

THE STAR

MAY 2020



Church of the epiphany

VESTRY VIEWS

'Praying Together Apart'

The uniqueness of **this** spring has brought upon us blooming flowers, warmer weather, empty pews, home offices, and our Zoom worship services.

We have been worshipping remotely now for about a month and even though it is not the same it provides stability by keeping us connected. Jimmie Sue has done a wonderful job creating an online presence which I believe is critical right now. The feedback we have received is positive and the Zoom services are working. Praying together even though we are apart is the best alternative we have during this time. It has also been nice to see and catch up some of our members that have moved away or are homebound. Now more than ever we need to keep our church family in our prayers and lend a hand when possible. Having family by our side be it our own or our church family provides us strength and support during uncertain times. God loves us all and will guide and provide us strength.

Please consider calling church members, especially those that are home alone. It means so much and it will brighten up someone's day for a while. We all know how it feels when someone remembers you. One of the best pieces of advice I have received is to bring a smile to someone's face every day and a phone call can do that.

Please be positive and remember when we get back to church Jimmie Sue has promised an Easter Sunday style service with brass, handbells, and lots of flowers. I am looking forward to seeing all of you soon.

Blessings to you all and to those working tirelessly during this most difficult time to keep us safe!

Kimberlie Hyde



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MAY CALENDAR

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays
9:30 a.m.

BULLETIN PRAYER LIST
Parish Office 247-4190

*Prayer requests remain for
6 weeks unless notified*

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THE BISHOP

The Rt. Rev'd Prince G. Singh

THE MINISTERS

The Congregation

THE VESTRY

Kathie Entress, Warden
Margaret Schweizer, Warden
Nick Parisi, Treasurer
Gail Renehan, Clerk

Roberta Ames
Pauline Ehle
Emily Entress
Kim Hyde
Heidi McGrath

Don Metzinger
Mike Moffatt
Lisa Steubing
Gladys VanBrederode

THE STAFF

Rector: Rev. Jimmie Sue Deppe
Parish Secretary: Kelly Jo Stone
Organist: Gail Hyde (Substitute)
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.



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| May 1 Patrick Durkin | May 9 David Ploettner | May 24 Jim Zaso |
| Jessica D'Anunzio | May 10 Pauline Ehle | May 25 Donna Hall |
| May 2 Bonnie Hockeborn | May 11 Drake D'Anunzio | May 26 Bill Leshar |
| May 4 Elizabeth Bagley | May 13 Margaret Parisi | May 28 Anthony Cirino |
| Chris Grasso | May 16 Daniel Jameson | May 29 Marian Chapman |
| May 5 Casey Leader | May 19 Cassie Metzinger | May 30 Nick Parisi |
| Alaina Ornt | May 21 Kim Hyde | Jim Powers |
| May 6 Christian Sanborn | May 22 Joyce Plail | Ashton Ward |
| May 7 Carole Haase | May 23 Sue Cleveland | May 31 Laura Hatz |
| May 9 George Greenauer | May 23 Cory Craig | |

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.



- May 7** Bo & Laraine Heslin
- May 15** Douglass & Danielle D'Anunzio
- May 19** Doug & Linda Collinge
- May 19** Bob & Norma Shannon
- May 21** Don & Eunie Naulin

Star Deadlines

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Mailing</u>
June	May 18	May 28
July	June 15	June 25

CHANGES & ADDITIONS

If you have changes to your contact information, please notify Kelly Jo Stone: Office hours: Monday-Friday, 9:30am-1 pm Please email **photos** and **articles** to Kelly Jo Stone at coeoffice@frontier.com.

BIRTHDAYS

Birthdays are a special occasion; we do not want to miss yours! If you haven't let us know when your special day is, please do so.



VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS

March 2020

Vestry meeting Minutes:

Vestry Meeting Minutes: **M-S-A** to approve the Tuesday, February 19, 2020 Vestry Meeting Minutes, motion passes.

Treasurer's Report:

- Treasurer's Report: **M-S-A** to approve the February 2020 Treasurer's report, motion passes.

Additional conversation

- There is not much to report for February as the year is just getting started, it is too early to tell how the year is going to go.
- We have made our first quarterly pull from the Endowment Fund to date
- Jimmie Sue has requested that Nick provide her with the status of the Endowment Fund, he will provide her with the information. For new Vestry Members, there is a motion put in place saying that in an emergency Nick is able to pull money as needed.
- Mike Grasso, Pledge Clerk, stated that giving was up for 3/15/2020, some people have paid ahead.

Action Items (Require Vestry Action/Vote):

- **M-S-A** To approve Technical Support for Church Windows for a cost of \$345.00. Jimmie Sue explained how the program is used for the new vestry members. Motion passes.
- Grant News: We met our new mentor from St. Luke's in Brockport. Rev. Elizabeth had many good questions and she was very impressed with what we have done already. Nick will fill in the financial paperwork associated with the renewal. We have more meetings scheduled and will get the 2020 application renewal in by June 1, 2020.

Reflection Time:

- Planning for Vestry Retreat;

Rector's Report:

- I made Pastoral care visits.

- THANK YOU to everyone who helped make the Pancake Supper awesome!
- 20-minute conversations Bible Study were going very well-received very good feedback about the book.
- Thank you, Helen for being with me outside for Ashes to Go!
- Rummage Sale is postponed.
- The Vestry is asked to check in with parishioners.
- Safe Church information has been sent to Vestry Members.

Reports and Housekeeping: None.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathie Entress, Warden

March 2020 Financial Summary

Income	March YTD	2020 Budget YTD
Pledge & Plate	39,217	33,775
Investment Income	5,945	5,945
Diocesan Grant	7,500	7,500
Flowers	550	525
Special Offerings	268	693
Building Use	6	300
Other	57	1,350
<i>Total Income</i>	53,543	50,088
Expenses		
Worship	1,553	1,559
Formation	369	438
Diocesan Apportionment	5,756	5,756
Stewardship	124	1,175
Other Action	-	538
Youth	-	50
Evangelism	344	500
Oversight	8,523	7,604
Salaries & Benefits	35,663	36,376
<i>Total Expenses</i>	52,333	53,995

Submitted by Nick Parisi, Treasurer

**RECTOR**

Dear Parish,

At this point we've been staying home, working from home, schooling from home, worshipping from home, and practicing social distancing when we are out for groceries and exercise for around a month and a

half. Everyone deserves a pat on the shoulder for doing this difficult thing to help keep those we love safe and this helps the hospitals not get overwhelmed. We still have a bit more time doing this, and there is no knowing what the next year will bring, so I don't know about you, but I am reminded daily of the prayer for serenity from Reinhold Niebuhr:

God, grant me the serenity
to accept the things I cannot change,
the courage to change the things I can,
and the wisdom to know the difference.
Living one day at a time,
enjoying one moment at a time;
accepting hardship as a pathway to peace;
taking, as Jesus did,
this sinful world as it is,
not as I would have it;
trusting that You will make all things right
if I surrender to Your will;
so that I may be reasonably happy in this
life
and supremely happy with You forever in
the next.
Amen.

I find this to be a very soothing prayer especially since I like to plan, I like to be able to anticipate what is around the corner, because planning gives me a sense of comfort and purpose. So, now I plan what I can. And on that note, many of the events that were planned for April, May, June, the groups that organize these events, they are still working towards holding these events once we have the okay to be in large groups again but further into the Summer.

I want to thank everyone for continuing to send in your pledges either by mail or using Tithe.ly. I know these are financially difficult times, I am deeply grateful for the financial support each of you gives to the parish. The parish finances are good through March and April (please see my Finance Update in the STAR for more details), because we received a bequest in March and the Diocese advanced 5 months of our grant in April. The Finance Committee and I continue to monitor giving and the Endowment Fund.

I also want to thank everyone for giving all this technology a try and supporting these efforts! I was nervous that first Facebook Live, but seeing the thumbs up and hearts and comments made me feel connected to each of and not at all like I was speaking to a computer screen. Thank you for becoming experts at Zoom worship and meetings! Being able to stay connected is an important part of my week – I always look forward to Wednesdays and Sundays ☺

Both Amy and I would like to thank you for all the cards and flowers – these really make our day!
Blessings,
Rev. Jimmie Sue

ORGANIST UPDATE: Gail Hyde will be with us through August; we will resume the Organist search as soon as we can.

FINANCIAL UPDATE:

As I shared in my *From the Rector*, we received an unexpected distribution from the Ruchalski Bequest at the end of March. In March, we also received a Wedding Donation and parishioner giving was up for March. In April, we received our quarterly Endowment pull and the Diocese advanced 5 months of Congregational Development Grants to all the parishes who receive a grant knowing these parishes would be in need of help most in April and May (at least that is the hope). This also means that where the Grant was a boost each month, going forward we don't have this boost. Giving in the first two weeks of April was down by 1/2, while giving in the third week of April was at normal giving levels.

I want to thank the Vestry for agreeing to the parish applying for a Paycheck Protection Plan loan (PPP), and I want to thank our Wardens, Kathie and Margaret, and our Treasurer, Nick, for all the hard work that they put into the PPP application. Epiphany was approved for a PPP loan on April 21st and funds will be available once we complete the next stages of the application. This will be a major help to our parish!

Please reach out to me, Nick, or the Wardens if you have questions or concerns.

Blessings,

Rev. Jimmie Sue



THANK YOU'S FROM

REV. JIMMIE SUE:

I want to thank Helen Bennett, Birdie Ames, Bruce Pillman, Deb

Grasso, and Dave Pulhamus for being readers during the Holy Week Services! I would like to thank Mike, Jody and Meghan Parisi, and Bruce Pillman for providing music for Good Friday and Easter Sunday!

I want to thank Tom Seils for keeping the Lawn Rangers organized and to every Lawn Ranger for taking care of the lawn.

I want to thank Dave Pulhamus and Mike Grasso for taking care of all dead Ash Trees on the parish property.

I want to thank all the Counters, Check Signers, the Pledge Clerk, and the Treasurer for continuing to help Epiphany take care of our pledges and bills.

Thank you to Ann Pillman for the "Signs of Kindness" that our in the front yard of the parish along Buffalo Road!

Thank you, Carlene, for offering to read Sunday School lessons in March – you did awesome!!

COUNTING TEAM – MAY UPDATE:

For the coming Month of May Jack and Deb Grasso have volunteered be the Counting Team each week. Rev. Jimmie Sue will reach out if an emergency Counter is needed. The Counter Team Schedule will resume in June. THANK YOU COUNTERS!!

SUNDAY SERVICES AT 9:30AM ON ZOOM:

Zoom is now requiring all new meetings to have a password. If you use your computer to enter a Zoom meeting nothing changes for how you use Zoom. You would click the link and then enter the Meeting ID. If you use your phone to join a Zoom meeting, then you must enter the Meeting ID AND the Password number.

Below is the Sunday Service Zoom link, you will use this link every Sunday:

<https://zoom.us/j/194833778?pwd=emtUSFVDYkZGdDF4T3U0L0txMHNDUT09>

Meeting ID: 194 833 778 Password: 026770

If you are using your computer and the link to enter the Sunday Service, you only need the Meeting ID.

To join the Video Conference:

- At the start time of our meeting, click on the link in your invitation to join via computer. You may be instructed to download the Zoom application (this is recommended).
- You have an opportunity to test your audio at this point by clicking on "Test Computer Audio." Once you are satisfied that your audio works, click on "Join audio by computer."
- You may also join a meeting without clicking on the invitation link by going to www.join.zoom.us on any browser and entering the Meeting ID.

If you prefer to call (for audio only option) in from your phone you will need to enter the password below:

- On your phone, dial +1 646 558 8656.
- Enter the Meeting ID number when prompted using your touch-tone keypad. Meeting ID: 194 833 778
- Enter Password when prompted, the Password is: 026770

Useful Participant controls in the lower bottom of the Zoom screen:

Using the icons in the lower left corner of the Zoom screen, you can:

- Mute/Unmute your microphone (far left)
- Turn on/off camera (“Start/Stop Video”)
- Somewhere on your Zoom screen you will also see a choice to toggle between “speaker” and “gallery” view. “Speaker view” shows the active speaker. “Gallery view” tiles all the meeting participants.

This may be a bit tricky for us to use until we get the hang of it. But we will do the best we can as we figure it out.



WEDNESDAY, MAY 6th at 7pm – Zoom Parish Checking in Time:

I have scheduled a Check-in Zoom Meeting for Wednesday, May 6th, at 7pm. Zoom is for conferencing by computer, cell phone app, or by phone. If using your computer, Zoom will connect to your computer’s camera and microphone so that we can see you and hear you (same if you install the app on your cell phone). If you are dialing in by phone, your phone number will appear on the screen and we will be able to hear you but not see you. Once Zoom is installed it will ask you if you want to join a meeting, this is where you type in the Meeting ID.



To join the Zoom Meeting by computer you need to click this link: <https://zoom.us/j/155174573>

Meeting ID: 155 174 573

To join the Zoom Meeting by “One tap mobile app”: +16465588656,,155174573#

To join the Zoom Meeting by phone, dial: +1 646 558 8656



SCHOLARSHIPS:

Graduating high school seniors - don’t forget – scholarship applications by **May 3rd**. Recipients will be announced on a Sunday in June.

GRADUATION PHOTOS:

It’s the season for graduations! If you or a family member are graduating from school or program (regardless of level), please us know! We would like to publish an announcement and photo for each of our graduates in honor of their achievements. Email info to: coeoffice@frontier.com.

Information to include:

- Name of graduate
- High School/College/Program completed
- Degree/Major
- Future Plans



Church School & J2A Schedule

(Class begins – 9:45 a.m.)

We will let you know when Church School will resume.

SMALL GROUP UPDATE:

Dear Parish,

I know it is hard to plan for much these days; however, please pencil in **Sunday, June 28th at 11:30am**. Our Small Groups are a vital part of parish life, and it would be very nice if by the 28th things we are worshiping together again 😊

DONATIONS & PLEDGES:

Our parish accepts donations and pledges from Tithe.ly, a free secure mobile app. To find Epiphany, type “Church of the Epiphany” in the ‘Find a church...’ search bar within Tithe.ly. You can download the Tithe.ly giving app from the APP Store or Google Play. You can also go to our website at: <http://epiphany-gatesny.org/online-giving/> to make an online donation via Tithe.ly. Or you can mail your pledge to: Church of the Epiphany, 3285 Buffalo Road, Rochester, NY 14624.

"LINKS"

Below are helpful links for homeschooling and entertainment information
For those who might find free lunches and dinners helpful in these tough times.



MONROE COUNTY DRIVE THRU FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS

Foodlink is partnering with six sites across Monroe County to distribute emergency food supply boxes in response to the COVID-19 public health crisis. These will be drive thru, no touch distributions.

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.
No walk-ups or unregistered individuals will be served.

ROCHESTER PUBLIC MARKET 280 Union St N – Rochester 14609 Wednesday, April 8 – 2pm to 6pm	IRONDEQUOIT DPW 2629 E. Ridge Rd, Rochester 14622 Tuesday, April 14 – 10am to 2pm	GATES TOWN HALL 1605 Buffalo Rd, Rochester 14624 Thursday, April 16 – 2pm to 6pm
BROCKPORT MIDDLE SCHOOL 40 Allen St, Brockport 14420 Friday, April 10 – 10am to 2pm	BULLS HEAD PLAZA 855 W. Main St, Rochester 14611 Wed., April 15 – 10am to 2pm	FOODLINK HEADQUARTERS 1999 Mt Read Blvd, Rochester – 14615 Saturday, April 18 – 10am to 2pm

**TO PRE-REGISTER FOR AN EMERGENCY FOOD BOX DISTRIBUTION
PLEASE CALL 2-1-1 TODAY OR TEXT 898-211 TODAY.**
First to call, first to be served.
More distributions will be scheduled in the coming weeks.

Special thanks to Monroe County, City of Rochester, Town of Irondequoit, Town of Gates, Village of Brockport, Rochester Police Department, Monroe County Sheriff's Office, United Way of Greater Rochester and 211 Lifeline.



Entertainment opportunities through our amazing public libraries.



Monroe County Library Resources:

<https://libraryweb.org/>

Gates Public Library Resources:

<https://www.gateslibrary.org/resources/online-resources/>

Chili Public Library Resources:

<http://www.chililibrary.org/kids-and-teens.html>



THANK YOU

Thank you to Ann for donating these signs of encouragement, which helps us share a random act of kindness with our community ♥



Thank you, Carlene, for offering to read Sunday School lessons in March – you did awesome!!



QUARANTINE:

The Latin root of the word "quarantine" is "forty". So, what does the Bible say about 40? The flood lasted 40 days. 40 years Moses fled Egypt. 40 days Moses stayed on Mount Sinai to receive the Commandments. Exodus lasted 40 years. Jesus fasted for 40 days. Lent is 40 days. 40 days for a woman to rest after giving birth. And a child is born after 40 weeks. (I added that one). A group of theologians thinks the number 40 represents "change". It is the time of preparing a person, or people, to make a fundamental change.

Something will happen after these 40 days. Just believe and pray. Remember, whenever the number 40 appears in the Bible, there is a "change".

Please know that during this "quarantine" rivers are cleaning up, vegetation is growing, the air is becoming cleaner because of less pollution, there is less theft and murder, healing is happening, and most importantly, people are turning to Christ. The Earth is at rest for the first time in many years and hearts are truly transforming.

So, during this time, enjoy it with your loved ones and return to the family altar together. Family prayer is a great blessing. Through prayer you will see the changes God can work in you and in your home. Christ promises us that everything works together for the good for those who love God: Romans 8:28! Remember we are in the year 2020, and $20 + 20 = 40$.

Also, 2020 is the year of the United States Census. Jesus Christ, the savior of the world, was born during a census.

Lastly, 2020 is perfect vision. May our sight focus on the Lord and living according to His perfect vision for us knowing He holds us in the palm of His hand.

May these days of "quarantine" bring spiritual liberation to our souls, our nation, and our world. The best is yet to come. Trust in the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!

quarantine | Origin and meaning of quarantine by Online ...
www.etymonline.com/word/quarantine
quarantine (n.) 1660s, "period a ship suspected of carrying disease is kept in isolation," from Italian quaranta giorni, literally "space of forty days," from quaranta "forty," from Latin quadraginta "forty," which is related to quattuor "four" (from PIE root *kwetwer-"four"). So called from the Venetian policy (first enforced in 1377) of keeping ships from plague-stricken countries waiting off its port for 40 days to assure that no latent cases were aboard.

Submitted by Roberta Ames.



MAY SERVICE MINISTRY UPDATE

I apologize that I missed the last STAR deadline and I did not get a chance to thank the volunteers that helped at Foodlink in their warehouse on Tuesday, March 5th. All the volunteers were kept busy packing pallets of milk or wrapping up food items for their lunch programs. A BIG thanks to the following individuals- Terry Gerhardt, Kathie Entress, Emily Entress, Gail and Bob Renehan, Meg Smith, Pat Leshner, Betty Frisch, Michelle Alonci, Bonnie Ayers, Steve and Nancy Mancini



and Marsha Pulhamus. We worked hard and accomplished a lot for the Foodlink program.

We currently have two ongoing Service Ministry projects. We are still collecting items for Fiber Ministry which was originally planned to end on Easter. Since we are unable to collect the finished items at church, we will continue the project until we have our first church service after the “social distancing” is over from the COVID 19 pandemic. The collection bin will be in the main hallway of church. Hopefully, our talented crafters will continue to make needed items such as blankets, prayers shawls, hats, scarves for other. The warm and comfort from these items help individuals that are going through difficult times. Please keep sewing, knitting, crocheting and quilting items. I will update the parish with the number of items crafted and where the items were donated to when our collection is completed.

The Service ministry is asking that all the parishioner participate in “Our Act of Kindness Project” which will also include the youth of the parish. We are asking parishioner to reach out to neighbors, friends, relatives, and strangers and preform acts of kindness. It can be as simple as checking up with someone by telephone, text, cards or e-mail, leaving a special treat or flower at someone’s doorstep, shopping for an individual or making a donation to an organization helping others .We are asking parishioner keep track of these “acts of kindness” that they preform or receive. The Service Ministry team will place a tri-fold poster board in the main hallway at church where individuals can post these kind deeds. You can bring in pictures, notes, drawings of these “Acts of Kindness” to be displayed on the poster board. What a great welcome back to show how much Epiphany cares about others when we return to our physical church!!!

Our Service Ministry team would like to announce our May Service Ministry project. We are going to coordinate a Virtual Walk to raise

money for St. Theodores Food Cupboard that distributes food to individuals in need in Gates (14606 and 14624 neighborhoods). Individuals can sign up to be walkers on Sunday, May 31st at 2pm. We will do our walking individually and will be asking for sponsors from our fellow parishioner, neighbors or family members. All the proceeds will go to St. Theodores Food Cupboard to help purchase food items needed. Please look at the church announcements for details to be a walker/ runner and how to donate to this worthy project.

Epiphany is known as a caring congregation that is always willing to help other in need. We will carry on our tradition of caring even if we need to do it while “social distancing”. Please feel free to contact me by telephone or e-mail with questions.

Marsha Pulhamus

Dmpul80@gmail.com or 352-0149



MAY SERVICE MINISTRY PROJECT
“VIRTUAL WALK” FUNDRAISER FOR ST.
THEODORE’S FOOD PANTRY.

The Service Ministry team would like to announce our May service project. We are going to try something new, a “Virtual Walk” fundraiser for St. Theodore’s Food Pantry. Most of the parishioners are aware that St. Theodore’s Food Pantry helps individual/ families in the Gates community that need of donation of food items. This event will be held on Sunday, May 31st at 2pm.

What is a virtual walk? In our times of social distancing, individuals can sign up as walkers to raise money for an organization, but they don’t meet as a group but do their walking individually at the same time but in different locations. We are asking individuals who would like to sign up to get sponsors for St. Theodore’s Food Pantry

and can walk either 1, 2 or 5 miles. To sign-up to be a walker, please send me an e-mail at Dmpul80@gmail.com and I will put your name on a sign-up sheet. Individuals that would like to donate, can mail a check to church. Please make the check out to the Church of Epiphany and note on the check that it is for the St. Theodore's walk. Individual walkers can also get donations from friends, neighbors, and family to add to the donations.

What do the individuals participating in the virtual walk need to do beside walk on May 31st? We are asking each walker to take a picture of themselves on the walk with a sign in the photo showing how many miles that they walked and then e-mail the photos to me. I will make a Virtual Walk of Fame to be proudly displayed at church which will including all the walkers and total donations raised.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions and to sign up for the event. My contact information is Dmpul80@gmail.com or 453-0149

Epiphany continues to stroll along to help others.
Marsha Pulhamus



COVID-19 Service Ministry Project

Although our original project for supplying Easter Baskets to families in the town of Gates needed to be canceled due to the Coronavirus, the

Service Ministry team would like parishioners to participate in "Our Act of Kindness Project". Everyone can participate including our youth. We are asking parishioners to reach out to neighbors, friends, relatives and even strangers and perform acts of kindness. It can be as simple as checking up with individuals by telephone, text, cards or e-mail, leaving a special treat or flowers at someone

doorstep or making a donation to an organization that is helping others in need.

We are proposing that parishioners keep track of these "acts of kindness" that they preform or receive from others. The Service Ministry team will place a tri-fold poster board in the main hallway at church which individuals can display these "acts of kindness" that they have given or received by others. We are asking for photos, drawings, handwritten notes depicting these kind acts to be placed on the poster board for the first Sunday that we are back together in our physical church. What a great welcome back to show how much Epiphany cares about others!!!!

A reminder that we are still collecting fiber ministry projects through Lent and will be extending our project deadline until we meet back at church in May. A collection bin will be available to place your knitted, crocheted, sewed items for others in

the main hallway at church when we return to our physical church. With our stay at home "social distancing", this will give us extra times to create items that will comfort others. Happy Crafting!

Please help us by participating in this project and keep Epiphany's legacy of our wiliness to help others. If you have any question please feel free to contact either myself of the other Service Ministry members which include Birdie Ames, Amy Deppe, Nancy Mancini and Diane and Mike Moffatt.

Thank you for all you do to help others and stay safe.

~Marsha Pulhamus - Dmpul80@gmail.com
or 352-0149



SAVE THE DATE

Tentatively the Church Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, June 7th.

MAY GATHERINGS

It is with a heavy heart that all events/gatherings for the month of May have been postponed and or cancelled due to the ongoing health emergency. We will notify everyone when we may resume gathering as a Parish.



Epiphany Garden

We might still be able to plant our garden. If we can, your donations of plants will make this year's garden super special! More information to come as we know more.



CHICKEN BBQ

The Hand Bell Choir is exploring a new date in August for their Chicken BBQ Fundraiser
More details will "hatch" soon!



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.

"Flower Power:" If you are willing to care for one of the gardens please sign up.



DIOCESAN NEWS

Diocesan Actions to address financial impact of COVID-19

- Provide Parish Tech Grants of up to \$300/church to purchase technical equipment to facilitate transition to online worship and programs. Total impact of ~\$14,000. (Diocesan Council approval - 03/17/20) **NOTE: Epiphany applied for and received \$200 to pay for Zoom.**
- Accelerate payment of 2020 CDP grants: Send Q2 & Q3 grants to (14) eligible churches in April. Avg. check ~\$8,400. Total impact \$118,000. (Diocesan Council/Steering Committee - 04/02/20) **NOTE: Epiphany received a check for \$15,000.**
- Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) - Churches may be able to cover 8 weeks of payroll, rent, utilities and mortgage interest through this loan forgiveness program. Est. impact ~\$800,000 (Standing Committee approval - 04/06/20) **NOTE: Epiphany was approved for a PPP Loan.**

- Offered 3 optional Zoom meetings for parish leaders to review PPP loan applications. Offered an optional online survey recapping the PPP process. **NOTE: Epiphany attended the meeting and completed the survey.**
- Extended deadlines for Mission & CDP grant applications to 7/1/20 and the 2019 Parish Audits to 9/30/20. **NOTE: We hope to apply for a Mission grant in conjunction with Campaign D.**
- 2020 Apportionment reduction: Equal to 35% of annual apportionment up to \$1,200 maximum. Churches receive a one-time credit of up to \$1,200 (reflected on the May 1st Apportionment Statement. No change in basis for 2021 "cap/floor"). Total impact ~\$50,600 (Diocesan Council approval - 04/21/20)



PARISH SCHOLARSHIPS

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 aid with post-secondary education. The deadline for both is **Sunday, May 3rd**.

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 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.

JOHN VANBREDERODE - MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:

- * Graduating High school seniors
- * have been active in the life of Epiphany
- * will continue their studies in college or trade school

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.



The Alleluia has returned!



Our Holy Tuesday Service of Reconciliation:



"Candle Walk" is an illustrated picture book that prepares children for sleep and is from Church Publishing Incorporated.

<https://issuu.com/churchpublishing/docs/candlewalk5...>



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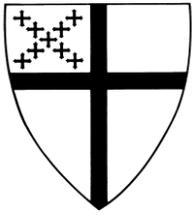
Candle Walk: A Bedtime Prayer to God by Karin Holsinger Sherman

Share the beauty of nature and bedtime prayer with a child. T
Easter Photo is of 2019 display.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 9:30 AM Worship "Coffee Time" after the service 11:30 Zoom Church School	4	5	6 7p.m. Zoom Parish Check-in	7	8	9
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EPIPHANY HIGHLIGHTS

Parish Check-ins, every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

Sunday Services at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom

Church School on Sundays at 11:30 a.m. via Zoom