

Happy weekend, everyone! What a great run of beautiful weather we have been enjoying. Hopefully, we'll get some rain for our farmers, gardens and to mitigate any wildfire dangers. Please pray for the people out west who are already up against that seemingly annual threat.

This week's newsletter is coming to you via the weekly eblast from our pinch-hitting office manager, Dolores Kampert. It will be listed in her links and – if you are reading this, I guess you have figured it out! Special thanks to Dolores for helping in SO many ways around the church. She is doing service booklets, answering phones and helping in many other ways. Her family is donating time and material to a complete remodel of the outer office. How blessed we are to have the Kamperts and Allords at St. Philips!

I also want to offer a word of thanks to Pam Patyk, our senior warden. In addition to helping behind the scenes in various ways, Pam remains a steady source of wisdom, support and guidance to your Rector and Deacon as we steer the ship. Her faith and wisdom are a real gift to us. Oh – and she has excellent taste, too! Check out the new chairs in my office. They are beautiful! Pam purchased them for \$20 apiece – even though they look like she spent \$200! Thanks, Pam!

We also need to thank Jack Notzen, Bob Duer, and Ginger Knowles for their considerable help around the office in this interim period. It's good to know we have so many great helpers!

### **Around the church...**

Just about everything you need to know concerning regularly scheduled events is already in the eblast. I won't repeat them here. But there are a few points I need to bring out:

- THANK YOU to everyone who came out to support Grace Horner and her family during the memorial for her Dad. It was a beautiful service of remembrance and Grace's eulogy was deeply moving. Even more touching was the rendering of taps and the presentation of the American flag in honor of Gene Horner's military service. To see Deacon Dan (an Air Force veteran) present the flag and to watch Mike Livingston (an Army veteran) salute so reverently gave me chills. We thank God for Gene Horner's service and for ALL our wonderful veterans.
- I also want to thank Linda Smith and the hospitality team for coordinated a lovely reception prior to the service. The treats were delicious!
- I am presently in conversation with Rev. Courtney Reid in the Diocesan office about bringing "Fierce Conversations" to St. Philip's. I know – it sounds scary. We don't want to be fierce; we want to be gentle! But *Fierce Conversations* is actually a time-tested program aimed at helping Christians communicate important, personal stories and information in safe, respectful ways. In talking about the program, I have discovered that Deacon Dan and a couple of lay people at church have, at different times, been a part of "Fierce Conversations" training – and they speak very highly of it. Stay tuned for more information!

### **Prayer Requests and Notes of Praise...**

First, a word about how we do prayer requests: ALL requests – for you, your immediate family, friends, co-workers, neighbors and situations in the world – are prayed for by way of this newsletter AND in our parish Book of Intentions. Requests for anyone are mentioned once during the Sunday Prayers of the People and then they are moved to this list and the Book of Intentions. That's mostly for the sake of brevity on Sunday. We are working on ideas for keeping the parish Prayer Chain notified, too. There are some parishioners who cannot come to church and do

not have internet but still want to pray. As always, if you wish to be dropped from the Prayers of the People or if you believe you were dropped in error and you want to be added, please let the office know.

This week, I invite your prayers for...

- The process of getting a new office manager. We are still searching for the right person. We almost had someone set to take the job but the deal fell through. So, keep praying for God's will in this situation.
- All those who are traveling this summer and the construction crews that will be working on our roads and bridges. Pray for safety!
- Give thanks for the anniversary of Karen and Jeff Cappello! May the Lord bless the two of you with many more years of happiness together.
- And we also give thanks for the birthdays of Danny Purcell and Laura Raymond. May God bless you both!
- Continue to pray for peace in our nation and world. Ask the Lord to raise up peacemakers who will help end violence, hatred and war.
- Give thanks that Aubrey Hercules was able to come to church this past Sunday and give a great report about Carol's health! We hope to see her soon, too!
- And please pray for all those with ongoing needs, be they physical or circumstantial. Pray for Jill Hill; Ken and Janie Jossen; Kim McDonald; Linda Purcell; Michelle Webb; Bob and JoAnn Miller; Kurth Horner; Fr. Tom Janiec; Fr. Henry Randolph; Bishop-Elect Paula Clark; Andreas Kistner; Lillian Conway; Levi Tsu and his family; Tim Zierer; Sarah McCready; Molly and her parents – Laura and David; Christina Guzman; Kelly Scolnick; Peggy and Don; Aury; Marge and Faye.

In the wider Church, please pray for...

- The ministry and programs of Episcopal Church Women
- St. James Episcopal Church in West Dundee and Fr. Don Frye
- St. Mary's Coptic Orthodox Church and its clergy: Fr. Yohanna Meshreki; Fr. Morcos Daoud and Fr. David Hanna

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One of the happiest days of this year for me came a little over a month ago as Lisa and I drove into downtown Chicago and toured the Chicago Art Institute. It is not to be missed! I can't believe I lived in the Chicago area from 1983-88 and from 2010 until now without seeing it. Even living in Fort Wayne, I was only 3.5 hours away! It's an amazing experience and well worth the price of admission and parking.

So, in honor of the Art Institute – and in honor of the many talented visual artists at St. Philip's (Andy Obara, Pat Lowe, Marg Duer, Karen Porzak, Bev Harrell and – did I miss anyone? Let me know. Don't hide your talent under a bushel!) – I thought this week's quiz should be about art. You ready? Answers will be at the end of the newsletter.

1. This artist is famous for her close-up perspective painting, usually of flowers. (Grandma Moses; Georgia O'Keefe; Rosa Bonheur; Frida Kahlo; Mary Cassatt)
2. Auguste Rodin is best known for this sculpture... (The Thinker; Ecstasy of St. Teresa; Venus De Milo; David; Fearless Girl)
3. Thomas Nast was an American caricaturist who became enormously popular during the Civil War. He is often called the father of the American cartoon. His work also lampooned corruption in what

institution? (Congress; the meat-packing industry; the Catholic Church; Tammany Hall politics in New York; the oil industry)

4. Bombers from Nationalist Spain, Nazi Germany and Fascist Italy laid waste to the Basque city of Guernica in April of 1937. What famous painter depicted the tragedy in his most unusual style? (Andy Warhol; Salvador Dali; Antoni Tapies; Francisco de Goya; Pablo Picasso)

5. Which period in art history has a French name meaning “rebirth”? (Baroque; Renaissance; Rococo; Cubism; Art Nouveau)

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### **This Week in Christian History...**

➤ On June 13<sup>th</sup>, 1525: German reformer, Martin Luther, formerly a monk, marries Katherine von Bora, formerly a nun, who had escaped from her convent in a fish barrel.

➤ On June 14<sup>th</sup>, 340: St. Basil succeeds to the see of Caesarea where he becomes famous for innovations such as hostels, hospitals, and soup kitchens.

➤ On June 15<sup>th</sup>, 1692: In response to a query from Salem leaders regarding trial procedures, Cotton Mather and eleven associates sign a statement on witchcraft that shows their literal belief in the claims coming out of the Salem witch trials.

➤ On June 16<sup>th</sup>, 1833: John Henry Newman, while traveling on a ship from Italy to France, pens the words to the hymn, “Lead Kindly Light Amid the Encircling Gloom.”

➤ On June 17<sup>th</sup>, 1855: James Theodore Augustus Holly, an African-American, is ordained as a deacon at St. Matthew’s Church, Detroit.

Nineteen years later, he will become the first African-American missionary-bishop of the Episcopal Church (for Haiti).

➤ On June 18<sup>th</sup>, 1546: Judges under King Henry VIII sentence Anne Askew to be taken to Smithfield and burned for her views against the doctrine of transubstantiation. The sentence will be carried out the following month.

➤ One June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009: The Ecuadorian Christian and Missionary Alliance celebrates with U.S. and Canadian missionaries in Guayaquil, Ecuador. Pastor David Muthre, president of the national church, gives thanks that one hundred and twelve years earlier, George Fisher, J. A. Strain, and F. W. Farnol undertook the evangelization of Ecuador, followed by other Alliance missionaries, including Homer Criswell, who, in 1922, built the first evangelical church in Quito despite fierce opposition.

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### **News Briefs...**

(CHICAGO) -- As Illinois moves to Phase Five of the state reopening plan, Standing Committee President Anne Jolly and the Rev. Courtney Reid, the diocese's director of operations, have released diocesan congregations from COVID-19 restrictions. "With the announcement by Governor Pritzker on June 11 that Illinois is now in Phase Five, we believe it is time to begin moving carefully into our new normal," their letter reads. "Effective today, we release you from the expectation of restrictions imposed by diocesan guidelines, and instead ask that you and your leadership work together to discern prayerfully and thoughtfully the guidelines you will put in place for your own community." The letter asks congregations to refrain from using the

common cup and common loaf of bread for communion and recommends that they continue to require masks while singing.

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(VATICAN CITY) -- Pope Francis demanded this week that humanitarian aid reach hungry people in the war-torn Tigray region of northern Ethiopia, where Ethiopian and Eritrean soldiers are blocking food deliveries and other assistance. Francis called for an immediate end to the fighting in Tigray, the return of social harmony and for “all food aid and health care assistance to be guaranteed.” The Holy Father said he was thinking of the people of Tigray who have been “struck by a grave humanitarian crisis that has exposed the poorest to famine. Today there is famine! There is hunger!” The United Nations and aid groups say more than 350,000 people in Tigray face famine and 2 million more are a step away from the worst famine since 2011 in Somalia. Farmers, aid workers and local officials say food has been turned into a weapon of war, with soldiers blocking or stealing food aid. More than 2 million of Tigray’s 6 million people have already fled, unable to harvest their crops. The war in Tigray started in November, shortly before the harvest season, as an attempt by Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed to disarm the region’s rebellious leaders. On one side are guerrillas loyal to the ousted and now-fugitive leaders of Tigray. On the other are Ethiopian government troops, allied troops from neighboring Eritrea and militias from Ethiopia’s Amhara ethnic group who see themselves as rivals to the Tigrayan guerrillas.

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Here are the answers to this week's quiz...

1. Georgia O'Keefe
2. The Thinker
3. Tammany Hall
4. Pablo Picasso
5. The Renaissance