



St. Paul's ePistle from McHenry
October 18, 2017



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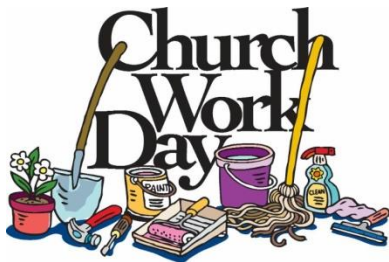


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Episcopal Visit this Sunday, October 22nd



"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. Four of our own will be Confirmed and two will be Received. Given that ours is a very big diocese and we have only one bishop, it will be at least two years before he will be with us again. And by the way, he loves children and will be delighted with them! Everyone come for this special occasion.



PARISH CLEAN-UP DAY
Saturday at 10am

Calling all hands! This Saturday, October 21st, is a parish clean-up day in preparation for our Episcopal visit on Sunday and for the upcoming holiday season. Bring some of your own cleaning supplies so that we aren't all competing for the same sprays, solutions, etc. If you have a leaf blower, that would be handy for tidying up around the front area; a cordless vacuum, for hallways and the Upper Room. You get the idea. Please come and lend a hand for a couple of hours. See you Saturday morning!



DUCKS IN A ROW
November 4th
*** 10am - noon**
What is it and who's it for?

Ducks-in-a-Row is an opportunity to learn more about funeral planning. It may sound morose, but it's not. In fact, what is often a difficult subject to bring up with family, is easier among friends and with some experts to answer frequently asked questions. For instance, why is it important to have a will? What is the difference between a so-called living will and advanced directives? Who needs to have a durable power of attorney in place? What is the traditional Episcopal funeral like?

Who is Ducks-in-a-Row for? It's *not* just for older folks. It's for anyone and everyone, especially those with spouses and children. Having plans in place will give you peace of mind and is one of the greatest gifts you can give your loved ones.

The deadline to sign-up is Wednesday, October 25th. Sign-up on the clip board in the narthex table. Or you may call or email the church office: 815-385-0390 or stpaulmchenry@sbcglobal.net.

Postulant Process
by Deborah Lang

As you recall, last April, 2017, I was invited to a discernment weekend that was held at the Nicholas Center at St John's Commons. After a day of interviews, Bishop Lee graciously admitted me as a postulant to the diaconate. What that meant was that I was allowed to continue the process and formation toward ordination to the diaconate. The formation process assigned to me required that I take a class on Church polity including the Constitution and Canons of the church, attend the DePaul workshop for Asset-Based Community Development, train for a liturgical year under the direction of a deacon and priest from a parish other than my own and work with a qualified mentor. Oh, and, read about twenty books and write a reflection on each as seen through the lens of a deacon.



Since June I have been working with a qualified and brilliant mentor who has been a tremendous gift to my formation. Last month I attended the Diocese deacon's retreat and met with two members of the Diaconate Leadership Team. They affirmed the requirements for formation. I am currently enrolled in Bexley Seabury's online course on Canon Law. I am registered for

the Asset-Based Community Development workshop that will be held at the DePaul Loop campus at the end of the month. This coming Friday I will meet with the Rev. David Gibbons and Deacon Newton Carpenter from St. Mark's, Barrington. We will lay out our Learning and Serving Covenant and settle on a starting date. I am expecting the date to be in November before the first Sunday in Advent. As the goal is that I serve for a liturgical year, I have been told my time at St. Mark's will come to a close in June 2018.

Throughout this time I have been in communication with Bishop Lee through required Ember Day letters. They have actually been emails, but, it has been a real delight to communicate directly with the Bishop and receive his affirming and nurturing reply.

By the spring of 2018, I am anticipating that I will be able to apply for candidacy for ordination. How this happens is currently being reviewed by the Diocese; the formation process is under formation. What essentially needs to happen is that I attest that I have fulfilled the requirements, everyone who knows me also attests, I interview again with the Standing Committee and the Bishop. Then we'll see...

Thank you for your much needed support and prayers.

With Joy and Gratitude,
Deb

Not quite new but still notable....

Children's Chapel

There will be no Children's Chapel this Sunday, October 22nd, due to the Episcopal Visit by Bishop Lee. There will be a lesson after the service on October 29th.



In case you missed it....



Coffee Hour Volunteers are needed!

Please see the sign-up form in the Parish Hall. Is there a date you could help?
It would be greatly appreciated. This is an easy way to serve the church!



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If you wish to contribute to the relief of those suffering as a result of recent natural disasters, ERD is a reliable agency through which to do that. See the link below.

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

October 21

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

November 18

December 16

The usual fare...

A Word from the Rev. William P. McLemore

Feast Day of St. Ignatius

The festival for St. Ignatius, Bishop and Martyr of Antioch, was Tuesday, October 17th. Tradition has it that he was born around 35 A.D., about the time of the crucifixion of Jesus. Very little is known about his early life, but according to what we know, he converted to Christianity at an early age.



Legend has it that Ignatius was one of the children whom Jesus took in his arm and blessed (Mark 10:16). The fourth century historian, Eusebius, writes that Ignatius succeeded Bishop Evodius as bishop of Antioch, and he took the episcopal name, "Ignatius Theophorus," (God Bearer).

Ignatius regarded the Church as God's holy order in the world. He was, therefore, concerned for the proper ordering of the Church's teaching and worship. He wrote: "Flee from schism as the source of mischief. You should follow the bishops as Jesus Christ did the Father. Follow, too, the presbytery as you would the apostles, and respect the deacons as you would God's law... Where the bishop is present, there let the congregation gather, just as where Jesus Christ is, there is the Catholic Church."

Ignatius wrote that he was arrested by the authorities, and taken to Rome: "From Syria even to Rome I fight with wild beasts, by land and sea, by night and by day, being bound amidst ten leopards, even a company of soldiers, who only grow worse when they are kindly treated." According to St. John Chrysostom, Ignatius was killed in the Coliseum. Eusebius puts the date of his martyrdom as 2124 years after Abraham, i.e. the 11th year of Trajan's reign, A.D. 108.

What we learn from Ignatius is that the Christian Church, very early, began to be concerned about its life and worship. He had a true sense that the church was not found in buildings or doctrines, but in the orderly gathering of God's people for worship and service.

Lessons and Hymns for this Sunday, October 22, 2017

(Pentecost XX, Proper 24 - Year A)

by the Rev. William P. McLemore

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

First Lesson: Isaiah 24:1-7. The prophet anoints Cyrus as king of Israel. **The Psalm:** Psalm 96:1-9 (10-13). This psalm calls for blessings to be directed to the Lord with song and worship.

Second Lesson: I Thessalonians 1:1-10. Paul calls for this church to be a witness to the geographic area where they have their ministry.

The Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22. Here, Jesus tells the people to "give to the emperor the things that are the emperor's and to God the things that are God's."

THE HYMNS:

Processional: No. 544. "Jesus shall reign." There are about a dozen hymns in our hymnal that are my favorite and this one is close to the top of the list. Isaac Watts (1674-1748) created this happy and joyful song based on Psalm 72. The imagery of the risen Christ is certainly found in the words of this hymn, especially the 4th verse, "the prisoners leap to lose their chains." The tune "Duke Street," composed by John Hatton (d. 1793), is easy to sing and reflects the joy of Easter in its melody.

Sequence: No. 469. "There's a wideness in God's mercy." This is only part of a much longer hymn written by Frederick William Faber that appeared in "Hymns 1862." The words express an expansive image of God's love and mercy that pours forth over all the earth. "For the love of God is broader than the measure of the mind; and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind." The tune, "St. Helena," is new to our 1982 hymnal, composed by Calvin Hampton who was the organist and choirmaster at Calvary Episcopal Church, Gramercy Park, New York City, for twenty years (1963-1983). This setting is best sung simply with deep meditation on the words.

Presentation: No. 372. "Praise to the living God." This hymn was written by Thomas Olivers and is based on an ancient Jewish creed called the "Yigdal." It has thirteen articles that praise God in every way imaginable. Translated into English, it begins with these words, "Extolled and praised be the living God, who exists unbounded by time." The tune was written by a Jewish cantor, Meyer Lyon, thus the name, "Leoni."

Communion: "In the Lord I'll be forever thankful." This hymn was written and set to music by Jacques Breathier for the Taize religious community in France. 1991. It is based on Philippians 4:4-6.

Recessional: No. 594. "God of grace and God of glory." Harry Emerson Fosdick wrote this hymn in 1930 for the dedication of the Riverside Church in New York City. It was first sung at the opening service, October 5, 1930, and at the dedication on February 8, 1931. The tune, 'Cum Rhondda' was composed by John Hughes. The hymn is a great one to close our worship by asking God to "Grant us wisdom, grant us courage."

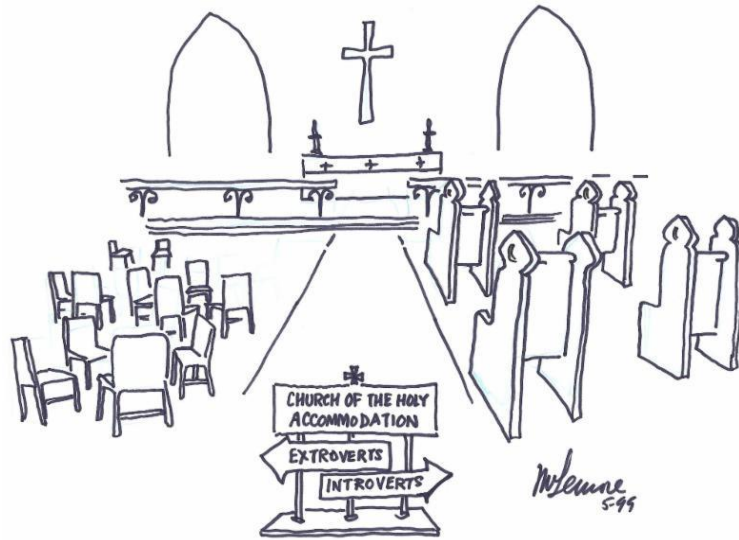
Servants for October 22nd

Bill Lang, Charles Sterbis - *Ushers*
Michelle Wiejaczka - *Lector*
Judy Robel - *Intercessor*
Deb Lang, Barb Moriarty - *Eucharistic Ministers*
Michelle Wiejaczka - *Vestry Person of the Day*
Marilyn Bell, Heather Dodge - *Altar Guild*
Marilyn Bell, Kathy Biggerstaff - *Flower Guild*
Antonia Pecoraro - *Children's Crucifer*

On the Calendar...

Vestry - Thursday, October 19, 7:00 pm
Church Clean Up Day - Saturday, October 21, 10:00 am
Bishop Lee at St. Paul's - October 22
Ducks in a Row - November 4

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



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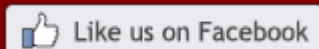
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