

THE STAR



2024



Church of the epiphany

VESTRY VIEWS

"My mother was my role model before I even knew what that word was." —Lisa Leslie

In the month of May, we celebrate Mother's Day to honor all the women who have been mothers to us, whether it be grandmothers, aunts, cousins, sisters, friends, we've all had a mother figure in our life. Even if we aren't personally mothers, we might be a mother figure to someone else. We can also be fur moms to our animals. Each one of them has played a special role in our life, gave us love and nurturing which helped us grow into the people we are today. Why else is the Earth considered to be Mother Earth? She is our land, air, life where we live. This month at the Mother's Day church service, Deb Grasso is putting together pictures that we will send her of our loved ones, in a slide show for everyone to enjoy. It is a moment where we will get to know a little bit more about each other and celebrate the ladies who were and are our role models in life. (Please send Deb photos at epiphanyphotos2@gmail.com) We get to honor them for loving us, nurturing us and helping us grow. It will be a great slide show! I'd like to personally thank my mom, Meg Smith, for being my partner in crime. She's always up for an adventure and I thank her for her love and support in my life. As we come together this May, think of someone who might have been a role model in your life, and send in a



picture to honor them! Know that you are loved, nurtured, and cared for by not only mother figures, but that Jesus loves you too for the Bible tells us so.

Amen!

Kristen Smith

THE PROVISIONAL BISHOP

The Rt. Rev'd Stephen Lane

THE MINISTERS

The Congregation

THE VESTRY

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

Helen Bennett
Susan Gaskill
Donna Perry
Kristen Smith

Lisa Steubing
Mike Grasso
Nick Parisi
Margaret Schweizer

THE STAFF

Rector: Fr Greg Kremer
Parish Secretary: Maureen Durie

Organist: Robert Poovey
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.

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



O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church. Send your blessing upon these your servants that they may so love, honor and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and godliness, that their homes may be havens of blessing and peace. Amen.

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

May 19 Doug & Linda Collinge
Bob & Norma Shannon

CHANGES & ADDITIONS

If you have changes to your contact information, please notify Maureen Durie in the Parish Office: 247-4190 or coeoffice@frontier.com Office hours: Tuesday–Friday, 9:00 am–1:00 pm

PASTOR'S REPORT

Dear Parishioners,

I hope and pray that all is well with your souls.

I write to inform you of and encourage your participation in a **“Parish Discernment and Planning Process”**.

We believe it wise, given the state of church in our society these days, to be judicious about how we spend our limited resources. We also think it a good time, given the positive upswing in parish life and activities, to begin this process now. As they say, “strike while the iron is hot”.

We are engaging in this Discernment Process to help us prayerfully determine the direction(s) that God wants us to go as we look to our near future. To this end, we plan to come up with concrete goals and objectives that we can implement.

While growth in number and income is a motivating factor, we don't see it as a goal. Rather, we see it as a positive outcome, an indicator that we are reaching our goals, which Jesus himself named and the church refined in the baptismal vows that holds each of us:

- to proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ,
- to seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbors as ourselves, and
- to strive for justice and peace among all people, respecting the dignity of every human being.

This is the heart of our faith and our purpose as church. The question is how can we do this in such a way that inspires people to belong?

There are some larger decisions looming on the horizon that will necessarily be subject to this process. Major and necessary expenditures, like paving the parking lot or replacing our aging organ, fall into this category. These will be attended to in this discernment of God's call.

There are so many positive things already happening in the parish. Using an approach called *Appreciative Inquiry*, this process will ask how we can build up on our strengths to spread the good news of God's love throughout the wider Gates/Chili community.

We are engaging the services of the Reverend Julie Cicora to help guide us through this process. She has already been quite instrumental.

Given what we have already discerned, we are quite certain that you will all be asked to get involved in some way(s).

I see this a grand adventure, doing our best to follow the Spirit of God, and opening ourselves to new possibilities for engaging the world in the good news of God's love in Christ.

Thank you in advance for your support and participation.

Sincerely,

Fr Greg



TO MY CHURCH OF EPIPHANY FAMILY

To be honest, words are difficult to find as I write this to you all. The amount of support, caring, and love that family and I have felt over the past few weeks has been uplifting and comforting. From the day Chris died to the final Goodbye at his committal in the garden, so many, many people jumped into action in ALL directions. The support I felt was like being wrapped in a soft yellow blanket, feeling protected, safe and loved. From the deepest part of my heart.....Thank You!

Many Blessings!

Lisa Steubing



VESTRY MINUTES MARCH 19, 2024

ZOOM MEETING

Present: Fr, Greg, Don Metzinger, Kathie Entress, Helen Bennett, Susan Gaskill, Mike Grasso, Nick Parisi, Kristen Smith, Lisa Steubing, Deb Grasso.

Absent: Heidi McGrath, Donna Perry

Opening Prayer: Lisa Steubing opened with prayer. Tuesday, March 19, 2024, Vestry Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

BUSINESS:

1. Approve February Vestry Minutes. A motion was made to approve Feb. 20., 2024 Minutes. M-S-A
2. Finance Report and Motion to approve. Deb reported that like last month things are still a little lopsided. We are way into our deficit. We haven't received our Endowment Fund distribution yet. The insurance was a little higher. Salaries and benefits were a little high. We have 3 pay periods in January. We are under pledges right now. Next month will look better. The office expense is mainly for HR Pro, where we are reaching our limit. We're over \$4000 with it right now, which is more than she wanted it to be at this time. There is an extra processing fee (for using a module for Employee Manual). We are almost at the \$5,000 mark which is the fee for the ERTC. A motion was made to approve the Finance Report. M_S_A
3. After much discussion, we do know that Paychex has filed for the ERTC. It will take 6 to 8 months for \$25,000 to come from the IRS. There was a question about if we didn't get the money, would we still have to pay the \$5000. It appears the fee is to be paid even if Epiphany does not get the money. It's not a done deal that we will actually get the money, but they have experience in getting the ERTC. Since Paychex is a reputable company, we are not too concerned. Within this fee they offer other programs that might work for Epiphany. So, Nick and Deb have been working with a Paychex program on an Employee Manual. They feel that this is all that would benefit Epiphany so she will shut down the program at the \$5000 mark, otherwise they would continue to bill us. Not

sure if the Employee Manual works for Epiphany. It's just common-sense regulations. Fr. Greg suggested they look to the Diocese under Resources for their Employee Handbook. Deb will call our contact at Paychex to be sure of what the clear understanding of the fee is in regard to whether we get ERTC or not.

4. Mission partnership grant application. Last year Marsha wrote a grant for Family Promise and the Diocese granted \$7500 for 2024. Now, we are looking for a grant for 2025. Since there are no other plans Fr. Greg had mentioned his cousin's organization Teen Empowerment in the city would be great. But one of the criteria is you have to be engaged with that organization on some level to actually work with them hand in hand. They don't necessarily engage with parishes. They operate with the City police and City Commissioner and work in their own world. Fr. Greg reported he had just joined the Board of the GC3, which stands for Gates Chili Community Connections. Their mission in Gates is to do good stuff for families and kids. Fr. Greg is now serving on this Commission, along with schools, parks and recreation, the Gates Police, a faith community rep, bus rep from M&T Bank and a few other reps from the community and chaired by Rob Long (Gates Police Chief). Last week was his first meeting with them. He learned that they run and fund the Food Pantry in town. It's an independent 503C non-profit. Initially, they were given a \$20,000 grant to get the Pantry going. This grant money has pretty much been exhausted and it will be definitely gone by this year. He proposed that Epiphany should write our mission partnership grant to the GC3, earmarked for the Food Pantry. This would enable the Food Pantry to stay afloat for a year or even two. He has talked with Marsha, and she thinks it is a fine idea since there weren't any real plans for the grant application. It seems like a worthy cause since he is already engaged there. We can be even more engaged with this group, i.e. if we want to collect more food or volunteer. Although the Food Pantry is located in GC High School, it is not affiliated with the high school. It's open every other week, one day a week. A discussion followed about other food programs in Gates. Statistically 47% of school kids in Gates qualify for food assistance. Who would write this grant? Do we need a motion from Vestry for this proposed grant. Marsha wrote the 2024 Family Promise grant without a Vestry motion. The consensus of the Vestry was that GC3, earmarked for the Food Pantry, would be a worthwhile mission partnership grant. Fr. Greg would work with Marsha and the woman who runs the Food Pantry to write the grant. As far as approval from Vestry, he will look further into the application procedure. He knows the Diocese has been requesting parishes to fill out grant applications because there is money available that goes unused. He will look into the process after Easter and bring it up at the April meeting. Maybe by then we'll even have a draft or something. The application process opens April 1 and closes June 1, 2024.
5. Safe Church training-Church Sexual harassment. Kathy reported that Don has completed training. Deb finally got the information from the website, so she started. Robert has finished the training. Heidi has completed. She said almost everyone has at least started or is done. Kathy will get word to Gladys about completing the training.
6. Internet update/Spectrum/phones-update. Don reported he ordered a modem/router. It should be in this week. It is capable of spreading out to 10,000 sq. ft., which is big. He's hoping if he puts this new router in the hallway right outside the office it will give us some coverage inside the church and down the hallway. He just wants to see what the actual coverage is for this 10,000 sq ft. If it does cover a good portion, we'll get another one that will spread it down to the Fellowship Hall. Deb asked Don to check on the Music office too because Robert can't get access in his office. By putting it in the hall with the new 10,000 sq. fr. coverage might make it to the office as well. Once it works great, then the phone system can be addressed.
7. Strategic Planning. Fr. Greg apologized for not moving fast enough to talk with Julie. When he reached out to Julie about engaging with her to walk Epiphany through the plan, she informed him she would be out of town until May 1. Although she would really be helpful and has a lot of experience, he still thinks we should be moving forward in April. One of the big motivations was to have some strategic planning done and in the works so we

could fill out the new grant application. After discussion, it was decided to move ahead since we have a team in place. After Easter, we will have a couple of meetings. Then reach out to Julie Cicora.

Fr. Greg shared insights from the Priest Retreat Day about moving the parish from maintenance to mission. Maintenance is being focused primarily on the status quo and those who are already in the pews. Mission is getting out in the world with the message of the gospel, news of love, care and compassion and justice. Fr. Greg posed some questions for the Vestry to consider. How do we understand ourselves as Christians at Epiphany? Are we more like a country club that we belong to and feel good about, or are we more like disciples who come together to support one another in reaching out to the world around us? Any thoughts or suggestions would be welcomed by the Strategic planning team.

8. Facebook live. Kathy reported we did get a message from Gordon. He wants the music from when the prelude begins to when the postlude ends. She sent an email to the team so they would all do this. She will talk to Pete personally to videotape the entire service since he doesn't have email. She asked Fr. Greg if he wanted Facebook Live for Holy week. He replied in the affirmative for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday.
9. Filling vacant Vestry seat. Lisa spoke with the candidate she thought might be right to fill the Vestry slot. Lisa said she would call Fr. Greg or Don., but it's been 2 weeks, and she hasn't called. So, it appears she isn't interested. Don had called Margaret to see if she would accept the appointment if the other candidate didn't. Margaret said she would fill the position for this year. Don will call Margaret and tell her that we appreciate her filling in for the remainder of the year.

DISCUSSION ITEMS.

1. Small group updates.
 - a. Church School: Susan reported they have quite a bit going on. They are collecting cans and bottles towards their goal of \$1,000 for Water for Sudan. An anonymous donation has been made which brought the total to \$900. They are trying to get to \$1,000 so they can get into the lottery by April. Fr. Greg will donate money from the discretionary fund for Water for Sudan to bring it to \$1000. They just finished making decorated foam crosses for the shut ins. They made paper palms to wave as part of the Palm Sunday service as they processed down the hall. They did bag lunches where Marsha sent out a letter to ask parents of their interest in Maundy Thursday. They would have the kids at church from 6-10; do the church service; have some fun activities in the Fellowship Hall; sign up for half hour blocks to sit in the church and pray. They also have the Easter egg hunt after church. On the last Sunday of school as part of our lesson, they are going to make pillowcases to take home for the Summer to know that God is always with them.
 - b. Adult Formation: Kathie reported that they have a trip planned for May 4th to Vidler's in East Aurora. There will be a signup sheet in the hall. Fr. Greg has offered to do Songs by the firepit, marshmallow roast kind of evening. When the weather gets a little bit nicer, we will set a date. Fr. Greg said Marsha had reached out to Seabury Woods to play some music there as well, kind of a sing along thing. It has not been scheduled yet, but Birdie and Father Greg are doing "what does it mean to be an Episcopalian" evening. There's a little book that goes along with the talk. Kristen will give the email address to Kathie from a woman from the Immigrant ministry. She may be somebody that can be used for a Wednesday Cafe. Fr. Greg said he has been in touch with the Muslim woman (Ishma) who came at Christmas time with cookies. Next week he is meeting with her to talk about how Epiphany might respond in kind in some way to the local mosque or mosques nearby. Possibly doing this by nurturing a relationship rather than exchanging cookies. He feels given the comments about immigrants and just the negativity all around

these days, anything we can do to develop relationships with “strangers” is a good thing to do. Father Greg also brought up another topic that would fit under Adult Formation. The Episcopal Church came up with an actual training program on ‘how do we discuss civilly when we are on opposite sides of the fence’. Something we could do in the Fall, closer to the election.

2. Holy Week. The Saturday before Palm Sunday there will be a funeral for James Gerhardt. There will be a reception following the funeral. Fr. Greg said that all plans for Palm Sunday are in the works for the processions of the palms, with the kids involved. All services during Holy Week will be at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday is Reconciliation service, Thursday is Maundy Thursday with foot washing and Friday is Good Friday, reading the Passion again. People involved as readers of the Passion for Palm Sunday had some questions about their role, especially if they were doing a couple of readings. He suggested the readers come around 9:30 to get the bulletins with their highlighted reading and where they stand. On Easter Sunday Robert will play 3 hymns for the 8:00 a.m. service
3. Karen Marr Scholarship. Don reported they don't have a Scholarship committee as yet. They are starting to put the requirements for the 3 Scholarships given on a yearly basis into the STAR every month.
4. Parish CDP grant - update. Kathie reported they had one meeting and went through what they needed to do. We have another meeting scheduled for Sunday, April 7. Don asked if she thought it would be ready for Vestry to vote on at the April meeting. Kathie said they would have to try to have it ready. If not, Fr. Greg said we could always do it via email if we needed another week.
5. Street sign - update. Mike and Dave have been waiting for warmer weather. When they are ready to get out the lawnmowers, they try to do it that day.
6. Flood light on front entrance. Mike said he replaced the light bulbs outside the front doorway with LEDs. He had to replace a glass in one of them which shattered as soon as he touched the screw. It's now running at 54 watts as opposed to 400 watts and they are plenty bright.
7. Columbarium committee update. Fr. Greg reported they had a committee of people meet about the columbarium. Recently, a binder on the columbarium was found that had all the current information, which he didn't know existed. The inside columbarium is in good order. We know what's spoken for, who's where and what's available for sale. The committee also talked through the columbarium process. How does somebody purchase a niche? What are the parameters? What's allowed? For instance, can you co-mingle, two in one. Fr Greg made all of the forms electronic. There's an order form to fill out. If somebody makes a purchase, they get a receipt. When somebody is going to be interred, there is a form that says this person was interred on this date. All forms are on our Google drive that is accessible to the parish staff. The committee still has to meet when the weather is better to go through the outdoor columbarium. Nobody could remember how this was approved. The committee will do further research into how to spread ashes. We have another meeting to tie up loose ends. From then on, an annual meeting of the committee.
8. Organ update. Don reported there have been conversations about the organ that it's struggling with, being repaired more and more frequently and parts are almost not available any longer. The organ company that was here the last time has come across another organ at a church that is closing. This is a pipe organ that looks like it would fit perfectly in our church. The cost sounds high, \$75,000 to \$90,000 but not nearly what it could be to have it brought to the church, reassembled at our church. A new organ similar to the one we have now is between \$75,000 - \$100,000 Don said we have a little bit of funds, but wondered if the Diocese would have money available to help purchase this organ or some other one. Fr. Greg said the Diocese is closing parishes. If the church has an organ and it's available, that we buy from one of our own churches. He also suggested this is the kind of thing where we could do a capital campaign. Don will contact Todd, finance CFO at the diocese. This organ situation has to be kept on top of since the old one is on its last leg.

9. Don said he had a note from Pam that the Rummage Sale is the week of our next Vestry Meeting. The Auxiliary Room would be in use. It was recommended that the April 16 Vestry meeting be a ZOOM meeting. All were in favor.

Lisa closed with a prayer. The Vestry Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m. M-S-A

Next meeting will be via ZOOM on April 16, 2024

Respectfully Submitted

Pat Leshner, Clerk of the Vestry

Prayers for April – Sue

Vestry Views STAR – Kathie



Our upcoming Service ministry project for May is Volunteering with KEEP GATES CLEAN, a volunteer based community wide initiative to keep Gates litter free. Volunteers will be picking up litter in a designated area of Gates on Saturday, May 11 th @10:00 AM. A sign-up sheet will be in the hallway for anyone interested.

The June Service Ministry project is collect donations for Verona Street Animal Shelter from June 2- June 16th. Information about the requested donated items for the animal shelter will be in the church bulletin in mid-later May.

The final count of Fiber Ministry projects was 93 which was 230% of our goal of 40 projects for the 40 days of lent. The organizations that received some of these project were very impressed by the quality and beauty of these handmade fiber projects. Most of the fiber ministry projects have been distributed. At this time, the projects have been donated to Meals on Wheels, Aurora House of Western Monroe County, Golisano Children’s Hospital and Fostering Hope, Inc. A final update of the fiber ministry donations will be noted in the June STAR.

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

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, June 11 – Rohrbach’s 1st & 3rd base

Sunday, June 16 – Rohrbach’s 1st base

Thursday, July 4 – Rohrbach’s 1st & 3rd base

Friday, Sept 6 – Rohrbach’s 1st & 3rd base

Friday, Sept 20 – Rohrbach’s 1st & 3rd base

Look for the signup sheets in the Hallway.

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 7th, 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 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.

MOTHER'S DAY PICTURES

In celebration of Mother's Day, this year Deb Grasso will be putting together a slide show of Epiphany "Moms". We would love to include pictures you have of your mother, grandmother, or any mother figure in your life. The presentation will be shown as part of both services on Mother's Day.

If you would like to share, please send your photos to Epiphanyphotos2@gmail.com by **May 10th**. Please include the name of the person and the relationships. For example: *name*, mother of *member of parish*, grandmother of *member(s) of parish* etc.. Feel free to also add a short description of the picture. If you have any questions, please contact Deb at 585-734-7659.

MOE BREAKFAST

Please mark your calendars for breakfast for **May 15th @8:30 am** at Jonny D's.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CAFÉ

As we worship each week, do we really understand the workings of our denomination? A PEOPLE CALLED EPISCOPALIANS by Westerhoff and Pearson will be the topic of the Wednesday Night Cafe on **May 15, 6:30 to 8 p.m.** Father Greg and Birdie Ames will be presenting. Sign up is in the hall and books will be available in the office for \$10.50 each or can be purchased on Amazon..

SPRUCE UP DAY

Our next Spruce Up day – **Saturday, May 25 – 9am-noon**

Come help clean up the outside on our property – Memorial Garden, front & side gardens, etc. Many hands make light work !

Questions? See: Property Committee

WIDOWS GROUP

Widows group will be meeting and having lunch on **May 29 @ 11:00 AM** .

SAVE THE DATE CHURCH PICNIC

When: **Sunday, June 9**

Time: 11:15am

Where: Fellowship Hall

Provided: Hot dogs, rolls, paper products, condiments, water

Bring: Dish to pass (salad or dessert), your own beverage

** asking for a donation to cover cost of meat, etc

** look for a signup sheet, so we know set up numbers & meat to buy

Questions, see: Pam & Don Metzinger

UPCOMING EVENT: PRIDE PARADE

SATURDAY, JULY 20, 2024

The Diocese has secured a spot to march in the 2024 Pride Parade on **Saturday, July 20th** beginning at 11:00 am and marching in the Highland Park area. If you are interested in representing Epiphany in the march, there is a sign-up sheet in the hall. We need to let the Diocese know a count well in advance.

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 it 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. Thank you.

WOE RUMMAGE SALE

A huge thank you & a grateful heart to all who supported the rummage sale this year. It was a big success. The shoppers who came on Friday & Saturday said they were so appreciative of this sale in the community. They are always amazed with the organization & cleanliness of the building & all the goods for sale. We had decent weather for the 2 days, and everyone came to shop!

Thank you to Glenn Hyde for providing lunch for the workers on Friday & Saturday. It was greatly appreciated & yummy!

Thank you to all the people who came out to bake for the Bake Sale. Sue Greenauer headed this & was extremely happy with the turnout of donated baked goods. Lots of great yummy treats. We sold out. The bake sale profit was..... \$610

Thanks to the following parish members that worked all week to get donated items set up & priced; plus the setup of all the rooms before-hand & all the cleanup, to put everything back to the way it was- what a task!

Thanks to:

Jorja Benson, Marsha & Dave Pulhamus, Bob & Gail Renehan, Kim Hyde, Cat, Carlene & Logan Engert, Cassie & Connor Magiera, Meg & Kristen Smith, Katie & Laurie Zaso, Betty Frisch, Pat & Bill Leshner, Bonnie Ayers, Birdie Ames, Alice Marshall, Audrey Barclay, Jan Boulter, Rita, Carol Kohan, Sue Greenauer & BAKERS, Jan Resch, Donna Perry, Kathie & Steve Entress, Emily VanScooter, James D'Anunzio, Barb D'Anunzio, Helen Bennett, Barb & Joe Woo, Pam & Don Metzinger, Maureen Durie & Father Greg

Our total for the 2 days came to be \$4300

Adding the bake sale money.....total.....**\$4910**

Start saving for our sale in 2025....thank you again.....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.

CHURCH SCHOOL SCHEDULE

(classes begin at: 9:45am)

Sunday, May 5.....Church School
Sunday, May 12.....Church School
Sunday, May 19.....Church School
Sunday, May 26.....No Church School

Sunday, June 2.....Church School
Sunday, June 9.....Last day of Church School

MARCH 2024 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

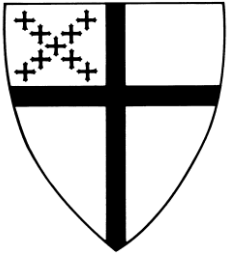
Income	March YTD 2024	2024 Budget YTD
Pledge & Plate	\$29,428.36	\$30,125.00
Investment Income	5,600.00	5,600.00
Diocesan Grant	6,249.99	6,250.00
Flowers	770.00	500.00
Special Offerings	732.00	687.50
Building Use	-	12.50
Other	116.00	1,075.00
Total Income	\$42,926.35	\$44,250.00
Expenses		
Worship	1,200.67	1,083.75
Formation	211.85	200.00
Diocesan Apportionment	4,840.74	21,013.00
Stewardship	2,965.27	2,560.00
Other Action	-	162.50
Youth	-	25.00
Evangelism	343.57	256.25
Supplies & Utilities	4,362.66	4,600.00
Insurance	4,127.94	2,637.50
Copier Expense	861.98	879.00
Other Office	6,561.29	1,837.50
Oversight	15,913.87	9,954.00
Salaries & Benefits	34,823.85	34,060.35
Total Expenses	60,299.82	69,314.85
Surplus/(Deficit)	(17,373)	(25,065)

Submitted by Deb Grasso, Treasurer



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			01	02	03	04 Viddler's 5 & 10 Outing 9:15- 2:30
05 6 Easter 8:00 AM HE 10:00 AM HE	06	07	08	09	10 Mothers Day Pictures due.	11
12 7 Easter 8:00 AM HE 10:00 AM HE Mother's Day	13	14	15 Moe Breakfast Wed. Night Café 6:30-8:00	16	17	18 Marlene Picardo Funeral
19 Pentecost 8:00 AM HE 10:00 AM HE	20	21 Vestry Meeting	22	23	24	25 Spruce up Day 9am-12 noon
26 Trinity Sunday 8:00 AM HE 10:00 AM HE	27 Memorial Day	28	29 Widows Lunch	30	31	



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