

The STAR

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Church of the epiphany

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BULLETIN PRAYER LIST

Parish Office 247-4190

*Prayer requests remain for 6 weeks
unless notified*

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:00 & 10:00 a.m.

VESTRY VIEWS

I recently read that God places people in our lives unexpectedly. I have experienced this several times in my life.

First, I was born to a young mother. My sister was two years my senior. My Dad was overseas in WWII. When Dad came home, the family expanded to two more sisters and when I was 17 a baby brother.

We moved to Williamson, New York when I was starting 6th grade. I was assigned a classmate to show me around and we became friends across the miles that separated us until she passed a few years back

In my Junior year of high school, a new girl moved in down the street, whose father would not let her date without it being a double date. She introduced me to her boyfriend and his brother. The brother and I married and we have two of the most wonderful children. (Note: She is now the Godmother to my dog Prez and he stays with her when I travel.)

I was divorced and joined Parents Without Partners to have a cheap place to take my kids on outings. One evening I went to September Place after the meeting for live music. I was approached by a guy and I told him there were lots of pretty women on the other side of the room go talk to them. He persisted, we danced and then started to talk. He shared he read his Bible every day. I thought Big Deal. Then he shared he was an Episcopalian and my ears started listening. You guessed it, this guy, George became my second husband of 45 years. We raised my two kids and became a family of 7, though his children lived in a different home.

We started attending Epiphany in the late 1970's and found our forever church home and family.

I am truly blessed by the natural and Christian families to which I belong who have sustained me many times. God has indeed placed surprises in my life. He watches over me. I look forward to who He chooses to put in my path each day. May you each do the same. God Bless!

Roberta "Birdie" Ames

THE PROVISIONAL BISHOP

The Rt. Rev'd Stephen Lane

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

Rector: Rev. Jimmie Sue Deppe
Organist: Gail Hyde

THE MINISTERS

The Congregation

Lisa Steubing
Don Metzinger
Emily Van Scooter

THE VESTRY

Patty Sharkey
Kim Hyde
Roberta Ames
Kristen Smith

THE STAFF

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.

May 1	Patrick Durkin Jessica D'Anunzio	May 10	Pauline Ehle	May 23	Sue Cleveland
May 2	Bonnie Hockeborn	May 11	Drake D'Anunzio Julia Gibson	May 24	Jim Zaso
May 4	Elizabeth Bagley Chris Grasso	May 13	Margaret Parisi Ann Schwalm	May 25	Donna Hall
May 5	Alaina Ornt	May 15	Fred Waterman	May 26	Bill Leshner
May 7	Carole Haase	May 16	Daniel Jameson	May 29	Marian Chapman
May 9	George Greenauer	May 19	Cassie Metzinger	May 30	Nick Parisi
May 9	David Ploettner	May 21	Kim Hyde		



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 19	Doug & Linda Collinge
May 15	Douglass & Danielle D'Anunzio	May 19	Bob & Norma Shannon



CHANGES & ADDITIONS



If you have changes to your contact information, please notify the Parish Office:

247-4190 or coeoffice@frontier.com

Office hours: Monday–Friday, 9 am–1 pm

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Mailing</u>
June	May 19	May 29
July/August	June 16	June 26

STAR DEADLINES

Please email **photos** and **articles** to coeoffice@frontier.com. Thank you!





I was listening to a podcast, and the conversation was about innovation and how leading for innovation is

different from leading for change. As I listened I realized that I'd clumped the two together, and it was actually pretty great that the two were different. Then I got to thinking about Epiphany and how we aren't in need of changing, we are a very warm and welcoming community; we love our children; we love and care for each other; we take care of our community. These attributes of Epiphany we do not want to change. But, we should be taking a closer look at innovation. And how might an innovative mindset help us to grow as a parish.

We have these past two years had some examples of innovating: we did it with Zoom and YouTube and FaceBook Live Streaming. But where might a holistic approach to innovation take us as a whole, where might this take our Small Groups, how might innovation help us use technology better?

Innovation means being bold when it comes to experimenting with new ideas or new approaches. Innovation means being curious, and having a desire to know more. Innovation means turning tough circumstances into opportunities. Innovation means thinking about and planning for obstacles, it means staying flexible and being able to pivot quickly to adjust as we go. Innovation also means being focused on and knowing what is our purpose – purpose is our guide, it is the why to the what are we here to do together.

As I think more about innovation, I ask that you do too, and that each Small Group, and each Ministry Team do so as well. And let's share with each other what bubbles up.

Blessings,
Rev. Jimmie Sue



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, May 22nd 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.

Liturgy & Music:

Possibly 1 bulletin for both services

Children & Youth:

Events:

1. Easter Egg Hunt
 - a. 8 children participated
 - b. Everyone had a great time-kids got a lot of eggs
- a. Board game/ Movie Night
 - 1) Tentative date May 21st
 - 2) Discussion at event about youth donations to Lollypop Farm and to ER & D- Ukraine.
- b. Lollypop farm/ picnic
 - 1) Tentative date June 18th
 - 2) Visit Lollypop farm, deliver donations and picnic/snack

Adult Formation:

Jesse is working on his Eagle Scout Project. We have an update on the project and what is being planned. We will support him however we can. More to come.

Save the Date – Church Picnic!!

Sunday, June 12th after the 10:00am service. Signup sheet will go up in May.

Provided: hot dogs, rolls, paper products, condiments, drinks

Bring: dish to pass

We will ask for a donation to cover any costs



VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS

APRIL 19, 2022



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

Treasurer's Report: Deb reported that pledges are a little behind, but not too bad. **-M-S-A** to accept the March, 2022 Treasurer's Report.

Reflection Time: N/A

Rectors' Report:

- I have made Pastoral Care phone calls and visits.
- Easter Sunday was wonderful! Thank you to the Altar Guild! Thank you to our Handbell Choir and to the Brass Musicians and thank you to Gail on organ!
- Thank you to Amy, Gail and Kathie for putting together Cascarones! We had a ton of fun 😊
- Thank you to the Church School Team and Small Group for putting together our Easter Egg Hunt!
- I have attended Board Meetings and Province II meetings.
- I attended a Zoom preaching conference that was very good.

Closing:

Wrap-up; Items to carry over for next month.

- Discussion/Ideas for Fund Raising.
- Ushers bringing up the offering plate.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 17, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Renehan

March 2022 Financial Summary

Income	Mar. YTD	2022 Budget YTD
Pledge & Plate	\$28,426	\$118,000
Investment Income	5,994	23,974
Diocesan Grant	5,000	20,000
Flowers	395	1,900
Special Offerings	275	2,750
Building Use	-	13
Other	-	1,025
Total Income	\$40,089	\$172,774
Expenses		
Worship	2,599	6,135
Formation	220	1,670
Diocesan Apportionment	5,195	20,779
Stewardship	33	4,500
Other Action	(500)	650
Youth	-	200
Evangelism	433	2,050
Oversight	6,794	33,266
Salaries & Benefits	18,209	125,425
Total Expenses	\$44,634	\$194,675
Surplus/(Deficit)	(4,545)	(21,901)

Submitted by Deb Grasso, Treasurer



Covid at Church – Please Wear Face Masks

Based upon the number of Covid cases within the parish, and the rise of Covid cases in Monroe County, and the new Diocesan Covid Task Force's recommendations - Everyone is strongly recommended to wear a face mask during Worship Services, as well as, at church meetings. If you have any questions about this, please reach out to Rev. Jimmie Sue, our Wardens, or Vestry Members.

CHURCH SCHOOL SCHEDULE



Class begins at 9:45 a.m.

Sunday, May 1 - Church School
 Sunday, May 8 - Church School
 Sunday, May 15 - Church School
 Sunday, May 22 - Church School

Sunday, June 5 – Church School
 Sunday, June 12 – Church School/Parish Picnic



Rogation Sunday: May 22, 2022

Sunday, May 22nd is Rogation Sunday: This is an opportunity for us to beat the boundaries of our parish as we pray for blessings for us and our local community. It is a tradition of honoring local businesses, schools and hospitals, places that hold meaning for our community. Be sure to wear comfortable and sturdy shoes for walking outside.



GRADUATION PHOTOS

It's the season for graduations!

If you or a family member are graduating from a school or program (regardless of level), please let us know! We would like to **publish an announcement and photo** for each of our graduates in honor of their achievements. Information to include:

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

Email info to: coeoffice@frontier.com.



Spruce Up Day

SATURDAY, MAY 28 @ 9:00AM



Come help clean up our outside space. Memorial Garden, Front gardens, side gardens, etc.

We will also need help outside for STICK picking up around the grounds. Our lawn rangers will be mowing & will need a clear pathways to safely mow. Every little bit helps! We will also tackle Downed TREES on the Property, move stacked limbs to the road – hopefully the ground is dry.

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 4th before 10am. We will be planting our garden on Saturday, June 4th 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.



WOE: Women of Epiphany

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

*** 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 !



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 1st base
 Friday, July 1 – Rohrbach 1st & 3rd base
 Tuesday, July 26 – Rohrbach 1st base
 Friday, August 12 – Rohrbach 1st & 3rd base
 Saturday, September 17 – Rohrbach 1st base

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



Lent is a busy season for Service Ministry and the parishioners have outdone themselves with their generosity to help others. Epiphany partnered with the Gates Police Department to distribute 26 Easter food baskets to needy families in the Town of Gates. A big thanks to Birdie Ames for coordinating the effort with the police department.

The Fiber Ministry collection during the season of Lent has collected 100 items. This is 250 % above our goal of 40 items for the 40 days of Lent. These items will be distributed to many individuals and organizations and will provide warmth and comfort to many. Created items included hats, scarves, mittens, socks, blankets, quilts and prayer shawls. A future update from Service Ministry will let the parish know where the fiber ministry projects were donated.

Our next project for May is to collect items for our Blessing Box at church. Please refer to the bulletin and STAR article for details. Thank you all for your generous donations to help other in need.

With appreciation,

The Service Ministry Team

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



Evangelism & Fellowship

The Service Committee project for May is a drive for items for our own Little Red Food Box! The Epiphany Food Box has been very successful in helping those in need in our community. We especially are in need of personal products but food items are also welcome. There will be a box in the hall May 15 through June 5. Below are some suggested items. Thank you again for your generosity!

Soap / Lotion

Toothpaste / Toothbrushes

Laundry detergent / Dish soap

Shampoo / Conditioner

Razors / Shaving Cream

Menstrual products

Deodorant/Antiperspirant

Diapers / Baby wipes

Canned or boxed nonperishable food/beverages



WOE - STEAK ROAST

THURSDAY, JUNE 9 @ 7:00PM

Gather – 6:15pm for Wine & Cheese

Food – 7:00pm – dinner

Short meeting – 8:00pm

Cost: \$14 (includes: steak, sides, dessert, wine, etc)

Look for a signup sheet !

Questions.... See Pam Metzinger



YOUTH EVENTS

Board game / Movie Night

Tentatively scheduled for: Saturday, May 21

Time: TBA

Lollypop farm & Cookout at church afterwards

Tentatively scheduled for: Saturday, June 18

Time: TBA

More info to come in the bulletins

Questions see: Youth Small Group



LUNCH AND WINE/BEER TASTING

The Adult Formation Committee has organized an event on Sunday, June 26. Anyone interested is invited to join us at Five Sons Winery/RG Brewery, 1360 West Sweden Road in Brockport, at approximately 11:30 AM. They have both wine and beer tastings and food available. Here is their website: <https://www.rgbrewery.com/>

Anyone who wishes to carpool after the 10:00am service please meet in the parking lot immediately after the service. This place has great food, wine and beer as well as a large porch and lawn, and is a 20 minute drive from Epiphany. No sign up sheet, just join us if you can! Contact Nancy Mancini with any questions.



Thank you:

Thank you to those who came out on Saturday, April 9th to help Spruce Up the inside of our worship space before Easter.

We cleaned the auxiliary room, sanctuary, bathrooms, vacuumed everywhere, swiffered floors, etc.

Thank you to: Bonnie Ayers, Amy Deppe, Kathie Entress, Kim Hyde, Pam Metzinger and Marsha Pulhamus.

Thank you to the group that were outside tackling some of our downed trees, etc.

We were also able to put our Little Library Box out again for the spring & summer.

Check it out – its right next to our Free Food Box.

Thanks to: Jimmie Sue, Dave Pulhamus, Mike Grasso, Tom Seils, Steve Entress, Connor Magiera, & Don Metzinger.

COFFEE HOUR IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

We have moved Coffee Hour to Fellowship Hall for better spacing and ventilation to help keep us all safe so that we can keep having Coffee Hours.

JOIN US FOR A FUNDRAISER TO SUPPORT GATES CHILI COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS (GC3)



2997 BUFFALO ROAD ROCHESTER, NY 14624
[HTTPS://WWW.PUREIMAGINATIONCAFE.COM/](https://www.pureimaginationcafe.com/)

TUESDAY, APRIL 26TH
4-7PM (50-50 RAFFLE)
DINE IN/TAKE OUT/CURBSIDE PICKUP
585-247-0555

Thank you! Please remember to say you are there for the fundraiser when ordering. 20% of total net sales from this designated fundraising event will be donated to GC3 and help them continue to provide events to bring together the Gates Community.



Entertainment provided by the Spartan Original Singers and the MS Jazz Band directly followed by a free pasta dinner served by the Make-a-Difference Club



Two free tickets per resident will be available beginning April 15 at the towns of Gates and Chili Recreation Senior Centers or the Gates Chili MS Main Office between 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

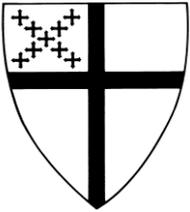
For more information or questions, contact **Suzanne Goff** via email at suzanne_goff@gateschili.org or by phone at 247-5050 ext. 12207

Pictures from Easter Egg Hunt
and Cascarones



MAY
2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:00 AM HE 9:45 AM-Church School 10:00 AM HE	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 8:00 AM HE 9:45 AM-Church School 10:00 AM HE 	9	10	11	12 7:00 PM - WOE Dessert Social	13	14
15 8:00 AM HE 9:45 AM-Church School 10:00 AM HE	16	17 7pm Vestry	18	19	20	21
22 Rogation Sunday 8:00 AM HE 9:15 AM Usher Walkthru 9:45 AM-Church School 10:00 AM HE 11:30 AM Small Groups	20 STAR Deadline	21	22	23	24	25 9:00 AM - Spruce Up Day
29 8:00 AM HE 9:45 AM-Church School 10:00 AM HE	30 OFFICE CLOSED 	31	1	2	3	4



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EPIPHANY HIGHLIGHTS

Mother's Day...May 8
WOE Social... May 12
Rogation Sunday... May 22
Spruce Up Day...May 28
Memorial Day...May 30 (Office Closed)