

WEEK OF SUNDAY, APRIL 19

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Pictured above: Bagels & Beginnings Newcomers Coffee Hour

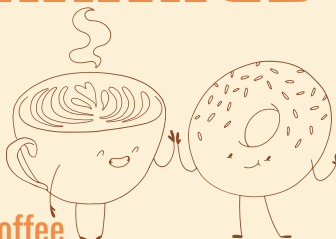
BAGELS & BEGINNINGS

**THIS SUNDAY, APRIL 19
AFTER THE 10AM SERVICE**

All newcomers to Epiphany, whether very recent or in the past year, are welcome to join our Bagels & Beginnings Newcomers Coffee Hour so you can meet other parishioners.

This is an informal time to meet other newcomers and seasoned Epiphany members while enjoying refreshments in our beautiful Memorial Garden. (If it's too hot, we'll be in the Parish Hall.)

Contact Pam with any questions at (602)686-1249 or watermanpj28@gmail.com.



Sunday at Epiphany

The Third Sunday
of Easter

Celebrant:

The Rev. Hunter Ruffin

Lay Ministers 8:00AM

Greeter:

Pam Waterman

Readers:

Acolyte:

Joe Moritz

Eucharistic Ministers:

Carol Dalton

Lay Ministers 10:00AM

Greeters:

Barbara Behrens, David Dean

Readers:

Kathy Carney, Peter Crane

Acolytes:

Diane Spillum

Eucharistic Ministers:

Ann Tebo, Nancy Keith

Music:

Dr. Miriam Hickman, Matt Flora,
Choir

A/V Ministers:

Alex Mather-Charles

Join us in-person at 8:00 or 10:00, or
online at 10:00



Creation Care Corner & Coffee Hour Update

The Easter Sunday brunch kicked off our efforts to reduce the use of single-use plastics in the Parish Hall. Thank you to Pam Waterman and her helpers for setting a beautiful buffet which incorporated bamboo utensils and aluminum cups as well as the ceramic coffee mugs. Also, thanks to everyone who attended the brunch for saving their aluminum cups for reuse. Your cooperation is essential to making this transition work.

-Amy Douglass

New this week: The metal flatware in the kitchen drawers will replace plastic ware, and paper products will replace plastic cups and plates. Please place any dirty utensils and mugs in their designated tubs near the trash bins so that they can soak and be easier to clean. If everyone helps with returning their mugs and silverware to the appropriate tubs, the cleanup process will run that much more smoothly. Extra hands in the kitchen during cleanup are always welcome. Also, it is preferred that folks bring finger-foods for coffee hour. Items that only require a napkin to serve/eat will also help cut down on use of disposables. Thanks, Epiphany!

A whimsical illustration in a classic Alice in Wonderland style. Alice, with long blonde hair and a blue dress, stands on the left. A blue teapot hangs upside down from a wooden frame. A Cheshire Cat is perched on a branch on the right. Playing cards are scattered around, including one that says "Drink ME!". Two card soldiers are at the bottom right. A butterfly is in the bottom center. The background is a light cream color with a wooden frame.

Get Your Tickets to the Annual Ladies Spring Afternoon Tea!

Saturday, May 9 @ 2pm

Each year, the women of our community don their favorite tea dresses and hats, with some even hosting beautifully set tables featuring their own china! Together, we gather to enjoy a delightful afternoon of traditional tea, sweet treats, and warm fellowship.

**Get your tickets online
by clicking here!**

Contact Pam for more info at
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or 602-686-1249

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Ladies' Tea Planning Meeting

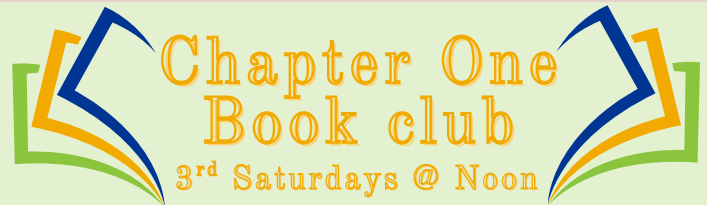
This Saturday, April 18

3pm-5pm at Pam's House

(2531 S Saratoga, near
Guadalupe and Price

(NE corner)). This is THE big planning
meeting; we will finalize all details, divide up
the preparation tasks, and wrap door prizes.

Contact Pam for more info at 602-686-1249
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Chapter One
Book club

3rd Saturdays @ Noon

Meeting This Saturday!

The April book pick is The Six by
Laura Thompson, meeting April 18.
The May book pick is Bel Canto by
Ann Patchett, the May meeting will
be May 16. If you would like to join
the book club, need the Zoom link, or
have any questions, contact Gillian
Murphy at: (480)907-4933 or
gillian@kirkyhomes.com.



Now that the Lenten
Cereal Drive is over
(again, thank you
Epiphany for 928
boxes of cereal!) we
will be collecting
donations of all staple
foods, paper products,

and personal care items every Sunday in
the grocery cart that is outside the west
Parish Hall doors. The number of our
neighbors in need that come to Matthews
Crossing for food assistance grows every
week and I don't see that changing any
time soon. So please be generous in this
season of Easter joy. Thank you.

Sunday Formation Group Starting April 26 @ 9am

Join us for a book group as we seek to deepen
our lives in Christ. The book being used is
Christian Proficiency by Martin Thornton, a
resource for those who are looking for guidance
to make further progress in their spiritual
proficiency.

Available through your preferred book retailer,
or on Amazon by clicking here.

For more information contact Father Hunter.



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Heat Relief Cooling Center @ Epiphany: Returns on May 1st

Again this year, Epiphany will host a Cooling Center from
May through September. It will be open Monday – Saturday
from 9am to 7pm in the education building. These cooling
centers provide a refuge from the intense desert heat for
people and their pets as part of a shared ministry with
Arizona Faith Network and the City of Tempe. Stay tuned for
updates and ways that you can contribute resources to our
neighbors seeking heat relief.

MEN OF EPIPHANY

(MORE FAMOUSLY KNOWN AS "MOE")

THE MEN OF EPIPHANY GROUP MEETS EVERY OTHER
MONDAY AT 7PM IN THE ED BUILDING FOR BIBLE STUDY
AND FELLOWSHIP.

THEIR NEXT MEETING IS:
MONDAY, APRIL 20 @ 7:00PM!
FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
BILLYWALTERS51@GMAIL.COM

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EPIPHANY CLASSIFIEDS

JOB OPENINGS:

Director of Music - Church of the Epiphany is seeking a Director of Music to lead and nurture our music ministry in partnership with the Rector, organist, staff, and choir. We are looking for a person of both professional musical skill and lived Christian faith — someone who understands music not merely as performance, but as a ministry of prayer, formation, and communal life. Responsibilities include selecting and leading hymnody, psalmody, and choral music for weekly 10 AM services and principal feasts; directing weekly choir rehearsals; hiring instrumental musicians for major holy days; and planning the full liturgical music calendar from August through summer. Check out the full job description, share it with a friend, or submit your application [by clicking here!](#)

Director of Youth & Children Ministries - A lay position tasked with coordinating, developing, implementing, and overseeing the ministries for children and youth at Church of the Epiphany-Tempe with an emphasis on age-appropriate Christian formation offerings. Check out the full job description, share it with a friend, or submit your application [by clicking here!](#)

Got something for the classifieds section? Email it to christian@epiphanytempe.org by the Monday of the week you'd like to get it on here!

Cards for Matt Terry

As many of you may know, Matt's wife Anne passed away unexpectedly early in April. Matt and Anne both worked with our youth and younger kids many years ago.

Anne was our Church School director for a while, Matt was our lead tenor in the choir, and many other things over the years. Matt was also the soloist at Jessie Williams' funeral.

If you would like to send Matt a card during this difficult time, please bring them to the church office and we will be mailing them to him in the coming weeks.

Diocesan Confirmation 2026

The Diocese of Arizona and Bishop Jennifer Reddall are pleased to invite you to our Diocesan Confirmation service:

Trinity Episcopal Church
on Saturday, May 16th, 2026,
beginning at 10 am.

If you are interested in being confirmed at this service, please contact Father Hunter at hunter@epiphanytempe.org or by calling the church office.

This Week's Prayers

We are all invited to pray for these people in our personal prayers throughout the week.

- **Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Church of the Province of Myanmar and Burma
- **Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** Saint Andrew's - Tucson
- **Parish Cycle of Prayer:** Leslie Lay, Leslie Evans, Jack Waterman, Jane Slaughter, Anne Dunning
- **Parish Prayer List:** Ann, Barbara, Bill & Lynda, Brady, Brandon, Carol & Frank & Allen, Carol & Walt, Connie & Kathy, Cooper, David, Ellen & Richard, Imogen & the Greaux family, Jack & Pam, Jillian, Judith, Katie, the Landin family, Linda & John & family, Lou, Lynda, the Martinez family, the Sharp family, Susan & Stuart, the Ruiz family, Tony, Wanda

This Week at Epiphany

- **Sunday, April 19-** ~Bagels & Beginnings after the 10am service in the Memorial Garden. ~Vestry Meeting at 12:15pm in the Farmhouse. ~HELIOS Concert at 3pm in the Church. ~A.A. at 4pm in the Parish Hall. ~Being With: Regular Course at 5pm in the Farmhouse. ~Al-Anon at 5:15pm in the Parish Hall.
- **Monday, April 20-** ~Morning Prayer at 9am in the Chapel. ~A.A. at 6pm in the Parish Hall ~ Men of Epiphany Meeting at 7pm in the Ed. Bldg.
- **Tuesday, April 21-** ~Morning Prayer at 9am in the Chapel. ~A.A. at 6pm in the Ed. Bldg. ~Men's A.A. at 6pm in the Church.
- **Wednesday, April 22-** ~Eucharist at 10am in the Chapel. ~Discipleship Group at 11am in the Farmhouse. ~Being With: End of Life Course at 6pm in the Farmhouse. ~Men's A.A. at 6:30pm in the Ed. Bldg.
- **Thursday, April 23-** ~Morning Prayer at 9am in the Chapel. ~Business Networking International Meeting at 9am in the Parish Hall. ~A.A. at 6pm in the Parish Hall. ~Choir Rehearsal at 7pm in the Church.
- **Saturday, April 25-** ~Al. Anon. at 4pm in the Parish Hall.

Vestry Leadership

Jan Wagner – Senior Warden
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Pat Blackman

Kathy Carney

Beth Hunt

Johnny Sullivan

Barbara Peterson

Alex Mather-Charles

Floyce Chavez

Clergy & Staff

The Rev. Hunter Ruffin – Rector
hunter@epiphanytempe.org

The Rev. Martha Seaman – Deacon

The Rev. Tamara Noel – Deacon

The Rev. Canon Steve Schaitberger –
Seasonal Assisting Priest

The Rev. Dr. Corey Meier – Assisting Priest

Dr. Miriam Hickman – Organist, Pianist

Matthew Flora – Choir Director

Jeanne Trembeth – Sexton

Nellie Lichtenstein – Nursery Attendant

Christian Rodriguez-Ortiz – Parish
Administrator & Assistant to the Rector
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