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# July 2020

The Fr. Jim Stanley, Rector



It's July! Traditionally, this is a month for vacations, cookouts, fireworks, ballgames and swimming pools. We may be at liberty to enjoy some of those things in the current climate. Other activities may still be out of the question.

That can be tough to take as Americans, in no small part owing to the little word I used above: liberty. We expect it. We, if we're decent people, want it for others. Liberty is a good thing.

The word "liberty" turns completely around for disciples of Jesus. Yes, in Christ we are set free from the legalism and Phariseeism of the fundamentalist. We are, St. Paul says over and over, "under grace" and not the law.



Paul and all the New Testament writers also teach that liberty and grace are not to be used as a cover or excuse for sin. I have always believed that grace is stricter than law. Grace is freely given and not earned, but because we have been liberated from one law, we are invited to choose the more demanding law of love. It's that "law" that motivates us to care for others. It's what we promise at baptism:

We vow to "strive for justice and peace among all people, and to respect the dignity of every human being."(BCP p. 304)

That's much harder to do than to simply check off a list of "do's and don'ts" handed to us by some Pharisee. It's much happier work. It is far more rewarding.

God bless and keep you,

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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"Parish Profiles" and "Newcomer News"

Bob Purcell: "Know Your Church"



# JULY




## Birthdays of the Month



03 - Steve Gillette  
06 - Carrol Hercules  
08 - Jennifer DeMeyer  
10 - Jeanne Dessilla  
12 - Kathryn Jones  
13 - Jack Swichtenberg  
16 - Mike Livingston  
21 - Bob Purcell  
23 - Andy Kistner  
25 - Dan Gronlund  
25 - Karen Porzak  
27 - Jeff Cappello  
27 - Bud Lowe  
28 - Lauren Smith  
29 - Pam Patyk

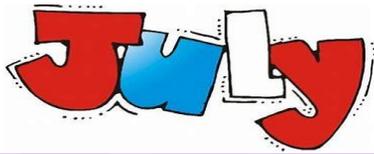


## Happy Anniversary



06 - Bob and Marg Duer  
08 - Trey and Barb Higgins  
16 - Ken and Janie Jossen





# Volunteer Schedules:

Service: 9:00 a.m.

Please find a substitute if you are unable to serve.

	Altar Guild	Acolytes	Greeters	Readers	Chalice Bearers	Nursery
<b>July 5</b> 10:00 a.m.	Nancy Holian Kathy Svendson	none	Peggy Morrill Gary Morrill	Grace Horner Jack Notzen	Marvin Hill	Lisa Gillette
<b>July 12</b> 10:00 a.m.	Liz Huth-Taylor Linda Purcell	none	Jeff Cappello, Andy Obara, Aubrey Hercules	Kathryn Jones Judy Zawacke	Alison Hill	Katie Gillette
<b>July 19</b> 10:00 a.m.	Judy Zawacke Karen Cappello	none	Bonnie Wiggen Andy Kistner	Peggy Morrill Marg Duer	Ginger Knowles	Jenna Gillette
<b>July 26</b> 10:00 a.m.	Bonnie Wiggen	none	Lamar Jones Jack Notzen	Mike Zawacke Lisa Gillette	Jeff Cappello	Jessica Hill-Jones



Counters: Kathryn Jones  
Mike Zawacke

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



**Parish Profile -- Keith W. Kampert, Jr., MBA, CPA**  
Treasurer, Episcopal Diocese of Chicago



by Dolores Kampert

Thirteen years ago, while at choir practice at St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Barrington, Keith was made aware of the Diocese's need for a treasurer. Keith, who had retired one and half years earlier from the American Academy of Pediatrics, volunteered to serve as treasurer until the position could be filled. Once in this position, he decided that he really enjoyed the job, so he applied and was hired permanently as the treasurer. This position involves being the treasurer of seven entities within the diocese. When Bishop Lee arrived, he visited Keith in his office, and asked Keith what his belief was. Keith's response was, "Jesus loves me, this I know, because the Bible tells me so." Well, what could top this response . . . nothing . . . so Bishop Lee just got up and left. Such a simple response from such a complex, loving, friendly, modest and truly Christian man.

Where did his deep-rooted beliefs begin? Probably as a young man who was active in the Methodist church as a child and through college. Keith attended and graduated with a BS in Accounting from Pennsylvania Military College in Chester, Pa. Upon completion of his four years, he was commissioned a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant in the Army and was assigned to the Adjutant General Corp.



Before starting his tour of duty, Keith married Dolores and the two of them started a life filled with travel and adventure. Keith's tours of duty took him to Indianapolis for nine weeks, Bangkok, Thailand for nineteen months, and then to Korea for thirteen months. He gave three years of service, left the Army as a Captain and entered the public sector as an accountant.



Keith started as a junior accountant working at Columbus, Cuneo & Cabrini Hospitals in Chicago. The year that Keith was promoted to controller of Cabrini Hospital, his daughter, Julie was born. Passing the CPA Exam on the first try, brought another promotion to Cuneo Hospital. Keith was soon to take a position as controller of Gottlieb Hospital in Melrose Park. These jobs were preliminary experiences for what was a position with the American Academy of Pediatrics, who were headquartered in Evanston near the Northwestern University Campus. Soon after his taking this position, his son, Jonathan was born.

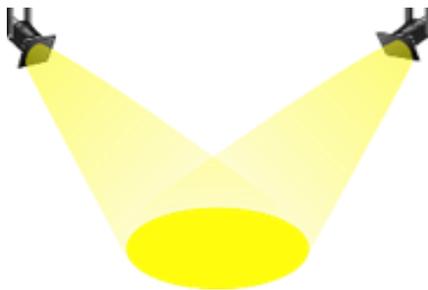
Keith worked at the Academy for twenty-six (26) years, starting as Controller of an organization with seventy (70) employees and ending as the Chief Financial Officer/Associate Executive Director of an organization of 400 employees. His work there involved setting up the IT Department, the Marketing Department, the Human Resource Department, and building a new building located in Elk Grove Village.



Because of his endeavors, the Child Car Seat Safety Act was established as a Federal law in which requires children to be in car seats. He also was the key person who negotiated purchasing the rights to a book, which is now the child-care book sponsored by the Academy for children from birth through teens. During his last few years, he was instrumental in getting birthing procedures to Chinese medical institutions, which he subsequently found out has been initiated in all Chinese hospitals and has saved many babies' lives.

Keith's life journey has always been centered around his belief in our Lord. He believes all he has is a gift from God. He has read *the Bible* several times, and he reads many books about religious beliefs. He enjoys and actively participates in a *Bible Study* group. He loves to sing in the choir, and he has served on the vestry. His life is highlighted with a loving family including his wife, Dolores, his children, Julie (Allord) and Jonathan, his son-in-law, Shane Allord, his daughter-in-law, Anne-marie, and his grandchildren, Pierce, Ronan, Rhett, Morgan, and, Jada. All of his family are active Episcopalians, who love and support St. Philip's.





## Coffee Hour Hosting

by Dolores Kampert



COFFEE | COMMUNITY | COMFORT | CHURCH

Why do we have a coffee hour after our services? From experience, I have found that when a coffee hour is vibrant, more people stay, and the easier it is to get people involved. When the coffee hour goes by the wayside, a loss of community and togetherness is apparent. It is hard to revive this feeling of togetherness and fellowship, let alone to get someone to take the lead. Below is an article that I found that really “hit the nail-on-the-head.” Once we are back together, please do not hesitate to take a turn hosting this important part of our church family life. [\[1\]](#)

### The 4 C’s of fellowship: coffee, community, comfort, and church

When selecting a diamond, the four C's are significant. With the right combination of carat, cut, color and clarity, you can ensure that the stone will become a cherished heirloom. When it comes to bringing religious communities together, another four C's are also significant.

Coffee, community, comfort and church are the foundation of fellowship across religions and denominations. Having a high-quality coffee hour at your church will consistently attract members, encouraging ongoing bonding and stimulating growth. The more you know about the four C's, the stronger your religious community will be.



### Coffee

The average coffee drinker in the US. drinks three cups per day. This equates to sixty-six billion cups per year. Coffee is more than just a java jump in the morning; it's something we have in common. Coffee is a tradition that brings people together. When enjoyed at church, it fuels fellowship and underscores the importance of community, not to mention lifting the spirit.

### Community

Coffee ministries are about more than just hot beverages. They are about inviting visitors to stay a little longer, get to know each other better, and make church more than just an hour-long to-do in their day. The focus is to bring people together in order to strengthen the bonds of the church community. It is amazing to think that one beverage has the power to do such great things.

### Comfort

Coffee is like liquid courage that helps people interact with each other. When you look over and another person is holding the same cup, it's a simple yet profound connection. It does not matter if you are twenty or 100, coffee is an unassuming beverage. Suddenly, different generations are getting to know each other at coffee hours, smiling, laughing and sharing. New friendships form, couples greet each other and parents exchange stories as their children play.

### Church

Coffee hours have been used by religious organizations for decades. Church is always the heart, but coffee is akin to the lifeblood of the community. Sure, members come to worship, but they stay afterward for a cup of joe. The simple scent of fresh brew can entice people of all ages to stay, mingle with each other or perhaps sit and flip through the church directory. It is good old-fashioned hospitality, welcoming long-term members and new visitors alike.





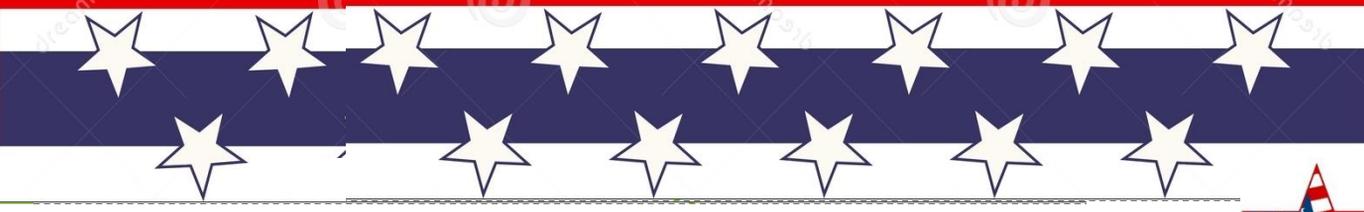
No pandemic is going to stop St. Philip's parishioners from celebrating Jeanne Svendson's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, Joe Harrell's 85<sup>th</sup> birthday, and Andy Obara's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. We lined the streets with up to thirty-one (31) decorated cars honking and parading around their homes! Jeanne and Joe were completely surprised while Andy was anxiously awaiting our St. Philip's parade celebration. Thanks to everyone who participated! They were beautiful days and yet another example of the endless love of our St. Philip's family.



# Parades, continued



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# Know Your Church



by Bob Purcell

There is a dedicated group of St. Philips parishioners working on a re-opening plan.

Andy Kistner  
Fr. Jim Stanley  
Deacon Dan Hughes  
Jack Notzen  
Pam Patyk  
Ginger Knowles  
Mike Livingston  
Bonnie Wiggen  
Bob Duer  
Jeff Cappello  
Marvin Hill  
Janie Jansen  
Gary Morrill  
Diane Dugovic

When St Philips will reopen is not currently knowable. It depends on future guidelines from the Governor Pritzker, Bishop Lee, etc. There is a comprehensive check list of work that needs to be done. Preparation are underway to make the Church safe for people to return. The committee would like to complete the preparations, so we are ready to reopen when we are able to reopen.

The Episcopal Diocese may move slower than the state government. The church may place a higher priority on safety.

In the meantime, we will continue our Zoom services. The Zoom services have been remarkably successful. They help us stay connected. The Vestry also meets on Zoom. The groups that meet at our Church have the option of meeting in our parking lot or in our courtyard, but at a safe distance.

We are very appreciative of the work the committee is doing.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<p>1</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p><b>Independence Day</b></p>
<p>5</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Rite I Service (via Zoom)</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer (via Zoom)</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>8:30 a.m. Green Thumb</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Rite II Service (via Zoom)</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Vestry (via Zoom)</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer (via Zoom)</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>
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