



*St. Paul's ePistle from McHenry*  
*May 17, 2017*



*New and Notable...*



*Thoughts from Lori*

I've long said that one of the best things we do in The Episcopal Church is funerals. Our liturgy is such a graceful combination of celebration and mourning. [See the "Note" on page 507 of the Book of Common Prayer.] And this parish consistently offers gentle, loving support to the family of the bereaved by our presence, our participation, often behind the scenes - readers, Eucharistic Ministers, ushers, altar guild, flower guild - and of course, a beautiful reception. The funeral for Georgiann Kolba on Monday was no exception. Her family was deeply grateful.

I can't tell you how many times they said how helpful it was to have Georgiann's wishes available to them. That was because she and I sat down together and made those plans. Even though she was in treatment for cancer, we did that during a time when she was still hoping to beat it. So it was not a morose exercise. In fact, it's something we should all do, regardless of age or the state of our health. Bill and I have done ours and told our children where to find all our paperwork.

But I understand how hard it is to bring up the subject of death and final wishes. Sometimes family members resist the conversation, put up barriers. "Oh, we don't need to talk about all that now!" "Don't be silly! You're healthy as a horse." "This is depressing. Let's talk about it another time." And so it goes...until it's too late. But I am here to tell you that this is one of the

greatest gifts you can give yourself and your family. It will give you peace of mind and give them such comfort when the time comes - whenever that is.

About two years ago, we did a workshop here that I called "Ducks in a Row." We had a representative from the Illinois Cremation Society to talk about options and state laws, a lawyer to talk about wills and powers of attorney, and information from local funeral homes. And I described the norms and best practices in The Episcopal Church. Everyone got a Ducks in a Row notebook - bright green and easy to spot on a desk or shelf full of other stuff.

We will do another workshop in the fall. That date will be announced shortly. Meanwhile, I am always available (by appointment) to make these plans one-on-one. But I can tell you that the workshop provides more information and, believe it or not, it's actually kind of fun!

Don't wait until then to have some real conversation with your family. It's a truly loving thing to do.

Faithfully,

*Loritt*

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***Join the folks of St. Mary's for their next  
FREE COMMUNITY MEAL\****

***May 20th***

Guests and volunteers eat together and get to know each other.  
Great food and conversation.

Note: St. Mary's is a big supporter of our Mobile Food Truck.  
Let's return the favor.

Bill and I plan to be there Saturday. Hope you will, too.

**Where:**

**ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
210 S. McHENRY AVENUE  
CRYSTAL LAKE - 815-459-1009  
No RSVP Required - Every 3rd Saturday**

**2017 DINNER DATES**

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

June 17    July 15    August 19    September 16  
October 21    November 18    December 16  
Free to All! All are Welcome! Family Friendly!

\*This meal is offered to those in our community who may be experiencing difficulty in procuring enough food.

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## A Word from the Rev. William P. McLemore

### Feast Day of St. Dunstan of Canterbury

The feast day of St. Dunstan of Canterbury is Friday, May 19th. He was an Abbot of Glastonbury Abbey, a Bishop of Worcester, a Bishop of London, and finally chosen as the Archbishop of Canterbury. Dunstan was born in 909 and died May 12, 988 A.D.

The ninth century in England was a time of recovery from the Viking invasion and King Alfred the Great was active in rebuilding the people and the nation. Leading his effort was Dunstan, who helped restore the monasteries which had all but been destroyed by the Vikings.



However, his leadership wasn't welcome to many, and he suffered a year-long exile to Flanders. King Edgar recalled Dunstan to London, and in 957, named him the Archbishop of Canterbury. He sought better education and discipline among the clergy, the end of landed family control of local parishes, restored monasteries and created new ones, and carefully ordered worship services.

Dunstan also had a reputation for his craft work. He fashioned liturgical items with metal, casted bells, and is regarded as the patron saint of crafts.

What we learn from St. Dunstan is the value of reverent discipline in the practice of faith. Especially, the rich experience of personal devotion as expressed by men and women who live together as religious communities. Even today, lay people and clergy can be members of a variety of monastic and spiritual orders of the Episcopal Church. These include: The Brothers of St. John the Evangelist, the Order of St. Benedict, Order of the Holy Cross, Society of St. Francis, Society of St. John the Evangelist, and Society of St. Paul all for men; the Community of the Holy Spirit, Community of St. Francis, Community of John the Baptist, Community of St. Mary, Community of the Teachers of the Children of God, Community of the Transfiguration, Episcopal Carmen of St. Teresa, Order of St. Anne-Bethany, Order of St. Anne-Chicago, Order of St. Helena, Sisterhood of the Holy Nativity, and the Society of St. Margaret, for women. There are many other non-residential spiritual communities, all of which are listed in The Episcopal Church Annuals published every year by Morehouse Publishing.

Dunstan's collect begins, "O God of truth and beauty, you richly endowed your bishop Dunstan with skill in music, and the working of metals, and with gifts of administration and reforming zeal: Teach us, we pray, to see in you the source of all our talents, and move us to offer them for the adornment of worship, and the advancement of true religion."

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## AIRING SOME DIRTY LAUNDRY

...dirty laundry as in our table cloths. We've been putting our no-iron table cloths to lots of good use lately. So as to avoid having to send them to the cleaners, can we have a few volunteers to take them home to be washed, folded on hangers, and returned to the church as soon as possible so they're ready for the next event. A couple of people have done this several times. If you haven't been one of them, how about being next? They're in a bundle in the parish hall. Thanks!

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*In case you missed it....*

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*Calling all for the  
Altar & Flower Guild*



The Altar Guild and Flower Guild are integral hands-on ministries that contribute to the enrichment of our worship. For all those who are currently on the Altar and/or Flower Guild **and those who are interested** please attend a short meeting on Sunday, May 21 after church. We will discuss new ideas for our leadership, membership and schedule.

Thank you.  
***Deborah Lang***

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*The usual fare...*

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### **Servants for May 21st**

Patrice and Bill Braun - *Ushers*  
Rick Carlstedt - *Lector*  
Barb Moriarty - *Intercessor*  
Jeff Zabor, Michelle Wiejaczka - *Eucharistic Ministers*  
Sally Berweiler - *Vestry Person of the Day*

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## Children's Chapel



The lesson this week will be "Jesus Ascends into Heaven." Leaders will be Kerry and Tommy Obermeyer.

All children are welcome to attend after the service for a snack, bible story, and activity.

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### *On the Calendar...*

**Noon Eucharist** - Every Wednesday, 12:15 p.m.  
**Music Therapy** - Every Friday, 10:00 a.m.

**Vestry** - Tonight, 7:00 p.m.  
**Altar Guild/Flower Guild meeting** - This Sunday, May 21  
**Men's Breakfast** - Saturday, June 3, 8:00 a.m.  
**Pentecost** - Wear Red!- June 4  
**Mobile Food Pantry** - Saturday, June 17

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## Lessons and Hymns

May 21st

*by the Rev. William P. McLemore*

### THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

**First Lesson:** Acts 17:22-31. St. Paul preaches a sermon in front of the Areopagus in Athens.

**The Psalm:** Psalm 66:7-18. This psalm relates heavy burdens placed upon God's people, but that God brings them to a "place of refreshment."

**Second Lesson:** I Peter 3:13-22. This passage describes the atoning sacrifice of Jesus in great detail.

**The Gospel:** John 14:15-21. Jesus promises that God will bless the disciples with the Holy Spirit as an advocate.

### THE HYMNS:

**Processional Hymn:** No. 199. "Come, ye faithful, raise the strain." This hymn is based upon Exodus 15, "The Song of Moses," and is attributed to St.

John of Damascus (8th century). It has been translated from the Latin by John Mason Neale (1818-1866). The tune, "St. Kevin," was composed by Arthur S. Sullivan for this text in the "Hymnary" of 1872.

**Sequence Hymn:** "Celtic Alleluia." This was written and composed by Fintan O'Carroll, born July 31, 1922 in Wexford, England. On completion of his secondary school studies, he took up a position as a clerk in the national railway. He won first prize in a traditional music competition, aged 12, playing violin, and went on to study violin at home, taking lessons as the opportunity arose. His heart was in music, and he left his railway position in 1967 after 27 years of service, whereupon he completed his degree at Trinity to gain his Bachelor of Music degree.

**Presentation Hymn:** No. 706. "In your mercy Lord." Born in Aldersgate, London in 1789, the son of a bookseller, Josiah Conder (1789-1855) helped in his father's store and self-educated himself there. When he was six, a severe case of smallpox blinded him in his right eye. This hymn may reflect his own conversion process as it describes vividly what happens when a person moves from being self-centered to Christ-centered. The words were adapted for this hymnal by the Rev. Dr. Charles Philip Price (1920-1999), the late Professor of Systematic Theology at Virginia Seminary. The tune, "Halton Holgate," was composed by William Boyce (1711-1779), one of the most significant English composers of the 18th century.

**Communion Hymn:** "Bless the Lord my soul, and bless God's holy name." This hymn is a 1991 paraphrase of Psalm 103 from the Taizé Community in France. It was founded by Brother Roger Schutz, with the goal of "building a life together in which the gospel of reconciliation would be a concretely lived reality." During the war he helped people in difficulty and hosted German refugees. In 1942, the Gestapo threatened to arrest Brother Roger, who fled to Switzerland until the end of the war.

**Recessional Hymn:** No. 191. "Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts and voices heavenward raise." This hymn is one of two Easter hymns in Christopher Wordsworth's "Hymns for Sundays and Holy Days" published in 1862. Bishop Wordsworth was the primate for the Diocese of Lincoln in England and the nephew of the poet with the same name. He was born October 30, 1807 and died March 21, 1885 shortly after he resigned his episcopate. The tune, "Lux Eoi," was composed by Arthur Seymour Sullivan (1842-1900) around 1874.

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From the cartoons created by  
*The Rev. William P. McLemore*



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