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March 2020

The Rev. Jim Stanley, Rector



By the time you have this month's Epistle in hand, we will have set forth on another Lenten adventure. At times, such a pilgrimage with the Spirit can feel like a wilderness of confusion and gloom. Other times, one experiences a mountaintop of gratitude, certitude and joy. It can be gloomy because Lent forces us to consider where we have fallen short. I don't know about you, but that comes pretty naturally to me. While it is absolutely essential that we do rigorously evaluate the depth of our commitment to Jesus -- while we must "repent and return to the Lord" --- let's not forget that there is always that great point of relief, celebration and thanksgiving when Christ freely and tenderly forgives us.

There have been times when I have indulged in what a friend describes as "arrogance" about my sins and shortcomings. It's not what you think! The arrogance enters the picture when I beat myself up and act as though somehow MY sins are just *that much more* wicked than anyone else's...just so much more perfidious...that I am somehow different. "Of course Jesus freely forgives YOU! But I'm a special case." My friend is right. It's a kind of backhanded, upside-down, arrogant "humility".

Jesus will hear none of it. He is Victor. And His mercy is not parceled out in cautious measures. It is lavished abundantly on ALL who ask. "Our God does not retain his anger for ever, because he delights in showing clemency. He will again have compassion upon us; he will tread our iniquities under foot. He will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea." - Micah 7:18b & 19

Dear family in Christ, may God bless us all richly this Lent with the ability to accept mercy and revel in our belovedness



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.



Mission/Outreach Corner - Lenten Opportunities:

by Mike Zawacke

*"Feed My Starving Children" Packing Event

- sign up in the Narthex for the Saturday, March 7th event, if space is available.

*Palatine Township Easter Basket Program

- provide an Easter Basket to financially disadvantaged children under 10. Sign up in the Narthex by Sunday, March 8. Baskets will be due to the Township by April 3.



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"Parish Profiles" and "Newcomer News"
Bob Purcell: "Know Your Church"



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Happy Anniversary



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March

Volunteer Schedules:

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
March 1						
8:00 a.m.	Peggy Davis		Bob Duer	Alternates		
10:00 a.m.	Judy Zawacke Karen Cappello	Ronan Allord	Aubrey Hercules Alternate	Christine Wood Linda Purcell	Alison Hill	Julie Swichtenberg
March 8						
8:00 a.m.	Peggy Davis		Bill Burns	Alternates		
10:00 a.m.	Bonnie Wiggen	Danny Purcell Olivia Purcell	Andy Kistner Bonnie Wiggen	Mike Zawacke Jack Notzen	Bob Purcell	Jenna Gillette
March 15						
8:00 a.m.	Peggy Davis		no greeter	Alternates		
10:00 a.m.	Nancy Holian	Jenna Gillette	Lamar Jones Jack Notzen	Karen Cappello Judy Zawacke	Jeff Cappello	Jessica Hill-Jones
March 22						
8:00 a.m.	Peggy Davis		Bob Duer	Alternates		
10:00 a.m.	Liz Huth-Taylor Linda Purcell	Jack Swichtenberg	Julie Swichtenberg Jon Swichtenberg	DJ & Marvin Hill Marg Duer	Ginger Knowles	Jessica Hill-Jones
March 29						
8:00 a.m.	Peggy Davis		Bill Burns	Alternates		
10:00 a.m.	Judy Zawacke Karen Cappello	Morgan Allord	Jeff Cappello Andy Obara	Grace Horner Linda Purcell	Marvin Hill	Julie Swichtenberg

Counters: Kathryn Jones
Bob Purcell

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





Building & Grounds

“Let them deliver it into the hand of the workmen who have the oversight of the house of the LORD, and let them give it to the workmen who are in the house of the LORD to repair the damages of the house, to the carpenters and the builders and the masons and for buying timber and hewn stone to repair the house.” 2 Kings 22:5-6

Isn't it a good feeling to come to church and enjoy the hard work of our Building & Grounds Ministry? There are many visible achievements that we see, like the landscaping, but there are many hidden chores that they are responsible for.

Our Building & Grounds Ministry maintain and provide a safe, clean, and functional environment while improving building and grounds to provide a comfortable atmosphere for all our guests and members. This ministry is charged with the upkeep and improvement of the Churches' facilities, ensuring that the Church buildings and grounds are maintained and repaired as necessary. It also helps with the following responsibilities:

- ❖ Scheduling periodic cleanup days for grounds and buildings.
- ❖ Coordinating teams for repetitive maintenance.
- ❖ Identify small maintenance and repair tasks.
- ❖ Assisting with any problems that members or guests may have with the facilities or grounds.
- ❖ Coordinating those with specific skills such as painting, electrical and plumbing, etc.

If you are skilled or experienced in the area of yard maintenance, plumbing, electrical, roofing, etc., or, you would like to learn and volunteer, please reach out to Jeff Cappello, 847-217-0975, or, email: jcappello13@aol.com.



“Welcome to St. Philip’s. I’ll take the baby.” That was the first greeting Michael and Jen received at St. Philip’s in 2018. They were exhausted parents of 5-month-old James, a light-sleeper, and Sophie Obara innately understood. That’s when they knew they had found their home church in a new community.

They first met as freshman at the InterVarsity, an interdenominational group at University of Illinois, Champaign. Baptized a Catholic, raised an Episcopalian, Michael and Jen, a Catholic, dated briefly. She, a math and computer science major, with a French minor, graduated in three years. Michael graduated with a Psychology major focusing on bio-medical aspects leading him to University of Chicago Department of Genetics and on to Rosalind Franklin University in North Chicago with a Masters in Healthcare Administration. However, in 2011, the recession encouraged corporate downsizing and consolidation, not hiring. He worked in a rehabilitation center in the billing office, but found himself Jack-of-all-trades.

They are regulars at St. Philip’s, and Michael, a stay-at-home dad, has offered his talents in various capacities—Outreach Committee, Palatine Faith in Action, Bible Study and most recently a new Vestry member. He knows what he wants and goes for it—just as in 2008, when he reignited his relationship with Jen with intention—it took six years until they were married in Woodridge in 2014.

November 30, 2017, their life changed forever—James was born, and Michael became a stay-at-home-dad. Jen continued as Software Engineer for a trade company in Chicago—conveniently, across the street from Ogilvie Station. Before last Christmas, they purchased a house in Willow Walk, and learned they would be blessed with another child in July. Life is a miracle!

While Michael is expanding acquaintances with James at Library Storytime, Park District Open Gym, and by attending his new Homeowners’ Association, most of his efforts are focused on St. Philip’s and attracting other young families to St. Philip’s. His strong pull toward deepening and sharing his faith on a personal level has evolved into his Bible Study on the 1st and 3rd Monday each month: the first unit focuses on the Book of Psalms, the second studies the Sermon on the Mount, and currently he inspires a close mature look into typically children’s Bible Stories. Yes, the DeMeyers are blessed—and St. Philip’s is blessed with their presence, their youth, James, and their faith.



Vestry Corner

2020

At the Annual Meeting on January 26, 2020 Jack Notzen was elected Senior Warden. Pam Patyk was elected Junior Warden. Aubrey Hercules, Lamar Jones, Andy Kistner,, Madeline Rorrie, and Christine Wood were elected members of the Vestry. Congratulations and welcome.

Ginger Knowles has finished her term as Senior Warden. Jeff Cappello, Aubrey Hercules, Madeline Rorrie, and Jeanne Svendson have completed their terms on the Vestry.

Thank you all for your many hours of service to St. Philip's.

by Ginger Knowles



2020 New Vestry Member Commissioning



2020 New Vestry members from left to right – Andy Kistner, Fr. Jim, Christine Wood, Bonnie Wigen, Dolores Kampert, Pam Patyk, Jack Notzen, Karen Cappello (clerk), Michael DeMeyer, Rich Knowles (not pictured) Lamar Jones

Friends,



As you may know, St. Philip's tries to offer some sort of public service to our members and the wider community about once a quarter. These take place during coffee hour after the main Sunday service. Past events have covered fall prevention, crime prevention, safe computing, scam awareness, and mental health first aid. In the future, we hope to cover fall prevention again, AED training and more.

March 29th is our next offering. The subject is "Healthy Eating for One or Two". This was a great idea from Marg Duer and she has lined up Ms. Bobbie Desprat, currently employed at Cork and Fork in Palatine. Bobbie has trained in France and with Williams Sonoma. She recently retired as Director of Food Services for Community Consolidated School District 15. Bobbie will give a demonstration and maybe even share some goodies with us.

Let's be telling our friends and neighbors about this! They can come to mass and then join us for coffee hour...or, if they prefer, just join us for the coffee and demonstration. Thanks everyone!

Fr. Jim (who's now very hungry)





Highlights of the Vestry Meeting February 15, 2020



by Karen Cappello

1. Vestry members discussed their goals for 2020 and had an open discussion to discuss ideas to make St. Philip's better in body, mind, and spirit
2. The yearly church calendar was approved as well as the Vestry activity calendar.
3. Pam Patyk discussed ideas for the 2020 auction.
4. Dolores Kampert asked for a trial during Easter of a revised bulletin where everything is all in one book.
5. The Vestry approved funds for a new web site.

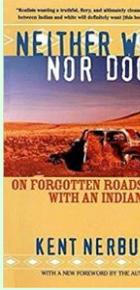
Lenten Offering

by Dolores Kampert



Ash Wednesday is right around the corner! Don't miss out on this Lenten Offering called ***Faith Reflection Group***. What is this? Parishioners who sign up are grouped into 4 to 5 members. These members come together whenever the group decides during Lent at either the church or member's home to tell about their ***Walk with Jesus***. At each meeting, prayers are said and an individual from the group will tell their story. Groups can meet at anytime that is convenient for them, and may include simple meals. Telling your story should be limited to a maximum time of one hour. Brochures explaining more about this offering are located in the back of the church where there is also a sign-up sheet, or, you can sign-up by sending or texting your name, phone number and email address to Dolores Kampert, email: kkampert@hotmail.com; phone: 847-359-6074 or cell: 847-814-8901.





On February 10th, with 16 people in attendance, the Eat, Pray, Read discussion of Susan Orlean's engaging novel *The Library Book* was led by Judy Zawacke.

On Monday March 9th, 2020 at 7:00 p. m. Eat Pray will be meeting to discuss Kent Nerburn's *Neither Wolf nor Dog*. In this 1996 Minnesota Book Award winner, Kent Nerburn draws the reader deep into the world of an Indian elder known only as Dan. *Neither Wolf nor Dog* takes readers to the heart of the Native American experience. As the story unfolds, Dan speaks eloquently on the difference between land and property, the power of silence, and the selling of sacred ceremonies. Everyone's welcome to join us!!

Annual Meeting



Kathy and Jeanne Svendson set up the desert table for the brunch



Brunch is ready!



We start with Brunch



Fr. Jim leads the prayer before the Annual Meeting.

Annual Meeting - continued



Treasurer's Report



St. Philip's 2019 in review



Ginger Knowles led a very successful 2019 as Senior Warden

Pam Patyk and Jack Notzen as the new Junior Warden and Senior Warden for 2020 ask for pointers from Ginger Knowles.



Save the Dates

On May 10th, St. Philip's will welcome The Rev. Patsy McGregor to St. Philip's. Patsy will preach and is welcome to celebrate/preside if she wishes. After the service, I'm encouraging as many people as possible to stay for coffee hour and hear more about Bishop Todd and Rev. Patsy's ministry in Madagascar. God has done and is doing powerful things there. I met Todd and Patsy a couple years ago and was so impressed with their love for Jesus and for the people of Madagascar. Todd will be elsewhere (missionaries have to cover lots of ground when they are back in the states!) but we're delighted to be able to host Patsy.

I realize May 10th is Mother's Day and some folks may be in a hurry to get to a special dinner. But I want to encourage as many parishioners as possible to stay for coffee hour. Patsy will undoubtedly have much to share, not only about their ministry, but about the challenges mothers face in impoverished countries. Let's stay in touch on this.

Thanks and God bless,

Fr. Jim

"We must be global Christians with a global vision, because ours is a global God." - John R.W. Stott



On Tuesday, May 19th, our guest preacher and celebrant will be the Right Reverend Samitiana, who works alongside Todd and Patsy in Madagascar. Rev. Samy, as he is affectionately called, was ordained bishop in 2018 and has been a missionary to Mauritius as well as his home country of Madagascar. Plan to attend out Tuesday, 9:30 service, followed by coffee hour and hear about what God is doing in Africa!



Bishop Samy and his wife...



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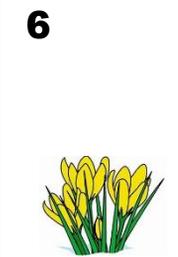
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1
8:00 a. m. Eucharist, Rite I
10:00 a. m. Eucharist, Rite II
Catechesis
Nursery

2
7:00 p. m. Bible Study

3
8:00 a. m. Tai Chi
9:30 a. m. Eucharist, Rite II

4
4: 00 p. m. Evening Prayer



7
Please, set your clocks forward --
Spring Ahead clock icon

8
8:00 a. m. Eucharist, Rite I
10:00 a. m. Eucharist, Rite II
Catechesis
Nursery
11:30 Vestry

9
7:00 p. m. Eat, Pray Read

10
8:00 a. m. Tai Chi
9:30 a. m. Eucharist, Rite II

11
4: 00 p. m. Evening Prayer



13
11:30 a. m. Lunch Bunch



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10:00 a. m. Eucharist, Rite II
Catechesis
Nursery
11:30 Seminar

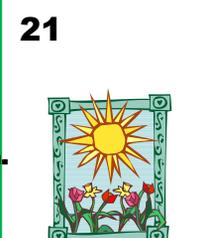
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4: 00 p. m. Evening Prayer



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5:45- 7:30 p. m. Feed my Starving Children

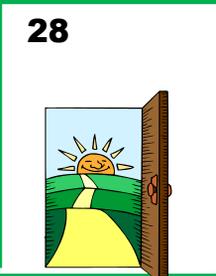
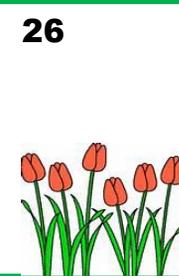


22
8:00 a. m. Eucharist, Rite I
10:00 a. m. Eucharist, Rite II
Catechesis
Nursery
Safe Computing

23
6:30 p. m. Spiritual Awareness

24
8:00 a. m. Tai Chi
9:30 a. m. Eucharist, Rite II
11:00 a. m. Spiritual Awareness

25
4: 00 p. m. Evening Prayer



29
8:00 a. m. Eucharist, Rite I
10:00 a. m. Eucharist, Rite II
Catechesis
Nursery

