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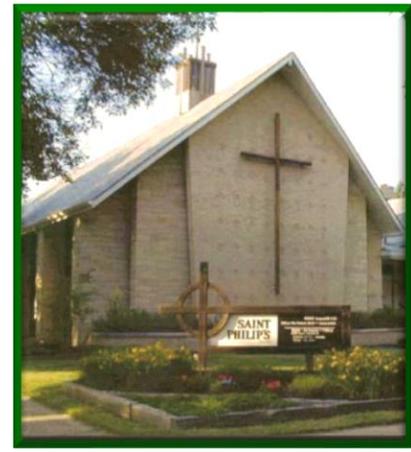
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The Rev. Jim Stanley, Rector

Dear friend in Christ,



What does your faith in Jesus mean to you? Has your Christian faith seen you through some tough times? Does the knowledge that you are "sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever" (BCP p. 308) bring you hope and comfort for your future? Have there been times when a particular passage of Scripture has lifted you?

I'm sure most people reading this know exactly what I mean. I don't want us to simply stop with being grateful for our faith. Be thankful, yes; but the same Lord who has so comforted and encouraged us, has also urged us to serve others. Jesus expects us to work for justice and peace. We are to feed the hungry, advocate for the poor, comfort the widow and orphan. May we never lose sight of this Great Commandment to do to others as we would have done to ourselves!

In addition to leaving us with a Great Commandment, our Lord also assigned us a Great Commission. Just before He ascended to His Father in Heaven, Jesus told His disciples --



and by extension, all who would come to believe in Him in the future -- to "Go into all the world and proclaim His Good News, making disciples of all nations and baptizing in the Name of the Holy Trinity." Jesus ordered that His message be taken "to the uttermost parts of the earth".

That's missionary work. Evangelism and overseas mission sometimes scare us. We know wrongs have been done in the past. We never want to be thought of as Imperialist, Dominionist or "holier than thou". Sometimes, I worry that our fear of being thought of as anything other than nice people hampers our growth. Oswald J. Smith famously said, "The church that does not evangelize will fossilize." I think he was correct.

Yet it's also true few of us will ever be able to personally take the Gospel to Malawi or Madagascar; to Chile or China; to Kazakhstan or Kiribati, but we can send and support others - those trained and equipped to "go into all the world". This is why I commend to your prayers two organizations: The Society of Anglican Missionaries (SAMS) and Senders and Wycliffe Bible Translators. We'll be hearing more about them in the year to come. I especially want to encourage you to mark your calendars for Sunday, May 10th (10 a.m. service) and Tuesday, May 19th (9:30 a.m. service). Our guests will be SAMS missionaries to Madagascar. They have amazing reports to bring of what God is doing and they'll explain how we can pray more knowledgeably for their work and the work of other missionaries around the globe.

I'll close with another quote from the aforementioned Rev. Smith, "We Christians talk of the Second Coming. Half the world has yet to hear of the first."

God bless you all,

Fr. Jim



Mission Statement

SEEK...a deeper knowledge of Jesus Christ
SHARE...the love and compassion of Christ
SERVE...others with open hearts
SHINE...with Christ's light, illuminating our world.





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Happy Birthday

3 Jeannie Woo
3 Judy Zawacke
6 Ginger Knowles
15 Artur Tsurulnik
19 Lisa Gillette



20 Bill and Helen Burns





Volunteer Schedules:

Services: 8:00 a. m. and 10:00 a. m.

Please find a substitute if you are unable to serve.

	Altar Guild	Acolytes	Greeters	Readers	Chalice Bearers	Nursery
April 5						
April 9						
April 10						
April 12						
April 19						
8:00 a.m.	Peg Davis		Bob Duer			
10:00 a.m.	Liz Huth-Taylor Linda Purcell	Ronan Allord	Jeff Cappello Aubrey Hercules Andy Obara	Mike Zawacke Judy Zawacke	Alison Hill	Jessica Hill-Jones
April 26						
8:00 a.m.	Peggy Davis		Bill Burns			
10:00 a.m.	Judy Zawacke Karen Cappello	Jack Swichtenberg	Jon and Julie Swichtenberg	Karen Cappello Jack Notzen	Jeff Cappello	Julie Swichtenberg

Counters: Bob Purcell
Mike Zawacke

* Volunteer schedules are subject to change.
+ There are also services on Tuesdays at 9:30 a. m.





ACOLYTES

“The ministry of an acolyte is built upon a formative system of development that is changeless, consistent, powerful, and transformative. We seek to reclaim the role of acolyte as a religious seeker, and indeed a minor order of the church.”

Remember the Acolytes!

Despite the changing landscape of our churches’ membership, one worship-based ministry gets little attention: **the acolyte**. Whether children or adults, the mentoring and training of acolytes for liturgy is a formational experience. In short: faith is formed through acolyting. One caveat: Liturgical ministers (such as acolytes) are not ‘roles,’ because the liturgy is not a stage production, but rather a “work of the people.” All the ministers – lay and ordained – serve the worshipping assembly, and in so doing, they serve God.

A Brief History of Acolytes

The word acolyte is derived from the Greek word *akolouthos*, meaning companion, attendant, or helper. This ministry has its roots in the Old Testament, where the prophet Samuel is seen assisting Eli, the Levite priest. Similarly, Elisha is seen assisting Elijah the Prophet.

Flash forward to early Christian times. Acolytes are mentioned as a minor order (a transitory step leading to the orders of deacon, priest, or bishop) beginning in the third century. At first, acolytes assisted deacons at the preparation of the table. Later they carried candles in processions. In Rome, they carried fragments of the bread consecrated at the Mass to other churches.

In the late middle ages, when candles began to appear upon altars, acolytes lit the altar candles. Eventually lay servers (sacristans) performed these duties as part of their training for the priesthood. After the Reformation many of these duties were taken over by lay clerks. However, later in the nineteenth century the clerks faded and their duties were largely taken over by lay “acolytes” and sacristans or altar guilds.



“Acolytes Today

Today we see acolytes dressed in robes of red or white, quietly carrying torches, crosses, alms basins, and cruets of water & wine. A vital part of worship, acolytes blend into the background and help our liturgies flow smoothly.

We may see acolytes doing any or all of the following, depending on the church denomination and worship style:

Carrying torches or a cross (crucifer)

Holding the Altar Book open before the presider at the Eucharist

Bearing the Gospel Book in procession and at the proclamation

Carrying the vessels to the Lord’s Table

Washing the presider’s hands (lavabo)

Bringing additional vessels to the altar after the consecration of the bread and wine

Clearing the altar after Communion

Basically, acolytes are like good waiters(!) who tend to all the details of a meal, often quietly working without being noticed at all.

Many thanks to Andy Obara for his dedication and years of service to this ministry. We are now looking for someone who will take this role. This ministry is open to all members of the parish. For more information, please talk with Andy or Fr. Jim.

<https://buildfaith.org/ministry-of-acolytes/>



Jewel’s Monopoly © Game Cards



by Ginger Knowles

Once again this year, we are playing the **Monopoly**® game. If you would like to play along, please deposit your Monopoly® tickets from your Jewel purchases in the specially marked basket at the back of the church. This is the third year we are playing as a Parish. Coupons and “instant prize” tickets will be donated to help those less fortunate than us. All other winnings will stay here at St. Philip’s.

PADS



by Peggy Morrill

We will again be preparing a meal for PADS in April. This will be the last night of the season at the Presbyterian Church - Wednesday, April 29th. The menu will be "Make Your Own Tacos". This meal is a favorite of the clients. I will be volunteering that night as well and will get to see the results of the efforts of St. Philip's Church. I get compliments on the food we prepare. This is an easy menu to donate food as there are several small items that are the ingredients for the tacos.

The sign up sheet will be in the back of the church in April.





Highlights of the Vestry Meeting March 8, 2020



by Christine Wood

1. Treasurer's Report

Bob Duer reported that financially, February was a better month than January.

- (a) Expenses were within line.
- (b) Total income was \$14,431.

2. Committee Reports

(a) Buildings and Grounds

1. The stairs outside of the library have been deemed unsafe.
2. The committee will get three (3) quotes on repairing the stairs.
3. Mike Livingston will get a quote about a screen fitting for the virtual hymn board.
4. Mailbox installation will be discussed at a later time.

(b) Safety - Andy Kistner

1. There is an active shooter webinar through FEMA's website.

(c) Social - Pam Patyk

1. Sloppy joe dinner -- Mike Livingston will be in charge of cooking.
2. Auction -- Meetings are now taking place.

3. Rector's Report - Father Jim

(a) Coronavirus

1. A pastoral letter has been written and will be emailed to the congregation.
2. It will be up to each individual to decide what they want to do (such as stay home, or come to church but not shake hands).
3. Eucharist can be received with or without wine; the church has taught for millennia that receiving just the bread is the same as receiving the entire eucharist.

4. Senior Warden's Report - Jack Notzen

- (a) Pray for youngest son, Michael. He received a cancer diagnosis.
- (b) Pray for Jack as well during this time.

5. Junior Warden's Report - Pam Patyk





Highlights of the Vestry Meeting March 8, 2020 - continued



6. Deacon Dan

God is good; life is good.

7. Round Table - Questions, Comments, Concerns

(a) Dolores Kampert

(1) The website is coming along nicely and will be ready by the end of the week.

(2) A draft of the Easter bulletin has been submitted.

(b) Father Jim

He has requested that audio recordings of the sermons (rather than videos) be posted on the new website.

Michael DeMeyer

1. He suggested that a video about the church be made.

8. Next Vestry Meeting Date April 19th, 2020

Moved back one week -- due to Easter being on the second Sunday.

The Hymn Board



Bob and the hymn board

Do you ever sit on the left side or toward the back of the church and can't read the hymn board? Do you ever worry about Bob P., or Marvin H., climbing a ladder to change the hymn numbers? Do you ever wonder if the hymn is in the *Hymn Book* or the bulletin? Well, we have the solution for you! We are looking into purchasing a screen that will show the hymn numbers or bulletin information that can be changed via computer in a large font. No more climbing a ladder! The screen will have the background look of our current hymn board. It is a 43 inch screen that can be turned or tilted to ensure everyone can see it. We hope that this will make it easier, safer, and less confusing than the current way we do now, and what it will look like with the screen.

by Ginger Knowles



Screen hymn board





Outreach Corner

by Mike Zawacke

: Thank you to all who participated in our Lenten Projects. St. Philip's provided seven (7) Easter Baskets to the Township program and eleven (11) parishioners participated in the packing event at FMSC on March 7. Your volunteer efforts are appreciated by those in our community and in the world.

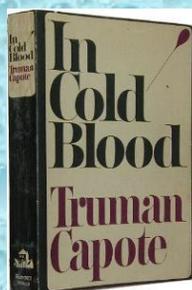


Boxes Packed: 239
 Meals: 51,624
 Kids Fed For A Year: 141
 Cost: \$12,389.76





On March 9th, 2020 Eat Pray Read discussed *Neither Wolf Nor Dog*, a novel by Kent Nerburn about two men, one white one Native American trying to have a common voice in understanding the relationship between white men and Native Americans in the settling of this country by the white man right up to the current time. The discussion was led by Bob Duer and many aspects and references of this and other written information filled the evening. All found the book to be enlightening.



Our next book planned to be discussed on April 15th, 2020 is the 1966 Best Seller *In Cold Blood*, by Truman Capote: It details the 1959 murders of four members of the Herbert Clutter family in the small farming community of Holcomb, Kansas. The actual date and time of this discussion will be announced when services resume at St. Philip's.

Allegro Community Chorus Concert



by Mike Zawacke

Mark your calendar for the annual spring musical event of the Allegro Community Chorus titled "Because We're Happy". The concert will be presented on Friday, May 1 at 7:30 p.m. The performance will be at Cutting Hall Performing Arts Center, 150 E. Wood St., Palatine. Tickets are available at the box office (Wednesday-Friday from 3-6 p.m.) or by calling (847) 202-5222.





Know Your Church



On Becoming a Sanctuary Diocese

by Bob Purcell

In November at the convention the Diocese of Chicago passed a Resolution on Becoming a Sanctuary Diocese. The Resolution does not require any specific action but encourages Congregations to be places of welcome, refuge, healing and other pastoral support. It encourages our Church to work to ensure the dignity and human rights of all people.

The Resolution calls for a Task Force to be formed responsible to implement the resolution. Bob Purcell will represent the Antiracism Commission on the Task Force. The Resolution is like resolutions recently passed by several other Dioceses and supports the official policy of the Episcopal Church on protecting refugees. In the simplest terms, a refugee is someone who has had to flee their home to escape persecution, war, or other disaster and seeks refuge, or protection, elsewhere. Firmly rooted in our ministry of welcome, the Episcopal Church has become a national leader in immigration advocacy.

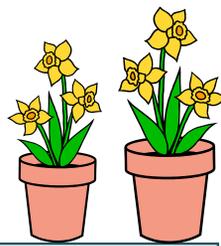
The Episcopal Church supports common sense immigration enforcement policies that respect the dignity and worth of every human being. Those who break our immigration laws in order to do us harm need to be prevented from doing so, but the increased militarization of the border, programs that encourage racial profiling, and prison-like detention for migrants and families is not the solution. The Episcopal Church supports alternatives to costly and prison-like detention for individuals who pose no threat to public safety, and the end to programs that separate families. Family unity needs to be the center of our immigration policy.

We need Comprehensive Immigration Reform. There is currently no established pathway for undocumented persons in this country to come forward and earn citizenship. The time is now for members of Congress to come up with a bipartisan solution for the undocumented people in our communities.

TAKE ACTION: Join the Episcopal Public Policy Network (EPPN) to raise your voice to members of Congress about the need for immigration reform.

<https://advocacy.episcopalchurch.org>





SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY



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5 Palm Sunday

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9 Maundy Thursday

10 Good Friday

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12 Easter Sunday
To be rescheduled

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7:00 p. m.
Book Club

14 Tai Chi
8:00 a. m.
Tai Chi
9:30 a. m.
Eucharist, Rite II

15 4: 30 p. m.
Evening Prayer



17 11:30 a. m.
Lunch Bunch



19 8:00 a. m.
Eucharist, Rite I
10:00 a. m.
Eucharist, Rite II
Catechesis
Nursery
11:30 Vestry

20 7:00 p. m.
Bible Study

21 Tai Chi
8:00 a. m.
Tai Chi
9:30 a. m.
Eucharist, Rite II

22 4: 30 p. m.
Evening Prayer



25 9:00 a. m.
Green Thumb



26 8:00 a. m.
Eucharist, Rite I
10:00 a. m.
Eucharist, Rite II
Catechesis
Nursery

27 6: 30 p. m.
Spiritual
Awareness

28 Tai Chi
8:00 a. m.
Tai Chi
9:30 a. m.
Eucharist, Rite II
11: 00 a. m.
Spiritual
Awareness

29 PADS dinner
4: 30 p. m.
Evening Prayer

