

St. Philip's Weekly Newsletter September 10th

Hello dear friends. Before I share some extremely important prayer requests, let me give you a brief rundown of important events and happenings at St. Philip's in the future:

- ★ The ladies of Lunch Bunch will meet this Friday (Sept 10th) at 11:30 in the parish hall.
- ★ This coming Sunday is our annual All-Parish picnic. Please bring a treat to share and plan to relax and have fun with your church family.
- ★ Book Club meets Monday night, the 13th, in the Foote Library.
- ★ The next Green Thumbs gathering is Saturday, September 18th at 9:15 a.m.
- ★ Our special guest preacher at mass and speaker at coffee hour on September 26th will be the Rev. Courtney Reid from the Diocese. Mother Courtney will introduce us at Coffee Hour to the "Fierce Conversations" model of communication.
- ★ October 2nd is a Saturday and a very special Saturday indeed! St. Philip's will host its first-ever Oktoberfest! Special thanks to Pam Patyk, Linda Smith, Ginger Knowles, Janie Jenssen and everyone else involved in making this wonderful event happen. An EXTRA-SPECIAL THANKS to Mike Livingston. Why? Well, Mike is going to feed us! (And around here, that makes a person a candidate for sainthood.) Mike's pulled pork takes hours and hours to prepare. But it's delicious! There will also be beer and probably brats as well as other treats. There will be a silent auction and other mini-fundraiser opportunities. Remember, St. Philip's knows how to put the FUN in fundraising!

NOTE: I still have a number of books available for you to read and keep or just borrow and return if you prefer. The titles are:

Fierce Conversations - a book that can help you with difficult communication in church, business or personal relationships. It comes highly recommended by Deacon Dan and our downtown friends at the Diocese.

Waking Up White by Debby Irving. This book is a very important read. It documents the story of a very good woman, from a very good family as she discovers a reality she never before considered; a reality experienced by nearly all people of color in America. It is NOT a book about blame. It is NOT a book about something that happened 500 years ago. It is about what happens right now. I strongly encourage everyone in the parish to take a copy and read it. The books were donated by a parishioner and reside in Fr. Jim's office. You are welcome to keep the book, share it with a friend or return it.

Prayer Concerns and Notes of Thanksgiving

- Deacon Dan's diagnosis seems to have changed. The latest information I have come to me Wednesday afternoon; I have been attempting to get hold of Dan's sweetie but I am sure she has more pressing concerns, plus exhaustion. Pray for Karen!

Dan's doctors now question whether he had heart attacks or not. That may still be true but they discerned a tremendous amount of infection (staph) in Rev. Dan's legs and body. During surgery, they drained it all off and put Dan on a rigorous course of antibiotics. He did have blood clots so heparin is being administered to break these up. Insulin is bringing his sugar levels down.

If there were heart attacks, they were likely brought on by the infection. After the infection is successfully treated, the medical team will evaluate Dan's heart.

Continue to bombard heaven with your prayers!

- St. Ignatius, pray for him.
- St. Philip, pray for him.
- St. Luke, pray for him.
- St. Lawrence, pray for him.
- Mary, most holy, pray for him.

Cards for Dan may be sent to:

1227 C Central St.
Evanston, Illinois 60201

(The single letter "C" in the above address is correct.)

God of love and mercy, look with compassion on your sick servant, Dan. Surround him with your loving Presence in such a way that Dan senses you within and all around him. Drive away all fear and worry. Ease any pain or discomfort. Heal him, Lord, and in your time, bring him back to this little flock where he is so loved. Guide every one of Dan's doctors, nurses and caregivers, filling them with your knowledge, wisdom, skill and compassion. We place our dearest brother and friend in your loving hands, praying in the matchless Name of Jesus. Amen.

- I also ask your prayers for another member of our staff. Michelle Webb has begun to feel a numbness in her arm, thumb and forefinger. As of this writing, she has a call in to her doctor to report this development. Michelle is understandably concerned as numbness could impede her ability to play music. So please, pray for Michelle's complete healing. We want this most of all because we love her and care. But we also want this because our Lord communicates His love and beauty so wonderfully through Michelle's music. We want her to minister to us and to others for years to come!
- Continue to pray for Kim McDonald. I was blessed to be able to visit her at HealthBridge Rehab in Arlington Heights on Sunday. She was in good spirits but was having difficulty standing. She is doing what exercise she can in bed but hopefully, the team there can get her moving again. Kim is always a blessing to me when I visit and she sends her love to you all and many thanks for cards, flowers and visits.
- Join me in thanking God for the recovery of our brother, Andy Obara! Andy came home from the hospital Saturday and already had a session with Visiting Angels on Sunday. Sophie, Andy and the family thank you for your prayers, cards and expressions of love. But let's face it - they are very easy to love!

- Karen Porzak requests your prayers for her friend, Pam Durkin. Pam is going through chemotherapy and is in need of prayer.
- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Dave Genevic, the brother-in-law of Jack Notzen. Dave died of Covid last week. Pray also for his widow, Maureen, and the entire family.
- Give thanks for the wonderful people at St. Philip's who are working to make Sunday's annual picnic a great success.
- Pray for those affected by storms in Louisiana, Mississippi, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Connecticut and Maryland. Pray also for the victims of the hurricane and previous earthquake in Haiti.
- Give thanks that St. Philip's raised more than a thousand dollars for Episcopal Relief and Development's disaster response effort in Haiti. ERD will also be ministering to the needs of the various American states damaged by storms.
- Please remember in prayer all those with ongoing health or other needs and concerns. Pray for Ken and Janie Jenssen; Bill Peterson; Diane Knowles; Linda Purcell; Jill Hill; Roberta Butler; Andreas Kistner; Judy Harn; Christina Guzman; Kelly Scolnick; Joe and Toni Saladino; Levi Tsu and his family; Molly and her parents – Laura and David; Lillian Conway; Peggy and Don; and Marge.

In the wider Church, please pray for:

- The South Loop Campus Ministry, a collaborative effort between the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's Northern Illinois Synod. The ministry does outreach work on behalf of students at Columbia College, Roosevelt University, DePaul University and Robert Morris University.
- St. Nicholas Episcopal Church in Elk Grove Village and Fr. Manny Borg.
- The Chapel - Palatine Campus and Pastor Brad Gustafson

This Week's Quiz...

...is, most appropriately, about picnics!

1. When did Americans first start picnicking on a semi-regular basis? (Before the American Revolution; During the Great Depression; Just Before and During the Civil War; After World War Two; During the Gilded Age)
2. Which popular picnic activity was once an Olympic Event? (Egg and spoon relay; Potato Sack Race; Hot Dog Eating Contest; Horseshoes; Barbequing)
3. The famous 1876 French Painting, *HolyDay* (Later renamed *The Picnic*) was painted by whom? (James Tissot; Paul Gaugin; Jean de Lattre de Tassigny; Edgar Degas; Henri Matisse)
4. What is the name of the classic red & white checkered design often seen on picnic blankets and tablecloths? (Giraud; Gangham; Prairie Chic; Herringbone; Gingham)
5. The 1955 Hollywood classic, *Picnic*, featured which famous leading man? (Cary Grant; Jack Lemmon; Glenn Ford; Kirk Douglas; William Holden)

Answers are at the end of the newsletter. How'd you do?

This Week in Christian History

- On September 5th, 1651: Obadiah Holmes is whipped in Boston for privately teaching Baptist views.
- On September 6th, 1968: Latin American bishops gathered in Medellín, Colombia, issue a document titled "Justice," which calls for a more equitable distribution of goods, decrying both Marxism and capitalism, the former because of its totalitarian tendencies, the latter because it puts profits above people.
- On September 7th, 1823: Samuel Marsden is shipwrecked while sailing to take the gospel to the Maori of New Zealand.
- On September 8th, 1947: C. S. Lewis appears on the cover of Time magazine.

- On September 9th, 1845: English clergyman John Henry Newman is received into the Roman Catholic Church. Newman had been a leading member of the Oxford Movement, which aimed to reform the Church of England, but he became convinced that the Anglicans had lost their episcopal moorings and had wrongly severed themselves from apostolic succession.
- On September 10th, 1898: Death in Red Bank, New Jersey, of Alexander Crummell, an African-American priest of the Episcopal Church who labored all his life to obtain equality for African Americans. He will be remembered in the Episcopal Church calendar.

Thanks, Christian History Institute

Answers to this week's quiz:

1. While already popular in France and England, picnicking didn't really gain traction in the USA until just before and during the War of the Rebellion. In fact, in one of the first major battles of the Civil War, picnickers from polite society came out to watch the armies collide at the Battle of Bull Run. And shamefully, once the Confederate POW Camp was established at Camp Douglas in Chicago; wealthy picnickers would torment hungry rebel prisoners by eating fried chicken just outside the prison fences.
2. Believe it or not, the potato sack race was an Olympic event during the 1904 games in St. Louis. The 1904 Olympics were originally planned for Chicago but some wealthy and influential movers & shakers in St. Louis managed to convince Olympic powerbrokers to move the games south.
3. James Tissot painted *HolyDay* also known as *Picnic*.
4. William Holden starred in 1955's *Picnic*.

Thanks, everyone! God bless you all. Hopefully, News Briefs will return with next week's newsletter.

Fr. Jim