



**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: 215 Sequence: 307 (1,2,5) Offertory: 484 Communion: 315,603
Closing: 460**

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

The Collect of the Day

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

The First Reading Acts 1:6-14

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers. The Word of the Lord

Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36

- 1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; *
let those who hate him flee before him.
- 2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; *
as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.
- 3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; *
let them also be merry and joyful.
- 4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name; exalt him who rides upon the heavens; *
YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!
- 5 Father of orphans, defender of widows, *
God in his holy habitation!
- 6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; *
but the rebels shall live in dry places.
- 7 O God, when you went forth before your people, *
when you marched through the wilderness,
- 8 The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, *
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.
- 9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; *
you refreshed the land when it was weary.
- 10 Your people found their home in it; *
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.
- 33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; *
sing praises to the Lord.
- 34 He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; *
he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.
- 35 Ascribe power to God; *
his majesty is over Israel; his strength is in the skies.
- 36 How wonderful is God in his holy places! *
the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people! Blessed be God!

The Second Reading

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

A Reading from the First Letter of Peter

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert.

Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord

Sequence Hymn # 307 (1,2,5)

The Holy Gospel

John 17:1-11

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

The Prayers of the People

Let us once more cast our cares upon the Lord, saying: To God be glory forever and ever.

For the church of God, especially its members who share in Christ's suffering, that the glory of the Lord might be revealed, we pray:

For the world so loved by God, that the power of God's grace working in us might restore the beauty of its created image, we pray:

For those who glorify God in simple, hidden, and faith-filled ways, we pray:

For those labeled wrongdoer and mischief-maker, that they might be loved without judgment and might enjoy God's life, we pray:

For this local community, that the coming of the Spirit might find us steadfast in prayer and strong in love, we pray:

For all in any pain and for all who sorrow [especially N.], that they might be brought beyond their trouble into the Spirit's peace, we pray:

[Here other intercessions may be offered.]

Good and gracious God, you do infinitely more for us than all we can ask or even imagine. Hear these prayers; be our Savior again, now and forever.

Altar Flowers: Given in loving memory of Walter & Grace Davidshofer, Virginia & Joseph Welsh and Jeanette Stufflet by Alfred Stufflet

Birthday's: 31 - Michael & Thomas Renner, JoAnn Sibley

Announcements

“IN GOD’S TIME” Gather following the 10 am service today for a discussion about how we define, discern, accept and live into God’s time in our lives...especially when our desires seem to be at odds.

NEXT SUNDAY/June 4th: The Feast of Pentecost: Giving of the Holy Spirit on 50th Day of Easter

- Wear red, orange or yellow
- The children will lead the procession with “flame poles” so be early to get your pole!
- Can you read the first reading (Acts 2:1-21) in a foreign language? If so, feel free to stand wherever you are in church and read the lesson at the same time it is being read in English from the lectern... an experience of Pentecost! (Contact Beth for the text if you’d like)
- Holy Baptism (Charlotte Ann Millet) / Renewal of Baptismal Vows / Holy Eucharist
- Baptism Reception: Ben and Tanya Millet invite all to join them for a reception in the undercroft following the service.

COFFEE HOUR: Please sign up as an individual, or in partnership with another or others, to host a coffee hour! The signup sheet is on the large bulletin board to the right of the kitchen door. The trash (not the recycle bin) needs to be bagged and the two large rolling trash bins located near the trash corral outside need taken to be taken to the curb at the end of the morning. Do ask others enjoying your hospitality to help out with this additional task!

SAVE THE DATE: "Church Ladies" the annual June Luncheon will be held on Saturday, June 10, 2017, at NOON, Saint Peter's Bakery, in Saint Peters Village, Pennsylvania.
RSVP Kitty DiBattista or Betsy Dell.

STEWARDSHIP AT EPIPHANY (RECYCLING): Please participate with your parish leadership to RECYCLE ALL APPROPRIATE ITEMS according to Borough of Royersford guidelines. Here are important things to know:

- Use the Round Green recycling plastic cans **only** for **ALL** recyclable items (see list posted on bulletin board next to the kitchen)
- Quick rinse food / drink from items (please no partially filled soda cans)
- No Lids
- No need to remove labels
- Collected on Tuesday with Trash (No more than 6 containers of any kind total)
- Please help children (whether they're yours or not :-)) learn how as well as why it's important to do this

Thanks for caring!!!

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 29 Day 148 – I Chronicles 25-27, Psalm 119:145-176, Romans 10
May 30 Day 149 – I Chronicles 28-29, Psalm 120, Romans 11
May 31 Day 150 – II Chronicles 1-3, Psalm 121, Romans 12
June 1 Day 151 – II Chronicles 4-6, Psalm 122, Romans 13
June 2 Day 152 – II Chronicles 7-9, Psalm 123, Romans 14
June 3 Day 153 – II Chronicles 10-12, Psalm 124, Romans 15
Sunday 6/4 Day 154 – 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:

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.
6/4	10 am	The Feast of the Epiphany Holy Eucharist w/ Baptism
6/10	12:00 Noon	Annual "Church Ladies" Luncheon @ St. Peters Bakery
6/18	9:00am	One-Service Summer Schedule begins (Undercroft)

ASSISTING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

	8am	10am
Eucharistic Minister:	Paul Atlee	Marie Kearns
Lectors:	Marsha Hill	Paul Atlee & Joanne Arnold
Acolyte:		Marie Kearns
Greeter:		Bill Wilson
Usher:		Chris Schmitt & Linda Print
Counters:		Vincent & Susan Garone
Altar Guild		Julie Dattilo, Joanne Arnold, Cathy Bailey, Tanya Millet
Godly Play Greeter		No Class
Godly Play Teacher		

ASSISTING IN NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP (6/4)

	8am	10am
Eucharistic Minister:	Volunteer	Marie Kearns
Lectors:	Ed Hill	Jack & Kathy Cobbs
Acolyte:		Marie Kearns
Greeter:		Betty Murphy
Usher:		Betsy & Charles Dell
Counters:		Bill & Marti Wilson
Altar Guild		Julie Dattilo, Joanne Arnold, Cathy Bailey, Tanya Millet
Godly Play Greeter		Alicia DeMont
Godly Play Teacher		Marti Wilson

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 (Undercroft)
Thursday	7:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday 6/4	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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