

THE STAR

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Church of the
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Parish Office
247-4190
Mon.-Fri.
9:30am-1:30pm
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SUNDAY WORSHIP
9:30 Zoom
&
11:00 a.m.
Indoor Service
(Suspended for now)

BULLETIN PRAYER LIST
Parish Office 247-
4190
Prayer requests remain
for
6 weeks unless notified

Faith Hope & Love VESTRY VIEWS

Ushering in a new year can bring feelings of hope and promise. This year more than ever, we look forward to a fresh start. If you're anything like me, you're hoping 2021 will bring a return to normalcy and a chance for us to worship together.

The pandemic has forced us to pay more attention to our physical and mental health. It has taught us to rely on faith as a source of peace and solace. I am challenging myself to set some spiritual "New Year's Resolutions." I invite you to join me. Here are some ideas to consider.

Express Gratitude: Take time to express gratitude to God and others for your blessings. Try creating a gratitude list and challenge yourself to think of a new blessing each day.

Promote Peace: Make time for prayer and quiet meditation. Consider setting aside a time each day or designating a space within your home.

Practice Empathy: Look for opportunities to seek to understand where someone is coming from. Try to keep an open heart and open mind when hearing the perspectives of others. Where can you extend a feeling of empathy into an action?

May the new year bring peace, joy and happiness.

Sincerely,
Emily Entress

THE BISHOP

The Rt. Rev'd Prince G. Singh

THE MINISTERS

The Congregation

THE VESTRY

Kathie Entress, Warden

Roberta Ames

Don Metzinger

Margaret Schweizer, Warden

Laurie Zaso

Mike Moffatt

Nick Parisi, Treasurer

Emily Entress

Lisa Steubing

Gail Renehan, Clerk

Kim Hyde

Gladys VanBrederode

Heidi McGrath

THE STAFF

Rector: Rev. Jimmie Sue Deppe

Sexton: Robert J. Heslin Sr.

Parish Secretary: Kelly Jo Stone

Church School Coordinator: Don Metzinger

Organist: Gail Hyde (Substitute)



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.

January 1 Nancy Hatz

January 12 Barbara D'Anunzio

January 19 Jacob Deppe

January 2 Terry Gerhardt

Rob Heslin

Geoff Feltner

January 4 Kristen Smith

January 12 Nancy Mancini

January 23 Kim Cenzi

January 5 Bonnie Ayers

January 14 Laraine Heslin

January 28 Audrey Barclay

January 11 Gail Craig

January 16 Steve Mancini

January 30 Barb George

Jill Jamieson

January 18 Linda Collinge

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.



January 4 Bruce & Ann Pillman

January 23 Mike & Diane Moffatt

January 14 Jerry & Kathy Ruf



Changes & Additions

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

Office hours:

Monday–Friday, 9:30 am–1:00 pm



Issue	Deadline	Mailing
February	January 17	January 30
March	February 14	February 27

Please email photos and articles to Kelly Jo at coeoffice@frontier.com. Thank you!



Notice of Annual Meeting Sunday, January 31, 2021

9:15a.m. Start of Annual Meeting

9:30a.m. Worship

10:45a.m. Resume Annual Meeting

This will be quite a differently held Annual Meeting; however, it will be very good to see all we have accomplished together! The Diocese has approved the holding of Annual Meetings via online methods. The Chancellor of the Diocese provided the canonical guidance along with the Governor's Executive Order authoring online means of holding Annual Meetings.

The Annual Report will be emailed the week of the Annual Meeting (or sooner if possible) to the parish along with a "voting visual" that will be explained as we get closer to the Annual Meeting.

Join via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87197767259?pwd=N0RLU2FRTIR4ZHdNdHVwZ0NPaXhKdz09>

Meeting ID: 871 9776 7259

Passcode: 052854

One tap mobile:

+1646558656,,87197767259#,,,,,0#,,052854#

Dial by phone: +1 646 558 8656

Annual Reports are due to the Parish Office (coeoffice@frontier.com) by **Monday, January 11th**. If you wrote a paragraph or section for the Annual Report last year, or if you serve on a committee, please plan to write up a report of 2020 activity. Thank you!

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Three Kings Day Tradition

January 6th is Three Kings Day where you put a box under your tree or bed filled with grass for the camels and the next morning 3 small gifts appear and the grass gets eaten by the camels ☺

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Dear Parish,
I don't know about you, but I'm not really going to miss 2020. What a heartbreakingly

emotional roller coaster of year. I know for myself, it will feel immensely good when we can say gosh we got that behind us. Until then, please keep following all the CDC guidance for staying safe, and keep wearing your face masks. Those, the face masks, are going to be with us for a chunk of 2021, and are the key for us being able to eventually resume in-person services.

I imagine you're all tired and fatigued and just plain old sad, and that it hits you differently depending on the day. And within those big emotions is also, moments of gratitude and thankfulness and even joy. It is these second set of moments to hold onto when the harder emotions get you down. Have a mantra, like "I am doing my best and it is good enough," or "*My mind is brilliant. My body is healthy. My spirit is tranquil,*" or whichever best suits you. Mantras are meant to bring focus to the mind and to shift the mind to a stillness or peacefulness. SO why not give it a try sometime.

In-Person Worship Update: The Diocese informed Rectors and Wardens of the decision to postpone In-Person Worship and to hold Annual Meetings online. For more information about both of these announcements, please see the STAR article "In-Person Worship Update."

Lastly, please consider sharing your Epiphany memories in celebration of our 60+1 in Gates ☺ I am really excited to hear y'all's stories!

Have a safe and happy new year's!

Blessings,
Rev. Jimmie Sue

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In-Person Worship Update

Dear Parish,

Clergy and Wardens received an email from Bishop Singh informing the Diocese that in person worship is indefinitely suspended, the following is an excerpt from Bishop Singh:

One, the Task Force chairs and I met yesterday. In the wake of heightened community spread throughout our region, we are suspending all indoor in person gatherings indefinitely. We encourage live streaming or recording from the church, and also approve safe gatherings outdoors with appropriate COVID guidelines for such things as caroling, parking lot worship in cars or in person worship, bonfires, etc. We are grateful that the vaccine is almost here, and now is the time for us to be extra vigilant. You know the data that 77% of automobile accidents occur within fifteen miles of home because we tend to relax in anticipation that we are almost there. We are almost out of this fog. Let's be diligent.

Two, our Chancellor has kindly advised us that we can plan to hold Parish Annual Meetings online.

I know how hard this news is, it is saddening to be physically apart, I know how much we miss being together in person. I would like to encourage those that haven't been able to attend Zoom worship to join in. You are missed. If you need technical help myself or Emily Entress or Mike Grasso can assist you.

We need to remain vigilant with raising numbers impacting our county and our parishioners. Please continue to wear your face masks, wash your hands, and physically distance – the more we do this the more who might not get sick or die, and the sooner we get out of being in yellow and orange zones.

And hopefully we will all be able to be vaccinated by Fall of 2021. Hang in there!

Blessings,
Rev. Jimmie Sue

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Stewardship Annual Giving Update

As of 12/22/2020 we have a commitment of 76 pledges for a total of \$124,307.00. If you haven't sent in your pledge card we would really like to hear from you as soon as possible. Every pledge makes a difference to the vitality of the parish!

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Your Pledge & The IRS

In early January you will receive your 2020 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 with any concerns. In order to ensure the accuracy of your tax information, please do not file your 2020 income tax return until you have received and reviewed your final 2020 statement. **The last "collection plate" Sunday is December 27th.** Please take advantage of the fullest deduction allowed and complete your pledge for 2020 by that Sunday. The Church of the Epiphany does follow the "IRS Rules" in that any contributions received by or postmarked on December 31, 2020 will also be credited in 2020.

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Nominations

The Nominating Committee reports there are the following positions to be filled:

Warden: Margaret Schweizer

Vestry 3 Year Term:

Kim Hyde
Susan Gaskill
Jerome Brown

Vestry 1 Year Term:

Laurie Zaso

Delegates: Bo Heslin

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 at least the 12 months preceding the Annual Meeting or a special parish meeting.

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Biographies

Jerome Brown

When Judy and I moved to Rochester in 2016, we set out to find a parish. Epiphany was the first one we visited, and the last. We knew we were home.

I have been a lector and serve on the Finance Committee at Epiphany.

I did just about everything from warden on down in parishes in the Diocese of Central New York before we came here. I even taught the obligatory Sunday school class. (Don't get any ideas. Once in a lifetime is enough.) I served on a number of committees and commissions for the Diocese including two terms on the Diocesan Board. I had the unique experience of serving on the Board of St. Margaret's House as we transitioned from being a convent for the Sisters of St. Margaret to an ecumenical retreat house.

I started out as a faculty member at SUNY Geneseo, then joined the faculty at Mohawk Valley Community College in Utica, and was a Dean when I retired the first time. I went back to teaching part-time and retired for the second time just before we moved here.

Why am I willing to serve on the Vestry? First, it is an honor to be asked, especially for someone who has done as little as I have for Epiphany. Now that I am able, I want to do what I can. It is also possible that my experiences in the Diocese of Central New York may be helpful to the people of Epiphany.

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Kimberlie Hyde

I have been an active member of Epiphany for approximately 20 years. I have served on the Vestry for the past 3 years and I am seeking a second 3-year term. I have taught church school

for many years and I am currently the treasurer of WOE. I have enjoyed volunteering on Vestry as it allows me to understand how decisions are made and what goes into keeping our church up and running. Church of the Epiphany has a special place in my heart. I have made several lifelong friends here and have found a church home that is accepting to everyone. The people of Epiphany have the biggest hearts I have ever found. We provide service to each other and our community in many impactful ways.

I have recently retired after working for BioTel Research for several years. I am enjoying our children being home from college and starting their careers. Jason is working at an accounting firm and Jessica is working at Rochester Regional. Glenn is a professor at SUNY Brockport and is also a member of the Town of Chili Planning board. Currently we are planning our first retirement trip to Florida from January to March to escape the snowy winter. I have enjoyed the many of the social events here at church and looking forward to seeing everyone once the pandemic is over. Most recently, I have been working on the social media committee working to enhance our online presence. I still practice yoga along with meditation while also taking some much-needed time off. I believe that my previous experience inside and outside of the church has provided me the skills necessary to serve on vestry. Thanks so much for your consideration.

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Susan Gaskill

My religious journey as an Episcopalian began when I was baptized at 6 months old at All Saints Episcopal church in Lockport, NY. I attended church weekly with my parents, grandparents, and great grandmother. My grandfather was a long-time member of the vestry. I loved Sunday school, especially when I could go from room to room to collect attendance cards. My family eventually transferred to Grace Episcopal Church in Lockport where I was confirmed with my father (raised Methodist) and my Godmother (raised Baptist). I attended Wednesday church school, attended Sunday night Youth Group, participated in the

yearly Christmas pageants, served on alter guild and ran the church nursery for two church services and adult education classes.

I moved to Rochester in 1978 to work for the Rochester City School District. For several years I continued to travel home for holidays and many weekends for church. When I started visiting Episcopal churches in the area, I met Father Vanbrederode and immediately felt at home. He reminded me so much of Dean Foster, my pastor in Lockport, who had supported my family through many of life's events. A few years later I was asked to teach a second grade Sunday School class. I fell in love with the children and agreed to continue. Heidi McGrath joined me the second year. I used to tease the students that I was going to follow them thru 12th grade, never expecting that to happen. After seeing them through a Rite 13 ceremony, confirmation, a pilgrimage, and a few Faith in 3D trips to Disney I've been blessed to watch them move on to adulthood. For the teenage years Heidi and I had the support of Don Metzinger and Steve Mancini working with the Sunday school group adding to the memories I will always treasure.

My life outside of church includes working as a school psychologist for 34 years for RCSD and substituting in the city and Mt. Morris since retiring in 2010. I've loved my work with children, especially those with emotional challenges. I adopted my son, Chris, as a teenager and have been blessed with 6 grandchildren, Camaria, Christopher, Irvin, Janiz, Cleavant and Cesar. I have also been a Disaster Mental Health volunteer with the Red Cross since 1993.

My church family at Epiphany is very important to me. I would love to see our congregation grow with Sunday School classes like we had with my group and Camaria's group with many of them remaining friends as young adults. Our congregation is such a welcoming, giving, supportive community which I'm proud to be part of.

Susan Gaskill

Margaret Schweizer I'm a born and raised Ohioan and Episcopalian! My husband, Bob and I moved to New York 11 years ago. I have 3 step children (1 lives in California), 2 grandsons, my dad, my sister, and Bob's side of the family who all live in Ohio and we are very fortunate to be able to go visit 3-4 times a year! Bob and I are both animal lovers – currently we have 3 dogs and at one time 3 cats (all at the same time – my dad thought I was going for a mini zoo!) While living in Ohio I attended and was a member of St. Andrews Episcopal Church. While a member at St. Andrews I served on the vestry, alter guild, Eucharistic Minister, Lecture and Acolyte. My history at Epiphany – I'm very blessed to of found Church of the Epiphany! I've been very blessed to have served on Epiphany's warden, and on Epiphany's vestry, alter guild, helping with rummage, a few Red Wings games, and odds and ends. I am very humbled to of been asked by the nominating committee to consider a nomination for one of the Warden positions. With much prayers and thoughtfulness I have accepted the nomination and if elected I will do my best to serve Epiphany and my church family.



Laurie Zaso

Hello! I am Laurie Zaso. I have been a lifelong Episcopalian, as well as a member of the Church of the Epiphany for 30 years now. My husband Jim and I raised our children, Ryan and Katy here.

Over the years I have been blessed to serve as many of Epiphany's ministries; Eucharistic Minister; Usher; Greeter and Welcome/ New member Ministry.

I am also an active member of WOE. I have taught Sunday School, acted as Corresponding Secretary, part of the Funeral committee. Additionally, I have been a coffee hour hostess for 20 years.

Honestly, I have served on Vestry more times than I can count.

I will be serving a 1 year term. I look forward to Post Covid, when we will meet in person; to share God's Grace, comfort and Joy.

As a Vestry member I will Strive to actively participate and prayerfully make decisions, with the other vestry members.

I will try my best to foster and strengthen relationships within our Epiphany community. To be helpful, respectful, and courteous in all that I undertake.



Blessing for Your Home for the New Year

On either January 5th or 6th I invite you to gather with your family around your main entryway to your home. You will need a piece of white chalk. There is an eastern European tradition of inscribing a blessing above the main door the following:

20 * C+M+B + 21. The numbers represent the current year and the letters have two meanings, the first being the Latin for "Christ, bless this house," and the second being the names of the magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar.

And as a family member writes in chalk, the others say this prayer:

Peace be to this house, and to all who dwell in it. Visit, O blessed Lord, this home with the gladness of your presence, bless all who live here with the gifts of your love; and grant that *they* may manifest your love to all whose lives *they* touch. May *they* grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you; guide, comfort, and strengthen *them*, and preserve *them* in peace, O Jesus Christ, now and for ever. Amen.



"How to be an AntiRacist" Book Discussion



We will be reading Ibram X. Kendi's book *How to be an Antiracist* to conclude the first book series from earlier in the year. "Antiracism is a transformative concept that reorients and reenergizes the conversation of racism – and even more fundamentally. Points us

towards liberating new ways of thinking about ourselves and each other."

Book Discussions are on Thursdays at 7pm via Zoom (the link is below). The dates are: 1/7, 1/14, 1/21, and 1/28. Please have read the Introduction and Chapters 1-5 of the book for Thursday, January 7th.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83653546048?pwd=SmEyWG5LcWF1ajJSS2trbFJITkkzQT09>

Meeting ID: 836 5354 6048

Password: 411667

One tap mobile

+16465588656,,83653546048#,,,0#,411667#

Dial by your location

+1 646 558 8656



Celebrating Epiphany's Birthday Sunday, January 10th

As part of our Feast Day we will be having a special cake,

a King Cake! Folks will have a chance to find the baby Jesus in the King Cake during our Zoom Coffee Hour prior to the start of worship. The tradition of

the cake is a way to celebrate on Epiphany the arrival of the Magi bringing their gifts to honor the baby Jesus. Hidden within this sweet and tasty cake is a tiny treasure to bring you good luck!



Epiphany's 60th Year + 1 in Gates Celebration

On December 24, 1960 the first service was celebrated in the current home of the Church of the Epiphany. Due to COVID-19 severely limiting our options for the 2020 Christmas Eve Service there will be a delayed but extended celebration throughout 2021.

We are hoping folks will share stories from each decade starting in the 1960s through the present. If you have a story and/or pictures please send them

to Deb Grasso at
deb.grasso.epiphanypix@gmail.com. Please identify the decade of your story and also any people in the photos.

We will then have monthly STAR articles beginning with the February issue with each month focused on a different decade in the life of our parish. The articles will include stories from parishioners along with pictures. **Imagine the amazing collection of memories and history we will have accumulated at the end of the 6 months. OUR stories, OUR memories, OUR history.**

- 1960's - February
- 1970's – March
- 1980's – April
- 1990's – May
- 2000's – June
- 2010's thru 2020 – July

The hope is that by August we will be able to have an in person celebration. If you have questions please contact Rev. Jimmie Sue, Gladys VanBrederode or Deb Grasso.



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Vestry highlights

December 15, 2020

Vestry Meeting Minutes:

- **-M-S-A** to accept the

Tuesday, November 17, 2020 Zoom
Vestry Meeting Minutes and the Monday,



November 23, 2020 Zoom Special Vestry Meeting Minutes.

Treasurers' Report: We continue to do well, thanks to the Diocesan Grant money and the PPE money. **M-S-A** to accept the November, 2020 Treasurers' Report.

- Emily will write Vestry Views for January.

Action Items (Require Vestry Action/Vote):

- **Approve Appointment of Laurie Zaso to Vestry:** **-M-S-A** to appoint Laurie Zaso to finish the remainder of Pauline Ehles' term.
- **Approve Salary Portion of the 2021 Budget:** **-M-S-A**, with 1 abstention, to approve the Salary Portion of the 2021 Budget.
- **Approve Parish Operating Portion of the 2021 Budget:** **-M-S-A** to approve the Parish operating Portion of the 2021 Budget.
- **Approve 2021 Rector Housing Allowance:**
Be It Resolved That: Whereas, the Rev. Jimmie Sue Deppe is employed as a minister of the Church of the Epiphany, which does not provide a residence for her, the Vestry Of 2020 resolves that of her total compensation in 2021, \$18,600.00, be designated a parsonage allowance within the meaning of that term as used in Section 107 of the IRS Code of 1986 and this designated allowance be assumed to be the amount in future years, as long as the Rev. Jimmie Sue Deppe is employed at the Church of the Epiphany unless amended. **-M-S-A** to approve the 2021 Rector Housing Allowance.

Reflection Time:

- **In Person Worship Update:** Spoke about the new guidance from the Diocese to suspend in person worship indefinitely. As the Bishop provides new guidance for in person worship, Jimmie Sue will share this with the Vestry and Parish.
- **Annual Meeting on Zoom:** The Governor and the Diocese has given permission for

the 2020 Annual Meeting to be held via Zoom; the date for the Annual Meeting is January 31, 2021 on Zoom. We will need to record attendance, voter eligibility, etc. More information to come. There will be a "brief" Vestry Meeting following the Annual Meeting for all Vestry Members.

Rector's Report:

- I have made Pastoral Care phone calls.
- I have attended Zoom meetings offered by the Diocese.
- Attended a COM Training and first Introductory Disciplinary Board Meeting as a Member of the Board.
- Thank you to WOE for 29 SWEM Baskets! Thank you to Don, Pam and Adam for delivering them!
- Thank you so much to our Service Ministry Team for organizing our RAIHN Family Gift Tree and Meal and More Cocoa and Kleenexes collection.
- Thank you to the Vestry for donating the funds for the Epiphany cards that were sent out to the parish.
- Thank you to the Sunday School Teachers for putting together and video recording the Children's Christmas Pageant! And thank you to the parents and children for saying yes!
- We had a lovely parish check-in on 12/9.
- We had 4 parishioners with COVID 19.

Next Meeting: January 19, 2021 and January 31, 2021.

Monthly Meeting: Prayers – Emily
Vestry Views – Emily
A motion was made to adjourn the Tuesday, December 15, 2020 Vestry Meeting at 8:00 p.m.
Gladys closed with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Renehan, Clerk of the Vestry



THANKS!

Thank you.....

A big thank you to all who donated a SWEM Christmas Food Basket. We collected 29 baskets for distribution to the needy. The volunteers at the drop off location were so appreciative. We can always count on Epiphany to help out Again, thank you!! You are the BEST !



Souper Bowl Sunday



"SOUPER BOWL" SUNDAY IS COMING

See if you can find all 32 NFL team nicknames in this announcement!

Souper Bowl Sunday is coming soon! So I know it's just past Christmas and we all have bills to pay, we have to titan our belts, and we are dreaming of being on a beach, watching dolphins, seahawks and falcons, and thinking of our favorite football team – but please bear with me. Please be a saint and a raider of your pantry, and look for some giant cans of soup. Or spend a few bucs and jet on over to your local grocery store. I'm not lion, they are the chief packers of canned goods. They might even have soup on sale for 49 cents. A real steeler! It's not ill-eagle to ram through the store and use your charger cards to help out with this annual project which everyone is raven about. Don't stand pat, use these colt days of winter to help stock our local food panther-try. We've all ben gals and guys who are generous! You don't have to drive a jaguar or be a Texan cowboy riding a brown bronco to help out.

I'd like to in-vike you all to drop off cans of soup January 31 through February 7.
Thank you.



Cameron Ministry Project

January 10-17th

As we begin the New Year, we would like to support Cameron Ministry's take-out lunch program. Unfortunately, the Sunday Supper program that we normally participate in is currently on hold due to COVID 19 and cooking a meal for the lunch program is currently not an option for Epiphany. We would like to support Cameron Ministry's by supplying needed items for their take-out lunch program. **We will be collecting the following items: to-go containers, napkins, plastic utensils and individual drinks such as juice boxes, bottled water, ice tea, NO SODA, etc. The collection will be taking place on Sunday, January 10th and 17th. There will be a storage bin in the front entrance of the church.**

Thank you for your contributions to this very important ministry in the Lyell-Otis neighborhood. Please contact a Service Ministry team member if you have any questions or e-mail Marsha at Dmpul80@gmail.com.



Virtual BINGO Night!

Virtual BINGO night was a blast so we're going to host another evening of bingo fun!

There will be another game night scheduled for late January, watch for details in the coming weeks.

The game night originally scheduled for early December is cancelled. Any questions please contact Kathie Entress at ent1@frontiernet.net



**Service
Ministry**

Church School Calendar

Class begins: 9:45 a.m.

Sunday, January 3 - Church School
 Sunday, January 10 - Church School
 Sunday, January 17 - Church School
 Sunday, January 24 - Church School

Sunday, January 31 - No Church School

Sunday, February 7 - Church School

Sunday, February 14 - Church School

Sunday, February 21 - Church School

Sunday, February 28 - No Church School

Church School Coordinator: Don Metzinger



NOVEMBER 2020 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Income	Nov. YTD	2020 Budget YTD	% of Budget
Pledge & Plate	\$120,762	123,842	97.5%
Investment Income	5,945	21,798	27.3%
Diocesan Grant	25,000	27,500	90.9%
PPP Loan	25,000	--	0.0%
Flowers	1,080	1,925	56.1%
Special Offerings	1,028	2,539	40.5%
Building Use	6	1,100	0.5%
Other	565	4,950	11.4%
Total Income	179,386	183,654	107.4%
Expenses			
Worship	4,171	5,715	73.0%
Formation	881	1,604	54.9%
Diocesan Apportionment	17,987	21,105	85.2%
Stewardship	2,165	4,308	50.2%
Other Action	460	638	72.2%
Youth	--	167	
Evangelism	1,118	1,833	61.0%
Oversight	22,090	27,881	79.2%
Salaries & Benefits	110,747	133,379	83.0%
Total Expenses	159,618	196,647	81.2%
Surplus/(Deficit)	19,768	(12,993)	-152.1%

Submitted by Nick Parisi, Treasurer



Service Ministry Update

January Service Ministry Update

Not even a pandemic can stop the parishioners of Epiphany from supporting Service Ministry and helping others in need. The team was

WOWED by the unbelievable response for the holiday service projects. The RAIHN family that we sponsored for Christmas will have a lot of presents under their Christmas tree this year. A big thank you to Diane Moffatt who organized the event and managed to coordinate this project virtually. Nancy Mancini was kind enough to take all the gifts to RAIHN so that they can be given to our family which consisted of a mother and her three sons.

Lots and lots of cocoa and Kleenex packets were donated to the Christmas Bag project at "A Meal & More, Inc" which is housed at Christ Episcopal Church in downtown Rochester. We collected 477 packets of hot chocolate and 338 packets of Kleenex to be distributed in the Christmas stockings that they make for approximately 135 individuals that regularly participate in their lunch program (currently a take-out program). These small necessities and luxuries in their Christmas stocking will be greatly appreciated by the clients served in this program.

As we begin the New Year, we would like to support Cameron Ministry's take-out lunch program. Unfortunately, the Sunday Supper program that we normally participate in is currently on hold due to COVID 19 and cooking a meal is currently not an option for Epiphany. We would like to support Cameron Ministry's by supplying needed items for their take-out lunch program. We will be collecting the following items: to-go containers, napkins, plastic utensils and individual drinks such as juice boxes, bottled water, etc. The collection will be taking place on Sunday, January 10th and 17th.

Fortunately, the NFL is still playing football and there will be a Super Bowl despite COVID 19, so Epiphany will be hosting its annual "Souper Bowl" collection for St. Theodores's food pantry. We will be collecting soup, chili's and canned pasta like in past years and the collection will be occurring on Sunday, January 31st and February 7th. Go TEAM Epiphany for helping other in need.

Please feel free to contact one of the members of the Service Ministry team if you have any ideas for new Service Ministry projects. We are always open to new ideas and suggestions for projects. Thank you again for all your support for the Service ministry team and their projects.

Birdie Ames, Amy Deppe, Nancy Mancini, Mike and Diane Moffatt and Marsha Pulhamus

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Unsettling Truths Webinar Available for Viewing

The Diocese has made the Webinar of the Unsettling Truths conversation available for viewing at this link:

<https://www.episcopalrochester.org/content/did-you-miss-it-watch-video>

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A Prayer for Putting on a Face Mask

Creator God, as I prepare to go into the world, help me to see the sacramental nature of wearing of this cloth. Let it be a tangible and visible way of living love for my neighbors, as I love myself.

Christ Jesus, since my lips will be covered, uncover my heart, that people would see my smile in the crinkles around my eyes. Since my voice may be muffled, help me to speak clearly, not only with my words, but with my actions.

Holy Spirit, as the elastic touches my ears, remind me to listen carefully and caringly to all those I meet. May this simple piece of cloth be shield and banner, and may each breath that it holds, be filled with Your love. In Your name and in that love, I pray. Amen.

~ Prayer shared by Lisa Durkin

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Some Pictures from Christmas Eve



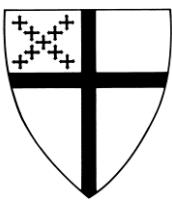
Some Service Ministry Pictures





2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 "Coffee Time" before the service at 9:00am 9:30 a.m. Zoom Worship	28	29	30	31 OFFICE CLOSED 	1 OFFICE CLOSED	2
3 "Coffee Time" before the service at 9:00am 9:30 a.m. Zoom Worship	4	5	6 Three Kings Day	7 Zoom book discussion 7p.m.	8	9
10 "Coffee Time" with King Cake before the service at 9:00am 9:30 a.m. Zoom Worship Epiphany's Birthday!	11 Annual Reports Due to office	12	13 Finance 7pm	14 Zoom Book discussion 7p.m.	15	16
17 STAR Deadline "Coffee Time" before the service at 9:00am 9:30 a.m. Zoom Worship 12:30pm Property Meeting	18	19 Vestry 7pm	20	21 Zoom book discussion 7p.m.	22	23
24 "Coffee Time" before the service at 9:00am 9:30 a.m. Zoom Worship	25	26	27	28 Zoom book discussion 7p.m.	29	30
31 9:15 AM -Opening of Annual Meeting 9:30 AM -HE 10:45 AM -Annual Meeting Resumes Vestry Meeting	1	2	3	4	5	6



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EPIPHANY HIGHLIGHTS

Three Kings Day	Jan. 6
Epiphany Sunday	Jan. 10
Annual Meeting...	Jan. 31
“Souper” Bowl Sunday	Feb. 7