



St. Paul's Episcopal Church
McHenry, IL



Weekly ePistle
January 30, 2019

New and Notable...

Men's Breakfast Postponed

Due to weather concerns, the February Men's Breakfast will not meet this Saturday. The next Breakfast will be March 2nd.

Thoughts from Lori

I'm hoping that by the time you read this, I'll be on my way to Atlanta, weather permitting. Wednesday and Thursday promise to be brutal! Please take care.

The purpose of my trip is to attend the annual Convocation of the Society of St. Anna the Prophet. That's the SSAP you see after my name on some documents. Check out Luke 2: 25-38 (especially verse 36). We refer to ourselves unofficially as "Annas." We are what is known as a dispersed community (meaning that we don't live together, but rather in our own homes) of vowed sisters who are dedicated to holy aging, care for the elderly and the very young. Our vows, defined by each sister according to her own discernment, are based on simplicity, creativity, and balance. Each a challenge in its own way.

Vows such as ours are meant to be a spiritual discipline that functions something like a plumb line rather than a rigid set of rules. More like "how am I doing in this regard" rather than "how have I failed or succeeded." If you'd like to know more about such spiritual practices, we can make it topic of discussion at a future Coffee & Conversation.

Meanwhile, please keep me in your prayers as I travel. Bill will be with you Sunday and hopefully we will be able to have our Annual Parish Meeting on the 10th. Stay safe and warm.

Faithfully,

Lori

BSA Troop 455
24th Annual Pig Roast and Silent Auction

Sunday, February 10, 2019

11am - 3pm

Carry out or Dine in all-you-can-eat

Adults - \$12.00 Seniors(65+) - \$10.00 Children(4-10) - \$7.00

Johnsburg Community Club

2315 W. Church St., Johnsburg

www.troop455pigroast.org

Every year Boy Scout Troop 455 in Johnsburg hosts a Pig Roast Dinner/Silent Auction as a fundraiser for our scouts. This year will be the 25th Annual Pig Roast. Many of our scouts reside in Johnsburg, Wonder Lake, Woodstock, Richmond, McHenry, Fox Lake and Lakemoor areas. Without this fundraiser, many scouts could not afford summer camp and the troop could not afford many programs such as Leadership Training.

In case you missed it...

Annual Meeting
RESCHEDULED
to February 10

The rector, wardens, and vestry have postponed the Annual Parish Meeting until **February 10**.

Plan to bring a covered dish and stay for the meeting on February 10. In the spirit of "feed ourselves, feed others", please bring a non-perishable food item for our grocery cart.



Help is needed!

We have openings for both Flower Guild and Altar Guild coming up for the 2nd week of each month. Training will be provided. Please let Lisa know (lisa@stpaulmchenry.com or 815-385-0390) if you feel called to help in these wonderful ministries!

The usual fare...

On the Calendar...

Annual Parish Meeting - Sunday, February 10
Vestry - Thursday, February 21, 6:30 pm
Men's Breakfast - Saturday, **March 2**, 8:00 am
Shrove Tuesday / Taco Dinner - March 5
Ash Wednesday - March 6

Lessons and Hymns for this Sunday, February 3, 2019

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany (Year C)
by the Rev. William P. McLemore

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

The Old Testament: Jeremiah 1:4-10. This passage tells the story of the call of God to Jeremiah to be a prophet. **Psalm 71:1-6.** This Psalm relates the strength and security that comes from faith in God. **The Epistle:** I Corinthians 13:1-13. Here, St. Paul continues his discourse on the Holy Spirit by outlining the fruits of the spirit in Christian life. **The Gospel:** Luke 4:21-30. Here, we continue the story of Jesus in his home synagogue at Nazareth, only this time his home folks get angry at his preaching and look to harm him, but Jesus escapes.

THE HYMNS:

Processional: No. 448. "O love, how deep, how broad, how high." The author of this hymn is generally believed to be Thomas a' Kempis, born near Dusseldorf in 1379 into a peasant family. At a young age, he was sent to a pauper's school run by a religious order in which he later became a member and was priested in 1413. The tune "Deo Gracias," is a 15th English ballad melody and is best sung with spirit and movement.

Sequence: No. 435. "At the name of Jesus." This hymn was written by Caroline Maria Noel as processional music for Ascension Day. It is based on Philippians 2:9-10 which speaks of bowing the knee before Christ. Some biblical scholars think that St. Paul himself quoted it from an early Christian hymn. The tune, "King's Weston" was composed by Ralph Vaughan Williams in 1925 expressly for this hymn.

Presentation: No. 440. "Blessed Jesus at thy Word." This hymn was written in German by Tobias Clausnitzer (1619-1684) and translated by Catherine Winkworth, who was a very notable English song writer and translator. She is also known for her passionate and ardent support of women in higher education. The tune, "Leibster Jesu" is a melody by Johann Rudolph Ahle (1625-1673) and later harmonized by George Herbert Palmer in the early 20th century.

Communion: "O Lord, Hear My Prayer." This is another Taize community musical paraphrase to a psalm (102:1-2). It was set to music by Jacques Bertheir (1923-1994) in 1991, shortly before he died. The Psalm reads, "Lord, hear my prayer, and let my cry come before you; hide not your face from me in the day of my trouble."

Recessional: No. 569. "God the omnipotent." This hymn is actually two hymns written by two different people, Henry Chorley and John Ellerton, and joined together by the Society

for the Propagation of Christian Knowledge (SPCK) for the Anglican Hymnal of 1871. I love the tune because of its stately movement which isn't surprising because it is the imperial national anthem of Russia – written by Alexis Lvov at the command of Czar Nicholas I in 1933. The tune has been used in many settings, most notably the conclusion of Tschaikowsky's "1812 Overture."

Servants for February 3rd

Rick Carlstedt, Don Jaworski - *Ushers*
Judy Robel - *Lector*
Terry Jaworski - *Intercessor*
Pam Dietmeyer - *Eucharistic Minister*
Jeffrey Zabor - *Vestry Person of the Day*
Bella Pecoraro - *Children's Crucifer*
Doris Gaic - *Altar Guild*
Pam Dietmeyer - *Flower Guild*

From the studio of William P. McLemore



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