



St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
McHenry, IL



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## Weekly ePistle ~ June 10, 2020

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### ***Words from Wardens***

Good Morning all!

What a trying week for our nation and the world. I cannot express enough how disappointed I am with the actions (or lack thereof) of a few and the reactions of many. It is sad to say and see that there is rampant discontent in our society.

Now more than ever people of the church need to pray for those who are affected by the recent events of racism and violence and now more than ever is the time to practice and spread the word of God amongst ourselves and our peers. Smile at a child today, count your blessings, reach out to that someone who you haven't spoken to in some time. Be someone's light today.

Today I am thankful for you who are reading this, I'm thankful for people like you that make up the very backbone of Christianity. May the Lord be with you.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Zabor (Junior Warden)

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### ***Prayer Vigil June 8***



In union with parishes everywhere, St. Paul's held an outdoor prayer vigil last Monday night, June 8th at 7:00 pm. We gathered in our parking lot to pray for the family of George Floyd and all victims of persistent injustice and oppression. Our sanctuary candle was placed outside as a visual reminder that the light of Christ shines despite our apparent darkness. It reminds us that as followers of Christ we are charged with bringing the truth of Christ's love into the world.



### ***Habits of Grace***

June 5, 2020: For Quiet Confidence

I had intended to do our Habits of Grace earlier this week on Monday or Tuesday, as I usually do, and then so many things began to happen, both in our country and in our wider world that I wasn't able to get to it.

In the midst of all that was going on, there were a few moments when so much was happening so fast and it was so chaotic, that at one point, I was on a Zoom call with a member of our staff and we were working on videos and interviews and it was so much and so chaotic, I remember just saying, "Let's just stop, and pray."

And the prayer I prayed was a prayer from our prayer book. It's toward the end of the prayer book on page 832 called "For Quiet Confidence". This prayer is based on a time in the life of the prophet Isaiah, when the people of Judah and Jerusalem were living in a time when their country was in turmoil and things were uncertain and chaos seemed to be ruling.

The prophet Isaiah said, "You must remember that it is in returning and rest, that you will be saved; in quietness and confidence, you will find your strength." And this is the prayer we prayed and I offer it for all of us. Let us pray:

Oh, God of peace, who has taught us that in returning and in rest, we shall be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be our strength. By the might of thy Spirit, lift us, we pray thee to thy presence, where we may be still and know that thou art God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

God love you and keep the faith.

*Bishop Curry's Sermon for Pentecost - May 31, 2020*

Pentecost in a Pandemic

Click to view [here](#)

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### ***Cleaning Supplies Needed!***

In anticipation of re-opening St. Paul's, we are in need of cleaning supplies! If you're out shopping and see some of these items, please consider picking up one or two so we'll be well-supplied when we get ready to open our doors! We already have a good amount of masks and gloves, so cleaning supplies (Fantastik, 409, Clorox, wipes, paper towels, etc.) and large hand sanitizer refills are what's needed. Please steer clear of off-brand products, as they tend to be less effective. Thank you!





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### ***Holy Mowers June Schedule***

Week 1 - Jeff Zabor  
Week 2 - Ashley Pecoraro  
Week 3 - Jeff Lynaugh  
Week 4 - Bill Lang

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### ***St. Paul's Prayer List Week of June 14 - 20***

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, Jenny, Debbie, Shawn, Michael, Bobbi, Rory, Bonnie, Brittany, Danielle, Kathy, Doc, and Farmer John

**For those celebrating birthdays:** Finnigan Lynaugh (2nd) and Christine Battaglia (14th)

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### ***Readings for Second Sunday of Pentecost Year A***

Collect: Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

*The Liturgy of the Word*  
The First Lesson: Exodus 19:2-8a  
The Gradual: Psalm 100  
The Epistle: Romans 5:1-8  
The Gospel: Matthew 9:35-10:8, (9-23)

*In union, dear Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered to the Father, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I entreat you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you and embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.*

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**Prayer for St. Paul's**

Merciful and loving God, we hold before you this parish, our beloved St. Paul's, and ask you to bless us with the courage to preach and live the Good News of your love, your healing, and your forgiveness. Guide us to be seeking you in all that we do; to be serving others in your name; and to be growing in your image. Give us, we pray, open hearts, open minds, and open doors to receive and welcome all who come here, that we may be as Christ to them as we are Christ to one another. All this we ask in the holy name of Jesus.

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Even though we can't be together on Sunday mornings, there are a number of ways to **worship online:**

The **National Cathedral** Holy Eucharist is on Sunday at 10:15 am. You may view it **here**.

**St. Ann's Woodstock** is also hosting worship online. Here's how to view:

Tune into Facebook Live on St. Ann's Facebook page:  
[www.facebook.com/StAnnsEpiscopal.Woodstock](http://www.facebook.com/StAnnsEpiscopal.Woodstock) (or click **here**) at 10 a.m. Sunday, to view a live stream of worship; *you do not need a Facebook account to view this* (simply click "**not now**" if you are prompted to open a Facebook account).

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***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/>

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***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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