



**WELCOME TO  
THE CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY  
ROYERSFORD, PA**

*A friendly welcome to all! If you are visiting, please fill out a visitor's card  
and place it in the offertory plate or give it to an usher.  
We hope you'll join us for refreshments and fellowship after worship today.*

**HYMNS: Processional: 525 Sequence: 487 Offertory: 516 Communion: 603, 656 Closing: 657**

**THE ORDER OF SERVICE IS IN THE SEASONAL SERVICE BOOKLET  
FOUND IN THE PEW**

**The Collect of the Day**

**O Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**The First Reading**

Leviticus 19:1-2,9-18

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy. When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very edges of your field, or gather the gleanings of your harvest. You shall not strip your vineyard bare, or gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the alien: I am the LORD your God. You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; and you shall not lie to one another. And you shall not swear falsely by my name, profaning the name of your God: I am the LORD. You shall not defraud your neighbor; you shall not steal; and you shall not keep for yourself the wages of a laborer until morning. You shall not revile the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind; you shall fear your God: I am the LORD. You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice, you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the LORD. You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

## **Psalm 119:33-40**

- 33 Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, \*  
and I shall keep it to the end.
- 34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; \*  
I shall keep it with all my heart.
- 35 Make me go in the path of your commandments, \*  
for that is my desire.
- 36 Incline my heart to your decrees \*  
and not to unjust gain.
- 37 Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; \*  
give me life in your ways.
- 38 Fulfill your promise to your servant, \*  
which you make to those who fear you.
- 39 Turn away the reproach which I dread, \*  
because your judgments are good.
- 40 Behold, I long for your commandments; \*  
in your righteousness preserve my life.

## **The Second Reading**

1 Corinthians 3:10-11,16-23

According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ. Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple. Do not deceive yourselves. If you think that you are wise in this age, you should become fools so that you may become wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, "He catches the wise in their craftiness," and again, "The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile." So let no one boast about human leaders. For all things are yours, whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future-- all belong to you, and you belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God.

## **The Holy Gospel**

Matthew 5:38-48

Jesus said, "You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' But I say to you, Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also; and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well; and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you. "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect."

## The Prayers of the People

*The all-wise and loving God calls us to be fools for the sake of Christ. Although we cannot accomplish what is right and good, may our prayers please our God and bring our Lord's response, as we say: Lord, have mercy.*

For Christians throughout the world, that their loving concern may extend to all God's people, and that they may never by word or deed show contempt for their neighbor, we pray:

For Christian leaders, that their imitation of God's holiness may bear fruit in words of compassion and works of loving-kindness, we pray:

For civic leaders, that in obedience to God's commands they may promote the welfare of all their citizens, we pray:

For all who suffer in any way [especially N.], that they may not despair of joining their sufferings to those of Christ, we pray:

For our Jewish sisters and brothers, that they may be faithful to God's call to holiness, we pray:

For the needs of this assembly, that our sharing of God's holy gifts around this table may bear fruit in our daily lives, we pray:

*[Here other intercessions may be offered.]*

For our brothers and sisters who have died [especially N.], that having built up the church by their lives of holiness, they may now reside in the heavenly Jerusalem, chanting the glory of God, we pray:

*All holy God, your wisdom illuminates our folly, and your love shows forth the shallowness of our concern. By the prayer we offer may we receive the grace to avoid all vengeance and hatred and the courage to live out our Christian convictions. We make this prayer in the name of Christ our Lord.*

Altar Flowers: Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Geoff by Ann Dailey.  
Birthday's: 21 - Sara Smokowicz

## Announcements

**BOOK CLUB** --- The next gathering of the book club will be on Saturday, March 4th in the parish office at 9:30AM. The work we will be reviewing is *The Wright Brothers* by David McCullough. All are welcome at any time to join us in the discussions concerning the books we are reading. Do come. The April reading will be *Flight Behavior* by Barbara Kingsolver.

**POT PIE SALE! POT PIE SALE!** ----Yes, it is that time of year for our annual pot pie sale. The pick-up date is set for Sat., April 8th. So be thinking about those delicious treats you and your friends will want to order. Further details will be forthcoming in the newsletter and in the Sunday bulletins. No new entrees on the menu this year. Questions? See Bill Hummer.

**PEGGY AND LARRY WAY** would like to thank the Epiphany family for all the expressions of love, support, and sympathy on the death of Peggy's mother, Marjorie Saxe. We are so fortunate and grateful that we are part of such a loving, caring community. Our most sincere thanks to each of you.

**“SOUPER BOWL” SUCCESS!!** Thanks so much to all who helped make our “Souper Bowl” Coffee Hour a great success! We served eleven types of delicious soups, three kinds of bread, and three great desserts, including a birthday cake for the rector!! A fun-filled and tummy-filled time was had by all forty plus folks who attended!! Looking forward to 2018!!

**ROOTS MATTER CONFERENCE:** Ever wonder how or why history tends to repeat itself in families... families of origin, parish families, nations? On Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, the Institute for Christian Healing and Christ Church, Pottstown is offering a day-long workshop (8:30-4:30) designed to help participants explore generational healing from a Christian perspective. I have, for years, been a student and practitioner of this work and highly commend this conference to you. The Rev. Dr. Paula Owens Parker will guide us through the day, and I will preside at the closing Eucharist. The cost for the day including lunch is \$65. Scholarships are available. For more details, please pick up a green brochure and let me know if you have any questions. Beth+

**SCRIP:** Scrip order dates: February 26. Please note the change in the February dates. Contact Susan Garone with any questions ([proutygarone@verizon.net](mailto:proutygarone@verizon.net) or [610-415-9233](tel:610-415-9233)). Thank you for your support.

**LET'S READ THE WHOLE BIBLE TOGETHER THIS YEAR!** This week's readings:

February 20 Day 50 – Numbers 4-5, Psalm 41, Mark 15

February 21 Day 51 – Numbers 6-8, Psalm 42, Mark 16

February 22 Day 52 – Numbers 9-11, Psalm 43, Luke 1

February 23 Day 53 – Numbers 12-14, Psalm 44, Luke 2

February 24 Day 54 – Numbers 15-17, Psalm 45, Luke 3

February 25 Day 55 – Numbers 18-20, Psalm 46, Luke 4

Sunday 2/26 Day 56 – Enjoy hearing the Scriptures read aloud in church

OR... go to [www.epiphanystar.net](http://www.epiphanystar.net) and...

Scroll down to Bishop's Bible Challenge, click day or week of your choice, find the red link: click & read

**ARE YOU RECEIVING EMAILS FROM EPIPHANY?** The new Web Site is up and running. Please check it out: [www.epiphanystar.net](http://www.epiphanystar.net). All our email addresses are still the same. The one change you will see and have seen is how are emails blasts are distributed. We had to move to a new service for sending the emails and that is MailChimp. If you have not received an email from “Church of the Epiphany” yet, do check your spam or other folders. If you have any questions or suggestions about the new site please see Paul Exley or send an email to [churchoffice@epiphanystar.net](mailto:churchoffice@epiphanystar.net).

**SAVE THE DATES:****3/1/17** Ash Wednesday Services (Liturgy of the Day: Noon and 7 pm)**3/18/17** Roots Matter: Healing History, Honoring Heritage, Renewing Hope (8:30-4:30)**ASSISTING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP**

	<b>8am</b>	<b>10am</b>
Eucharistic Minister:	Volunteer	Marie Kearns
Lectors:	Volunteer	Kathy & Jack Cobbs
Acolyte:		Marie Kearns
Greeter:		Larry Way
Usher:		Ben Millet & Chris Schmitt
Counters:		Charles Dell & Volunteer
Altar Guild		Julie Dattilo, Joanne Arnold, Cathy Bailey, Tanya Millet

**OUR PARISH LIFE AND WORK THIS WEEK**

Monday	7:30pm	N.A. (Undercroft)
Tuesday	8:00pm	A.A. (Undercroft)
Wednesday	10:15am	Healing Eucharist including Short Bible Study (Undercroft)
	6:00pm	TBMP Weight Loss Program (Office)
Thursday	7:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday 2/26	8:00am	Holy Eucharist Rite I Spoken
	10:00am	Holy Eucharist Rite II Music
		Church School Children process from the church nave to Education Building at 10 and return at the Peace

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## **WORSHIP SERVICES**

**MIDWEEK HOLY EUCHARIST WITH HEALING LITANY**  
10:15AM WEDNESDAYS

## **SUNDAY**

**8AM HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I (SPOKEN)**  
**10AM HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II (MUSIC)**

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