



THE THREE CROWNS

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Marks of Ministry



This past Wednesday morning at the 7:30 Eucharist, we joined Miriam and remembered Thomas J. Brown's birthday. This made me think, as we thanked God for his birth and life, about what I see as Thomas Brown's marks of ministry here at the Parish of the Epiphany.

I followed Jack Bishop's tenure my first time here at Epiphany. I so appreciated Jack's progressive approach to ministry, lay ministry, and parish organization. No parish that I had known or have known since rose to the Epiphany standard Jack set and remains to this day. There was a sense of community and a real sense of outreach to other communities in need.

Today, I observe that Thomas's ministry has raised the marks of professionalism even higher. The Staff all exemplify an amazingly high level of professional approach to their ministry.....plus they are fun, a joy to work with as well. In Liturgy there is a very high standard. Not a standard that restricts our worship but a standard that sets it free. This creates an environment where participants can enter in and feel comfortable. The organization of the Parish is carefully ordered and supported. Expectations of work and roles are clear and discussed so that it functions easily. And of course, Thomas's sense of Style radiates through Epiphany.

In two months we will all be welcoming this "older man" back from sabbatical. He still has a few years before his half century mark. I assume we will welcome a wiser, refreshed, and energized friend back from sabbatical. He will be ready for the opportunities and adventures of the year ahead. Returning to ministry here he will need some time for re-entry. He will have missed four months of community life. However,

Thomas will have had many enriching new experiences apart from us which he will bring with him.

Give thanks for Thomas's birth and pray for a Blessed Sabbatical time for him!

Faithfully,
Ran Chase
Assisting Priest



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Celebrating the 70th Anniversary of Louis Pitt's Ordination



Epiphany is excited to celebrate with Louis Pitt the 70th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. The 10:00am service on Sunday, 22 October has been thoughtfully planned by Louis and includes friends and colleagues who have been with him through his journey.

Please stay for the 11:15am coffee hour following the service when Louis will share reflections on his ministry among us and in Africa.



You're Invited to Join the Parish Choir



Would you like to be a part of the music at Epiphany? The adult choir rehearses on Thursdays at 7:30pm in the Upper Parish Hall and you are invited to join us. If you have ever thought about singing in the choir, now is the perfect time to give it a try. Currently Brian Jones, Director of Music Emeritus at Trinity Church, Boston is leading the choir. Craig Benner, Interim Director of Music at Epiphany, returns at the beginning of November. At that time, Craig will start up our music programs for children and youth. *Sunday Sings* after the 10:00am service will return for children and our chorister program for youth will also begin.

Keep your eye out for announcements about Evensong on 19 November, and the opportunity for high school singers to form a choir for the first Sunday of Advent in December.



New Contemplative Prayer Group



Every Thursday at 9:00am Contemplative Prayer will be offered in the Chapel. This a half hour service with candlelight and a good bit of silence. Celtic prayers will be used to center us and reflect upon. All are welcome.



FAITH
FORMATION

Thursdays with the Gospels

Thursdays at 9:30am in the Suter Room



This Bible study group meets on Thursday mornings from 9:30 to 11:00 in the Suter Room. Led by John Jenke, the group enjoys an in-depth discussion of a book of the Bible. Having recently completed all four Gospels, we are in the midst of a chronological reading of Paul's letters, beginning with those epistles scholars believe were actually written by Paul. Known for deep thinking, strong coffee, and delicious food, the group begins and ends with prayer. Friendship and learning abound. Please join us!

Contact [John Jenke](#) for further information or just drop by.



Parent/Child Playgroup Returns



Meetings resume on Friday, 13 October at 9:00am.

Epiphany's parent/child playgroup is a place for parents to learn, share, and grow together as parents while their children play.

We meet most Friday mornings 9:00 am - 10:30 am in the childcare room on the lower level. All parents, soon-to-be parents, grandparents, or anyone who enjoys a little chaos are welcome to drop by. For

more information contact [Carolyn Hughes](#).



Fellowship this Sunday at 11:15am

Join us in Hadley Hall this Sunday following our 10:00am worship for coffee and conversation. Visit with old friends and make new friends. There will be a craft table set up at the back of the hall for anyone (young or old) who wants to make ornaments to be sold at the upcoming Christmas Fair.

Next week, 15 October, we welcome the Leadership Development Initiative (LDI) & Episcopal City Mission (ECM) to the formation hour. These two vibrant organizations in our Diocese have been combined. Come hear Natalie Finstad speak about this new partnership and how they are working to train folks in parishes to help fulfill their Baptismal Covenant: "to seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbors as ourselves."



PARISH LIFE
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FAMILY CIDER FEST

Sunday, 15 October at 11:15am in the Upper Parish Hall

**All are welcome to enjoy hot apple cider and donuts.
Please come meet and connect with other families.
Children and youth are always welcome!**



Rummage Sale



Twice a year Epiphany holds a rummage sale. The time has come for the fall sale. The monies from this two-day event go to support the Parish's many outreach programs. Can you help by donating your "treasures" of outgrown clothes, toys, household items, and knick knacks? Please no tv's, computers, or books.

We also need help sorting and displaying the donations during the four days prior to the sale. There is a great sense of camaraderie among the volunteers and it's a great way to meet other members of the church. Also on Friday and Saturday during the sale, volunteers are needed to cash out patrons and help keep the room organized. Please consider supporting Epiphany's outreach efforts by volunteering at the rummage sale.

**Rummage Sale
Friday, 13 October from 5:00 - 7:00pm**

Saturday, 14 October from 10:00am - 1:00pm

General help is needed from Tuesday through Friday, 10-13 October, for sorting rummage. For more information and to sign-up [click here](#). Whatever time you can spare is very much appreciated!



Christmas Fair



You may have heard the Christmas Fair is returning this year on Saturday, 2 December from 10:00am to 6:00pm. Sara Post and Leslie Aitken are chairing, but this will not be a success without your help; as Sara says, "it takes a village to run a fair."

There will be a meeting on Tuesday, 10 October at 10:00am for those who have already agreed to be a part of the team and for those who would like to be in on the ground floor. If you have already signed-up for a committee, we hope to see you, and if you haven't signed-up yet, it's not too late to join in the fun. We are looking for a Co-Chair for the Christmas Table, Wait Staff Coordinator, Raffle Chair, and Publicity.

We will be auctioning off themed "baskets" as part of this year's fair. Could you donate a basket based on a hobby, a state, a sport, a spa theme, a garden theme, etc? We are looking for a large selection. Combine with another family to host a dinner, or a wine tasting.

Did you can or pickle this summer? We would love a contribution for the Bake Table. There is still time to knit or crochet, and the Knit Table would love your creation. If you are crafty we could use ornaments and other clever items for the Christmas Table. There will be an opportunity on Fellowship Sunday, 8 October, to create ornaments. November 7th, is Pie Day. The traditional *Three Crowns Apple Pies* will be made that night and all are invited to help. This is always a fun time together. And Thursday, 16 November is Bake Night, so get out your apron and join in. Look for sign-up sheets in Hadley Hall.

We would love to have as many people involved as possible. This will be lots of fun. We have asked a few vendors back for the fair; the former Friends of India, MeiMei's jewelry, Linda Preston's jewelry, and Christa Bennet's pottery. There will also be tables for John McConnell's paintings, and other Epiphany associated groups.

This is a great opportunity to meet other parishioners, whether you are new to Epiphany or have been here forever.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact [Sara Post](#). Join us, this will be a great way to start the holiday season!



Have You Heard

Our prayers and sympathies are extended to the family of Ruth Barton. Ruth died on 26 September and leaves behind seven children. A celebration of her life was held at Epiphany on 2 October. May Ruth rest in peace and rise in glory.

Roger Nelson, priest associate at Epiphany for many years has moved to New York. Here is his new address if you would like to keep in touch with him.
850 Amsterdam Avenue
Apt. 10B
New York City, New York 10025



Supporting Hurricane Relief



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[Episcopal Relief and Development](#) continues to pray for all those affected by hurricanes, for first responders who are conducting rescue operations, and for church communities who are reaching out to care for their most vulnerable members and neighbors.

Contributions to the [Hurricane Relief Fund](#) will help Episcopal Relief & Development support Church and other local partners as they provide critical emergency assistance to those most in need.



This Week at Epiphany

Monday, 2 October	
11:00am	Funeral for Ruth Barton
6:00pm & 7:30pm	AA
Tuesday, 3 October	
6:00pm	Pray the Parish Prayer List
7:00pm	Prayer Team Meeting
7:30pm	Property Committee
Wednesday, 4 October	
7:30am	Holy Eucharist in the Chapel
12:30pm	Women's Spirituality Group
7:30pm	Finance Committee
Thursday, 5 October	
9:00am	Contemplative Prayer
9:30am	Thursday with the Gospels Bible Study
7:30pm	Parish Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, 8 October	
8:00am	Holy Eucharist
8:45am	Fellowship
9:00am	The Word Today Lectionary Discussion
10:00am	Holy Eucharist
10:00am	Children's Worship
11:15am	Fellowship

For more information

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