



## St. Paul's ePistle from McHenry August 20, 2017



*New and Notable...*



### Thoughts from Lori

One of the ways we talk about parish churches, St. Paul's included, is using the metaphor of family. "We're a family," we like to say. And there is some truth to that. We are mostly alike. White, middle class, small-towners. We share some common values. For instance, we love The Episcopal Church, we're devoted to St. Paul's, and we treasure democratic freedoms. So far, so good.

The trouble is, after 30plus years of parish ministry - to say nothing of 70 years of just plain living - it has become crystal clear to me that all families, *all families*, are dysfunctional to one degree or another. In other words, all families have their share of crazy! Mine included.

On the one hand, that should be of some comfort to those of us who have quietly labored under the illusion that ours is the only one. Nope. I say again: all families have their share of crazy. Rest assured, yours (mine) is not the only one. Every family has its disagreements and differences. Every family has its skeletons in the closet. Every family has its... "lesser parts," as St. Paul says. (See I Cor. 12:22ff)

On the other hand, what does this metaphor say about us (or any parish church) as a parish family? Hum. Well, let's take some comfort in that, too. I think those things that describe us as a family make us normal. We have our differences and our skeletons, but none of that matters in the end. What does matter is that *we are family!* We are bound together as sisters and brothers in Christ and by our commitment to each other.

So, yes. We're a family. With all that that implies. I for one am glad for it!

Faithfully,  
*Lori*

[Lori's sermon - August 13, 2017](#)

## UPDATE ON OUR BELOVED ELEANOR

Speaking of being a family, our sister in Christ, Eleanor Crump, has moved. Her new address is 3300 Charles J. Miller Road, Apt. 225, McHenry 60050. (Her phone number remains the same.) However, for the past two weeks, she's been at Fair Oaks rehabilitation center. Her daughter tells us that she'll be discharged today and back in her new apartment. Cards and calls will be appreciated.

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August 14, 2017

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ:

In April, the Diocese of Chicago hosted a **Bishops United Against Gun Violence conference** about the unholy trinity of racism, poverty and violence. This weekend in Charlottesville, as white supremacists rioted and terrorized people of goodwill, we saw yet again the wages of these sins and the destruction that they wreak in families, communities, and in our country.

Whenever we witness this kind of horrific violence, Christians are called to pray and act. Pray for Heather Heyer, who was killed in Charlottesville while she was demonstrating against hatred, and for the state troopers who died when their helicopter crashed. Pray for an end to racism and white supremacy, and pray for the fortitude to continue working for justice and peace through dark days like these.

On Saturday, September 30 from 9 am until noon, we have an opportunity to put our prayers into action when the Rev. Julian DeShazier, senior pastor of University Church, Chicago, visits St. James Commons for a discussion in which he will expand on his remarks at our April conference and help us chart a course for our diocese's continued work against systemic racism and its interlocking oppressions. You can [find out more about Julian's visit and register on our website.](#)

Educating ourselves for the work of dismantling systemic racism is a lifelong job, and in these times, wise people are writing words we need to read. I invite you to study this [piercing theological essay by the Rev. Dr. Kelly Brown Douglas](#), who also spoke at our April conference. And if you haven't yet had a chance to see **the reflection written by our sister Bishop Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows**, I commend it to you.

Standing against white supremacy is a gospel imperative, and I am grateful for all of you across our diocese who are answering God's call in these difficult times.

Faithfully,

The Rt. Rev. Jeffrey D. Lee

Bishop of Chicago

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## 2017 Annual Parish Picnic

More than 50 folks attended! Many thanks to all who helped make this the best parish picnic ever, especially Marilyn Bell, grill masters Dan Jannotta and Bill Lang, pied piper Sally Berveiler, and everyone who brought such great side dishes. If you weren't there, made a note-to-self not to miss it next year!



How many Episcopalians does it take to change a flat tire?

## **Service Club Announcement BLUES, BREWS, & BARBEQUE**

McHenry Rotary Club is putting on the sixth annual **BLUES, BREWS, & BARBEQUE**, better known as BB&B, this weekend: August 18, 19, 20 at Petersen Park. The Rector has tickets available for \$7 (per day) through Thursday. At the gate, they are \$10. All profits are distributed to charities locally, nationally, and internationally.

Note: if you have a local service club fundraiser that benefits the community, we'll be glad to publicize it here.

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

#### **Feast Day of Saint Mary the Virgin**

The feast day of Saint Mary the Virgin is this Tuesday, August 15th. She will always be special to our parish. St. Anne is reputed to have been her mother. Mary was the person closest to Jesus in his most impressionable years, and the words of the Magnificat, as well as her humble acceptance of the divine will, bear more than an accidental resemblance to the Lord's Prayer and the Beatitudes of the Sermon on the Mount.



During Jesus' ministry in Galilee, we learn that Mary was often with the other women who followed Jesus, and nurtured his needs. At Calvary, she was among the little band of disciples, who kept watch at the cross. After the resurrection, she was to be found with the Twelve in the upper room, watching and praying until the coming of the Spirit at Pentecost.

What we learn from Mary, the mother of Jesus, is the value of nurture and love for physical health and spiritual living. She is well honored in Hymn No. 278, written by George B. Timms, in our 1982 Hymnal:

"Sing we of the blessed Mother who received the angel's word,  
and obedient to the summons bore in love the infant Lord;  
sing we of the joys of Mary at whose breast the child was fed  
who is Son of God eternal and the everlasting Bread."

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### *In case you missed it....*



We're in need of someone to be our volunteer kitchen chair/supervisor. This ministry - and yes, this is a ministry - involves keeping track of the supplies for the kitchen, such as coffee, juice boxes, napkins, etc. This can be done in one of two ways. One, you can shop for these things and be reimbursed; or two, they can be ordered through the church office. This is one of those jobs behind the scenes that is essential for our fellowship and hospitality. Call the Rector if you think this is right up your alley or if you have questions. NOTE: Linda Curran has volunteered to serve in this capacity for the six months of the year that she and Bob are in McHenry. Any takers for the other six months?

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## Important Dates for Your Calendar

Sunday, Sept. 17th  
Sunday, October 22nd  
Saturday, Nov. 4th

Fall Parish Meeting  
EPISCOPAL VISIT\*  
Ducks-in-a-Row workshop\*\*

\*"Episcopal Visit" means that our bishop, the Rt. Rev. Jeffrey Lee, will be here at St. Paul's to preach and celebrate the Holy Eucharist. In anticipation of that occasion, we will offer a series of classes for anyone who wishes to be confirmed or received into The Episcopal Church. Those classes will be on Sunday mornings during Coffee & Conversation on the following dates: Sept. 24, October 1, 8, and 15.

\*\* The Ducks-in-a-Row workshop is an opportunity to create your own notebook of vital information for your family, including end-of-life wishes and funeral planning. Every adult should have this material available for their loved ones. There's nothing macabre about this workshop! If anything, it's really interesting. Plan to attend.

We'll have sign-ups for these various events as the dates approach. Meanwhile, have a safe and refreshing summer.

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### *A NOTE FROM OUR PARISH HISTORIAN*

On Sunday, August 3rd, Bobbi Fiali presented St. Paul's with some historic papers she found while cleaning up her attic. These are very valuable historic papers which augment our history from 1972-1997. I've already received some great historic papers from Al Robel, so now we have "Robel Papers" and "Fiali Papers" in our digital archives. If anyone out there has some old photos, documents, etc. related to our parish history, please let me know. Below is a 1972 newspaper article about St. Paul's from her collection. Thanks, Bobbi!

*Bill McLemore, Parish Historian*



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

***August 19***

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

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. \*This meal is offered to those in our community who may be experiencing difficulty in procuring enough food. Free to All! All are Welcome! Family Friendly!

**Where:**

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

**2017 DINNER DATES**

August 19, September 16, October 21, November 18, December 16

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*The usual fare...*

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**Servants for August 20th**

Terry Jaworski, Don Jaworski - *Ushers*  
Rick Carlstedt - *Lector*  
Terry Jaworski - *Intercessor*  
Deb Lang, Michelle Wiejaczka - *Eucharistic Ministers*  
Michelle Wiejaczka - *Vestry Person of the Day*  
Bill and Patrice Braun - *Coffee Hour*  
Nan Patnaude, Beth Lukas - *Altar Guild, Flower Guild*  
Liam Obermeyer - *Children's Crucifer*

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***On the Calendar...***

**Vestry** - Tonight, August 16, 7:00 p.m.  
**Fall Parish Meeting** - Sunday, September 17  
**Lifeline Screening** - Thursday, September 28  
**Bishop Lee at St. Paul's** - October 22  
**Ducks in a Row** - November 4

**Inquirers/Confirmation Classes** - Sept. 24, Oct. 1, 8, 15

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# Lessons and Hymns

## August 20 - Proper 15

*by the Rev. William P. McLemore*

### THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

**First Lesson:** Isaiah 56:1, 6-8. The prophet calls upon the people to uphold their covenant with God whose house shall be "called a house of prayer for all people."

**The Psalm:** Psalm 67. "Let all the peoples praise you, God; let all the peoples praise you."

**Second Lesson:** Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32. St. Paul calls for people to show mercy as God is merciful.

**The Gospel:** Matthew 15:21-28. Here, Jesus encounters a woman from Canaan who calls to him to help her suffering daughter and when He says, "it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs," she replies, "even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from the master's table." Jesus then heals her daughter.

### THE HYMNS:

**Processional:** No. 410. "Praise my soul the King of heaven." The composer of this hymn is Henry Francis Lyte who was born in Scotland in 1793 and was ordained an Anglican priest in 1815. He served as a curate in a small fishing village in Devonshire and the 1951 Hymnal Companion (from which I have gleaned most of the information I have used in this series) says, "The rigor of the work in this small fishing village, among the people who failed to appreciate his delicate and sensitive nature, undermined his never robust health." Lyte died 1834 at 39 years of age. The tune "Lauda Anima" was composed by John Goss (1800-1880) and deserves to be sung majestically and with spirit. The servant nature of Christ is emphasized in the third verse of this hymn. "Father, like He tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows; in His hand he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes."

**Sequence:** No. 533. "How wondrous and great." This is one of the nine hymns written by Henry Ustick Onderdonk for the Hymnal of 1820. It is a paraphrase of the Song of Moses and the Lamb, Revelation 15:-3-4. This hymn also reflects the missionary spirit of Epiphany: "To nations of earth thy light shall be shown." The tune, "Lyons," closely resembles a Haydn minuet.

**Presentation:** No. 408. "Sing praise to God who reigns above." This hymn was penned by Johann Jakob Schutz (1640-1690), a German lawyer and also a man of deep faith and piety. It was translated into English by Elizabeth Cos. However, later in life, Schutz became a Separatist and ceased to attend his Lutheran church. Each verse ends with the triumphant "to God all praise and glory." The tune is an ancient German pastoral melody of 1529.

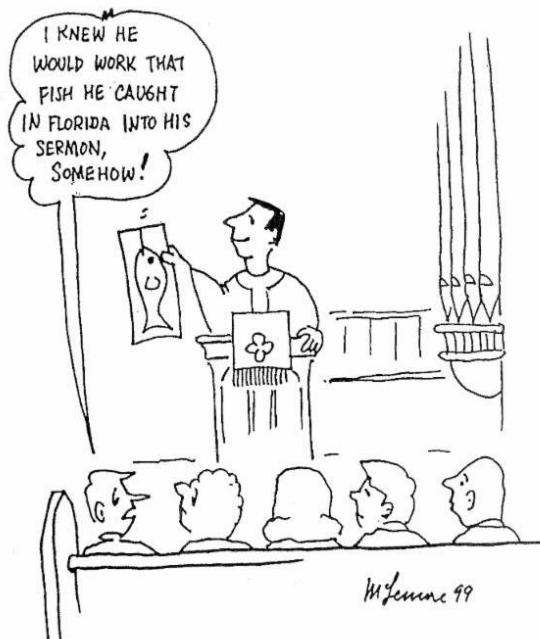
**Communion:** "Take, O take me as I am." This is one of the best-known songs from the Iona Community in Scotland which has become a major center for ecumenism, social justice, healing, reconciliation, and worship renewal. John Lamberton Bell, a member of the Iona Community, was born in 1949 in Kilmarnock, Ayrshire Scotland. As you sing the

song, you will notice that there are four phases of our faith journey in the text: (1) surrender and conversion, (2) transformation, (3) sealed and marked by God's covenant, and (4) new life together with and in God.

**Recessional:** No. 539. "O Zion haste, thy mission high fulfilling." The author of this hymn, Mary Ann Thomson, was born in London, December 5, 1834 and became the wife of a librarian in Philadelphia, John Thomson. She wrote many poems and hymns published and used widely in the Episcopal Church. She died in Philadelphia, March 11, 1923. She says the hymn came to her while tending to one of her children, sick with typhoid fever, but it was three years before she could come up with a suitable refrain: "Publish glad tidings: tidings of peace, tidings of Jesus, redemption and release." James Walch wrote the tune especially for this hymn.

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



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