

2022 Annual Parish Meeting and Presentation of 2021 Reports: Sunday Jan. 30, 2022, following the 11am Zoom worship service. We will use the same link and telephone number for the annual meeting as for worship. We will take a brief break after worship has concluded and prior to beginning of meeting. There will be no Coffee Hour after worship that day. Here is the information to join worship and/or the meeting: 1) on computer or smart device such as cell phone or tablet <https://zoom.us/j/99005230944> 2) via telephone call 1-646-876-9923 then enter 99005230944#

Annual Reports are OVERDUE to the office, IF you want your committee/group report to be included in the printed packet; please e-mail to cote@epix.net

Services at Epiphany: At this time, 8am worship at Epiphany is suspended until April. Beginning January 2, 2022 11AM worship will be offered from Epiphany. It is strongly encouraged that all worshipers join us via Zoom for the month of January as we offer Morning Prayer with Music from the Epiphany sanctuary. All are welcome to our worship! Please visit www.epiphanyglenburn.org for link/phone number of Sunday worship and printable bulletin.

Thank you for understanding as we navigate these covid waters and keep everyone of us safe.

Intercessions Jan 23-29: *Birthdays:* Bob Prye; Rachel Baildon; Nikolai Sutton; Kim Boland; Lindsey Reinheimer Loss; Mary Jo Schmaltz; Eli Bader-Saye; Sr. Teresita Kho; Emily Rancier; Ted Baildon. *For the Pygmy Ministry,* Fr. Charles & Alice their principal
For: Mo. Lou, our Priest-in-Charge, and Rev. John, our Deacon *For:* Our Vestry & Staff

Youth Readers Schedule: Jan 23 – Phoebe; Jan 30 – Thatcher; Feb 6 – Liam; Feb 13 – Nikolai

Forward Day by Days are Here! Feb-Apr Forward Day by Days are here! Regular print pew-size booklets as well as large-print books are available in the Narthex and Parish Hall. Please call the office if you want a copy mailed to you, 570-563-1564 or e-mail cote@epix.net

Lenten Study: Hello! I have been looking for a book for Lent study, which could be in person and/or online. I came across this book: *We Shall All Be Changed: Questions for the post-pandemic church.* The book is a series of short essays that encourage conversation, discernment, awareness.

If you would like to be part of a conversation, please let me know. I can set up an evening or daytime Zoom, a small gathering in a comfortable place, or someone's home. A minimum group would be 5 - 6. We can invite folks from nearby parishes, we can intermingle St. Peter's and Epiphany. We face the same challenges! The book is \$9.95 from churchpublishing.org.

<https://www.churchpublishing.org/weshallbechanged> If you want to participate, and need a copy of the book, let me know! blessings of anticipation! Mo. Lou **Lent begins Wed, March 2nd.

American Red Cross: Dangerously Low Blood Supply. ‘...the worst blood shortage in over a decade... You can help, schedule an appointment now!’ Come donate blood by Jan. 31 and you’ll receive a \$10 Amazon.com Gift Card* via email** as our special thank you for your generosity. ‘In the 60 seconds it takes the Times Square New Year’s Eve Ball to drop, 30 units of blood may be transfused to patients.’ Call 1-800-733-2767 or schedule on-line at www.redcrossblood.org

Area drives: Wed Jan 26 – PennState Scranton, 120 Ridgeview Dr, Dunmore 18512 11am-4pm

Fri Jan 28 – American Red Cross, 3 W Olive St, Scranton 18508 1-6pm

Fri Feb 11 – Clarks Summit UMC, 1310 Morgan Hwy, Clarks Summit 18411 1-6pm

Thu Feb 17 – Keystone College, Evans Hall, One College Green, Factoryville 18419, 10am-3pm

All Days & Times (not Tues & Fri) - Scranton Blood Donation Ctr, 3 Olive St, Scranton 18508

Winter Coat Giveaway: Offered by Friends of the Poor. Wednesdays 12.30-3pm and Thursdays 9.30am-12.30pm. While supplies last!! 240 E. Elm St, Scranton Pa 18505. *Weather Permitting.

Welcoming Afghans Webinar Jan.20: Episcopal Migration Ministries (EMM) will host a webinar on Thursday, Jan. 20, from 2-3 p.m. ET for those interested in learning more about how to provide support and welcome to Afghan individuals through a new sponsorship initiative. EMM's Neighbor to Neighbor program, which connects Episcopal congregations with asylum seekers for friendship and support, is now an official Sponsor Circle Umbrella under the Sponsor Circle Program for Afghans. This initiative is a partnership between the U.S. State Department and Community Sponsorship Hub, a project of Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors Inc. Register: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_95DWwA2hSLOirNCHwWj6zg?mc_cid=0e2ef07d1f&mc_eid=97b8b1dc08

Upcoming Opportunities!

* NO Qigong Group in January*

Jan 20th – 2-3pm Welcoming Afghan Refugees Webinar

Jan 23rd – 11am ONLY Morning Prayer with Music at Epiphany

3pm Holy Hootenanny @ St. Benedict's Church – Postponed to 2023!!

Jan 24th 6-8pm – Drum Circle w/ Al Cabral, Epiphany Parish Hall - \$10/person – Re-scheduled!

Jan 27th 8.30am – Check Request Fulfillment, Epiphany Office

Jan 30th – Noon Epiphany Annual Parish Meeting & Presentation of 2021 Reports

Feb 1st – Lunar/Chinese New Year: Year of the Tiger

Feb 2nd – Candlemas: Feast of the Presentation of our Lord – (and Groundhog Day too)

Feb 12th 11.30am-1pm – Monthly Food Giveaway, Benton Twp Community Bldg, Fleetville Corners

*Volunteers needed 8.30-noon, 11.00am-2pm <https://www.facebook.com/NLCFoodSharing/>

Feb 27th Sunday Meal for the Hungry @ Epiphany – To be Confirmed

Mar 1st 5-7pm – Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper – To be Confirmed

Mar 2nd – Ash Wednesday: Services at Epiphany Noon and 5pm

Mar 31st – C.A.S.U.A.L. Day 2022 – In memory of Helen Phillips, Mike Moran's mother

Apr 26th – Women's Resource Center/Domestic Violence Awareness Program at Keystone College

C.A.S.U.A.L. Day 2022 is Thursday, March 31, 2022. The Northeast Regional Cancer Institute's annual C.A.S.U.A.L. (Colon Cancer Awareness Saves Unlimited Adult Lives) Day will help raise awareness for colorectal cancer in northeastern Pennsylvania and teach individuals the importance of screening and early detection. C.A.S.U.A.L. (Colon Cancer Awareness Saves Unlimited Adult Lives) Day is a program to raise awareness about the importance of screening and early detection for colon cancer in northeast Pennsylvania. The event takes place each year at the end of March - Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month. On this day, participants dress C.A.S.U.A.L. while wearing a specially custom t-shirt (long-sleeve or short-sleeve) to promote awareness and have a casual conversation about colon cancer. In February of 2002, Helen Phillips was diagnosed with colon cancer. Less than six months later, the cancer took her life. In 2003, Helen's family and friends approached the Cancer Institute to undertake a community awareness initiative to promote colorectal cancer screening - a preventative act which might have saved Helen's life. In 2020, more than 6,000 individuals participated in C.A.S.U.A.L. Day. All proceeds stay in northeast Pennsylvania. 2022 marks 19 years of this program. \$20 donation for C.A.S.U.A.L. Day long-sleeve t-shirt or a C.A.S.U.A.L. Day performance short-sleeve t-shirt, \$5 for a face mask and \$10 for C.A.S.U.A.L. socks. T-shirt color is Kelly Green. Info <https://cancernepa.org/c-a-s-u-a-l-day-2022/>

COVID Testing Local Location: Absolute Genomics, 1300 Old Plank Rd, Mayfield Twp, PA

Appointments suggested but walk-ins are available. 1-888-544-3041. E-mail results in 24-hours.

COVID Test Kits: The gov't website to order 4 free Covid test kits is available now. You can order your kit by going to www.COVIDtests.gov There are 4 free test kits for a valid postal address. Web site is very easy to use (you will be re-directed to a USPS ordering page).

Diocese of Bethlehem, For Our Common Life: A virtual formation series (**part#3 is Thursday, February 10, 7:00-8:45pm – any parishioner is encouraged to participate**) focused on issues of racial reconciliation and the calling of the Church and our diocese to strive for justice and peace among all people. This series was born of the work and study of the diocesan Racial Justice and Reconciliation Task Force and diocesan staff. We have worked together to create a series of guided interviews with authors and speakers from across the Church that will prompt group discussions and, hopefully, ministry in our congregations and action in our communities.

Register at https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMsde-rqzLjGtS2swtkxaygEla1_wO_8S4L

Here are two videos of the interview from Session #2 (on Diocesan YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/user/DioceseBethlehem>): Part 1: <https://youtu.be/WjfVahXvvyo>

Part 2: <https://youtu.be/I36W2ECV90k> For more information and other resources, visit: www.diobeth.org/common-life Any questions, please email office@diobeth.org



Friends of the Poor Volunteers Needed at Jackson Terrace:

Good afternoon friend,

I hope the new year has been treating you well. All is well at Friends of the Poor. Our pantries are open and the warehouse is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. for donation drop off and furniture pick up.

I am reaching out today because we have an ongoing need for a volunteer at our full time pantry at Jackson Terrace, 148 Meridian Avenue in West Scranton. Volunteers are needed Monday through Friday, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. You can volunteer one day a week or multiple days. Whatever may work with your schedule. Duties involve lifting...such as stocking shelves, filling food bags, carrying food bags outside to the tables or to the clients vehicles.

All volunteers must be fully vaccinated. Masks are required and will be provide. Social distancing guidelines are followed.

Please let me know if you can help on a regular basis or as your schedule permits.

Thank you.

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Ann Montoro Williams, Stewardship Manager

Friends of the Poor Office: 570-340-6086 Cell: 570-892-8038 call or text development@fotp-ihm.org text

friends to 570-525-5956 to donate