

THE STAR



OCTOBER 2023

Church of the epiphany

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OCTOBER CALENDAR

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Parish Office

247-4190

Tue.–Fri.

8:30am–12:30pm

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:00 A.M. HE

10:00 A.M. HE

BULLETIN PRAYER LIST

Parish Office 247-4190

Prayer requests remain for

6 weeks unless notified

VESTRY VIEWS

I want to start off by saying THANK YOU to everyone in the Parish, who stepped Up and helped out while we were without a Rector. At the Annual meeting, we talked about Trying to be transparent with the Parish, while we were in search for a new Rector. I think the Search Committee did a great job during the whole process. With the guidance of the Diocese, the Search Committee got the Parish involved in the process with meetings and surveys, asking what the Parish was looking for in a new Rector. All in all, I believe the Search Committee did a great job, and Now we have Fr Greg Kremer with us as Epiphany's new Rector. Welcome Fr Greg!

To the Vestry (Kim, Helen, Kathie, Mike, Lisa, Kristen, Nick, Susan and Donna), The Vestry Clerk (Pat), Treasure (Deb), Warden (Jack), Retired Warden (Margaret). Pledge Clerk (Mike) and Church Secretary (Maureen). And of course the Search Committee, Marsha, Birdie, Cat, Emily, Cassie, Tom, Laurie and Sue..... THANK YOU!

To the Alter Guild, the group filling our Free Food box, the Adult Formation Group, the Outreach / Service committee, the Property Committee, Lawn Rangers, small Groups, the counters, The Sunday School teachers, the Facebook live video group, the Ushers and Greeters, the Acolytes, Welcome, and Coffee hours hosts..... THANK YOU!

For a church without a Rector for almost a year, Epiphany survived, and we did very well. We got Thru Easter week, Thanksgiving and Christmas along with a Baptism and a couple funerals. There was only a couple Sundays that we needed to do Morning Prayer. Every other Sunday, we had Supply Priests for 8:00 and 10:00 service..... Supply Clergy THANK YOU

So with everything that we did over the last year, without a Rector. Just think what we can Do with a new Rector. We need to all still do our jobs to continue to help grow epiphany. We have a Great foundation and Epiphany is ready to bloom. We all should be thinking " I want to Be the seed that will help our parish grow". Thank you to my family and my Church family.

Don Metzinger

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	Mike Grasso
Deb Grasso, Treasurer	Kathie Entress	Nick Parisi
Pat Leshner, Clerk	Kristen Smith	Susan Gaskill
		Donna Perry

THE STAFF

Rector: Father Greg Kremer	Organist: Gail Hyde
Parish Secretary: Maureen Durie	Church School Coordinator: Don Metzinger



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FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

OCTOBER 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.

October 1 Laurie Zaso Tammy Weber-D'Angelo	October 9 Ariana Heslin Barb Cieslinski	October 25 Patty Ornt Paige Kellogg
October 2 Jody Parisi	October 11 Derek Pulhamus	October 27 Kate Kellogg Jessica Hyde
October 4 Mark Durkin	October 15 Cheryl Cappon	October 29 Don Metzinger
October 7 Alice Marshall	October 17 Sabrina Morien Joe D'Anunzio	
October 8 Ashley Ploettner		

OCTOBER 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.

October 16 Jack & Nancy Philips
October 17 Steve & Kathie Entress

October 21 Glenn & Kim Hyde

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



October Service Ministry Updates

We have another Wednesday Cafe speaker scheduled for Wednesday, October 4, 2023 at 7pm. We have David Perrinelli from Medicare Resource Solutions. David is coming to speak about Medicare and questions related to eligibility, working with employer's plans, plans for those who are still working and general Medicare questions. If you have any questions please contact Kathie Entress

The September Service Ministry project was completed on October 1st. The sock and underwear drive was for Cameron Ministries. Cameron Ministries is an Urban Outreach Community Center in the Lyell-Otis neighborhood of Rochester which delivers basic needs and emergency services to families and individual in this area. The donations will be delivered the first week of October and Cameron is very grateful for our support of their Urban Ministry.

Save the date for a fall Potluck dinner on **Saturday, October 14th at 5pm**. The Vestry will be extending an invitation to the supply priests that were very supportive to Epiphany during our transition period between rectors. Free-will monetary donations will go to Foster Hope, NY, Inc. For the past 20 years, "Fostering Hope" has provided every child entering Foster Care with a backpack packed with age appropriate toiletries, stuffed animal, book, note book or coloring book and writing utensils. These supplies are needed since often the children are removed from their home with only the clothes on their backs. Please join us on the evening of October 14th for a wonderful social gathering, delicious food, and the opportunity to thank the supply priests for their support for Epiphany. **A sign-up sheet for the Potluck dinner is on the bulletin board in the main hallway.**

The Christmas Holidays will be here in no time, and the Service Ministry holiday projects will be very familiar to you. We will be sponsoring a family from Family Promise for Christmas to provide gifts for family members. We also will be donating supplies to "A Meal & More, Inc.", for their Christmas Bag project. More details in November.

The Service Ministry Team is very grateful for the support of the parishioners of Epiphany as we help others in need. Please feel free to stop any members of the Service Team if you have any suggestions for future projects or would like to join our team.

Marsha Pulhamus, Birdie Ames, Nancy Mancini and Donna Perry

Vestry Highlights AUGUST 15, 2023

BUSINESS:

Approve June 20, 2023 Vestry Minutes with one change. It was noted that during Covid there were no funerals, this is accurate, and however it was because the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester did not allow funerals during that time not because we were unwilling to hold funerals.

Finance Report and motion to approve. Deb reported that pledges are down but it is because it is summer. Extra donations have been coming in. Utilities cost are down for the summer. She has been entering expenses under the category of "Repairs" instead of "Maintenance" as before because the expenses are truly repair expenses. For the 2024 budget we should budget for repairs.

Nick and Deb have gone through the old files and with the help of Marsha Pulhamus the old records have been securely shredded at the Town of Ogden and at Eco Park. There is now more storage space.

Safe Church Training. Donna, Kim and Helen have completed the required classes. Several people reported that they did not get the email with the sign in information. Kathie will try to get the information out this week so people can complete the training. Internet update/Spectrum. Mike reports that we are waiting for the proper permits. He will let us know when he hears something definitive.

Discussion Items:

1. Mom's Ministries. The office received an email from this organization looking for space donated or to rent. We wait hold on that decision until Father Greg arrives.
2. Update Plaques. Jack, Deb and Birdie are checking dates; they know who the Wardens are. This is an ongoing project.
3. Delegates to Convention. We are trying to figure out how the diocese is notified of who our delegate, Emily C., is.
4. Karen Marr Scholarship. Amy Marr and her brother will look at the information about the scholarship and possibly make some adjustments to the rules so that more people could benefit from the scholarship.
5. Vestry Views for November. A vestry member is needed to write the views for November. Lisa volunteered.
6. Tom Cleveland/Bill Wynchell Golf Tournament. The tournament, held for the last 16 years, had 77 people for dinner and 51 golfers, a great turn out! Nick thanked Carol Haase for her donation of \$100.00 towards prizes. Also Nick thanked Dave Ploetner, Bob Renehan and Jack for helping with the organizing. 2024 information will be available when decided upon.

8:33pm meeting adjourned with a prayer from Nick.

Next meeting is September 19, 2023 at 7pm.

Prayers: Lisa

Vestry Views: Helen

Respectfully Submitted, Kathie Entress for Pat Leshner



WOE UPDATE

Rummage Sale 2024

** Just a reminder that the WOE Rummage Sale is being held in April 2024

Keep saving your items to donate !

There will be NO donation trailer !

It is again, a scaled down sale.

The following donations WILL be accepted:

Books, toys, holiday décor & nic-nac items, housewares(kitchen items), linens(sheets, blankets,etc), small table-top appliances, miscellaneous items, sporting goods, sneakers & boots only, youth & adult coats ONLY, notions/crafts(yarn, material, sewing items, purses), CD's, jewelry

NOT accepted:

Baby items, stuffed animals, shoes, furniture, lamps, large art work, large appliances, clothes of any kind- excepts coats, VHS tapes, large power tools, TV's

As always, we will be looking for lots of help with unloading, sorting, pricing & on our 2 sale days, plus clean up.

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

Thank you..... Pam Metzinger



Sunday Acolytes Needed

We are in need of acolytes for our 10am services.

Anyone who would like to volunteer .and be a part of this vital ministry, you are welcome we are looking for youth- 5th grade or older, or adults.

Please contact Pam or Adam Metzinger.

We will be holding a training/refresher for acolytes in the near future.

Please consider this prayerfully !

Thank you.



October 1st– Commitment Sunday – 1 Service

On Commitment Sunday there will be **ONE** service at 9:30 .

Please pick up your envelope prior to the start of the service ☺ During the Worship Service you be invited to place your pledge card in an offering basket.

August 2023 Financial Summary

Income	Aug YTD	2022 Budget YTD
Pledge & Plate	\$68,872.89	\$74,666.67
Investment Income	12,000.00	16,000.00
Diocesan Grant	-	-
Flowers	1,070.00	1,266.67
Special Offerings	1,529.00	1,600.00
Building Use	-	33.33
Other	3,341.59	2,733.33
Total Income	\$86,813.48	\$96,300.00
Expenses		
Worship	9,490.47	6,473.33
Formation	419.71	700.00
Diocesan Apportionment	14,008.64	14,008.67
Stewardship	5,943.13	6,200.00
Other Action	-	100.00
Youth	-	-
Evangelism	576.19	816.67
Oversight	19,404.31	22,127.33
Salaries & Benefits	16,341.28	55,164.42
Total Expenses	\$66,183.73	\$105,590.42
Surplus/(Deficit)	20,630.	(9,290)

Submitted by Deb Grasso, Treasurer



Adult Formation Trip to Windmill Farm and Craft Market

All are welcome!!! Family, Friends and kids for a trip to the WINDMILL FARM and CRAFT MARKET! www.thewindmill.com Saturday, October 21st, leaving the Epiphany parking lot at 9:00am (carpools meet at 8:45 am), returning about 3:00pm (or whenever your carpool feels like heading back). The cost is “everything is on your own” (plus please help out your driver with gas money!) Sign-up sheets will be posted in the hall for anyone who wishes to drive or would like to ride. If your carpool is so inclined, add an optional stop at Oak Hill Bulk Foods, oakhillbulkfoods.com It’s about 3 miles north of the Windmill and you will pass it to/from the Windmill. Questions? Contact Nancy Mancini or Cassie Magiera.



Call for Nominations

Yes, it is the time of year to prayerfully consider serving Epiphany on the Vestry, as a Warden, or as a Diocesan Convention Delegate. How does one get nominated for an office or nominate a friend or acquaintance for an office?

Two of the objectives of the Nominating Policy are:

- (1) To identify candidates whose unique strengths and gifts are most needed by the parish at a particular point in its life.
- (2) To provide sufficient time to check and ensure that potential nominees meet canonical and Epiphany’s qualifications for the office for which they are nominated. If not, the policy provides time for them to meet the qualifications.

As you consider who to nominate, please think first of people whose unique strengths and gifts are most needed by the parish at this time. Then, please remember that all people nominated must meet the qualifications to vote at parish meetings, and eligibility requirements for the office for which they are nominated.

Qualifications to Vote at Parish Meetings

All of the following:

- 18 years old or older.
- Belong to the parish (baptized, confirmed, received or transferred in from an Episcopal Church, as recorded in the parish records).
- Regularly attend the parish’s worship.

- Contribute to the parish’s financial support for at least the 12 months preceding the Annual Meeting or a special parish meeting.

Eligibility for Offices

- Delegate to Diocesan Convention: Be a Qualified Voter, and on parish rolls for past 12 months.
- Vestry: the above and pledger and giver of record.
- Warden: all of the above plus a confirmed Communicant of the Episcopal Church with at least 3 years’ experience, 2 years of which are on Epiphany’s Vestry with at least 1 additional year on a Vestry.

If you have questions about the nominations process or are considering being nominated, please contact a member of the Vestry. Many perspectives bring vitality to our parish.

In Christ,
Margaret Schweizer



Church School Schedule

(classes begin at: 9:45am)

Sunday, October 1.....No Church School (one Service –(9:30)
 Sunday, October 8 Church School
 Sunday, October 15.....Church School
 Sunday, October 22.....Church School
 Sunday, October 29.....No Church School

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



Widows – Lunch

Please mark your calendar for our next lunch on **Wednesday, October 25th @11:00.**



MOE UPDATE

Please come join us for breakfast at Jonny D’s at 8:30 on October 18th.



Thank you

A big **THANK YOU** to the entire Search Committee - Marsha, Birdie, Kat, Sue, Cassie, Tom, Emily and Laurie for their time and talent. These dedicated volunteers worked tirelessly many hours to find the perfect Rector for Epiphany - CONGRATULATIONS, you did it! Welcome, Fr. Greg!

With much appreciation,
Gail and Bob Renehan

THANK YOU to those who came out on Saturday, Sept 9 for our Spruce Up Day. We all worked very hard to get all the classrooms, nursery, mediation room & sanctuary cleaned.

Thanks to those VOLUNTEERS: Kathie Entress, Gail & Bob Renehan, Laurie Zaso, Kim Hyde, Marsha Pulhamus, Terry & Liz Barker and Pam & Don Metzinger.



TRUNK OR TREAT



Trunk or Treat is back again this year.
Held on: Saturday, October 28
Time: 6:00-8:00pm
Where: Fellowship Hall / Church Parking Lot
Provided: DRINKS – coffee, tea, water & cider (if you would like something else, please bring your own.)

This will be a parish-wide Fellowship event. Come and have fun. Bring a hot or cold hor'dorves or a dessert to pass.

There will be games for kids and of course, trunk or treating in the church parking lot. Costumes are optional for adults. For those of you who are handing out candy at the end of the party- you may want to decorate your trunks. Another fun way to surprise the kids. Look for a signup sheet in the main hallway. It's time for some ghoulish fun.

Questions see: Don Metzinger



All Saints Sunday is November 5 For All the Saints

We will be honoring our loved ones who have died this year & in past years. There will be a cross in the back of the church for you to put flowers on for your loved ones. If you can provide some extra flowers for the cross, that would be helpful.

We gather together in community to remember, give thanks, and pray for all those persons we love but no longer see. We will read the list of those saints known to us who have died since All Saints Day, November 2022.

Every year, we create a special bulletin insert, listing the names of our other loved ones who have died. A special prayer will be offered for those on that list. It is right and good to take time out to give thanks for all the saints who have touched our lives.

If you would like us to include the name(s) of your loved ones please fill out the form below and return it to the Parish Office (or email coeoffice@frontier.com) **no later than Sunday, October 29th** . Thank you.
Please print clearly

Loved Ones Who Have Died This Year

Others Who Have Died in Years Past

Your Name and Phone Number

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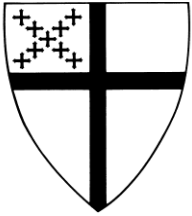


Mark Your Calendars

- October 1 – Commitment Sunday
- October 4 – Wednesday Café – Speaker on Medicare
- October 14 – Pot Luck Dinner – Fundraiser
- October 21 – Windmill Farm & Craft Market – 9:00 am- 3:00 pm
- October 28 – Trunk or Treat – 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Commitment Sunday	2	3	4 Wed. Café Medicare Resource Speaker	5	6	7
8	9	10 Wardens Meeting 5:00PM	11	12 Mo Off	13 Mo Off	14 Pot Luck Dinner Fundraiser for Fostering HOPE
15	16	17 7:00 PM Vestry	18 MOE Breakfast 8:30	19	20	21 Windmill Farm & Craft Market 9:00am – 3:00 pm
22	23	24	25 Widows Lunch 11:00	26	27	28 Trunk or Treat @ 6:00 pm – 8:00 PM
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



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