

Church of the Epiphany ♦ Rumford, Rhode Island

# The Herald

Holy Week/Eastertide ♦ 2014

## From the Priest-in-Charge

“Behold what you are. *May we become what we receive.*”

You and I have been saying these words together as part of the invitation to Communion each Sunday throughout the season of Lent. As I told you on the first Sunday in Lent, they are meant to remind you of your true identity as Christ’s Body, broken and given for the world. As I also said on the first Sunday in Lent, these words were also meant to remind you that *you* are the primary Ministers of Church of the Epiphany—not just those of us who happen to wear a white collar or serve on the staff. All of you have a part to play.

Holy Week and Easter also remind us that everyone has a part to play at church in a special way. The most wonderful thing about Holy Week and Easter at church is that each one of us is invited into the action. The drama of Jesus’ last days, his death and resurrection isn’t just something we recite by rote or sit back and watch unfold while the “professionals” handle all the action. No, each one of us is called to show up and play our part, to make the story real in the here and now.

I was reminded of this last week in a powerful way while on a day retreat on the Stations of the Cross in Boston with the artist Janet McKenzie. McKenzie, who is most famous for her painting “Jesus of the People,” has also painted the Stations of the Cross, all of which were on display in the chapel at the retreat house. As you can glimpse here from station three, “Jesus Meets His Mother,” McKenzie’s stations are stirring. In the midst of great violence and suffering, they manage to convey moments of surprising peace and tenderness. As if being in the presence of



McKenzie’s paintings wasn’t enough, the woman who served as her model for Mary, the mother Jesus, was present at the retreat. Looking at the paintings, especially the one depicting Jesus with his mother, then seeing Mary’s face in the face of the model brought the story alive.

In a powerful way, this is also what Holy Week and Easter make possible: they bring this story alive. For me, the most haunting and beautiful thing about this time of year at church is looking out

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**OUR MISSION:** *We welcome all for Christian worship, fellowship, and service, trusting God to transform our lives and the world.*

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We are in the Episcopal  
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numbering over 20,000  
members.

*Bishop: The Rt. Rev'd  
W. Nicholas Kniseley*



We are part of the  
Episcopal Church in the  
USA, numbering over 1.9  
million people.

*Presiding Bishop:  
The Most Rev'd Katharine  
Jefferts Schori*



We are part of the Anglican  
Communion, a global  
community of 78 million  
people.

*Archbishop of Canterbury:  
The Most Rev'd Justin Welby*



### ***Parish Goals for 2014***

#### ***First goal: Spiritual practices***

*We will grow as Christians by learning and practicing spiritual habits that deepen our relationships with God and each other.*

***Second goal: Stewardship*** *We seek to grow in gratitude, generosity and commitment to our church, each other and the wider community, by recognizing more fully our many gifts from God in our parish and in our own lives.*

#### ***Third goal: Church Beyond the Walls***

*We will ensure that Church Beyond the Walls continues to thrive as a worshipping community, by defining its future relationship with Epiphany, and by*

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## COMMISSION SYSTEM

### Building & Grounds

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### Education

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### Fellowship

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## MINISTERS

The People of Church of the Epiphany

## STAFF

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*Deacon*

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You can reach staff by email by using

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## VESTRY

Janice Johnson, *Senior Warden*

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Kristen Dee, *Treasurer*

Paula Pletcher, *Clerk*

Andrea Bond '15

Michelle Callahan '15

John D'Alessandro '15

Gretchen Gammons '16

Arthur Manning '16

Vivian Johnson '16

Kevin Kelley '17

Edie Menard '17

Christopher Utter '17

**Vestry meets on the third  
Wednesday of each month at 7p.m.**

All are welcome to attend.

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and seeing all of you embody this story in flesh and blood. On Palm Sunday you become the palm-wielding crowd who joyfully welcomes Jesus to Jerusalem, then calls for his crucifixion. On Maundy Thursday you become his disciples, hesitantly consenting to have your feet washed and sharing a meal with your friend. On Good Friday you become Jesus and Pilate and Peter in the Passion story and the mourners who offer burial devotions at the tomb. And of course at the Great Vigil you become the people of God awaiting freedom from bondage and the first ones to proclaim those first alleluias of the Resurrection.

Just as you are Christ's Body and just as you are the Ministers of the church, you are the ones who're invited to come and be this story. It won't be the same story without you. And you won't be the same person without it. Come and play your part. *Edmund*

## **Upcoming Dates**



### **Baptisms**

\* Pentecost,

Sunday, June 8, 2014

\*All Saints' Sunday,

November 2, 2014

### **Confirmations, Receptions & Reaffirmations**

\* May 2014

*Please speak with our clergy for more information.*

### **Mandatory rehearsal schedule for those who are assisting with the liturgies of Holy Week:**

- ❖ Saturday, 4/12 - Rehearsal for Good Friday Passion reading (Church)
- ❖ Palm Sunday, 4/13 at 9:30 a.m. Rehearsal for Palm Sunday (Parish Hall)
- ❖ Maundy Thursday, 4/17 at 5:30 p.m. (starts in the Parish Hall with supper, followed by rehearsal)
- ❖ Good Friday, 4/18 at 5:30 p.m. (starts in the Parish Hall with supper, followed by rehearsal)
- ❖ Holy Saturday, 4/19 at 10 a.m. Rehearsal for Easter Vigil (Parish Hall)

**Holy Week Service Schedule**

**The Sunday of the Passion:**

**Palm Sunday**

April 13

8 a.m., The Liturgy of the Palms & Holy Eucharist

10:30 a.m., The Liturgy of the Palms, Procession & Holy Eucharist  
*service includes incense*

(no adult education /no coffee hours)

**Maundy Thursday**

April 17, 7 p.m.

Holy Eucharist, Foot Washing & Stripping of the Altar

*Sermon: Susan Murphy*

**Gethsemane Prayer Vigil**

*Beginning after the Maundy Thursday service until Noon on Good Friday.*

Come sit and pray before  
the Blessed Sacrament.

*Sign-up on the sheet in the entrance of the church.*

**Good Friday**

April 18, 7 p.m.

Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday

w/ Holy Communion from the Reserved Sacrament

*Sermon: The Rev'd Meaghan Kelly*

**The Great Vigil of Easter**

Saturday, April 19, 7 p.m., begins in the Parish Hall and includes incense.

An Easter Vigil reception featuring sparkling refreshments  
and potluck desserts follows the service.

**The Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Day**

April 20, 8 & 10:30 a.m.

Festival Eucharist with music at both services

Easter Egg Hunt at Noon.

Don't forget ...

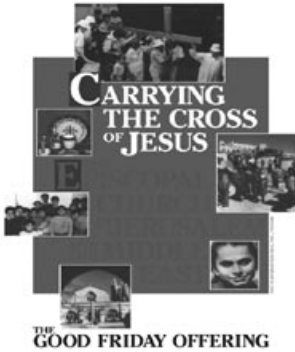
...to bring your bells to ring

during the services of the Great Vigil of

Easter and Easter Sunday!



# Outreach Opportunities



**Good Friday Offering-** On Good Friday, Epiphany's loose plate offerings will be sent to The Good Friday Offering. This fund provides essential funding to strengthen the visible Christian presence throughout the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. It is critical to the ongoing ministry of both institutions, as well as others in the region. Our support for these ministries will encourage hope for the future, and light the way through dark times. "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it." John 1:5



## **Good Friday Walk**

The Good Friday Walk for Hunger, is an annual ecumenical event which raises money for various churches and agencies which provide meals for the homeless and others in need. The walk begins at Haven Methodist on Taunton Avenue and ends at the State House, where all the groups meet. Anyone wishing to walk on Good Friday, April 18, please contact Charlene Underhill: 401-438-6347 or eundrh@aol.com, to work out logistics. Please consider contributing to this worthy cause. For those who like to base a donation on number of miles, our trek is about 4 miles. Checks should be made out to "Good Friday Walk" and placed in the alms basin or mailed to Epiphany before Good Friday.



## Community Garden

Spring is here, the birds are singing, and it is time once again to begin work on the community garden. There are lots of ideas for this year's garden including, donating to the food pantry, "how to" classes for new and returning gardeners, an "earth worm" day for children, a vegetable stand and Rumford community participation .

For more information on how you can help make the garden happen, please contact Cathy Cochran: 401-617-1904 or [paintcolor@aol.com](mailto:paintcolor@aol.com); Alex Pilato: 508-557-1798 or [pilatoalez@aol.com](mailto:pilatoalez@aol.com)

***"Sole Hope":*** Members of the YESS Group recently gathered to support "Sole Hope" by cutting 25 pairs of denim and cotton shoe parts. Now your support is needed to help complete the job. Sole Hope is an organization that provides shoes for children in Uganda, a country infested with sand flees (jiggers) that can cause serious illness and sometimes death. Every pair of shoes needs a sponsor; if you wish to sponsor a pair of shoes, please take a "shoe tag" from the Outreach bulletin board located in the parish hall and submit a check in the amount of \$10 made payable to **Sole Hope**. Checks can be submitted to Brian or Paula Pletcher: [ypegleg2000@gmail.com](mailto:ypegleg2000@gmail.com) or 401.729.1293 or placed in Paula's Vestry mailbox outside the parish office.



In addition to shoes, Sole Hope also provides medical relief to the people of Africa who are infected with jiggers. Donations of cotton balls, surgical gloves, medical tape, antibiotic cream, gauze, band-aides, topical lidocaine (numbing cream), and fun stickers for children can be placed in the Sole Hope basket located under the Outreach bulletin board. Please submit your donations by May 15, 2014. Further information about Sole Hope can be found at [www. SoleHope.org](http://www.SoleHope.org) .

## Transition News



### Profile Team

The Vestry is happy to report that the profile team has been formed and is working on gathering information for the Diocesan website and the Epiphany website. The information will be reviewed by potential candidates for the Rector position. We want to thank Gretchen Gammons for gathering this team together and Maria Valente for agreeing to lead them. If you have information that you think is important for our profile please contact a team member: Phil Campbell, Beth Dench, Gretchen Gammons, Maurice Holmes, Megan Mistretta, Paula Pletcher or Maria Valente, team leader.

### Discernment Team

The Vestry is in the process of forming the Discernment Team. They will be meeting with Canon Linda Grentz. She will lead them through a program of prayer in which the Vestry will seek God's guidance in selecting the members of this team.





### **Prayer Team**

Michelle Callahan has begun forming the prayer team; she is now contacting the people that volunteered on the sign-up sheet. If you think this is something you would be interested in becoming a part of, contact Michelle Callahan: miccal@cox.net or 401-480-6923. We encourage the entire Epiphany community to pray for the Vestry, staff, Rector Search Teams, and congregations as we move towards finding our next Rector.

### **Website Team**

Kristen Dee, along with J Hogue and Bethany Putnam have been gathering information to re-vamp the Epiphany website. Kristen will be presenting a recommendation at the Vestry Meeting on April 16. Kristen Dee: kldee7@gmail.com

## **New Adult Education Series Begins in during Eastertide:**

### *Feasting on the Word*

During Eastertide at Epiphany, we'll be introducing an exciting new scripture-based Adult Education series called *Feasting on the Word*. *Feasting on the Word* is lectionary-based, meaning that each week, we'll be learning about one of the Scripture passages that we'll hear in church on Sunday. Bring yourself and a Bible (there will be copies of the Bible available if you don't have one).

Sign up for *Feasting on the Word* on the table in the entryway to the church. So that you can read the week's Scripture passage ahead of time, here's what we'll be studying together:

**April 27** – Acts 2:14a, 22–32 (Peter's sermon)

**May 4** – Luke 24:13–35 (The encounter on the road to Emmaus)

**May 11** – Acts 2:43–47 (The first community of believers)

**May 18** – Acts 7:55–60 (The death of Stephen)

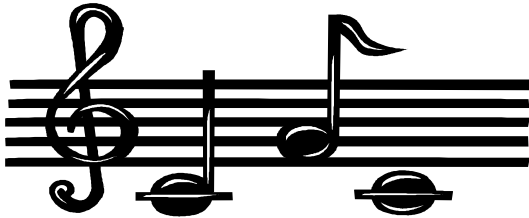
**May 25** - John 14:15–21 (Jesus' promise to never leave his  
disciples)

**June 1** - Acts 1:6–14 (Jesus' ascension)

**June 8** – Acts 2:1–21 (Pentecost)

Join us on Sundays starting April 27 at 9:15 in the Parish Hall.





*Music for Holy Week*

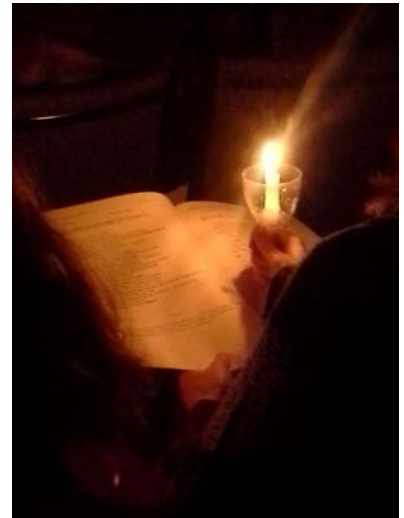
As we prepare for this very special time of year, so central to our faith, we consider the flood of feelings which have instructed us for more than two millennia: the hope and fear of Palm/Passion Sunday, the devotion and loss of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, the wonderment of the Resurrection, and the ecstasy and praise of our Redemption. Music helps us with all of these. It gives us a personal experience to enhance our understanding of the Scriptures and the extraordinary events which took place so long ago.

As usual, our Palm Sunday service begins in the Parish Hall, and we will process outside, with music, to the Sanctuary. The Gospel Acclamation will include a special setting of the verse by the Choir; Communion music will begin with a beautiful Sarabande by J.S. Bach, taken from his masterful "French Overture." The Maundy Thursday service includes the moving recitation of the Psalm by the Congregation, washing of the feet commemorating Jesus' ultimate act of humility, and stripping of the altar in preparation for the tragedy of the Crucifixion. The Good Friday service includes "In the Cross of Christ I Glory," (hymn #441) as a Gospel Acclamation, a

solo rendition of "Were You There?" by Phil Campbell, and for Communion music, works of Alexander Scriabin.

Like the Palm Sunday service, the Easter Vigil will begin in the Parish Hall, this time lit by candle light. The Litany of Saints will accompany our procession to the Narthex (or entrance of the church), where we will renew our Baptismal Vows and hear the Proclamation of Easter. In the Sanctuary, we return to singing "Alleluia" as a Gospel Acclamation, but with three verses this special day. As part of the

the Offertory, the Choir will also sing a chant "Praise the Paschal Victim," written a thousand years ago by a monk known now only as Wipo. During the Eucharist,



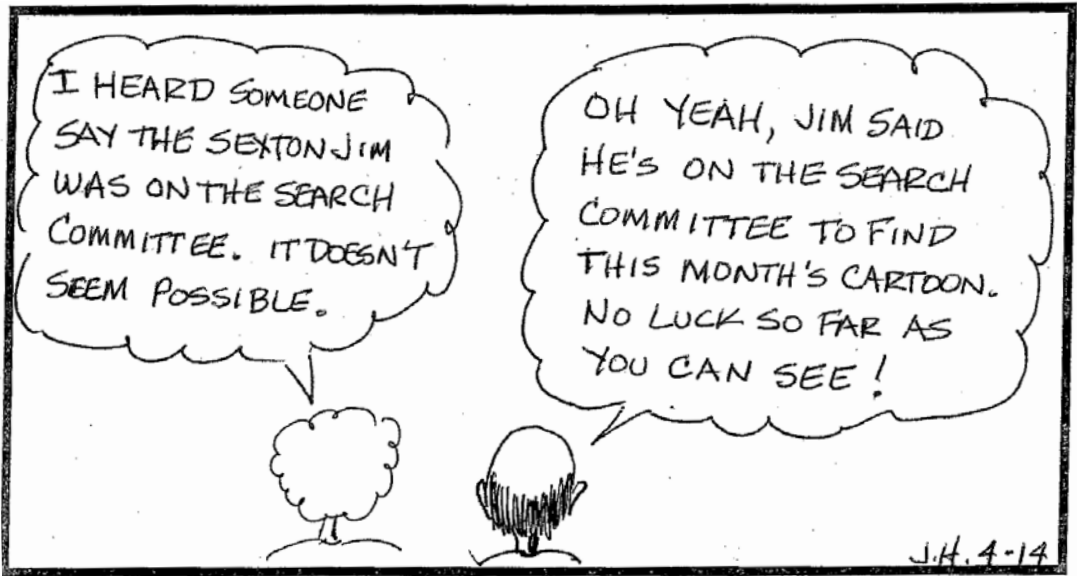
the congregation will be singing a new "Our Father" (hymn #S148), and as a Fraction Anthem, "The Disciples Knew the Lord Jesus" (hymn #WLP 867). The congregation is invited to remain for the postlude, "The Heavens Declare" by Benedetto Marcello. Easter Sunday services will replace the Gloria with "This is the Feast of Victory for Our God" (hymn #417), and will include the Choir's "Praise the Paschal Victim." ~ *Bill Jones*

# Pictures from Date Nights in the Desert



Edmund and Theresa Mello teach the children of "Date Nights" about being an Usher & Greeter.

# Amused by JIM





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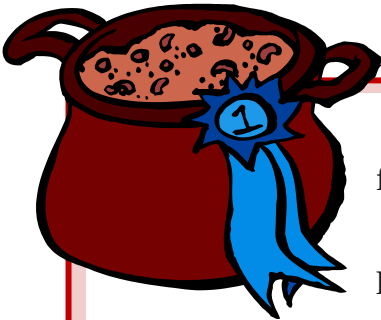
Epiphany kicks off its parish campaign for Episcopal Charities on Sunday, May 11. This year, our speaker will be Catherine Thenault on behalf of Church Beyond the Walls, which was the recipient of a generous grant from Charities. In addition to being a parishioner at Epiphany, Catherine was a founding member of CBW. She will preach at both services that Sunday and share about her ministry with the CBW community.

Episcopal Charities funds agencies in the R.I. area. 100% of donations goes to the agencies, all of which involve the Diocesan Millennial Goals for hunger, homelessness, children, the elderly, and counseling as well as diocesan programs - in all about 70 agencies.

There are two goals for each parish, the contact challenge and the financial challenge. The former simply means contacting every family in the parish. The latter means achieving our financial goal, which this year is \$5,000.

Every parish is expected to participate in the campaign. We hope that every family will consider its donation before May 11 and will give as generously as possible to help us achieve our goals, always remembering that no gift is too small.

Charlene Underhill, Parish Chair



**CHILI COOK-OFF!** The cowgals on Fellowship Commission are hoping y'all will join us for a friendly chili competition. Dig out your boots and hats, your grandma's best chili recipe and Aunt Lucy's secret corn bread concoction. We'll be looking for submissions from parishioners. More about this after Easter . . . but be sure to **SAVE THE DATE!** Friday, May 16th! "

## **Mark your calendars for these upcoming events...!**

**Sunday, April 27, Second Sunday of Easter**  
*8 & 10:30 Holy Eucharist*  
*Christian Education resumes at 9:15 a.m.*

**During the month of May**  
*Plan on joining your fellow parishioners in sprucing up Epiphany, inside and out. More details to come...*

**Friday, May 16**  
*Chili Cook-Off, watch for more info in the coming weeks!*

### **Regular Weekly Events**

**Sundays:** *Holy Eucharist services, 8 & 10:30 a.m.*

**Tuesdays:** *Gentle Yoga, 6 p.m.*

**Thursdays:** *"Gospel to Go" Bible Study, 10 a.m., at*

**Saturdays:** *Church Beyond the Walls, Noon-Food prep; 1:30-Providence*

**Check out our online  
calendar on our website:  
[www.epiphanyep.org](http://www.epiphanyep.org)  
for more dates and times.**

### **REGULAR EVENTS @ Epiphany**

#### **Sunday**

5:30p.m. Overeaters Anonymous

5p.m. Gamblers Anonymous

#### **Tuesday**

9-11:30 a.m. Thrift Shop

6 - 7:15 p.m. Gentle Yoga

7:30p.m. Gamblers Anonymous

#### **Thursday**

7:30p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

#### **Saturday**

9-11:30 a.m. Thrift Shop

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