

# THE STAR



JULY-AUGUST 2023



# Church of the epiphany

## VESTRY VIEWS

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### JULY & AUGUST CALENDARS

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Parish Office 247-4190

Tue.-Fri.

8:30 am-12:30 pm

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### SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:00 & 10:00 a.m.

Welcome!

This word was the very first word I heard upon entering Epiphany almost 4 years ago. Not only did I hear it, but I felt it! I'd been thinking about changing parishes for many years before that day. In fact, I was not only changing parishes, but leaving the Roman Catholic Church that I'd been baptized into as a baby. Although it was a change that I knew in my heart was right for me, it was still difficult to take that first step. I'm not good with change in general, which I'm sure I'm not alone in! I have to admit, that first Sunday, I thought I was going to slip in undetected and be able to feel out what I thought of the church. I'm sure you are chuckling in your head at this thought because, as you can imagine, I was immediately noticed as a new visitor and welcomed enthusiastically! I'd never experienced an Epiphany style Sign of Peace before, and if I had any doubt before then, it quickly vanished as it was very clear I was among a community of welcoming, loving people! Epiphany continues to be welcoming! We show our welcoming, loving nature in all the ways we connect to our community and to each other. Whether it's a Service project, our little Food Box, or fellowship at Coffee Hour, we continue to be welcoming in so many ways! God willing, we will be welcoming a new Pastor in our future too! This is my first year serving on Vestry. I have a lot to learn as a relative new comer, but I'm looking forward to understanding more and more about the parish by working along side my fellow Vestry members. I know that, with our entire parish community working together, we will continue to say - and show "Welcome"!

Donna Perry

## THE PROVISIONAL BISHOP

The Rt. Rev'd Stephen Lane

## THE MINISTERS

The Congregation

## THE VESTRY

Don Metzinger, Warden  
Jack Merrick, Warden  
Deb Grasso, Treasurer  
Pat Leshar, Clerk

Helen Bennett  
Kim Hyde  
Kathie Entress  
Kristen Smith

Susan Gaskill  
Mike Grasso  
Nick Parisi  
Donna Perry

## THE STAFF

Rector:  
Parish Secretary: Maureen Durie

Organist: Gail Hyde  
Church School Coordinator: Don Metzinger

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## FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

### JULY & AUGUST 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.*

**July 4** Joyce Mort  
**July 11** Jan Boulter  
**July 14** Mark Mancini  
**July 15** Hannah Cappon  
Deborah Waterman  
**July 16** Richard Longhouse  
**July 19** Pat Hill

**July 20** Liz Barker  
**July 22** Meghan Parisi  
**July 24** Nancy Coleman  
Nancy Phillips  
**August 2** Earl Hume  
Bob Renehan  
**August 4** Bo Heslin  
David George

**August 7** Ernie Schulze  
James D'Anunzio  
**August 8** Helen Bennett  
**August 10** Ryan Zaso  
**August 16** Katy Zaso  
**August 24** Molly McGrath  
**August 26** Michael Ornt  
**August 29** Barbara Woo  
**August 30** Margaret Schweizer

### JULY & AUGUST 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.*

**July 10** Larry & Barb Cieslinski  
Cassie & Connor Magiera  
**July 12** Steve & Nancy Mancini  
**July 24** David & Elaine Bagley  
Dave & Barb George

**August 9** Mark & Lisa Durkin  
**August 30** Mark & Pat Hill

### STAR DEADLINES

Please email **photos** and **articles** to Faith Weston at [coeoffice@frontier.com](mailto:coeoffice@frontier.com). Thank you!

### 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, 8:30 am–12:30



pm

Issue	Deadline	Mailing
September	August 18	August 28
October	September 15	September 25





## Summer Coffee Hour Hosts Needed

Church School/J2A Coordinator: Don Metzinger

Still spots to fill. We will be relying on volunteers to sign up to host coffee hour in the summer months. If no one signs up on a particular Sunday, no coffee hour. Sign- up sheet on board in the main hallway. Thank you

## May 2023 Financial Summary

Income	May YTD	2023 Budget YTD
Pledge & Plate	\$47,362	\$46,667
Investment Income	6,000	10,000
Diocesan Grant	-	-
Flowers	790	792
Special Offerings	1,529	1,000
Building Use	-	21
Other	956	1,708
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$56,637</b>	<b>\$60,188</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Worship	6,343	4,046
Formation	210	396
Diocesan Apportionment	8,755	8,755
Stewardship	2,862	3,875
Other Action	-	563
Youth	-	-
Evangelism	446	510
Oversight	13,699	14,039
Salaries & Benefits	9,861	35,271
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$42,176</b>	<b>\$67,455</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>14,461</b>	<b>(7,268)</b>

*Submitted by Deb Grasso, Treasurer*

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## TEACHER RECOGNITION DAY

Teacher Recognition Day was held on Sunday, June 18. We thanked our dedicated teachers for their year of service with our kids.

Many Thank Yous to: Marsha Pulhamus, Gladys VanBrederode, Susan Gaskil, and Cassie Magiera

## SAVE THE DATE - SEPTEMBER 09TH

Save the date of our next **Spruce Up Day** scheduled for **Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM.** We will be cleaning the classrooms, nursery & auxiliary room. Many hands make light work. Thank you. Questions - See Pam Metzinger



## ROCHESTER REDWINGS - 2022

Baseball is back & off to a good start! The Redwings team is glad to see us back manning their concession stands. There are a few slots that need to be filled, so consider signing up for an evening of fun. The dates are:

**Friday, September 1** – both Rohrbachs 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> base

**Friday, September 15** – both Rochrbach 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> base



# GOLF OUTING

This is a fundraiser for our church. Signup sheets

are up, so check your calendars and come & Support! Questions.....see Don Metzinger

## Sixteenth Annual Bill Winchell & Tom Cleveland Memorial Family Day Golf Outing

When: Sunday, August 06, 2023

Where: Pinewoods Country Club  
1189 Ogden-Parma Town Line Road  
352-5314

Time: 1:00 p.m. Check-in/ Lunch  
1:45 p.m. Semi Shot-gun Tee Time  
5:15 p.m. (approx.) Buffet Dinner

Registration Fees: \$50.00 per person for Lunch, Golf & Dinner  
\$25.00 per person for Dinner only  
\$11.95 children 10 and under

Dinner Menu: Pulled Pork, Grilled Chicken BBQ , rolls, baked beans, salt potatoes, coleslaw.  
A cash bar will be available 50/50 Raffle at the door

This is a family fun day - no experience needed! Let's just have fun!



### Golfers

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Golfers \_\_\_\_\_ x \$50.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Dinner Only

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

# Dinners \_\_\_\_\_ x \$25.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ # Children 10 and under x \$11.95 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Registration is due no later than Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup>.

Please make checks payable to: Church of the Epiphany; Memo: Golf  
Questions? Call Nick Parisi: 750-6100 or Bob Renehan: 247-6420 or Jack Merrick: 802-2860

## 2023-2024 ALTAR FLOWER SCHEDULE

This list reflects donations made in 2022-2023. As you can see, there are often multiple donors on any given Sunday. If you wish to become a donor, or want to change or delete an existing listing, please contact Maureen Durie in the Parish Office (247-4190 or [coeoffice@frontier.com](mailto:coeoffice@frontier.com).) Additions and changes can be made throughout the year.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Donor(s)</b>	<b>In Memory of AND/OR in Thanksgiving for:</b>
September 3, 2023	Nancy & Steve Mancini	David & Patricia Yerkes
September 10, 2023	Marian & Bill Chapman	In honor of our Wedding Anniversary Sept, 9th
September 17, 2023	Larry & Ronnie Burling	Robert & Veronica Scruton, Marvin & Clara Burling
September 24, 2023	Patricia Ornt Lill Poppleton	Ray Ornt Winifred & Samuel Kingston
October 1, 2023	Janet Boulter	Earl W. & Ruth G. Murphy, JoAnne Murphy
October 8, 2023	Metzinger Family	Audrey Hout
October 15, 2023	Gladys VanBrederode	Mary, Henry & Peter VanBrederode
October 22, 2023		
October 29, 2023	Carol Kohan	William and Lillian Ernisse
November 5, 2023	Gladys VanBrederode Deb Waterman	Mary, Henry & Peter VanBrederode Frederick C. & Ruth Waterman
November 12 2023	Donna Hall & Family	Carolyn A. Burch, Evelyn D. Steubing, June M. Woodruff, Eric R. Schmidt
November 19, 2023	Anne Winchell Silver	William Winchell, Marjorie Hall Winchell, Ada Cole Hall, Anne & Arthur Cole, Gladys & Victor Winchell
November 26, 2023	<b>Advent Starts – Advent Greens</b>	
December 3, 2023	Barbara Rafoth & family	Lydia Lee Rafoth (date closest to 12/6 each year)
December 10, 2023		
December 17, 2023	Janet Boulter	Tom Boulter
December 24, 2023		
December 31, 2023	Jack Merrick	Lucy Taylor, Clarence & Edna Twietmeyer Steegar
January 7, 2024	<b>Epiphany 1</b>	
January 14, 2024	Gladys VanBrederode	Gerald & Helen Kusenberg
January 21, 2024		
January 28, 2024	Steve & Nancy Mancini	Alfred D. Mancini & Nancy A. Mancini
February 4, 2024	Ann Schwalm	Francis J. Schwalm

Date	Donor(s)	In Memory of AND/OR in Thanksgiving for:
February 11, 2024	Barbara Rafoth & family	Frederick T. Rafoth
February 18, 2024	Steve & Nancy Mancini	Alfred D. Mancini & Nancy A. Mancini
February 25, 2024	<b>LENT STARTS 2/26</b>	
March 3, 2024	<b>No flowers during Lent</b>	
March 10, 2024	<b>No flowers during Lent</b>	
March 17, 2024	<b>No flowers during Lent</b>	
March 24, 2024	<b>Palm Sunday</b>	
March 31, 2024	<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>	
April 7, 2024		
April 14, 2024	Gladys VanBrederode	John VanBrederode
April 21, 2024	Barbara Rafoth	In thanksgiving for family & friends
April 28, 2024	Steve & Nancy Mancini	Frances Highberger, Jennie Arena
May 5, 2024	Ferris children & grandchildren Alex Monroe Helen Bennett	Jack and Libby Ferris Florence H. Ellison Webster Dean and Debbie Bennett
May 12, 2024	Marian & Bill Chapman  Carole Haase Gladys VanBrederode	Walter & Bertha Kwiatkowski, Amos & Grace <u>Chapman</u> Royal E. & Jeannette K. Schrack, Charlotte & Julius Haase, Joan & Doug Arthur, Patricia Hogeboom Beth McCory
May 19, 2024	Barbara Rafoth & family	Lydia Lee Rafoth
May 26, 2024	Bill & Pat Leshner	W. Herbert & Rosa M. Leshner
June 2, 2024	Jack Merrick	Anne Merrick, John & Margery Merrick
June 09, 2024	Gladys VanBrederode Barbara Rafoth	In memory of dear friends Frederick T. Rafoth
June 16, 2024		
June 23, 2024	Carole Haase & family	Jan R. Haase
June 30, 2024	Marsha & David Pulhamus	Donald W. & Marilyn A. Still
July 7, 2024	Mike & Deb Grasso Gretchen Murray	Michael N. & Irene (June) Grasso David Murray

Date	Donor(s)	In Memory of AND/OR in Thanksgiving for:
July 14, 2024		
July 21, 2024	Nita Landes	Donald Landes
July 28, 2024		
August 4, 2024	Metzinger Family	John Hout & Robert Metzinger
August 11, 2024	David & Marsha Pulhamus	William R. & Elaine C. Pulhamus
August 18, 2024	Meg , Kristen, Andrew, Jenn, Aiden, Brendan & Jackson Smith	Dick "Padre" Smith
	Carole Haase	Willard & Patricia Hogeboom
August 25, 2024		

**Vestry Highlights – June meeting**

**BUSINESS:**

1. Approve the May 16, 2023 Vestry Meeting minutes. M-S-A to approve May 16, 2023 Vestry Meeting minutes.
2. Finance Report & motion to approve: Deb reported budget is doing well. Utilities are down, Cost up for Clergy supply. There was an overcharge on copier. Deb will call and check this out.
3. Shredding old documents securely - any updates: Sue reported there will be a free shredding of documents open to residents of the Town of Ogden on 7/8/23 from 9-12. Since we have several people of the Vestry that live in Ogden perhaps they could split up church documents that need to be shredded. Also, Ecopark does shredding by appointment. Nick and Deb will get organized soon on this project. As an aside, while Deb was looking through old documents, she found receipt for refrigerator bought in 2014 that has warranty for compressor, which might be the cause of the fridge's breakdown.
4. Safe Church training - Church sexual harassment: Kathy will be available this Summer to begin work on what has to be done to update these policies
5. Pastoral Care - update: Don contacted Virginia for names of priests, but hasn't had time to contact anyone yet. Recently, 3 parishioners have died. During the Covid years we didn't hold any funeral services. Ernie Schulze has spoken to Don and Jack with Sandra present to discuss a memorial service Gail. Sandra helped Ernie with the selection of prayers and hymns for the service which will be Friday, June 23 at 11 a.m. Following the service, the family will have a catered reception in the Fellowship Hall for approximately 100 people. They will take care of all arrangements and cleanup. Kim reported the service will be on Facebook, which the family really appreciated. Kathie will contact our cleaning service to come after 3 p.m. on Saturday, which is their usual cleaning day at the Church. Sandra also offered to help Sue Greenauer with George's service. At this point, Sue is not ready for decisions.
6. Internet update/Spectrum - updates: Mike was contacted by Spectrum for installation date - waiting for approval for permit from NY State. All has been straightened out and the bill has been paid.

## DISCUSSION ITEMS;

1. Update Church Policies: Jack and Don said so many policies are out of date, to tackle them right now is not feasible. Wait until new rector to update policies,
2. Small Group updates: Kathy reported on Adult Formation. 10 people have signed up for the Wed. Night Cafe on 6/21 when the Gates Police Chief will give a presentation on safety tips for seniors . In July there will be family gathering for a meal at the Blue Barn Cidery, in the Fall Deb will have more info on Alzheimers and Dementia. Also, in the Fall Smores Night around the firepit . Christmas Tree lighting in December. As a note, Don reported that the Gates Fire Marshall did an inspection last week . We need to put in more smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors. An email will be sent to Fire Marshall requesting where they should be placed, if they are available through fire department and also installation.
3. Search Committee update: There isn't an update yet. We do know that in the past 2 years, 14 churches were looking for a rector, down to 10, only us and 5 churches looking for the past 6 months. The Diocese is working hard to find rectors in the past year.
4. Update plaques - Wardens, Columbarium; The plaque for the Wardens hasn't been updated in the past 12-13 years. First, the proper terms and dates served needs to be researched. Then purchase name plates, have them engraved and possibly new plaque to hold them. Also, what fund to draw the money from. Jack and Deb will check with Birdie to update names of plaques in Memorial garden Don received a request from Jan Resch to relinquish Dave's ashes from the Columbarium so they can be buried in the family cemetery. A response will be sent to Jan that this isn't a problem. An appointment should be set up for retrieval. Also, a formal request submitted and signed to release the niche back to the Church There are expenses involved after removal for us. Cleaning and new canister required in order to resell it.
5. Delegates to Convention: Bo called Don to inform him he is receiving information from the Diocese like he still is a delegate. He wants to know if he is. Our only delegate listed to Convention is Emily Klinzing-Cirino on a 3 year term. There wasn't a vote this past year at the Annual Meeting. Don will check with the Diocese to make sure Bo still isn't on the list.
6. Refrigerator repair funding: Mike reported the refrigerator isn't working. He has an appointment with Yuri to look at the refrigerator at a cost of \$100. Vestry authorized up to \$1000 for repairs. If more, email will be sent out for further authorization on what to do; to buy a commercial grade like the present one could cost up to \$20,000.
7. Seabury Woods- parking lot use- Sept. 25: Seabury made a request to use Epiphany's parking lot on 9/25/23, 9-12 for bus driver training. Don checked about insurance, which they have. Request approved.
8. Seabury Woods - using planters for smoke butts and benches.: Don would like to talk to Seabury about the staff using flower pots as ashtrays to put out their cigarettes. They are plastic pots and one has been severely burned and warped. Request replacement of planter and a smoking receptacle near benches so planters are not used. Also, the 4 benches were an Eagle Scout project approximately 10 years ago. The plastic is deteriorating and they should be replaced. Don will have a conversation with the staff asking if there is any funding available to replace the benches
- 8a. Seabury Woods: Davon Hubert, Chaplain Senior Life Communities contacted Epiphany about a closer relationship with Epiphany. Could that be considered now or would Epiphany rather wait until a rector is



called. We would like to re-establish a relationship with them but wait until we have a rector to involve in this discussion.

9. Naulin Trust: Eunie Naulin passed away about 2 years ago and left Epiphany \$2000. from her estate. A letter sent to the Bishop for his signature was switched to an Epiphany Warden. The check has been deposited into checking account. Deb questioned if this should go to the Endowment fund or use it. Tabled for now to see if we have an urgent need at the Church, otherwise put into Endowment Fund. Since we don't have Don's address a thank you note will be sent to the attorneys to forward to Don.

10. Blessing Church International-inquiry about using the Church. Still haven't talked to representative of this church. We need more information other than a Christian organization to rent the church on Sunday from 12-3 and possibly some use on Sat. Not sure if they have contacted other Churches and why they are leaving their space now. Don will check with Virginia, but it seems use should be at discretion of Rector, which we don't have right now.

11. Need someone to sign up for Vestry Views for September: Forgot this was on agenda.

Nick talked about the upcoming golf tournament and that normally it doesn't cost the Church anything. We haven't made money. Beverage cart provided wine and beer, donations given by golfers. A beverage cart isn't permitted this year. We do have a 50/50 raffle. Gift bags of a ball and tees were given to participants. George Greenauer actually made and donated a club given for the longest drive. We have had a drawing for different prizes during dinner, like golf towels that we had left over from something. This year they charged for the tournament and dinner just cover the cost. Nick, Jack, and Bob of the Golf Committee are requesting \$100 donation from the Vestry to put towards prizes at dinner. Hoping there is a fund where money could be used for this purpose. Deb said there is \$92 in a fellowship fund could be used for this purpose. \$100. will also be made available,

Window in Sexton's office is cracked and needs to be replaced. It is under warranty from Rochester Colonial, but reglazing and installation costs are \$336.50. A motion was made and carried to be funded either from Building Maintenance and Repairs or Seabury Woods fund. It will be between 10-12 weeks before installation.

CLOSING PRAYER AND ADJOURN: Closing prayer given by Mike. Motion made and carried to adjourn the Tuesday, June 20, 2023 Vestry Meeting at 8:35 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, August 15, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. (No July meeting) If something that needs to be addressed, e-mail will be utilized.

Prayers: Nick

Vestry Views July/August STAR: Donna

Respectfully Submitted,

Pat Leshner, Clerk of the Vestry

### **July Search Committee Update**

The search process is now transitioning to Phases III- IV, which means that potential candidates have been identified and vetted. First and second interviews have commenced 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 Scooter and Laurie Zaso.


### July Service Ministry Update

Our June project was collecting items for our Little Red Food Box at the Epiphany Church Picnic on Sunday, June 11. As usual, Epiphany was extremely generous with their donations of personal products and non-perishable food for our food box. Your kindness to other that are more unfortunate is to be commended and our little Red Food Box helps our neighbors in Gates when they are hungry.

The Service Ministry team will be planning our annual collection of school supplies for Hope Hall School. We will be collecting school supplies from July 16<sup>th</sup> – August 13<sup>th</sup>. More specifics about Hope Hall’s school supply requests will be in the July bulletins and a collection bin will be placed in the hallway in several weeks.

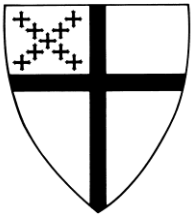
Please feel free to contact any member on the Service Ministry team if you have any suggestions for projects or would like to join our team. We appreciate all the support from the parishioners at Epiphany.

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

						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 8:00 AM HE 10:00 AM HE	3	4 OFFICE CLOSED <b>RED WINGS CONCESSIONS</b>	5	6	7	8
9 8:00 AM HE 10:00 AM HE	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 8:00 AM HE 10:00 AM HE	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 8:00 AM HE 10:00 AM HE	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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6 Golf Outing 8:00 AM HE 10:00 AM HE	7	8	9	10	11 <b>S</b>	12
13 8:00 AM HE 10:00 AM HE	14	15 Vestry Meeting  7:00 PM	16	17	18	19
20 8:00 AM HE 10:00 AM HE	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 8:00 AM HE 10:00 AM HE	28	29	30	31		



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## EPIPHANY HIGHLIGHTS

**Redwings...July 1, 26; August 12; Sept 17**  
**Annual Golf Fun Day...August 21**