

The Herald

Autumn/Thanksgiving - 2010

From the Rector

Edmund recently wrote a fantastic eNews thought on thank you notes, and more broadly, on gratitude. While I was inspired by it, it also caused me to cringe a bit because at this moment in my life, I have a growing list of “thank you” notes, for kindnesses shared, gifts given, and ministry offered to me personally in the context of our community. Like Edmund, I believe in the power of naming our gratitude, as much for our own sake as for those who receive the notes and other expressions. While I will tend to the personal notes, I thought that this Herald article might be a good way to express the deep gratitude I have for this community and the individual members of the body of Christ in it. Last week marked my eighth anniversary of beginning ministry as the Rector of this parish. This article is a way to try to say thank you, which is as important for me as I grow in gratitude, as it is for anyone who “receives” my thanks.

First, I want to say thank you to the members of our community who reach out in countless, loving, unofficial ways to care for other members of our church. This builds our community and strengthens the whole body of Christ as well as the individual members whose lives are impacted. Just one example of

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this from this past week involved a loving response to a challenging situation in our worship. We have a growing number of very young children, (with more on the way) who regularly participate in our 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist. Either you experience or you can imagine, that their participation is not always quiet and contemplative and neither is the worship of their parents or the rest of us! Last week was particularly “lively.” Following the service I witnessed an extraordinary conversation.

There was a group of people saying things like this: “We need to help these parents. Let’s get an unofficial ‘rota’ together so that we may sit with them when they need some extra hands or laps. Someone else said, “I guess it was noisy, but I’m a grandmother so it sort of goes over my head.” Another said, “I’m just thankful to be in a church that is alive with children. There is no way for them to learn to worship unless they worship.” I give thanks for this example of Christ centered conversation and action.

Another example of this kind of loving care for the body of Christ happens when members of our community die. I have witnessed several times in the last year that as our members learn of the death of another member, they start

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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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HERALD DEADLINE

Advent *Herald* issue
deadline is November 14.

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**Vestry meets on third Wednesday
of each month at 7p.m.**
All are welcome to attend.

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calling and e-mailing to see how they may serve. Last week I was amazed and deeply moved as we planned a funeral without having to ask people to participate. Within two days of the death, we had the worship and collation planned with ushers, a crucifer, a preacher, a lector, and people to offer food and hospitality. Some of those who offered ministry did not even know the man who had died, but knew that they wanted to offer ministry and serve the community and his family. This kind of selfless giving is not how life usually unfolds in the world, but more often than not, this is the life that we are sharing in our community. Thanks to each of you who lives this way.

I want to give thanks to the growing number of leaders in our community. I want to particularly thank the Executive Committee, the officers of the Vestry, the Vestry, and the chairs of our eight Commissions. Our leaders are working together and finding new, healthy ways of communicating among themselves. They are sharing ideas for strengthening and growing our church. I'm excited by their ideas for inviting other members to join them in ministry. The commission chairs and the Vestry are named inside the front cover of this Herald. I am deeply grateful to each and every one. I want to express my gratitude to Dennis Burton, our Senior Warden who works and serves faithfully, largely behind the scenes. He is overseeing our organizational health and growth, often combining best practices

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from the business world with Gospel mandates from our life of faith. He has taken on the task of changing our organizational structure as well as training and developing leaders so that we share in decision-making and responsibility much more broadly. It might be difficult for our community to see how our leaders are growing and changing, and how their leadership is impacting the health of our community, but I see it every day, and I give thanks.

Finally, I want to attempt to thank the staff with whom I share ministry. It is impossible to put my gratitude into words for the work they do and the companionship they offer one another and me as we work together. Just reading this Herald you can see the ways in which they support and coordinate the gifts of others in ministry, while at the same time they accomplish a huge amount of their own work. I am inspired daily, even on my days off, as I think about how much Edmund, Beth, Nat and Jim give and share of themselves through their work at Church of the Epiphany. It is a pleasure for me to supervise their work, and to learn from them as they inspire and lead me deeper into my own vocation and ministry as a follower of Jesus and as the Rector.

Thank you to each and every member of Church of the Epiphany and to each and every leader. Thanks be to God for calling me to this holy place and for continuing to be present in the ministry we all share.

In Christ and with gratitude, *Jennifer*



*We are hosting our neighbors and friends
at the*

***Ecumenical Thanksgiving
Service***

Tuesday, November 23, 7:30 p.m.
followed by a pie and cider
reception in our parish hall.

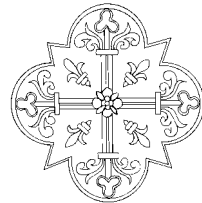
Epiphany members please
participate, offering your presence,
your prayers, and your pies!

Contact Susan Murphy, 401-475-
9763 to help with the worship and
Virginia Rocha, 401-270-7919 or
Judy Lockard, 401-434-5426 to
help with the reception.

***This will be Church of the
Epiphany's Thanksgiving
celebration for this year.***



Upcoming Dates



Baptism

* All Saints Sunday,
November 7

*Pray for those who are
being Baptized:*

*Eliana Perez
Sebastian Calado
Kya LeDuc
Julia Mistretta*

* Baptism of Our Lord,
Sunday, January 9, 2011

*Please speak with our clergy for
more information.*

Epiphany's Giving Campaign

Our giving program this year uses personal, handwritten letters from one church member to another church member to personally invite others to join them in giving more generously to the church. At the same time, a standard of giving is set that allows church members to spiritually grow since giving is an important element of one's spiritual development. Secrecy about our giving is removed as letter writers and witnesses share their giving journeys with a spirit of openness.



Ultimately, Epiphany becomes a stronger church because givers experience real joy and personal satisfaction with the discipline of regular giving. We approach this responsibility with humility and the confidence that Jesus guides us along this path. While no one is told what to give, the Stewardship Commission suggests \$1 per week for each \$1000 of annual income.

As you consider your pledge for 2011, we hope that your giving brings you JOY. Jesus said "Where your treasure is, your heart will be also." Never mind about the church budget -- pay attention to where your own heart is.

Thank you for taking a moment to prayerfully consider increasing your pledge and for your current generosity in pledging and in all the ways you help grow our Epiphany community. **Please return your pledge card by Dedication Sunday, October 31.**

Stewardship Commission Members: *The Rev'd Jennifer Pedrick, George Nunes, Kristin Chase, and Marilyn Fuller.*

Fall clean up – On Saturday, November 6, from 9 a.m. to Noon we will be cleaning up the church grounds. Your help is needed so bring

your rakes and gloves and join other members in

sprucing up Epiphany. *Raindate:* Saturday, November 20.

Questions, call Richard Messier at 401-728-4943.



From the Assistant

Members of the task force who've been helping plan our new Sunday evening service that begins on November 28^h at 6 p.m. recently experienced worship in a unique way right here in our own parish hall. As part of our preparation for the service, I had invited the Reverend Karen Fraioli, a priest in the Diocese of Rhode Island, to join us for one of our brainstorming sessions. Karen served for twelve years as vicar at Church of the Epiphany in South Providence where she helped re-envision worship in a way that more closely reflected the community there. Although Epiphany in South Providence closed last year, Karen was excited to hear that we are beginning a third service in our parish hall, and she was eager to share her insights with us. Karen suggested that the best way for her to do so might be for our task force to actually *participate* in a liturgy similar to the one at the former Epiphany. This past Sunday evening, Karen, together with Cindy Rollins, the director of music there, invited us to do just that.

We first arranged a handful of chairs in two lines facing one another, enabling our congregation to face one another throughout the service. We then covered a small table with cloth to serve as an altar, and a music stand as a place to read scripture. After setting up an icon, and placing a few candles on the altar and

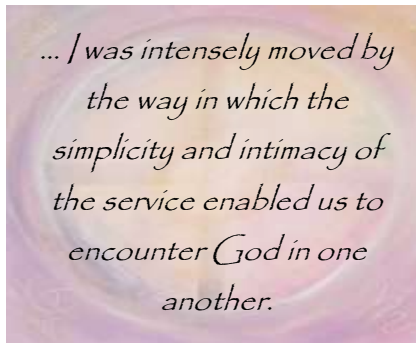
throughout the room, we were ready to begin. We took our places across from one another as the opening hymn was sung unaccompanied. In fact, *all* of the music this evening would be sung unaccompanied, a practice that encouraged us to listen more carefully to one another. As we sang, one of us lit the candles. A little later, a bowl of incense was lit as one of us rose to read one of the lessons.

Meanwhile, chimes of varying shapes and sizes led us from one part of the service to the next. After the reading of the Gospel, Karen preached sitting down among us, and then invited us to reflect on the Gospel with her, either in the silence of our hearts or out

loud. At the Eucharist, we left our seats and gathered in a circle around the makeshift altar. After a simple Eucharistic prayer, we shared in Christ's body and blood. Following the service, the altar was cleared and chocolate cake and apples were brought out and placed on top of it. "The feasting continues!" Cindy announced.

Many things struck me about Sunday evening's service, but two stand out. First, from beholding each other's faces because of the seating arrangement, to sharing our own "gospels" during the sermon, to standing around the altar during Communion, the entire service was designed to help us meet Christ in each

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other. While our own Sunday evening service may not look *exactly* like this, our liturgy's potential to open our eyes to God's presence in one another will certainly be a guiding principle as we design our own service. Second, I was surprised by the degree to which the service emerged from the ground up. Everyday objects became the stuff of worship. Our own voices were the only instrument. Our bodies became the walls of our worship space. Our time worshipping together in this way reminded me quite powerfully that *we* are the church.

I echo this insight as we begin our new service. In order for us to hit the ground running, it's vitally important that we begin this service with a core group of

people who're committed to embodying the church in the form it will take in this new liturgy. There are concrete ways you can assist us in this effort. We invite you to lend your voice by singing, or reading scripture, or sharing at the service. We invite you to help set up, or to greet newcomers, or to make soup for the meal after the service. We invite you to spread the word to other people, and to invite those whom you think might be yearning for a relationship with God. And most importantly, we ask you to hold the new service, and all those who might be led to a closer walk with God through it, in your prayers. I'll see you on the 28th!

In the peace of Christ,

Edmund

Celebrating our Young Adults: The Rite 13 Ceremony

"Now, as men and women, it is given to you to share God's power of creation. Human beings, because they are made in God's image, are the only creatures on earth who can choose who to use their creative power—not only to create new life, but also to shape the world according to God's purpose. God calls us to use this gift to build and not to destroy. Are you aware of God's gift to you and the responsibility to use it wisely?"

These are words from one of the questions that are asked of Candidates during the Rite-13 Ceremony, the culmination of the Rite-13 program. Rite-13 makes up the first two years of Journey to Adulthood, a six-year program grounded in the idea that manhood and womanhood are gifts from God, and that adulthood must be earned. In Rite-13, our young people learn to recognize the gifts God has given them, to celebrate and share their creative potential, and to interact as a community of faith. Similar in spirit to the Jewish bar/bat mitzvah tradition, the Rite-13 Ceremony is a rite of passage in which we recognize the blessing of God's gift of manhood and womanhood in our young people, and invite them to take on greater leadership responsibilities in the life of our parish.

At the Ceremony on November 21, we will formally recognize Matt Chase, Lydia DeAngelo, Lindsey Decker, Abby Hawryluk, Max Jencks, Cheyenne Lambert, Tyler Lockard, Abbey McGrath, and Lauren Trudeau as young adults in our midst. Whether you are a parent, a sibling, a friend, or even a parishioner with no particular connection to any of the Candidates, I invite you attend so that together we may support them as they enter this new chapter of their lives as Christians.



GOD WILLING
THE RT. REV. DAVID JOSLIN
ASSISTING BISHOP IN RHODE ISLAND
WILL ORDAIN

Edmund Immanuel Harris

TO THE SACRED ORDER OF PRIESTS
ON BEHALF OF THE RT. REV. JEFFREY D. LEE,
BISHOP OF CHICAGO



YOUR PRAYERS AND PRESENCE ARE REQUESTED
AT THE SERVICE AND RECEPTION
SATURDAY, THE ELEVENTH DAY OF DECEMBER
IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD, TWO THOUSAND AND TEN
AT FOUR O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON
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GODLY PLAY SCHEDULE

OCTOBER

- 24 The Story of Moses
31 The Ten Best Ways

NOVEMBER

- 7 The Ark and the Tent
14 The Story of Daniel
21 Jonah, the Backward Prophet
28 Advent Wreath Making & Hymn Sing
NO Christian Education classes

Adult Education Opportunities

All Ages

10/24 & 31 – *Marked as Christ's Own Forever: Part 2* – A community conversation on Baptism as a way of life.

11/7, All Saints' Day – *Just What Do Episcopalians Believe about the Saints?* Come and explore the Episcopal Church's new Book of Holy Women, Holy Men—a commemoration of our sanctoral calendar.

11/14 & 21- *Vocation: How does God call to us?*

11/28 - *Advent Wreath Making & Hymn Sing*, for all ages in the Parish Hall.

12/5- *Lord, Open Our Lips: Praying the Daily Office in the Book of Common Prayer*

12/12- *Let It Be to Me According to Your Word: Images of Mary in Christian Art*

12/19- *From Our House to Yours: Join Jennifer, Edmund, Nat, and Beth as they share some of their favorite music for Advent and Christmas.*

Bible Study

All Ages

Weekday Bible Study (Lectio Divina)

All Ages, Mondays at 7 p.m.

Location: The home of Bo and Kathy Ivey

Music Notes



Psallite sapienter. sing with understanding. When we sing a hymn, do you pick up the blue or green hymnal and follow along? If you haven't been doing so, try it: you might find your interest piqued in a text, even something buried in those pesky second, third, or fourth verses. And if you already follow along in the hymnal but don't make any noise, try that, too! Don't worry about what you think your voice sounds like, or whether the tune might be too high for you, or that the person next to you will look at you funny if you croak it out: using your voice may open up the meaning of the hymn to you in a way that you won't get with silent reading. Granted, some hymns are more profound than others, but let yourself discover them!

The choir has been singing more frequent *anthems* this season (anthems are pieces where the congregation gets to listen to the choir). By giving you this regular opportunity to *listen* to us, we hope you'll be more willing to join in when it's *your* turn to sing!

Musically, we have much to look forward to in the coming weeks. Look for extra music when we observe the Feast of

All Saints (Sunday, November 7). In the following week we will have a **Hymn Sing** at Winslow Gardens, on Wednesday, November 10 (from 7:00 to 8:30 pm). On Thanksgiving week we will sing thanks and praise in the Ecumenical Thanksgiving worship on Tuesday evening, November 23, at 7:30, with participation from other Rumford churches. The close of the month will bring new musical palettes for the Advent season, as well as our new weekly Sunday evening worship, with music, which begins on November 28. By then we will also be looking ahead to a rich day of worship at Edmund's ordination on Saturday, December 11. *Nat*

Hymn Sing at Winslow Gardens

All old-time favorite hymns you'd like to sing or hear? All are invited to join in a Hymn Sing at Winslow Gardens in East Providence, on Wednesday, November 10, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Winslow Gardens combines a nursing home with a good-sized tower of independent living apartments and has fielded many lively crowds appreciating Epiphany's hymn sings. It is a Methodist-affiliated institution, and they have a big cache of modern blue Methodist hymnals which we use for the sing. You'll find a lot of overlap with our own hymnals, but plenty of differences — including some things I wish we had in ours!

Halloween Spooktacular

Join the goblins and
Hall on Sunday,
the 10:30 a.m.,
and trick or treating.



ghouls in the Parish
October 31, following
service, for games, food

Please bring a dessert to share (candy will be provided.)

Harvest Supper

Save the date! The Harvest Supper is back! Saturday,
November 6, 6:30 p.m., Church of
the Epiphany Parish Hall. A full
turkey dinner is planned, including
dessert! Seating is limited to 100.

Tickets: adults -\$10, children 10 years
and over - \$5 and children under 10
years old are free. Because seating is
limited, all who attend must have a ticket

(even if “free”). Tickets will be available following Sunday
services. Takeout is available at 5:30 p.m. for pickup only
(no delivery) and must be ordered no later than Sunday,
October 31. Please contact Valerie Till (508-639-5289) or
Judy Lockard (401-434-5426) for more information.



Calendar

Saturday, October 23, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

The **220th RI Diocesan Convention** will be held at the Marriott Hotel, Orms Street, Providence.

Sunday, October 24, Noon

The **Evening Worship Task Force** meets in the Living room.

Sunday, October 31

Today is **Dedication Sunday**. We will be presenting our 2011 pledges at the offertory.

2011 Commission budgets are due and should be turned in to the Finance Commission.

11:30 a.m.

Come to the **Halloween**

Spooktacular following the 10:30 a.m. service. Join us in the Parish Hall for games, food and fun! Don't forget to wear your costumes!



Tuesday, November 2, 7 p.m.

Building & Grounds Commission meeting in the Living room.

Wednesday, November 3, 5:30 p.m.

Worship Commission meeting in the Parish Hall.

Thursday, November 4, 6:30 p.m.

Stewardship Commission meeting in the Parish Hall.

Saturday, November 7, 9 a.m. – Noon

Fall Clean Up- Bring your rake, gloves and enthusiasm and help with the Fall clean up of the church in preparation for the many festivities in the coming season.

6:30 p.m.

Our **Harvest Supper** is back! A full turkey dinner is planned, including dessert! Tickets are on sale now.

Sunday, November 7

Celebration of All Saints including Holy Baptism at both 8 & 10:30 a.m. services. Don't forget to set your clocks back for **Daylight Saving Time**.



Monday, November 8, 7-9 p.m.

Finance Commission meeting in the Living room.

Tuesday, November 9, 5 p.m.

Bread of Life Food Pantry is open this evening at Newman Congregational Church.

Wednesday, November 10, 7 p.m.

Hymn Sing at Winslow Gardens. All are invited to join Nat for an evening of fun.

7 p.m.

Education Commission meets in the Parish Hall.

Saturday, November 13, 9 a.m. - Noon

Rite-13 Parents and Member Retreat-

Not by Bread Alone retreat. Participants will bake bread for the Eucharist as well as share a time of prayer and fellowship.

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Sunday, November 14

Advent *Herald* deadline.

Wednesday, November 17, 7 p.m.

Vestry Meeting in the Parish Hall. The meeting is open to all parish members.

Saturday, November 20, 5- 7:30 p.m.

Rite-13 Rehearsal & Dinner.

Sunday, November 21

A **Rite-13 ceremony** will take place at the 10:30 a.m. service.

Noon

Costing and rehearsal for the January 2 **Epiphany Pageant** will be held in the church.

Tuesday, November 23, 5 p.m.

Bread of Life Food Pantry is open this evening at Newman Congregational Church.

7:30 p.m.

The **Rumford Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service** will be held at Church of the Epiphany.

Saturday, November 27, 10a.m.- Noon

Greens Cutting at the Jencks Farm in Seekonk. The Rite-13, J2A and YAC classes will cut greens for use in the Advent Wreath making.

Sunday, November 28

Bring a Friend to Church Sunday.

9 a.m.-

Advent Wreath Making- All ages invited; sign up in advance. Cost of the wreath making- \$10/wreath.

Noon- 1 p.m.

Pageant Rehearsal in the church.

Sunday Service Schedule

8:00a.m. Holy Eucharist, no music
9:15a.m. Christian Education
10:30a.m. Holy Eucharist, w/music
Beginning November 28:
6:00p.m. Evening Worship

REGULAR EVENTS @ Epiphany

Sunday

5:30p.m. Overeaters Anonymous

Tuesday

6:00 p.m. Gentle Yoga

7:30p.m. Gamblers Anonymous

Thursday

7:30p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

Church Calendar Online- You can now access the church events calendar online on our website: www.epiphanyep.org. Now you can be up to date on all the happenings at Church of the Epiphany with just a click (maybe two.)





Operation Christmas Child distributes shoe boxes full of small gifts to children in over 100 countries around the world who are living in traumatic and impoverished circumstances. Along with the shoe box gifts, children are given Gospel storybooks in their own language. Join others at Epiphany in packing a shoebox, either as an individual, with your family, or even your small group (maybe your coffee hour friends!). Pack-a-box brochures are available on the table under the Outreach bulletin board in the Parish Hall. We will be bringing the shoe boxes to the altar and then delivering them to the collection site on Sunday, November 21. For more information, go to www.samaritanspurse.org/occ.

Coming Events

Saturday, November 6, 6:30 p.m. – Our *Harvest Supper* will be served in the Parish Hall; tickets are \$10/adult, \$5/children 10 yrs. & older and children under 10 are free.

Tuesday, November 23, 7:30 p.m. – The Rumford Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service will be held at Church of the Epiphany. Pie and cider reception immediately following the service.

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