

St. Paul's ePistle from McHenry  
May 2, 2018



New & Notable



Men's Breakfast this Saturday  
at Kim & Patty's  
8:00 a.m.

Please RSVP to Al Robel at [alanrobel@att.net](mailto:alanrobel@att.net)

Thoughts from Lori

Everything you need to know about the SPRING PARISH MEETING this Sunday:

- We'll share a covered dish lunch right after church. [Only five people signed up to bring food. PLEASE BRING A DISH TO SHARE!]
- You'll get to hear what came out of those February Small Group Meetings.
- We'll be discussing the plans for the Rector to transition from full-time to part-time.
- We will also *begin* to develop teams for various lay ministries; such as a worship team, a buildings & grounds team, a spiritual formation team, etc. [These are not written in stone. Just examples of possibilities.]

Who should absolutely plan to attend? Only those who are committed to the future of St. Paul's. Hope that includes you!

Faithfully,  
*Lori*



## DEB LANG ADDRESSES FAITH LEADERS OF McHENRY COUNTY

Our Deb Lang was the featured speaker at the Tuesday, May 1st, meeting of the Faith Leaders of McHenry County at the Huntley Centegra Hospital. She addressed the group in her role as a Chaplain at the McHenry Centegra Hospital. Her presentation focused on using personal values as a basis for communication and relationship. She noted the importance of discerning and appreciating values that vary between people and communicating beyond personal prejudices and judgments. The session was attended by about two dozen ministers and lay persons for various religious faiths in McHenry County.

Here's a link to her sermon: <http://stgregoryschurch.typepad.com/stblogorys/2018/04/a-sermon-by-deborah-lang-objn.html>

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**The Wednesday Noon Eucharist** will be discontinued until further notice. The last one will be May 16th. I'm hoping to start something new. What are your suggestions? Email me at [lorilowe@stpaulmchenry.com](mailto:lorilowe@stpaulmchenry.com). lml+

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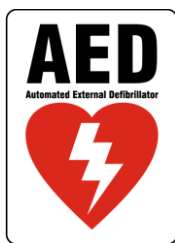
Former church organist Char Conklin and her husband Merle attended last Sunday's service. Pictured are: Char, Bobbi Fiali, and Merle.



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*Not quite new but still notable....*

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We were recently given a generous donation of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED). We will be scheduling a CPR course, which will include instructions on the use of the AED. Look for information soon. Meanwhile, if you know you will be interested in this course, please let us know. Call or email Lisa at 815-385-0390 / [lisa@stpaulmchenry.com](mailto:lisa@stpaulmchenry.com) OR there is a sign-up in the narthex.

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### ***Altar Flower Dedications***

Our flower dedication chart is posted in the narthex. Please consider signing up to dedicate flowers for a special occasion or for a loved one. Your dedication may be "in memory of" or "in thanksgiving for" or "in honor of..." The donation is \$35, and our Flower Guild will make it look like you've given twice that amount! Your thoughtfulness and generosity will enrich the beauty of our worship. Thank you.

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### **Children's Chapel**

#### **"Bridgid and Patrick of Ireland"**



Children are invited to gather in the Children's Chapel after the service to hear a story, have a snack, and enjoy an activity. This week's leaders are Jeff and Amy Zabor.

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*The usual fare...*

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

#### **Feast of Saint Monnica**

The feast day of St. Monnica, the mother of St. Augustine of Hippo (387) is Friday, May 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."

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**Lessons and Hymns for this Sunday, May 6, 2018**  
**(Sixth Sunday of Easter - Year B)**  
**by the Rev. William P. McLemore**

**THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS:**

**First Lesson:** Acts 10:44-48. The Holy Spirit falls on the gentiles as Peter is speaking.

**The Psalm:** Psalm 98. "Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things."

**Second Lesson:** I John 5:1-6. John writes that "This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood."

**The Gospel:** John 15:1-8. Jesus says to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love."

**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 Taize 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 heaven-ward 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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### **Servants for May 6th**

Rick Carlstedt, Don Jaworski - *Ushers*  
Judy Robel - *Lector*  
Terry Jaworski - *Intercessor*  
Barb Moriarty, Al Robel - *Eucharistic Ministers*  
Kathy Biggerstaff - *Vestry Person of the Day*  
Jianna Pecoraro - *Children's Crucifer*  
Karen Rowe, Doris Gaic - *Altar Guild*  
Pam Dietmeyer, Patrice Braun, Ashley Pecoraro - *Flower Guild*

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

**Men's Breakfast** - Saturday, May 5, 8:00 am  
**Spring Parish Meeting** - Sunday, May 6th  
**Vestry** - Wednesday, May 16, 6:30 pm  
**Pentecost** - May 20 - **Wear red!**

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*The Rev. William P. McLemore*



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