

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
McHenry, IL



Weekly ePistle ~ January 13, 2021

St. Paul's Online Worship for Sunday, January 17th

Join us at **8:30 am** for Morning Prayer led by Rev. Eileen Shanley-Roberts. Even if you don't have a computer, you can join by phone!

To join by computer, click on this link: <https://zoom.us/j/95751784278>

To participate by phone, dial **312-626-6799** and be prepared to enter the ID below.

Our meeting ID is **957 5178 4278**

All participants will be muted upon entry to the service. If you are a reader, please be aware that you will have to unmute yourself in order to be heard. You do not necessarily have to have the video enabled if you do not wish to be seen.

From Deacon Deb

Friends,

This Sunday we will hear the Gospel according to John 1:43-51. In this story Jesus finds Phillip and says "Follow me." Thus begins the gathering of Jesus' closest friends; people who are called to follow him in living a life of love, forgiveness, mercy and justice. We too are close friends of Jesus. We are no less called to follow him in living a life of love, forgiveness, mercy, and justice. We may never have the opportunity to do great deeds for God, but each day brings countless choices to live more closely with Him. What we think and how we respond to all of life's challenges offers the choice to bring love, forgiveness mercy and justice into our world. No one is exempt from making the choice. By God's grace may we choose well.

Let us pray:

My Beloved Jesus Christ, hold me always in your Yes. Let nothing matter to me from this moment but the Father's good pleasure, the coming of His Kingdom. Let me not matter to myself. Let me love in difficulty and in pain, trusting in the dark and unknown. Opportunities come and go, never to return. Let me not miss one, let me not miss one opportunity to love You. Lead me, my Beloved, to see You in all things, lead me to love You through all things. For the sake of your precious and perfect love. Amen

In Christ,
Deacon Deborah

Words from Wardens

As we struggle with the events of the past week, I would like to offer the following prayer for healing and for God's help. This prayer was taken from a book belonging to my father who served in the US Navy during WWII. The book is entitled, *A Prayer Book for Soldiers and Sailors*, and was published in 1942 for The Army and Navy Commission of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

Grant us, O Lord, in all our duties thy help, in all our perplexities, thy counsel, in all our dangers, thy protection, and in all our sorrows, thy peace; for the sake of Jesus our Saviour. Amen.

Beth Lukas, Senior Warden

Annual Meeting **Sunday, January 31**

Our Annual Meeting will be held immediately after our Zoom Morning Prayer. The annual report will be available as a link for you to see prior to the meeting. We'll be reviewing 2020, and affirming our 2021 budget along with the new vestry members: Heather Dodge, Jeff Lynaugh, and Al Robel.

Reminder - Parishioner Information Form

Please be sure to return your family information sheet that was mailed to you. It's important that we have up-to-date information and emergency contacts for our parishioners. Thank you!

Servants for Sunday, January 17

Reader – Jim Lukas
Intercessor – Barbara Moriarty
Cantor – Judy Robel

McHenry County Department of Health
Vaccine information

The McHenry County Department of Health (MCDH) is encouraging those identified in Phase 1B and Phase 1C complete a COVID-19 vaccine enrollment form. Vaccine enrollment will be used by MCDH to determine the vaccine needs for those identified in the Phase 1B and Phase 1C groups. After completing the enrollment form and once a clinic becomes available to each group, additional information on how to schedule an appointment will be directly emailed to those who complete the form. MCDH continues to vaccinate individuals who are in the priority Phase 1A group but is preparing for future COVID-19 clinics for those identified in Phase 1B and Phase 1C. If you are in the Phase 1A group and have not yet enrolled yourself or your staff, please complete and submit the form found at <https://redcap.link/hcpvaccine>.

For Phase 1B and Phase 1C enrollment, anyone 65 years or older or anyone with a high-risk condition is encouraged to enroll by completing and submitting the enrollment form found at https://redcap.link/mcdh_phase_1b_1c_vaccine_enrollment.

Phase 1B includes the following industries and individuals:

- Anyone 65 years of age or older
- First Responders - 911, fire, law enforcement, security personnel, school officers
- Education - teachers, principals, student support, student aids, day care workers
- Food and Agriculture - processing, plants, veterinary health, livestock services, animal care
- Manufacturing - industrial production of goods for distribution to retail, wholesale or other manufactures
- Corrections Workers and Inmates - prison/jail officers, juvenile facility staff, workers providing in-person support, inmates
- Unites States Postal Services workers
- Public Transit Workers - flight crews, bus drivers, train conductors, taxi drivers, in-person support, ride sharing services
- Grocery Store Workers
- Shelters/Adult Day Care - homeless shelters, adult day/drop-in program, sheltered workshop,

Phase 1C includes the following industries and individuals:

- Persons aged 16 to 64 years old with medical conditions that increase the risk for severe COVID-19 (conditions include obesity, diabetes, pulmonary disease, heart condition including hypertension, kidney disease, cancer, immunocompromised, sickle cell and pregnancy)
- Transportation and logistics
- Water and wastewater
- Food service
- Shelter and housing (e.g., construction)
- Finance (e.g., bank tellers)
- Information technology and communications
- Energy
- Legal
- Media
- Public safety (e.g., engineers)
- Public health workers

For more information about COVID-19 vaccine distribution in McHenry County and for links to Phase 1B and Phase 1C vaccine enrollment, please visit <https://bit.ly/MCDHCovidVaccine>.

St. Paul's Prayer List

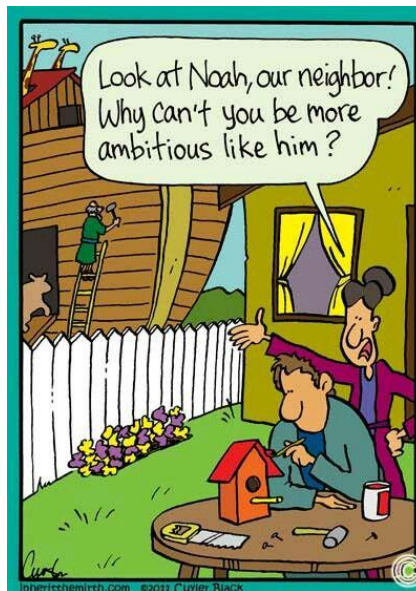
Week of January 17 - January 23

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, Amy, Tim, Marty, Barb, Marianne, Jim, Lucy, Eleanor, and Erin

Current prayers: Jenn, Bobbi, Rory, Bonnie, Brandy, Danielle, Shirley-Patricia, Sheila, Colton, Shannon, Frank, June, Kristi, Michael, Shirley, Doris, Peter, and Marilyn

For those celebrating birthdays - Shirley Strach (Jan. 18)



Cartoon by Inherit the Mirth

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: DeaconDeb@stpaulmchenry.com

Office Hours

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
8:30 am - 1:30 pm

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