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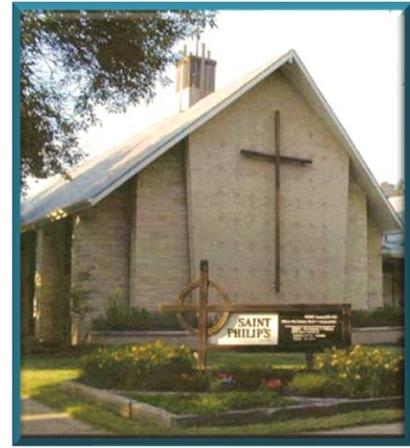
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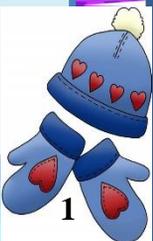


January 2020

The Rev. Jim Stanley, Rector



The traditional symbols of a new year are Father Time, with his hourglass and long, white beard; and Baby New Year, diapered and full of hope and promise. When I look at that number on my calendar -- 2020 -- I am afflicted with a form of sticker shock. Can it really be 2020? As a boy, I would hear my mother comment about how life is like a vapor or mist -- here one minute and gone the next. I'd roll my eyes. How silly. I have a whole, long life ahead of me! Nevertheless, mother was right. I was the silly one (though children can be excused for failing to appreciate the ephemeral nature of life). Mom's wisdom may have been simple experience talking. She was also quoting Scripture. Job said, "My days on earth are but a shadow" (Job 8:9) and St. James - Bishop of Jerusalem and brother of our Lord - wrote, "You are just a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away" (James 4:14). The *Bible* tells us we are like a blade of grass; flourishing and green one moment and passing away the next. (Ps. 103:15; 1st Peter 1:24, 25)



Is that depressing? We need not let it be. Yes, our temporal life is fleeting, and we are wise to make the most of it by loving God, loving others and loving ourselves in all the healthy, right ways God intends. However, remember that all those passages about the swiftness and shortness of life also contain bright promises. “The grass withers. The flower fades. But the word of God lasts forever!” (Isaiah 40:8) “The Lord is good and His love endures forever!” (Psalm 100:5) “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me will live, even after dying.” (John 11:25) God, who holds time in His mighty hand, gets the final word - even about the seeming brevity of our lives. God’s final word has already been spoken in Jesus. We are His, forever.



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.



Mark your calendar:
Annual Meeting
January 26



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JANUARY

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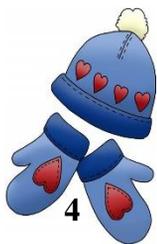
Services: 8:00 a. m. and 10:00 a. m.

Please find a substitute if you are unable to serve.

	Altar Guild	Acolytes	Greeters	Readers	Chalice Bearers	Nursery
January 5						
8:00 a. m.	Peggy Davis		(no greeter)	Alternates		
10:00 a. m.	Liz Huth-Taylor Linda Purcell	Morgan Allord	Andy Kistner Bonnie Wiggen	Grace Horner Judy Zawacke	Marvin Hill	Jenna Gillette
January 12						
8:00 a. m.	Peggy Davis		Bill Burns	Alternates		
10:00 a. m.	Nancy Holian	Rhett Allord	Lamar Jones Jack Notzen	Kathryn Jones Marg Duer	Ginger Knowles	Jessica Hill-Jones
January 19						
8:00 a.m.	Peggy Davis		Bob Duer	Alternates		
10:00 a. m.	Bonnie Wiggen	Ronan Allord	Jeff Cappello Andy Obara	Christine Wood Jack Notzen	Marvin Hill	Jenna Gillette
January 26						
9:00 a.m.	Judy Zawacke Karen Cappello	Danny Purcell Olivia Purcell	Aubrey Hercules Alternate	Karen Cappello Linda Purcell	Bob Purcell	Julie Swichtenberg
Annual Meeting						

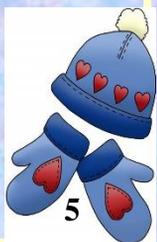
Counters: Marvin Hill
Bob Purcell

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



Thank you to all who participated in our gift card drive for Palatine and Fremd High Schools. This fundraiser was a partnership with PATH, Faith in Action, and PHS Student Services where gift bags were assembled for students who are in crisis. St. Philip's raised \$545 in gift cards for this cause. Together with the six other participating Palatine congregations, we raised \$11,175 in gift cards and were able to provide coats and hats for the students. PHS Student Services passes along this message:

Thank you for your unwavering support of students at Palatine High School this holiday season. It is beyond generous of you to continuously go out of your way to help those in need. Each and every one of you have made such an impact in the lives of students and we truly cannot thank you enough. It is hard to articulate the magnitude of support we have received. All of you have been the soft landing when our staff was concerned about how we will help families. There truly are no words to express our amount of gratitude. We hope you know we are always appreciative and thank you from the bottom of our hearts. We're wishing you a joyous holiday season! Happy Holidays!



The Christmas Party

by Jack Notzen



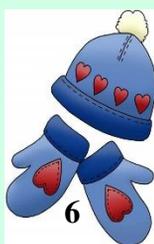
The Christmas Party food ensures that nobody is going to go home hungry!



The Parish Hall is full, and people eagerly await the arrival of very special guests.



Mr. and Mrs. Santa arrive, and the party can begin.



The Christmas Party, continued



Good Food, Good Company and celebrating Christmas together.



"O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!"



St. Nicholas Day

by Jack Notzen

We celebrated St. Nicholas Day on Sunday, December 8th.



St. Nicholas and Vested Reader Marg Duer



Father Jim and Deacon Dan join in the festivities



as does Jeanne Svendson and her daughter Kathy.

PADS Dinner

by Bob Purcell



St. Philips will provide the PADS dinner Wednesday, January 29. There will be a sign-up sheet in the back of the church. The items should be brought to the church kitchen by 3:30 p.m. on January 29. The homeless in Palatine will appreciate your generosity!





Know Your Church

by Bob Purcell

Bishop Search

Our search for a new Bishop has moved into a new stage. The Bishop Search committee has been formed, the listening sessions and surveys completed, and a transition committee formed. In December, the Diocesan profile was released. Much of this article has been excerpted from the profile. Applications for the new Bishop are due January 10. Parishioners and Clergy are invited to suggest potential candidates. The electing convention will take place at St. James Cathedral on June 20, 2020. St. Phillips will send delegates to that convention. There are additional steps between now and the electing convention.

We seek a Jesus-loving servant leader who can unite us as a cohesive diocese in facing the challenges of our history and present, and guide us to a future as a leading voice in promoting God's dream of justice and equity for all people.

The Diocese of Chicago has been ethnically and racially diverse since its beginnings, ministering to and with newcomers to Chicago as they arrived. These included Swedish and Norwegian communities, Armenian refugees, Korean immigrants and the Great Migration African Americans.

The Diocese of Chicago has sought to live out our baptismal vows to seek and serve Christ in all persons and respect the dignity of every human being by confronting the sin of racism head-on. The Diocese of Chicago has strongly advocated for the inclusion of LGBTQ+ people in the Episcopal Church.

The Diocese of Chicago, like many other Episcopal dioceses, is largely white, and there are healthy, thriving Black, Latinx, and Asian congregations among us.

The Diocese of Chicago is no exception to the general trend among domestic Episcopal dioceses; we are experiencing a general decline in numbers. Still, many of our churches are growing, and our diocese is full of life and energy. Our diocese is demographically expansive as well as broad in mileage: in 2018, our 122 congregations claimed 33,000 members and average Sunday attendance across the diocese was just over 10,000. Members come from all walks of life and represent various socioeconomic strata. We hail from small towns, suburbs, and cities, and bring the differing perspectives and passions that come with our different stories and experiences. A major focus of the current episcopacy is congregational vitality, and significant work has been given to congregational development over the last few years.

We are searching for a bishop who is a strong communicator - a writer, preacher, and visionary - who can bring us together and inspire us to common ministry, helping us tell our many stories and creating a compelling narrative for the diocese as the wider community of God.

A complete copy of the Profile is available to anyone who would like one.

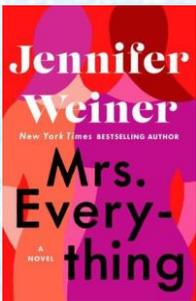




On Monday, December 9th Eat, Pray, Read discussed *A Redbird Christmas* by Fannie Flagg, a story about a fifty-two-year-old Chicago native who moved to an Alabama retirement community for health reasons. There was a barrage of hilarious cultural clashes.

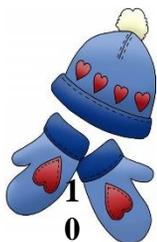
Ross McIntosh was a shoe-in to win one of the two awards for *Ugliest Sweater*. When was the last time you saw a sweater with an ostrich on it?

Madeline Rorrie and Judy Zawacke led the discussion. It was a delightful Yuletide story to get us into the mood for Christmas. It was certainly a kick start to a wonderful Eat, Pray, Read, Christmas Party!



The January meeting of Eat, Pray, Read will discuss the book *Mrs Everything*, by Jennifer Weiner. In her most ambitious novel yet, she tells a story of two sisters who, with their different dreams and different paths offer answers to the question: How should a woman be in the world? The meeting will be on Monday, January 13, 2020 at 7:00 p. m. in the Foote Library. Somehow, I figure Eat Pray Read will come up with a reason to have a party afterwards.

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NEW YEAR





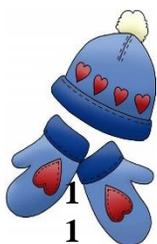
Highlights of the Vestry Meeting December 12, 2019



by Ginger Knowles



1. We are still looking for additional Vestry members. Please see Jack or Fr. Jim if you are interested.
2. There are two "reserved" parking places with signs in the corner of the parking lot closest to Casey's. These should be used by those who need to be closer to the elevator entrance.
3. Push-bars have been installed at the exit doors
4. January 19 will be our next community event with the Palatine Police Department
5. January 26 will be the annual meeting with brunch following the combined 9:00 am service





January 2020



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 New Year's Day Office is closed 	2 	3 	4
5 The Epiphany (transferred) 8:00 a. m. Eucharist (Rite I) 10:00 a. m. Eucharist (Rite II) Nursery	6 7:00 p. m. Bible Study	7 8:00 a. m. Tai Chi 9:30 a. m. Eucharist (Rite II)	8 	9 	10 11:30 a. m. Lunch Bunch 	11
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