



St. Paul's Episcopal Church
McHenry, IL



Weekly ePistle ~ December 11, 2019

New and Notable

Advent Two by Deacon Deborah

Our Advent journey is underway. We seek a change of heart, a new way of seeing and living. We seek to walk closer to God, but how? We need God to walk with us and so this week we pray for God's wisdom and guidance.

Let us pray:

All that I owe is redeemed in the love of God.

Wise and loving God, you have born me for joy.
In humility, you show me wisdom.
Enfold me this day with the knowledge born of love.
Awaken within me the desire to know rightly and the
Will to live justly, with grace and generosity. Amen

Meditation: The desert is always the same, the sky is
Always beautiful, the road deserted...
The only thing that is always new is God.

How will we ask for new eyes to see God and to see the needs in God's world?

Holy one, as I prepare for the advent of Christ,
Give me your spirit of wisdom.
As I seek to embody your love in the world,
Give me your spirit of good counsel.
As I seek to be faithful,
Give me eyes to see beyond what is.
Grant that I may be an instrument of your peace.
May I be one with all who cry for justice and mercy.
Through Jesus Christ, Amen

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Adapted from Daily Prayer for All Seasons



Words from Wardens

Good day to all!

Thank you everyone who turned out for our parish hall decorating last Saturday; it was a wonderful fellowship experience.

As the Advent season is underway let's put forth our best efforts to fill these advent baskets for mothers in need and our non-perishable food cart! I look forward to seeing you this Sunday. The fun begins at 10!

Jeffrey Zabor
Senior Warden



Poinsettias for Christmas

Please take part in the beautification of the church for Christmas by donating \$25 (each) for Poinsettias. Your donation may be given "in memory of" or "in thanksgiving for" someone in your life, or simply for this parish. A sign-up sheet is available in the narthex.



Convention Sermon: Bishops Come and Bishops Go

On Saturday, November 23, Bishop Lee preached this sermon at the 182nd Annual Convention of the Diocese of Chicago. It was his final annual convention Eucharist as bishop; he will retire in August 2020. View the text or watch the [sermon online](#).

The usual fare

On the Calendar

Vestry - Monday, December 16, 5:30 pm
December 22 Celebrant - Rev. Jim Swarthout

Christmas Eve Service - 8:30 pm with Rev. Dr. Jane Clark
Festive Champagne Reception to follow!

Annual Parish Meeting - January 26

Lessons and Hymns for December 15, 2019

(Third Sunday of Advent, Year A)

Morning Prayer Officiant - Barbara Moriarty

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

The First Reading: James 5:7-10

The Psalm: Psalm 146:4-9

The Gospel Reading: Matthew 11:2-11

THE HYMNS:

Opening Hymn: No. 66. "Come, thou long expected Jesus"

Offertory Hymn: No. 615. "Thy kingdom come"

Closing Hymn: No. 640. "Watchman, tell us of the night"

Servants for December 15th

Rick Carlstedt - *First Reader*

Judy Robel - *Intercessor*

Jeffrey Zabor - *Gospel Reader*

Kathy Biggerstaff - *Vestry Person of the Day*

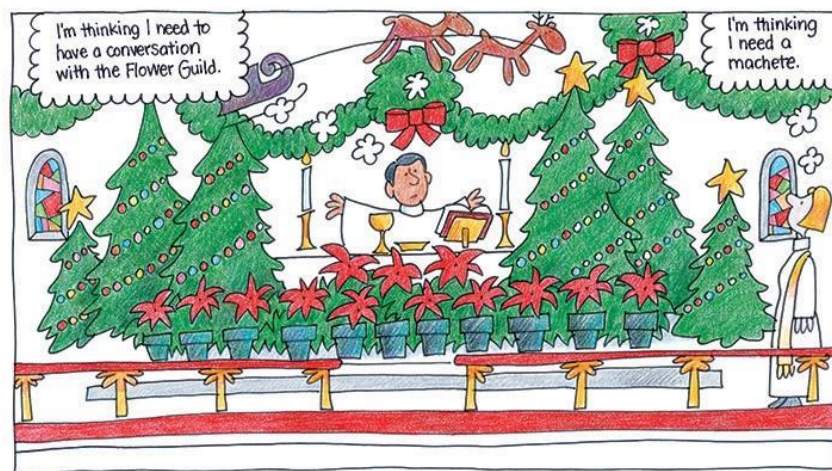
Ashley Pecoraro - *Altar Guild*

Questions or concerns?

Please contact our Wardens - Jeff Zabor (Senior Warden)
or Beth Lukas (Junior Warden).

In need of pastoral care?

Please contact Deborah Lang, our Deacon.



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