



# Epiphany Star



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## Be Not Afraid

“You’re going (you’ve been) where? To Europe? Have you lost your mind? Aren’t you (weren’t you) afraid?” Several acquaintances reacted in horror before I went and after I returned from my late May Rhine River cruise. I’d been looking forward to this planned-for, saved-for event so intently for the last two years, I was surprised, no... stunned by the anxiety-driven reaction that came spilling out of so many people. Immediately following the horrific, violent events in Paris and Brussels when I was only weeks away from the trip, I had a fleeting thought that maybe I should consider considering whether it was a bad idea to go. I reflected for a little less than 30 seconds and heard things like, “Beth, the road you live on is many times more likely to cause you harm any day of the week than would hanging out for ten days in the heart of Europe... and how about all the times you drive into and around Center City Philadelphia? You’re thoughtful and careful, you’ve practiced trust all your life (remember the time you hung out over a 200 foot chasm arms and legs outspread tethered by a waistband from a cliff-to-cliff line?)” Needless to say, I went happily on my way and had a wonderful time. It was a lovely, serene trip laced daily with encounters with people of so many different ethnicities and faiths! My trust in humanity and in God’s presence in all people affirmed, I returned home with a much more nuanced view of the fear mongering that has so defined the airways in this country.

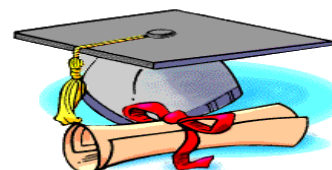
Roosevelt said the only thing we have to fear is fear itself. Our Holy Bible contains hundreds of phrases of encouragement coming directly from the prophets, Jesus, and from the mouth of God... “Do not be afraid, fear not”. In order to do the work of relationship building, the work of reconciliation, the work of caring for others, of going out and allowing others into our world, we cannot afford to be paralyzed with fear. Certainly Jesus was not... his message of trust and love and hope was bound up with his willingness to risk, to change, to engage, to welcome any and all who were on the way that was infused with prayer and communion with the Holy One he called Abba, Father.

The fact of the matter is that I am, most of us are, privileged beyond a huge percentage of people in the world. Fear and anxiety in the lives of so many (of violence, imminent financial ruin, actual physical hunger, losses of all kinds) are baked into their daily experiential reality. Those who reach out to the fearful or anxious other in the spirit of openness and welcome with a willingness to truly experience the other, will bring with them the promise of health and healing. Transcending fear and anxiety is job One! Then follows the openness to others, the risk-taking, the welcome, the connection, the hope...and the healing.

Blessings to all in this season of rest, renewal, risk, connection, reconciliation... healing and hope... Beth+

## CONGRATULATIONS To this year's graduates

Adam Cross—Spring Ford High School  
Ben Millet—Drexel University  
Lori Exley—Divinity School



## Epiphany Communications

It has recently come to our attention that some of you do not receive Prayer Chain Calls and/or Newsletters or other means of communications from Epiphany. If you wish to receive prayer calls, but do not currently receive them, please contact Betsy Dell. We now have in place a list of folks who will call you (by phone) if you cannot receive messages by e-mail.

Likewise, if you are not currently receiving the monthly newsletter, either electronically or by mail, please let Betsy know so your name can be added to the mailing list. Please note, newsletters are usually available in church on the last Sunday of the month so that they can be picked up before it becomes necessary to mail them.

On Saturday, June 18th, a whole parish phone message was sent out. (This was concerning the change in time of the services for summer.) If you did not receive this phone call, please let Betsy or Paul Exley know.

Please see Betsy or Paul with any other comments, questions, or concerns, regarding these matters.

## SCRIP:

Scrip orders will be placed on July 17 and August 14 during the coming summer months. Because of the way that Labor Day falls, and the fact that there are 5 Sundays in October, the September and October order dates will be the 2ND and 4TH SUNDAYS instead of the first and third, as is our usual pattern. For September, the dates are the 11th and 25th, and for October, the dates are the 9th and the 23rd.

In our survey last year, some of you expressed an interest in being able to order on-line. I am working to understand what that would entail for us, and I believe that our program could offer some additional convenience to our participants by offering the ability to place orders on line, as well as pay by having a link set up to your bank account. Once those functions are enabled, then it becomes possible to reload existing cards and order electronic scrip. If you would like to learn more, please see me at church. It is indeed possible that our program will be joining the 21st century!

As always, thank you all for your participation!

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### FROM THE BOOKSHELF Summer 2016

The following is the remaining list for 2016. A reminder to our members to start thinking about what book or books you will want to nominate for next year's reading list.

July/August	No meetings; read the September selection
Sept. 3	<i>Knights of Black and White</i> by Jack Whyte
Oct. 1	<i>The Banished Children of Eve: A Novel of Civil War New York</i> by Peter Quinn
Nov. 5	<i>Hercule Poirot's Christmas</i> by Agatha Christie
Dec. 3	Select our reading for 2017 and Christmas social

## National Night Out

For the past 4 years, Epiphany has been an active participant in the Royersford National Night Out (NNO). As part of this national movement to build community we have provided cold water, music and acres of cupcakes at our "decorate your own cupcake" table. This year there are two delicious chances to financially support this marvelous neighborhood evening.

One of the charms of the evening is that everything is free. Local businesses donate samples of their products, local churches and scout troops pitch in the labor to set up and clean up, etc. Yet, there are some things for which we need to pay like the slide for the kids or the rock wall. So, we have a way to contribute without spending more money. And they are delicious.

First, Captain Chucky's of Trappe, home of the number 1 crab cake in Montgomery County, has pledged that for the entire week from July 11 to July 16, if you notify them, they will donate fifteen percent of your entire order to NNO. This includes their entire menu. All food is take out.

The other delicious opportunity is at everyone's favorite, Outback Steakhouse. On Wednesday July 20, both at lunch and dinner, if you let your server know you are dining for NNO, another fifteen percent will be donated to NNO. This is for your entire bill except tax and can be used for either eat in or take out.

You might be asking, "how do I let my server or Chucky's know?" Easy, we have very simple coupons. Just hand them to your server and your bill will be recorded for the donation. Please see Bill Wilson or Kitty DiBattista for coupons. What a delicious way to contribute.

## WELCOME BACK PICNIC

Please mark your calendar for Sunday, September 11th. On that day, church services will move back upstairs and we will hold the annual Welcome Back Picnic following the 10:00 AM service.

All are invited to join together to share food and fellowship—two things Epiphany does very well—in the Undercroft and maybe outdoors! There will be a sign-up sheet in the Undercroft in mid-August for you to sign for the item(s) you wish to bring to share. If you wish to bring lawn chairs, please feel free to do so.

We will need help with setting and cleaning up. Please see Betsy Dell closer to the date of the picnic to volunteer your help! If you have any questions about the picnic, please see Betsy.

(The WELCOME BACK PICNIC was established by the Worship Committee for our 125th Anniversary Celebration. Because of its success, we have continued joining together and sharing fellowship this way.)

## PARISH BY THE NUMBERS

From Bill Wilson

We met in worship, discussion, fellowship, outreach and planning during April.

### OUR WORSHIP LIFE

- 187 people attended Sunday and Wednesday services
- 5 people received communion during pastoral visits
- 6 prayer requests were sent
- 13 people attended a funeral service

### OUR OUTREACH, MISSION, AND PARISH LIFE

- 6 people went to St Augustine's and helped to serve 100 breakfasts
- 28 boxes of rice meals were sent to Project Outreach
- 22 people attended the All Parish Forum
- 28 people attended a planning session on the future of the Women of Epiphany
- 6 people helped to stain all the shelves and wooden doors in Beth's office

### OUR FINANCIAL LIFE

- Pledge and open plate TBA
- \$200 was raised in the sale of Scrip in March
- \$104 was raised in the sale of Scrip in April
- \$204 was raised from the Mother's Day Dessert Auctions

# Happy Birthday

## July

2 - Justin Rakowski  
 3 - James Murphy  
 5 - Ann Dailey, Joe Bellissimo  
 8—Tom Bailey, Bill Wilson  
 9 - Adam Cross  
 10 - Helen Warner  
 11 - Charlton Exley, Trish Ayala Atlee,  
 Gary Vanatter  
 12 - Melanie Bailey, Peggy Way  
 15 - Dodi Kearns  
 17 - Kathy Cobbs  
 21 - Susan Lutz  
 20 - Ed Cox  
 29 - Betsy Dell, Connor & Maddie Boyle

## August

1 - Fonnies James  
 5—Melissa Bogust  
 6 - Ted Cox  
 16 - Kitty DiBattista  
 17 - Tori Leary  
 19 - Joan McCracken, Elizabeth Huey  
 25 - Betsy Caldwell  
 29 - William Hummer, Jr.

## JULY

7 - Marsha & Ed Hill  
 26—Genny & Gil Aitken

## AUGUST

2 - Cathy & Tom Bailey  
 8—Kathy & Jack Cobbs  
 26 - Karen & Gerry Kreider



# Volunteer Schedules

## Eucharistic Ministers

### July

3—B. Hummer  
 10 - P. Atlee  
 17 - M. Kearns  
 24 - M. Wilson  
 31 - B. Hummer

### August

7—P. Atlee  
 14—M. Kearns  
 21—M. Wilson  
 28—B. Hummer

## Greeters

### July

3—B. Murphy  
 10— L. Dean  
 17— B. Dell  
 24 - L. Way  
 31 -K. DiBattista

### August

7— V. Cox  
 14— C. Lind  
 21— C. Bailey  
 28— B. Wilson

## Lectors

### July

3— M. Hill/E. Hill  
 10 - Kreider/DiBattista  
 17 - J. Arnold/P. Atlee  
 24 - K. Cobbs/J. Cobbs  
 31 - L. Way/H. Warner

### August

7— D. Kearns/M. Kearns  
 14 - E. Hill/M. Hill  
 21 - P. Atlee/J. Arnold  
 28 - J. Cobbs/K. Cobbs

## Counters

### July

3—Dell/TBA  
 10 - Bailey/Borst  
 17 - Garones  
 24 - Wilsons  
 31 - Dell/TBA

### August

7—Bailey/Borst  
 14—Garones  
 21—Wilsons  
 28—Dell/TBA



## Acolytes

*See you in September!*

## Ushers

JULY: Sherri Quinlan  
 AUGUST: Ed & Marsha Hill



God willing and the people consenting,

The Reverend Canon Daniel G. P. Gutierrez

Will be ordained and consecrated a Bishop  
In the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church  
And the sixteenth Bishop of  
The Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania

On Saturday the sixteenth of July  
At eleven o'clock in the morning  
New Covenant Church  
7500 Germantown Avenue  
Philadelphia, PA 19119

Chief Consecrator:  
The Most Reverend Michael B. Curry  
Presiding Bishop and Primate of the Episcopal Church

The Standing Committee requests  
The honor of your presence.

A light reception will follow on site.