



St. Paul's Episcopal Church McHenry, IL



Weekly ePistle ~ March 18, 2020

From Deacon Deborah

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen (BCP p. 218)

Dear All:

As is now generally known, Bishop Lee has asked all parishes to refrain from worshipping together in response to the growing global concerns. We, of course, will comply. I commend to you Presiding Bishop Curry's sermon that he gave at the National Cathedral on Sunday. Bishop Curry gives us what is at the heart of who we are as followers of Christ and Children of God. Love is at the heart of who we are. In this time of uncertainty and anxiety we are especially called upon to respond in love. To care for each other as we are separated from each other is our foremost priority. Your vestry has committed to calling each parishioner on a regular basis to stay in communion. We ask that if you know someone who is vulnerable and isolated, please call them and let them know they are not alone. As we care for our physical selves, please let us be mindful of our spiritual and emotional well-being. Let us protect ourselves from the contagion of fear, cynicism and hopelessness as we would from any physical contagion; for these are more harmful, more insidious than any virus. God is love; may we place ourselves and all those in need of healing into God's most loving hands.

In Christ,
Deacon Deborah

<https://episcopalchurch.org/posts/publicaffairs/presiding-bishop-michael-currys-sermon-washington-national-cathedral-live>

We Are Still the Hands and Heart of Jesus: A Message from Bishop Lee

Bishop Jeffrey Lee of Chicago speaks about the COVID-19 pandemic and how the people of the church can continue to be the hands and heart of Jesus when we are not able to meet in person.

<https://episcopalchicago.org/we-are-still-the-hands-and-heart-of-jesus-a-message-from-bishop-lee/>

The Church Office is still open!

Lisa will be keeping her normal office hours even though services are suspended. The office is open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm.

Anyone is still welcome to come to the church to pray!

Helpful Websites

Below are links from Bishop Curry, Bishop Lee, and others that you may find helpful:

Episcopal News Service. Bishop Curry's news is posted here along with Episcopal news from around the country. Subscribe: <https://www.episcopalnewsservice.org/>

Chicago Diocese website. Bishop Lee posts his videos and letters here along with other diocese news. Very good general resource. <https://episcopalchicago.org/>

Leadership News from Chicago Diocese: From the diocese home page there is a link to subscribe to the newsletter. Updates come regularly and are informative.

Episcopal Relief and Development. Link to supportive resources: <https://www.episcopalrelief.org/what-we-do/us-disaster-program/remoteministry/>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <https://www.cdc.gov/>

World Health Organization: <https://www.who.int/>

St. Paul's Prayer List

Please keep those on our prayer list in your thoughts during this time. If you wish to add to the list, please contact the church office.

Ongoing prayers: Yasmin, Kay, Edna, Ann, Amy, Tim, Bren, Brady, Jim, Marty, Barb, Marianne, Jim, Lucy, Vic, and Cindy

Current prayers: Michelle, Jenn, Bonnie, Stacy, Jeff, Keith, Shane, Heather, Jim, Fran, Jerry, Joe, Ty, Traci, Rebecca, Bob, Patty, Judy, Tony, Christina, Dorothy, Michael, and Debbie

Pledges

Quarterly pledge statements will be sent out after 3/31/20. In the meantime, please continue to stay up to date on your pledges. If you normally pay your pledges in person on Sunday morning, consider mailing them in, or you can set up an automatic payment through your bank.

Local food pantries are in need of cash donations as shut downs impact the financial stability of many in our community:

Pioneer Center
Turning Point
Home of the Sparrow
Fish Food Pantry

Daily Devotions

Father Bill McLemore emails out a devotion every day. If you would like to be put on his list to receive them, or if you have questions, please email him at wmclemore37@gmail.com.

St. Paul's Parish Directory

Updated directories are available on the table in the Narthex. If you would like one emailed or mailed to you, please let the office know and we'll get one right out to you!

Our upcoming Craft Show needs signs!

If you have any political signs that you'd like to get rid of, or know someone that does, the Craft Show Committee would love to take them off your hands. We'll be needing signs to post around town to advertise our craft show on September 19th and we'll re-purpose donated signs for our advertising. Questions? Email Lisa@stpaulmchenry.com

Questions or concerns?

Please contact our Wardens - Beth Lukas (Senior Warden)
or Jeffrey Zabor (Junior Warden).

In need of pastoral care?

Please contact Deborah Lang, our Deacon.

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