



SEPTEMBER 2025



The first Epiphany Church Building

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

*The mission of the Church of the Epiphany is to offer a home to all
those who are seeking God's unconditional love.*



From the Vicar

For the Church of the Epiphany, this month is a time to look at the past, the present and the future.

We will celebrate the consecration of the first Episcopal church building in Crestview on September 11 with an evening Holy Eucharist at 6 p.m., followed by a reception.

This falls on the 50th anniversary of the building being consecrated by the Rt. Rev. George Murray, the first bishop of the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast. Prior to this, the congregation held services in various locations around town, including private homes, a restaurant and a library.

The church building was donated to the diocese by the people of New Bethel United Methodist Church. It was moved to the property at 424 Garden Street and made ready for use by the Church of the Epiphany. More details on this historic event can be found on page 7 of this newsletter.

Another event being planned for later in September (or perhaps early October) will be the return of the annual Harvest Festival. The Rev. De Freeman, a former vicar at Epiphany, called me recently to discuss this. I learned from Father De that the Harvest Festival is a popular event in England, which began at Epiphany when the congregation included many English ladies. I understand that an annual English tea was part of the festivities, as well as the in-bringing of food to be donated to the local food pantry to simulate the fall harvesting of crops.

In recent years, Father De brought the idea to his current parish in Fairhope, Alabama, St. James Episcopal Church. He has sent us information and suggestions on how we might revive this tradition at Epiphany. Since it has been only recently that he and I talked, the plans for the festival are still to be made (hence the uncertainty of when it might be held, but the sooner the better).

Epiphany is also progressing on a different type of project, a labyrinth. When the small shed from the northwest corner of our property was moved, an area that we could utilize opened that could be used for the benefit of the congregation and the community. Labyrinths are similar to mazes, except they are not designed to be a puzzle to navigate, but a place to meditate and find spiritual comfort.

There are several labyrinths around the diocese, including one at Beckwith Camp and Convention Center and several churches. Two of the parishioners involved in this project, Charlotte Boutwell and Ginny Bauer,

recently visited the labyrinth at St. Christopher's Church in Pensacola. They came away with some ideas for one at Epiphany. Charlotte also arranged to have bricks donated to outline the paths that will make up the labyrinth.

Coincidentally, St. Simon's-on-the-Sound in Fort Walton will be hosting a series called "Living the Labyrinth" on Sundays during September for anyone interested in learning more about the Christian Formation tool. These will be held following their morning worship services.

More on all of this will be forthcoming as plans unfold.

There are other events taking place in the diocese that should be of interest to some of you. Information on two of them can be found on page 5 of this newsletter.

The first will be on Saturday, September 6, from 7:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. St. Christopher's in Pensacola will be hosting Becoming Beloved Community – Sacred Conversions. A project of the diocesan Commission of Racial Justice and Reconciliation, this program is designed to provide insights into the causes and effects of racism. Participants will explore ways to work together. I have attended one of these workshops in the past and they are well worth attending.

Camp Beckwith will host its annual Bay Lights the weekend of September 26-28. Starting with dinner at 6:30 Friday evening, the event includes music, a BBQ lunch on Saturday, games, a silent auction, a low country boil Saturday evening, and many other activities. Meet Episcopalians from across the diocese, walk the labyrinth, stroll on the pier that stretches out over Week's Bay. If you have never been to Beckwith, this is a great opportunity to spend time at the place our bishop calls God's front yard.

More details on these and other events can be found on the Diocesan website (www.diocgc.org) under the News & Events tab.

September is also the month I will take my first real vacation in a while. My son and I are traveling north for our second baseball trip. Both of us love the game, and we'll be visiting some historic sites, Wrigley Field, Yankee Stadium, and Fenway Park, as well as the Baseball Hall of Fame in upstate New York. Meanwhile, Cathy will spend time with our daughters. I have asked other clergy to preach and be available for pastoral needs while I'm away.

A very busy September indeed.

Father David+

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Charity Spaghetti Dinner

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

Saturday September 6th from 4:30-7:00PM

@ the Knights Hall on Hwy 90 East

(701 E James Lee Blvd)



Dinner includes a generous portion of Spaghetti and hand made meatballs, a side salad, garlic breadsticks, and a tasty dessert.

Ticket Prices:

\$15 - Adults (13 years old and up)

\$10 - Youth (6 - 12 years old)

FREE - Children (5 years old & below)

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CREST FEST

2 DAYS

**SATURDAY
SUNDAY**

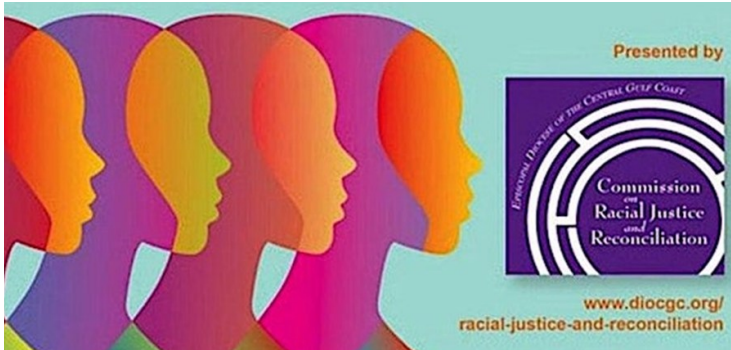
**SEPT 20
20 & 21/25**

Sat, 20 Sep, 2025 at 09:00
am - Sun, 21 Sep, 2025 at
07:00 pm Old Spanish
Trail Crestview.

Supporting the incredible
work being done by local
nonprofits, businesses,
and community members.
85% of the festival's
profits will go directly to
fund the participating
nonprofits .



News from Around the Diocese



Becoming Beloved Community - Sacred Conversations-
Saturday, September 6 · 7:30am - 4:30pm
St Christopher's Episcopal Church
3200 North 12th Avenue Pensacola, FL



September 26-28

Camp Beckwith, 10400 Beckwith Ln, Fairhope

A weekend of fun and fellowship in support of our beloved

Beckwith Camp and Conference Center

Check the Bulletin Board for further details



Property Report for July & August

There following are the projects that we have been working on; some have been completed, some are still in work, as well as some new projects requiring attention.

Completed

- ♦ The car stop bumpers in the handicap area have been painted blue to be more easily seen so as not to trip over. Thanks to Sandy Menzies for doing a wonderful job painting not only the bumpers but lines and handicapped symbols as well.
- ♦ Thanks to Michael Mazzerat for cleaning up the planter under the sign in front of the church and planting new flowers in July.

In Work

- ♦ We need to replace the handrails on the handicap ramp and front steps with sturdier handrails.
- ♦ We will be installing a peg board in the small shed in order to organization the garden tools.
- ♦ 2 window screens for the church need cleaning and installed.
- ♦ The blinds in the nursery need to be replaced with child-friendly version.
- ♦ The new doors on St. Joseph Hall and the Garage Shed will be painted when the weather cools.
- ♦ Another handicap pad is needed and will be placed on the opposite side of the church. A quote has been received and will be reviewed by the vestry.
- ♦ The proof for the new sign for the front of the church has been approved and Signs Galore is in process of making it.
- ♦ The planter with the sign in front of the church needs to be weeded as the flowers have been overgrown. Michael Mazzerat again volunteered to do the weeding in time for our anniversary celebration.

New Projects

- ♦ The Automatic door closing mechanism has come loose on the door to St. Joseph Hall by the office and needs to be repaired.
- ♦ The ladies room door in St. Joseph Hall needs repair in order to be able to be locked.
- ♦ The kneelers in the choir pews need repair.

If you would like to assist on a project, or know of something else that needs attention, please let me know.

- Maurice Phillips, Junior Warden

Epiphany Celebrates 50 Years



First Epiphany Church Building



Old Church Building Remodeled



The New Church Building

Copies of the complete history of the Church of the Epiphany are available in the parish hall.

In 1972 the newly reestablished congregation of The Church of the Epiphany petitioned the newly formed Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast to form an organized mission which was approved November of that year.

That same year, a dedicated group of communicants represented the congregation in accepting a gift of a building from the New Bethel United Methodist Church. The congregation bought the land on Garden Street (where the present church stands now), and moved the church building there.

After the building was moved, set up and inspected, it was consecrated as the Church of the Epiphany on **September 11, 1975** by Bishop George Murray.

In 1992 – 1993 The altar area was moved from the west end of the church to the east end where the entrance was then located. The entrance was moved to the northeast corner of the building.

In October 1993, Andy Tipton, Father Harry Tipton's son, completed the patio on the north side of the church. This was his Eagle Scout Service project.

On Saturday, December 22, 2001, at 2:00pm Bishop Phillip Duncan Consecrated and Dedicated our new (present) church building as the Church of the Epiphany.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE



September 7 — The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist followed by Potluck Lunch

September 11 — 50th Anniversary celebration of Epiphany as the first
Episcopal church building Consecrated in Crestview.
6:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist followed by Reception

September 14 — The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist followed by Vestry Meeting

September 21 — The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist followed by Healing Service

September 28 — The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

October 5 — The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist followed by Potluck Lunch

LECTOR SCHEDULE

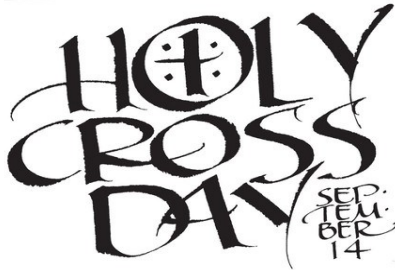


September 7 — The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
1st Reading - Ginny Bauer
2nd Reading - Melanie East

September 14 — The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
1st Reading - Missy Jones
2nd Reading - Tracy Kueczynski

September 21 — The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
1st Reading - Cathy Clothier
2nd Reading - Michele Dennis

September 28 — The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
1st Reading - Ginny Bauer
2nd Reading -



A major feast observed on Sept. 14 in honor of Christ's self-offering on the cross for our salvation. The collect for Holy Cross Day recalls that Christ "was lifted high upon the cross that he might draw the whole world unto himself," and prays that "we, who glory in the mystery of our redemption, may have grace to take up our cross and follow him" (BCP, p. 192). The themes of Holy Cross Day are powerfully expressed by the hymn "Lift high the cross" (Hymn 473).

This feast is known as "The Exaltation of the Holy Cross" in the eastern church and in missals and sacramentaries of the western church, and it is known as "The Triumph of the Cross" in the Roman Catholic Church. It was one of the 12 great feasts in the Byzantine liturgy. The 1979 BCP is the first American Prayer Book to include Holy Cross Day.

Historically, the feast has been associated with the dedication on Sept. 14, 335, of a complex of buildings built by the Emperor Constantine (circa 285-337) in Jerusalem on the sites of the crucifixion and Christ's tomb. This shrine included a large basilica and a circular church. Constantine's mother, Helena (circa 255-330), supervised the construction of the shrine, and a relic believed to be the cross was discovered during the work of excavation. Claims by the Church of Jerusalem to have the cross date from the mid-fourth century, and the pilgrim Egeria mentions a feast commemorating the discovery of the cross in Jerusalem in the late-fourth-century. This feast has also been associated with the exposition at Jerusalem of the cross by the Byzantine Emperor Heraclius (575-641). He recovered the relic from the Persians who took it from Jerusalem in 614 when they destroyed the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Although the authenticity of alleged relics of the cross may be questionable, Holy Cross Day provides an opportunity for a joyous celebration of Christ's redeeming death on a cross. See Cross; see Relics.

www.episcopalchurch.org/glossary/holy-cross-day/

NOTICE!

Many in the congregation recently received an email supposedly from Father David asking the recipient to respond to the email. This email did not come from Father David, but was an attempt at phishing. Phishing is a cybercrime in which a target or targets are contacted by email, telephone or text message by someone posing as a friend, colleague or legitimate institution to lure individuals into providing sensitive data such as personally identifiable information, banking and credit card details, and passwords. To avoid being tricked, be aware of anything even slightly suspicious in the email, such as an unfamiliar return email address. Better safe than sorry.

EPIPHANY's

BIRTHDAYS



and

ANNIVERSARIES



Jessie Warren Sep 1st
Bobby Stark Sep 3rd
Doreen Smith Sep 5th
Dan Miheich Sep 5th
Chun Bryant 8th
Amanda Spradlin Sep 9th
Sharon Lundy Sep 19th
Sandra Lukert Sep 23rd
Buni O'Brien Sep 24th
Herselie Hendrix Sep 26th
Jay Procino Sep 26th

Bill and Elizabeth Gilliam Sep 7th
Reid and Christine Wakayama Sep 24th



EPIPHANY'S FAVORITE RECIPES

COCONUT RICE *by Sheila Fahie*

(Goes great with salmon or chicken)

Ingredients:

- 1 Can Coconut Milk
- 2 Cups Uncooked Rice
- 1½ Cups Water
- Salt to taste



Directions:

1. Wash the rice several times to take out excess starch.
2. Combine coconut milk, water, and salt in a pot on medium heat.
3. Bring to a low boil.
4. Add rice and stir and bring to a boil again.
5. Reduce heat to low simmer.
6. Cover pot and simmer until rice is tender about 8-10 minutes.
7. Remove from heat let sit about 10 minutes.
8. Fluff with fork and serve.

September Trivia

Have you ever wondered how September got its name? Although it's the ninth month of the year, the name comes from the Latin word for seven. In addition, the months of October, November and December derive their names from the Latin words for eight, nine and ten, respectively. The original Roman calendar only had 10 months, but Julius Caesar added the month now called July (named after himself) and his successor as emperor Augustus Caesar added the month of August (guess who this month was named after). While this may have been confusing at first, we rarely give it a second thought today.

Please remember in your prayers:

Addice Thomas, Addison Hendrix, Adley Hipwell, Amelia Gorman,
Amy & Anthony Lehatto, Barbara Murrell, Betty Schwartzkopf,
Bill Jones, Brenda Faulkner, Buni O'Brien, Carol McCartney,
Charlotte Green, Dawn Shew, Debbie Evans, Dennis Jackson,
Donna Andrews, Eddie Stevens, Florie Angelini, Herselie Hendrix,
Janice Tyler, Jeannine Quilliams, Jeff Evans, Judy Tinsley,
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Mary Meehan, Maureen Marcotte, Michael Mazzerat, Michele Dennis,
Mitzi Purvis, Nancy Delierre, Nikole Webb, Patricia Whittle,
Phyllis Alles, Rocky Robinson, Sebert Samples, Sharon Lundy,
Susan Cole, Sybil King, Terry Algood, Tonny Algood, Ward Hendrix
and Yisrael Goldman.

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