

THE STAR

MAY 2023



Church of the epiphany

Vestry Views May

NEW BEGININGS! May 2023

Spring is a wonderful time for new growth; Tress, Flowers, even Grass. All kinds of beautiful colors all around us. You can watch the baby leaves growing every week into the mature leaves that they will become. Bulbs are shooting up through the ground producing such soft colors for us to enjoy. And yes, sometimes we even get some of that “white stuff” but we ignore it and let the sunshine take care of it the next day....LOL.

I feel our Epiphany family is going through the different Spring changes in our own way. We are searching for the Holy Spirit to guide our Search Committee Team on their path to finding us the gift of a new Rector. Epiphany could be like a field of Tulip bulbs working our way up through uncertainty of our future. Striving upwards towards the sunshine to show our colors. We all wear different hats and yet when we work together, we can make a beautiful field full of rainbow colors.

Jesus can be our ray of sunshine and guidance of hope through these questionable times ahead of us and find our way to a beautiful field full of wonderful colors!

Lisa Steubing

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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.

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.



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

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May 7 Bo & Laraine Heslin
May 15 Douglass & Danielle D'Anunzio



May 19 Doug & Linda Collinge
Bob & Norma Shannon

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

APRIL 18, 2023

Business:

1. The Tuesday, March 21, 2023 Vestry Meeting Minutes approved after a correction to add Bob Renehan's name to the Golf Committee . M-S-A to approved the March 21, Vestry Meeting Minutes
2. Finance Report: Deb reported the budget is on target as are the pledges. Expenses a little over budget(utilities). Not in a deficit as of 3/31/23. M-S-A to accept March 2023 Treasurer's Report.
3. Shredding of old documents: There isn't an update.
4. Pastoral Care: Gladys and Birdie, representing the committee gave an update of the issues the committee is facing. As of now they're the only 2 visiting shut-ins and taking them communion. Because of Covid there hasn't been any visits by the Rector to hospital or homes. When a parishioner was dying, there wasn't priest available for them or their family. The spiritual needs of parishioners who are homebound or ill is not being addressed. Also, the directory within the Church office needs to be updated with people who have died, left the church, or changed addresses. Jack and Don will contact Virginia to inquire if 2 priests could be on call for emergency situations at Epiphany. They will look into updating parishioner's list in the Church office
5. Internet Update/Spectrum. Mike presented Scope of Work/Spectrum proposal for installation of coaxial cable and 2 twisted wire lines, 300 MB service at a cost of \$11,652.91 with Epiphany's share being \$3,652.91 plus \$95 installation fee. Presently, we have Frontier. 2 phone lines, 3 MB internet/\$193.61/mo.. After much discussion, i.e. we are a business and require a 21st century system, buying routers and new phones, having the internet capabilities for our facebook presence, once cable is installed(we own it) it was decided to use money, approximately \$5000 from the Seabury Woods fund with Diocesan permission to install the Spectrum cable and

phone lines. Since this is a capital improvement to the Church it qualifies for a withdrawal from the Seabury Fund. The extra \$1300 would cover new phones, routers and any other expenses involved in setting up the system. M-S-A to withdraw up to \$5,000 from Seabury Fund for installation of Spectrum Cable and Internet.

6. Fans in the church: 4 fans in Church should be upgraded, Tabled for now.

7. Mower Storage: Since there were mice nests in the mowers which were stored in old barn, they will be moved to the pole barn for Winter storage.

8. Clean out pole barn: There is Pride stuff that needs to be cleaned out. Kristen will take pictures and contact organizations to see if there is interest in taking it. Need to keep like items consolidated and more organized. Will get a team together to take care of this.

9. Vestry Pins: Don handed out pins to Vestry people that didn't have one. He reminded them when they go off Vestry to return them.

10. Seabury Key and update relationship: Maureen was accidentally locked out of Church. Went to Seabury Woods get a key or call someone. Seabury is supposed to have a key to the Church, but they couldn't find it because they have several unmarked keys on a ring. Don will make sure they have key to Epiphany labeled as such and ask that they keep it in an accessible place, possibly the office. Also, Epiphany is the place they would go if they had to evacuate their facility. Initially, we had someone on the Board of Directors at Seabury. We had an ongoing relationship with the residents via the youth group, shared picnics and other activities. Since we don't have anyone on the Board, our relationship has suffered. Don will try to revive our relationship with Seabury.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. St. Stephens: St. Stephens closed in February. Virginia/Diocese initiated a Zoom meeting with priests from St. Peters, Avon, Ascension on Lake Ave., Epiphany(w/o priest) and visitors from St. Stephens to inform them what they had to offer at their respective parishes.

2. Organ speakers update/St. Stephens: Dave, Mike and Bruce have to set a time to replace the fabric on speakers. Haven't talked to Diocese about St. Stephen's organ.

3. Zoom Update/for Search: Zoom meeting created by Virginia/Diocese for Search Committee to conduct mock interviews with Rector candidates.

4. Update church policies: Last done 7 years ago. Put aside for a while.

5. Church sexual harassment policy – update: Kathie to look at updating of the policy. There is on line course for anyone working with youth if they haven't taken it.

SMALL GROUP UPDATES; Cassie and Emily are updating Instagram and Facebook, I Please let them know if you are doing an event Kim trying to update our website but unable to reach or get a call back.

Columbarium plaques should be up to date. Columbarium Comm. will be contacted to check on updating plaques. Tabled for now

CLOSING PRAYER AND ADJORN: Closing prayer given by Kristen. Motion made to adjourn the Tuesday, April 18, 2023 Vestry meeting at 8:15 p.m.,

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, May 16, 2023, 7:00 p.m. at the Church

Respectfully Submitted,

Pat Leshner, Clerk of the Vestry

Widows Group

Please mark your calendar for our next lunch on **Wednesday, May 24th @ 11:00^{AM}**

MOE Group

Please come join us for breakfast on **Wednesday, May 24th @ 8:30** am at Johnny D's.



Service Ministry May Update

Epiphany has a lot of creative, talented parishioners and we have outdone ourselves with making **109** Fiber Ministry projects. Our Goal was 40 items for the 40 days of Lent and we surpassed that goal by 270%. The fiber projects were blessed at our church services on April 16th. All of these fiber project will bring warmth and comfort to the individuals that receive them. The fiber ministry projects are being distributed to Golisano Children's hospital including the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, Meals on Wheels, Aurora House, Fostering Hope and will replenish our fiber ministry collections of shawls and blankets to be given out to anyone in need. Anyone in the parish may take a fiber ministry project which are located in the Auxiliary Room closet for a family member or friend in need.

The Church of Epiphany is adopting 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 hosting a Wednesday Night Café on May 10th at 7pm at Epiphany on homelessness and the work done at Family Promise to assist families experiencing homelessness. The presentation is titled "Housing is a Human Right" and will be given by Beth Bojarski, Manager of Development and Community Engagement at FPGROC. We also have the opportunity to do a service project at the Day Center on Saturday, May 13th from 1-4pm and there will be a book discussion on the

same day at 11:30am. The book study will be on the book called Poverty, by America by Matthew Desmond. There is a sign-up for both events for Family Promise on the bulletin board in the main hallway. Bring a bag lunch and spend the day at Family Promise and see what great work they are doing. Epiphany is also collecting in-kind donations for two moving kits for clients as they transition out of Family Promise into their own apartments. The items requested are kitchen items and needed cleaning supplies. There are tags on the bulletin board with the requested donated items which we would like at church by May 28th. We are also going to provide some special treats for the guests and staff of FPGROC on May 21st. Please look at the Service Ministry bulletin board in the hallway for more details and to sign up for the various events.

Our June project will be collecting items for our Little Red Food Box at the Epiphany Church Picnic on Sunday, June 11. Donations of personal products and non-perishable food are welcome. More details will be coming in the church bulletin as we get closer to June.

The Service Ministry team will be planning additional projects for 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.

Redwings game at the Ballpark !

We are planning to attend a Redwings game on **Thursday, June 1** - game time: 6:45pm

We will also be supporting our community that nite. Our own Jessica D'Anunzio & Audrey Cirino will be participating in the National Anthem & God Bless America portion of the game at the stadium that evening, and it would be wonderful to be there to support them.

A signup sheet will go up soon, so we can get a count for how many would like to attend, so we can get a group rate on tickets.

So, signup and come out & enjoy the game and performances.

Questions.... See Don Metzinger

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 May 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 30rd 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, will be reviewing all potential candidates. Any candidate that is deemed qualified will then be vetted by the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester before being presented to the Search Committee for consideration.

In preparation for the interview process, the Search Committee has been updating our Church's social media sites. This includes the Church's website, Facebook and Instagram pages. The Team has also prepared interview questions and conducted a mock interview. The Search Team is ready when candidates are identified for consideration for Epiphany's rector position.

We will continue to keep you updated frequently.

Search Committee- Birdie Ames, Cat Engert, Susan Greenauer, Cassie Magiera, Marsha Pulhamus, Tom Seils, Emily Van Skooter and Laurie Zaso.

Thank you Workers – Clean Up day

Thank you to all who came out on Saturday, April 22 for Spruce Up Day inside our building.

We cleaned all the classrooms, mediation room & game room- meaning we cleaned the windows, wiped down surfaces, vacuumed rugs & swiffered floors; plus the kitchen was cleaned & floor done; the fellowship hall windows were cleaned, surfaces wiped down & floor swept.

Outside windows were cleaned.

The auxiliary room rug was cleaned.

The sacristy, choir room & robing rooms were vacuumed & dusted.

Thank you to the following who did an awesome job helping out.....

Gail & Bob Renehan, Kathie Entress, Kim Hyde, Bonnie Ayers, Marsha Pulhamus, Jorja Benson, Nick Parisi, Bruce Pillman and Pam & Don Metzinger.

Thank you to Dave Pulhamus & Tom Seils for hauling all the piles of cut wood from fallen trees outside in the back of the property to Buffalo Rd.

Thank you Steve Entress for weeding the Memorial Garden & then putting down a new layer of mulch.

Awesome job by all !

Thank you

Dear WOE,

Thank you so much for covering the repair cost for the speakers. We believe it will provide a better sound experience for everyone. As always, we really appreciate everything that WOE does for our church.

Sincerely,

The Vestry of Church of the Epiphany

March 2023 Financial Summary

Income	March YTD	2023 Budget YTD
Pledge & Plate	\$27,829	\$28,000
Investment Income	\$6,000	\$6,000
Diocesan Grant		
Flowers	\$385	\$300
Special Offerings	\$88	\$600
Building Use		\$13
Other	\$70	\$1,025
Total Income	\$34,372	\$35,938
Expenses		
Worship	\$3,131	\$2,428
Formation	\$200	\$238
Diocesan Apportionment	\$5,253	\$5,253
Stewardship	\$1,888	\$2,325
Other Action	-	\$538
Youth	-	-
Evangelism	\$280	\$306
Oversight	\$7,389	\$5,983
Salaries & Benefits	6,158	\$21,163
Total Expenses	\$25,578	\$40,857
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$8,795	(\$4,920)

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:

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 Metzging



Church School Schedule

(classes begin at: 9:45am)

CHURCH SCHOOL SCHEDULE:

(classes begin at: 9:45am)

Sunday, May 7.....Church School
Sunday, May 14.....Church School
Sunday, May 21..... Church School
Sunday, May 28.....NO Church School

Sunday, June 4.....Church School
Sunday, June 11.....Last Church School/Parish Picnic

Church Picnic – SAVE The DATE

Please save the Date

When: Sunday, June 11

Time: 11:15am-12:30pm

Where: Fellowship hall

** signup sheet will go up in May**

Provided: hot dogs, rolls, paper products, condiments

Bring: dish to pass & your own beverage

Asking for a donation to cover the cost of meat, etc.



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.

SPRUCE UP DAY

Our next Spruce Up Day – Saturday, May 27, 2023 – 9am to noon

Come help us clean up outside on our property – Memorial Garden, front & side gardens, etc.

Many hands make light work.

GARDEN

I will have the garden plot all prepped for use by the end of May. I understand that a vegetable garden is not in the offering. I propose using the plot to plant easy to grow flowers that do not require weeding, or watering once they are established. Is there any interest in pursuing this? Let's beautify our front lawn!

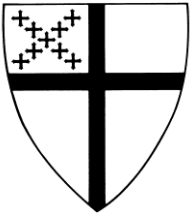
Contact Dave Pulhamus: dmpul80@gmail.com





2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	01	02	03	04	05	06
07 8:00 AM HE 10:00 AM HE	08	09 Red Wings Concessions	10 Wed. Café 7:00PM Family Promise of Rochester on Homelessness	11	12	13
14 Mother's Day 8:00 AM HE 10:00 AM HE	15	16 Vestry Meeting 7:00 Church	17	18	19	20
21 8:00 AM HE 10:00 AM HE	22	23 Vestry Meeting 7:00	24 MOE Breakfast 8:30 Widows 11:00 Lunch	25	26	27 Spruce up Day 9:00-noon
28 8:00 AM HE 10:00 AM HE 12:00 Baptizm	29 Memorial Day	30	31			



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



EPIPHANY HIGHLIGHTS

MAY 9 – RED WINGS CONCESSION

MAY 10 – FAMILY PROMISE OF ROCHESTER

MAY 27 – SPRUCE UP DAY

MAY 29 – MEMORIAL DAY