

On the Calendar and Coming up

Sun. October 8th
8:15 AM—Holy Eucharist
9:30 AM—Adult Forum
10:15 AM— Sun. School
10:30 AM—Holy Eucharist

CARITAS is with us all week!

Mon. Oct. 9th
Office Closed—Columbus Day

Tue. Oct. 10th
No YOGA or JRRingers

Wed. October 11th
12:00 Noon — H.E. with Healing Prayers

Thurs. October 12th
9:30 AM—Lamb's Basket Volunteers (Clients)
6:15 PM—Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:30 PM—Handbell Rehearsal

Sat. October 14th
CARITAS will be leaving

Sun. October 15th
8:15 AM—Holy Eucharist
9:30 AM—Adult Forum
10:15 AM— Sun. School
10:30 AM—Holy Eucharist & Pet Blessing outside weather permitting.

Lunch Bunch going to **O'Charley's**, Horsepen & Broad

YOGA Tuesday

Stewardship verse: Hebrews 13:5: Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you".

Lambs Basket is in need of FOOD! Their shelves are almost empty. Please help!!! Let's remember to bring some items each Sunday. Let's help them out by bringing a can or two!

Fall UTO (United Thank Offering) **Sunday** will be October 22nd. Please take home a Blue Box (found in the back of the church) and put a coin in the box whenever you are thankful for something. These coins add up and all of the money is given away each year for mission and ministry.

Adult Forum: The adult education class has started a new series of comparative religious studies. Our first area of study will be the three Abrahamic faiths. We will be reading the book "*What do our neighbors believe?:* questions and answers about Judaism, Christianity, and Islam" by Greenstein, Hotz, and Kaitner and can be purchased online. The group meets at 9:30 am Sunday mornings in the parlor. All are invited to join and we hope to see you there!

The prayers and sympathy of the congregation are extended to Linda Whitlock and family on the death of her mother, Peggy Adleman, who died on Wednesday, September 27th. A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, October 21st at 11:00 am with burial in the Memorial Garden. May her soul and the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

Shrine Mont Family Parish Weekend—October 27 –29. Adult rate is \$165 and youth rate 4-12 is \$55. The Shrine Mont Committee will pay for Epiphany children. Sign up sheets are in the parish hall.

Caritas at Epiphany this Week! (Oct 7-14). A lot of preparation has occurred behind the scenes. **We need your help!** Check with **Mike & Kathy Nicholas** if you can help out in any way! Remember, this will be our last year to host, as Caritas is renovating a site on Stockton Street to house all participants 24/7 - set to open in 2018.

Some Trivia for you: The meaning of CARITAS—*Congregations Around Richmond Involved To Assure Shelter*

Eucharistic Visitors Training: On Saturday, November 11th at 11:00 am, we will be holding training for people who are interested in serving the ministry of Eucharistic Visitors. This is a vital ministry for any parish. It helps to connect those who are sick or home bound directly to the life of the church and the sacrament. Attending the training is required to become a Eucharistic Visitor. Required reading will be "*A Manual for Eucharistic Visitors*" by Beth Wickenberg Ely and can be purchased on line. Participants should bring their own bag lunch. Please let Father Andrew know if you plan on attending or if you have any questions.

We need folks to sign up for Coffee hour! It can be very simple — just some cookies and some grapes or veggies, plus coffee and lemonade for the kids. Please check the board in the kitchen and help us out! If you haven't done it before and are nervous about it, ask an "old hand" to partner with you!

Pet Blessing: Bring your pets to be blessed next Sunday, October 15th at the 10:30 AM service. Weather permitting it will be outside, otherwise we will be in the parish hall.

Attendance: October 1, 2017

8:15 am 9 10:30 am 65

COMMUNICATION CARD

October 8, 2017

Our Communication Card is for **all people at The Church of the Epiphany** so that you can share your thoughts and prayers, and request information.

If you are new, please complete the opposite side so we also have your contact information.

I'd like more information about an upcoming event or program

I am RSVPing or signing up for:

I am interested in learning more about how to be part of the following ministries or programs:

- Music
- Altar Guild
- Office help
- Christian Ed
- Outreach
- Ushers
- Chalice Bearer
- Greeters
- Pastoral Care
- Readers
- Prayer Team
- _____

Prayer Requests / Comments

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COMMUNICATION CARD

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Welcome! You have blessed us with your presence. Please tell us how we can best serve you by completing the Communication Card.

Please place in the offering basket, hand it to an usher, or place on the table in the vestibule.

- I'm looking for a church home
- I'd like to speak with a clergy member
- I'm ready to become a member
- I'm just visiting today

Name & Address Please update

Phone _____

Email _____

Children's names and ages

Please give me more information about:

- Children's / Youth Programs
- Social events
- Outreach opportunities
- Classes and Small Group Studies
- Baptism or Confirmation
- How I can get involved

How did you hear about Epiphany?

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FOR YOUR PRAYERS

For the church: We pray for the church of the Epiphany, the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia, the Episcopal Church (USA), and the Anglican Communion, for all clergy and laypeople, and those whom we will welcome today.

In the Metro Richmond Cycle of Prayer we pray for public, non-profit, and religious social service work and ministries in Metropolitan Richmond: For all in need of mental health services, all mental health workers, counselors and treatment facilities.

In the SAMS Prayer Calendar we pray for: the Hill family in North Carolina and Juan & Maria Marentes in California.

In the Lakeside Churches Cycle of Prayer we pray for: Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church
Prayers for our Service Men and Women: Benjamin Hoffert, Patrick Lineberry, Caitlin Mitchell, Bryan Murphy, Billy Tucker, Andrew Smith and Tyler Watts.

For the Birth of a Child: Matt & Leslie Guyer

New to the Prayer List: Chuck Strabley

Parishioners: Dot Hudson, Dottie Strabley, Jackie Martin, Mike Young, Lydia Callaway, Caroline Hager

Homebound: Sarah Fore, Ray Hampton, Ray & Charlotte Lovelace, Connie Neal, Juliet Wynne

Family & Friends: Michael Abraham—cousin of Sandy Ruder & Denise Russell, Dave Holsapple—Stacy Mitchell's friend, Norma Hanko—Lucy Whitlock's mother, John Stone IV — John Stone's father, Sawyer Perkins—friend of Maura & Cora Whitlock, Sara Mateyka—friend of Megan O'Toole, Rev. Mitties DeChamplain—friend of Fr. Andrew Reinholz, Sydney Dunn—daughter of Chip Dunn, Andy & Carolyn Holden—Randy Holden's parents, Roy Huskins—cousin of Mike Nicholas, Marvin Blizzard—friend of Mike Nicholas, Daniel, Rachel, & Caleb Abernathy, friends of Karen Holden;

Prayers for the departed: Pete Whitlock

We pray for all these and those who have asked for prayers in confidence.



CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

Weekly Worship

Sundays at 8:15 a.m. (meditative service)
& **10:30 a.m.** (with choir)

Wednesday at noon: Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayers and Laying On of Hands

Father Andrew Reinholz
Rector

Phone: 610 780-1420 (cell)

Contact info:
8000 Hermitage Road
804-266-2503

Today's Ministers

8:15 AM—Holy Eucharist

Usher: Chuck Strabley

Reader: Tad Blackburn

Chalice: Harrison Higgins

10:30 AM—Holy Eucharist

Ushers: Team 2: Jeff Pegram, Brent Crawford, Karen Holden, Shirley Hughson, Billy Tucker

Acolytes: Camille Wood, Sam Tucker, Will Craver, Logan Abernathy

Lessons: Clement Wani, Jeri Anne Townley

Prayers: Jeri Anne Townley

Chalice: Herb Williams, Harrison Higgins

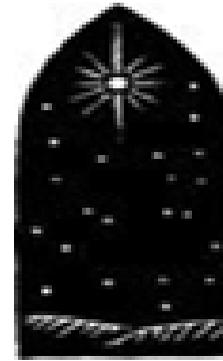
Vestry Greeters: Clement Wani, Scott Blackwell

Altar Guild: Kathy Jimerson, Carol McElhinney

Nursery: Gail Wood, Dwight Ludwig, Scott Blackwell

Coffee Hour: No coffee hour—Caritas is here using parish hall.

Counters: Buddy Dunn, Carol Campus



The Church of the Epiphany

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 8, 2017

Welcome—we are glad you are here! Know that whoever you are, and where ever you are in your spiritual journey, you have a place here. If you are new, or haven't yet given us your contact information, please complete the attached communication card and place it in the plate so that you can learn more about

Epiphany's community.

Introducing the Lessons

1st Reading: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

In our first reading Moses gives the people the ten commandments that God spoke to him on Mount Sinai. These precepts are at the heart of Israel's law or Torah, and form the basis of the covenant with God established through Moses. The first four commandments prescribe Israel's relationship with God. Those which follow require fundamental responsibilities in human relationships.

2nd Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14

Paul reminds the new Christians at Philippi that if any have reason to brag because of heritage, lineage, or zeal, it is he. Yet all human achievements are to be counted as rubbish next to the joy and privilege of knowing God in Christ. Paul does not consider himself complete, but presses forward to learn yet more of the grace of Christ, the power of his resurrection and the sharing in his sufferings. His goal remains ahead: God's upward call in Christ Jesus.

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-46

Our gospel is the story of the wicked and disloyal tenants who are cast out of the vineyard. The parable is presented to us as an allegory in which the vineyard is Israel and the wicked tenants are its people. The servants sent to them are the prophets, and the son whom they kill is Jesus. To the hearing of the early church the destruction of the vineyard would parallel the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in 70 CE, while the heritage of the vineyard is now given to others. There is added an ancient prophecy concerning the stone which was rejected, but which has now become the main cornerstone for the Lord's new work.