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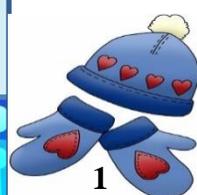
The Rev. Jim Stanley, Rector

Dear Parish Family,



I am sorely tempted to entitle my January Epistle article, “Good Riddance, 2020”! I’m no different than anyone else. My patience, spirit and heart are worn, weary and failing. There’s some hope on the horizon and, while it’s not exactly right around the corner, it at least makes us very eager for this new year.

So - “Good Riddance, 2020”? Maybe ‘goodbye’ to some aspects of it, but far from all. In 2020, we learned afresh what it means to love our families, fellow parishioners and even strangers. We comforted mourners, celebrated milestones, fed hungry families and found creative new ways to tell others about Jesus and His love. The mistakes we made, sins we committed and misfortunes we experienced are very real., but they have all been swallowed up and burned away in the blazing furnace that is God’s love.



Here's the best news of all from the unhappy year gone by: We. kept. going. At the End of Days, Jesus does not reward those who never sinned. He does not welcome those who did everything just right. *The Bible* tells us He welcomes and celebrates those "who endured to the very end".

Well done, good and faithful parish. Does 2021 hold relief and respite for us? I sure hope and pray so, but even if it doesn't -- against the people of St. Philip's, helped by God - 2021 doesn't stand a chance. May God bless, prosper and keep you all.

Gratefully,

Fr. Jim

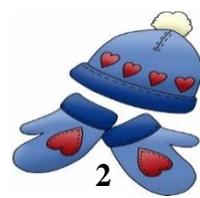
Mission Statement



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.



HAVE
A HAPPY
NEW YEAR





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Karen Cappello: "Highlights of the Vestry Meeting"
Janie Jenssen, R. N.: "Health, Medical and Nutrition Information"
Marg Duer: Dolores Kampert, Ginger Knowles "Parishioner Profile"
Bob Purcell: "Know your Church"



JANUARY



02 - Aubrey Hercules
05 - Don Mueller
06 - Julie Allord
08 - Nancy Holian
08 - Gretchen Johnson
12 - Robert Miller
16 - Teresa Cichantk
21 - Grace Liney
22 - Alison Hill
24 - Julie Switchtenberg
27 - Jo-Ann Miller
29 - Amara Akogu
30 - John Mullins
30 - Madeline Rorrie
31 - Bill Burns
31 - Rob Myers



15 - Shane and Julie Allord
20 - Don Mueller and Pam Patyk



January Volunteer Schedules:

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

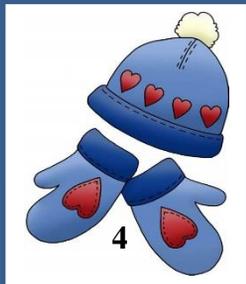
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	Altar Guild	Acolytes	Greeters	Readers	Chalice Bearers	Nursery
January 3 10:00 a.m.	Linda Purcell Liz Huth-Taylor	none needed	none needed	Grace Horner (Reader) Marvin Hill (Voice)	none needed	none needed
January 10 10:00 a.m.	Judy Zawacke Karen Cappello	none needed	none needed	Peggy Morrill (Reader) Lisa Gillette (Voice)	none needed	none needed
January 17 10:00 a.m.	Bonnie Wiggen	none needed	none needed	DJ/Marvin Hill (Reader) Grace Horner (Voice)	none needed	none needed
January 24 9:00 a.m. Annual Mtg.	Nancy Holian Kathy Svendson	none needed	none needed	Christine Wood (Reader) Jack Notzen (Voice)	none needed	none needed
January 31 10:00 a.m.	Linda Purcell Liz Huth-Taylor	none needed	none needed	Karen Cappello (Reader) Peggy Morrill (Voice)	none needed	none needed



Counters: Marvin Hill
Bob Purcell

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





Know Your Church

by Bob Purcell

The Rev. Canon Paula E. Clark will be the next Bishop of the Chicago Diocese.



She is Canon to the Ordinary and Chief of Staff for the Diocese of Washington, DC. A native of Washington, DC, she has served as an associate and rector of two parishes in the city. For the past seven years she served on the Diocesan staff. She is married to Andrew McLean with a blended family of five adult children and seven grandchildren.

The Church was hoping to find a Jesus-loving servant leader who could unite us as a cohesive diocese in facing the challenges of our history and our 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 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. We have 122 congregations, 33,000 members and average Sunday attendance around 10,000.

We were 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.

On the fourth ballot at the electing convention the Diocese chose The Right Reverend Paula Clark.

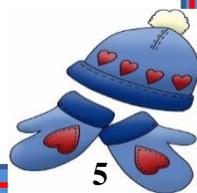
Bishop-elect Clark's response: "I am overwhelmed, I am humbled, I am overjoyed... God is calling us a new day and a new way of being."

Edited quotes: "The Diocese of Chicago's focus on congregational vitality and justice excites me. I am a passionate follower of Jesus, dedicated to spreading the "Good News" of Christ, helping others to find God and deepen their relationship with God and their neighbors.

"I am dedicated to empowering clergy and lay leaders to foster viable, faith filled communities that effectively encourage Christian discipleship, responsible stewardship of resources, and outwardly focused, compassionate connections with their neighbors. A great deal of my ministry is joyfully spent in lay and clergy leadership development.

Bishop-elect Clark looks forward to growing the church, forming the faithful, and changing the world in the way of love.

The installation and consecration will take place sometime after Easter.





Would You **Like to Serve** St. Philip's?

Would you like to serve on the vestry?

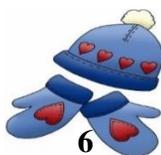
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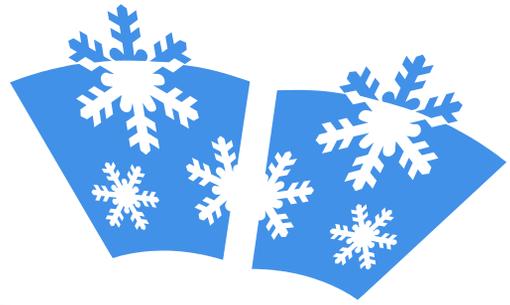
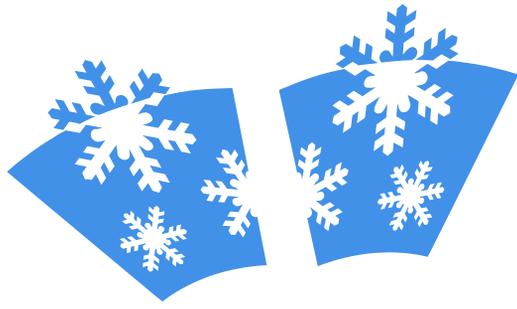
- how the church is run.
- how the church spends its money.

Would you like to represent St. Philip's
at next year's diocesan convention?

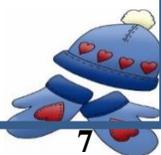
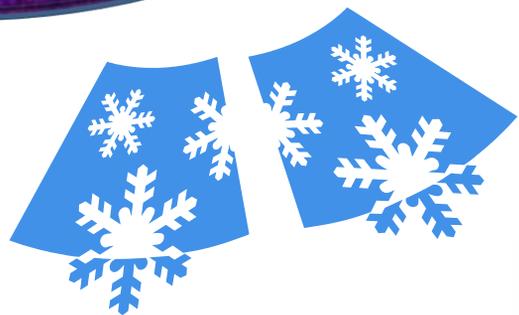
Please consider putting your name on the ballot
before the parish's annual meeting
(January 24).

If you are interested in serving,
please contact Fr. Jim or any member of the vestry.





Mark your calendar:
Annual Meeting
January 24





January 2021



SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY



1 New Year's Day



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Office is closed

3 Epiphany of Our Lord (transferred)

10:00 a.m. Rite I service (Zoom)

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

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10:00 a.m. Rite II service (Zoom)
11:30 a.m. Vestry Meeting (Zoom)

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

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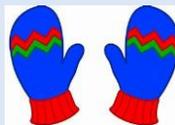
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10:00 a.m. Rite II service (Zoom)
Commission 2021 Vestry

