



# EPIPHANY STAR

**Church of the Epiphany March 2020**

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## Clergy Clatter

**S**ometimes one just has to bite the bullet. For years we've been debating the pros and cons of going to an electronic newsletter. We'd chew on it for a while in the office and at vestry. Then we'd put it away and continue what we were doing. But outside forces are pushing us to move along with this. Postal rates have gone up again. The software to print our barcoded envelopes has gone out of sight. Paper and copier costs have gone crazy. Our weekly emailed "Happening at Epiphany" has been very popular. It's just time to get on with this.

So, the plan is that this will be the last bulk mailed newsletter that you will receive. This month we are publishing both a hard copy and digital version, but beginning next month, it will be published electronically with a few printed copies available at church for those who want one. In addition, if you don't have email, or for whatever reason, you can request us to mail you a copy by 1<sup>st</sup> Class Mail. With it now costing about \$35 to mail bulk rate, a few \$.55 stamps will be a nice monthly savings.

The important thing is – we want you to get the newsletter. Let us know what works best for

you. And be sure to let us know of changes to your email address. There is no "address correction" to email. If for some reason you don't get it, the newsletter will be on Epiphany's redesigned web page at [epiphanynorfolk.org/](http://epiphanynorfolk.org/)

Why do I always get a knot in my stomach over change? This particular change is one that



has been needed for a long time. Marcie pleaded for it. It makes sense. It's practical. It saves money, time, paper, etc. But it's different. It's not the way we've always done things. I don't think of myself as a "We've always done it that way" guy, but I guess I just default to what's comfortable. I was the last person I know to give up my old flip phone. I knew I had to do it, and I knew life

would be better, but I still dragged my feet until, as you may recall, I dropped the flip phone in a cup of coffee. Enter smart phone.

Well – let us know how we can help you continue to enjoy our newsletter. We will continue sending out "Happening at Epiphany" on a weekly basis, and I will continue to write "Clergy Clatter" for the monthly newsletter. And we look forward to your feedback

*Richard*

# Vestry Highlights

## February 2020 VESTRY

- ♦ Reported that Diocese will be conducting their Safe Church Training at Epiphany on Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>. Persons with keys to the church must attend this session, or take on line training, or attend a similar session at another church. Watch for additional information, but mark your calendars now.
- ♦ Approved the Parochial Report that will be sent to the Diocese and National Church. The report shows 101 active Communicants and average Sunday attendance of 62. Note that we have had a significant number of funerals for the last three years, and a number of members leaving the area. Fortunately, we have also gained some wonderful new members.
- ♦ Established this year's Lenten Program on Thursday evenings with a Pot Luck supper at 6:00 pm, followed by a program at 6:30 pm. Programs are listed under the Lenten Program of this newsletter.
- ♦ Reported that new webpage is up and running and still being tweaked. [epiphanynorfolk.org/](http://epiphanynorfolk.org/)

## Lenten Treat

Due to popular demand, we will have an Instructed Eucharist on March 15<sup>th</sup> at both services in lieu of a homily. Julia and Richard will do a running commentary on what and why we are doing what we do, giving some history of liturgy along the way.



Let every dawn of morning be to you as the beginning of life, and every setting sun be to you as its close. Then let every one of these short lives leave its sure record of some kindly thing done for others, some goodly strength or knowledge gained for yourself.

—John Ruskin



1	Linda Armstrong	Dawn Blair
4	John Moscoe	10 Carol Fernandez
5	Lukah Fernandez	16 Marcie Kidd
6	James Coaxum	17 Chris Colburn
6	Samantha Willis	20 Sherry Pebworth
7	Kitty Sizemore	24 Dottie Isaac
8	Sharri Keller	28 Jimmy Eason



26	Cheryl & Joe Turner
27	Sheila & Bobby Brinck

## To God you shall return

The traditional Ash Wednesday words “Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return” might seem depressing. But in our often death-denying culture, some might find it refreshing to hear the frank statement that we can do nothing to save ourselves, physically or spiritually — that, no matter how we try to avoid sin, we can’t untangle ourselves from self-interest. How liberating, then, to know we don’t have to! God loves us as we are and sent Jesus to break sin’s power over us.

A pastor described Ash Wednesday as the point you can pinch in the middle of a long piece of ribbon, such that when you lift it high, the two ends — one symbolizing our baptism and the other, our funeral — meet and touch. We come from dust and will return to dust, but we also come from God and will return to God. Ash Wednesday reminds us that we’re always safe in God’s love.



## Lenten Schedule & Program

*Epiphany's "Golden Books of the Bible" series*

**February 25** - "Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper  
5-7 p.m. Adults \$4 in advance, \$5 at door.  
Children 6-12 \$2, 5 and under free.

**February 26** - Ash Wednesday: 12:00 and 6:00  
identical services with Imposition of Ashes.

**March 5** - Thursday, First Lenten Program:  
6:00 Pot Luck Supper  
6:30 Program: Fireside Chat - Bring your  
questions and stump the Clergy  
Julia and Richard presenters.

**March 12** - Thursday, Second Lenten Program  
and Vestry meeting  
6:00 Pot Luck Supper  
6:30 Program: "Abraham and Isaac" -  
Richard presenting  
7:30 Abbreviated Vestry meeting

**March 19** - Thursday, Third Lenten Program  
6:00 Pot Luck Supper  
6:30 Program: "Queen Esther"  
Julia presenting

**March 26** - Thursday, Fourth Lenten Program  
6:00 Pot Luck Supper  
6:30 Program: "Woman at the well"  
Julia presenting

**April 2** - Thursday, Fifth Lenten Program  
6:00 Pot Luck Supper  
6:30 Program: "Last Supper"  
Richard presenting

**April 5** - Palm Sunday Liturgy at 8 and 11

**April 9** - Maundy Thursday  
6:00 Service  
6:30 Agape meal  
7:00 Stripping of the Altar  
7:30 Abbreviated Vestry meeting

**April 10** - Good Friday Liturgy with Stations of  
the Cross  
12 noon and 6 PM.

**April 12** - Easter Sunday  
8:00 AM  
11:00 AM (with limited incense)  
12:30 PM Egg Hunt  
6:00 PM Tucker House - Informal Eucharist

*Bring your flowers for the "Flowering of the  
Cross" and items for the reception after the  
11:00 service.*

## Don't forget!

If you would like to dedicate an Easter lily to  
someone, please fill out a form and turn it into the  
office no later than Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> so that it  
will appear in the insert on Easter Day.

Also, remember to set your clocks forward on  
Saturday night, March 7<sup>th</sup>.



## Good Friday Offering

Again this year we will join other Episcopal  
churches by designating our Good Friday offering to  
the Anglican Church in Jerusalem. This is a long-  
standing tradition in the Episcopal Church. Please be  
generous.

## Worship Volunteer Schedule

Mar	Lector	Chalicer	Usher
1	M. Kidd	A. Fernandez	C. Colburn
8	M. Scott	J. Cronin	K. LaPointe
15	B. Pritchard	M. Scott	C. Colburn
22	J. Cronin	A. Fernandez	D. Swain
29	A. Colburn	J. Cronin	T. Gilleland



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# March 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Holy Eucharist 8 and 11 am, Adult Bible Class 10 am  <i>First Sunday in                      Lent</i>	2 Girl Scouts 6PM	3 <i>Office open                      9-noon</i>	4 <i>Office open                      9-3</i> <b>Choir 7:15</b>	5 <i>First Lenten                      Potluck supper                      &amp; program                      6PM</i>	6 Al-anon noon- 1 PM	7 Set your clocks ahead tonight  
8 Holy Eucharist 8 and 11 am, Young Adult Class 10 am  <i>Second Sunday                      in Lent</i>	9 Girl Scouts 6PM	10 <i>Office open                      9-noon</i>  <i>Rowing Club                      6 PM</i>	11 <i>Office open                      9-3</i> <b>Choir 7:15</b>	12 <i>Second Lenten                      Potluck supper                      &amp; program                      6PM</i>  <b>Vestry 7:30</b>	13 Al-anon noon- 1 PM	14
15 Instructed Eucha- rist (No Homily)8 and 11 am, Adult Bible Class 10 am <i>Third Sunday in                      Lent</i>	16 Girl Scouts 6PM	17 <i>Office open                      9-noon</i>  <i>Civic League                      6:30 PM</i>	18 <i>Office open                      9-3</i> <b>Choir 7:15</b>	19 <i>Third Lenten                      Potluck supper                      &amp; program                      6PM</i>	20 Al-anon noon- 1 PM	21
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