



St. Paul's ePistle from McHenry
May 10, 2017



*Into your hands, O God
we commend your servant
Georgiann Kolba*

We will celebrate the life of Georgiann Kolba on Monday, May 15th at 11:00 o'clock in the morning here at St. Paul's. Her remains will be interred in the columbarium immediately following the service. A reception will follow in the parish hall. Please keep Georgiann and her family in your prayers.

*Rest eternal grant to her, O Lord, and
let light perpetual shine upon her.*

Parishioners are asked to bring light food for the reception.

New and Notable...



Thoughts from Lori

The link below is to the sermon I preached last Sunday. In it, I proposed that St. Paul's dedicate the next two years to discerning our future. Please open and read it so that we can begin to discuss the implications of the changes taking place in the larger Church beginning on Sunday, May 21st.

Meanwhile, there is a special treat prepared for this Sunday, May 14th, which is Mother's Day: corsages created by our dearly departed Georgiann Kolba and completed by Carol Toft. Bring your favorite picture of your mother for a little "show and tell" at Coffee & Conversation.

Peace and blessings as spring finally begins to unfold!

Faithfully,
Lori

[May 7th Sermon](#)



*Calling all for the
Altar & Flower Guild*



The Altar Guild and Flower Guild are integral hands-on ministries that contribute to the enrichment of our worship. For all those who are currently on the Altar and/or Flower Guild **and those who are interested** please attend a short meeting on Sunday, May 21 after church. We will discuss new ideas for our leadership, membership and schedule.

Thank you.
Deborah Lang

A Word from the Rev. William P. McLemore

Feast Day of Dame Julian of Norwich

The feast day of Dame Julian of Norwich was Monday May 8th. Tradition has it that she was born November 8, 1342, but very little is known of her early life. At the age of thirty, she wrote a book of her visions, which she called "showings," entitled, "Revelations of Divine Love." This is the first book in the English language known to have been written by a woman.



It was at this time, living at home, that she became seriously ill, and presumed near death. She reported that she was losing her sight, and felt physically numb. However, looking at a crucifix at the foot of her bed, she had several visions of Jesus, and recovered from her sickness on May 23, 1373.

Soon after her recovery, Julian became a recluse, an anchoress, at Norwich, living in a small dwelling attached to the Church of St. Julian. She was famed as a mystic and spiritual counselor, and was frequently visited by clergymen and lay persons.

Lady Julian's book is a tender and beautiful exposition of God's love, and reveals God's incarnate spirit dwelling among people in the Passion of Jesus Christ. Many find great strength in her visions and writings, especially these words she claimed were spoken to her by Jesus: "I can make all things well; I will make all things well; I shall make all things well; and thou canst see for thyself that all manner of things shall be well."

She is reputed to have died around 1416 at the age of 74.

An Order of Julian of Norwich was founded in the Episcopal Church in 1985, with the intention of providing contemplative monastic life for men and women. The order is committed to prayer, intercession, and conversion of life. They are located at the Our Lady of the Northwoods Monastery, W704 Alft Road, White Lake, Wisconsin 54491-9715. Their web address is: www.orderofjulian.org

What we learn from Julian of Norwich is that our faith in the Episcopal Church has many dimensions. Beginning with the deep belief that our God is a God of love and forgiveness, there is room for meditation, reflection, and prayer in our walk with Jesus, God's son. Her collect reads, "Lord God, in your compassion you granted to the Lady Julian many revelations of your nurturing and sustaining love: Move our hearts like hers, to seek you above all things, for in giving us yourself you gave us all."

Children's Chapel

There will be no lesson this week.

Next week, all children are welcome to

attend after the service for a snack, bible story, and activity.



In case you missed it....

April 29th Mobile Food Pantry



***Join the folks of St. Mary's for their next
FREE COMMUNITY MEAL****

May 20th, 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Great food and conversation. Let's eat together and get to know each other.

Where:

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

210 S. McHENRY AVENUE

CRYSTAL LAKE - 815-459-1009

No RSVP Required - Every 3rd Saturday

2017 DINNER DATES

May 20 June 17 July 15 August 19 September 16 October 21

November 18 December 16

Free to All! All are Welcome! Family Friendly!

This meal is offered to those in our community who may be experiencing difficulty in procuring enough food.

The usual fare...

Servants for May 14th

Terry Jaworski, Don Jaworski - *Ushers*
Michelle Wiejaczka - *Lector*
Judy Robel - *Intercessor*
Deb Lang, Charlie Boak - *Eucharistic Ministers*
Michelle Wiejaczka - *Vestry Person of the Day*

On the Calendar...

Noon Eucharist - Every Wednesday, 12:15 p.m.
Music Therapy - Every Friday, 10:00 a.m.

Vestry - Wednesday, May 17, 7:00 p.m.
Men's Breakfast - Saturday, June 3, 8:00 a.m.
Pentecost - Wear Red!- June 4
Mobile Food Pantry - Saturday, June 17

Lessons and Hymns

May 14th

by the Rev. William P. McLemore

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

First Lesson: Acts 7:55-60. The early Christian, Stephen, is stoned to death for his vision of Jesus in heaven.

The Psalm: Psalm 31:1-5,15-16. This psalm relates the Lord as "My strong rock, a castle to keep me safe."

Second Lesson: I Peter 2:2-10. This passage calls for the Christians to be built into a "spiritual house" as a "chosen race, a royal priesthood."

The Gospel: John 14:1-14. Jesus tells Thomas, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life."

THE HYMNS:

Processional Hymn: No. 518. "Christ is made the sure foundation." This hymn is ancient in Christian hymnody probably dating back to the 6th or 7th century A.D. The image of a heavenly Jerusalem is a favorite medieval theme for hymns and this particular version has many lost and left out verses of the Latin original. The current translation is by John Mason Neale (1818-1866). The tune "Westminster Abbey," was composed by Henry Purcell (1659-1695).

Sequence Hymn: "Celtic Alleluia." This was written and composed by Fintan O'Carroll, born July 31, 1922 in Wexford, England. On completion of his secondary school studies, he took up a position as a clerk in the national railway. He won first prize in a traditional music competition, aged 12, playing violin, and went on to study violin at home, taking lessons as the opportunity arose. His heart was in music, and he left his railway position in 1967 after 27 years of service, whereupon he completed his degree at Trinity to gain his Bachelor of Music degree.

Presentation Hymn: No. 455. "O love of God how strong and true." This hymn was written by Horatius Bonar (1808-1889), a priest in the Church of Scotland, who authored many hymns. The tune, "Dunedin," was composed by Thomas Vernon Griffiths, a New Zealand music teacher and lecturer-composer (1894-1985). This hymn was one of those sung at the funeral of President Ronald Reagan, June 10, 2004, at the Episcopal Cathedral of St. Peter and St. Paul in Washington, D.C. (The National Cathedral).

Communion Hymn: "Bless the Lord my soul, and bless God's holy name." This hymn is a 1991 paraphrase of Psalm 103 from the Taizé Community in France. It was founded by Brother Roger Schutz, with the goal of "building a life together in which the gospel of reconciliation would be a concretely lived reality." During the war he helped people in difficulty and hosted German refugees. In 1942, the Gestapo threatened to arrest Brother Roger, who fled to Switzerland until the end of the war.

Recessional Hymn: No. 525. "The Church's one foundation." This hymn was written by Samuel John Stone (1839-1900) in response to the liberal interpretation by the Rt. Rev. John William Colenso (1814-1883), the first Anglican bishop of Natal. Bishop Colenso was also a mathematician, theologian, biblical scholar, and social activist. Stone was an Anglican priest who felt deeply troubled by Colenso's ideas about Christianity and especially the interpretation of the Bible. Thus the third verse of his hymn: "Though with a scornful wonder men see her sore oppressed, by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed; yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up, 'How long?' And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song." The tune, "Aurelia" was composed by Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876).

From the cartoons created by
The Rev. William P. McLemore



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