

Happy Weekend friends!

I hope this week's newsletter finds you well and enjoying many blessings. Please know that St. Philip's is open for business and firing on all cylinders. You are more than welcome to attend in person if you are comfortable with larger groups. If you're still a bit wary of going out, we offer our services on Zoom. Just contact the office or Ginger Knowles for the link. Here are some things to know:

- Worship is at 9:30 on both Sunday and Tuesday
- You are welcome to receive the host and the wine at communion, or just the host.
- We are NOT drinking from the chalice. We ask all those who want wine to intinct – that is, to keep the wafer you are given and dip it in the wine as the chalice bearer offers it. Communing in one kind (host only) is as spiritually efficacious as communing in both.
- At the peace, you are free to hug and shake hands if you're comfortable with it. If not, no one will be critical. A bow, peace sign or elbow-bump is fine. And nothing beats a warm smile!
- You are encouraged to sing! If you have not been vaccinated, we ask you to wear a mask for singing and to maintain physical distance. Nearly everyone at St. Philip's has had the vaccination.

Other News from St. Philip's...

- We have an office manager! Marinelle Glickauf will begin work at St. Philip's the first week in August. She comes to us from First United Methodist Church of Palatine and has a terrific resume for administrative and office work. Marinelle's office hours will be very similar to Diane's (exact hours are TBD). I'm

sure she will be featured in an upcoming edition of The Epistle, so I won't steal their thunder. We just give thanks that we have filled this important position.

- Be sure to thank our Senior Warden, Pam Patyk, as well as Marg Duer and Ginger Knowles for the heavy lifting they did in recruiting and interviewing candidates to head this important ministry. It IS a ministry to be sure!
- Also, let's give enormous thanks to Dolores Kampert. Not only has she excelled in pinch-hitting for Diane, she also had the excellent idea to advertise our open position on social media. Dolores, you and your family are the gift that keeps on giving. I am so thankful God brought you to us!
- Our former Office Manager, Diane Dugovic, writes that she has found a home in the town of Surprise, Arizona. I'm sure her letter will make its way to you via the Epistle or an old-fashioned bulletin board. Suffice to say, Diane is living the dream. It sounds like an absolutely wonderful place. I may have to investigate this for my eventual retirement! Diane, we're so glad you're happy and we send you all our love and prayers. We still miss you and we will always miss you, our dear friend and partner in ministry.
- Mark your calendar for September 26th. Our guest preacher will be the Rev. Courtney Reid from the Diocese of Chicago. After the service, Courtney will join us for coffee hour and give an introduction to "Fierce Conversations" – an intentional effort aimed at improving interpersonal communication skills. It's been used at the diocese for some time and many parishes

now employ it. A number of people from St. Philip's are familiar with it and recommend it. Please join us!

- I am presently planning to take some vacation time in the fall. During the pandemic, I chose not to take any vacation days because I felt we needed some sense of continuity. Plus, where could one go when everything is shut down? Ha! But I'll be letting you know about my time off soon. Please know that whenever I am gone, I will secure supply clergy for Sundays and Tuesdays. Deacon Dan is always available for any pastoral care needs. And should someone need a priest in an emergency, I will have one or two names and numbers for you.

Please consult the weekly eblast (which this newsletter is linked from) for other specific times and dates of importance.

Prayer Concerns and Thanksgivings...

- Please pray for the Rev. Elizabeth Jameson, her husband and family. Elizabeth is the former rector of St. Simon's in Arlington Heights. The Jameson's 18-year-old daughter died by suicide earlier this week. I'm not sharing anything that is confidential. A letter was sent out by the new rector, asking St. Simon's members for their prayers. Pray for the repose of the soul of Abbott "Bee" Lee Butler. Prayer for Elizabeth, Jim, Wallace and all at St. Simon's who knew and loved this dear young woman. Pray for Rev. Jenny Hulen as she shepherds her flock through this extremely difficult time.
- With a truly heavy heart, I am sad to inform you of the death of Norma Cappello. Norma was a member of St. Philip's for some

time until she moved back to Pittsburgh many years ago. She would still join us every Christmas Eve. I only knew Norma in this way and found her to be a truly delightful person. Many of you knew her from her time as a member of the church and I am sure you are particularly grieving this loss of a dear friend. Most of all, our hearts are with Jeff and Karen Cappello during this difficult time. We love them both SO much. Just like Norma, they have made church a central part of their lives and have been a great blessing to all. Please pray for the repose of Norma's soul and pray that Jeff and Karen will sense the Lord's tender and loving presence.

- There is good news, too. We give thanks that Kim McDonald returns home from her rehab stint today. She seems to be doing better but I am sure she still covets your prayers and would welcome calls, cards and maybe a visitor or two.
- Continue to pray for Bishop-Elect Paula Clark. She is fully recovered from a brain injury and is doing very well. Rev. Clark will be consecrated as our next bishop on August 28th. Presiding Bishop Michael Curry will celebrate and The Rev. Mariann Budde of the National Cathedral will preach. The event will be streamed live on the diocesan web site and on You Tube. Pray, not only for Bishop-Elect Clark's physical health, but for the anointing of the Holy Spirit on her ministry. She is going to be a wonderful pastor to our diocese!
- Pray for all those affected by wildfires. The National Fire Agency reports large, severe blazes in 12 states – many of them with multiple fires. It is particularly bad in Idaho and Montana at

present. May God help the firefighters and rescue teams. And may He protect all the people in the path of the flames.

- Pray for the victims of severe flooding in Germany and throughout Europe.
- This is an appropriate time to give thanks to the Lord for Palatine's firefighters, medical first responders and police officers. May God keep them safe and help them to do their life-saving work in His way.
- Pray for peace and justice to reign in our own wonderful country. And in Haiti, Cuba, Yemen, Syria, Ethiopia, Sudan, South Sudan and Myanmar. Think about adopting a different trouble-spot each week and hold the people of that nation in your prayers. As you pray for an end to unrest and violence, pray also for the Gospel of our Lord to go forth and prosper around the globe.
- Give thanks for St. Philip's wonderful altar guild and for Bonnie Wigger-Kistner, who runs this ministry so beautifully.
- Pray for and give thanks for those celebrating birthdays this week and, in the week to come. Thank you, Lord, for Kathryn Jones, Mike Livingston, Jack Swichtenberg, Andy Kistner and Bob Purcell.
- And we also give thanks for the anniversary of Ken and Janie Jossen, who are celebrating 55 years! You guys are a testimony to all of us about what love looks like. God bless and keep you both.
- Let's continue to pray for all those with ongoing health or other needs. We pray for Roberta Butler; Jill Hill; the Miller's; the Jossen's; Andreas Kistner; Linda Purcell; Fr. Tom Janiec; Fr. Henry Randolph; Lillian Conway; Christina Guzman; Levi Tsu and his parents; Molly and her parents – David and Laura; Joe and Toni

Saladino; Tim Zierer; Kelly Scolnick; Sarah McCready; Kurth Horner; Peggy and Don; Marge; Aury and Faye.

In the wider Church, please pray for...

- Bishop Todd and Rev. Patsy McGregor as they have returned to the US to continue their ministry. After 30 years in Madagascar, the McGregors are working stateside now with the Society of Anglican Missionaries and Senders or, "SAMS". May God continue to bless their work and provide for their needs.
- St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Barrington Hills. Pray also for their rector, Fr. David Gibbons and their deacons, the Reverends Judy Heinrich and Newt Carpenter.
- St. Theresa's Catholic Church and their large pastoral and diaconal staff.

This Week's Quiz...

...is about women in the Bible. How well do you know them?

1. This woman said to her mother-in-law, "Where you go, I will go. Your people shall be my people and your God shall be my God."
(Martha; Phoebe; Ruth; Miriam; Eve)
2. Who drew baby Moses out of the waters of the Nile? (Esther; Pharaoh's daughter; Naomi; Potiphar's wife; Zipporah)
3. She was John the Baptist's mother... (Mary; Euodia; Rahab; Joanna; Elizabeth)
4. Who was the mother of King Solomon? (Bathsheba; Abigail; Michel; the Queen of Sheba; Deborah)

5. Jesus seems to have gently chided this woman for being “troubled about many things”. Who was she? (Mary; Tabitha; Chloe; Martha; Rebekah)

BONUS: St. Paul mentions numerous women in his many letters. One of them he calls “outstanding among the apostles”, leading to the now widely held belief that, even in the early church, women were bishops and priests. What is her name? (Priscilla; Lois; Junia; Tabitha; Ruth)

Answers are at the end of the newsletter.

Today in Christian History...

- On July 11th, 1681: Oliver Plunkett, Archbishop of Armagh, is executed, on the accusation of treason because of his Roman Catholic faith. He becomes the last Catholic in England put to death for his faith.
- On July 12th, 451: Because of clashes between Christian factions, Roman Emperor Marcian issues a law against brawling in churches and against holding meetings in private houses or in the streets.
- On July 13th, 1917: Three children in Fatima, Portugal, report seeing visions of the Virgin Mary. The apparition gives them letters to take to the Pope.
- On July 14th, 1558: Bishop Bonner has Robert Miles, Stephen Cotton, John Slade, Robert Dynes, William Pikes, and Stephen Wight burned at the stake. The case is especially notorious because the six had been guilty of no more than praying and reading the Bible while no longer considering themselves Catholics.

- On July 15th, 1852: The first Hawaiian missionaries set sail for the Caroline Islands with a letter of greeting from King Kamehameha III to all the chiefs of the islands of the Pacific urging them to receive the missionaries kindly, renounce idols, and worship the true and living God. Revival had come to Hawaii and its people were eager to share the gospel.
- On July 16th, 1769: Father Junipero Serra celebrates High Mass before a hewn wooden cross at San Diego, where he opens the first of nine missions in California. Other Spanish priests from his mission will open twelve more.
- On July 17th, 1836: Death of William White, American patriarch of the Episcopalians. It was White who coined the name 'Protestant Episcopal' for the American church when it separated from the Church of England.

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News Briefs...

(VATICAN CITY) -- Pope Francis cracked down today on the spread of the old Latin Mass, reversing one of Pope Benedict XVI's signature decisions in a major challenge to traditionalist Catholics who immediately decried it as an attack on them and the ancient liturgy. The Associated Press reports that Francis reimposed restrictions on celebrating the Latin Mass that Benedict relaxed in 2007, and went further to limit its use. The pontiff said he was taking action because Benedict's reform had become a source of division in the church and been exploited by Catholics opposed to the Second Vatican Council, the 1960s meetings that modernized the church and its liturgy. Critics said

they had never before witnessed a pope so thoroughly reversing his predecessor. That the reversal concerned something so fundamental as the liturgy, while Benedict is still alive and living in the Vatican as a retired pope, only amplified the extraordinary nature of Francis' move, which will surely result in more right-wing hostility directed at him. Francis, 84, issued a new law requiring individual bishops to approve celebrations of the old Mass, also called the Tridentine Mass, and requiring newly ordained priests to receive explicit permission to celebrate it from their bishops, in consultation with the Vatican. Under the new law, bishops must also determine if the current groups of faithful attached to the old Mass accept Vatican II, which allowed for Mass to be celebrated in the vernacular rather than Latin. These groups cannot use regular churches; instead, bishops must find alternate locations for them without creating new parishes. In addition, Francis said bishops are no longer allowed to authorize the formation of any new pro-Latin Mass groups in their dioceses. Francis said he was taking action to promote unity and heal divisions within the church that had grown since Benedict's 2007 document, *Summorum Pontificum*. He said he based his decision on a 2020 Vatican survey of all the world's bishops, whose "responses reveal a situation that preoccupies and saddens me, and persuades me of the need to intervene."

Associated Press

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(NEW YORK) -- This week, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and House of Deputies President Gay Clark Jennings issued a statement about the Episcopal Church's complicity in Indigenous boarding schools during the 19th and 20th centuries: "We are grieved by recent discoveries of mass

graves of Indigenous children on the grounds of former boarding schools, where Indigenous children experienced forced removal from their homes, assimilation and abuse. These acts of cultural genocide sought to erase these children's identities as God's beloved children. "We condemn these practices and we mourn the intergenerational trauma that cascades from them. We have heard with sorrow stories of how this history has harmed the families of many Indigenous Episcopalians." Recent discoveries of mass graves at boarding schools for First American children have prompted a fresh look at American and Canadian treatment of indigenous people.

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(HAVANNA, CUBA) -- Earlier this week in response to rare anti-government street protests across Cuba, the Rt. Rev. Griselda Delgado del Carpio called Cubans to "Paz y Vida," or "Peace and Life." "Expressing concern and frustration is the right of every citizen and every people. The right to freedom of expression in peaceful public demonstrations is a human right," Delgado, who has served as bishop of Cuba since 2010, said in a July 12 letter obtained by Episcopal News Service. The church, Delgado said, is concerned with the lack of space for people to voice their civic concerns. "As long as people manifest themselves in a peaceful and respectful framework, they should be allowed to do so," she said. Crowds of protesters took to the streets across the Caribbean island nation on July 11 denouncing the government for its handling of the coronavirus pandemic, food and medicine shortages, long lines, price hikes and an ever-worsening economy. "The church in Cuba has stood with the people and continues to stand with the people," the Rev. Glenda McQueen, The Episcopal Church's partnership officer for Latin America and the Caribbean, told

Episcopal News Service. To know that the church stands with the people and that Episcopalians from around the world are praying for the Cuban people, “gives them a sense of hope, hope that is needed in this difficult time.”

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(PORT AU PRINCE, HAITI) -- Despite the increasing incidence of COVID-19 in the country and the ever-increasing violence in the days since Haitians awoke to the news that President Jovenel Moïse had been assassinated, Episcopalians there are trying to serve their communities. “Well before the assassination, gang activity, kidnappings and killings were on the rise,” Kenneth H. Quigley, president of the board of St. Vincent’s Center for Children with Disabilities in Port-au-Prince, told supporters via email on July 14. “The violence threatens not only the individual safety of all Haitians, but also exacerbates food insecurity, limits access to fuel and other essential consumables. It threatens the progress of many of our Haitian partners who work with great resolve in the face of uncertainty, including the staff at St. Vincent’s. The daily suffering of Haitian citizens is unimaginable, and has worsened, particularly in the last three years.” People are scared by the increasing threat of violence, the Rev. Markendy Jean said recently via WhatsApp. Writing to Dianne Pizey, who chairs the Haiti Committee at St. John’s Episcopal Church in Minneapolis, Minnesota, Jean added that in Gressier “businesses and the supermarket are open” but people are watchful about possible violence. Jean is the rector of St. Philippe and St. Jacques parish, whose school St. John’s helps support. Gressier is west of Port-au-Prince, the Haitian capital. The

Episcopal Diocese of Haiti is numerically the largest of The Episcopal Church's 109 dioceses.

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(UNDATED) -- On Thursday (July 15), the National Trust for Historic Preservation announced more than \$3 million in grant funding for the preservation of Black historic sites, including several churches. Religion News Service reports that four historic churches are receiving funds, including one in Chicago. "African American historic places have been undervalued for decades. This part of the preservation movement is working to catch up," said Brent Leggs, founding executive director of the African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund, which will distribute the money. "The four churches represent the through line of the role of the Black church in the Black community," Leggs told RNS in a phone interview. "They're spaces that support the religious health of the Black community, but they're also safe havens and spaces for community programs that uplift the broader culture." He said these churches also represent some of the contributions of Black women to American history, such as Mamie Till-Mobley, the mother of Emmett Till, a 14-year-old African American who was lynched in 1955 after being accused of flirting with a white woman. Till-Mobley held an open-casket funeral for her brutally beaten son at Roberts Temple Church of God in Christ in Chicago. Till's funeral drew national attention to racial violence and catalyzed the civil rights movement. The church is among the grant recipients, for structural repairs of its nearly century-old building. "Roberts Temple Church of God in Christ in Chicago is a living

witness to the bravery, character and self-determination of Mamie Till Mobley,” said Leggs. The Till family has partnered with other organizations to preserve the structure of the historic church. In 2006, the Chicago City Council declared the church a city historical landmark. Marvel McCain Parker, who has worked with Roberts Temple as a management consultant since September 2019, said its \$150,000 grant will continue the restoration and preservation work and she hopes it will further Roberts Temple’s cause to become a national landmark. The three other churches receiving funds are in Athens, Ohio; Syracuse, New York and Washington, D.C.

Religion News Service

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(WHEATON, ILLINOIS) -- A group of abuse prevention advocates believes there are serious questions about the future of a prominent Anglican bishop accused of mishandling abuse allegations. According to Religion News Service, Bishop Stewart Ruch III of the Upper Midwest Diocese in the Anglican Church in North America announced recently that he was taking a leave of absence after he admitted he’d made a “regrettable error” in handling abuse claims at a church under his supervision. According to a copy of a letter to ACNA Archbishop Foley Beach, obtained by Religion News Service, advocates from a group called #ACNAtoo have asked that Ruch be permanently removed from office if an investigation confirms allegations against him. Those allegations “are not limited to, covering up a failure in mandatory reporting of child sexual abuse, allowing those involved to continue in

their positions of leadership which risked further negligence and abuse, and not informing his diocese of the abuse in a timely manner.”

The group also asks ACNA leaders to confirm whether Ruch will be paid while on leave. The initial abuse allegations against Mark Rivera, a former volunteer minister at Christ Our Light Anglican Church in Big Rock, Illinois, were reported to legal authorities by a victim’s mother in May 2019. But Ruch did not inform church members in the diocese about the alleged abuse until May 2021. Rivera had previously worked with youth as a volunteer at another prominent church in the diocese. He has been charged with felony child sexual abuse and sexual assault and awaits trial. Ruch announced his leave after #ACNAtoo began posting stories of alleged abuse on social media. ACNA leaders will oversee a third-party investigation into Ruch’s handling of abuse allegations. The advocacy group also asked Beach to suspend the bishop’s council, which is running the Upper Midwest Diocese along with an unnamed interim bishop in Ruch’s stead, and to place two staff members of the diocese — including Chancellor Charlie Philbrick — on leave. In addition, #ACNAtoo asked ACNA to implement consistent standards for abuse prevention and responding to survivors and requested an update on the status of the former pastor of Christ Our Light Anglican, the Rev. Rand York. #ACNAtoo is asking that Beach make public the names of the members of the Provincial Response Team that he said would oversee the investigation, and give the #ACNAtoo group an active role in the investigation.

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That’s it for another week. Much to be thankful for and much to pray about. May God richly bless each of you. Remember, I welcome your

feedback about this newsletter. Thanks for your prayers and thank you for your support of St. Philip's with your gifts of time, prayer and money. We couldn't do ministry without you!

Blessings,

Fr. Jim

Oh! Here are the answers to this week's quiz. With a little additional information thrown in...

1. Ruth, after the death of her husband, chose to follow Naomi, her mother-in-law, to Israel. Her story in the book of Ruth is sandwiched between the books of Judges and First Samuel. It's fairly brief, very inspirational and well worth a read!
2. Pharaoh's daughter rescued infant Moses when she drew the basket he was in out of the river. She adopted Moses, making him a member of the royal family. Remember, he faced certain death as Hebrew infants at the time of his birth were to be executed. Though a minor player in the story, Pharaoh's daughter is honored by all three Abrahamic religions. As for Moses, he would grow up to become Charlton Heston.
3. Elizabeth was the mother of John the Baptist and the cousin of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Unlike Our Lady, who was very young when she conceived, Elizabeth was well past her child-bearing years when John came along. It was St. Elizabeth who was first to say "Blessed art thou among women and blessed be the fruit of thy womb."
4. Probably best known for her adulterous affair with King David, Bathsheba was mother to Solomon. David so coveted her as a

wife that he sent Bathsheba's husband into a position in battle where he was certain to die. This is a particularly powerful example of sin begetting more sin. Lust, followed by adultery, followed by deceit and murder. There were consequences. But David repented sincerely and wonderfully. You can read his plaintive lament in Psalm 51.

5. While Mary sat at the feet of the Master to hear Him teach, Martha busied herself with chores. Our Lord's tender rebuke was not meant to diminish sincere acts of servanthood, but to emphasize what is of "first importance".

BONUS: If you got this one right, you get three free sins! St. Paul mentions so many women in his letters, you get the idea that God was trying to teach us something. Our sisters are full and equal partners in the Gospel. **Junia** is even called "an apostle" by Paul, making clear the truth that women were in positions of leadership in the early church. (Indeed, some scholars make a good case for Priscilla as the author of the letter to the Hebrews – the only "unsigned" work in the New Testament.) It wasn't until the 12th century that monks transcribing the Scriptures got the idea to change Junia's name to Junias. Changing it to a male form certainly suited pre-medieval doctrine emphasizing the subservience of women. But such doctrine is simply incompatible with Scripture.