

# THE EPISTLE

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# April 2021

Fr. Jim Stanley, Rector



As I write this month's article, it's mid-March. We've come through a run of really nice weather: especially for early March in greater Chicago. The forecast says more good weather is headed our way soon, but March has to act

like a lion at some point. That point appears to be today. There is bitter wind blowing and there are dark grey skies. Snow, sleet and ice are about to have their say. Hopefully, this will be their final word for the season.

Isn't that like life? Our times of warm sunshine are suddenly punctuated by the cold ice and wicked winds of sorrow, loss and trial. Sometimes, we see it coming. Other times, it catches us completely by surprise.



One of the lessons here is cold comfort when we're in the middle of it. It helps not a bit to know that one day, all will be well. At least, it doesn't help now; not when the wind is howling and the snow is accumulating.

That's why it's so important for us to love one another - at all times, but particularly in the midst of tragedy and sadness. The love shown by others is what gets us through.

One day - somewhere down the road - we wake up to springtime. The memory of loss and heartache remain; but now they share space with hope and warmth and light. They slowly start to be overshadowed by God's promise of eternal life and endless joy. The Easter we are about to mark is our Lord's final word on the matter. Praise and thank God for it; but between this cold, damp day and the eternal sunshine of Easter...hold tight to one another. Care for each other. Remember the words carved in the stone of an ancient, abandoned mission in Mexico: Amor conquista todo!"



## 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:

Service: 10:00 a. m. (via zoom)

Please find a substitute if you are unable to serve.

St. Philip's is now open for up to fifty (50) people to attend in-person. Eucharist services will also be broadcast on Zoom.

	Altar Guild	Acolytes	Greeters	Reader	Chalice Bearers	Nursery
<b>April 1</b> 7:00 p. m.	Karen Cappello Judy Zawacke	none needed	Lisa Gillette	Karen Cappello	none needed	none needed
<b>April 2</b> 12:00 p. m. 7:00 p. m.	Liz Huth-Taylor Linda Purcell	none needed	Lisa Gillette	Judy Zawacke	none needed	none needed
<b>April 4</b> 10:00 a. m.	Karen Cappello Judy Zawacke	none needed	Ginger Knowles Jack Notzen	Ida Butler	none needed	none needed
<b>April 11</b> 10:00 a. m.	Bonnie Wigger-Kistner	none needed	Lisa Gillette	Grace Horner	none needed	none needed
<b>April 18</b> 10:00 a. m.	Nancy Holian Kathy Svendson	none needed	Jack Notzen	Mike Zawacke	none needed	none needed
<b>April 25</b> 10:00 a. m.	Liz Huth-Taylor Linda Purcell	none needed	Bonnie Wigger-Kistner Andy Kistner	DJ/ Marvin Hill	none needed	none needed

Counters: Bob Purcell  
Mike Zawacke



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





# Eat, Pray, Read

by Judy Zawacke

Despite not having snacks or sharing hugs, fourteen very loyal "Eat, Pray, Read" Book Club members met on Zoom to discuss *Love is the Way*, by Bishop Michael Curry. |

Bob Purcell led the discussion. This was probably the most highly praised selection that we have ever read together. We recommend it to all, especially during the Lenten season.

Bob began by showing Judy Woodruff's interview with the Bishop on PBS Newshour. This was followed by each member offering a word which best describes the book followed by an explanation of why we chose that particular word. Some words offered were : "relatable ", "timely ", "compassionate " and "uplifting ".

The Bishop's message is that God loves us. However, we must love ourselves, love others, and love those who may disagree with us. Perhaps, then, our world will be a better place.

In an effort to vary our selections, on Monday, April 12 at 7:00 p. m. on Zoom, Madeline Rorrie will lead our discussion of *The Silent Patient*, by Alex Michaelides.

This is a psychological thriller about Alicia Berenson and her husband, Gabriel. We look forward to learning why she commits an act of violence against Gabriel. Why does she never speak again? Does her therapist uncover her motive?

All are welcome to attend! Please join us! Contact Bob Purcell for the Zoom link.

See you then!

Judy Zawacke





## Highlights of the Vestry Meeting March 14, 2021



by Marg Duer

**Holy Week Services** will be in person at the church, approved for fifty (50) parishioners in the sanctuary, with overflow in the Library and Parish Hall.

Sunday services will be accessible on Zoom, but no longer interactive starting with Easter service.

**The Prayer Chain** is updated for alerting members of needed prayers. Anyone is welcome to be on it. Call Ginger.

**Wellness/Social calls:** Anyone wanting a wellness call or social call, please let Ginger know. This is a new effort to keep everyone connected and safe.

**The auction** is awaiting State Guidelines for fall.

**The Vestry Handbook and Prayer Requests** are on the Website.

**The Parochial Report** will go to the Diocese this week.

**The next Vestry** meeting Sunday, April 18.



# Stained Glass Windows





# SUNDAY

# MONDAY

# TUESDAY

# WEDNESDAY

# THURSDAY

# FRIDAY

# SATURDAY



**1** Maundy Thursday

7:00 p. m. Eucharist Service

**2** Good Friday

12:00 noon Stations of the Cross (no zoom)

7:00 p. m. Good Friday Eucharist Service

**3**

9:00 a. m. Parish clean-up day (tentative)

**4** Easter



10:00 Easter Sunday Eucharist Service - Rite II

**5**



**6**

8:00 a. m. Tai Chi  
9:30 a. m. Morning Prayer (zoom)  
10:15 a. m. Spiritual Awareness (zoom)

**7**



**8**

8:30 a. m. Green thumb (tentative)



**9**



**10**



**11**

10:00 a. m. Eucharist Service - Rite II

**12**

7:00 p. m. Book Club (zoom)



**13**

8:00 a. m. Tai Chi  
9:30 a. m. Morning Prayer (zoom)

**14**



**15**



**16**



**17**



**18**

10:00 a. m. Eucharist Service - Rite II

Vestry meets

**19**



**20**

8:00 a. m. Tai Chi  
9:30 a. m. Morning Prayer (zoom)

**21**



**22**



**23**



**24**

8:30 a. m. Green thumb (tentative)



**25**

10:00 a. m. Eucharist Service - Rite II

**26**



**27**

8:00 a. m. Tai Chi  
9:30 a. m. Morning Prayer (zoom)

**28**



**29**



**30**

