



# EPIPHANY STAR

**Church of the Epiphany February 2020**

The Little White Church on the Corner

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## Clergy Clatter

**A** haunting dilemma. A group of us took a weekend in New York City before Christmas. We saw the Christmas Show at Radio City, visited Rockefeller Plaza, Times Square, Saint Mary the Virgin, Grand Central, and all of those other wonderful Midtown Manhattan "must sees."

Someone suggested that we visit the 9/11 Memorial. So we figured out what subway we needed and headed underground. I'm always amazed at New York's subway system. I remember it as a kid, when the train windows were open for air, with rock walls clearing the open windows by inches as we sped like lightening under the city. It's much cleaner and nicer now, but still amazing. When the doors to our train opened, it was packed. As one does in New York, we just crammed ourselves into the packed car, as the doors closed behind us. One also learns to grab hold of something very fast, because the trains accelerate quickly, and the last thing you want to do is end up in a stranger's lap. I grabbed the nearest pole with a death grip. Immediately I noticed two very young Asian women under my elbow. They had a quick few words with each other, and the nearest one stood up and motioned me to her seat.

Oh oh - instant clash of cultures. It was drilled into my head as a kid, that you offer your seat to a woman. It was obviously drilled into her head that you offer your seat to an old person. What was I to do? If I

accepted her offer, I would be acknowledging to myself that I was old and needed a seat. If I turned it down, I would be rude and unappreciative. This moment of self image crisis was all happening at breakneck speed under the streets of New York, with a bunch of people watching.

I made my decision. I motioned that I was fine, and that she should take her seat. "No, No" she insisted, as she pointed to her empty seat. RATS! One of my beloved companions whispered (as much as you can whisper on a speeding subway) "Sit down. She's doing the right thing. She's being polite."

I couldn't do it. I looked at her with a smile and said, "Sit Down." She sat, with a shameful look on her face. I felt horrible, but I still had a semblance of dignity – sort of. Taking that seat would have been an admission that I'm old, elderly, whatever you want to call it. But I didn't feel old. I was a young Turk again, riding the New York subway on an adventure. It was exciting. It was energizing, and I could not let that go, even if it meant being rude. My Mama also taught me not to be rude.

It was a great trip, and I learned a life lesson - that self image trumps kindness - and I learned it zipping along under the streets of New York. When the doors opened, I gave the two young women a big smile, a wave, and jumped to the platform. That was the best I could do.

*Richard+*

## Vestry Highlights

December 12, 2019

### 2019 VESTRY

- ♦ Approved contracting with Emmett Pate to upgrade and maintain church website.
- ♦ Reported that John Moscoe has agreed to serve as "Parish Clerk" and tend the office as a volunteer.
- ♦ Reported that a new Girl Scout troop will be meeting at Epiphany on Mondays at 6:00PM.
- ♦ Reported that church lighting has been upgraded by Mike Scott, John Moscoe, and Larry Burgmooser. Thanks guys!
- ♦ Discussed idea of a "Blessing Box" on Lafayette Blvd with food staples for the taking. Tabled.

### 2020 Vestry

- ♦ Elected the following Parish Officers:  
Co-Wardens - Brian Pritchard & Joyce Williams  
Treasurer - John Greene, Jr.  
Registrar - Monique Matuskowitz

### January 9, 2020

- ♦ Approved proposals from Emmett Pate to upgrade and redesign webpage and email.
- ♦ Approved Outreach Gifts to St. Columba ministries, and ODU Canterbury Assoc.
- ♦ Approved contribution to School of Theology at Sewanee under the 1% in the Budget Program.
- ♦ Approved 2019 Staff Bonuses.
- ♦ Appointed Tina Wright to head up the audit.
- ♦ Reported that we are still trying to get Dominion Energy to fix our security lights that we rent from Dominion Energy.
- ♦ Discussed Bishops Consecration.
- ♦ Discussed Jim Kosnik's recital on Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>
- ♦ Appointed a task force to explore the idea of a "Blessing Box". Chris Colburn agreed to have it built if approved.



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Carlos Fernandez, Sr  
Joanna Feret  
Diana Stein

### A Thank you to off-going Vestry Members:

- Ray Steckman who had to resign before his term was up so that he could tend to Nell and avoid driving at night. Ray served many terms over the years on Epiphany's Vestry. He still lets his voice be heard through email. Vestry meetings aren't the same without him.
- John Moscoe who filled Ray's unexpired term and chose not to run for his own term. He thought that he was getting away from us. Wrong! John came to our rescue as Parish Clerk and will be attending Vestry from time to time to stay on top of what's happening. Out of the pan and into the fire!
- John Childers who filled Vivian Alexander's seat and chose not to run for his own term. But he also ended up as Treasurer and just completed his three year term. There's no escaping. Many thanks John for all your help.
- Mike Scott who served as Co-Warden for his three year term. Mike also agreed to serve as "Safe Church Co-ordinator". So Mike will continue to attend Vestry meetings from time to time and tend to all of the "Safe Church Business". The truth is, we can't meet without one of Mike's wonderful salads at our pre-Vestry dinners. Keep um coming Mike

## Worship Volunteer Schedule

Feb	Lector	Chalicer	Usher
2	Mike Scott	Jerry Cronin	Dan Swain
9	Anita Colburn	Ariel Fernandez	Tom Gilleland
16	Jerry Cronin	Mike Scott	Chris Colburn
23	Brian Pritchard	Jerry Cronin	David Jones Jennifer O'Connell

## IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

Linda Armstrong

Kevin LaPointe

Dawn Blair

Ray & Nell Steckman

Sheila Brinck

Grace Strid

Jerry Cronin



## Bishop's Consecration

The Rev. Susan B. Haynes will be consecrated as Bishop of Southern Virginia on February 1<sup>st</sup> at 11:00 a.m. The venue has been changed to Williamsburg Christian Church located at 3899 John Tyler Hwy in Williamsburg. Everyone is invited. The church is huge with ample parking. The consecration of a Bishop is a beautiful and impressive service, with the Presiding Bishop serving as Chief Consecrator, many visiting bishops in attendance, and the diocesan clergy vested and participating. It's quite a show.

There is a signup sheet in the Parish Hall if you want a ride. Also, it is going to be live streamed on the internet at [diosova.org](http://diosova.org). A video will be available later for on-demand viewing. But, there's nothing like being present in person. If you can make it, you will be impressed. And keep bishop-elect Haynes in your thoughts and prayers as she begins a new chapter in her life and ministry.

**A Big Thank You** from your clergy for your generous Christmas Purses. Both Julia and I so much appreciated your generosity, and your kind spirits and thoughtfulness throughout the year.

Many, many thanks

Richard+



## Faculty Recital at Epiphany

On Sunday, February 9th at 4:00 p.m., Dr. James Kosnik will play his Faculty Recital at Epiphany. In his recital he will be performing the world premiere of Dr. Hailstork's "Scherzo/Fantasy on Ancient of Days." Hailstork is Eminent Professor of Composition at Old Dominion University and of course, Dr. Kosnik is well known to us.

This is a big event for Epiphany. The university will be live streaming the program, and we need a full house for their program. There will be a large representation of the music community, particularly from the University.

We will be providing a reception following the recital. "Finger foods" and goodies are needed.

## Annual Diocesan Council

Annual Diocesan Council is being held this year in Williamsburg on February 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. Richard and Julia will be attending as our Clergy Representatives. Tina Wright and John Childers will be our Lay Delegates. Jim Fisher is our only alternate. Jackie Rochelle will attend as our Communications Representative and Mary Shaffer serves as an Election teller.



### *The Epiphany Star*

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# February 2020



**Sun**

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					Jan 31 Clergy lunch with Presiding Bishop at Bruton Parish	1 Ordination & Consecration of the 11th Bishop of Southern Virginia in Williamsburg
2 Holy Eucharist 8 and 11 am Adult Bible Class 10 am	3 Girl Scouts 6PM	4 Office open 9-noon  HHRC Rowing Club 6 PM	5 Office open 9-3  <b>Choir 7:15</b>	6	7 Al-anon noon- 1 PM  Fraternity 5-9 PM	8
9 Holy Eucharist 8 and 11 am Young Adult Bible Class 10 am Jim Kosnik Faculty Recital 4pm	10 Girl Scouts 6PM	11 Office open 9-noon	12 Office open 9-3  <b>Choir 7:15</b>	13 <b>Vestry 6:30 PM Dinner 7:00 Meeting</b>	14 Al-anon noon- 1 PM  	15
16 Holy Eucharist 8 and 11 am Adult Bible Class 10 am	17 Girl Scouts 6PM  	18 Office open 9-noon  Civic League 6:30 PM	19 Office open 9-3  <b>Choir 7:15</b>	20	21 Al-anon noon- 1 PM	22
23 Holy Eucharist 8 and 11 am Young Adult Bible Class 10 am	24 Girl Scouts 6PM	25 Office open 9-noon  Shrove Tuesday Pan- cake Supper 5pm to 7	26 Ash Wednesday Noone and 6 pm Office open 9-3	27	28 Al-anon noon- 1 PM  Diocesan Council in Williamsburg	29