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EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Parish News

for the Week of Sunday, March 19, 2023

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Mark your calendars for a service time change: March 26 the worship service will start at 10:00 am.

Inaugural Parish Council Meeting

Our first meeting of the Parish Council will be on **March 30, at 6:30pm**. This meeting is to check-in with various ministries and activities occurring around the parish. All ministry leaders are encouraged to attend or submit a brief summary of the work they and their groups are undertaking and planning for in the coming months.

Ministry leaders, look for an email this week.

Rose Sunday & Simnel Bread

The 4th Sunday in Lent is also known as Rose Sunday. On this day Rose-pink vestments are allowed to be worn by the priest in place of the purple vestments of Lent. This change in color indicates a glimpse of the joy that awaits us at Easter, just before we enter the somber days of Passiontide.

This Sunday is also known as Mothering Sunday. "Mothering Sunday" was a popular name in England for the fourth Sunday in Lent. It was customary in some places to visit the mother church of one's diocese or chapel on this day. In other places it was customary to visit one's mother on "Mothering Sunday." Apprentices visiting their parents on this day often took home a "mothering cake." The bread or cake associated with Mothering Sunday is called a Simnel bread or Simnel cake.

Today at coffee hour there will be Simnel Bread. The recipe was given to me c. 1990 with the following history included:

This recipe was brought to the US – Philadelphia – in about 1720 by a young English girl who came over on a “bride ship” with other young women who came over to become wives of settlers. She married well and her descendants are still leading citizens of Philadelphia – and St. Mark’s, Locust Street.

The story behind it is, in England where young women worked in the manor houses as maids, they got one day off a year – Mothering Sunday. On this day they could go home after church and bring their mother a gift of “simnel cake” made from “a handful of flour and the same of sugar, 2 large eggs, and its equal in butter plus a handful of currants and citrus...original recipe said “enough to fill the egg shells!”



Holy Week and Easter

Plans are forming for Holy Week and Easter:

Holy Week services - 4/3 Palm Sunday, 9:00am; 4/6 Maundy Thursday with Agape meal and foot washing, 6:30pm, The Great Watch with the Altar of Repose, overnight; 4/7 Good Friday, 12:00 pm, Stations of the Cross after the service, Good Friday, 7:00 pm; 4/8 Holy Saturday, 11:00am via Zoom, The Great Vigil of Easter, 7:45pm; 4/9 Easter Sunday! 10:00 am.

The Agape meal will be a planned potluck this year. There will be a specific list of food needs on the white board on March 26th. Please sign-up to bring an item and an RSVP for the number in your family. We will eat our meal as a community and as the meal is ending read the Passover story before making our way into the service for foot washing and Holy Communion. We hope that everyone will be joining us for the beginning of the 3 Holy Days before Easter.

Carl and Jenn Gruber will provide the Easter Egg hunt again this year. We are invited to provide the candy for the eggs, please bring a bag and put it in the basket in the parish hall. **Please bring it in by 3/26.**

Stations of the Cross will be offered after the noon Good Friday service. The church will be open for prayer and veneration through the afternoon.

The Great Watch with Altar of Repose will be after the Maundy Thursday service. Everyone is invited to sign-up to take an hour or more over the night to watch with Jesus. Sign-up will begin on March 26.

You are invited to sponsor our Easter lilies. As is our custom, you can honor or memorialize people with your lily donation. The suggested donation is \$25. Offering envelopes and donation forms are available on the Communication wall.



Lenten Soup Supper and Program

Jesus says, “I AM the light of the world.” In John’s Gospel the image of Jesus as the light of the world reminds us that the light goes ahead of us, revealing where to walk. Light is meant to illuminate our surroundings so that we can clearly see the way we are meant to go. Join us as we walk in the light of Jesus.

The program is also offered as the Formation Hour after worship on the 5 Sundays in Lent. You are invited to join either gathering.

Our dinner will begin at 6:30pm and the program at 7:00pm. There is a sign-up for soup, salad, and bread on the Communication wall or let Pastor Jenni know what you will be bringing.



Community Meal at Christ Church

Our next Sunday to take the lead for preparing and serving the Community Meal at Christ Church Waukegan is April 9. That's Easter Sunday. We start at 12:30 pm and end at 3:30 pm. If you can serve for part or all of this time, please contact Deacon Anne. If you know of someone who might be interested in this wonderful ministry, please let Deacon Anne know.



Around The World With Wine April 29, 2023 6:30-9:00 pm

Join Dr. Dave Fulton, Wine Director for The Shanty Restaurant, as we explore the unique and famous wines from around the world. He will walk you through the art and enjoyment of evaluating wine and all that it can offer on its own and as it is paired with food. The Men's Group will be helping to prepare and serve light food/appetizer items .

As part of the evening festivities, there will also be a silent auction which will offer sample groupings of bottles of the wines being served as well as some very special and valuable wines brought from Dr Dave's private collection. For a separate donation, wines of the evening may be acquired as well.

50/50 Raffle Ticket Sale

Ticket sales will be every Sunday beginning on March 19 with the exception of Easter Sunday. The sale will also continue during the wine tasting evening. Ticket cost is \$5.00 for 1 ticket or 5 tickets for \$20.00. We will accept cash or check. If writing a check, make the check out to Annunciation and put 50/50 raffle wine tasting in the memo line.

There will be 6 bonus pulls from the 50/50 raffle for 6, \$50.00 restaurant gift cards. This will take place at the wine tasting. The final pull for the true 50/50 raffle winner will be at the conclusion of the evening.

Cost for the event is 50.00 per person. Please note that 100% of the charged fee will be given as a donation to the Church as the event is being sponsored in its entirety by the Fulton Family. As we need an accurate count for the event, you may reserve your seat for the event by writing your check payable to Annunciation of our Lady with "wine tasting" on memo line and giving it to Pastor Jenni, the Fultons or the offering plate.

Cheers!



American Family Field Parish Fundraiser

We have the opportunity to join together to help raise funds to support Annunciation and the vital role it plays in our lives and the lives of others.

- Who: 6 volunteers and a few alternates per game. Leanne Ulmer will be our group leader for each game.
- What: Selling concessions at Six Milwaukee Brewers Games.
- When: Dates: June 9, 10 and 11 plus three of the following Saturday night or Sunday am games: Sun: April 30th, Sat. June 17th, Sat. July 8, Sun. July 9, Sat. Aug. 5, Sun. Aug. 6th, Sept. 30th and Sunday Oct.1st. Games would be chosen based on the number of available volunteers. *Our goal would be to have no volunteer work more than 2 games.
- Where: American Family Field, Milwaukee Wisconsin
- Why: Goal is to raise \$5000 to help ease our budget deficit. Fellowship, fun and outreach!!

There will be one 2 hour classroom training session required to volunteer. Training date TBD.

Games times for Fridays are 7:10pm with a report time of 4:45pm. Saturday game times are: 6:10pm with a report time of 3:45pm. Sunday game times are 1:10pm with a report time of 10:45am.

Most of the stands are cashless so customers pay with a credit or debit. You should plan on about an 8 hour time commitment, including travel. The only physical requirements are the ability to stand for 6 hours. We take orders, wrap hotdogs, brats etc. and fill drink orders. Occasionally, we may have to do the grilling. They have stand managers and additional workers provided.

Please let Leanne or Bill Hagan know if you have any questions. Emails will be going out to potential volunteers to share this information as well.



Lent Madness!

As of March 15, we have completed the "Round of 32" and are now down to 16 saints. (Just as an aside, my guy is definitely in the hunt!!!!)

This week's Monday Madness included a bunch of whining by the Supreme Executive Committee (Tim and Scott) about Lent Madness having been snubbed by the Academy resulting in no Oscars and no purple carpet for them.

During the show, Scott talked about your one vote. They have been pretty hard on people who vote multiple times and actually banish them to the "outer darkness". However, Scott did tell us about bishops who have sent broadcast emails out to their entire diocese to have everyone vote for a particular saint. This is a sanctioned method of voting but multiple votes by one individual is an abomination unto the Lord.

The viewing public's attention was also drawn to two saints battling it out this week. They were John Donne and Juan Diego, also known as "Juan and Donne" or "one and done". St. Diego was the "Juan" who was "Donne" because John won. Did you follow all of that???? It is so hard to try to keep up with the "Supremes"!!!!

The next set of brackets is entitled the "Saintly Sixteen" and instead of biographical sketches about the saints, it is "Quotes and Quirks". The quotes can be from the person or about the person. The quirks? Well, you decide about them.

We will have completed the "Saintly Sixteen" on March 27. The "Elate Eight" will kick off on March 28 then the "Faithful Four" will start on April 3 with the awarding of the "Golden Halo" on Wednesday, April 5, "Spy Wednesday". So, hold on, folks, things are heating up now.

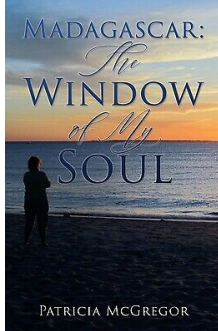
Keep checking the Lent Madness poster in the Narthex for the most up-to-date results as we enter into the "Saintly Sixteen" next week.

Remember, you can get all the information about the saints by subscribing to Lent Madness. Just go to lentmadness.org, click on the subscribe button and follow the prompts. I know of some parishioners who are enjoying being a part of this. Also, pick up a bracket sheet from the communications wall in the Narthex if you want to track your choices.

If you have any questions, please see Miriam Berry.
To vote in Lent Madness, click [here](#).

The Book Study

We will be reading and discussing Rev. Patsy McGregor's book,



MADAGASCAR: The Window of My Soul starting on Wednesday, April 12 at 10 AM.

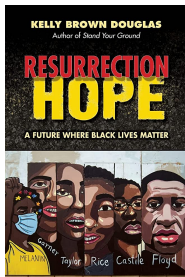
"In this last of four books in her missionary series, The Rev. Dr. Patricia (Patsy) McGregor, shares her deep love for the Malagasy people and culture." This is the book where we will learn about the building of the cathedral, "The Gathering Place" and the women's center.

This is the only book of the series that was not self-published and it shows. The pages are crisp and bright and the pictures are plentiful and in color. The final chapters of the book deal with Todd's and Patsy's farewell to the people and places that meant so much to them through their 30 years of living in Mada. And, it was even more bittersweet because they had to make a clean break when they left Mada. It was time for others to take the leadership roles for the Diocese. Happily, Bishop Samy, who was elected after Todd left, has done a wonderful job. We got to see him via Zoom when we had our Parish Link signing. His picture is also up on the "Our Kids" wall.

I have not spoken to Patsy yet to alert her to when we will study this book but when I do, I will schedule a time for her to join us via Zoom. She has done this for each of her other books in the series and everyone has enjoyed spending time with her as she has with us. In fact, she signed my copy of the book with "Here it is! Thank you for praying this into existence. Be blessed--" This message does not just include me but everyone of you who has enjoyed and attended our classes as we journeyed with her.

So, please join us for our last adventures with Patsy (and Todd) in Madagascar. The book is available on Amazon for \$19.19 or on Kindle for \$9.99. There seem to be only a few copies of the book available on Amazon so I will keep a watch and check with Patsy if we need more copies than Amazon has.

If you have any questions about the book study, please see Deb Gallinger or Miriam Berry.



One Book, One Diocese: Resurrection Hope

Bishop Paula Clark, the **Peace and Justice Committee**, and the **Antiracism Commission** invite the diocese to participate in its inaugural "One Book, One Diocese" discussion of *Resurrection Hope: A Future Where Black Lives Matter* by the Very Rev. Dr. Kelly Brown Douglas

Resurrection Hope is Douglas' reflection and response to her son's questions: "How do we really know that God cares when Black people are still getting killed? How long do we have to wait for the justice of God?"

Congregations and individuals are invited to read and discuss the book, and to participate in diocesan-wide online discussions on Zoom on April 13 and April 25.

April 13 Book Discussion

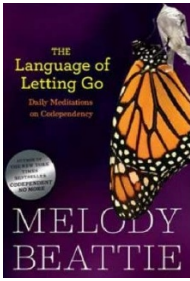
On Thursday, April 13, from 7 - 9 pm Central on Zoom, join the Peace and Justice Committee for a diocesan-wide discussion of the book on Zoom. **Please register to attend.**

April 25 Discussion with Kelly Brown Douglas

On Tuesday, April 25 from 7 - 9 pm Central on Zoom, the Very Rev. Dr. Kelly Brown Douglas will speak to the Diocese of Chicago about the book. **Please register to attend.**

Additionally, Deacon Anne and Pastor Jenni are planning other opportunities to engage with this spiritually important book. As those plans come together, we will let you know.

currently in need of monetary support. Please note on the check or mark on the envelope, PADS.



12@12 Service

Our service of healing and recovery continues on Tuesday at noon. We continue in the book, *The Language of Letting Go* by Melody Beattie. We will start with the April chapter. You can order it at Amazon or at Hazelton Publishers or Pastor Jenni can order it for you. We hope you will join us for a time of prayer, meditation, and renewal on Tuesdays.

You can order it at [Amazon](#) or at [Hazelton Publishers](#) or Pastor Jenni can order it for you.



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Save the Dates: Retreats, Blessing of Chrism in Holy Week

**April 4 at St. James Cathedral, April 5 at
All Saints, Rock Island**

On Tuesday and Wednesday in Holy Week, April 4 and 5, Bishop Paula Clark will host half-day retreats for members of the diocese at St. James Cathedral and All Saints, Rock Island. Watch for more details and registration links to come.

Both events are free and open to everyone.



Parish Life Corner

Thank you to Kim Fulton and Susan O'Morchoe for help me last week to host coffee hour. We had an amazing amount of food and most all of it was gone at the end of the coffee hour. All of it was wonderful. This week Linda Lutter, Susan O'Morchoe and I will be hosting coffee hour. Thank

you in advance for doing this. I really appreciate it.

March 25 is the annunciation of Jesus to Mary so, of course, we will celebrate that with the Feast of the Annunciation on March 26. This will be a pot luck coffee hour. We will have decorations created by my decorating team and you ALL will provide the food. Beth Hagan and I will be hosting this event. The omnipresent white board is set up for signups for number of people and what you will be bringing. So you have one more week to come up with your contribution. The food categories are: entrees, salads, side dishes, rolls and butter and desserts.

If you would like to volunteer to host a coffee hour, it is really quite easy. I come in early to make the coffee so that is already done for you....unless you want to do it yourself. All the serving pieces and coffee accoutrements are ready to go so all you need to do is plate your treats then make sure they are being served. You can sign up on the sign up wall using the paper signup sheets. I will then take your names and put them into Sign Up Genius. You will receive an email reminder during the week for which you have volunteered. We are filled up until the middle of June but then the Sundays are wide open. So, please check your calendars and sign up for that second half of the year.

If you have any questions, please see Miriam Berry or Andrea Lindblad.

[To sign up to host coffee hour, please click here.](#)



News from Fort Dauphin and the Friends of Toliara

As I have recently written, many of the people involved with the Friends of Toliara and those performing Patsy's musical, MIARAKA: A Time to Dance have been meeting and performing the musical in Florida. They have had many good meetings but, unfortunately, not only did the people come over from Madagascar but COVID came with them. I don't know how big the outbreak was but I do know some people came down with it. The meetings built up relationships with in person talk and will assist the Diocese going forward. According to Sue Babbs, many wonderful times of prayer and worship occurred. A picture of some of the participants is below.

Also, there is a new church in Ankirikirika which 6 km away from the town of Amboasary which is part of the parish link with St. James the Less, Sue and Simon Babb' church in Northfield. Every Sunday, Rev. Antsa's husband, Liva, is with them to lead the prayer service and evangelize. If you recall, we saw pictures of Antsa and Liva with their new baby on a motorbike a few weeks ago. You will find a picture of the new church entrance at the bottom of this article as well.

Everyone will be leaving Florida in the next few days and traveling back to their homes all over the world.

If you have been wondering when all that fabric is going to be gone from the table in the Parish Hall, well be of good cheer, it will be gone this Sunday. Jane Schaefer and I will be meeting Sue Babbs for lunch and will be delivering over 120 yards of fabric to her for the next steps in the creating of hygiene kits for the Days for Girls (DfG) Enterprise. Thank you to everyone who helped wash and iron all that fabric. It truly was a labor of love. What would we do without you all!!!!

When Sue gets back, I will get lots of updates from her on the meetings in Florida. I will update you with all the good stuff that went on which I am sure was a lot.

If you have any questions about Madagascar, education sponsorship or Days for Girls, please see Miriam Berry.



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