

# THE STAR

JANUARY 2023



# Church of the epiphany

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### JANUARY CALENDAR

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**Parish Office**

**247-4190**

**Tue.–Fri.**

**9:00am–1:00pm**

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### SUNDAY WORSHIP

*8:00 A.M. HE*

*10:00 A.M. HE*

### **BULLETIN PRAYER LIST**

**Parish Office 247-4190**

*Prayer requests remain for  
6 weeks unless notified*

## **Mutual Aid in Rochester**

One way Epiphany has been actively helping our community is through our food stand, located in the parking lot. We appreciate the many donations the parish has made, as well as the parishioners who keep it organized and stocked. It is emptied quickly, as food costs increase and community need grows.

The motto for this food stand is “give what you can, take what you need.” This box is part of a larger network of support called Rochester Mutual Aid Network and Roc Food Not Bombs. Created as a crisis response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the network seeks to “help the community sustain itself” by “connecting those in need of aid with those who can offer it.” Roc Food Not Bombs lists 44 different food stands in Rochester, including Epiphany’s.

The idea of mutual aid encompasses so much of what we do as a parish. We give what we are able to help those less fortunate. As we approach the holiday season, I challenge you to think deeper about the systemic issues that lead to such a high need in our community. These include poverty, homelessness gentrification, food insecurity, food deserts and racial injustice.

I am proud that Epiphany supports mutual aid in our community and feel thankful for the giving spirit of our parish. May we continue to keep those in need in our hearts and minds beyond the holiday season.

-Emily Van Scooter

**THE PROVISIONAL BISHOP**

The Rt. Rev'd Stephen Lane

**THE MINISTERS**

The Congregation

**THE VESTRY**

Margaret Schweizer, Warden	Patty Sharkey	Lisa Steubing
Jack Merrick, Warden	Kim Hyde	Don Metzinger
Deb Grasso, Treasurer	Roberta Ames	Emily Van Scooter
Gail Renehan, Clerk	Kristen Smith	

**THE STAFF**

Rector:	Organist: Gail Hyde
Parish Secretary: Maureen Durie	Church School Coordinator: Don Metzinger



**FROM THE PARISH REGISTER**

**JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**



*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.*

<b>Jan. 1</b> Nancy Hatz	<b>Jan. 13</b> Sue Guglin	<b>Jan. 27</b> Jenna Hastings
<b>Jan. 4</b> Kristen Smith	<b>Jan. 14</b> Laraine Heslin	<b>Jan. 28</b> Audrey Barclay
<b>Jan. 5</b> Bonnie Ayers	<b>Jan. 16</b> Steve Mancini	<b>Jan. 30</b> Barb George
<b>Jan. 11</b> Gail Craig	<b>Jan. 18</b> Linda Collinge	
<b>Jan. 12</b> Rob Heslin Nancy Mancini	<b>Jan. 19</b> Geoff Feltner Sophie Guglin	

**JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES**

*O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church. Send 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

## CHANGES & ADDITIONS

If you have changes to your contact information, please notify Maureen Durie in the Parish Office: 247-4190 or [coeoffice@frontier.com](mailto:coeoffice@frontier.com) Office hours: Tuesday–Friday, 9:00 am–1:00 pm



### Save The Date

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER  
TUESDAY - FEBRUARY 21, 2023  
More info to follow !



### Annual Meeting January 29th

Please mark your Calendars for the Annual Meeting & Breakfast. Make note there will be only **ONE Service** that Sunday. Annual meeting will start at 8:45-9:15 – Business and Breakfast. **9:30 Service**. Annual meeting resumes 10:30 – 11:30.

### Vestry Highlights

**DECEMBER 13, 2022**

#### **Business:**

- **Approve Tuesday, November 15, 2022 Vestry Meeting Minutes:** M-S-A to approve, with one change, the November 15, 2022 Vestry Meeting Minutes.
- **Finance Report:** Deb reported that we are in better financial shape than expected, mostly because lack of Rector expenses. Deb requested that Vestry Members encourage people to return their pledge cards when they are doing Sunday announcements. M-S-A to accept November 2022 Treasurer's Report.
- **Presentation of 2023 Budget:** Deb walked Members through Budget changes/details. We are facing some unknowns. M-S-A to accept the 2023 Budget.
- **Search Committee Update:** Emily reported that Virginia and the Search Committee will hold their first meeting on Wednesday, December 14, 2022. The members of the Search Committee will be announced on Sunday.

- **Nominating Committee Update:** Names of the candidates will be announced on Sunday and in the December Star. Bios to follow.
- **Personnel Practices Committee:** We haven't had an active Committee for a few years and some polices might need to be updated. It was decided that we should have an updated version in place for our new Rector.
- **Office Coverage for the last week of December, 2022:** Maureen will be on vacation the last week of December and office coverage was discussed. It was decided not to have someone available to cover her entire schedule.

**Zoom Vestry Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, December 13, 2022**

**Small Groups updates:** It was suggested to print one Sunday bulletin for both services, adding a disclaimer that music selections would only be for the 10:00 a.m. service. No decision was made at this time.

**Reminder:**

- The 2022 Annual Meeting will be in person on January 29, 2023 at 8:45 a.m. A Continental breakfast will be served. There will be one service at beginning at 9:30 a.m.
- The January 17, 2023 and the February 21, 2023 Vestry Meetings will be via Zoom.
- There will be a Pancake Dinner for Shrove Tuesday on February 21, 2023.

**Next Meeting:** January 17, 2023 via Zoom.

**Monthly Meeting:** Prayers – Kim Vestry Views – Emily

A motion was made to adjourn the Tuesday, November 15, 2022 Vestry Meeting at 8:45 p.m. Emily closed with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gail Renehan, Clerk of the Vestry

**Widows Group**

Please mark your calendar for our next lunch on **Wednesday, January 25th @ 11:00** weather permitting.



**Service Ministry January Update**

Our Christmas holiday service projects were very successful this year due to the generosity of our parishioners. We sponsored a family at Family Promise of Greater of Rochester (RAIHN) and provided Christmas gifts for our chosen family. All the gifts requested were purchased, wrapped with the gift tag attached. Epiphany's generosity has helped a family have a very special Christmas

We were also involved in the Christmas Bag Project which is sponsored by "A Meal & More, Inc." at Christ Church in downtown Rochester. We provided 662 hot chocolate packets and 285 individual size facial tissue packets for 135 clients in this program. Epiphany exceeded our goal by 180%.

Our January service ministry project will be our annual "Souper Bowl" collection. Please see the separate article about the specifics for this project.

Thank you for your continued support of the Service Ministry Projects. Please feel free to contact any member on the Service Ministry team if you have suggestions for future projects or would like to join our team.

Marsha Pulhamus, Nancy Mancini, Birdie Ames, Donna Perry and Valerie Jones.

### **SOUPER BOWL XIV**

For at least the last 15 years, Epiphany has participated in the annual SOUPER BOWL where we collect cans of food to donate to St. Theodore's pantry to coincide with the epitome of sports events, the Super Bowl. Starting January 15 through the big day itself, February 12, please drop off your soup can donations in the box that you cannot miss in the Hall outside of the Sanctuary. Our goal is 300 cans. We almost made it last year – let's see if we can make a big score this year

### **Church De-Decorating & Spruce Up Day:**

Our next Spruce Up Day will be Saturday, January 7 at 9:00am-noon

We will first de-decorate the Christmas decorations & get the church ready for Epiphany Sunday.

So cleaning up the church will be essential, then we can vacuum, do bathroom, see how the auxiliary room looks & foyer area. Also, mop some floors.

Many hands make light work, so please consider helping out for a bit.

Thank you

Any questions, see Pam Metzinger.

### **Rector Search Committee**

Roberta Ames (aka Birdie)

Tom Seils

Emily Van Scooter

Laurie Zaso

Cat Engert

Marsha Pulhamus

Cassie Magiera

Sue Greenauer - alternate

### **Vestry Nominee Slate**

Don Metzinger    Warden

Nick Parisi      1 Year

Patty Sharkey    2 Year

Mike Grasso     3 Year

Donna Perry     3 Year

Kathy Entress    3 Year

Pat Lesher        Clerk

Please see the individual Biography listed below

## **Vestry Nominee – Patty Sharkey**

My name is Patricia L. Sharkey and I am very happy to have found a parish at The Church of the Epiphany. Everyone has been so warm and supportive and the services have been both meaningful and engaging. I am eager to support the church and one of the ways I could do so would be to continue to (I just completed a one year appointment) serve as a member of the Vestry. I would be happy to continue to serve in this way. I am a registered nurse who started out working on an acute psychiatric unit for years. I went on to earn a Masters of Science Degree at SUNY Buffalo, specializing in Mental Health/ Psychiatric Nursing. I then worked at the SUNY at Brockport as a nursing professor for the next 38 years and also maintained a clinical practice at the Chemical Dependency Unit at Unity Hospital and as a consultant /educator to inpatient psychiatric units. At Brockport, I taught nursing students, in both the classroom and clinical settings, how to effectively care for the mentally ill and those struggling with alcohol and other drug addictions. I was so fortunate to be able to influence new generations of nurses to care for people with compassion, kindness, and empathy. To continue supporting students, I established a scholarship to be awarded annually to a deserving nursing student. I have also specialized in geriatric psychiatry and for many years I served as a consultant to numerous nursing homes and spent 18 years seeing patients at the Episcopal Church Home. I really enjoyed finding ways to improve the quality of life for seniors who were suffering from emotional and behavioral issues. It has been a very rewarding and challenging career and I am now looking for ways to serve others. I am very interested in helping out at The Church of the Epiphany and would like to continue to be a member of the Vestry, where I think my life experiences could be helpful. Thank you for your consideration of my request.

## **Vestry Nominee – Mike Grasso**

My name is Mike Grasso and I have been with Epiphany since 9/15/1979 which is when I married Debbie. For several years after, we were in and out of the church as we moved from place to place. Currently I am an active member of Epiphany. I have served as a past member of the vestry and am currently serving as the Pledge Clerk to date. Just to clear up any confusion about this role, I am the character that generates the donation statements that you all receive for your taxes at the end of the year. Over the years I have also had a hand in the physical running of Epiphany by helping with mowing, sink replacements, moving stuff, and cutting down trees, etc.. I will stress that none of this was done by me alone, plenty of help and input was provided from those, who did in many cases, most of the work as well.

## **Vestry Nominee – Nick Parisi**

My name is Nick Parisi and I would like to be considered for a one-year term for Epiphany's Vestry. After a 48-year career with H&R Block, including 25 years as a District Manager and 11 years as a Franchisee, I have finally decided to fully retire. My wife, Margaret, and I have been members of Epiphany for approximately 18 years. During this time, I've been involved in many activities with the Church. I was the Church Treasurer for seven years which has given me great insight to the Church's finances. I am currently serving on the Finance committee, helping to develop our annual budget and looking into other financial issues. I was a member of the committee that helped secure the Congregational Development Grant from the Diocese. I served on the Search Committee that brought Rev. Jimmie Sue to Epiphany.

I've been a "Lawn Rangers" for approximately 10 years, helping to maintain the Church grounds. I've also been a member of the Church choir for 12 years.

I believe Epiphany is at a crossroads now in search of a new Rector. Decisions that need to be made in the next several months will be critical to our long-term viability. I believe my business experience can be valuable to the Vestry and I want to continue to support the Church.

### **Clerk for Vestry – Pat Lesher**

My name is Pat Lesher. I have been asked to be Clerk of the Vestry for 2023, which I have accepted. My husband, Bill and I have been members of Epiphany for over 50 years. During these years I have been Clerk of the Vestry and have served as Vestryperson twice. For 25 years I was treasurer of WOE. Also was a Counter for 25 years. Currently, I'm a greeter/usher and a member of the Welcome committee, one of Epiphany's small groups.

### **Warden Candidate – Don Metzinger**

My family and I have been coming to Epiphany for about 25 years. Pam, Adam, Cassie and I are all active in the church. Pam sings in the Choir, runs the WOE rummage sale, does coffee hour, does alter guild, does music for the Sunday services and a host of other things. Adam is an Acolyte and does some training for the younger Acolytes. Cassie is a Sunday School teacher and is part of the Adult Formation group.

I am the the Sunday School superintendent / J2A coordinator. I am a Vestry member, part of the Youth group committee, a Eucharistic minister and help out on a variety of other tasks around the church.

I currently own a franchise called 1-800 Water Damage of Rochester NY. We do water remediation and Flood work along with sewage cleanup, Fire and Smoke cleanup and Mold remediation. There are over a hundred 1-800 Water Damage franchises in the US. Our franchise is new to the Rochester area. In fact we are the only 1-800 Water Damage franchise in Western NY. We opened up in July and are working to grow in this area. Marketing is not one of my strengths, so if anyone is good with marketing, I would love some help.

### **Vestry Nominee – Kathie Entress**

My name is Kathie Entress and I am running for a three year vestry position. I have been married to my husband Steve for 35 years. We have two daughters, Emily and Amanda, one son-in-law, Evan, and one grandson, Emmett. I recently retired from my job as a paraprofessional with the Gates Chili School District to watch my grandson full-time.

I have been a member of Epiphany since 1972. While at Epiphany, I have been involved with many different ministries. I served on the Finance Committee, Personnel Practices Committees, Adult Formation Small Group, and the Grant Team. When my kids were younger I was a Church School Teacher and Church School superintendent. I previously served on Vestry and spent four years as a Warden. I completed the two week long College of Congregational Development (CCD), a church leadership training program offered by the Episcopal Diocese.

The gifts and skills I will bring to the Vestry are my patience, fairness, organization and ability to work well in groups. I look forward to working closely with the Wardens and vestry members. I believe Epiphany is a special place, filled with wonderful people and I look forward to what is coming in our future.

## **November 2022 Financial Summary**

<b>Income</b>	<b>Nov YTD</b>	<b>2022 Budget YTD</b>
Pledge & Plate	\$107,476	110,000
Investment Income	17,981	21,976
Diocesan Grant	16,667	18,333
Flowers	1,585	1,742
Special Offerings	1,317	2,521
Building Use	150	46
Other	3,861	3,758
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$149,036</b>	<b>\$158,376</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Worship	9,628	5,624
Formation	552	1,531
Diocesan Apportionment	19,047	19,047
Stewardship	1,690	4,125
Other Action	-	638
Youth	-	183
Evangelism	1,000	1,879
Oversight	23,205	30,404
Salaries & Benefits	100,594	114,973
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$155,716</b>	<b>\$178,404</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>(6,680)</b>	<b>(20,027)</b>

*Submitted by Deb Grasso, Treasurer*





**Church School Schedule**

(classes begin at: 9:45am)

**CHURCH SCHOOL SCHEDULE:**

(classes begin at: 9:45am)

Sunday, January 1.....NO Church School  
 Sunday, January 8 .....Church School  
 Sunday, January 15.....Church School  
 Sunday, January 22.....Church School  
 Sunday, January 29.....NO Church School

Sunday, February 8.....Church School  
 Sunday, February 12.....Church School  
 Sunday, February 19.....Church School  
 Sunday, February 26.....Church School

**Thank You....**

I wish to thank all who helped decorate the church for the Christmas holiday in December. It was a joy to see each week in Advent come alive with Holiday décor and sparkles. Thanks again.  
Pam Metzinger

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**SWEM CHRISTMAS BASKETS**

A big thank you from WOE to the parish for coming together to provide a Christmas food basket. We collected 29 baskets to take to the distribution area. They were thrilled. Thanks to Adam & Don Metzinger for taking all the baskets over.  
Your kindness & generosity will help those in need.  
Thanks again.

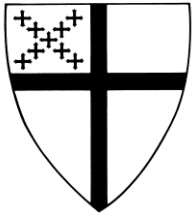
**FUNDRAISER....**

The Youth thank everyone who supported the Peanut Cluster fundraiser.  
Our total profit was \$452.00.



## 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
01  Morning Prayer <b>8:00 AM HE</b> <b>10:00 AM HE</b>	02	03	04	05	06	07 <b>9:00 AM - noon</b> <b>De-Decorate</b> <b>the church</b>
08 1 Epiphany <b>8:00 AM HE</b> <b>10:00 AM HE</b>	09	10	11	12	13	14
15 2 Epiphany <b>8:00 AM HE</b> <b>10:00 AM HE</b>	16	<b>Vestry</b> <b>Meeting</b> Via Zoom	18	19	20	21
22 3 Epiphany <b>8:00 AM HE</b> <b>10:00 AM HE</b>	23	24	25 Widows Lunch 11:00 Weather depending	26  STAR Deadline	27	28
<b>29 Annual Meeting</b> <b>8:45-9:15 AM</b> Start of Business & Breakfast <b>9:30 AM -HE</b> 10:30-11:30 Resume Annual meeting	30	31				



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## EPIPHANY HIGHLIGHTS

**De-Decorate the Church - January 7**

**Epiphany Sunday - January 8**

**Annual Meeting - January 29**

**“SOUPER” Bowl Sunday – February 12th**

