



St. Paul's Episcopal Church
McHenry, IL



Weekly ePistle ~ January 8, 2020

New and Notable

Words from Wardens

Happy New Year! The new year is a time for reflection and a time to look forward. I am not a resolution maker, but I do take time to look back and reflect on the previous year. In a recent sermon, Fr. Estime suggested that when looking ahead to the future, look back to help guide you forward. When I look back on the previous year at St. Paul's, I pause and can't help but say "Wow! Look at us!" With God by our side, we as a St. Paul's family got through a rough patch, picked up the pieces and are sailing into 2020 with optimistic smiles on our faces ready to move forward. Your Wardens and Vestry are ready to explore options for our future and we look forward to working along side each of you. Make no mistake, this is a journey we will be doing together, as you have told us about loud and clear that you want St. Paul's to not just survive but to THRIVE! I look forward to seeing everyone at the Annual Meeting on 1/26/20. We will discuss the options available to us, and we need your input. Please be prepared to walk with us as we enter 2020! I am going to make an exception this year and make a resolution....

St. Paul's is Alive & Well, and we will THRIVE in 2020!!

Beth Lukas
Jr Warden

In case you missed it



On Thursday, December 26, Judy Robel delivered our generous Advent baby basket offerings to 1st Way. They were very grateful for our donations!



Labyrinth Walks

Once again, St. Paul's will host labyrinth walks in the parish hall during Lent. A special walk will be held for parishioners after the service on March 1st. Walks will be held every Wednesday starting March 4th going through April 1st from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. All are welcome to experience this wonderful opportunity for reflection, meditation, and renewal. Questions? Please call the church office or contact Jim Lukas: jimlukas2016@gmail.com. Volunteers are needed to help out with this wonderful ministry.



Plan to join us on **January 26th** for our Annual Parish Meeting following the service. We'll enjoy a covered dish luncheon as we discuss the upcoming year at St. Paul's. A sign up sheet is in the narthex.

The usual fare

On the Calendar

January 12 Celebrant - Rev. Eileen Shanley-Roberts
Vestry - January 19
Annual Parish Meeting - January 26
Labyrinth Walks - Wednesdays, March 4-April 1, 5:30pm-7:30pm

Lessons and Hymns for January 12, 2020

(1st Sunday after Epiphany, Year A)

Celebrant - Rev. Eileen Shanley-Roberts

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

The First Lesson: Isaiah 42:1-9

The Gradual: Psalm 29

The Second Lesson: Acts 10:34-43

The Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

THE HYMNS:

Processional Hymn: No. 135. "Songs of thankfulness"

Sequence Hymn: No. 529. "In Christ there is no east or west"

Presentation Hymn: No. 126. "The People who in darkness"

Communion Hymn: "Take, O take me as I am"

Recessional Hymn: No. 381. "Thy strong word"

Servants for January 12th

Terry Jaworski, Don Jaworski - *Ushers*

Judy Robel - *Lector*

Terry Jaworski - *Intercessor*

Barb Moriarty - *Eucharistic Minister*

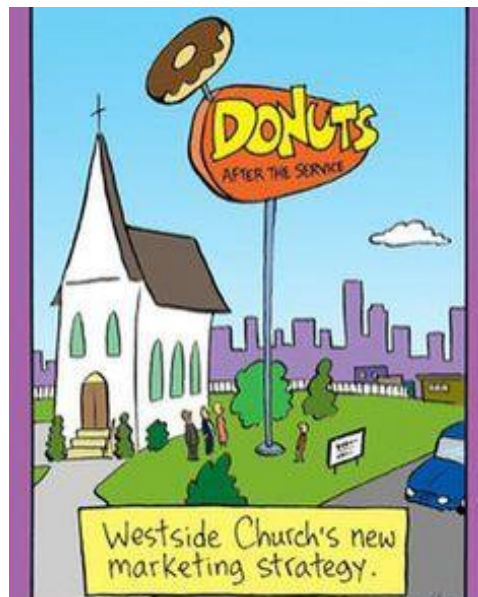
Beth Lukas- *Vestry Person of the Day*

Questions or concerns?

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

In need of pastoral care?

Please contact Deborah Lang, our Deacon.



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