

# The STAR

April 2022



# Church of the epiphany

## VESTRY VIEWS

I've struggled with a topic for my Vestry Views and started several times. A light went on as I wrote my list for Easter Flower Memorials...

A name on the list belongs to a girl I coached in softball for 7 years when I was a summer recreation leader in my hometown, Lockport. She was a great softball player as a hitter, pitcher and she could catch almost anything. However, she would also curse and smoke in the park which resulted in me suspending her from the park for that day. My team I coached would get angry at me as we faced another loss without her. This happened several times and of course I would share my health concerns about the smoking with her or the negative impression she would give when cursing. A few days later here we go again with another suspension and another guaranteed loss. She proceeded to drop out of high school but kept in touch. When she was 20 I was invited to her bridal shower. It was like I was the guest of honor as many of her friends and family knew of "her coach" and made their way to meet me. After the shower she shared this story....

Her parents never said anything about her smoking and never told her not to swear. She really only did that around me because I would correct her, make her follow the rules and it made her realize how much I cared. I did ask: ***YOU COULDN'T JUST BELIEVE ME? WE LOST ALL OF THOSE GAMES SO YOU WOULD BE REASSURED THAT I CARED ABOUT YOU? YOU CAUSED SOME OF THESE GREY HAIRS!!***

Kathy went on to get her GED "to make me proud." She then enrolled at Genesee Community College on her path to be a counselor like me. To this day I am so proud of her. Unfortunately, she was killed in a car accident while in college. I have spent my career not letting challenging children push me away. I believe this is Kathy's legacy. She made me realize I may make a difference without seeing it.

I share this story in hopes that our Epiphany educators will know they may not realize the difference they make and for our parents to realize tough love shows you care. And to all of the Epiphany parishioners whose smiles, kind words, hugs, cards, food when I had surgery, love for my family, etc. please know ***YOU HAVE MADE A POSITIVE IMPACT ON MY LIFE!*** My church family helps me keep going.

***AS A PARISH LET'S KEEP TRYING TO BE THE CHANGE WE WANT TO SEE IN THE WORLD!***

*Susan Gaskill*

## IN THIS ISSUE

*Vestry Views*  
*Parish Register*  
*From the Rector*  
*Vestry Highlights*  
*Financial Report*  
*Church School*  
*Easter Egg Hunt/Cascarones*  
*Thank You's*  
*Service Ministry Update*  
*Red Wings Concessions*  
*Epiphany Garden News*  
*Scholarships*  
*Lawn Rangers*  
*Easter Flowers*

## APRIL CALENDAR

\* \* \*

## BULLETIN PRAYER LIST

Parish Office 247-4190

\* \* \*

## SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:00 & 10:00 a.m.

## THE PROVISIONAL BISHOP

The Rt. Rev'd Stephen Lane

## THE MINISTERS

The Congregation

## THE VESTRY

Margaret Schweizer, Warden  
Jack Merrick, Warden  
Deb Grasso, Treasurer  
Gail Renehan, Clerk

Patty Sharkey  
Kim Hyde  
Roberta Ames  
Kristen Smith

Lisa Steubing  
Don Metzinger  
Emily Van Scooter

## THE STAFF

Rector: Rev. Jimmie Sue Deppe

Church School Coordinator: Don Metzinger

\*\*\*\*\*

## FROM THE PARISH REGISTER



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

**April 5** Ray Ornt, Jr.  
Robert Schweizer  
**April 7** Jimmie Sue Deppe  
**April 9** Bruce Barclay

**April 13** Jorja Benson  
**April 14** Keiran Pillman  
Bob Shannon  
**April 15** Ronnie Burling  
**April 21** Steve Entress

**April 24** Douglass D'Anunzio  
**April 25** Meredith Woo



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

**April 19** Bob & Gail Renehan  
**April 26** David & Marsha Pulhamus

**April 30** Doug & Donna Craig

\*\*\*\*\*

## 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)



## STAR DEADLINES

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

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Mailing</u>
May	April 17	April 26
June	May 19	May 29

FROM THE



RECTOR

We've been journeying through Lent, preparing our minds and hearts for Holy Week. Holy Week is our time to walk with Jesus through his suffering and death, it is also a time where we ask for reconciliation, where we show love for one another in the humble washing of each other's feet, and where we

strip the altar bare; then we wait as we keep the vigil of Jesus' victory over death on Easter Sunday. It is quite a spiritual journey.

So as we enter into springtime with creation blooming and visibly arising to renewed life, this is our opportunity to reflect upon how can we help others, and what truly matters to us?

As creation blooms we enter into the season of Easter. A season of celebrating renewal, and newness of life, and joy. Our time of celebrating Christ overcoming death and evil, a risen Christ! And through our baptisms we too became part of Christ's resurrection. Where we enter into a loving and covenantal commitment, where we make promises to be in solidarity with God's creation, with each other, and with those who are marginalized. If we are to bring our best selves into this world then the sacrament of our baptisms must be taken seriously. The promises we make must be considered sacred.

Our baptismal promises transform us into missional people who go out into communities that might not know us or may even be hesitant to know a Christian, a missional people engaging with our neighbors, visibly showing and sharing God's love for all whom we meet. Being willing to enter into conversations with "the stranger" who becomes friend as we build relationships based upon dignity and respect.

Blessings,  
Rev. Jimmie Sue

## Grant Update

We have submitted our Congregational Development Grant for 2023. 2023 is year 5 of our grant, and the last official year we can apply for this grant.

\*



## Small Group Updates

I will continue to share what our Small Groups are

up to, and y'all are up to a lot! Also, if you see an idea or event you want to help with, please feel free to reach out to that Team and join in for the getting the event going. This update reflects a mix of carry-over ideas and new ideas.

Next "All Groups Meeting" is **Sunday, April 24th at 11:30am.**

### Social Media:

Asks that the other Small Groups let them know when they are holding offerings so they can create FB Events/Posts.

### Welcome & Invitation:

Having a car show; soup or chili take-out or eat in; BBQ; Beer+Wine tasting. Bonfire to cook hot dogs and smores.

Bake Sale raised over \$400 at Pancake Supper – Thank you!

### Liturgy & Music:

Easter Music will speak with Mike Parisi

Possibly 1 bulletin for both services

Funeral bulletins to say what is happening during an indoor columbarium committal as part of service.

### Children & Youth:

Evaluation Questions:

1. How are things going? Well
2. Does your small group need anything? No
3. Other thoughts? Excellent participation at recent Sunday School meeting with parent/student to discuss group activities and suggestions for donations monies earned by youth.
4. Social Media- Careful consideration/ planning needed if post youth events on social media to make sure that we have adequate snacks/

supplies for event after the huge response with Trunk or Treat last fall.

Minutes:

1. Youth Funds
  - a. Activity funds \$140 donation Helen Bennett + \$300 from peanut cluster profits = \$440
  - b. Earned Youth donation = \$751
2. Events-
  - a. Easter Egg Hunt
    - 1) Will contact Chrissie/ Campaign D since they are going to help with event
    - 2) Timing of event will depend on when families available – possible options April 9, 10 or 16<sup>th</sup>.
    - 3) Some supplies already obtained- Easter eggs and candy
  - b. Board game/ Movie Night
    - 1) Tentative date May 21<sup>st</sup>
    - 2) Discussion at event about youth donations to Lollypop Farm and to ER & D- Ukraine.
  - c. Lollypop farm/ picnic
    - 1) Tentative date June 18<sup>th</sup>
    - 2) Visit Lollypop farm, deliver donations and picnic/snack

**Adult Formation:**

Working on ideas



**Vestry Highlights**

**March 15, 2022**

**Vestry Meeting Minutes: M-S-A** to approve the Vestry Meeting Minutes for February 15, 2022.

**Treasurer's Reports** Pledges are down, but we're doing okay at the moment. **-M-S-A** to accept the Treasurers' Report for February, 2022.

**Action Items (Requires Vestry Action/Vote):**

- Approve Technical Support for Church Windows: A motion was made to renew our Church Windows Technical Support for \$345.00. **-M-S-A.**
- **- MSA** to approve new copier lease.
- **- MSA** to approve Renewal of 2023 Cong. Dev. Grant

**Reflection Time: Friedmans' Tales-** Jimmie Sue shared a chapter entitled The Bridge. Thought provoking questions answers followed.

**Rectors' Report:**

- I have made Pastoral phone calls.

- The Congregational Development Grant application is ready to be submitted to the Diocese.
- CCD Team attended a CCD weekend.
- Vestry Retreat went very well.
- I have attended Board Meetings and Province II Meetings.
- Ash Wednesday Services went very well.
- Finance Committee discussed the new Fundraiser Small Group, and more ways to communicate with the congregation that current levels of pledged giving are not good at all for the health of the

**Reports and Housekeeping:** None at this time.

**Next Meeting:** April 19, 2022.

Respectfully submitted, Gail Renehan



**Church School & J2A Schedule**

**Class begins at 9:45 a.m.**

- Sunday, April 3..... Church School
- Sunday, April 10.....Church School
- Sunday, April 17.....NO Church School
- Sunday, April 24..... NO Church School
- Sunday, May 1.....Church School
- Sunday, May 8.....Church School
- Sunday, May 15.....Church School
- Sunday, May 22..... Church School
- Sunday, May 29.....NO Church School

**Widows Luncheon**

The Widow's Group will get together Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am at Epiphany.

## February 2022 Financial Summary

Income	Mar. YTD	2022 Budget YTD
Pledge & Plate	\$19,444	\$120,000
Investment Income	-	23,974
Diocesan Grant	3,333	20,000
Flowers	165	1,900
Special Offerings	70	2,750
Building Use	-	50
Other	-	4,100
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$23,012</b>	<b>\$172,774</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Worship	1,654	6,135
Formation	31	1,670
Diocesan Apportionment	3,463	20,779
Stewardship	18	4,500
Other Action	(500)	650
Youth	-	200
Evangelism	415	2,050
Oversight	5,322	33,266
Salaries & Benefits	18,209	125,425
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$28,613</b>	<b>\$194,675</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>(5,601)</b>	<b>(21,901)</b>

Submitted by Deb Grasso, Treasurer



### Spruce Up Day

**Saturday, April 9 @ 9:00 am – 12 noon**

Our next Spruce Up day is Saturday, April 9 – beginning at 9:00am

Come help clean our inside space to be ready for Holy Week & Easter Sunday.

We will also need help outside for STICK picking up around the grounds. Our lawn rangers are thinking about mowing & will need a semi-clear pathway to safely mow. Every little bit helps! We will also tackle Downed TREES on the Property, by just cutting them up and stacking the limbs until we can move them on a day the ground is drier – this too on Saturday, April 9.

## Easter Egg Hunt && Candy Bags && Guess

### How Many && Cascarones



On Palm Sunday, our younger children of the parish are invited to go on an Easter Egg Hunt within the Nave in search of Easter Eggs, paper bags will be available for collecting

Easter Eggs. 😊

Then down in Fellowship Hall Candy Bags will be available for the young children and youth on the “Children and Youth Coffee Hour” table. Also, the young children and youth are invited to “Guess How Many” candies are in the jar. The young child or youth who guesses exactly or the closest gets to take the jar of candy home with them.

And last but not least, there will be Cascarones for the young children (and maybe some for the older youth too) is on Easter Sunday. This is a favorite Deppe family tradition that we do on Easter Sunday that we’d like to share with the children and youth of the parish. What is a cascarón you ask, it is a hollowed-out chicken egg filled with confetti, and the children run around and try to crush the confetti-filled eggs on their friends, and if an egg is broken on your head then you have good luck for the rest of the year.

### Women of Epiphany

Finally, a WOE meeting is being scheduled.

Come join us on Thursday, May 12 at 7:00pm

\*\*\* Bring a finger-food dessert to pass

Ice cream, bowls, plates, coffee, etc are all being provided !

We will be discussing what amount of Rummage Sale proceeds will be used for distribution.

We will form a 3-4 member Allocation committee to decide on how the money will be allocated.

Come join the fellowship - all women of the parish are invited !

SAVE the date – Thursday, June 9 at 7:00 for our STEAK ROAST.

More information to follow in the next MAY STAR.

Questions.....see Pam Metzinger



### Service Ministry April Update

We had three service ministry projects during the month of March. The first project was a collection of needed supplies for Verona Street Animal Shelter. Verona Street is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing the resources necessary to enable the Rochester Animal Services to provide animal care and control, sterilization and pet adoptions. The donations were delivered to the shelter on March 14<sup>th</sup> and the staff was very appreciative on the needed supplies.

The second project is the Fiber Ministry Project which will run during Lent from March 2<sup>nd</sup>- April 17<sup>th</sup>. We will be collecting hand-made items including hats, scarfs, blankets and prayer shawls. Our goal is 40 items for the 40 days of Lent. A collection bin is placed in the main hallway to collect finished projects.

The third service Ministry project will be collecting Easter Food Baskets to provide an Easter dinner for needy families in the Town of Gates. We will work with the Town of Gates Police Department to distribute the food baskets. The collection is from March 27- April 10<sup>th</sup>. Details for the food items needed for the Easter food basket will be in the church bulletin.

We are also hoping to have a joint project with Campaign D which is an autistic led inclusion awareness initiative designed to build awareness, community and friendships in the upcoming months.

The Service Ministry team would like to thank the parishioners for all their support. Please feel free to stop a Service Ministry team member with any suggestions for future Ministry Projects.

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



The Service Ministry team is asking for support to provide **Easter Food Baskets** for disadvantaged families that live in the Town of Gates. The menu for the Easter Food Baskets are listed below and a \$10 gift card to Wegman's or Tops will need to be included, as well as, the food items:

#### Easter Dinner Menu

- 2 –cans of soup
- 3- cans of vegetables
- 1-can of yams
- 1-box of bread or roll mix
- 1-box of mashed potatoes
- 2- cans of fruit
- 1-dessert (cake mix/frosting)

Special treat such as candy or coffee/tea

#### **\$10 gift card to Wegmans or Top's**

Please sign up for an Easter Food Baskets by April 3rd so that plans can be made to distribute the food baskets by the Gates Police Department during Holy Week. The sign -up sheet will be on the bulletin board in the hallway

The food baskets can be dropped off at church on Sundays: Sunday, March 27th through Sunday April 10th **DEADLINE** for drop off is Sunday, April 10th so they can be distributed to the families in time for Easter. Thank you for your willingness to help a neighbor in need.

\*

### ROCHESTER REDWINGS - 2022



Baseball is back! The Redwings team has asked us again for our help in manning their concession stands. We said yes and have signed up for the following dates:

- Tuesday, June 21 – Rohrbach 1<sup>st</sup> base
- Friday, July 1 – Rohrbach 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> base
- Tuesday, July 26 – Rohrbach 1<sup>st</sup> base
- Friday, August 12 – Rohrbach 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> base
- Saturday, September 17 – Rochrbach 1<sup>st</sup> base

This is a fundraiser for our church. Signup sheets going up soon - Come and support! Questions, please see Don Metzinger.

## Epiphany Garden



It's planting time! Last year, we added green beans and red cabbage, both grew well and were delicious! This year we are looking

for donations of these plants.

Type of Plant	How many plants
Marigolds	1 or 2 flats
Tomato	4 plants
Zucchini	4 plants
Swiss Chard	4 plants
Red Cabbage	4 plants
Green Beans	4 plants
Yellow Squash	4 plants
Cucumbers	4 plants

In order to coordinate, text or call Amy Deppe at 210-861-0107 just to confirm what you plan to give. Singles are great, sometimes you can only get a four pack or six pack of plants. Please drop your donation off at church on Sunday, May 29 from 11-1 or Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup> before 10am. We will be planting our garden on Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 10am, everyone is welcome to join!

As always, our harvest is shared among Epiphany's community, what doesn't go to parish homes, will be placed in our Free Food Box. This offering is appreciated by the community. Thank you! You can contact Amy with questions.

## Lawn Rangers & Flower Power

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

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

## 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 provide assistance for post-secondary education. The deadline for both is **Sunday, May 1st**.

**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:**

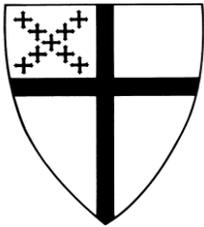
- \* Graduating High school seniors
- \* have been active in the life of Epiphany
- \* will continue their studies in college or trade school





**2022**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>27</b> 10:00 AM HE	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> 8:00 AM HE 10:00 AM HE	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 7pm Lenten Book Discussion via Zoom	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 9am-12pm Spruce Up Day
<b>10</b> 8:00 AM HE 10:00 AM HE Easter Egg Hunt <i>Palm Sunday</i>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 7pm Service of Reconciliation	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 7pm Maundy Thursday Service	<b>15</b> 12:30pm Veneration of the Cross  7pm Veneration of the Cross	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> 8:00 AM HE 10:00 AM HE <i>Easter Sunday</i>	<b>18</b> STAR DEADLINE	<b>19</b> 7pm Vestry Meeting	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 7pm Finance Meeting via Zoom	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 8:00 AM HE 10:00 AM HE  11:30am Small Groups	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>



**CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY**  
3285 Buffalo Rd.  
Rochester, NY 14624-2413  
O: 585 247-4190 F: 585 247-0631  
coeoffice@frontier.com  
www.epiphany-gatesny.org

**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

**HOLY WEEK**  
  
**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**Palm Sunday, April 10, 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.**

Blessing of the Palms, Holy Eucharist

**Tuesday, April 12, 7:00 p.m.**

Reconciliation, Holy Eucharist

**Maundy Thursday, April 14, 7:00 p.m.**

Foot Washing, Holy Eucharist, Stripping of the Altar

**Good Friday, April 15, 12:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.**

Veneration of the Cross

**Easter Sunday, April 17, 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.**

Holy Eucharist

