

Church of the Epiphany ♦ Rumford, Rhode Island

The Herald

Holy Week/Easter ♦ 2011

From the Rector

Dear Friends in Christ,

At Church of the Epiphany we are nearly prepared to begin the annual pilgrimage of Holy Week, a week of worship that will engage us in loving God with all our heart, mind, body and strength.

On Good Friday one of the hymns we will sing is the African American spiritual, “Were you there?” In some sense, those who worship through the liturgies of Holy Week do enter into the story and *are* there. This week is a gift to us, enabling us to hear and re-live the story of God’s salvation, through God’s word, in the rituals of our tradition, in the hymns, and in the grace filled moments of silence, reflection and prayer. This week opens us to allow God’s story to enter the depths of our own life stories and transform us through the mystery of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

In each liturgy, from Palm Sunday, through the three holy days of the Triduum: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the Great Vigil of Easter, we are drawn deeper into the fullness of the

experience the grace of the Paschal Mystery. On Palm Sunday, we begin with a grand celebratory procession and are caught up in the acclamation of Jesus as Hosanna in the Highest. All too soon, we shift, as did the crowds in Jerusalem, to become bystanders, participating in the confusion, condemnation, and sorrow as we witness the crucifixion.



Thursday we enter into the stories of the last days of the week, beginning with the Last Supper. Here Jesus shares a meal and instructs his closest followers to serve one another in love. The story shifts and we begin the poignant journey of events leading to the cross: the prayer and waiting in the garden, the betrayal by Judas, the trial and decisions of the authorities, the denial of Peter, the chaos of the crowds, the brutality of the cross. Finally, it is a love story in which we see that Jesus embraces us, not only in life, but also in death. We face the unmistakable reality that that following Jesus is costly, and transformative.

At the Great Vigil we witness baptism and then proclaim “Christ is

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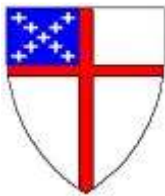
The Rt. Rev'd Gerahyn Wolf



We are part of the
Episcopal Church in the
USA, numbering over 2.5
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 Rowan
Williams*



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

Eastertide Herald
deadline is May 1.

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

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risen!” Though this story is not new to us, each year we have the possibility of living through it and being transformed by it in new ways. The great invitation of Holy Week is to see the world and ourselves as honestly as we can, and to acknowledge that we need to be opened yet again to God’s grace and transformation. We know what it is to be betrayed and to be the betrayer, to deny our relationship with Jesus Christ or to act as if we do not know him, to turn a blind eye to injustice and to suffer when someone we love is hurt or dies. Thankfully, we also know what it is to share a meal in the presence of Christ, to give and receive loving service, to forgive and be forgiven, and ultimately to live resurrected lives.

Join your community for Holy Week. When asked, “Were you there?” let your answer be, “YES, yes I was.” Then tell the story. Christ is risen! Love wins.

Jennifer



Holy Week & Easter Schedule

Palm Sunday

April 17

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

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

Morning Prayer

Monday –Saturday, April 18–23, at 8 a.m.

A brief service led by the laity.

Maundy Thursday

April 21, 7 p.m., Holy Eucharist, Foot Washing and Stripping of the Altar

Gethsemane Prayer Vigil

Beginning immediately following the Maundy Thursday liturgy and continuing until Noon on Friday.

Good Friday

April 22, 7 p.m., Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday

Holy Saturday

April 23, 8 a.m., Proper Liturgy

The Great Vigil of Easter

Saturday, April 23, 7 p.m.

followed by a festive reception in the Parish Hall.

The Sunday of Easter Morning

April 24, 8 and 10:30 a.m. Festival Eucharist with music

followed by an Easter Egg Hunt at Noon.

Parish Goals for 2011

First goal: Discipleship

We will follow Jesus in ways that set our hearts on fire and empower us to love God and our neighbor.

Second Goal: Capital Plan and Campaign

Develop and execute a plan to maintain and improve the property entrusted to us, so that we may use our gifts of land and buildings to inspire and to invite others to experience God's presence in this place.

Third Goal: Communications

Develop and execute a plan to improve internal and external communications to invite and encourage members and guests to share in our common life.

Everlasting Easter Flowers

The Easter season is a time when our church is wonderfully alive with plants and flowers! And each year you make that possible with your generous contributions to remember and give thanks for loved ones and life events.

This year we are planning to decorate as much as possible with plants and greenery which can be PLANTED on our property. We will have the lovely lilies, pansies and hyacinths which have come to mean EASTER over the years. We will also have shrubs and trees. After the Easter season, the plants will be used to improve and beautify our grounds. We will start with a landscape plan for an *Everlasting Memorial Garden*, in the front of our church.

If you would like to contribute to the decorations and garden, and list someone or something on our memorial and thanksgiving list at Easter, please include their name on a piece of paper and send it with your check to the church office by Palm Sunday, April 17.

Please make checks payable to **Church of the Epiphany**. The average cost of the plants/flowers begins at \$20.00, we invite you to contribute an amount that brings you joy.

Holy Week Morning Prayer- This year we invite you to a spoken Morning Prayer service at 8 a.m., Monday – Saturday of Holy Week, April 18-23. This is a traditional daily service found in the Book of Common Prayer. Ours will be approximately 30 minutes in length and led by the laity. This is a grace filled lead-in to the solemn events of Holy Week.

A **Chowder House** will take place on April 29 from 4:30-7 p.m. in the Parish



Hall. Red, white, and clear clam chowder and clam cakes as well as corn chowder

and fritters are available to take out or eat in. Volunteers are needed to set up, clean up, serve and bake desserts! Please sign up on the sheet located on the table in the entrance of the church.

Spring Cleanup and Planting- The Building & Grounds Commission has



planned a day to spruce up the grounds of Church of the Epiphany. Bring your rakes, gloves and garden shovels on Saturday, May 7 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and

enjoy the outdoors while beautifying our church. Contact Richard Messier: 401-728-4943, rmessier@cox.net for more information.

Mother's Day Brunch is

back with Steve Menard as the chef. Join us Sunday, May 9, at 9 a.m. for a buffet of breakfast items along with a “made to order” omelet bar.



Tickets will be on sale during coffee hours and are \$8 for adults, children 7 and under –free. Space is limited to 100 people so don't delay, get your tickets today. Contact Judy Lockard: travelbyjudy@cox.net or 401-434-5426.

The Resolve of New England general infertility discussion groups are open forums facilitated by a volunteer peer leader. They will meet the first Thursday of the month in the Living room of Church of the Epiphany at 6 p.m. The group (for those with no children by birth) provides an opportunity to meet others who are facing similar challenges in a relaxed and confidential setting. Topics may include infertility treatment, dealing with friends and family, and coping strategies. Attend a meeting and simply listen in - or ask questions and share your experiences and strategies for coping, plus learn about helpful resources and other RESOLVE of the Bay State programs and services.

Contact Melissa Casey at 508-761-7714 or fitmissy@comcast.net for

more information.



*Pray for those being
Baptized on April 23:*

*Lacey Day, Sophie Day, Cameron Day, Rebecca Forget,
Callen Forget, & Monroe Hoffman*

and Confirmed/Received on May 21:

*Sharon Bennett, Sarah Chase, Adrienne Diaz, Timothy
Dower, Victoria Dower, Charles Manning, Pamela
Monroe, Brooke Strange, Elizabeth Thurley, & William
Thurley, Jr.*

New Church Directory- Epiphany is producing a new pictorial directory and we are striving for 100% participation.



The photography dates are May 6 & 7, and May 23.

Reserve your appointment time on the signup sheets on the table in the entrance of the church. Each

family/household that participates will receive a complimentary directory and 8 x 10 custom color portrait. You will be able to view and select your portrait electronically from a variety of poses. The entire portrait sitting normally takes less than one hour. Contact: Gracelynn Rizzolo, 401-728-2329 or ailuros11@verizon.net.

A Word from the Stewardship Commission:

Technology is transforming every part of our lives, even our spiritual lives. Did you know you can honor your pledge automatically by utilizing your bank's free bill paying service? Church members and friends may find it more convenient and more reliable (especially during those summer months!). Your steady giving makes our ministries possible.

In Matthew 6:19-24, Jesus tells us "where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

From the Assistant

As most of us hopefully know by now, one of our parish goals for 2011 is discipleship. As a community, we've committed ourselves to following Jesus "in ways that set our hearts on fire and empower us to love God and our neighbor."

One way that many of us have been living into this goal has been through our Lenten program, Date Nights with Jesus. During Lent, over seventy of us ranging from newborns to folks in their late eighties gathered on Wednesday evenings for worship, supper, and conversation about some of the core aspects of Christian discipleship: repentance, love of neighbor, the Bible, prayer, and Sabbath. These evenings provided many of us with the time and space we needed to have our hearts set on fire, and to be empowered as followers of Jesus in new and exciting ways. But we can't stop there! Now that our hearts are ablaze and we're feeling more empowered, our next step is to find deeper ways to love God and our neighbor.

During the season of Easter, we remember two very important things about the love of God that forms our discipleship of Jesus. First, God's love always calls us outside of ourselves. Just as God's love couldn't be contained in the tomb, it can't be contained in us, either. It bursts forth from us. Just as Jesus' own disciples shared his love, we too have to share it with those near and far. As one of my favorite New England poets wrote, "love calls us to things of this world." Second, we can't love God without loving

our neighbor. The 20th century theologian Karl Rahner always emphasized that loving God and loving our neighbor are the exact same thing. We can't love God without loving our neighbor in whom God dwells.

In the coming weeks and months, there will be incredible opportunities for all of us to love God and our neighbors in some very concrete ways, both on global and local levels:

- ❖ On the global level, for example, Epiphany will be participating in World Vision. World Vision is a Christian relief, development, and advocacy organization dedicated to working with children, families, and



communities to overcome extreme poverty among some of the planet's most vulnerable people. As a

church, we'll seek to partner with a community with significant needs in another country. Our goal is to raise \$10,000 to support such a community in ways such as providing livestock, building a well, or building a school.

- ❖ We'll also seek to learn more about how and why our discipleship of Jesus should inform our commitments to addressing the reality of world poverty. During Eastertide, we'll be invited to read World Vision President Richard Stearns' book, *The Hole in Our Gospel*. A five-week series during

Adult Education hour on Sunday mornings will allow us to delve deeper into Stearns' book.

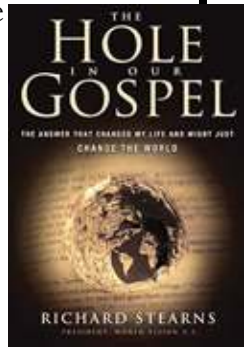
- ❖ On the local level, Epiphany will be partnering with the Rhode Island Organizing Project and the Rhode Island Coalition for the Homeless to host a forum for faith communities in Rumford on homelessness in East Providence.

I look forward to seeing you at many of these events.

In the peace of Christ,

Edmund

Sign up now for a Book Discussion group for Richard Stearns', *Hole in the Bible*. Two times are being offered—one starting Wednesday, May 4, and the other starting Thursday, May 5. Both will be at 7 p.m. They will meet weekly for about 5 or 6 weeks. Signup sheets can be found on the table in the entrance of the church. We are also looking for someone who would be willing to lead a Book Discussion Group during the daytime. If interested, please contact Kathy Ivey: 401-270-0534, Maurice Holmes: 401-433-3192 or Judy Phillips: 401-438-6989.



Don't forget ...

...to bring your bells to ring during the services of the Great Vigil of Easter and Easter Sunday!



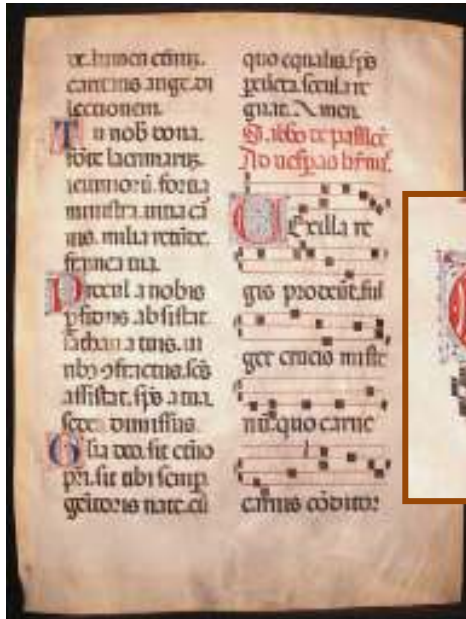
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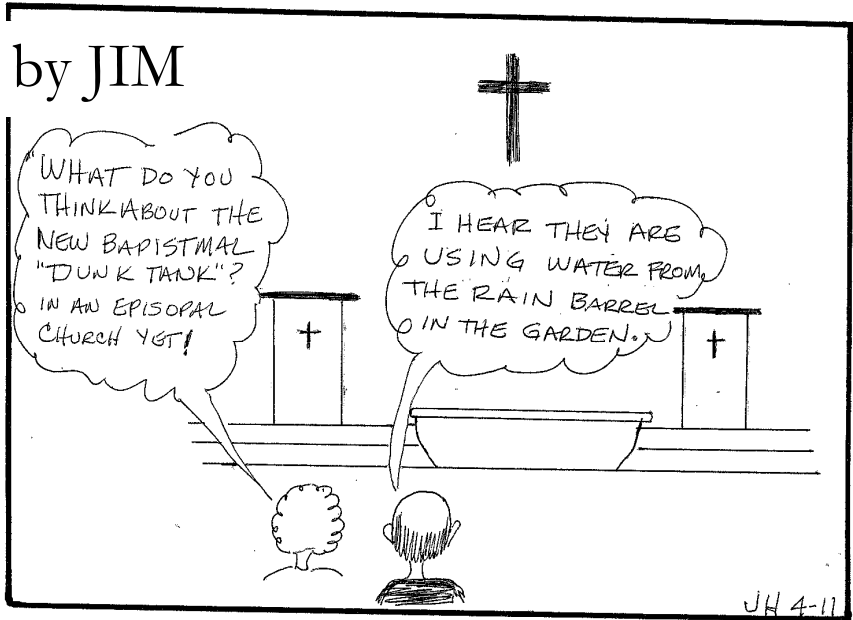
Vexilla regis prodeunt — “the flaming banners of our King advance” — so begins a solemn chant which we hear on Good Friday: a haunting triumphal march, even while the lauded king is dying upon the cross. Like much of the best music for Holy Week, this ancient chant embodies the complex emotions that people of faith have always held in the face of the intense drama of Christ’s passion. Its author, Venantius Fortunatus, a poet and bishop in sixth-century France, may also have had in mind the advance of Christian faith into an uncertain future in his own politically tumultuous era, the original ‘Dark Ages’. For us now, this hymn is but one element of the great variety of meaningful music which fills the most sacred week of the Christian year. Please listen to the many moods you will hear in our worship this week: the triumph of the palms; the tenderness of Christ’s passover ministrations to his disciples and to the poor; the shock of the passion; and

finally the new and greater triumph of resurrection. Listen, and sing!

As we enter the celebratory season of Eastertide, we will make use of our new supply of instruments for kids: tambourines, drums, rhythm eggs, güiros, castanets. I encourage all our kids — even the very youngest — to pick up an instrument during a joyful offertory in the Easter season, or around the piano before Godly Play! During Lent our adult choir has been blessed with a new member, Evan McCarthy. As ever, I am eager to hear from any of you who would like to share your musical gifts — or learn them — at Epiphany! *Nat*



“Amused” by JIM



Dear Church Community:

Thank you to all of you who contributed to the success of the J2A pasta dinner fundraiser. Whether you donated items for the raffle/silent auction or attended the pasta dinner, we truly appreciate your support. With your help, we have raised \$1,541.25 and will be journeying to New York City on June 11th and 12th. We are looking forward to our confirmation on May 21 and our upcoming pilgrimage.

Love,
Church of the Epiphany J2A and YAC
Groups

RIBC Annual Blood Drive

Our annual blood drive was held in the Parish Hall, April 11 from 4 - 8 pm. Thanks to everyone who was able to give ~ we made our goal of 13 donors!

Blood Drive Coordinator,
Judy Phillips



GODLY PLAY SCHEDULE

MAY

- 1 Holy Baptism
- 8 No Class - Mothers' Day
- 15 Helping Others in God's World
- 22 Circle of the Holy Eucharist
- 29 The Parable of the Sower

JUNE

- 5 The Mystery of Pentecost
- ~Last day of classes

Eastertide Adult Education

The Hole in Our Gospel

A five-week series based on World Vision President Richard Stearns' book.

May 1, 15, 22, 29, and June 5 at 9:15 a.m. in the parish hall.

A former businessman and CEO, David Stearns happened to listen to the story of a child orphaned by AIDS in Uganda and was never the same. His experience led to his own conversion of heart, and compelled him to share a passionate call for Christians to change the world by actively living out their faith. Join us during the season of Easter as we delve more deeply into Stearns' story, and discover where it intersects with our own.

Reading Stearns' book is not a requirement for attending, but is strongly encouraged.

Bible Study (*Meets in the Living room*)

All Ages; led by Carol & Richard Marsland

Weekday Bible Study (Lectio Divina)

All Ages, Mondays at 7 p.m.

Location: The home of Bo and Kathy Ivey

Outreach Offerings

Bread of Life Food Pantry requests for the Month of April: *canned fruit, tuna, and crackers.*

Special Opportunity for Giving to the Bread of Life Food Pantry-

The Bread of Life Food Pantry located at Newman Congregational Church, Rumford is participating in the 14th Annual \$1 Million Giveaway to Fight Hunger. Please give generously during March and April as all food and monetary donations will be matched by the Alan Shawn Feinstein Foundation. \$1 million will be divided among anti-hunger agencies nationwide, so your generosity will be greatly appreciated during this campaign. Checks can be made payable to "Newman Congregational Church" with "Bread of Life Food Pantry" noted on the memo line.

Good Friday Hunger Walk:

This annual walk to raise money for and awareness of the hungry and homeless will take place on Friday, April 22. You can help out by participating as a walker and/or by making a donation.



Golden donation envelopes have been included in your box of pledge envelopes this year or mark an envelope of your own with Good Friday Walk. *Checks should be made out to Good Friday Hunger Walk.* Donation deadline: Sunday, March 28. Contact Charlene Underhill, 401-438-6347 or eundrh@aol.com for more information or you may check out the website at www.goodfridaywalkforhungerry.org

Calendar

Saturday, April 16, 9 a.m.

Baptism Retreat for all those being baptized at the Great Vigil of Easter.

Sunday, April 17

Palm Sunday 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist & 10:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Palms, Procession and Holy Eucharist.

Tuesdays, 6-7:15 p.m.

Join yoga instructor, Maggie Martin, for **Gentle Yoga** classes in our Parish Hall. Each class is \$10 and Maggie is available before class for any questions.

Monday, April 18, 8 a.m.

Beginning today through Saturday of Holy Week, a Morning Prayer service will be led by the laity at Church of the Epiphany.

10 a.m.

The **RI Moms** playgroup will gather in the Parish Hall. For more information contact Jessica D'Alessandro at jessicajean23@verizon.net

Wednesday, April 20, 10 a.m.

The **RI Moms** playgroup will gather in the Parish Hall.

Thursday, April 21, 10 a.m.

The **RI Moms** playgroup will gather in the Parish Hall.

7 p.m.

Maundy Thursday Holy Eucharist, Foot Washing and Stripping of the Altar.

The **Gethsemane Prayer**

Vigil begins immediately after the evening service and continues until Noon on Good Friday.

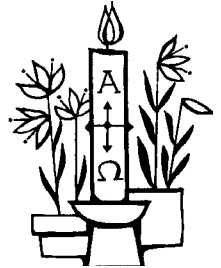


Friday, April 22, 7 p.m.

Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday

Saturday, April 23, 7 p.m.

The Great Vigil of Easter. If you only come to church once a year (or once in Holy Week), do not miss the Great Vigil of Easter. There will be a delicious Easter Party in the Parish Hall immediately following the service, hosted by the Vestry.



April 24, 8 & 10:30 a.m.

Easter Sunday Holy Eucharist. An Easter Egg hunt will take place on the church lawn (weather permitting) at Noon.

Tuesday, April 26, 5 p.m.

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

Wednesday, April 27, 7 p.m.

Pastoral Care Commission meeting in the Living room.

Thursday, April 28, 7 p.m.

Outreach Commission meeting in the Livingroom.

7:30 p.m.

Senior Choir rehearsal is held in the music room.

Friday, April 29, 4:30-7 p.m.

Join us at our **Chowder House** and enjoy chowder, clamcakes, stuffies and more; available for take out too!



Sunday, May 1, 11:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Quarterly Commission Chair meeting in the Multi-purpose room.

Eastertide *Herald* deadline.

Wednesday, May 4, 5:30 p.m.

Worship Commission meeting in the Parish Hall.

Thursday, May 5, 6-7:30 p.m.

Resolve of New England (general infertility discussion group facilitated by a volunteer peer leader) will meet in the Living room on the first Thursday of every month.

Saturday, May 7, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Spring Community Clean-up Day, an inside/outside spruce-up of Church of the Epiphany. Come for all or part of the day; projects include cleaning of the sanctuary, cleaning out the garden beds and planting Spring flowers. Rain date is May 14.



Sunday Service Schedule

8:00a.m. Holy Eucharist, no music
9:15a.m. Christian Education
10:30a.m. Holy Eucharist, w/music

REGULAR EVENTS @ Epiphany

Sunday

5:30p.m. Overeaters Anonymous

Tuesday

9-11:30 a.m. Thrift Shop

6:00 p.m. Gentle Yoga

7:30p.m. Gamblers Anonymous

Thursday

7:30p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

Saturday

9-11:30 a.m. Thrift Shop

Check out our online calendar on our website: www.epiphanyep.org.

Coming Events

Palm Sunday, April 17— 8 a.m. Liturgy of the Palms and Holy Eucharist ; 10:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Palms, Procession and Holy Eucharist.

Holy Week Services, April 21 - 24-Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the Great Vigil of Easter all begin at 7 p.m. with Easter Sunday services at 8 & 10:30 a.m.

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