

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
McHenry, IL



Weekly ePistle ~ January 20, 2021

St. Paul's Online Worship for Sunday, January 24th

Join us at **8:30 am** for Morning Prayer led by the 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,

"And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him.

This Sunday we will hear from the gospel according to Mark 1:14-20. This passage makes a couple of references to nets. With the exception of the fishing boat, the nets were the most valuable asset of the fishermen. Being made of natural fibers, the nets would have required constant attention. Repairing and strengthening the line to prevent loss of the catch and careful washing and drying to prevent mildew and rot would have occupied much of their time. The nets were vital to a fisherman's success and so it is quite noteworthy that with the invitation of Jesus they immediately left their nets to follow him.

We too have our “nets”. We all have things that we value and seem to require our constant attention. Some of these things are important to our lives; others may be merely old habits. The difficulty lies when these things take up the whole of our lives. Our entanglements of attractions and distractions can make us deaf to the invitation of Jesus. What would we leave to follow Jesus? Jesus stands by us every moment of our lives with the invitation to follow him. By his love, he waits; oh that we would turn to him and follow. *Lord God, grant us the grace to leave our nets, our entanglements, to be free to give ourselves wholeheartedly to you. Amen.*

In Christ,
Deacon Deborah

Words from Wardens

Good day to all!

Today we will witness democracy's greatest gift, the peaceful transfer of power for our country. Given the recent events I ask for all of you to pray with me that the event remains just that.

The divisions that remain are as old as the ages and will not go away anytime soon but I am disappointed that there is a contingent of people who are acting rashly for which there is no need and no excuse. Please pray for peace now more than ever.

On a lighter note please don't forget to join us (virtually) for our annual parish meeting. We will be bidding farewell to a few Vestry members (including myself) and welcoming new Vestry as well as the usual business of reports on the budget and current state of affairs for our church family. It is unfortunate that we won't be breaking bread together as we usually do during this event; however, it is just as important that we are all together in mind and spirit.

Pandemic tier restrictions are slowly beginning to ease in our area; that is a welcome sign of times to come. I firmly believe that the end is in sight and before long we will once again be in the pews for worship. Keep your faith and patience. I am eager not only to worship in person but to also get to know the congregation of First United who have welcomed us and to share in community outreach and fellowship.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Zabor, Junior 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.

Thank you from Food for Thought

Dear Parishioners of St. Paul's Episcopal Church:

Thank you for your generous donation to Food for Thought. We appreciate your continued support to help our students in need, especially during this difficult time. We are happy to see our pantry shelves full after the holiday season, so we will be able to help our students. This would not be possible without the continued support of community members like you.

Thank you again for the very generous donation.

Sincerely,
The Food for Thought Committee

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 24

Reader – Al Robel
Intercessor – Judy Robel
Cantor – Jeffrey Zabor

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
- United 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

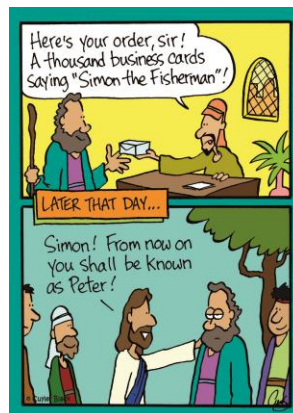
Week of January 24 - January 30

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 - Jacob Zabor (Jan. 27) and Kristin Michna (Jan. 29)



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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