



St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
McHenry, IL



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## Weekly ePistle ~ January 6, 2021

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### **St. Paul's Online Worship for Sunday, January 10th**

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.

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### **From Deacon Deb**

Today, January 6, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Epiphany, which marks the end of the twelve days of Christmas. Epiphany is a Greek word meaning "manifestation" or "appearing."

At the Feast of the Epiphany we celebrate Jesus being made manifest as the Christ. The most widely celebrated manifestation is Jesus revealed as Christ to the Magi who followed the Star of Bethlehem at his birth. Interestingly, the bible doesn't mention how many wise men there were - just that three gifts were given and that they came from the east. They were likely to have been Zoroastrian Priests. It wasn't until about 500AD that three was accepted as the number of wise men - the reasoning simply due to the number of gifts. It is said the gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh represent the gold for his kingly crown, frankincense for his adoration and myrrh for his shroud. The traditional names of the three kings are Melchior, Caspar and Balthazar, who are said to represent Europe, Arabia and Africa.

In Christ,  
Deacon Deborah

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***Love Alone***

The Child we seek  
doesn't need our gold.  
On love, on love alone  
he will build his kingdom.  
His pierced hand will hold no scepter,  
his haloed head will wear no crown;  
his might will not be built  
on your toil.  
Swifter than lightning  
he will soon walk among us.  
He will bring us new life  
and receive our death,  
and the keys to his city  
belong to the poor.

*Gian Carlo Menotti*

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**Words from Wardens**

Happy New Year All!

I hope your holidays were great! It certainly seems that Old Man Winter has finally sat down in his easy chair here. I hope you have settled in on any new year's resolutions and have an eye on the coming of Lent.

Please mark your calendars for our Annual Meeting coming up on 1/31 via zoom! I hope to see you all there!

The vaccine is finally coming around now and I certainly hope this signals the beginning of the end of the Pandemic. As you have undoubtedly heard, the availability will come in stages and we all have to wait our turn. In the meantime please continue to adhere to social distancing guidelines and keep your faith that once again we will be together soon.

Happy New Year to you and your family and a prosperous 2021.

Jeffrey Zabor, Junior Warden

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**Annual Meeting**  
**Sunday, January 31**

Our Annual Meeting will be held immediately after our Zoom Morning Prayer. Please look for important information coming to you by mail. 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.

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## **Servants for Sunday, January 10**

Reader – Rick Carlstedt  
Intercessor – Terry Jaworski  
Cantor – Deacon Deborah Lang

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### **St. Paul's Prayer List**

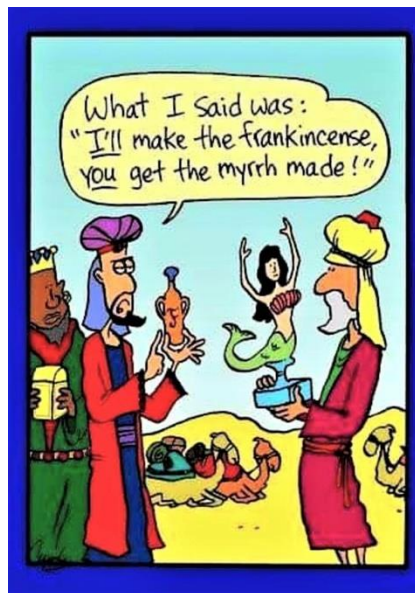
***Week of January 10 - January 16***

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, Vic, and Eleanor

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

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*Cartoon by Inherit the Mirth*

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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: [DeaconDeb@stpaulmchenry.com](mailto:DeaconDeb@stpaulmchenry.com)

### ***Office Hours***

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

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