



St. Paul's Episcopal Church
McHenry, IL



Weekly ePistle ~ June 24, 2020

Words from Wardens

Good day all!

As you may or may not already know, we are opening the church for Sunday services on **Sunday, July 5th**. This is most exciting and wonderful news as we will be celebrating Eucharist with Rev. Eileen Shanley-Roberts who has so generously offered to donate her service in celebrating the Eucharist and returning to a physical church life once again. Beth Lukas and Deacon Deb Lang have been tirelessly working with the diocese regarding the recommended reopening process including cleaning the facility and implementing social distancing guidelines.

A leaflet will be found in your order of worship outlining social distancing recommendations. Among other noticeable changes we will be adopting a policy of spacing between pews (this will be per family unit or those traveling together not necessarily per single individual). Further details will follow regarding this and the receiving of communion.

I don't know about you but I feel long overdue for worship. Please join us in this joyous occasion and reuniting! The long awaited time has finally come and I am very excited to see you all again.

Sincerely,
Jeffrey Zabor (Junior Warden)

Office Hours

Lisa will be returning to her regular office hours starting June 30:

Mondays - Office Closed
Tuesdays - 8:30 am to 1:30 pm
Wednesdays - 8:30 am to 1:30 pm
Thursdays - 8:30 am to 1:30 pm
Fridays - Office Closed



St. Paul's is in need of cleaning help - someone willing to come in on a weekly or twice-monthly basis to vacuum, dust, clean the bathrooms, and other various tasks around the church. Please let the office know if you are willing to take over this position or if you have any questions!



Bishop Lee to Retire at Year-end; Election planned for December 12

Dear friends,

You may remember that, in March, as we began to understand the ways in which the COVID-19 pandemic would disrupt our plans and priorities, I postponed both my retirement originally scheduled for August and the bishop election that we had originally planned to hold this Saturday.

Although the pandemic will not come to an end for some time, your creative and resourceful responses to the challenge of worshiping and gathering online have made it clear that the future of our diocese is in excellent hands. With gratitude for your spirit and faithfulness, I will now plan to retire at the end of 2020.

Thanks to our new ability to gather in ways we previously would not have imagined, and after consultation with the Standing Committee, we now plan to elect the next bishop of Chicago at a virtual electing convention on December 12. The details of this event and the opportunities to meet the nominees that will precede it are still being developed. Please look for more news coming soon from the Standing Committee and on the **[bishop search and transition website](#)**.

Faithfully,

Bishop Jeffrey Lee



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!



***Holy Mowers
June Schedule***

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

***St. Paul's Prayer List
Week of June 28 - July 4***

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, Bobbi, Rory, Bonnie, Brandy, Danielle, Kathy, Doc, and Farmer John

***Readings for Fourth Sunday of Pentecost
Year A***

Collect: Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

The First Lesson: Genesis 22:1-14 or Jeremiah 28:5-9

The Gradual: Psalm 13 or Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18

The Epistle: Romans 6:12-23

The Gospel: Matthew 10:40-42

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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Here 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. Mary's Crystal Lake
Morning Prayer & Virtual Coffee Hour**

9:00 a.m. ZOOM Link

To participate by phone only:

312-626-6799; phone meeting **ID: 826 0737 1151**

If you are participating by phone, you can access the same service document that Zoom participants can see.

St. Ann's Woodstock

Tune into Facebook Live on St. Ann's Facebook page:

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).

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/>

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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