



St. Paul's ePistle from McHenry
May 3, 2017



New and Notable...



This Saturday, May 6th
8:00 am at Kim & Patty's



Thoughts from Lori

Sometimes the Church gets things right. Sometimes it doesn't, but that's another story. But last Saturday in Indianapolis, we got it right. "We", meaning all of us, the larger Church. Gathering in an auditorium on the campus of Butler University, 46 bishops of The Episcopal Church, including Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, surrounded Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows as she knelt in the midst of them while they laid hands on her and called on the Holy Spirit to make her "a bishop in your Church." Among those hands were those of the Rt. Rev. Barbara Harris (retired), the first woman bishop in the history of the Anglican Communion. In every way, it was an historic day!

You may remember that Jennifer was on Bishop Lee's senior staff as Director of Networking, and that she was our guest preacher here at St. Paul's one Sunday about a year ago. I worked with her on the Diocesan Council (something like the vestry of the diocese) and the diocesan Anti-racism Commission. I am confident that she will make a fine bishop; she is not only brilliant and capable, but also kind, approachable, and strong.

We've attached a couple of links here; one of the Episcopal News Service report of the event, and one of our own Bishop Lee's sermon that day. They'll give you a flavor of the occasion. Enjoy!

The Episcopal Church is an interesting and often strange body. The word "episcopal" means *ruled by bishops*; each bishop being the chief pastor of a geographic jurisdiction known as a diocese. Under the bishop's jurisdiction are presbyters (aka priests), each of whom are charged with the care of a parish church, which are best understood as outposts of the diocese. This may sound counter-intuitive, given that parishes (like St. Paul's) seem to function somewhat independently. We are historically catholic and apostolic, while also being Protestant in many ways, particularly in our approach to governance.

I love this Church. I've loved it since the first time I stepped into an Episcopal church when I was only fifteen. So I could go on and on about these things. But I'll stop...for now. In October - October 22nd to be exact - our bishop, the Rt. Rev. Jeffrey Lee will be at St. Paul's for an official "episcopal visit." In anticipation of the occasion, I will offer an Inquirers Class for some weeks ahead of that date for those who wish to be received (as official Episcopalians) or confirmed, and those who simply wish to have a refresher course. Watch for details this summer. Meanwhile, pray for the Church - St. Paul's and the whole Church, that is, the Body of Christ. And plan to attend our SPRING PARISH MEETING THIS SUNDAY, May 7th, following our morning worship. See below. And see you Sunday!

Faithfully,

Lori



[The Consecration of Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows](#)
[Bishop Lee's Sermon](#)



Informal Spring Parish Meeting May 7th

Please join us after the service for our Spring Meeting.
Bring a dish to share, and something for the grocery cart
in the spirit of "feed ourselves, feed others."

April 29th Mobile Food Pantry



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

Great food and conversation. Let's eat together and get to know each other.

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

May 20

June 17

July 15

August 19

September 16

October 21

November 18

December 16

Free to All! All are Welcome! Family Friendly!

A Word from the Rev. William P. McLemore

Feast Day of Saint Monnica

The feast day of St. Monnica, the mother of St. Augustine of Hippo (387) is Thursday, April 4th. The story of her life comes mainly from her eldest son's writings in "The Confessions." She was converted to the Christian faith and became a zealous missionary in North Africa where she was born.



She had great influence on her son, Augustine, leading him to be baptized in Milan in 387 by Bishop Ambrose. While waiting to return home, for a ship at Ostia, the port of Rome, Monnica fell deathly ill.

Augustine writes, "One day during her illness she had a fainting spell and lost consciousness for a short time. We hurried to her bedside, but she soon regained consciousness and looked up at my brother and me as we stood beside her. With a puzzled look, she asked, 'Where was I?' Then, watching us closely as we stood there speechless, with grief, she said, 'You will bury your mother here.' She added, 'It does not matter where you bury my

body. Do not let that worry you. All I ask of you is that, wherever you may be, you should remember me at the altar of the Lord. Nothing is far from God, and I need have no fear that he will not know where to find me, when he comes to raise me to life at the end of the world."

Recent excavations at Ostia have uncovered her original tomb. However, her mortal remains were moved to the Church of St. Augustine in Rome in 1430.

What we learn from the life of St. Monnica is a woman's strength of faith and commitment. We also acknowledge the wonderful strides women have made in the world of Christianity today, and celebrate their achievements. We also know that their journey has not come easily, and there is much more to do. The Collect for St. Monnica reads, "through spiritual discipline you strengthened your servant Monnica to persevere in offering her love and prayers and tears ... deepen our devotion, we pray, and use us in accordance with your will to bring others, even our own kindred, to acknowledge Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord."

Children's Chapel

The lesson for this Sunday is "The City of God." Leaders will be Amy and Jeff Zabor.



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

In case you missed it....



Coming to St. Paul's on May 11th

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will offer their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at St. Paul's Episcopal Church on May 11th. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is

closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete.

In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com or text the word circle to 797979

The usual fare...

Servants for May 7th

Rick Carlstedt, Don Jaworski - *Ushers*
Judy Robel - *Lector*
Terry Jaworski - *Intercessor*
Al Robel, Pam Dietmeyer - *Eucharistic Ministers*
Michelle Wiejaczka - *Vestry Person of the Day*
Angela Lang - *Children's Crucifer*

On the Calendar...

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

Men's Breakfast - Saturday, April 6, 8:00 a.m.
Informal Parish Spring Meeting - THIS SUNDAY, May 7
Lifeline Screening - Thursday, May 11
Vestry - Wednesday, May 17, 7:00 p.m.

Lessons and Hymns

May 7th

by the Rev. William P. McLemore

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

First Lesson: Acts 2:42-47. The early church holds everything in common and many are being added to their numbers.

The Psalm: Psalm 23. This beautiful psalm relates the Lord as a loving shepherd who leads and guides his flock to "still waters."

Second Lesson: I Peter 2:19-25. This passage ends with these words: "For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls."

The Gospel: John 10:1-10. Jesus used the image of a shepherd to express his love and devotion to his flock who know his voice.

THE HYMNS:

Processional Hymn: No. 182. "Christ is alive!" The author of this new hymn is Brian Wren (b. 1936), Emeritus Professor of Worship, Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, Georgia. He is a writer, preacher, liturgics scholar, and internationally published hymn-poet. Brian is a Minister of the United Reformed Church (UK). Hope Publishing Company owns the 1975 copyrights to the text. The hymn reflects the sacrificial nature of Our Lord's Resurrection. Here is the 4th verse: "In every insult, rift and war where color, scorn, or wealth divide, he suffers still, yet loves the more, and lives though ever crucified." The tune, "Truro," is from a 1789 Psalm Book, harmonized by Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

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. 343. "Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless." This hymn is from an 1832 Moravian hymn and the text is generally believed to have been written by James Montgomery (1771-1854). The tune, "St. Agnes," was composed by John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876) for another Christian hymn but its strength of meter lends it to be used with this hymn as well. It relates well to the scriptural theme today, "Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless thy chosen pilgrim flock with manna in the wilderness, with water from the rock."

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. 334. "Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing." This hymn was written by the Rev. Canon Howard Charles Adie Gaunt (born 1902), a cleric and teacher at Malvern College, Malvern, Worcestershire, England (1937-1953). The last verse hearkens to Paul's II Corinthians 5:17, "So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation." The tune, "Alles ist an Gottes Segen," is a melody attributed to Johann Balthasar Konig (1691-1750), harmonized by Johann Lohner (1645-1705).

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



**Join Our
Mailing List**

Quick Links and Info

St. Paul's Website

Phone: 815-385-0390

Fax: 815-385-3936

St. Paul's email - stpaulmchenry@sbcglobal.net

Lori's email - lorilowe@stpaulmchenry.com

Vestry Minutes

[December 2016](#)

[January 2017](#)

[February 2017](#)

[March 2017](#)

[Diocese of Chicago](#)

[Episcopal News Service](#)

[Episcopal Cafe](#)

[Lectionary Calendar](#)

[Forward Day by Day](#)

[Diaper Bank of Northern Illinois](#)



Like us on Facebook



Forward to a Friend

St Paul's Episcopal Church, 3706 W. Saint Paul's Avenue, McHenry, IL 60050

[SafeUnsubscribe™ {recipient's email}](#)

[Forward this email](#) | [Update Profile](#) | [About our service provider](#)

Sent by stpaulmchenry@sbcglobal.net in collaboration with

Constant Contact® 

Try it free today