accept the October 16, 2018 Vestry Minutes, with one correction.

**Treasurers Report:** -M-S-A to accept the October 16, 2018 Treasurers Report.

### **Shared Draft Salary Portion of the 2019 Budget**

- No one will receive a salary increase in 2019. Rev. Jimmie Sue will receive a slight increase in her health care allowance.

### **Shared Draft Parish Operating Portion of 2019 Budget**

- The 2019 Budget is “bare bones”, everything that can be cut or reduced has been done.

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

- **Authorizing special pull from Endowment Resolution**

Be It Resolved That:

The Vestry at its regularly held meeting on Tuesday, November 20, 2018 authorizes the Church of the Epiphany Treasurer in consultation with the Wardens and the Rector to make contingency pulls from the parish’s Endowment Fund as needed. **-M-S-A** to accept this Resolution.

### • **Nominating Process**

Be it Resolved That:

The Vestry at its regularly held meeting on Tuesday, November 20, 2018 agrees to update the Eligibility of Offices in the case of Warden from “all of the above plus a confirmed Communicant of the Episcopal Church with at least 3 years’ experience on Epiphany’s Vestry” to “all of the above plus a confirmed Communicant of the Episcopal Church with at least 3 years’ experience, 2 years of which are on the Epiphany’s Vestry with at least 1 additional year on a Vestry”.

**-M-S-A** to accept this Resolution.

### **Rectors’ Report:**

- Have made PC visits, hospital calls.
- Went to Children/Adult Formation offering through the Diocese, it was very good.
- Went to Colgate Seminary to attend the Anglican/Episcopal worship service.
- The Her Story lunch conversation where I was one of the guest speakers went really well. I received very lovely feedback about
- Went to Rev. Keith Patterson’s Installation at Two Saints.
- Thank you to Jack Merrick for looking into switching our trash maintenance which will create a significant savings in this area!
- MOE Sausage Dinner was very nice ☺
- Starting our Category Conversations at the end of November.
- Confirmation class is going well.
- Formation offering was very well received by those who attended.
- Euchre nights have been a lot of fun.
- Diocesan Convention was very good and went very well.

- The All Saints cross and Honoring our Veterans, was appreciated by the parish.
- Bob Sudlow's talk for Wednesday Night Café was very nice.

**Reports and Housekeeping:**

- Church of the Epiphany's first Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony will be Saturday, December 15, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. on the front lawn.
- The Youth will be making peanut clusters again this year!

**Next Meeting:** December 18, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gail Renehan



**Vestry Nominating Process:**

Yes, it is the time of year to prayerfully consider serving Epiphany on the Vestry, as a Warden, or as a Diocesan Convention Delegate. How does one get nominated for an office or nominate a friend or acquaintance for an office? Two of the objectives of the Nominating Policy are:

- To identify candidates whose unique strengths and gifts are most needed by the parish at a particular point in its life.
- To provide sufficient time to check and ensure that potential nominees meet canonical and Epiphany's qualifications for the office for which they are nominated. If not, the policy provides time for them to meet the qualifications.

As you consider who to nominate, please think first of people whose unique strengths and gifts are most needed by the parish at this time. Then, please remember that all people nominated must meet the qualifications to vote at parish meetings, and eligibility requirements for the office for which they are nominated. Qualifications and eligibility requirements are set forth in national canons, Diocesan canons, Parish Charter and approved Vestry motions.

**Qualifications to Vote at Parish Meetings**

All of the following:

- 18 years old or older.

- Belong to the parish (baptized, confirmed, received or transferred in from an Episcopal Church, as recorded in the parish records).
- Regularly attend the parish's worship.
- Contribute to the parish's financial support for at least the 12 months preceding the Annual Meeting or a special parish meeting.

**Eligibility for Offices**

Delegate to Diocesan Convention: Be a Qualified Voter, and on parish rolls for preceding 12 months.

Vestry: all of the above and pledger & giver of record.

Warden: all of the above plus a confirmed Communicant of the Episcopal Church with at least 3 years' experience, 2 years of which are on Epiphany's Vestry with at least 1 additional year on a Vestry.

The process allows some time for discernment and to ascertain if the nominees met the requirements for office. If you have any questions about the nominations process, please contact a member of the Vestry. Many hands and perspectives bring vitality to our parish.

Approved by Vestry November 2018.

**YOUR PLEDGE & THE IRS**

In early January you will receive your 2018 pledge statement, listing all the contributions you made this year. Please review this statement and contact Mike Grasso at 293-1712 or [mgkinge@aol.com](mailto:mgkinge@aol.com) with any concerns. In order to ensure the accuracy of your tax information, please do not file your 2018 income tax return until you have received and reviewed your final 2018 statement. **The last "collection plate" Sunday is December 30<sup>th</sup>.** Please take advantage of the fullest deduction allowed and complete your pledge for 2018 by that Sunday. The Church of the Epiphany does follow the "IRS Rules" in that any contributions received by or postmarked on December 31, 2018 will also be credited in 2018.

## OCTOBER 2018 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Income	Oct. YTD	2018 Budget YTD	% of Budget	
Pledge & Plate	\$110,520	110,208	100.3%	
Investment Income	17,670	19,633	90.0%	Budgeted qtrly
Flowers	1,535	1,625	94.5%	
Special Offerings	1,211	1,250	96.9%	
Building Use	51	125	40.8%	
Other	6,628	5,958	111.2%	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>137,615</b>	<b>138,800</b>	<b>99.1%</b>	
<b>Expenses</b>				
Worship	\$5,282	\$6,146	86.0%	Nothing out of line in any expense category. We are under budget in every expense category
Formation	1,153	1,458	79.1%	
Diocesan Apportionment	20,392	20,392	100.0%	
Stewardship	2,670	4,250	62.8%	
Other Action	-	625		
Youth	318	750	42.4%	
Evangelism	1,430	1,583	90.3%	
Oversight	23,656	25,143	94.1%	
Salaries & Benefits	118,374	121,244	97.6%	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>173,275</b>	<b>181,591</b>	<b>95.4%</b>	
Surplus/(Deficit)	(35,660)	(42,791)	83.3%	

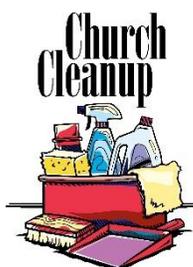
Submitted by Nick Parisi, Treasurer



### SPRUCE UP DAY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1ST

9:00 AM - NOON



The Property Committee is having another day to spruce up our Worship space. This time we will be heading to the Chancel & Nave areas, plus the Robing room & Sacristy. This gives us a chance to get the spaces clean & shiny for the holidays. Many hands make light work. So please, please consider coming out to help. Hoping to be done in 2 hours.

Thanks, Pam Metzinger



### Stewardship Annual Giving Update

As of 11/20/2018 we have a commitment of 75 pledges for a total of \$123,814.00. Last year, we received 72 pledges for a total of \$129,956.52. Every pledge makes a difference to the vitality of the parish.

The Finance Committee took their second look at the 2019 Budget on November 14th, and will finalize the budget in early December. To help Finance, the Vestry, and Rev. Jimmie Sue make the best decisions for us as a parish, if you haven't sent in your pledge card we would really like to hear from you as soon as possible.



FROM THE



RECTOR

Greetings of joy and good tidings as we begin our journey into Advent with expectant hope and into the blessing of Christmas.

As we journey through Advent towards Christmas we will meet women and men who will proclaim their faith in God. We will meet shepherds and magi who will spread the good news of Jesus' birth. And as we journey together I invite you to think about how you too are meant to share the good news of why having faith helps you be your best self. Of how your faith helps you think of others. Of how Epiphany is a blessing in your life. Each of us through our baptisms have promised to share with our words and our actions the loving and life-giving good news of Jesus. We are meant to be evangelists (sharers of the good news) – we are meant to be missionaries who seek, name, and celebrate Jesus' loving presence in our lives, in our community, within our parish - and then – we are meant to invite everyone to share in this knowledge of Jesus' love for us all.

Advent is our time of being reminded of God's love and humility, vulnerability and desire for a deep relationship with each one of us. Advent is our reminder that we are meant to share the good news and we are meant to spread this compassion to each person we encounter.

For the season of Advent and Christmas try out being an evangelist and missionary of Christ's. This time of year can be emotionally hard, try out inviting people into our space of warm welcomes and genuine caring – you are offering those you invite a space to be cared for spiritually, and a space to belong as we are at any given moment in our lives.

Blessings,  
Rev. Jimmie Sue



## Advent Coloring Sheets

There will be Advent coloring sheets and crayons on the Coffee Hour tables for the season of Advent. The coloring sheets are meant for all ages, children through adults, to color together and have conversations with one another ☺



## Find Jesus at Epiphany



Let's try a fun little something this Advent – instead of Elf on a Shelf to see who's been naughty, each Sunday we're going to look for Jesus, as a reminder of how beloved we are. When you find Jesus, snap a picture, post to your social media of choice and add a tag

#foundJesus at #Epiphanygatesny.



## Ask the Rector a Question

This month's question is, "What is the Presiding Bishop's *Way of Love* initiative?"

In the words of Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, "In the first century Jesus of Nazareth inspired a movement. A community of people whose lives were centered on Jesus Christ and committed to living the way of God's unconditional, unselfish, sacrificial, and redemptive love. Before they were called "church" or "Christian," this Jesus Movement was simply called "the way." Today I believe our vocation is to live as the Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement. But how can we together grow more deeply with Jesus Christ at the center of our lives, so we can bear witness to his way of love in and for the world? The deep roots of our Christian tradition may offer just such a path. For centuries, monastic communities have shaped their lives around rhythms and disciplines for following Jesus together. Such a pattern is known as a "Rule of Life."

It is designed to be spare and spacious, so that individuals, ministry groups, congregations, and networks can flesh it out in unique ways and build a church-wide treasure trove of stories and resources. There is no specific order you need to follow. If you already keep a Rule or spiritual disciplines, you might reflect and discover how that path intersects with this one. By entering into reflection, discernment and commitment around the practices of Turn – Learn – Pray – Worship – Bless – Go – Rest, I pray we will grow as communities following the loving, liberating, life-giving way of Jesus. His way has the power to change each of our lives and to change this world.”

The framework for *The Way of Love: Practices for Jesus-Centered Life* — outlines a Rule for the Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement can be found here:

<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/way-love-brochures> and Tri-fold *The Way of Love* brochures can be found on the table by our name tags.

Blessings,  
Rev. Jimmie Sue



**Worship Schedule**

**Sunday, Dec. 2:** The first Sunday of Advent

**Monday, Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve**

4:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist  
10:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

**Christmas - Tuesday, Dec. 25**  
**No Service**



**GREENING OF THE CHURCH**

The GREENING OF EPIPHANY committee has planned to spread the greening out during a 4-week period, beginning on Sunday, Dec. 2 and ending on Sunday, Dec. 23. This will spread out the festive atmosphere for all to enjoy before the final pieces come into place.

So, with that said, we will need help on Dec. 2, Dec. 9, Dec. 16 & Dec. 23, so mark your calendars & see if you can be of assistance any of those Sundays (beginning at 11:15 am).

Dec. 2 - We will hang the large wreath on the back wall, hang the Christmas quilt & display Nativity needlepoint (NEED a brave soul who is not afraid of heights to climb a ladder).

Dec 9- We will put up & decorate the artificial tree in the back of the church.

Dec 16 - We will hang the greens from the rood beam, put bows on artificial wreaths & hang in Chancel and hang Christmas banners. (NEED brave souls to be on a ladder). Decorate LIVE trees on either side of Chancel rail.

Dec 23 - Finally, change altar hangings from blue to white, arrange fresh poinsettias around church, decorate window sills, decorate wall sconces with greens and bows, assemble crèche in front of altar and bring Advent wreath to floor to put fresh greens on.

If you have any questions, or comments, feel free to email or talk with me. Thank you - Pam Metzinger



**CHURCH SCHOOL & J2A SCHEDULE**

**CHURCH SCHOOL STARTS AT 9:45 A.M.**

Sunday, December 2	NO Church School
Sunday, December 9	Church School
Sunday, December 16	Church School
Sunday, December 23	Church School
Sunday, December 30	NO Church School



## **PEANUT CLUSTERS ARE BACK !!!!**

J2A class are selling Peanut Clusters after the 8 and 10 a.m. services. Bring your cash and support our youth! \$3 a bag or 2 bags for \$5. Sale started Sunday, Nov. 25, and will continue until they are gone.



**Evangelism & Fellowship**

### **MOE**

**(MEN OF EPIPHANY)**

**BREAKFAST**

**Saturday, December 8th**

**9:00 AM**

**Panorama Restaurant**



### **CHURCH OF EPIPHANY'S** **1ST ANNUAL** **TREE LIGHTING** **CEREMONY**

Please join us on Saturday, December 15th at 4 p.m. here on Epiphany's front lawn. We will say a prayer before lighting a live tree that will symbolize the Light of Christ for all to see during this wonderful holiday season. Then join us in the Auxiliary room for light refreshments and fellowship. If you have any questions, please contact Cassie Metzinger. Happy holidays!



## **WOE**

### **WOMEN OF EPIPHANY**

### **HOLIDAY DINNER**

**Monday, January 7, 2019**

**Dinner at Agatina's**

6:00 p.m. Cocktails (*cash bar*) - 7:00 p.m. Dinner

Optional Gift Exchange (\$10 value)

*Make checks payable to "Women of Epiphany" and give to Kim Hyde, Laurie Zaso or Pam Metzinger by Sunday, December 30<sup>th</sup>. No payments will be accepted at the restaurant, please adhere to the payment date. (We will not be able to give refunds for cancellations)*

### **Entree Choices**

*(prices include gratuity)*

**Chicken Parmigiano** (\$25)

- Breaded cutlet baked with tomato sauce and mozzarella

**Delmonico Steak** (\$34)

- 12 oz. steak - grilled to perfection, topped with French fried onions

**Chicken French** (\$24)

- Battered chicken breast sautéed in a lemon sherry wine sauce

**Stuffed Haddock** (\$27)

- Lightly seasoned & baked w/snow crab stuffing

**Eggplant Parmigiano** (\$22)

- Baked with tomato sauce & mozzarella

**Includes:** soup du jour, house salad w/vinaigrette, penne w/tomato sauce, bread & butter, vanilla ice cream w/chocolate sauce, coffee, tea, water

A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the hallway.

**All women of Epiphany, including teens, are invited!**

# WOE

## WOMEN OF EPIPHANY

WOE is sponsoring Christmas food baskets for the clients of SWEM (Southwest Ecumenical Ministries) again this year. Deadline for SWEM Baskets is Sunday, December 2, 2018 We will be delivering them that day! Sign up sheet on board in hallway. Thank you.

### **Christmas Basket for 3-4 People**

- 1 fruit cocktail or canned fruit
- 2 soups
- 1 large fruit juice
- 1 box instant mashed potatoes
- 2 regular or 1 large can of sweet potatoes
- 3 cans of vegetables (corn, peas, beans)
- 1 can of cranberry sauce
- 1 bag or box of stuffing mix
- 1 boxed dessert (gelatin or pudding, cake mix/frosting, or pie crust/filling)
- An envelope containing \$10.00 cash *or*
- a check payable to "Women of Epiphany" with SWEM Basket' on the memo line  
(for meat, eggs, and margarine)

**)Please put your envelope in the WOE mailbox, not in your basket!**

*Feel free to include small candies, mints or other holiday treats; if you can, include tea bags, a small box of instant coffee, or hot chocolate. The boxes look festive if you wrap the outside. Laundry baskets or totes to hold the contents make an additional gift.*

Thank you for your generosity!



**All**  
**Saints**  
**Day**  
**11/4**



### **Peanut Clusters!**



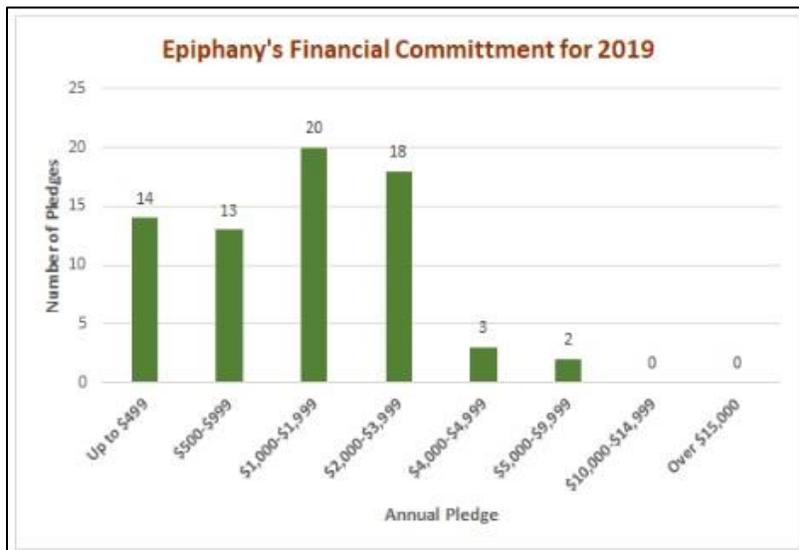


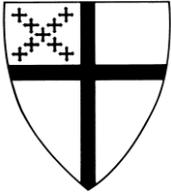


2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 8:00 AM HE 10:00 AM HE	26	27 3:30 PM -MITE -ESL	28	29 6:30 PM - Handbells	30	1 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Spruce Up Day
2 8:00 AM HE 10:00 AM HE 11:15 AM - Greens	3	4 3:30 PM -MITE -ESL 7:00 PM - Liturgy Planning	5	6 6:30 PM - Handbells	7	8 9:00 AM MOE Breakfast - Panorama
9 8:00 AM HE 9:45 AM Church School 10:00 AM HE 11:15 AM - Greens	10	11 3:30 PM- MITE -ESL	12	13 6:30 PM - Handbells	14	15 4:00 PM – Tree Lighting Ceremony
16 STAR Deadline 8:00 AM HE 9:45 AM Church School 10:00 AM HE 11:15 AM - Greens	17	18 3:30 PM -MITE -ESL 7:00 PM - Vestry	19	20 6:30 PM - Handbells	21	22
23 8:00 AM HE 9:45 AM Church School 10:00 AM HE 11:15 AM - Greens	24 Christmas Eve - 4:30 PM HE 10:00 PM HE OFFICE CLOSED	25 OFFICE CLOSED  MERRY CHRISTMAS	26	27	28	29
30 8:00 AM HE 10:00 AM HE	31 OFFICE CLOSED	1 OFFICE CLOSED		3 6:30 PM - Handbells	4	

**"Snapshot of  
Epiphany's 2019  
Pledge Campaign"**





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

## **EPIPHANY HIGHLIGHTS**

December 12/2, 12/9, 12/16, 12/23 - Hanging of Greens

December 1 – 9:00 - 12 PM - Spruce Up Day

December 8 – 9:00 AM – MOE Breakfast

December 15 – 4:00 PM – Tree Lighting Ceremony

December 24 – 4:30 & 10:00 PM – Christmas Eve Services