

THE STAR

MARCH 2023



Church of the epiphany

Vestry Views

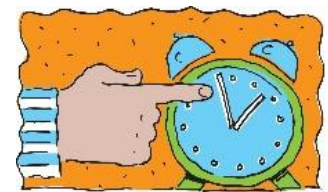
It has been a great pleasure to hear the rumblings around church regarding the search for a new rector. I can feel the excitement in peoples voices and it is wonderful to see everyone helping out. The Vestry meetings have been very lively and we are all working to keep the church up and running. The Search committee is working very hard to meet a deadline that will give us the best chance in finding a new rector. Thanks to everyone who took the time to help this effort.

There is still more to do to like updating the website and wifi technology, adding to our events calendar, extending our outreach to the community, add new fundraising efforts etc. This is a great time to become involved and we invite you to think about what you can add.

Our church can not change/grow on its own, it takes a collective effort from all of us by changing what we are doing and inspiring others to do the same.

Kim Hyde

March 12th Daylight Savings Begins



SET YOUR CLOCKS
Ahead!

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BULLETIN PRAYER LIST

Parish Office 247-4190

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday

8:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

HE 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 |
| Gail Renehan, 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

MARCH 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.

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| March 1 Mark Hill | March 10 Dean Bennett Valerie Jones | March 23 Sarah Michaels |
| March 02 Selena D'Anunzio Ruth Jameson | March 12 Jason Hyde | March 26 Charles Ayers Glenn Hyde |
| March 04 Amanda Entress | March 14 Sara Hesline | March 29 Retta Gamet |
| March 06 Hazel Ploettner | March 17 Jack Merrick | March 30 Adam Metzinger |
| March 07 Pat McGrath | | |
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MARCH 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.

March 06 David & Judy Ploettner

March 19 George & Birdie Ames

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
FEBRUARY 21, 2023

Business:

1. Approve the Tuesday, January, 17, 2023 Vestry Meeting Minutes: M-S-A to approve the January 17, Vestry Meeting Minutes.
2. Finance Report: Deb reported the utilities were higher in Jan (\$500) and February(\$900 est). She recommended the meters be read every month and reported Copier expense higher because of Annual Report and ran out of staples. Suggestion from Nick filter for new furnace, not to continue using hospital grade(which we haven't used in the past) . Move down to #8 or #13 filter run less for/possible cost saving. M-S-A to accept the January 2023 Treasurer's Report.
3. Check Signer Discussion for 2023: Jack will prepare letter with Wardens, current Vestry members, Treasurer and Clerk of the Vestry who are approved and authorized by the Vestry of the Church of Epiphany to sign checks. Newly elected members will have to go to Key Bank to sign Signature Cards. Since we require two signatures on the checks, with all Vestry members there will always be someone available if a check has to be signed between services(i.e. to pay supply priest).
4. Shredding old documents securely: Deb said there are many documents in files located in Choir Room that are over 7 years old and need to be shredded. She will be looking into other storage of documents that are older than 7 years to be shredded too. She would like to have this process finished before we have a new rector. She has a called shredding business(Shred It) \$100. to rent one; is looking into it and other options. Nick said when he closed his business down, his bank offered a free shredding service. Maybe, we could approach Key Bank to see if this service is available. Kristen offered that Kiwanis is hosting a shredding day in May, \$10. a car; she will gather more info. Follow-up on aforementioned shredding options will be finalized at next Vestry meeting.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Signing up for Vestry Contact on Sundays, Vestry Views for STAR, Prayer leader @ Vestry Meeting
Through the magic of ZOOM Margaret provided the above listed schedules which Vestry members gave their appropriate info for Margaret to fill in the spreadsheet. These schedules will be e-mailed to each Vestry member.
2. Sign up to help when Paddy is Presiding - pick him up and take him home

Again, through the magic of ZOOM Margaret provided a schedule for Clergy Coverage which included dates when Paddy would preside and Vestry members signed up to pick him up and take him home. This schedule will be mailed to each Vestry member. We have Supply Clergy Coverage through August 27, 2023

3. As discussed under Welcome New Vestry Members questions, the March meeting will be via ZOOM.

4. Search Committee discussion and feedback. The Search Committee had meetings open to parishioners after 8 a.m. and 10a.m. services February 12. Committee open to feedback, comments, discussed return of surveys(received 50 so far). Feb 19, again Search committee available for any questions. Deb, Jack and Don completed 2022 Parochial Report which is now in the system. Based on Parochial Report from 2021 and 2022 Epiphany has had an average attendance that changed from 52 to 57, beneficial input to include in Search Committee report. They have collected pertinent information to be given in written form to Virginia, our Diocesan contact. Committee is doing an awesome job.

SMALL GROUPS UPDATE: Small groups haven't met recently. Hopefully, Small groups will become active soon.

CLOSING PRAYER: Given by Lisa

Motion made to adjourn the Tuesday, February 21, 2023 ZOOM Vestry Meeting at 9:05 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, March 21, 2023 at 7 p.m, via ZOOM

Respectfully Submitted,

Pat Leshner, Clerk of the Vestry

Widows Group

Please mark your calendar for our next lunch on **Wednesday, March 29th @ 11:00** weather permitting.



Service Ministry March Update

Service Ministry started 2023 with our annual "Souper Bowl" collection of soups, chili's and canned/boxed pasta which was donated to St. Theodore's Food Pantry. The collection ended on Super Bowl Sunday (February 12th). Our goal was 300 CANS and we collected **335 cans**. A big thank you to Nancy and Steve Mancini for delivering the donations to St. Theodore's. **Team Epiphany is amazing!!!**

The Lent/Easter season will include four Service Ministry projects. Our first project is to provide a dinner for the veterans who are currently residing at Eagle Star Transitional House in Spencerport on Thursday, March 9th. We will be bringing dinner and serving up to 15 residents. In addition to the dinner, we will be collecting personal hygiene products (shampoo, soap, deodorant, toothpaste, etc.) for the residents. The sign-up sheet and collection bin is located in the main hallway.

The second Lenten project is our Fiber Ministry project. We are requesting creative items to provide warmth and comfort to others. Suggested items include blankets, quilts, shawls, hats, and mittens. Get your creative juices flowing and help us reach the goal of 40 items for the 40 days of Lent. The collection will take place from February 22nd- April 9th. The collection baskets will be in the main hallway in church.

Our third project will be working with the Town of Gates to provide Easter Food Baskets for some Gates families in need. Information about the food items and gift card for the Easter Food baskets will be posted in early March. The collection will be from 3/12-4/2/23. The Gates Police department will help us distribute the food baskets.

The youth of Epiphany will be working on the forth Lenten service project. They will be making activity bags for Golisano's Children hospital for patients when they are either hospitalized or waiting for care in the Emergency Department. The youth will be assembling the activity bags on March 12th after church.

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 Update

The Search Committee continues to work with the Very Rev. Virginia Tyler Smith, who is the Dean of Transitions for the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester. The search team has been meeting on a regular basis and is working on the seven phases of the rector search process.

The Search team is very grateful for the tremendous response of our parishioners in answering the two surveys that were sent and participation in one the three open forums. The team received 59 responses from the first survey and 56 responses from the second survey. We had 31 individuals attend one of the three open forums. All of your input is valuable as we prepare our documentation to move forward with the rector search.

The Search committee is now transitioning from Phase 1 which is gathering data to Phase 2 which is writing up the required materials needed before the rector position can be posted. The current timeline is that written materials will be submitted to Rev Virginia Tyler-smith by February 23rd so that she can begin posting the position before she attends the Transitional Ministry Conference in early March. Epiphany's open rector position will be posted in four locations which include the Office of Transitional Ministry, the Transitional Ministry Conference, the Episcopal News Services newsletter and locally on the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester website.

The search team will now focus on summarizing the survey results so that the parishioners can review and to update Epiphany's website and parish profile. **We are now requesting photos from parishioners to help us update the church website. Anyone willing to share their photos can e-mail them to coeoffice@frontier.com. We are looking for photos of our church services, Sunday school program, committee work and social events.**

The Search team will continue provide updates on a regular basis for all information that is not considered confidential. (Such as the names of various candidates applying for the open rector position.) The Search committee has a bulletin board located in the main hallway which outlines the phases of the search process and highlights where we are in that process. Other communication strategies include written updates in the STAR, E-blasts, bulletin and verbal communication during announcements at our church services. We encourage parishioners to discuss their thoughts and questions concerning the process with anyone on the Search Committee.

The Search Committee,
Birdie Ames ,Cat Engert ,Susan Greenauer, Cassie Magiera, Marsha Pulhamus, Tom Seils, Emily VanScooter

Try your hand at being a Dingaling

We would like to assemble enough people to provide handbell music on Easter so we are making an appeal! All that is required is that you can read music and have a sense of humor! We will start rehearsing in March on mutually agreeable days and times to prepare a simple piece or two to ring on Easter, April 9. If you are interested please contact Nancy Mancini at (585) 469-1904 or nmancini@rochester.rr.com. Don't miss your chance to be a Dingaling!

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.

SAVE THE DATE

WOE POTLUCK DINNER

When: Wednesday - March 15, 2023

Time: 6:30pm- Wine & Cheese

7:00pm- Dinner

Place: Fellowship hall

** Bring a Dish to pass

** Please sign up in the main hallway so we have a count

Questions....see Pam Metzinger

Rochester Redwings Concessions

** Dates for volunteering this spring & summer coming soon

SPRUCE UP DAY

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

January 2023 Financial Summary

| Income | Jan YTD | 2023 Budget YTD |
|--------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| Pledge & Plate | \$8,855 | 9,333 |
| Investment Income | | 2,000 |
| Diocesan Grant | | |
| Flowers | 75 | 158 |
| Special Offerings | 46 | 200 |
| Building Use | | 4 |
| Other | 20 | 342 |
| Total Income | \$8,886 | \$12,038 |
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| Expenses | | |
| Worship | 1,318 | 884 |
| Formation | | 88 |
| Diocesan Apportionment | 1,751 | 1,751 |
| Stewardship | 1,012 | 775 |
| Other Action | - | 513 |
| Youth | - | 17 |
| Evangelism | | 144 |
| Oversight | 5,038 | 3,213 |
| Salaries & Benefits | 2,286 | 6,223 |
| Total Expenses | \$11,405 | \$13,607 |
| Surplus/(Deficit) | (2,409) | (1,570) |

Submitted by Deb Grasso, Treasurer



Church School Schedule

(classes begin at: 9:45am)

Sunday, March 5.....Church School
Sunday, March 12.....Church School
Sunday, March 19.....Church School
Sunday, March 26.....NO Church School

CHURCH SCHOOL SCHEDULE:

(classes begin at: 9:45am)

Sunday, April 2.....Church School
Sunday, April 9.....NO Church School – EASTER
Sunday, April 16.....Church School
Sunday, April 23.....Church School
Sunday, April 30.....NO Church School

Thank you

Dear Epiphany,

Thank you to everyone that called and sent cards regarding the passing of my dad Joseph Smith. It means so much to me that my church family was there for me when I needed them most. I am so grateful that I belong to such a caring Church.

Kim Hyde

Dear Patrons:

We are grateful for your recent donation of 335 Cans of SOUP to our Food Cupboard, from your “SOUP”er Bowl food drive. THANK YOU.

St. Theodore’s Food Cupboard strives to fill a need in our community to help those who struggle to make ends meet. It would not be possible to do this without the support from many. We are grateful for your willingness to help us in our efforts to continue to serve the people in need in our local community.

Thank you again and God bless.

St. Theodore’s Catholic Church

Thank you to all who made our Shove Tuesday Pancake supper a success.

We raised over \$500 for youth activities. Thank you for your generous donations.

Thanks goes to the following people who helped out by setting up, cooking, serving & cleaning up.

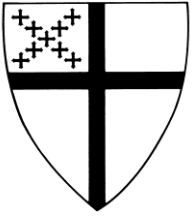
Thanks to: Pam, Don, & Adam Metzinger, Marsha Pulhamus, Gladys VanBrederode, Cassie & Connor Magiera, Steve & Kathie Entress, Jessica D’Anunzio & her friend Kim.

An enjoyable time by all



2023

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | 01 MOE Breakfast | 02 | 03 | 04 |
| 05 2 Lent 8:00 AM HE 10:00 AM HE | 06 | 07 | 08 | 09 Eagle Star Transitional House Dinner | 10 | 11 |
| 12 3 Lent 8:00 AM HE 10:00 AM HE Lenten Service Project after church Day Light Savings | 13 | 14 | 15 Pot Luck Dinner 6:30 Wine & Cheese 7:00 Dinner | 16 | 17  | 18 |
| 19 4 Lent 8:00 AM HE 10:00 AM HE | 20 | 21 Vestry Meeting – Zoom 7:00PM | 22 Wed Night Café Alzheimer's Assoc. 7:00pm | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 5 Lent | 27 | 28 | 29 Lunch Widows Group | 30 Clown Group 6 PM | 31 | |
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



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

