

# THE STAR

JUNE 2023



# Church of the epiphany

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### **JUNE CALENDAR**

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### **BULLETIN PRAYER LIST**

Parish Office 247-4190

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### **SUNDAY WORSHIP**

*8:00 & 10:00 a.m.*

As a person who “grew up Catholic,” I am amazed at how active and committed people are to Epiphany. I went to Catholic schools K-12, got married in a Catholic Church and considered myself a Catholic for most of my life. But, in all those years as a Catholic, I never really did anything, never really got involved in much. Today, I am a proud member of Epiphany, serving on the Vestry after serving for seven years as the Church treasurer.

In looking at Epiphany, I’m reminded of the children’s story, “The Little Engine That Could.” The underlying theme of the story is a stranded train that is unable to find an engine willing to take it over difficult terrain to its destination. Only the Little Engine is willing to try and, while repeating the mantra “I think I can, I think I can”, overcomes a seemingly impossible task. That’s us! We are that Little Engine!

Just look at all of the Ministries we have and all the people, and not just the Vestry and Wardens, who are part of these volunteer groups: the Property Committee, the Food Box team, Altar Guild, Ushers, Greeters, Eucharistic Ministers, Acolytes, Small Groups, Christmas and Easter dinners for the needy, Service Ministries, Counters, WOE, MOE, the Lawn Rangers, people who take care of the flower pots and plantings and help out on “Spruce-up Days, Christmas tree lighting and so many more! And we’ve been doing this for more than eight months without a rector because, “We think we can, we think we can!”

Nick Parisi

**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.*

<b>June 6</b> Sue Greenauer	<b>June 13</b> Shirley Harding Gail Renehan	<b>June 21</b> David Pulhamusn	<b>June 29</b> Dylan Morien	
<b>June 7</b> Debbie Hastings	<b>June 16</b> Nita Landes Pam Metzinger	<b>June 22</b> Kellen McGrath	<b>June 30</b> Tom Seils	
<b>June 8</b> Brian Cooper Jonathan Woo	<b>June 17</b> Julie D'Angelo			

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- June 6** Bruce & Audrey Barclay
- June 10** Don & Pam Metzinger
- June 11** Ken, Jr. & Retta Gamet
- June 13** Larry & Ronnie Burling

- June 13** Nick & Margaret Parisi
- June 16** Julie D'Angelo & Tammy Weber-D'Angelo
- June 26** Emily & Evan VanScooter  
Terry & Liz Barker

## 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



## Vestry Highlights

**MAY 16, 2023**

### **Business:**

1. Approve the April 18, 2023 Vestry Meeting Minutes. M-S-A to approve April 18, 2023 Vestry Meeting Minutes.
2. Finance Report: Deb reported the budget and pledges are on target. Not in deficit. Utilities have straightened out. Supply is over budget, not enough budgeted. Will be remedied. M-S-A to accept May 18, 2023 Treasurer's Report,
3. Shredding old documents securely – update: Deb reported that she and Nick will get together soon to determine how much there is to do. Certain records have to be kept for 7 years and some forever.
4. Safe Church training-Church sexual harassment: Kathy reported on hold for now. Still need to make phone call. Company has changed, Administration not available. Everything is the same just need to have updated. Keep on agenda.
5. Pastoral Care: Don talked about the need for pastoral care that Gladys and Birdie reported on at the last meeting. They haven't had much support for the past 3 years. He would like to use funds from the Memorial Fund (which has approx \$20,000) to address this problem. Guidelines for use of funds speak to use for securing worship or parish ministry. He contacted Virginia about asking if we could contract w/priest to help out for 4 or 5 months at a fee of \$20-25/month. She informed him there are priests available(Harden, Pittman, and Burkhardt) to do some pastoral care for free. The priests that Jimmie Sue, when she resigned, said were available for emergency calls are no longer available. Discussion followed to at least make a gas card available. If we need money, it will be withdrawn from the Memorial Fund. Susan mentioned that through Pastoral Care/Red Cross, Krystal, an Episcopal priest might be willing to help. Also Dahn ( has been supply priest at Epiphany). Don will talk with Gladys and Birdie to reiterate what they see as the need from the priests. After Don has talked with them, he will contact the 5 names supplied to see if anyone is willing, maybe have 4 different ones available Mike offered to let them know that on an as need basis, a stipend would be available. Lisa offered not always just homebound parishioners but their families might need help, would be somebody to call on or just for funerals.

6. Internet update/Spectrum: In a holding pattern until we receive the co-pay form(trouble with email contact at Spectrum). As soon as Epiphany receives the invoice, a check will be sent. Work can begin.

7. Clean out pole barn: Tabled, Kristin reported that nobody was interested in taking the Pride stuff. Will be thrown out.

#### DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Update Church Policies: It's been approximately 15 years since last updated. Should be updated every 5 years. Book is in the Rector's office with other forms and 10 or more policies to look at. Once we have a new Rector they can be looked at to see if anything has changed and then be updated.

2. Small group updates: Service Ministry hosted the Wednesday Night café with a presentation by Family Promise. It was well attended and received by 14 attendees. 3 volunteers from Epiphany attended their second Saturday work party and painted a bedroom. People will be able to follow Family Promise on Epiphany's facebook page Deb reported there will be another presentation on Alzheimers and Dementia in the Fall. Under Adult Formation there will a trip to Blue Barn Cidery in July. Also a trip to the Windmill in Oct.

There was discussion how many people were looking at our facebook videos. 35 views on Family Promise. 142 views of CofE service. Should we be using these numbers for our Sunday attendance? Will check with Diocese to see how we could include this in our Parochial Report. Mike made an observation to link to Tithely - to support Epiphany with donation. A discussion followed of how donation could be on facebook with a link to tithely, There was concern expressed about safety with this link on facebook. Mike responded that this is very safe. Kim will look into this.

3. Search Committee Update: Tabled as there wasn't anyone present to update status.

4. Church Directory Update: There is an updated list in computer from November 2022. A copy will be printed off and left on table in foyer to add themselves to directory or change of address. Still need someone to update current names by looking through older directories to see if they are still part of the parish. Records of actively pledging or giving is another source of checking to see if still part of parish. We have had visitors and listed as visitors that have joined the parish.

5. Update plaques: Warden's names it has been 10 years since updated. Also Memorial Garden plaques. Discussed using Memorial Fund for plaques. About 6 months ago Jack brought it up. Will ask Birdie about the plaques for Columbarium.

We have priest supply coverage from May 25 through September 24. Need sign up for when Paddy is the supply priest to help with picking him up and taking him home. Mike will pickup at 8a.m. Nancy Hatz is recovering from hip surgery and needs ride to come back to Church.

CLOSING PRAYER AND ADJOURN: Closing prayer given by Susan. Motion made and carried to adjourn the Tuesday, May 16 2023 Vestry Meeting at 8:00p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, June 20, 2023 at 7:00p.m.

Prayers: Mike

Vestry Views June Star: Nick

Respectfully Submitted,

Pat Leshner, Clerk of the Vestry

## **Widows Group**

Please mark your calendar for our next lunch on **Wednesday, June 28th @ 11:00 AM**

## **MOE Group**

Please come join us for breakfast on **Wednesday, June 21st @ 8:30 am** at Johnny D's.



## **Service Ministry May Update**

Epiphany adopted 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. There were many opportunities for parishioners to be involved with Family Promise. Service Ministry and Adult Formation hosted a Wednesday Night Café on May 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm which was well attended. The presentation was titled "Housing is a Human Right" and was given by Beth Bojarski, Manager of Development and Community Engagement at FPGROC. The talk focuses on homelessness and the work being done at Family Promise to assist families experiencing homelessness. The presentation was live streamed and posted on the church's Facebook page.

On May 13<sup>th</sup>, a few members from Epiphany were involved at Second Saturday at Family Promise of Greater Rochester. In the morning, Marsha Pulhamus attended a book discussion on Poverty, my America by Matthew Desmond. Later that day, Donna Perry, Pat Leshner and Marsha Pulhamus spent the afternoon working at Family Promise. We were busy painting some newly acquired apartments at FPGROC. We all enjoyed meeting other volunteers helping out at Family Promise.



Epiphany also collected in-kind donations for two moving kits for clients as they transition out of Family Promise into their own apartments. The moving kits include kitchen items and needed cleaning supplies. Kathy Entress, Betty Frisch and Nancy Mancini made some special treats for the guests and staff of FPGROC which were delivered on May 22nd.

A big thank you to the parishioners of Epiphany for their generous in-kind donations, time and talents helping out on Second Saturday, attendance at the Wednesday Café and making baked treats for the family and staff at Family Promise. It was a very successful month helping Family Promise of Greater Rochester with their goal with helping families facing homelessness in Rochester.

Our June project will be collecting items for our Little Red Food Box at the Epiphany Church Picnic on Sunday, June 11. We are requesting donations of personal products and non-perishable food. Some suggestions include canned foods such as soup, chili, fruits, vegetables, pasta sauce and beans, boxed foods such as pasta, cereal, oatmeal packets, rice and crackers and personal products such as soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, feminine products, diapers, wipes, razors and lotion.

The service Ministry team will also be planning additional projects for summer including our annual collection of school supplies for Hope Hall School. 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.

### **WOE UPDATE**

WOE would like to update the Parish about the Rummage Sale. We will be having one, however, it will not take place until April 2024 – next spring.

Again, the sale will be scaled down/ re-vamped.

No donation trailer will be available to drop off any of your items come next year. Instead you'll be able to bring your items in the Sunday of rummage week.

So, if you can, save your items until the sale.

No actual date has been set, but it will be in April 2024

Reminder.... The following items will not be accepted:

NO - clothes (of any kind), furniture, lamps, power tools, small appliances, electronics, TV's, shoes, baby items, VHS tapes

YES – BOOKS, housewares (kitchen items), linens (sheets, blankets, etc), jewelry, toys, holiday items & nic-nacs, sporting goods, small miscellaneous items, Notions/crafts (yarn, cards, sewing items), purses, and washed stuffed animals.

As always, we will be looking for help come April 2024 with the sorting, pricing and the day of sale.

Any questions, concerns, or clarification of donations – feel free to contact me through email, phone or text.

Thank you.....Pam Metzinge

## Rector Search Committee Search Committee June Update

The search process is now transitioning to Phases III- IV, which means that potential candidates have been identified and vetted. First interviews will commence to discern if any of the applicants identified are an appropriate fit for Epiphany.

Please keep the Search Committee in your prayers, as we carefully evaluate each candidate. Virginia Tyler-Smith, the Transitional Dean for our diocese, will be guiding the Search Committee as we pursue the “right” candidate for our open 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.

You are invited to LUNCH!!!  
Sunday, July 16, 2023, 12:00 Noon at  
Blue Barn Cidery  
928 Manitou Road  
Hilton, NY 14468



The Church of Epiphany is having lunch at the Blue Barn Cidery in Hilton, NY on July 16th at Noon after church. The Blue Barn Cidery is a great place to go for lunch and dinner. It is a family friendly establishment with plenty of room for kids to run around outside. They have non-alcoholic options as well as hard cider, wines, beer, and liquor. All ciders are produced by apples grown right here in Rochester, NY. Please join us for fun and fellowship. There is a menu posted and sign-up sheet in the hall just to let me know how many people are coming, though not required. Contact: Kim Hyde 585-820-2007, khyde521@gmail.com

### Sunday, June 18:

This Sunday we will be celebrating our wonderful year of activities. We will be thanking our wonderful Church School Teachers for their hard work done with our youth. We really appreciate our teachers so much.

We will be honoring our graduates this Sunday also – Jesse Albano & McKanna Morien.

We will also be awarding our JVB Scholarships.

Please come to support all that is happening with the Church School and youth.

### Wednesday Cafe

We had a great Wednesday Cafe event on May 10, 2023 with speaker Beth Bojarski, Manager of Development and Community Engagement at Family Promise. During Beth's talk she mentioned books on the subject of "Housing is a Human Right", both books are written by Matthew Desmond and are titled *Evicted* and *Poverty, by America*. In addition, Beth mentioned a documentary by Ken Burns called *East Lake Meadows: A Public Housing Story*. Also Beth's presentation is

posted on the church's Facebook page if you missed it. If you have any questions please see Kathie Entress or Marsha Pulhamus.

Epiphany will be hosting a Wednesday Cafe on **June 21, 2023** at 7pm. Our speaker will be Gates Police Chief Robert Long. Our topics will include general resident safety, and safety for seniors, in addition to taking questions. If you have any questions please contact Kathie Entress

### **April 2023 Financial Summary**

<b>Income</b>	<b>April YTD</b>	<b>2023 Budget YTD</b>
Pledge & Plate	\$37,625	\$37,333
Investment Income	\$6,000	\$8,000
Diocesan Grant		
Flowers	\$715	\$375
Special Offerings	\$1,529	\$800
Building Use		\$17
Other	\$783	\$1,367
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$46,651</b>	<b>\$47,892</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Worship	\$5,298	\$3,237
Formation	\$200	\$317
Diocesan Apportionment	\$7,005	\$7,004
Stewardship	\$2,343	\$3,100
Other Action	\$84	\$550
Youth	-	-
Evangelism	\$430	\$408
Oversight	\$12,479	\$11,323
Salaries & Benefits	\$8,009	\$28,217
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$35,848</b>	<b>\$54,156</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>\$10,803</b>	<b>(\$6,264)</b>

*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, 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 Metzger



Church School Schedule  
(classes begin at: 9:45am)

CHURCH SCHOOL SCHEDULE:  
(classes begin at: 9:45am)

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

**Church Picnic**

- 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.

**Help stock our Food Box at the Church Picnic!**

We 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. Some suggestions:

- Canned foods – soup, chili, fruits, vegetables, pasta sauce, beans
- Boxed foods – pasta, cereal, oatmeal packets, rice, crackers
- Personal products – soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, feminine products, diapers, wipes, razors, lotion.

Thank you from the Service Committee and the Food Box Stewards

**Thank you**

Thank you to those who came out on Saturday, May 27 for an outside Spruce Up morning. We weeded, trimmed & planted in the Memorial Garden & some work was done on the sidewalk way stations. Also, the Food Box was moved to a better location & access.

Thanks to those who helped out this morning- Laurie Zaso, Bruce Pillman, Pam Metzinger, Lisa Steubing and Kathie & Steve Entress



## 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, June 18, 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.

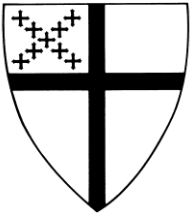
*Note:* The Marr Award is available 3 times per year. Application deadlines are May 1st, August 1st and December 1st.





## June 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				01 Redwings Game Supporting our Community Nite	02	03
04 Property meeting <b>8:00 AM HE</b> <b>10:00 AM HE</b>	05	06	07	08	09	10
11 Church Picnic  <b>8:00 AM HE</b> <b>10:00 AM HE</b>	12	13	14	15	16  <b>Red Wings Concession</b>	17
18 <b>Celebrating:</b> Church School Teachers <b>Honoring</b> our Graduates <b>Awarding</b> JVB Scholarships <b>8:00 AM HE</b> <b>10:00 AM HE</b>  <b>Fathers Day</b>	19	20  Vestry Meeting 7:00	21 Wed Café 7:00  MOE Breakfast 8:30	22	23	24
25  <b>8:00 AM HE</b> <b>10:00 AM HE</b>	26	27	28 Widows 11:00 Lunch	29	30	



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**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

## EPIPHANY HIGHLIGHTS

**JUNE 01 – RED WINGS GAME**

**JUNE 04 –PROPERTY MEETING**

**JUNE 11– CHURCH PICNIC**

**JUNE 18 – CELEBRATING CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHERS**

**HONORING: OUR GRADUATES AND FATHERS, AWARDING: JVB  
SCHOLARSHIPS,**

**JUNE 20 - VESTRY MEETING**

**JUNE 21 – WED. CAFE**

