



## Our Mission

The Episcopal Church of the Epiphany is an inclusive community called to seek and follow Jesus Christ. We welcome all people in the Eucharistic fellowship of Christ's Body. We receive strength and encouragement at the common table to carry out Christ's work of reconciliation in our broken world. Nourished by worship and witness, learning and teaching, fellowship and service, we strive to live out the Gospel's radical values with gladness of heart.



## Phos Hilaron

We were lying on the floor watching the sunset, the gracious light. I thought it would be a good time to teach my youngest a song I've taught all my children. So I told him that when the light is fading, as the sun goes down we sing,

O gracious light, pure brightness of the ever living Father in heaven, O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed! Now as we come to the setting of the sun, and our eyes behold the vesper light, we sing thy praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Thou art worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices, O Son of God O giver of life, and to be glorified through all the worlds.

Its one of my favorite song of all time. It stands right up there with Beast of Burden by the Stones, That Crazy Little Thing Called Love, by Queen, and Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring. All these songs define something for me. The Gracious Light, or Phos hilaron defines that wonderful confluence of existential and eternal in my life.

As the sun goes down I am reminded that life is precious, fragile and likely to end at any moment. As the sun goes down I am reminded that my life is held by God, perpetually like the spinning of the worlds in God's holy imagination. As the sun goes down I am reminded that God lived a fleeting moment in the humanity of Jesus Christ. As the sun goes down I am reminded that that same Jesus is the pure brightness of God forever burning, white hot and eternal like the vastness of the starry night.

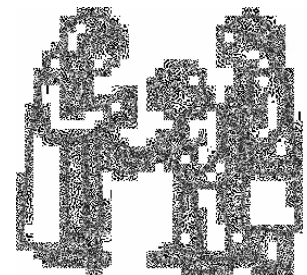
The gracious light of God seems to fade as my small part of the earth I inhabit spins eternally round and away, and back again in the new day. As darkness falls I am reminded that the life God has given me ought to be a gracious one and so I turn again to the eternal work where I try to love my family, forgive my enemies, and sing happy songs about the gracious light.

Peace,

The Rev. Benno D. Pattison,  
Rector

## Ash Wednesday Services February 21

- 11:30 a.m. Stations of the Cross
- 12:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes
- 6:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross
- 7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes



The Stations of the Cross, also known as the Way of the Cross, is a symbolic meditative journey from the time Christ was condemned to his burial.

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# Parish News

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## News From The West

Dear Epiphany,

Thank you so much for the wonderful going-away party and gifts. We were overwhelmed by your generosity. We have been able to do some things for our new home with the check you gave us, including buying a washer and dryer, adding couches for the den and paint for the dining room. The last part of your gift will be used to buy a Nativity scene that we can always keep to remember our time with Epiphany.

We are beginning to settle into our new life in Norman, Oklahoma. JoBeth and Sophia have been splitting their time on Sunday mornings between a Methodist Church in Norman and The Whirlwind Mission of the Holy Family in Watonga. Jim has been spending time—besides painting the house—between the Diocesan offices in Oklahoma City and building a community center for the Cheyenne and Arapahoe in Watonga. We have much going on besides a new job and a new home, Sophia turns three in a few days, and JoBeth is now in her second trimester and is due early August.

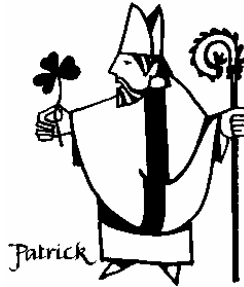
It is hard to give words to our thanks for your incredible kindness. We miss our Epiphany family very much and will always treasure our time with you.

God's Peace,

Jim, JoBeth, & Sophia

## Epiphany Go Bragh!

On Saturday, March 18, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall, the J2A group will host a pilgrimage-fund-raising St. Paddy's Day brouhaha. The J2A-ers will lead a number of activities for kids, including a hunt for leprechaun gold, a shamrock dive, and a "gang aft agley" snake drive. Benno will be there to celebrate "Christ All-Around" in the Trinitarian spirit of Patrick. Traditional Irish fare will be served, green beer will be sold, and guests are asked to please bring a side and/or dessert. Tickets will go on sale Sunday February 25th in the church foyer at \$10.00 per adult (kids under 13 free), with a \$20.00 maximum per family. All kids bring their favorite chunk of dirt for a blessing of earth, wind, and sky.



## What Would You Look Like In Vestments?

Join the Eucharistic Ministry Team and find out! We're recruiting Epiphanyites to help serve at the altar during communion. The next training session for new members will be this Saturday, February 17, from 10:30 a.m. until noon. Contact Patty Young for more information or to reserve your spot. (770.723.1793 or redstilts@yahoo.com)

## Adult Education

Sundays at 10 a.m.  
in the Parish Hall

On Feb. 25, Shirley Porter & Gretchen Maclachlan will lead us in a discussion of "How far have we come from Absalom Jones, the first African American priest in the Episcopal Church? What can we still learn and put into our individual and collective ministries."

## Family Play Group Potluck

If your family's idea of a great Saturday night includes beer mugs & breast milk, soda & sippie cups, pizza & play-doh and tacos & Thomas the Tank Engine, then we have the perfect play group for you!

Bring your family & snacks to share for a relaxed evening of food and fun!

Saturday, February 24  
5:00pm – 7:30pm  
Flood-Eustace Home  
407 Kensington Parc Drive  
Avondale Estates, 30002  
404-299-5358  
RSVP by February 20:  
Judyaeustace@yahoo.com

Directions: Take College Ave East towards Avondale. Turn Left at light onto N. Clarendon. Turn Right onto Rockbridge Rd (2nd street on right.) Stay on Rockbridge Rd for approx ½ mile and turn Right into Kensington Parc subdivision. (If you get to a 4-way stop, you've gone 1 block too far.)

## Photo Makeup Session

A make-up day for directory portrait sessions will take place Saturday, February 24, from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. A sign-up sheet is posted in the crossing hall. If you prefer not to sit for a photo, you can submit a glossy photo instead. Print submissions can be put in Gary Hauk's cubby outside the parish office.

## Epiphany GreenSpace

Welcome to Epiphany's GreenSpace. Inspired by Al Gore's compelling account of global warming, "An Inconvenient Truth," Epiphany is responding to the challenge of how to help stop our planet's gradual deterioration. Each edition of the Star will offer an energy-saving tip that Epiphanyites can incorporate into their daily lives, whether at home, work, or in play. In addition, you will find out how Epiphany is taking action within and without its four walls and how you can get actively involved in Epiphany's efforts to save Mother Earth. As one of many first steps, an Environmental Stewardship Committee has been formed, with Brenda Lloyd at the helm; if you are interested in becoming a member, please contact Brenda at [lloydbv@bellsouth.net](mailto:lloydbv@bellsouth.net).

Tip: Drive less. Walk. Bike. Carpool. Take the bus. The alarming level of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere is the primary contributor to global warming. For every mile you don't drive, you'll save one pound of CO<sub>2</sub> from being emitted. If you have to drive (and let's face it – we all need our cars at times), be resourceful – run all of your errands during the same outing, ease up on the gas pedal, make sure your car is running well and your tires are inflated, and consider a hybrid for your next car.



Recycling at Epiphany. Two 3-drawer recycling bins have been placed in the kitchen nearest the door leading into the parish hall. There are small signs on each drawer to indicate what is to go into the recycling bin: top - aluminum (cans); middle - plastics (#1, 2); and bottom – glass. The drawers rotate out about 45 degrees to allow people to put recyclables into them. To remove the drawers entirely, just rotate and lift slightly to clear a lip at the bottom. Right now there are plastic bags inside each drawer to make it easy to take the contents for recycling. Please, please, please -rinse all cans, glass, and plastics before placing in the bins. The folks who will be doing the recycling will thank you, thank you, thank you...

## Hunger Walk/Run 2007

Sunday, March 11, 2007 at Turner Field



- 12:00 Park Opens/Event Registration Begins
- 1:00 10K Certified Run
- 2:30 5K Fun Run and Walk
- 4:30 Park Closes

PARKING IS FREE! Registration begins at noon. Come early to enjoy entertainment, food and games before the races begin. Festivities conclude at 4:00 p.m. The Run and Walk are through downtown Atlanta. Click [here](#) to see a map

For over 20 years, the Hunger Walk/Run has united Atlantans of all ages and athletic backgrounds to support hunger and poverty relief. Over 6,000 participants come together each March to raise more than \$200,000.

### The Hunger Walk Helps

Six local nonprofits team up for the Hunger Walk. Together, we are reaching those in need throughout North Georgia. Walkers may choose to have a portion of their funds go directly to one of the following organizations:

Atlanta Community Food Bank  
Episcopal Charities Foundation  
Jewish Federation of Greater Atlanta  
Lutheran Services of Georgia  
Presbyterian Answer to Hunger  
St. Vincent de Paul Society

For more information please visit the Hunger Walk site at [http://www.acfb.org/projects/hunger\\_walk/](http://www.acfb.org/projects/hunger_walk/)

## February Artist- Kevin Dyer

Kevin Dyer is an artist who is passionate about creating hand painted magical icons on cast paper. The image is sculpted in wax to create a rubber mold which then receives the wet cotton pulp which is dried before painting. Icons include Celtic symbols, dragons and other dream-like images. He exhibits throughout the country and is home based in Marietta. As usual, please make checks out directly to artist, noting title or number and put in Liefy's box

## Lent 2007

By The Rev. Benno D. Pattison, Rector

I want to invite you all to a very special Lenten program this year. My friend and former colleague, Dr. John Westerhoff will be teaching our Lenten series. We will begin on February 28 at 6:30 p.m. with a simple meal (soup and bread) provided by parishioners (please sign up to bring a meal). The program will begin at 7:00 and we will finish by 8:00 each evening with prayers.

Child care will be provided so please come and bring your children to share the meal and then join us for what will be a remarkable experience as Dr. Westerhoff leads us in an exploration of

### THE CHURCH AS A STORY FORMED COMMUNITY OF FAITH

- This series will focus on the meaning of the most important days in the Christian year.
- The Role of Story in the Christian Life: An introduction to the church year.
- The 40 Days of Lent: Palm Sunday, Holy Week, The Way of the Cross and Tenebrae.
- The Vigil of Good Friday: Maundy Thursday.
- Good Friday and Holy Saturday.
- The Vigil of Easter: the 50 days of Easter.

I hope you will join us this year as we look forward to this Lent as a formative experience for our Holy Week and celebration of Easter. Story forms us all and I am delighted that John is bringing his wonderful and unique understanding narrative and story to Epiphany this year.

## Income Tax Help

Sponsored by The Regional Council of Churches Atlanta & Georgia State University.

Have Your Income Tax Returns Prepared free by IRS Certified Volunteers at City Hall East, Saturdays 10 a .m. – 2 p.m. through February 24. (Followw signs to second floor computer lab.)

To qualify for free tax preparation you must earn less than \$39,000 and have with you

- Picture ID of taxpayer and spouse, as applicable, (Government issued)
- Income documents: W2's, 1099's etc
- Mortgage interest/property tax documents 098's/car registration (Ad Valorem tax)
- Prior year income tax return if available
- Social security cards of each dependent claimed on your income tax return
- Dates of birth and relationship of each person entered on your income tax return
- Out of pocket medical expenses



To make an appointment to have taxes filed or if you are interested in volunteering: Call 404-389-0590 or email [rparsons@rccatl.org](mailto:rparsons@rccatl.org). Check [www.thebeehive.org](http://www.thebeehive.org) for a listing of all metro Atlanta VITA sites

## Burning of the Palms Liturgy & Pancake Supper



Tuesday, February 20

5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Come to the Parish Hall and eat all you want for \$3.00 per person and no more than \$12.00 per family. The Burning of the Palms Liturgy begins at 6:30 p.m.



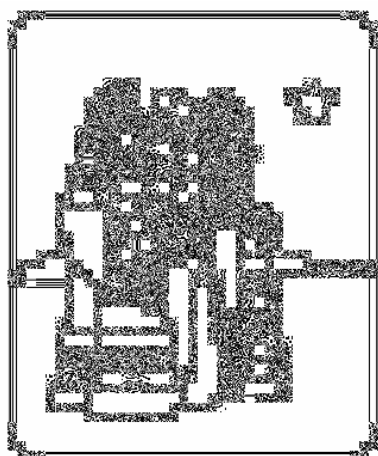
Pancake Supper brought to you by The Men's Breakfast Group

## Endowment Grants Available

In January of 2001, the Epiphany Vestry established the Endowment Fund of the Church of the Epiphany for the purposes of enhancing the mission of the Church apart from the general operation of the Parish by encouraging designated gifts such as bequests in wills, charitable remainder and other trusts, charitable gift annuities, assignment of life insurance and transfers of cash and property.

In the coming year, the Epiphany Endowment Board will initiate the grant process in conjunction with the Annual Parish Meeting. In its assessment of each grant proposal, the Board will consider the following: scholarships or grants for college, seminary, nursing or medical school, church related camping or leadership conferences or other training to grow in Christian faith and service to God's people; capital improvements, debt reduction, and building programs, outreach into the community, and projects of the Episcopal Church at home and overseas.

Application forms for grants will be available through any member of the Endowment Board or the Parish Administrator, Shea McNutt. This year all requests for disbursement must be submitted by February 20, 2007, which is 30 days following the parish meeting on January 21, 2007. The Board will review all applications for disbursement and recommend programs for support to the Vestry for funding. The Board will then notify recipients within a month of the decision. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact any member of the Endowment Board.



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## Transitions

Please make the following changes and/or additions to your parish directory and welcome our new members. Up-to-date Parish Directories are available from the office by request ([parishadmin@epiphany.org](mailto:parishadmin@epiphany.org)).

If you would like to transfer your membership to Epiphany, you may pick up a Transfer Request form in the gallery, or send your date of birth and any dates of baptism or confirmation, along with the name and address of your previous church home to the parish office.

## Transfers In

Renita Anderson  
1638 Deerfield Cir.  
Decatur, GA 30033-1429  
404.636.2443

From St. James Episcopal,  
Marietta, GA

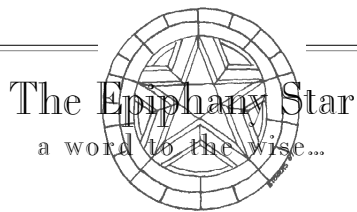
## Gregorian Spirituality Experience

"Their strength is to sit still." ~ Isaiah 30:7

What is contemplation? The word contemplation has two meanings: the first meaning is concentration or focused attention; the second meaning is "resting in God" as the mystics understood the word.

Beginning Wednesday, January 10 at 6:30 p.m., Gregorian Spirituality Experience will meet in prayer, silence, around the table and in listening to hear what the Spirit of God is saying in that still and small voice.

No matter where you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcomed to attend this weekly gathering. Come when you can as hearts and arms are open to welcome you.



The Epiphany Star  
a word to the wise...

...is a bi-weekly publication of The Episcopal Church of the Epiphany. Articles compiled and edited by the Parish Administrator, Shea McNutt. Submissions accepted via mail, fax, e-mail or hand-delivery.

*Deadline for the next issue is 5 p.m., Wednesday, February 21*

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#### Worship Schedule—Sunday

8:45 a.m. - Holy Eucharist  
11:15 a.m. - Holy Eucharist  
6 p.m. - Holy Eucharist

#### Worship Schedule—Tuesdays

7 a.m. - Rite II  
(on alternate weeks)

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## Communities Events

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### Marriage Encounter

The next Episcopal Marriage Encounter weekend for couples interested in growing closer to each other and to God is March 16-18. For details and to register, contact Ron and Connie Bergeron, 770.951.1411 or [atlantaeme@earthlink.net](mailto:atlantaeme@earthlink.net), or visit their <http://stcatherines.org/atlantaeme/>.

### Naming & Trusting Our Desires: Pathway to the Holy

Mary & Martha's Place is offering a Spring workshop on Saturday, February 17, 2007, 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., at St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church.

How can we live into the wholeness and health we seek, a life of authenticity and integrity, grounded in the Spirit? Wendy Farley will be our guide in articulating this desire within us that longs for God. She will consider activities and practices that can support us on this path.

Wendy Farley is the Associate Professor of Religion and Ethics at Emory University, and the author of *The Wounding and Healing of Desire*.

After Wendy's first presentation, there will be breakout sessions where topics can be discussed in greater depth. Then we will come back together with Wendy to further dialogue and celebrate a closing ritual.

For more information contact [maryandmartha@mindspring.com](mailto:maryandmartha@mindspring.com) or 404.239.9382.

### Ministry Fair

Plan to attend the annual Diocese of Atlanta Ministry Fair Saturday, Feb. 24, at the Cathedral of St. Philip. Hear special guest Bishop Duncan Gray III of the Diocese of Mississippi, then choose three workshop sessions from a wide variety of offerings. Register online (<http://www.episcopalatlanta.org/ministry/index.html>), print out a form, or pick up a brochure in the gallery. If you register by Feb. 18 the fee is \$20—after that, it's \$25.

### Get Connected

Did you know that the diocese sends out an electronic newsletter every Tuesday called "Connecting?" Anyone can receive "Connecting" online. If you'd like to keep up with what's going on in the diocese, you can sign up for the email at [www.episcopalatlanta.org](http://www.episcopalatlanta.org). Look for the email sign up at the bottom left-hand corner of the page. For National Episcopal news, visit [www.episcopalchurch.org/ens/](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/ens/).

## Book Group

March 12: Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close by Jonathan Safran Foer. As always, we'll be meeting at 341 Winn Way. Questions: contact Chris Kaylor at 404.525.7595 or christina\_kaylor@yahoo.com.

## Notice:

- The ECW Ladies Tea Party scheduled for Sunday, February 18 has been canceled.
- The 6 p.m. Tuesday Evening Service has been suspended until further

## For Our Prayers...

### Heal your sick servants

- Tim Gore
- Owen Moofield, infant son of Jenny & Shelly
- Marie Claire Houge, Aunt of Liefy
- Alexandra Rose, niece of Christy & Davis Petterson
- Marget, friend of Dorothy Gautier

### Rest eternal grant them

- Elizabeth marshal Keys, mother of John Keys
- Rawson, Uncle of Dorothy Gautier
- Martha Fuller, friend of Ruth Olson
- Lewis Mallory, father of Terri Mallory
- Harriet Beckham, friend of Sarah Jane Wollison

### Parishioners who desire our continuing prayers

- Betty Dangerfield
- Keith Fox
- Dorothy Gautier
- Carmen Gutierrez
- Mary Lee
- Kristen Mann
- Joey Saavedra
- Karen Swenson
- Peter Yang
- Ted Yardley
- Katharine Yntema

### Those in the armed forces

- John Thornburg, Stewart Mundy, MacLeod Patton, Anthony Baggs, Kevin Cunningham, Lt. Brett Jackson, Nicky Dykes, Shade Lawson, Layton Lane Britt, Marc Steele, and Scott Owens

### Those in prison

- David, Gene, Chris, John, and Mark

### Family and friends who request our prayers

- Gerald Fico, son of Grace Fico
- Daryl, sister of Arlen Gray
- Jane Morrison, friend of Betty Walton
- Joyce, mother of Tony Wilkey
- Martil LaCaze, aunt of Karen Swenson
- Evejean Clarke, friend of Roberta Williams
- Leah Aronowitz, friend of Kathy Walmsley
- Bruce Daily, brother of Lisa Daily
- Fred Motney, brother of Diane Wilkey
- Bill Kennedy, cousin of Rob Godsall
- Rob & Denise Swan, friends of Marjorie & Rick Timmer
- Rebecca Miller, wife of James Miller
- Pat Smith, brother of Karyn Smith
- Sean Ray, relative of Karyn Smith
- Peggy Richmond, sister of Bill Graves
- Richard Mann, father of Kristin Mann
- Ed Thompson, father of Nancy Thompson
- Alice Stephens, mother of Polly Nodine
- Kate McCary, aunt of Karen Swenson
- Ruth Golley friend of Kathy Walmsley
- Jean Martin, aunt of Erin Braden
- Patti Lloyd, sister-in-law of Brenda Lloyd
- Bryan Redd, grandfather of Liese & Sara Redd
- Ginger Lias, mother of Margaret Lias

- Mike Daily, father of Lisa Daily
- Andrew Klassen, young friend of the Wilkey family
- Katy Core & Fredia Chambers, friends of Margo Timberlake
- Clyde Fox, father of Keith Fox
- Joseph Saavedra, father of Joey Saavedra
- Patsy Smith, sister-in-law of Karyn Smith
- Howard Dean, father of Brother Aelred Dean
- Joe Vaughn, uncle of Sydney Cleland
- Penny Smith, friend of the Clelands
- Lillian Crooks, daughter of Susan & Peter
- Andrew Lowe, nephew of Maggie Ewing
- Bill McNutt, father of Shea McNutt
- Beth, sister of Chris Miller
- Donald Williams, friend of Jorge Lawton
- Peggy Trosper, mother of Lani Walsh

Prayer intentions for The Epiphany Star and for Sunday Services should be directed to The Rev. Benno D. Pattison. Please let the Parish Office know if there are any errors. Contact 404.373.8338 (ext. 14). In case of a pastoral emergency, call Benno's cell phone: 404.538.9089.

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## People & Posts

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### February 18

**Acolytes:** 8:45 - TBD; 11:15 - TBD  
**Altar Guild:** Keith Poole, Annie Strahan, Kathleen Rinehart  
**Eucharist Visitor(s):** Carmen Gutierrez & Wister Cook  
**Flower Guild:** Karyn Smith, Beth Haines  
**Greeters:** 8:45 - Martha Richoz; 11:15 - Betty Walton, Tom Democko  
**Layreaders & LEMs:** 8:45 - Shelly Moorfield, Brandon Laird, Rick Timmer, Diane Mundy; 11:15 - Irene Craig, Laura Keys, Robin Levine, Judy Urban, Bob Thompson; 6 - Pat Graves  
**Nursery:** 8:45 - Caroline & Dan Branch; 11:15 - Millie & Leighton Staggs  
**Ushers:** 8:45 - Jeff McGrath, Wallace McGrath, Maggie Lee; 11:15 - Ted Jackson, Lissa Jackson, Eric Olson  
**Vergers of the Day:** Richard Messner  
**Vestry Person of the Day:** TBD  
**Second Teller:** TBD

### February 25

**Acolytes:** 8:45 - TBD; 11:15 - TBD  
**Altar Guild:** Jerry Boyd, Ann Fowler, Anne Warner  
**Eucharist Visitor(s):** None Scheduled  
**Flower Guild:** Polly Nodine  
**Greeters:** 8:45 - Grace Fico; 11:15 - Betty Walton, Alice Cunningham  
**Layreaders & LEMs:** 8:45 - Cecilia Democko, Tom Democko, Rob Godsall, Patty Young; 11:15 - Matt Bolch, Marilynn Richtarik, Dan Mundy, Bob Kirkhuff, Diane Wilkey; 6 - Mary McKenzie  
**Nursery:** 8:45 - Nadine & John Howarth; 11:15 - Allen & Mandy King  
**Ushers:** 8:45 - Phil Bolton, Jim Biddle, Robin Levine; 11:15 - Scott Yaegle, Tom Remington, Matt Bolch, Marilynn Richtarik  
**Vergers of the Day:** Martha Rummel  
**Vestry Person of the Day:** TBD  
**Second Teller:** TBD