

THE STAR

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Church of the epiphany



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Parish Office 247-4190

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:00 & 10:00 a.m.

At two months into my 3rd year on the vestry I'm feeling a renewed energy. As we struggled through our surprising news in 2022 I watched the parishioners of Epiphany come together to keep us strong and moving forward. Some people had already donned 2, 3 or more hats to help Jimmie Sue as she shoveled and emptied trash cans and pitched in where ever needed. Parishioners added hats to assist with the changing hours and the final loss of our secretary (before we were blessed with Maureen) and also deal with the retirement of BO, our sexton, whose years of experience and knowledge about all of our working systems kept things running and our building ready for whatever activity came next (not to mention his wonderful smiling face and caring personality which had a major impact on some of our young people including my own granddaughter. I learned about his impact on several young adults as I was fortunate enough to read letters they wrote to him upon his retirement where they expressed the difference he made in their lives). In true Epiphany style those with 2,3, or 4 hats have added even more jobs to their list. People stepped up for Vestry and we had more people volunteering for the search committee than we could accommodate according to suggested diocese guidelines.

I see our parishioners as a caring, welcoming and giving community of people who I thank God for making me a part of over 30 years ago. Keep it up Epiphany! Stay strong and let's look forward to our future.

Susan Gaskill

THE PROVISIONAL BISHOP

The Rt. Rev'd Stephen Lane

THE MINISTERS

The Congregation

THE VESTRY

Don Metzinger, Warden	Helen Bennett	Lisa Steubing
Jack Merrick, Warden	Kim Hyde	Nick Parisi
Deb Grasso, Treasurer	Mike Grasso	Kathy Entress
Pat Leshner, Clerk	Kristen Smith	Donna Perry
Sue Gaskill		

THE STAFF

Rector:	Organist: Gail Hyde
Parish Secretary: Maureen Durie	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 Scheizer	April 13 Jorja Benson	April 21 Steve Entress
	April 14 Keiran Pillman Bob Shannon	April 24 Douglass D'Anunzio
	April 15 Ronnie Burling	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 Maureen Durie in the Parish Office: 247-4190 or coeoffice@frontier.com Office hours: Tuesday–Friday, 9:00 am–1:00 pm



Vestry Highlights

MARCH 21, 2023

Business:

1. Approve the Tuesday, February 21, 2023 Vestry Meeting Minutes: M-S-A to approve the February 21, Vestry Meeting Minutes.
2. Finance Report: Deb reported \$1200 Sarah Jones Fund sent to us from the Diocese. Also, received an extra gift this month from the Diocese of \$500. Will put both in the non-operating account for now. Nick inquired if we had received a bill for snow plowing this year. In the past we have used SJ Fund to pay this bill. Last year we took money out of this Fund for furnace, then paid that money back to fund. SJ Fund not designated for anything this year. Deb submitted February Treasurer's report for review. M-S-A to accept February 2023 Treasurer's Report,
3. Parochial Report: Deb will submit Parochial Report to Diocese. M-S-A to accept 2022 Diocesan Parochial Report. Deb was informed by Kathy at Diocese, Epiphany will not do the audit themselves because of Jimmie Sue leaving in 2022. Someone from the Diocese will come in September. Prior to that, they will notify the Treasurer what needs to be ready for them. Next year Epiphany will do audit themselves.
4. Shredding old documents securely: Kristen informed the Vestry that the Kiwanis will not be doing the shredding process this year. Deb had previously checked with Classified Scanning on Paul Rd. for their pricing. \$15/box. She anticipates there will be 2 boxes. She would like to get this done as soon as possible. Nick offered to help to locate and box other documents that should be shredded. Lisa stated that any documents kept that are older than 7 years may be auditable.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Mike reported on what led up to discussion and change of furnace filters. It was quite cold in the Church this Winter. The Furnace Room was too hot; it was decided to leave the door opened. At that time the furnace filters were checked. Merve 13, hospital grade filters were being used. Sometime last year someone made a decision (possibly

because of COVID) to buy hospital grade filters, but didn't realize it could impact the air flow and heating circulation. In January and February we used more gas because of these filters. With this information, we switched to Merve 8 filters, which improved the air flow and heat circulation in the Church. After much discussion, it was suggested we have Boccacino Heating which services are York furnace check to see if Merve 8 filters are what we should be using. Mike will call Boccacino Heating to set up an appointment.

2. An organ speaker in the church has been replaced with a new one. Also the fabric, which is badly deteriorated on the 2 large speakers in front of the church is being replaced. Bruce Pillman, Dave Pulhamas and Mike Grasso are doing the work. WOE from Rummage Sale proceeds funded \$800 for the new speaker and approx \$300 for speaker fabric. A thank you note will be sent to WOE. For the future, we should be aware of things that need to be looked at pertaining to the organ. If anything needs to be addressed, we should have money set aside for projects.

Another concern is the organ itself. It was moved off to the side a while ago. It was suggested to move it back. The organ itself is having problems and leaving it in place for now is the best. Our repairman has moved to Jamestown. We know there will be more problems down the road. When Grace Plouffe passed, she donated money to set up an organ fund. Since replacement of the organ is a concern, Deb will check to see if an organ fund was set up. A suggestion was made to check with Episcopal churches that have closed to see if they have an organ for sale.

SMALL GROUPS UPDATE: The Adult Formation group with the help of Deb Grasso will host an Alzheimer's program on Wednesday, March 22, 2023.

They will be able to use the t.v. although the remote isn't working. Don put out that currently, there are 5 small groups, should we be adding another or just forming a fund raising group. With Jimmie Sue leaving nothing has been going on with existing groups. Could Vestry members that are in a small group check on their group about not going too long without meeting and having projects. Discussion with their group what's working and what's not. What you would involve or change in small group to go forward. More discussion about small groups at April Vestry meeting. Kim discussed that she is inputting more info into our web site, updating calendar and events, linking Epiphany's Facebook page to our website. Having it all current for prospective priests to look at.

A discussion involving our need for an updated cable, wifi and telephone system ensued. The original set-up with Frontier was just a phone system, then wifi added but phone wire no real cable, The system with Frontier has lousy reception for our Facebook live in the church. Also, people volunteering to record are using their own minutes. This at a cost of \$179/month. Epiphany needs a complete business system that moves us into the 21st century. Don will check with Frontier to see if there is an updated business type system. Mike has been in touch with Spectrum about cable and wifi. It appears the only access outside the church is across the street. Spectrum would have to lay cable at a cost of \$11,700 where they would pay \$8000, Epiphany's share would be \$3700(this is with 300 mg download). Once this has been done, the monthly cost would be significantly less than we are presently paying Frontier. This issue really needs to be addressed in the near future.

Nick reported that he, Dave and Jack have set 8/6/2023 at Pinewood for the annual golf outing. Committee will encourage a better show of attendance from the Church. Ann Silver's family continues to be very supportive of tournament

CLOSING PRAYER: Given by Kim

Motion made to adjourn the Tuesday, March 21 2023 ZOOM Meeting at 8:00 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pat Leshner, Clerk of the Vestry



Widows Group

lunch on Wednesday, April 26th @ 11:00 AM

Please mark your calendar for our next

MOE Group

Please come join us for breakfast on **Wednesday, April 19th @ 8:30 am** at Johnny D's.

Service Ministry April Update

Epiphany has been very busy with four Service Ministry projects during Lent. Our first project was providing a meal and donations of personal hygiene products for the residents of the Eagle Star Transitional Housing for Veterans in Spencerport on March 9th. The guests were very appreciative of the meal and enjoyed socializing with our volunteers. A BIG thank you to everyone who helped with the project which included providing a delicious meal, serving and socializing with the guests and donation of hygiene products

The Youth of Epiphany made activity bags on March 12th for Golisano's Children hospital. The activity bags are for children who are hospitalized or waiting for care in the Emergency Department. The youth assembled over 100 activity bags which have been delivered to the hospital. The Child Life department was WOWED by the generosity and hard work by the Youth of Epiphany.

One of our two remaining Lent projects that will be completed on Easter Sunday is our Fiber Ministry project. We are collecting creative items to provide warmth and comfort to others. Our goal is 40 items for the 40 days of Lent. We will update the parishioners with the final count of fiber projects after the collection is completed on Easter Sunday.

Our last Lent project is providing Easter Food Baskets for some Gates families in need. We will be collecting the food baskets until April 2nd and the Gates Police department will help us deliver the food baskets to Gates residents by Easter Sunday. Currently, we have 22 Easter Food Baskets

Plans are underway for the Church of Epiphany to adopt Family Promise of Greater Rochester (FPGROC, formerly RAIHN) for the month of May. FPGROC assists families at risk of or experiencing homelessness to achieve independence in collaboration with the greater community. The Service Ministry team is working on providing an education session for Epiphany on homelessness, working on a service project at the Day Center for FPGROC, collecting needed items for the operation of the Day Center and providing some special treats for the guests and staff of FPGROC. More details will be coming soon.

The Service Ministry team will be planning additional projects for later this spring and summer. Please feel free to contact any member on the Service Ministry team if you have any suggestions for projects or would like to join our team. We appreciate all the support from the parishioners at Epiphany.

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

Used Bicycle Donations

R Community Bikes (Rochester Community Bikes; RCB) is a grassroots, 501(c)3 organization, staffed entirely by volunteers. They collect and repair used bicycles for distribution, free of charge, to the Rochester, NY area's most needy children and adults. They give away over 2,000 bicycles every year and do over 3,000 repairs for their clients, many of whom depend on bicycles as their main source of transportation.

I volunteer there to help repair the bikes for their giveaway program and to fix bikes for people who bring them to the facility at 226 Hudson Avenue. It is a great, well run organization with dedicated volunteers.

Do you have a used bicycle that you would like to donate to others that need them for transportation, for fun or exercise? If you do please call or email, Dave Pulhamus. You can arrange for me to pick them up, or drop them off at my house (250 Chambers St., Spencerport) for and I will transport it to R Community Bikes. Dave's contact information is 585-352-0149 or Dmpul80@gmail.com. Thank you.

Rector Search Committee

Search Committee April Update

The search process is now transitioning to Phase II, which means that the open rector position has been posted. This first posting of the rector position will continue until April 30th and renewed as necessary. The open position is posted in four locations: the local Rochester Diocese website, the national Episcopal Newsletter, Office of Transitional Ministry and at the Regional Transitional Ministry Conference.

Virginia Tyler- Smith, the Transitional Dean for our diocese, has recently attended the Regional Transitional Ministry Conference in North Carolina which was held the week of March 12th. During the conference, she met with other transitional deans from the East and Mid-west and is actively recruiting for our open rector position.

In preparation for the interview process, the Search Committee will continue to update our Church's social media sites. This will include the Church's website, Facebook and Instagram pages. The team will prepare interview questions and conduct mock interviews, so that we are prepared when candidates are identified and vetted by the diocese to be considered for Epiphany's rector position.

Please will free to contact any of the team members on the Search committee with any questions or concerns. We will continue to update the parishioners frequently.

Birdie Ames, Cat Englert, Sue Greenauer, Cassie Magiera, Marsha Pulhamus, Tom Seils, Emily VanSkooter, Laurie Zaso

Fiber Ministry

Holidays are over and winter is here. The Fiber Ministry Collection during the 40 Days of Lent will be here before we know it. Please think about working on projects for the Collection to help those less fortunate warm and cozy. The bin will be available during Lent for your wonderful donations.

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.

SPRUCE UP DAY

Save the date for our next Spruce Up Day – **Saturday, April 22, 2023** – 9am to noon
We will tackle: Kitchen, Nursery, Classrooms & Fellowship Hall. Many hands make light work !

Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 9th @ 11:15 AM

Kids – be sure to bring your baskets & hunt for colored eggs !!! Fun for All!!!

February 2023 Financial Summary

Income	Feb YTD	2023 Budget YTD
Pledge & Plate	\$15,347	18,667
Investment Income		4,000
Diocesan Grant		
Flowers	75	225
Special Offerings	85	400
Building Use		8
Other	20	683
Total Income	\$15,527	\$23,983
Expenses		
Worship	2,409	1,618
Formation		158
Diocesan Apportionment	3,502	3,502
Stewardship	1,437	1,550
Other Action	-	525
Youth	-	17
Evangelism	225	204
Oversight	7,389	5,983
Salaries & Benefits	4,306	14,108
Total Expenses	\$19,268	\$27,650
Surplus/(Deficit)	(3,741)	(3,666)

Submitted by Deb Grasso, Treasurer



ROCHESTER REDWINGS - 2023

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:

Friday, April 14 Rohrbachs 1st base

Tuesday, May 9 – Rohrbachs 1st base

Friday, June 16 – Rohrbachs 1st base

Tuesday, July 4 – Rohrbachs 1st & 3rd base

Friday, September 1 – Rohrbachs 1st & 3rd base

Friday, September 15 – Rohrbachs 1st & 3rd base This is a fundraiser for our church. Signup sheets going up soon

- Come and support! Questions, please see Don Metzinger

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Church School Schedule

(classes begin at: 9:45am)

CHURCH SCHOOL SCHEDULE:

(classes begin at: 9:45am)

Sunday, April 2.....Church School

Sunday, April 9.....NO Church School

Sunday, April 16.....Church School

Sunday, April 23.....Church School

Sunday, April 30.....NO Church School

Sunday, May 7.....Church School

Sunday, May 14.....Church School

Sunday, May 21..... Church School

Sunday, May 28.....NO Church School

Thank you

A thank you from Father Brad Benson –

Thank you for your many cards on my 20th anniversary of my ordination, which happened at Epiphany.

I had a physical recently and the doctor told me I was a good, except I have an enlarged heart. I said, “I know, I need to have room for all my loved ones at the Church of the Epiphany.” I do love you all and feel so blessed to stay in touch.

A thank you from Jane Feltner –

My journey with Leukemia has been just over two years. I have been very fortunate with all that I have been through: five sessions of chemo, 160 blood transfusions, a 6 week hospital stay during covid, and a stem cell transplant. My family, church, medical team and extended support group have all been outstanding. Your prayers and cards have been a large part of that support and success. I feel very blessed to have so many people caring about me and my family. My sincere thanks. Jane.



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 7th**.

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 4th. Recipients will be announced on a Sunday in June, at the 10:00 a.m. service.

John VanBrederode - Memorial Scholarship

Eligible applicants:

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

Karen Marr - Memorial Award

Eligible applicants must:

- * have "special need." Special need can be a physical or learning disability.
- * have completed one year of post-high school education. Continuing education can be college or trade school.
- * be a confirmed member of The Church of the Epiphany for at least one year.

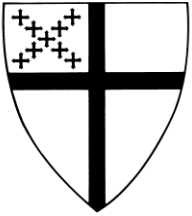
Note: The Marr Award is available 3 times per year. Application deadlines are May 1st, August 1st and December 1st.





2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						01
02 Passion Sunday Palm Sunday 8:00 AM HE 10:00 AM HE	03	04	05	06	07 One Service Good Friday	08 Holy Sat.
09 Easter Sunday 8:00 AM HE 10:00 AM HE	10	11	12	13	14 Red Wings Cocessions	15
16 8:00 AM HE 10:00 AM HE	17	18 Vestry Meeting 7:00	19 MOE Breakfast 8:30	20	21	22 Spruce Upday 9:00 AM
23 8:00 AM HE 10:00 AM HE	24	25	26 Widows Lunch 11:00	27	28	29
30 8:00 AM HE 10:00 AM HE						



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EPIPHANY HIGHLIGHTS



WOE POTLUCK DINNER – MARCH 15TH

EAGLE STAR TRANSITIONAL HOUSE DINNER – MARCH 9TH

FIBER MINISTRY PROJECT – FEB. 22ND – APRIL 9TH

EASTER FOOD BASKETS – MARCH 12TH – APRIL 2ND

GOLISANO'S CHILDREN HOSPITAL – MARCH 12TH