

# GOOD NEWS

FROM  
EPIPHANY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## An Answer to Our Prayers!

After all your thoughtful prayers and unending patience, our Heavenly Father has answered our call for a spiritual leader. Your Vestry is pleased to announce that we have found our new Priest-in-Charge.

Father Rick O'Brien will begin serving as Epiphany's Priest-in-Charge under Special Circumstances on March 1, 2016. We have been very fortunate to find just the right person to lead Epiphany in the next part of our journey to know Christ and to make Christ known. Father Rick will begin with us on a part time basis initially and will be transitioning into a full time role in April of 2017, with the intent of becoming Rector at Epiphany Episcopal Church.

Father Rick has lived in the Las Vegas area for 8 years, and he is very familiar with the unique challenges we face as a parish in the Las Vegas Valley since he has served as an Associate Priest at Christ Church since 2013. He has an extensive background in the corporate world and brings with him the organizational skills that will benefit Epiphany as we grow and spread our ministries throughout our new neighborhood. Initially, Father

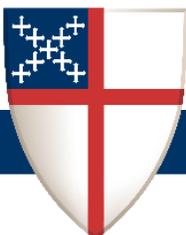
Rick will be splitting his time between Epiphany and his current position as a Regional Vice President with an insurance company.

We know every member of the Epiphany family will welcome Father Rick, his wife Jennifer, and their sons and give them the time they need to get to know us individually and as a parish. Our prayers have been answered and we now have a priest that we can call our own - Praise be to God!



### A Note from Father Rick

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ to all of my brothers and sisters at Epiphany. I am both pleased and humbled by the faith that the Bishop and your vestry have shown in naming me as your Priest. I look forward to hearing your stories and sharing in our mutual ministry at Epiphany. God has plans for us, and I am excited to see how we can live into those plans together.



Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers and that Jen and I can't wait to meet you all in March!

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## Shrove Tuesday....Prayer, Pancakes, and Palms

Shrove Tuesday celebration at Epiphany not only filled people's hearts with faith but also their bellies with pancakes. The high school students did a wonderful job of making dozens of pancakes in a variety of flavors for more than 50 people. As is tradition, pancake races were held not only for the kids but for the grown ups too! Lastly, but certainly not least, the palms collected from parishioners were burned for use the following day, Ash Wednesday.





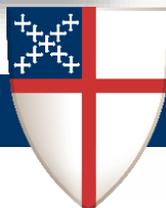
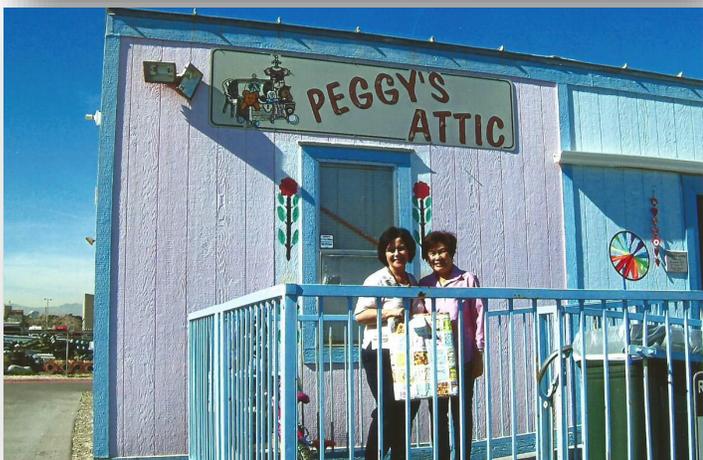
### Teaching Our Children

This month, the children in Church School got a hand's-on, interactive lesson about the Temptation of Christ. Each child got the opportunity to role play via puppets as either Jesus or the devil. The kids were able to say "No Way" when the devil tempted Jesus. Instead, they learned that Jesus knelt down and prayed to God by saying "Help me to do what you want, not what the devil wants." The theatrics ended with the devil shaking his fist and leaving angrily and Jesus saying "Thank You God, You saved me from the devil."



### A Bounty of Baby Blankets

Thanks to **Edna Morford, Mary Kay Klausner and Eileen Schifano**, more than 100 hand-made baby blankets have been donated in Epiphany's name this year. The blankets were blessed by Father Wallis on February 7<sup>th</sup> and delivered to UMC Children's Hospital, Peggy's Attic for Child Haven, and Mountain View Hospital. This has been an ongoing ministry for the past six years but there never seems to be enough blankets to meet the needs of the organizations. Additional volunteers are needed to make more blankets! Anyone wishing to join this ministry should contact Edna Morford.





The Church School kept up with its always rewarding fundraiser by selling \$349 worth of lollipops to pay for lunches for children in Haiti who are still suffering from the effects of the earthquake in 2010. Great job kids!



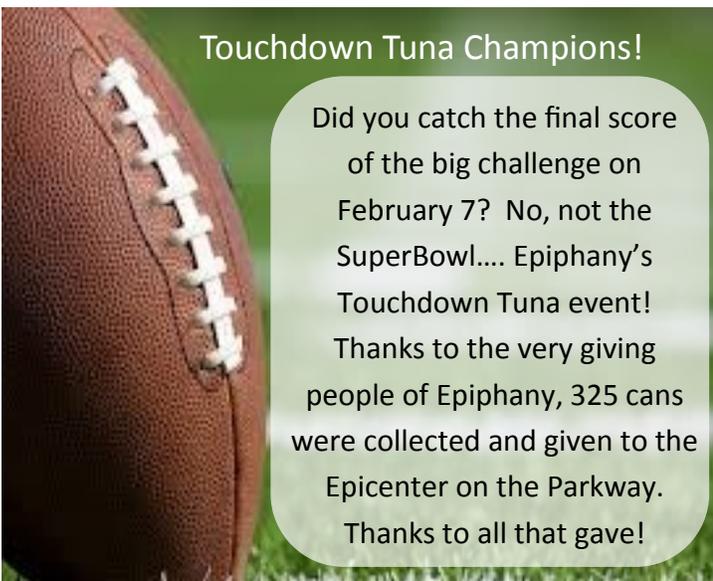
We were so grateful for having Bishop Dan Edwards preside over Epiphany's service for Ash Wednesday.



*let's celebrate!*

Join us after the 10 am service on March 6th in celebration of Father Rick O'Brien's arrival!

Hot Dogs and chips will be served



### Touchdown Tuna Champions!

Did you catch the final score of the big challenge on February 7? No, not the SuperBowl.... Epiphany's Touchdown Tuna event! Thanks to the very giving people of Epiphany, 325 cans were collected and given to the Epicenter on the Parkway. Thanks to all that gave!

### You Want Me To Do What?!?

Did you know that many people decide to go to a new church based on its reviews on-line? Unfortunately, Epiphany is really lacking in this area. We need your help! Please visit the following websites and let others know how much you enjoy being part of the Epiphany family.

<https://www.facebook.com/nvepiphany/reviews/>  
<http://www.yelp.com/biz/epiphany-episcopal-church-las-vegas>

# HOLY WEEK

## AT EPIPHANY



**PALM SUNDAY**  
MARCH 20 - 8 & 10 AM  
THE REV. RICK O'BRIEN



**MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
MARCH 24 - 7 PM  
THE REV. RICK O'BRIEN



**GOOD FRIDAY**  
MARCH 25 - 7 PM  
THE REV. RICK O'BRIEN



**HOLY SATURDAY**  
LABYRINTH & QUIET TIME  
MARCH 26 - 9 AM- 12 PM



**EASTER SUNDAY**  
MARCH 27 - 8 & 10 AM  
THE REV. RICK O'BRIEN



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**Deacon: The Rev. Sam Morford**

### Vestry 2016

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**March's Food Donation is....**  
**Rice and Vienna Sausages!**

The Epicenter on the Parkway's food bank is in need of rice and vienna sausages (the kids love them as an after school snack).

**Please bring these items**  
**by Sunday, March 7th.**

Long Grain, Short Grain...  
When You Give, We All Gain!



**Be a winner...  
donate some wieners!**