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**Parish Office**

585-247- 4190

Tue – Fri 8:30 – 12:30

**Sunday Worship**

8:00 AM and 10:00 AM

**Bulletin Prayer List**

*Prayer requests  
remain for 6 weeks  
unless notified*

**VESTRY VIEWS**  
**NOVEMBER 2025**

Thanksgiving is a time to pause and appreciate the many good things in our lives, our families, friends, health, and the simple everyday things we often overlook. It's a holiday that encourages us to feel grateful, not just for material things, but for the people and moments that truly matter.

Thanksgiving is about connection and community. It's a chance to slow down, enjoy each other's company, and focus on what's really important. Gratitude helps us see the positive even when life is challenging, and that attitude can carry us through the rest of the year. When we practice gratitude, it often inspires us to give back—to lend a hand, show understanding, or simply be more patient with others.

Thanksgiving is a time to share kindness and generosity, and Epiphany has always been a very generous community! From our food box to our Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets to the hundreds of cans of soup we collect for "Souper" Bowl Sunday, and everything in between. I'm proud to be part of this fellowship!

Ultimately, Thanksgiving isn't just about one day of food and tradition. It's about building a mindset of thankfulness that lasts beyond the holiday reminder that being grateful makes life richer and more meaningful every day.

Nick Parisi

## **THE BISHOP**

The Rt. Rt. Rev. Kara Wagner Sherer

Kathie Entress, Warden  
Laurie Zaso, Warden  
Deb Grasso, Treasurer  
Pat Leshar, Clerk

## **THE VESTRY**

Mike Grasso  
Susan Gaskill  
Donna Perry  
Kristen Smith

## **THE MINISTERS**

The Congregation

Tim Kaercher  
Don Voorhies  
Nick Parisi  
Don Metzinger

## **THE STAFF**

Rector: Fr Greg Kremer

Parish Secretary: Maureen Durie

Director of Music: Jack Fecik

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.*

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|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Nov. 2 Cleavant Long                | Nov. 16 Gladys VanBrederode<br>Bruce Pillman<br>Tim Kaercher | Nov. 24 Lisa Durkin    |
| Nov. 3 Florence Townsend            | Nov. 19 Lisa Steubing<br>Carol Kohan                         | Nov. 25 Judy Ploettner |
| Nov. 4 JoAnn Martle                 | Nov. 21 Jim McGrath                                          | Nov. 28 Kathie Entress |
| Nov. 6 Betty Frisch<br>Bill Chapman |                                                              |                        |
| Nov. 12 Pat Leshar                  |                                                              |                        |

*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.*

**Nov. 8 Lonna & Eddie Laduke**

**Nov. 20 Margaret & Robert Schweizer**

*And Marysaid, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior..."*  
Luke 1:46-47, NRSV

Dear Church of the Epiphany,

On Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, your elected delegates and I participated in the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester's Annual Convention. As well as electing new officers for the various ministries and organizational structures of the diocese, and approving the diocesan budget, we approved the following three resolutions-statements of position and commitment on certain key issues.

Out of approximately 160 delegates (lay and clergy) these resolutions were passed by an overwhelming majority (only two people voted against each of these). I thought it would be helpful for everyone to know the mind and heart of the Episcopal Church of Rochester. The approved resolutions are below.

The "Proposed Actions", that I have included below each resolution, were an addendum and were not included in the vote of approval. I have included them here because they can be good seed for thought about how we might respond to these resolutions here at Epiphany. For each resolution there is also a "rationale" that I have not included here. If anyone would like to read the entire background, please let me know, I can send them to you.



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**Resolution B94** - Advocating a Better Understanding of and Solidarity with LGBTQIA+ Neighbors

*Resolved, that the 94th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester affirms the call in our baptismal covenant to respect the dignity of every human being to include people across the gender and sexuality spectra, and especially, in times of conflict, our trans siblings. As followers of Jesus' way of love, we commit to meeting our LGBTQIA+ human family, especially our trans siblings, with love and compassion, by word, presence, and action; and be it further*

*Resolved, that the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester's leadership encourages our diocesan bodies, clergy, and lay members to affirm this diocesan calling by communicating through advocacy with local, state, and federal lawmakers that our baptismal promise to respect the dignity of every human being extends to our LGBTQIA+ siblings, who have an equal share in reflecting God's image in and to the world.*

**Proposed Actions:** All Episcopalians across the footprint of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester are encouraged to become actively involved in this commitment by:

- seeking opportunities for education about LGBTQ+ (and specifically trans) issues to better understand the lived experiences of LGBTQ+ people in our families, congregations, communities, and beyond.
- reaching out to LGBTQ+ community members and organizations within local areas to build connections and foster relationships between congregations and community groups.
- advocating for stronger civil rights for the LGBTQ+ community, especially for amplifying the humanity of trans siblings
- hosting or participating in celebrations for Transgender Day of Visibility (March 31st) and Transgender Day of Remembrance (November 20th).
- participating in local Pride celebrations throughout our region.
- commemorating the feast of the Rev. Pauli Murray in public worship (July 1st); and
- joining the EDOR contingent at Rochester Pride (July 19, 2026).

#### **Resolution C94** - Advocating for Aid, Relief, and Sustainable Peace in Gaza

*Resolved, the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester is relieved by the declaration of a ceasefire in Gaza but remains deeply concerned that its implementation is flawed and already failing. Specifically, like so many people of goodwill, we believe that first and foremost the free and fair flow of aid, including food, medicine, heavy equipment to clear the bombed buildings and infrastructure, and material to rebuild, is a mandatory step toward sustainable peace following the horrific genocide and devastation of Gaza. Freedom of movement and assembly for Palestinians in Gaza and the West Bank must also be assured, as assaults on the Occupied Territory/West Bank should stop. We further urge the cessation of all military aid and assistance to the State of Israel. This statement seeks to hold all parties accountable to deeply-cherished religious convictions and to the fundamental principles of international law.*

#### **Proposed Actions for the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester**

- Become familiar with the Office of Government Relations Resources on Gaza:  
<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/ministries/office-government-relations/resources-for-the-conflict-in-the-holy-land/>
- Promote observance of the Day of Prayer for Peace (October 11), using liturgical resources focused on justice, peace, and reconciliation in the Holy Land
- Center thinking and practices around: Christian nonviolence, theology of justice and liberation, and the Church's role in speaking moral truth to power

#### **Resolution D94** - Concerns about Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)

*Resolved, The Episcopal Diocese of Rochester shares the concerns of other Episcopalians throughout the church, our siblings in other Christian communities, and many others regarding the current actions of the federal government on immigration. We deplore the current model of operations of "ICE" that seems more at home in a totalitarian state than a democracy. The dehumanization (especially by those who self-identify as Christian) of people from different lands is repugnant to the clear sense of Scripture.*

*Resolved, Our congregations are encouraged to endorse the full text of Leviticus 19:33-34 by placing it in their bulletins or in common spaces in their buildings: "When an alien resides with you in your land, you shall not oppress the alien. The alien who resides with you shall be to you as the native-born among you; you shall love the alien as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God."*

*Resolved, We will continue to minister to whoever comes, make no record of citizenship, and work to love our neighbors as ourselves, both inside our congregations and in our communities.*

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Our small group ministries (Welcome, Liturgy, Youth, Adult Formation and Fellowship, and Community Engagement) meet on Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup> to continue to determine and implement actions for the fulfillment of our Pastoral Plan. I would like each of the small groups to discuss these three resolutions and come up with one way to respond concretely to any one of them. I look forward to hearing what you come up with.

God bless you!

*Fr. Greg*



## **VESTRY MINUTES SEPTEMBER 16, 2025**

Present: Fr. Greg, Kathie Entress, Laurie Zaso, Tim Kaercher, Heidi McGrath, Don Metzinger, Nick Parisi, Donna Perry, Kristen Smith (via ZOOM), Don Vorhies, Jack Fecik(Music Director), Deb Grasso, Pat Leshner

Absent: Susan Gaskill, Mike Grasso

Fr. Greg opened with prayer; The Vestry meeting was called to order at 7 p.m.

### **BUSINESS;**

1. Approve August Vestry Minutes. A motion was made to approve August 19, 2025 minutes with the correction to add Mike Grasso as being present. M-S-A
2. Website update. Don V. went over information provided by Stephen Richards, from the Diocese. He advised that readers “skip over” long articles on websites, so it is better to “keep it simple”. Kim and Don created a shortened version of the 5 Mindfulness Category statements and provided a link to the full version. A motion was made for the updated content on the website. M-S-A Kim is still researching who to hire to redesign our website and the initial and monthly cost. We are awaiting approval of a diocesan grant that could be used to finance the updated website.
3. Stewardship. The Stewardship campaign starts October 5 and continues through October 26. We will have parishioners speaking about their own experiences at Epiphany. The Stewardship letters and pledge cards are printed. Deb is still working on the narrative budget. Nick said he has some info on qualified charitable distribution that can be included in the upcoming STAR.
4. Finance Report. Deb reported we are pretty much on target. Electricity is still high, but we are utilizing the building more. We will have to address the electricity use in the 2026 Budget. The grants and apportionments are on target. Deb reported that \$25,000 was taken from the Checking and put into Savings then used to purchase two \$50,000 CDs. A motion was made to approve the August Finance Report.
5. Deb reported they did go through the safe, which had a lot of old stuff that didn’t need to be saved. They will be taking documents to be shredded.
6. We had been getting bills for \$71.00/month and every once in a while, \$140/month from Lucidity, our I.T. people. Fr Greg talked with the director because we had agreed we wouldn’t have any monthly service charge. There would just be the setup and then we’d call them in as needed. He had a long talk with him, and he said if you do nothing it leaves you open to some greater risk. He suggested we could do the basics every other month for \$71.00/month and that would maintain our security and give us upgrades not as often as they’d like of our software. Fr Greg agreed then asked vestry to confirm/approve. It will cost approx. \$35.00/mo. to keep our IT system safe and sound. We will still be charged if we call them to help us with something. A motion was made to pay Lucidity \$71.00 every other month to maintain our system. M-S-A

7. Director of Music. Four people were interviewed for the position, our present pianist, Jack being one of the candidates. The good news is that increasing the hours and the job description made a big difference in terms of attracting candidates. Three of the five were actual organists, which was what we were attempting to do. They hired Jack and he was happy, and we were pleased. He is doing a great job. He came to the youth and liturgy meeting prepared. He knew what he needed to do and was prepared to make it happen. He set up meetings and took charge on Sunday of the choir. There has been lots of positive feedback. Though he is primarily a pianist he has been playing the organ quite well. We have moved the cafe to either Tuesday or Thursday so there can be choir practice on Wednesdays.
8. Piano & Organ Replacement. The original piano donation fell through. Providentially the Wackerows came in with pictures of a Chickering baby grand piano being sold by a friend. Chickering, the first piano maker in America in the late 1800s, is renowned for being a very good piano. The best years for Chickering are between 1920 and 1930. This piano was built in 1930. He took Jack and John to play and listen to it. It has a beautiful sound and would work nicely in our space. They are asking \$3,000, it is worth significantly more than that. It has not been rebuilt but it is in beautiful condition. Fr. Greg contacted the gentleman who has been tuning it for years and he verified it's an excellent piano. It would cost approximately \$200 to tune it and \$400 to move it, including the cost of the piano at \$3,000 bringing the total cost to \$3,600. Discussion followed where the money should come from. After discussing several options, it was decided the Memorial Fund was the best option. A motion was made to approve up to \$4,000 to purchase the Chickering baby grand piano, get it tuned and moved and to use funds from the Memorial fund for the purchase. M-S-A

A discussion followed about what the Organ Replacement Committee recommended, which is replacing the present organ with a digital organ. After the Committee researched the pros and cons of a pipe organ versus a digital organ it was suggested that a digital organ, costing between \$60,000 and \$75,000 would be best fit for Epiphany. Based on the Committee's recommendation, a motion was made empowering the Task Force to move forward with the research on selecting the specific digital organ to be purchased for up to \$75,000 and return with a proposal to purchase said organ M-S-A.

As the purchase of the digital organ could require a Capital Funds campaign, Fr. Greg contacted John Sherer to determine the best time to present this. Once the motion has been made and carried to purchase a particular organ and price, he suggested February, March or April would be good choices to initiate the campaign. Further discussion is to be forthcoming in the next couple of months.

9. Signage/Seabury Woods/Grant. Fr. Greg said we had been contacted by Seabury Woods that the 2 signs on the West corner of the driveway for Seabury Woods and Church of the Epiphany need to be replaced. The first estimate provided by Seabury was \$12,000 for 2 signs. After much discussion, it was suggested that Seabury should have at least 3 bids on this expenditure before we even make any decision on this corner.

Don V. suggested that since we aren't going to be able to replace the big lights sign for a while, to start thinking more about banners or sandwich boards when we want to attract attention to an event we are having at Epiphany. For instance, a 3x5 banner in some bright color to advertise the Christ Wilson concert on October 23. A bright color banner that isn't too wordy would draw attention to the us as people drive by. We could fly seasonal banners, i.e., Easter Sunday and have them to use for a couple of years. These banners cost something like \$50. It was suggested we buy one made especially to advertise Chris Wilson concert and display a couple of weeks before the concert. Don V. will take care of purchasing the banner and setting it up.

10. Nominating Committee/Vestry. Fr. Greg related that Ryan Steubing would be a delegate to Diocesan Convention. We have Emily and our alternate Tom Seils. We are supposed to have 3 delegates and an alternate, so we still need another delegate. Fr. Greg said he has been nominated to sit on Diocesan Council as a voting member. Fr. Greg asked Don M. about the Nominating Committee for Vestry and Warden. Don replied technically it's the outgoing Warden that has that role, but he will work with Kathie as to how many Vestry people and terms need to be filled.

11. Small Group updates/meeting updates. Meetings on the second Sunday of every month.

- a. Welcome. Laurie related when they first met everyone said let's bring back the foyer's groups back where we entertain people in our houses, mostly newcomers, but mostly people we don't know in church. When it came down to doing it, they said they really didn't want to do it in their homes. So, it was suggested instead to have a Friendsgiving on Saturday evening, November 1 at the Church hosted by the Welcome Committee. The Committee will write personal invitations to newcomers at Epiphany to a spaghetti and meatball, salad, bread, wine and dessert dinner. They are also looking at catalogs to select a gay pride welcome flag. She also wanted to let people know that she is the recording secretary for the church, which means if someone in the church has a family member that dies, she sends a sympathy card from Epiphany. It's all a part of who we are, a welcoming, loving community.
- b. Liturgy Planning/Youth. Nick reported they met with the Youth Committee after the service on Sunday planning October 26 for the youth mass. They were a little concerned about the short amount of planning time to pull it all together, but they will be working with Jack on a couple of songs. They will be the readers, ushers and greeters. They and the parents are very excited about getting involved. Since its Commitment Sunday, there will only be one service at 9:30 a.m. Father Greg said the youth will also be giving out note paper for the congregation to write down their talent. Each parishioner will post their note/talent on the big heart on a giant poster board and put their pledge card in a basket under the big heart.
- c. Adult Formation. Kathie related that Donna has organized a concert on Thursday, October 23 at 6:30 p.m. where Chris Wilson, a professional singer, musician, and international recording artist will be singing and playing secular and inspirational music at Epiphany with a reception to follow. Donna talked about seeing him many times and what an incredible performer he is singing songs of faith and songs of John Denver. Her daughter is currently working on flyers and some images to put out on social media via Kim and Cassie. Fr. Greg will send info to GC3 which they'll put on their website. It will be sent to all the clergy and the greater Gates/Chili area. To try reaching out to the Turkish community along with Trinity Lutheran and the parish inviting their friends. It's free to anyone and hopefully it's just a way for people to know we are here in the community. The sign on the road is great because it'd be nice to use these events to attract new blood that isn't already invested in some other church. Kathie said there is Wednesday Cafe, September 24 at 7 p.m. to talk about Habitat for Humanity and the Woman Build program
- d. Social Media. Don V. asked about getting a shared online folder and was hoping it could be put on SharePoint and how to do that. He said Emily had volunteered to do a Google Docs. Fr. Greg pointed out that it is separate from Epiphany's system, but it might be quicker and easier if she just did it on Google Docs. Need more discussion and how to make sure it's accessible to whoever needs it. Don said it's mostly sharing pictures.

Don M. related the AED was delivered on Sunday. He was just here for 10 minutes dropping it off. We just have to put it up in the hallway and then have Gates Ambulance set up training for whoever wants to participate in that. It is just a wall mount. It is good for 5 years and then the battery needs to be changed. Don asked that a thank you note be sent out to Linda and Jim Wackerow for the AED donation

Fr. Greg reported that Gates is organizing a 4th of July 250th Anniversary Celebration parade. The question is do we want to have a float in the parade. It is something to think about and know that it's coming on June 27, 2026

Discussion followed about should Vestry members sign up to be Vestry Contact or should Maureen go back to assign a member each Sunday. If a Vestry member couldn't do it that Sunday, find a replacement. It was decided to have Maureen schedule a Vestry member for each Sunday.



Fr. Greg closed the meeting with a prayer. A motion was made to adjourn the Vestry meeting at 8:45 p.m. M-S-A. The next Vestry meeting is October 21, 2025, at 7 p.m.

Vestry Views for the STAR for October: Heidi

November: Nick

Respectfully Submitted,

Pat Leshner

## **Improved Streaming on Facebook Live**

Performance improvements have been made to Facebook Live streaming of our 10am service. We have improved the audio sound and upgraded the Wi-Fi to allow for better video quality. Please give it another try and let us know how it looks. Looking forward to seeing you online! Any comments, contact Kim Hyde at [khhyde521@gmail.com](mailto:khhyde521@gmail.com) or see Fr. Greg.

## **NOVEMBER SERVICE MINISTRY UPDATE**



A big thank you to the parishioners of Epiphany for their generous donations to Epiphany's Red Pantry Food Box collection in October. The youth of Epiphany helped move all the donations into the distribution area so they will be ready to place in the pantry box. The food box has a crew of dedicated workers that fill the food box with non-perishable food and personal hygiene products on a daily basis. The food box crew has some very touching stories of how our Red Food Box is helping our neighbors in need. See the picture below to see one of youth with the donations.

Later in November, Epiphany will be participating in two familiar holiday projects. We will be supplying hot cocoa packets and individual size facial tissue for the Christmas Bag project coordinated by a Meal & More, Inc. They are expecting that they will make 200 Christmas stockings this year which will mean that they are requesting about 600-800 individual packets of hot chocolate and 200 small facial tissue packets. Epiphany will also be adopting a family for the Christmas holidays from Family Promise of Greater Rochester. More information about these service projects will be coming in the next several weeks.

The Service Ministry Committee would like to thank the parish for your support with our monthly service ministry projects. Please feel free to stop anyone on the Service Ministry team with any questions or ideas for future projects.

Marsha Pulhamus, Birdie Ames, Nancy Mancini, Donna Perry and Jan Resch



## **NOVEMBER YOUTH UPDATE**

The youth and many parishioners who are young at heart had a wonderful time at our annual "Trunk or Treat" event which was on Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup>. Everyone in attendance enjoyed lots of good food, games, great costumes and fellowship before going outside to enjoy the youth "Trunk or Treat" in their Halloween costumes. The parking lot was full of parishioners handing out candy to the youth who ended up with a large bag of Halloween treats. We have included some pictures of the event so you can enjoy the festivities.





The youth of Epiphany played a major role in the Commitment Sunday service on Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>. The youth were involved in greeting, ushering, reading, and singing. The older youth in the Rite 13 and J2A classes presented an activity which highlights the talents of the parishioners of Epiphany. Stewardship includes giving of yourself, sharing talents, care and concern of others, as well as financial support of our church.

The youth will be busy this fall as we begin preparation to make our peanut cluster to sell before the Christmas holidays. The monies raised from the peanut clusters help cover the cost of youth events and service projects.

Please feel free to talk to anyone of the Sunday school staff with any questions about the Sunday school program or Youth activities.

Sue Gaskill, Cassie Magiera, Don Metzinger, Marsha Pulhamus and Gladys VanBrederode

## **ROCHESTER REDWINGS CONCESSIONS**

The Rochester Redwings baseball season has concluded. Again - Thank you to all who signed up to help. The total profits for this season: over \$7,300.  
See you next year in 2026!

Chairman: Don Metzinger

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

### **Church School Calendar:**

#### **Church school begins: 9:45am**

Sunday, Nov. 2 - Church School  
Sunday, Nov. 9 - Church School  
Sunday, Nov. 16 - Church School  
Sunday, Nov. 23 - Church School  
Sunday, Nov. 30 - **No** Church School  
  
Sunday, Dec. 7 - Church School  
Sunday, Dec. 14 - Church School  
Sunday, Dec. 21 - Church School  
Sunday, Dec. 28 - **No** Church School

### **Adult Formation and Fellowship Small Group**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 11:45 AM**

The Adult Formation and Fellowship Small Group will be hosting a speaker and light lunch on Sunday, November 2, 2025 at 11:45 am in the Fellowship Hall. The topic will be Dementia. Our speaker will be Brian Potvin, he is the Director of Community Services from Episcopal Senior Life Communities. Some of the things Brian will be discussing are the difference between dementia, memory loss and Alzheimer's, how do you recognize the signs, what do you do when you suspect a loved one has dementia, can it be prevented, what support services are available to help people and how do you determine when it's time to get outside help or place your loved one in a care facility.

If you have any questions about this event, please contact Kathie Entress.

### **Lunch & Learn Fellowship Hall**

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2025 @ 12:00 \$8.00 FOR LUNCH**

November's topic will be "The Gratitude Project". Join us for an uplifting talk on the power of gratitude! Discover simple, meaningful ways to bring more joy, peace, and positivity into your everyday life.

Register with Jenn Moncrief by 10/31 or [jmoncrief@episcopalSeniorLife.org](mailto:jmoncrief@episcopalSeniorLife.org) or 426-4950.

Mark your calendars for the first Wednesday of each month.

### **SMALL GROUP MEETINGS**

The 5 small groups which support Epiphany's 5 Mindfulness Categories will continue meeting on the **second Sunday of each month, which falls on November 9th**. The meetings will occur after the 10:00 Mass and last about 30 minutes. Fresh ideas and viewpoints are helpful, so please consider joining a group if you have not already done so! Not all teams will need to meet each month, so check with the Vestry representative for your group for more information:

Welcome and Invitation: Laurie Zaso

Liturgy: Nick Parisi or Fr. Greg

Children and Youth: Sue Gaskill

Adult Formation and Fellowship: Kristin Smith or Kathie Entress

Community Engagement and Social Media: Don Voorhies or Kim Hyde

## **WIDOWS GROUP**

Widows group will be meeting and having lunch on **December 10th @ 11:00 AM**

## **MOE [MEN OF EPIPHANY] BREAKFAST**

**Men Of Epiphany** - Please mark your calendars for breakfast for **November 19th @ 8:30 am** at Jonny D's. Newcomers are always encouraged to join.

## **GREENING OF THE CHURCH**

The Greening of the Church has again planned to spread our Christmas decorating out during a 4-week period. This will spread out our joyous celebration throughout the Advent season. So, mark your calendars and see if you can help us out on the following dates:

Nov 30- Hang: large wreath, quilt, banner, greens on rood beam

Dec 7- Outside creche placed, wreaths hung in chancel, sanctuary, outside brick wall

Dec 14- Assemble & decorate artificial tree in front of church, decorate windowsills

Dec 21- Altar & Advent wreath: colors change, crèche & fresh poinsettia plants placed

If anyone has questions or comments, feel free to reach out to me.

Thank you- Pam Metzinger

## **FRIENDSGIVING TO WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS**

The Welcome Committee would like you to join us as we celebrate our newest members of the congregation. This gives all of us a chance to make new friends and reconnect with the old while extending the warm hospitality of Epiphany.

Join us as we gather on **Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup> in Fellowship Hall. 5:30 – Drinks & Appetizer's, 6:00 – dinner.** Spaghetti & Meatballs, gluten free pasta will be available, salad, **bring your own beverage.**

**Please bring a dessert to share.**

Please sign up in the Hallway as we need a count of all who will be attending. Hope to see everyone there.

Any questions: Contact Laurie Zaso – 749-7805.

## **WOE [WOMEN OF EPIPHANY] UPDATE**

Rummage Sale 2026

Thought I would give the parish a heads up on the dates of the next year's Rummage Sale.

Held: Friday, April 17 & Saturday, April 18

Keep saving your items to donate. There will be NO donation trailer!

Sorting & pricing – April 12-16 Sale – April 17 & 18

Cleanup – April 18

Donations we accept & not accept will be in the next STAR

Any questions, concerns, or clarifications – feel free to contact me

Thank you..... Pam Metzinger

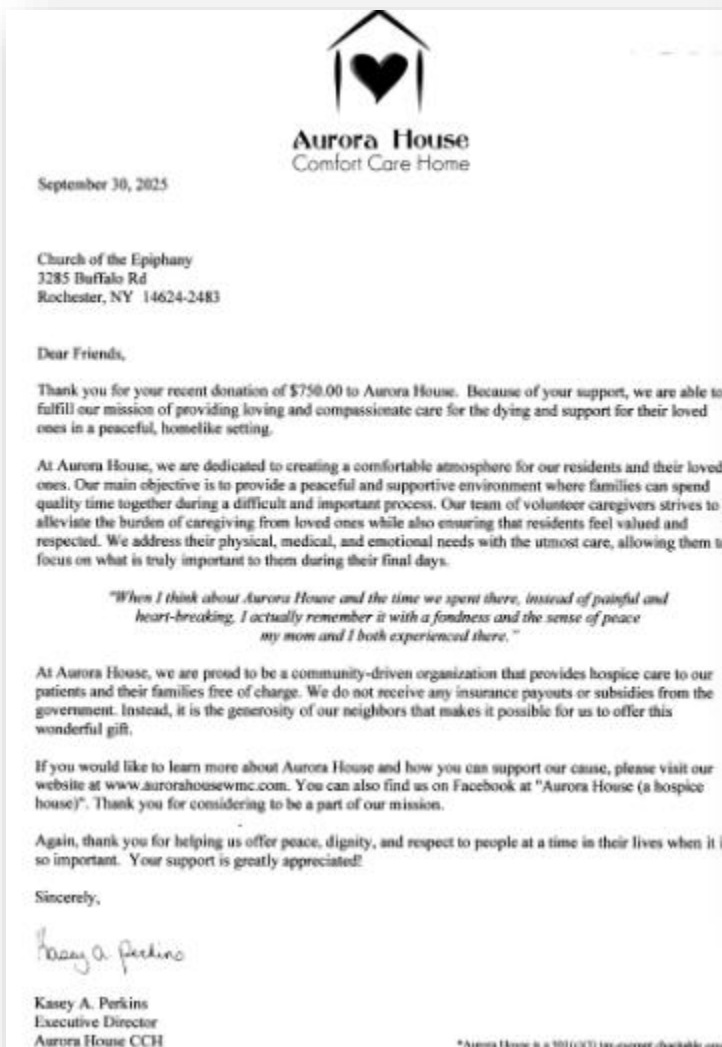
## ADVENT EVENINGS OF REFLECTION

Fr Greg will be running a series of four evenings of reflection during Advent again this year. The gatherings will be in the Auxiliary Room on Monday nights, December 1, 8, 15, & 22, from 6:30-7:30. We will be using the book ["Waiting with Joy" Advent Year A](#). The cost for the book is \$5.00. Please sign up early so we can order a book for you.

## 2025 WOE RUMMAGE SALE DONATIONS

Each of the following organizations received \$750.00 from the proceeds of the rummage sale and they are very appreciative.

- Aurora House of Western Monroe County
- Honor Flight Rochester, Inc.
- Meals on Wheels Program Monroe County
- Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy to be used in Monroe County





## Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy

JOIN THE FIGHT  
END DUCHENNE

10/9/2025

Women's Organization of the Church of the Epiphany  
3285 Buffalo Road  
Rochester, NY 14624

Dear Women's Organization of the Church of the Epiphany,

Thank you for your generous donation in support of Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy and those living with, and affected by, Duchenne and Becker muscular dystrophy. We are grateful to donors like you who support our mission to accelerate research, raise our voices to impact policy, demand optimal care for every single family, and strive to ensure access to approved therapies.

For your record-keeping purposes, the details of your gift are as follows:

Date: 10/01/2025

Amount: \$750.00

PPMD Campaign: PPMD Connect

PPMD will continue to fight until every person diagnosed with Duchenne or Becker has access to treatments. We know that no one person, company or organization will end Duchenne, and we are honored to join forces with those who wish to make our community stronger.

We hope that our work continues to inspire your support. Thank you for joining the fight to end Duchenne.

With thanks and gratitude,



Pat Furlong  
President & Founder



October 10, 2025

Women of Epiphany  
3285 Buffalo Road  
Rochester, NY 14624-2413

Thank you for your generous gift to UR Medicine Home Care. Your contribution allows us to provide the best possible care and assistance to help our community members remain safe and independent in their homes. Because of you, we are enhancing our community through programs and services that heal, feed, and care for those in need.

Total: \$750.00

Date Processed: October 09, 2025

Receipt Number: 7357277

Donor ID: 1349609

Designation

UR Medicine Home Care

Fund

Meals On Wheels

Gift Amount

\$750.00

## FAMILY PROMISE CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Once again we will be adopting a Family Promise homeless family for Christmas. The tree will be at the back of the church in early November. If you'd like to help, please take a tag from the tree, purchase and WRAP the gift, and ATTACH THE TAG TO THE OUTSIDE OF THE GIFT (VERY IMPORTANT!) Family Promise will replace it with a tag with the recipient's name. All gifts must be brought to church by SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30.

Thank you for your continued support of this project!

Service Ministry Team

## PEANUT CLUSTERS

Peanut clusters will be back – sold beginning the 1st week of December until sold out

## AUDREY BARCLAY

There have been many requests for Audrey's new address. Alice said that she would love visitors. Her address: Audrey Barclay, Latta Road East Nursing & Rehab, 2102 Latta Road, Rochester, N.Y. 14612. Visiting hours are 10 am to 8 pm.

## CHANGES & ADDITIONS

If you have changes to your contact information, please notify Maureen Durie in the Parish Office: 247-4190 or [office@coepiphany.org](mailto:office@coepiphany.org) Office hours: Tuesday–Friday, 8:00 am–12:00 pm

## SEPTEMBER FINANCIAL SUMMARY

| Income              | Budget YTD<br>2025 | % Of Budget<br>YTD |
|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Pledge & Plate      | \$97,015           | \$97,575           |
| Investment Income   | 17,625             | 17,625             |
| Diocesan Grant      | 15,000             | 15,000             |
| PPP Loan            |                    |                    |
| ERTC                | 14,234             | -                  |
| Flowers             | 1,190              | 1,313              |
| Special Offerings   | 1,463              | 2,438              |
| Building Use        | 390                | 998                |
| Other               | 2,163              | 4,125              |
| <b>Total Income</b> | <b>\$149,081</b>   | <b>\$139,073</b>   |

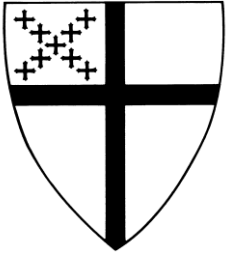
| Expenses                 |                |                 |
|--------------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Worship                  | 5,709          | 3,656           |
| Formation                | 548            | 638             |
| Diocesan Apportionment   | 13,662         | 13,662          |
| Stewardship              | 6,141          | 7,838           |
| Other Action             | -              | 375             |
| Youth                    | -              | 75              |
| Evangelism               | 773            | 1,106           |
| Supplies & Utilities     | 12,263         | 11,925          |
| Insurance                | 9,697          | 9,000           |
| Copier Expense           | 2,555          | 2,625           |
| Other Office             | 3,866          | 2,400           |
| Oversight                | 28,381         | 25,950          |
| Salaries & Benefits      | 101,839        | 106,589         |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>    | <b>157,053</b> | <b>159,889</b>  |
| <b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b> | <b>(7,973)</b> | <b>(20,816)</b> |

*Submitted by Deb Grasso, Treasurer*

# November

| Sunday                                                                                                                                                    | Monday                                                 | Tuesday                                                                                          | Wednesday                                                                                           | Thursday                                                                                                                  | Friday                            | Saturday                                                                                              |
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|                                                                                                                                                           |                                                        |                                                                                                  |                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                           |                                   | <b>1</b><br><b>Friendsgiving</b><br><br><b>Appetizer's</b><br><b>5:30 PM</b><br><br><b>Dinner 6PM</b> |
| <b>2 All Saints Sunday</b><br><b>Set Clocks Back</b><br><b>11:45 Dementia Discussion</b><br><b>8:00am HE</b><br><b>10:00am HE</b><br><b>Church School</b> | <b>3</b><br><b>Chair Yoga</b><br><br><b>1:30-3:00</b>  | <b>4</b>                                                                                         | <b>5</b><br><b>Lunch &amp; Learn</b><br><b>12:30</b><br><br><b>Choir Practice</b><br><b>7:00 PM</b> | <b>6</b>                                                                                                                  | <b>7</b>                          | <b>8</b>                                                                                              |
| <b>9</b><br><b>8:00am HE</b><br><b>10:00am HE</b><br><b>Small Group Meets after 10:00 Service</b><br><b>Church School</b>                                 | <b>10</b><br><b>Chair Yoga</b><br><br><b>1:30-3:00</b> | <b>11</b><br> | <b>12</b><br><br><b>Choir Practice</b><br><b>7:00 PM</b>                                            | <b>13</b>                                                                                                                 | <b>14</b>                         | <b>15</b>                                                                                             |
| <b>16</b><br><b>8:00am HE</b><br><b>10:00am HE</b><br><b>Church School</b>                                                                                | <b>17</b><br><b>Chair Yoga</b><br><br><b>1:30-3:00</b> | <b>18</b><br><br><b>7:00pm Vestry</b>                                                            | <b>19</b><br><b>Choir Practice</b><br><b>7:00 PM</b>                                                | <b>20</b>                                                                                                                 | <b>21</b>                         | <b>22</b>                                                                                             |
| <b>23</b><br><b>8:00am HE</b><br><b>10:00am HE</b><br><b>Church School</b>                                                                                | <b>24</b><br><b>Chair Yoga</b><br><br><b>1:30-3:00</b> | <b>25</b>                                                                                        | <b>26</b><br><b>8 AM MOE breakfast</b><br><br><b>Choir Practice</b><br><b>7:00 PM</b>               | <b>27</b><br><br><b>Office Closed</b> | <b>28</b><br><b>Office Closed</b> | <b>29</b>                                                                                             |
| <b>30</b><br><b>8:00am HE</b><br><b>10:00am HE</b><br><br><b>NO Church School</b>                                                                         |                                                        |                                                                                                  |                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                           |                                   |                                                                                                       |





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