



**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: Procession: 518 Sequence: 487 Offertory: 432 Communion: 333,457 Closing: 194

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

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The First Reading

Acts 7:55-60

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

The Word of the Lord

Psalm

31:1-5, 15-16

- 1 In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; *
deliver me in your righteousness.
- 2 Incline your ear to me; *
make haste to deliver me.
- 3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; *
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.
- 4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, *
for you are my tower of strength.
- 5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, *
for you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.
- 15 My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.
- 16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me."

The Second Reading

1 Peter 2:2-10

A Reading from the First Letter of Peter

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner", and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

The Word of the Lord

The Holy Gospel

John 14:1-14

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

The Prayers of the People

Empowered by the Lord's promise that he will do whatever we ask in his name, let us pray, saying: We ask this in Jesus' name.

For the church of God and for its leaders, that our lives may be for the glory of God alone, let us pray:

For more vigorous efforts to unite all Christian peoples, lest factions and jealousies prevent the spread of the gospel, let us pray:

For all who exercise the ministry of preaching, that their words may be full of the Spirit and of wisdom, let us pray:

For those among us whose hearts are troubled and anxious [especially N.], that they may find support in our care, let us pray:

For this local community, that our belief in God will be deepened by the word and sacrament we share, let us pray:

[Here other intercessions may be offered.]

God of our Lord Jesus Christ, we bring these and all our needs to you, filled with confidence in the power of Jesus' name. Hear us and answer our prayers in your great wisdom and love. We ask this through Christ who is our risen Lord now and forever.

Altar Flowers: given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for their many blessings, by Betsy and Charles Dell

Birthday's: 19 - Jamie Leary, Alison (Sibley) Bloch

Anniversaries: 16 - Nate & Cherisse (Bailey) Lutz 17 - Larry & Peggy Way 18 - Ken & Pat Conrad
19 - John & Doris Cory

Announcements

THANKS: to everyone who helped with the cleanup of the Epiphany grounds on Sat. May 6, 2017. There were 19 people who helped. The gardens were weeded and mulch applied and flowers planted. Please note that the handicap ramp has been repaired and many parts of it rebuilt thanks to Joe Tosco and all of his helpers. All of these tasks could not have been completed without the number of volunteers that showed up to help. Thanks again-Sherri Quinlan

SPECIAL THANKS: to Joan McCracken, who is single-handedly tackling our messy kitchen! Bless Joan for taking on this ministry—voluntarily! She's already reorganized and straightened out paper-goods closet. Have you noticed how much easier it is to get out the coffee hour supplies? Who knows? In a neat kitchen you might be tempted to sign up to host a coffee hour! Joan will put items she's not sure whether we need to keep or not on the island. Please let her know if there's a compelling reason to hold on to something; otherwise it goes out. At Epiphany, miracles never cease; this chore used to be an annual, dreaded, Women of Epiphany endeavor, and Joan has stepped up on her own to undertake this. What gift of talent that you never thought of might you have to offer? Thank you again, Joan, for being a true steward of Epiphany.

ADULT FELLOWSHIP DINNER: - Saturday, May 20 at the home of Peggy & Larry Way, 1225 Calista Lane, Phoenixville. Call Helen Warner, 610-901-3517 to reserve.

SCRIP: The June scrip dates are June 4 and June 25. Thank you for being flexible as we move into the summer. Contact Susan Garone at 610-415-9233 or proutygarone@verizon.net if you have questions or would like to help with the program.

MASS TO SUPPORT THOSE STRUGGLING WITH ADDICTION: Throughout the country, the world and in our own back yard, addiction continues to devastate individuals and families. The Reverend Charles O'Hara, pastor at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Spring City (route 724) is inviting any who suffer losses associated with addiction to worship together on Saturday, June 3 at 12 Noon. ALL are welcome to attend so please pass the word.

WHO YOU GONNA CALL? Do you have a question, comment, request, observation or suggestion for the parish? Are you unsure how to get heard on something close to your heart about Epiphany?

Here are parish contact email addresses:

To contact Beth confidentially: rector@epiphanystar.net (The quickest way to communicate)

To add something to the weekly bulletin: bulletin@epiphanystar.net

For Prayer Requests, send to both: churchoffice@epiphanystar.net & charlesbetcha6@verizon.net

[Send to churchoffice@epiphanystar.net](mailto:churchoffice@epiphanystar.net)

- General questions, suggestions and requests
- To add something to the monthly newsletter
- If you see something that needs to be repaired, fixed or adjusted

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

May 15 Day 134 – II Kings 16-18, Psalm 111, Acts 26
May 16 Day 135 – II Kings 19-21, Psalm 112, Acts 27
May 17 Day 136 – II Kings 22-24, Psalm 113, Acts 28
May 18 Day 137 – II Kings 25, Psalm 114, Romans 1
May 19 Day 138 – I Chronicles 1-3, Psalm 115, Romans 2
May 20 Day 139 – I Chronicles 4-6, Psalm 116, Romans 3
Sunday 5/21 Day 140 – Enjoy hearing the Scriptures read aloud in church

OR... go to www.epiphanystar.net and...

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

SAVE THE DATES:

5/20	5:30 pm	Adult Fellowship Party hosted by Peggy and Larry Way
6/3	9:00 am	Epiphany Book Club
6/3	12:00 Noon	Mass to support those struggling with addiction @ St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church Spring City.

ASSISTING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

	8am	10am
Eucharistic Minister:	Volunteer	Paul Atlee
Lectors:	Marsha Hill	Kitty DiBattista & Karen Kreider
Acolyte:		William Hummer
Greeter:		Cindy Lind
Usher:		Chris Schmitt & Kathy Cobbs
Counters:		Charles Dell and Volunteer
Altar Guild		Julie Dattilo, Joanne Arnold, Cathy Bailey, Tanya Millet
Godly Play Greeter		Liz Leary
Godly Play Teacher		Marti Wilson

ASSISTING IN NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP (5/21)

	8am	10am
Eucharistic Minister:	Volunteer	Marti Wilson
Lectors:	Ed Hill	Marie Kearns
Acolyte:		TBD
Greeter:		Cathy Bailey
Usher:		Chris Schmitt & Kathy Cobbs
Counters:		Tom Bailey & Frank Borst
Altar Guild		Julie Dattilo, Joanne Arnold, Cathy Bailey, Tanya Millet
Godly Play Greeter		Kathy Cobbs
Godly Play Teacher		Liz Leary

OUR PARISH LIFE AND WORK THIS WEEK

Monday	7:30pm	N.A. (Undercroft)
Tuesday	8:00pm	A.A. (Undercroft)
Wednesday	6:00pm	TBMP Weight Loss Program (Office)
	7:00pm	Daisy Troop 7390
Thursday	7:30pm	No Choir Rehearsal
Sunday 5/21	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
		Worship Committee Mtg following 10am service

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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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