

# THE STAR

APRIL 2024



# Church of the epiphany

## VESTRY VIEWS

Now that Lent is done, I want to reflect on what the last 40 days were like for me at Epiphany. I really enjoyed the Lenten book study that Father Greg ran. The readings were meaningful and made me reflect over the following week. The questions were thought-provoking and difficult to answer at times. They made me dig deep, think hard and reflect. A Zoom option was provided for people who were not able to get to Epiphany, allowing more people to participate in the conversations. Hearing everyone's stories each week was such a wonderful gift.

The Holy Week services focused on forgiveness, grace and repentance. They were peaceful and reflective due to Father Greg's wonderful sermons. Facebook Live was offered for the Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services, allowing people who couldn't get to church an opportunity to watch and participate.

My family attended Epiphany's joyful 10am Easter Service. It was wonderful to see the church so full of people. We also had many people watching on Facebook Live, more than a typical Sunday. It was great to see the familiar faces, faces of people we haven't seen in a while, and new faces. The music was fantastic! For me, the music fills me with happiness. Robert played the organ beautifully and the guest musicians, plus Bruce Pillman, were a great addition to our worship. The full choir filled the church with beautiful music!

This Lenten season made me so grateful for our Epiphany family and all we have to offer. May we continue to appreciate and celebrate one another as we enter the next season of our faith.

Respectfully submitted, Kathie Entress

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### **APRIL CALENDAR**

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**BULLETIN PRAYER LIST**  
Parish Office 247-4190

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

**THE PROVISIONAL BISHOP**

The Rt. Rev'd Stephen Lane

Don Metzinger, Warden  
Kathie Entress, Warden  
Deb Grasso, Treasurer  
Pat Leshar, Clerk

**THE VESTRY**

Helen Bennett  
Susan Gaskill  
Donna Perry  
Kristen Smith

**THE MINISTERS**

The Congregation

Lisa Steubing  
Mike Grasso  
Nick Parisi

**THE STAFF**

Rector: Fr Greg Kremer  
Parish Secretary: Maureen Durie

Organist: Robert Poovey  
Church School Coordinator: Don Metzinger



**FROM THE PARISH REGISTER**

**APRIL 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.*

<b>April 5</b> Ray Ornt, Jr. Robert Schweizer	<b>April 24</b> Douglass D'Anunzio	<b>May 1</b> Patrick Durkin Jessica D'Anunzio	
<b>April 13</b> Jorja Benson	<b>April 25</b> Meredith Woo	<b>May 2</b> Bonnie Hockeborn	
<b>April 14</b> Kieran Pillman Bob Shannon		<b>May 4</b> Elizabeth Bagley Chris Grasso	
<b>April 21</b> Steve Entress		<b>May 5</b> Alina Ornt	

**APRIL 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.*

**April 19** Bob & Gail Renehan  
**April 26** David & Marsha Pulhamus



**April 30** Doug & Donna Craig

**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



March was a very reflective month, all of it falling within Lent and culminating with Easter Sunday on the 31st.

Beginning with the first Monday in Lent, about 15 people gathered for six consecutive weeks to reflect on the Lenten Sunday gospels and their meaning in our daily lives. The reflection and sharing were rich and fruitful. Most people met in person at church, but a couple joined us via zoom.

Five parishioners attended an International Women's Day celebration hosted by the Episcopal Church of the Ascension in Rochester. All who attended found listening to the lives of women from different ethnic backgrounds, nationalities, and religions to be an enriching experience.

You might recall that at Christmas we were visited by a young Muslim woman from the Turkish Cultural Center in Rochester, who came to offer us a gift of Christmas cookies with the intention of helping us celebrate our holy day, and our faith in the incarnation of God in Jesus. As I shared the story with others, we were so touched by this Muslim woman's action and vision of solidarity, that we decided we wanted to return the blessing. With this in mind, I reached out to an Imam and Professor at Nazareth University, who was able to connect me with the very woman who had visited us. We are still working on finding a way to connect Epiphany with a local Muslim community. I am confident this will happen soon and will let you know how you can connect.

In the middle of the month, I took five days away on retreat to slow the pace of things and prepare myself to enter holy week more prayerfully. I'm thankful to the Rev. Catherine Volland for celebrating the Eucharist with us on the Sunday I was away. The last day of my retreat was spent with my brother and sister clergy, and the bishop of Rochester, for a morning of quiet reflection, and sharing, and a luncheon followed by the annual Chrism mass, at which our holy oils were blessed. We, clergy, renewed our vows during this Eucharistic service.

The bishop offered a wonderful reflection on our changing world and our changing church, and a reminder of who we are called to be. He talked about moving "from maintenance to mission", to follow in the footsteps of Jesus, who traveled far and wide, providing care and comfort and healing to people from all races, ethnicities, nationalities, religions, and ways of being in the world. Bishop Steve encouraged us as a Parish to consider whether our focus is internal on the maintenance of our parish, or external in mission and outreach to the world around us. We have been in the process of forming a strategic planning team to work on concrete goals and objectives that will guide our Parish into the future. This challenge from Bishop Steve will be a big part of what guides our planning.

I write this article on Palm Sunday at the beginning of holy week, during which we have several beautiful celebrations planned. It is my prayer that God will continue to bless us with vision, insight, courage, and joy in serving others in the year ahead.

God bless you,



**VESTRY MINUTES FEBRUARY 20, 2024  
ZOOM MEETING**

Present: Fr. Greg, Don Metzinger, Kathie Entress, Helen Bennett, Susn Gaskill, Mike Grasso, Heidi McGrath, Nick Parisi, Donna Perry, Kristen Smith, Lisa Steubing, Deb Grasso, Pat Leshner

Opening Prayer: Mike Grasso opened with prayer. Tuesday, February 20, 2024, Vestry Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

**BUSINESS:**

1. Approve Jan. Vestry Minutes. A motion was made to approve the January 16, 2024, Vestry Minutes as they stand for our internal records. M-S-A.
2. Finance Report & Motion to approve. Deb reported that the monthly report doesn't look that good. Our deficit is way out of proportion. There were 3 paychecks paid in Jan, the first quarter of insurance was paid. There are other one-time payments so it is kind of lopsided right now, but everything here is pretty normal. Once we get through the first quarter, the months will even out. A motion was made to approve the Finance Report. M-S-A
3. 2024 Budget Update. Deb reported she has updated the Budget for 2024. She added 2-line items. One was to enter a line item for an ERTC check from Paychex for \$25,000 and another for the \$5000 fee payable to Paychex for this service. When the check does come, for accounting purposes, there will be an account for Paychex and one for ERTC. The 2nd line item is to update the salary we're paying Robert. Those were the 2 changes she made right now to make the Budget more accurate. We don't keep updating the Budget throughout the year. Deb suggested we do an update from March and put that in order when there's large things we might update.
4. Mission Partnership grant application. Fr. Greg related there are several grants from the Diocese that we can apply for. The CDP (Congregational Development Partnership) grant that we have secured for this year, and we will be working on the application for next year, which is due by May 1, 2024. There's also a mission grant if we have some sort of mission activity that we need funding for something we're going to do. Whatever that might be, i.e funds raised for running a summer camp for migrant kids. There is money for that if we want to apply for it. We did not apply for anything like that this year to my knowledge unless you did it before I arrived because it does get funded earlier in the year. There's also something called Mission Partnership Grant. It's basically a grant we can write for some partner of ours and mission. So, it could be asking for money to support Reach, Family Promise, or some other organization. If we believe that we want to support such an organization, we can write up to an \$8,000 grant for a mission partner. So, he just wanted to propose that if we had a favorite Nonprofit

ministry organization that we wanted to support there's money there for that. It's something to think about, it's another grant application and a pretty simple one. He suggested it is a nice thing to do if we had an organization we would like to support. Don relayed that Marsha had found out about the mission grants because of a particular organization that Epiphany supported. She applied for a grant and believed she got it. Fr Greg inquired if it was this year. Don replied he thought it was this year. Fr. Greg will contact Marsha to see if a grant was applied for this year. Fr. Greg also mentioned a cousin who runs Teen Empowerment in Rochester. They hire a dozen city kids, mostly African American or Hispanic, to do peace and justice work in the city; things they think would improve their own lives and their neighborhoods. They work very closely with the Police and all kinds of civic organizations around. They have been around for about 30 years and are presently building a new building. He thought this might be a nice ministry if we wanted to support if there wasn't some other thing going on.

5. Safe Church training-Church sexual harassment. Kathie reported it wasn't finished today. Helen has completed and Don is ongoing. Fr. Greg said he is way behind. Kathie said she tried a new option with Heidi. They had a new option where you could send a message from the actual company. She asked Heidi if she had received anything from them inviting her to take the class. She did and it took her 4 - 5 hrs. to complete. She thinks she is done but doesn't know how to show she's done. Kathie said she can go in and look at her transcript and she can see what she finished and where she's at. Kathie will get back to her as soon as she knows. Deb inquired if Kathie found out what happened to her. Kathie didn't realize she had to send an invite, so she'll go back and do that. Kathie thanked everybody for their hard work.
6. Internet update/Spectrum updates. Don reported he still had to get to the phone system to contact that person who might forward it on to him. Then he can find out about the phones and still needs to find out about the repeaters and then try and get the strength. We have 300+ MB, but it's only around the office. It doesn't seem to get to the Church. Fr. Greg did a speed test in his office which is hardwired, and the upload is over 600 MB/second, which is 10 times the speed we need. The download speed is around 40MB which again is 8 times as fast as we need. So, the speed is hardwired and the wireless in the office is fantastic. He thinks if we get those extenders, it'll be great. Don will continue working on the system.
7. Strategic Planning. Fr. Greg said at the Vestry Retreat they talked about a strategic planning team. A couple of people volunteered, and they have quite a few names. He needs to follow up to see if he can get folks on board and then start meeting to move forward as soon as possible. He said they'll figure out what the process is once they come together. He reported that everything has to do with the Diocesan election this coming Saturday. Prayers are being asked from the parish for a successful election. Fr. Greg explained the voting procedure and what would be involved if the clergy and lay ballot didn't match and how they proceed from there.
8. Facebook live impact. Kathie reported she looked back at the numbers since September relevant to our Sunday services live stream and at Fr. Greg's installation. Fr. Greg's installation got 252 views! The lowest Sunday we had was 34 views and that was back in September. It's in the 50, 60, 70 every week. Not sure what this says. It was as high as 119 on one Sunday. There were 128 views for morning prayer (when Fr. Greg was out sick). Fr. Greg found it interesting that on a Sunday when we take the number to record in our book, people who are watching it live, it's like 5-8 at the most. For the period of weeks and months, the number grows to between 40-60 views. It appears, there are people watching it later or returning to watch it a second, third or tenth time. We don't really know. When you interpret the numbers, it seems the internet is a very important tool in a lot of people's lives. It is something worth using well and enhancing because it is reaching people you know, either repeat people or new people. It is something worth doing and we fell into it because of Covid. Here it is! Kind of a neat tool for evangelism. In reaching out supporting people and it is just the way the world operates today; a lot of people work from home now. So, the preceding is good information to have, and we'll keep tracking it and averaging it. We

talked about different cameras. Once Kim gets back from Florida, she and her brother-in-law have a plan they want to propose for us, at least how to improve the sound. There will be costs involved but it's with looking into to improve the quality of the live stream.

9. Filling vacant Vestry seat. Fr. Greg reported we have one vacant Vestry seat that Kathie vacated to become the junior warden. So, we have one Vestry member that we need to appoint for a 2-year remaining term. Don relayed that Lisa had contacted a person via text who she thinks might be interested. The problem is she goes to Florida for the Winter, returning North in April. She also has children that live on the West Coast. So, I have a lot of thinking to do if she will be able to commit to 2 years on the Vestry. Lisa will continue to check with her. In the meantime, since this is an appointment made by the Vestry, are there any other thoughts about who we might call on. Margaret was mentioned as a possibility. Lisa will get in touch with her person to get a definite answer before the next Vestry meeting. If it's negative, Margaret will be contacted to fill the position.

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

1. Small group updates. Kathie spoke for Adult Formation. They don't have anything planned but are meeting on Sunday. Hopefully, we will have more information to follow. Susan talked about the Youth packing non-perishable lunches for families in the Gates-Chili school district on March 3 at the Presbyterian Church. The Youth are also talking about what else they can do to raise money for Water for Sudan. If they meet their \$1,000 goal by April, they're in the running. They are discussing a can and bottle drive to raise their last \$200. Donna reported that the Service Ministry is in the middle of the fiber ministry, and everything is going smoothly. Fr Greg reported on Liturgy and Music. They had met and looked at services through the summer. They are working with Robert now on music and Pam who used to do the preparation or planning of the hymns each Sunday using a physical resource which Robert has taken on starting in March. Robert has all kinds of plans and hopes. He's working with Bruce to have 3 horns for Easter. He has some real interest in a youth choir or having youth join the choir. Also, working with kids on the soprano parts. There's lots of possibilities happening there. Comments were made that Robert is making the organ sing and 2 more people joined the choir on Sunday. There wasn't a report from social media. The clerk reported to the Welcome Committee. They haven't met or done anything recently other than make cookies for the pancake supper. There isn't anything in the works right now other than welcoming any new people to Epiphany. Fr. Greg gave an update on Altar Guild, service and liturgy. They did an Ash Wednesday service at Seabury Woods with about 50 people attending (4 were parishioners of ours. The rest are residents of Seabury). Fr. Greg said one of the residents approached him and thanked him for doing the whole eucharistic service because apparently, they do just a communion service there and it's much shorter. They really appreciated it, having the entire mass as well as ashes. He also related that the Chaplain for Episcopal Senior Life Communities has retired. So, they're kind of leaning in our direction a little bit more. His direction to kind of help continue providing liturgical services. They do have an assistant there as well, but to have us support them in their liturgical needs and prayer needs would be important.
2. Karen Maar Scholarship. Don reported they just started putting the requirements for the scholarships into the monthly STAR, which is a good start. There probably won't be anything for the John VanBrederode Scholarship this year because we don't have any graduating seniors that he is aware of. He will check for sure and make contact if there is. The Marian Hunter Scholarship is basically for kids that would like to go to a religious event but can't afford to. It's available throughout the year. There hasn't been a call for it because we haven't had a lot of youth in a couple of years. Also, we do have our own pilgrimage funds we've been using throughout the years. So, there are 3 main scholarship funds that are out there. Fr. Greg wondered if Epiphany is aware at all of the Young Adult Service Core. It's kind of like the Peace Corps, except it is run by the Episcopal Church. It's for any young adult between 21 and 35. It's kind of designed for kids out of college who are 100% sure what they want to do, but

who make a difference in their lives. They volunteer for a year, sometimes two. They are sent overseas to do some amazing service-related work in parts of the world or in needy areas. It's an eye-opening experience for someone. It'll change somebody's life, but again just to throw it out there. He doesn't know who we have in this category, who has a reasonably strong faith and is interested in putting something great on their resume and doing some good for the world. He just wants Epiphany to be aware that it's there. It's available every year. They have up to a dozen young adults from across the country who gather and it's kind of a mission together. The deadline is March 1, which won't happen this year. It's significant and quite profound for a young adult and their lives.

3. Parish Grant update. Kathie reported there is nothing new to report. The deadline for the renewal is May 1. She will look at what they did in the past and send that out to the group and have them look at it. Maybe they don't have to meet up, possibly one time or not at all. If people have input, that's something we could do without a lot of effort to get it in by May 1. Kathie said she will look at that this week and get some emails out about it. Fr. Greg mentioned the connection with the strategic planning process to see how far along they get with that. We can certainly allude to that or use that as our plan. Don inquired if we have already started getting payments on our grant. Deb said we have received one and are due for us very soon.
4. Street sign update. Fr. Greg reported the floodlight, one of the two major flood lights that light up the Church at night are out and that needs to be addressed. He said that Mike and David are working on repairing the lighted sign out on the street, replacing the bulb on the floodlight.
5. Pledge Clerk choices. Don reported that this was discussed at the Vestry Retreat. Bruce Pillman will take on the responsibility of Pledge Clerk. He's in the learning and training process with Mike right now. Mike will be available whenever Bruce has any questions. Bruce will start taking over the reins very soon. He's very excited about the job because he can squeeze it in whenever he needs it and, of course, he's an engineer.
6. Columbarium committee. Fr. Greg has a handful of people who are going to meet this week just to try to sort out who's where and who's not in the indoor columbarium, especially. Then we will know what is spoken for and which niches are still available. The records need to be clear, and which is the most current.

Fr. Greg talked about Vestry Views for the STAR. He said the Vestry Minutes go into the STAR. People can read them, but they aren't always completely clear, like the context isn't always there on some of the things. Some people probably won't read the minutes. He was thinking the vestry views could be more of just a highlight of one or two things from our vestry work that we want people to know. He was thinking it might be more appropriate to focus on Vestry work and decisions, that kind of thing. He wanted to know what the Vestry was thinking and what was the history of it. Where did it come from? What do they think is the purpose of the Vestry view?

Don and Deb thought maybe it started when Nancy was the Rector. It was just a way of letting the parish know who was on the Vestry. They were given no notes really or rules. There was no set way to do it this way or that way. It was just filled in based on the seasons, based on what was going on right now as opposed to the business part of Church. It was more of a personal thing; getting to know your Vestry, their passions and what they're all about

Fr. Greg was glad to know how it all started. He understands that it is more of a personal Vestry sharing.

Discussion followed how the person to say the prayers and write vestry views are selected. A list is usually created. Kathie said there is one and will be distributed.

The vestry meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m. M-S-A

Next meeting March 19, 2024

Respectfully Submitted

Pat Leshner, Clerk of the Vestry

Prayers for March - Lisa

Vestry View for March STAR - Nick



**CELEBRATIONS OF NEW MINISTRIES!**

Celebrating the Rev. Gregory J. Kremer as Rector at  
The Episcopal Church of the Epiphany, Gates  
&  
the Rev. Shanna Hawks as Rector of  
the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, Savona  
and Christ Episcopal Church, Hornell



**Ascension women celebrated International Women's Day 2024**

The hall was filled with women from Afghan, Nigerian,  
Jamaican, Karen, Indian, and American origins.

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We had 5 Ladies in attendance: Birdie Ames, Kathy Entress, Debbie Grasso, Donna Perry, Marsha Pulhamus.



**ROCHESTER REDWINGS Concessions**

Baseball is back ! The Redwings team has asked us again for our help to man their concession stands. We said yes and have signed up for the following dates.....

- Tuesday, April 30 – Rohrbachs 1st base
- Tuesday, June 11 – Rohrbachs 1st & 3rd base
- Sunday, June 16 – Rohrbachs 1st base
- Thursday, July 4 – Rohrbachs 1st & 3rd base



Friday, Sept 6 – Rohrbachs 1st & 3rd base

Friday, Sept 20 – Rohrbachs 1st & 3rd base

\*\*\* Look for the signup sheets in the Hallway sometime in April.



### **Widows Group**

Widows group will be meeting and having lunch on April 24<sup>th</sup> @ 11:00 AM . Welcome back!!



### **April Service Ministry Update**

As we celebrated the Lent session this past year, Epiphany parishioner continued to donate goods and preform acts of charity for others. Epiphany donated 27 Easter Food Baskets to our neighbors in need in the town of Gates. Birdie Ames coordinated this event and worked with the Town of Gates Police Department to distribute the food baskets during Holy Week so that designated families would have some needed food items for their Easter dinner this year.

The final count of Fiber Ministry projects has not been obtained since the projects are still being donated until Easter day. It is clear that by looking at the beautiful handmade creations made by the parishioners that a lot of love and warmth will be received by the recipients of these items. The fiber ministry projects will be on display and blessed on Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>. Although a final count has not been tabulates, the overflowing baskets of fiber projects in the hallway attest that we have exceeded our goal of 40 fiber projects for the 40 days of Lent. A final count of the fiber projects and where the projects were donated will be reported in the May STAR.

Although details have not been finalized, upcoming Service Ministry projects include a clean-up day coordinated with the Town of Gates and in-kind donations to the Verona Street Animal shelter. Both of these project will be completed later this spring.

Our behalf of the Service ministry team, we would like to thank all the parishioner at Epiphany for your support.

Marsha Pulhamus, Birdie Ames, Nancy Mancini and Donna Perry



### **April Youth of Epiphany Update**

The Youth of Epiphany is fund raising for Water for South Sudan with the goal of \$1000. We are currently organizing a can and bottle drive through April 14<sup>th</sup> to help us meet our goal. We have raised over \$900 so far. We appreciate the parish support on helping us meet our goal for this worthy charity.

For Lent, the youth were involved in packing non-perishable breakfasts and lunches for needy students in the Gates elementary schools for two week-ends. The week-end back pack ministry project is organized by Gates Presbyterian church. The packing event was held after church on Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>

Thank you again for your support of the Youth of Epiphany.



## Used Bicycle Donations:

Last year I collected 47 used bicycles to give to Rochester Community Bikes. The Church of Epiphany congregation was awesome in donating 23 bikes! This was 49% of my total collection.

Thank you to all who contributed.

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? Do your neighbors? If you see them out for trash pickup, bring them to your house and call or email, Dave Pulhamus to collect them. You can arrange for me to pick them up or drop them off at my house (250 Chambers St., Spencerport) and I will transport it to R Community Bikes. Dave's contact information is 585-352-0149 or [Dmpul80@gmail.com](mailto:Dmpul80@gmail.com). Thank you.



## MOE Breakfast

Please mark your calendars for breakfast for April 17th @8:30 am at Jonny D's.



## Rummage Sale

Just a reminder that the WOE Rummage Sale is being held on April 19-20, 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 & knick-knack items, housewares (kitchen items), linens (sheets, blanket-stitch), 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 artwork, large appliances, clothes of any kind- except coats, VHS tapes, large power tools, TV's

### **Important reminders of Rummage Sale dates:**

**Sunday**, April 14- bring all your donations to church after each service & sorting begins.

**Monday**, April 15- sort donations & bring in donations.

**Tuesday**, April 16- sort / price donations & last day to bring in donations.

**Wednesday**, April 17- price donations.

**Thursday**, April 18- final check of priced donations.

**Friday**, April 19- Sell, Sell, Sell sale 10am-5pm.

**Saturday**, April 20- Sale 10am-5pm; Clean-up- 5pm-7pm

There are flyers available to take and post around the area. They are on the table as you walk into church.

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 through email, text or phone call.

Thank you..... Pam Metzinger



## **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 5th.**

**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 2nd. 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:**

- \* have "special need." A 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.

### **Marion Hunter Youth Assistance Fund**

**Purpose:** Awards from the Hunter Youth Assistance Fund are to be used to sponsor young people's attendance and participation in church-related or religiously based special events, such as Creation Camp, national and local youth gatherings, etc.

**Eligible applicants:**

- \*Youth ages 8-18 years who have been active in the life of the parish.
- \*Applicants shall submit a short letter to the Rector, naming the event they wish to attend and what they hope to get out of it.

### **Thank you....**

Thanks for those who helped out at the funeral reception for James Gerhardt Funeral Reception on Saturday, March 23.

The family was very appreciative for all the hard work.

Thanks to: Pam & Don Metzinger, Marsha Pulhamus, Pat Leshner, Laurie Zaso, Bonnie Ayers, Betty Frisch, Sue Greenauer, Jorja Benson, and Barb Woo

Thanks goes to those who came out on Saturday, March 2 for a Spruce Up Day. We cleaned the Auxiliary Room & Kitchen / Fellowship Hall.

Thanks to: Pam & Don Metzinger, Marsha Pulhamus, Terry & Liz Barker

### **Lawn Rangers & Flower Power**

The LAWN RANGERS need your help. The lawn rangers are the men and women who cut and trim the grass at The Church of the Epiphany. This is a rewarding and fun thing to do for everyone from teenagers to senior citizens. Each person has a partner and they cut the grass 3 or 4 times during the growing season. Call Tom Seils @247-1401 or sign-up on the sheet on the board.

Also on the bulletin board is a sign-up sheet "FLOWER POWER". If you are willing to care for one of the gardens please sign up.

### **Adult Formation Trip to Vidler's!**

Please join us on **Saturday, May 4** for an outing to Vidler's 5 & 10 in East Aurora!

<https://www.vidlers5and10.com/> Described as the "World's Largest 5 & 10 store for over 90 years," Vidler's is a general store with over 75,000 items spread through 4 buildings on 2 levels. We will meet in the church parking lot at 9:15 AM, divide into carpools and leave at 9:30 AM, returning approximately 2:30 PM. A sign-up sheet will be posted so you can indicate if you would be willing to drive, or if you will need a ride. Several lunch places are nearby. Please contact Nancy Mancini for more information.

### **Social Media Safety and Awareness**

The event date is May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Time: 7:00PM – 9:00PM @the Town of Gates Police Annex, 1605 Buffalo Rd. Cost for non-Gates Resident - \$15.00. Free to Gates Residents. Class is open to both adults & teens. You can register for this class online – [www.gatesrecreparks.org](http://www.gatesrecreparks.org) or in person at the Gates Recreation & Parks Dept. – 1605 Buffalo Rd – town of Gates Town Hall. Registration is currently open for this event. See flyer on board.

### **Church School Schedule**

(classes begin at: 9:45am)

Sunday, April 7.....	Church School
Sunday, April 14.....	Church School
Sunday, April 21.....	Church School
Sunday, April 28.....	No Church School
Sunday, May 5.....	Church School
Sunday, May 12.....	Church School
Sunday, May 19.....	Church School
Sunday, May 26.....	No Church School

## February 2024 Financial Summary

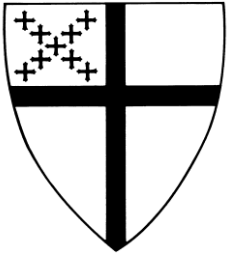
Income	Jan YTD 2024	2024 Budget YTD
Pledge & Plate	\$16,270.72	\$20,083.33
Investment Income		3,733.33
Diocesan Grant	4,166.66	4,166.67
Flowers	50.00	333.33
Special Offerings	215.00	458.33
Building Use	-	8.33
Other	73.00	716.67
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$20,775.38</b>	<b>\$29,500.00</b>
Expenses		
Worship	573.25	722.50
Formation	24.79	133.33
Diocesan Apportionment	3,227.16	21,013.00
Stewardship	2,307.71	1,706.67
Other Action	-	108.33
Youth	-	16.67
Evangelism	90.00	170.83
Supplies & Utilities	3,295.73	3,066.67
Insurance	2,119.83	1,758.33
Copier Expense	217.00	586.00
Other Office	4,643.58	1,225.00
Oversight	10,276.14	6,636.00
Salaries & Benefits	25,809.78	22,706.90
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$42,308.83</b>	<b>\$53,214.23</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>(21,533)</b>	<b>(23,714)</b>

*Submitted by Deb Grasso, Treasurer*



# April 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	01	02	03	04	05	06
07 2 Easter  <b>8:00 AM HE</b> <b>10:00 AM HE</b>	08	09	10	11	12	13
14 <b>3 Easter</b>  <b>8:00 AM HE</b> <b>10:00 AM HE</b>	15 Sort Donations  Bring Donations	16 Sort/price Donations Last day to bring donations  Vestery Meeting Zoom – 6:30	17 Price Donations  Moe Breakfast	18 Final check of priced donations	19 SELL, SELL  Rummage Sale  <b>10AM-5PM</b>	20 Rummage Sale  10AM-5PM  Clean up  5PM-7PM
21 4 Easter  <b>8:00 AM HE</b> <b>10:00 AM HE</b>	22	23	24 Widows Lunch	25	26	27
28 5 Easter  <b>8:00 AM HE</b> <b>10:00 AM HE</b>	29	30				



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**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**



### **EPIPHANY HIGHLIGHTS**

- April 14 - Donations & Sorting**
- April 15 - Donations & Sorting**
- April 16 - Sort/Price donations/Last day donations**
- April 17 - price donations**
- April 18 - final check of priced donations**  
**Bake goods arrive and priced**
- April 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> - Sell, Sell**
- April 16- Vestry Meeting**