



CHRIST AND THE EPIPHANY

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Upcoming Events

Sunday, March 1, 11:30 a.m., family meeting following the 10:00 a.m. service

Palm Sunday, April 5, combined service at 9:00 a.m.

Good Friday, April 10, 6:30 p.m., Good Friday Litany

Easter Sunday, April 12, combined service at 9:00 a.m.

Saturday, April 18, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Episcopal Church in Connecticut's Annual Spring Training & Gathering

Sunday March 8, Spring Forward - Set your clocks ahead!

Clergy Schedule

March 1, Fr. Andrew Osmun

March 8, Fr. Andrew Osmun

March 15, TBA

March 22, Fr. Robert Stocksdale

March 29, Morning Prayer

Jan Vestry Summary

Susan Shultz

Next Meeting - The next Vestry meeting will be Sunday, March 15th after the 10:00 a.m. service.

Worship - Fr. Charles Kamano will officiate the Ash Wednesday service. Fr. Andrew Osmun will officiate the Palm Sunday and Easter services (one each at 9:00 a.m.). We will strive to have Morning Prayer just one Sunday a month and to hire supply clergy for the rest.

Building & Grounds - We got a beautiful TV donated for the library. A thank you letter will be sent to the donor.

Treasurer Report - The budget was revised to include some new pledges; to reflect Fr. Charles' leaving (money moved from salary/pension to supply clergy) and a few other miscellaneous items. The approved revisions change the bottom line for 2020 from an almost \$9,000 deficit to an almost \$2,000 surplus.

New Business - The Vestry approved the 2019 Parochial Report required by the Diocese.

Senior Warden Report Barbara Parsons

The coming months will be challenging at times as we move forward without permanent clergy. Fr. Charles' last Sunday will be February 23rd. He has graciously agreed to do our Ash Wednesday service.

The Worship Commission, consisting of Carol Ude, Wendy Bellmore, Barbara Coulombe and myself has already met to discuss and plan our needs in the near future. I have been in touch with the Diocese. LeeAnn Tolzman has informed me that there are 15 to 20 churches in CT looking for Missional Priests, so it can be some time before we will have a permanent priest. Fr. Andrew has agreed to celebrate Palm Sunday and Easter as well as at least one Sunday a month. The cost for a Supply Priest for two services is \$250. The fourth Sunday of every month will be Morning Prayer unless otherwise

noted. The 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. congregations will each be responsible for leading their own Morning Prayer services. Our priceless Administrative Assistant, Diane Rowley, has compiled some Morning Prayer services where some variety is offered for whoever will be leading the service. I know, as we move on, that as in the past, we will do it together. The Vestry is here to be the leadership of this church. Our church family trusts us to care for them. Please communicate any needs or concerns to them so they can be addressed. Be positive. God is with us. Discouragement is the work of the devil. Keep him out of this place. Pray for God's guidance. Keep an open mind and an open heart. We trust God to lead us. Let's make sure we follow.

Resignation Letter Fr. Charles Kamano

Dear Christ and The Epiphany Church Family,

By this letter I submit my resignation as your Missional Priest, such resignation to be effective on February 26, 2020 after the Ash Wednesday liturgy at 6:30 p.m.

With mixed feelings I have decided to resign after serving here for twenty-nine months. This chapter has been the greatest privilege of my ministry. I will forever hold this parish family in the bottom of my heart.

My love for our worship and stewardship together has not diminished one bit. But after considerable prayer and discernment including conversations over several months with trusted friends who know me well and are not part of C&E, it became clear that this is the right decision for both the parish and me. This is a vibrant, beautiful, and challenging community. It is an appropriate time for another priest with fresh energy and insight to lead C&E church into its next chapter. Bishop Ian is in total agreement with my decision after several phone conversations with him.

The world today desperately needs voices, hearts, and hands that bring alive Jesus' message of love, compassion, and reconciliation to others. That is why we should always seek to be communities of worship that proclaim that everyone without exception is beloved and part of God's one family. When we truly believe this, then the vision of life that has the potential of manifesting God's kingdom begins here and now, which is Jesus' prayer for us, "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

As I leave C&E church behind me, my plan is to remain active in ministry, making myself available as a supply priest to other Eucharistic communities, while also doing my full-time job as a hospice and hospital chaplain.

Finally, I would like to seize this opportunity to express my profound gratitude for your love, partnership, friendship and support throughout these past two years.

With deep affection,
Charles Kamano



Episcopal Church in Connecticut

Spring Training

Spring Training 2020, is April 18th, at the same location as last year - Berlin High School, 139 Patterson Way, Berlin, CT. Workshop categories include Christian Formation, Communication, Leadership, Parish Operations, Racial Healing, Justice, and Reconciliation, Social Justice and Advocacy, Spiritual Practices, Stewardship, and Worship. Registration is open to everyone and is \$15 through March 21, \$25 through April 5, and \$35 at the door. Register at www.episcopalct.org/spring-training. We'll arrange car-pooling for those interested.

Springtime at the Metropolitan Opera

Tony Lamberti

There is no better place to be than in New York City than at the Metropolitan Opera for the upcoming Spring presentations. On March 7 at 1:00 p.m. the Met will present the fun-loving opera *Così fan Tutte*.

This opera is the story of two young men who test their fiancées' fidelity by disguising themselves and seducing each other's girl. The title translates roughly to "All women are like that" Enchanting!

Phelim McDermott's production – updated to mid-20th-century Coney Island, first seen in 2018 and revived with an excellent cast on Saturday – goes more for starry skies, ocean breezes and slowly rotating Ferris wheels than stark suffering. It seems unlikely that many in the audience left questioning the stability of their

relationships and the reality of human connection: the test of a great *Così fan Tutte*.

On March 14 at your local theatres the Met will present a new and outstanding production of Wagner's *The Flying Dutchman* with an outstanding conductor, Valery Gergiev. Also be sure to look for another wonderful and delightful Opera from Rossini called *Cenerentola*. Lastly, on March 28, Joyce DiDonato will star in Massenet's tragic opera *Werther* at 1:00 p.m. with Yannick Sequin conducting. Take some time this Spring to go and see a live Opera performance at the Opera House. It is an experience you will never forget!

Building Capacity for Lay Preachers & Worship Leaders

Diane Villano

On Saturday, February 15th, I attended a gathering of about forty lay leaders, clergy, ECCT canons and bishops. This meeting initiated a conversation about the opportunities for the laity to take on more of a regular preaching and worship role within their worshipping community. We discussed some of the challenges and changes that have and will arise, and strategies parishes are already using.

One of the starting points is the definition of a parish in a new missional age, which is a "community of theological imagination fed by word and sacrament forming disciples and apostles in God's mission and connected to the whole body of Christ." I expect there will be further conversations in this age of increased laity involvement and empowerment and decreased clergy availability.



March 20 - Ian Reynolds
 March 21 - Madeline Hubbard
 March 29 - Kenneth Dougherty

Intercessory Prayers

Andrew, Barbara R./, Barbuschak Family, Carol Ude, Carol C., David, Devin K., Diane, Diane Link, Ed, Eileen F., Eleanor N., Faith and Family, Father Eddie, Frank P., Fred H., Gale, Geneva, Goodfellow Family, Greg T., Ian, J.D., Jack K., Dr. Jeremiah Martin, Jim C., John A., John M., John U., Joseph, Judy C., Judy

DeFeo, Julia, June W., Karen Dattilo & Family, Katherine Burdick, Katrina R., Leah S., Lisa, Lisa H., Lois, Lucas Sundwall, Madelaine, Mark Conti, Marjorie Cowles, Marty, Matt, Melissa D., Patty R., Rachael, Ray C., Sallie Alexander, Shawne G., Turiano Family, Vivian S.

To submit names for the Intercessory Prayers list please call or email the church office. Names will be kept on the list for three months unless longer time is requested. If a person you have placed on the list recovers in less than three months or passes away, please update the church office.

Next issue

The deadline for the April 2020 issue is **March 20**. If you have contributions for the newsletter please email us at newsletter.christandtheepiphany@gmail.com.

For updates to the Birthday or Anniversary lists, please call the church office at 203-467-2310.

Charlie Langlan & Susan Shultz, Editors

Worship Schedule (10:00 a.m.)

	<u>March 1</u>	<u>March 8</u>	<u>March 15</u>	<u>March 22</u>	<u>March 29</u>
Chalice Bearer	Kristina Langlan	George Coulombe	Ron Blevins	George Coulombe	(Morning Prayer)
Lector	Richard Mead	Kristina Langlan	Audrey Sundwall	Susan Shultz	George Coulombe
Usher	Gail Schappa	Audrey Sundwall	Gail Schappa	Diane Villano	Diane Villano
Lead Counter	George Coulombe	Astrid Swanson	George Coulombe	Susan Shultz	George Coulombe
Counter		Fred Bowden		Kristina Langlan	

Treasurer Report

Susan Shultz

	JAN	(UNDER)/OVER BUDGET	YTD	(UNDER)/OVER YTD BUDGET
INCOME	\$8,839.31	\$581.81	\$8,839.31	\$581.81
EXPENSES	\$8,871.40	(\$1,210.72)	\$8,871.40	(\$1,210.72)
NET	(\$32.09)	(\$1,792.53)	(\$32.09)	(\$1,792.53)

Notes: We are about \$1,500 under budget because oil was \$1,500 less in Jan than expected due to lower costs and warmer temperatures.