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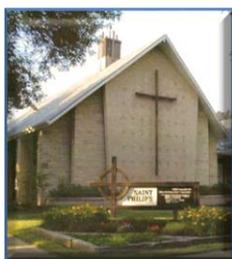
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The Fr. Jim Stanley, Rector



Hi friends!

I thought I'd share summer reading recommendations. Some I've read; some I'm currently reading; others have been suggested by folks who've tipped me off to good reads before. Enjoy...

1. *Educated: A Memoir*, by Tara Westover (Caution: this book is for adults. It is a fascinating look into the world of hyper-fundamentalism. As such, there are descriptions of abuse that are troubling. Not for everyone. I found it hard to put down though. Not least because it establishes a substantive link between extremist religion and anti-intellectualism.)
2. *On the Incarnation*, by St. Athanasius (I often recommend reading this during Advent and Christmas. But it's awe-inspiring anytime.)
3. *Between Noon and Three: Romance, Law & the Outrage of Grace*, by Robert Farrar Capon (It's next on my 'to read' list! If it's half as good as his book on the parables of Jesus, it's well worth the time. Capon is a master.)



4. *Revelations of Divine Love*, by Julian of Norwich (I quote her often in my sermons.)
5. *In Defense of Elitism*, by Joel Stein (The Time Magazine humorist writes with a verve and playfulness that is appealing. Just when you think he's an arrogant boor, he pokes fun at himself for his arrogantly boorish tendencies. Stein makes a compelling case for valuing expertise.)
6. *Jesus Calling*, by Sarah Young (Ginger Knowles read vestry a number of selections from these meditations. They are brief, but very inspiring!)
7. *The Killer Angels*, by Michael Shaara (A Pulitzer nominee and classic about the Battle of Gettysburg. Hard to put down.)
8. *When Your World Falls Apart*, by David Jeremiah (He's authored many books I would not recommend, but this one was both helpful and inspiring.)
9. *The Dalai Lama: An Extraordinary Life*, by Alexander Norman (Highly recommended to me by - of all people - a Baptist pastor!)
10. *With Christ in the School of Prayer*, by Andrew Murray (A 19th century gem that can revitalize a disciple's prayer life.)

If you pick up one or two of these over the summer, let's chat! If you have recommendations of your own, please pass them along.

Happy summer reading!

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"

JUNE



01 - Liz Huth-Taylor
 01 - Andy Obara (90th birthday)
 02 - Christopher Moore
 06 - Peggy Morrill
 07 - Pierce Allord
 10 - Diane Knowles
 15 - Kim Nelson
 15 - Marianne Raymond
 24 - Laura Raymond
 25 - Danny Purcell
 27 - Leo Myers
 29 - Jonathan Kampert



02 - Malcolm and Madeline Rorrie
 10 - Marvin and Jill Hill
 18 - Robert and Jo-Ann Miller
 21 - Jeff and Karen Cappello





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
June 7 9:00 a.m.	Nancy Holian Kathy Svendson	none	Peggy Morrill Gary Morrill	Mike Zawacke Marg Duer	Marvin Hill	Lisa Gillette
June 14 9:00 a.m.	Liz Huth-Taylor Linda Purcell	none	Jeff Cappello, Andy Obara, Aubrey Hercules	Karen Cappello Trey Higgins	Ginger Knowles	Katie Gillette
June 21 9:00 a.m.	Judy Zawacke Karen Cappello	none	Bonnie Wiggen Andy Kistner	Michael DeMeyer Lisa Gillette	Bob Purcell	Jenna Gillette
June 28 9:00 a.m.	Bonnie Wiggen	none	Lamar Jones Jack Notzen	DJ & M. Hill Linda Purcell	Jeff Cappello	Jessica Hill-Jones

**Counters: Steve Gillette
Marvin Hill**

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





Know Your Church



**What is going on at the Chicago Diocese?
What are the next steps?**

by Bob Purcell

Obviously, the Coronavirus has disrupted our lives, our society, and our Church. Our Churches have been closed. Bishop Lee has postponed his retirement. The June convention to elect a new Bishop has been canceled.

The current thinking is to elect a new Bishop at the annual convention in November and hold that convention on Zoom or its equivalent. The Bishop and the Diocese are busy planning the way to reopen our Churches. Here are some guidelines they will consider. These are part of work presented by Rev. Ellen Ekevag on Leadership During Trauma.

Promote Safety

Create and present simple and clear guidelines for each phase of re-entry. Guidelines for the purpose of keeping each other safe and doing it together.

Promote Calm

Embrace simplicity. Lean into our rich traditions of prayer and worship. Encourage people to develop personal prayer practices. Provide times when people can express themselves and their feelings.

Promote Self and Collective Efficacy

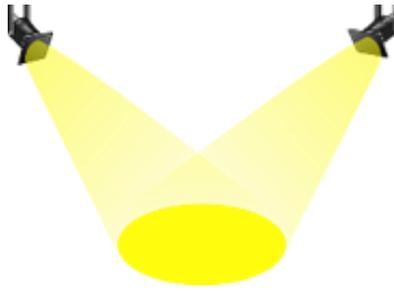
Efficacy is the ability to successfully get the job done. The ability to produce the desired result. For example, by communicating unity of purpose

Promote Connectedness

Be always humble, gentle, and patient. Show your love by being tolerant with one another. Do your best to preserve the unity which the Spirit gives by means of the peace that binds you together (Ephesians 4:2-3)

Promote Hope

Reinforce our church's values. Clearly articulate hope as a value. Pursue achievable goals. Make meaning of the current moment.



GREETERS

“Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.” **(Hebrews 13: 1)**

When Keith and I came to St. Philip’s, the first greeting we received was from Andy Obara. We remember that well because he welcomed us with a smile and hug, which touched our hearts. When seated in the pew, Father Jim approached us and introduced himself, which impressed us, as this has never happened to us at any other church we have attended. Not only that, but Father Jim remembered our names as we received Communion. These gestures, as small as they may seem to others, meant a great deal to us, as we felt as though we were not just numbers, but actually welcomed to the congregation.

Being a Greeter has responsibilities:

- Greeters are the personification, the representative, the exemplar, that is, the church embodied. Their very presence is the first living impression of the church body.
- Greeters need to realize they are more than themselves. They are the style and spirit of the church in human form.
- Greeters are the Ambassadors of the Door. They are the gatekeepers in the House of the Lord; the envoy of the Lord of the House.^[1]

Being able to welcome guests and making them feel at home is a special gift to our parish. We all have special talents and a purpose to use these talents. If you feel as though this ministry interests you, please contact Lamar Jones through our email at parish@stphilipspalatine.org.

^[1] <https://www.nelsonprice.com/the-importance-of-church-greeters/>



Not a Profile-----Eight-O’Clockers, part 1

by Marg Duer

Here we are—the middle of May—hopefully enjoying the beautiful spring with flocked trees, red buds, tulips, daffodils and every shade of green and awaiting more to come! Hopefully, you are enjoying all this rebirth walking in your gardens, or looking out your windows.

It all brings to mind our beautiful garden walk and fountain at St. Philip’s. What a beautiful corner so faithfully maintained by Bill Burns—just as faithfully as Gary Morrell seeks, finds and plucks dandelions! Yes, our church building and churchyard are as you last saw them, waiting for us to return.

Many of us are known as the “Eight-O-Clockers” attending the Rite I service early every Sunday, as Fr. Jim affectionately says, “With all the thees and thous.” Nancy and Richard Stones are two recently commenting on the current situation we all are experiencing.

Dick reported that, yes, Nancy dresses each day as elegantly as we would expect, just to stay-at-home. Dick, as thoughtful as he is, made special arrangements for a hair stylist to attend to Nancy’s needs, and to his own. He’s not shaggy anymore. And, just as we would expect, he continues to be sockless (never wears them) and is thinking of ditching the shoes, too!

Dick drove by the recently opened golf course, but claims it “only looks good if you want to go for a swim!”

“Tempus fugit,” one eight-o-clocker said correctly, time flies and this too shall pass. We will be back at St. Philip’s, greeting each other, praying together and, as always, wishing each other well. Blessings to all!





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 7:00 p.m. <i>Bible Study</i>	2 8:00 a. m. Tai Chi 9:30 a. m. Eucharist, Rite II and coffee hour.	3	4 	5	6 
7 9:00 a. m. Eucharist, Rite II Nursery 10:30 a. m. Coffee Hour	8 7:00 p. m. Book Club	9 8:00 a. m. Tai Chi 9:30 a. m. Eucharist, Rite II and Coffee Hour	10 	11 8:30 a. m. Green Thumb 	12 11:30 a. m. Lunch Bunch 	13 
14 9:00 a. m. Eucharist, Rite II Nursery 10:30 a. m. Coffee Hour Vestry	15 7:00 p. m. <i>Bible Study</i>	16 8:00 a. m. Tai Chi 9:30 a. m. Eucharist, Rite II and coffee hour	17 	18	19 	20 
21 Father's Day  9:00 a. m. Eucharist, Rite II Nursery 10:30 a. m. Coffee Hour	22 6:30 p. m. Spiritual Awareness	23 8:00 a. m. Tai Chi 9:30 a. m. Eucharist, Rite II and coffee hour 11:00 Spiritual Awareness	24 	25 	26 	27 8:30 a.m. Green Thumb 
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