



# Annunciation of Our Lady

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## Parish News

for the Week of Sunday, February 23, 2020

One service this Sunday  
Ash Wednesday services at 10am and 7pm



**Fat Sunday Brunch**  
Sunday, Feb 23  
10:00 am

### *Laissez les bon temps rouler!*

**This Sunday is Fat Sunday**, one of our favorite parish celebrations! Join us for a bountiful brunch after 9:00am service to kick off Lent. Food, Music, and Fun... with some new twists this year!

Our brunch menu will feature Jambalaya, Vegetarian Etouffée, Cornbread, Bananas Foster French Toast, Beignets, and Cupcakes.

Kids will decorate floats to march in our parade, led by this year's Mardi Gras King and Queen (who will find the baby in their cupcake??!). While we fill our bellies, we'll share plenty of laughs as we play Mardi Gras Trivia!

Questions? Please reach out to Samantha Robison (robison\_samantha@yahoo.com).

**P.S.** This event is a fabulous opportunity to extend an invitation to a friend!



### Core Values Sign-Up!

At our Annual Meeting the parish was introduced to the results of the *Tell Out My Soul* project led by Rev. Dan. We told our stories, listened for our personal values, and then discovered what core values we shared. The results are below.

#### ANNUNCIATION'S CORE VALUES

A place to be included...

We strive to fully include and honor people of all races, ages, classes, cultures, religious backgrounds, sexualities and gender identities.

#### **A place to be honest...**

We strive to be a place where each person can be their TRUE self, so that all feel at home and so that we can nurture deep, authentic relationships with one another and with God.

#### **A place to be empowered...**

We strive to recognize each person's talents, needs and passions, and to help one another use our gifts for God's work in the church and the world.

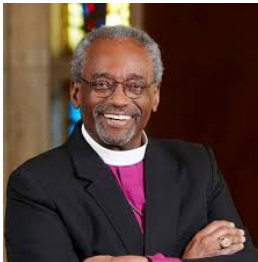
#### **A place to be challenged...**

We strive to be curious about our faith and current issues, to ask tough questions of our tradition and of ourselves, and to become wiser, stronger and more compassionate.

#### **A place to find Hope...**

We strive to live a different kind of life together: a life of wonder for the beauty of God's creation, a life of joy born through prayer and music, a life of confidence that exceeds the troubles of our times.

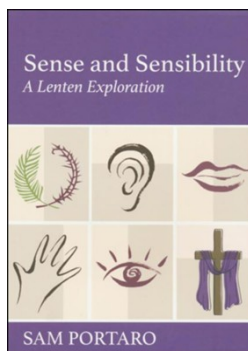
In the Narthex, you can sign up for the core value (or values) that speak most to you. In the coming weeks, we will gather in small groups to discuss each value and to discern what Annunciation needs to live into each value. Watch the Parish News for more information!



## **Lent 2020: A Call to Prayer, Fasting, and Repentance Leading to Action**

### **An Invitation from Presiding Bishop Curry to Turn and Pray on Behalf of our Nation**

As the season of Lent approaches, Episcopal Church Presiding Bishop Michael Curry invites Episcopalians and people of faith to turn and pray on behalf of our nation. Click [here](#) to view video and hear Bishop Curry's message.



## **Lenten Soup & Salad Dinners**

*Skin. It's the largest organ of the human body. [On] Ash Wednesday it's touched and marked again as Christ's own forever.*

*So we begin Lent with this powerful reminder of our embodied life. The abrasive texture of the ash, the grinding action of this marking are like sandpaper drawn across the tender skin of the face and we're reminded that we're incarnations of the crucified and risen Christ. We have bodies, we are bodies. We're bodies endowed with senses.*

*Lent, then, isn't a time to deny the mortal body. Rather, Lent may be just the season to remember that we're mortal as dust and ash, and yet as such, we're graced in that mortality. Our very perishability only enhances our preciousness.*

*Thus, in this Lent we propose to explore more intently our embodied selves and the incarnate world we inhabit, that as we make our way through these forty days we come once again to our senses.*

--From the book *Sense and Sensibility: A Lenten Exploration* by Sam Portaro

Starting **Mar 4** at 6:30pm we will be starting with a soup and salad dinner followed by our Lenten Program from 7:00pm to 8:00pm. The program will be using Sam Portaro's book and discussing one of the senses of touch, taste, sound, sight, and smell at each Wednesday night program. There will be very special speakers on each Wednesday night so I hope you will try to attend.

Children are welcome to join us for dinner and class (we suggest they should be in High School to attend the program) or they can go to another part of the church to do their homework or just hang out.

A book is not necessary for this class, but if you would like one, please let Deacon Linda know (by text, 847-340-3253). The cost is \$10.

We hope to see you there!

Blessings,  
Maggie Attiyeh and Linda Lutter



## March Coffee Hour hosts still needed

We have a couple special events coming in March, and there are still a few gaps on the coffee host schedule.

Please check your calendars and sign up if you can. Thank you in advance for your support of this important ministry. If you have any questions, please contact Miriam Berry.



## Recycling Update

As of **Mar 1**, PlanetGreen Recycling will only be accepting empty ink cartridges for recycling. The other items PlanetGreen previously accepted have become too expensive to recycle, so they are no longer going to accept them.

The box for your empty cartridges is to the left of the parish hall entrance from the Narthex. If you have any questions, please see Miriam Berry.



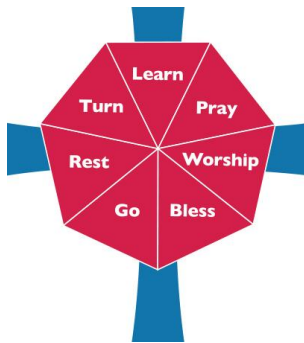
## Winter Farmers Market returns

On **Sunday, Mar 29**, Annunciation will be hosting our third Winter Farmers Market from 11:00am to 3:00pm. This event is sponsored by Faith in Place, a Chicago-based nonprofit that

works to inspire faithful people in the state of Illinois to care for the earth through programs like the annual indoor Winter Farmers Markets.

Different churches host a market almost every weekend from October through March. (Click [here](#) for vendor list and market schedule.) Vendors come and set up their tables with meat, fish, eggs, salsas, soup, jams, cheese, baked goods, greeting cards, produce if available, and more.

Our church doesn't get any financial benefit from this, but it's a great community event, and we hope some new folks will come and get a feel for our parish. Look for the poster and flyers on the Outreach Wall at church. Any questions, please contact Jan Harastany at (847) 395-0518.



## "The Way of Love" Workshops

On **Feb 29**, from 9:00am to 3:00pm, the Evanston Deanery will host a day of workshops and fellowship about Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's initiative "The Way of Love." The workshops will be held at Techny Towers Retreat and Conference Center, 2001 Waukegan Rd, Northbrook.

Learn more about Bishop Curry's initiative at <https://episcopalchurch.org/way-of-love>.

Guest speaker Chris Sikkema, manager for special projects in the Episcopal Church Office of Communications, will lead the day, which will include plenary sessions, personal reflection time, and small group discussions.

Enrollment is \$45 which includes all materials and lunch. Please [register online](#) and let Deacon Linda know if you will be attending. Text, call, or email to 847-340-3253 or [lindalutter@hotmail.com](mailto:lindalutter@hotmail.com).

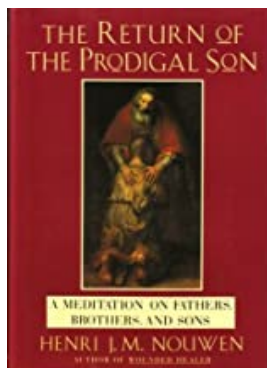


## Wednesday Morning Study Group

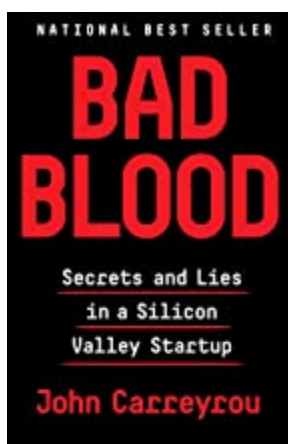
The Wednesday Study Group has finished *An Altar in the World*. We plan to continue on through Lent with a new book.

Here is our schedule:

- We will not be meeting on Feb 26 since that is Ash Wednesday.
- The following **Wednesday, Mar 4**, through **Apr 1** we will be reading and discussing Henri Nouwen's *The Return of the Prodigal Son*.
- Our assignment for **Mar 4** will be to read the first 24 pages, "The Story of Two Sons and Their Father" through, and including, "The Introduction."



We will meet at our regular 10:00am time in the Adult Forum Room and would love to have new people come join us. If you have any questions, please see Deb Gallinger, Carol Anderson or Miriam Berry.



## March Book Club

### *Bad Blood* by John Carreyrou

*The full inside story of the breathtaking rise and shocking collapse of a multibillion-dollar startup, by the prize-winning journalist who first broke the story and pursued it to the end in the face of pressure and threats from the CEO and her lawyers.*

In 2014, Theranos founder and CEO Elizabeth Holmes was widely seen as the female Steve Jobs: a brilliant Stanford dropout whose startup “unicorn” promised to revolutionize the medical industry with a machine that would make blood tests significantly faster and easier.

Backed by investors such as Larry Ellison and Tim Draper, Theranos sold shares in a fundraising round that valued the company at \$9 billion, putting Holmes’s worth at an estimated \$4.7 billion. There was just one problem: The technology didn't work.

For years, Holmes had been misleading investors, FDA officials, and her own employees. When Carreyrou, working at *The Wall Street Journal*, got a tip from a former Theranos employee and started asking questions, both Carreyrou and the Journal were threatened with lawsuits. Undaunted, the newspaper ran the first of dozens of Theranos articles in late 2015.

By early 2017, the company's value was zero and Holmes faced potential legal action from the government and her investors. Here is the riveting story of the biggest corporate fraud since Enron, a disturbing cautionary tale set amid the bold promises and gold-rush frenzy of Silicon Valley.

### **Book Club West | Monday, Mar 2, 7:00pm**

Elaine O’Neil’s house  
3680 Pacific Ave., Gurnee

### **Book Club East | Monday, Mar 16, 6:00pm**

Potesta’s Pizza: 434 S Green Bay, Gurnee

See the Signup Wall for more information.

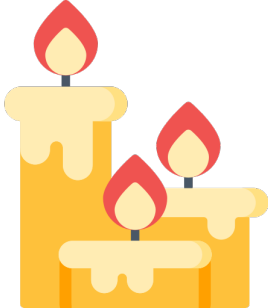


## One Thousand Days of Love

is a grassroots Church-wide fundraising campaign dedicated to expanding the organization’s global programs, improving the lives of children up to age six. Episcopal Relief & Development invites congregations to join **One Thousand Days of Love** by engaging in acts of love of their own.

Deacon Linda would love to hear of your acts of love throughout Lent (text or call 847-340-3253). Annunciation will commemorate Episcopal Relief & Development Sunday on the first Sunday in Lent, **Mar 1**. There will be special envelopes available at church **next Sunday** so that you can make a donation to help improve the lives of these children.





## Liturgical Ministry Sign-Up

Sign-up sheets for the Spring/Summer (April/May and June to August) liturgical ministry schedules are on the Signup Wall in the Parish Hall. It is a good idea to check if your name is on the list or not, but you really only need to do anything about this if:

- ... you have not previously been on the liturgical ministry schedules and want to participate in this vital ministry (new and returning volunteers are always welcome), **OR**
- ... you want to continue to serve in this vital ministry, but are unable to serve on any specific date(s).

Training (or retraining) is always available. The sign-up period will be from **Feb 16 to Mar 1**.

Questions regarding liturgical ministry scheduling or responsibilities can be directed to Susan O'Morchoe ([susanom58@yahoo.com](mailto:susanom58@yahoo.com)).

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## Fabulous Fourth Friday

### Breakfast Items Now on Donation Sheets for Fall/Winter

You're invited to join in prayer, service, and fellowship on the 4th Friday of every month.

**At 9:00am**, we gather for Morning Prayer in the Chapel (and sometimes go out to breakfast right after).

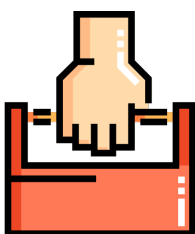
**At 11:30am**, we make lunches for PADS, the homeless people in Lake County.

**Can't be there on Friday?** You can also help by donating the food or money for the meals. During the winter months we will also include fixings for their breakfast on Saturday morning. We have additional items to give.

The February PADS lunch will be on **Friday, Feb 28**. Please bring your food donations no later than **this Sunday, Feb 23**.

Signups for both worker bees and donations are on the Signup Wall. Questions? Contact Pam Myers (847-740-2206) or Christine Hughes (847-363-7303).

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## Helping Hands

Though no longer an official activity of the Men's Group, Rev. Linda will still help you find help within the congregation for any work you might need help with in your home. If you're in need of minor repairs or labor, text or call her at (847) 340-3253.

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## Save the Dates

Feb 26 Ash Wednesday

Mar 29 Winter Farmers Market

Apr 4 Bunco for Huntington's

Apr 5 Palm Sunday

Apr 9 Maundy Thursday

Apr 10 Good Friday

Apr 11 Easter Vigil

Apr 12 Easter

## This Week's Calendar

### Sun, Feb 23

Worship | 9:00am

Fat Sunday Brunch | 10:00am

Tamil Language School | 2:00pm

### Tues, Feb 25

Cub Scouts | 6:00pm

Scouts | 7:00pm

### Wed, Feb 26

Ash Wednesday Worship | 10:00am

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### Fri, Feb 28

Morning Prayer | 9:00am

PADS Lunch | 11:30am

### Sun, Mar 1

Worship | 9:00am

Worship | 10:00am

Tamil Language School | 1:00pm

## Staying Connected

### Parish News and Prayer Requests

Submissions due Mondays at noon

Send to [parishadmin](mailto:parishadmin@annunciationurnee.org)

[@annunciationurnee.org](mailto:parishadmin@annunciationurnee.org)

### Website Updates

Send to [MarkRJohnson52@gmail.com](mailto:MarkRJohnson52@gmail.com)

### Food Tidings Meal Ministry

Surgery? New birth? If you need a little help with supper,

contact Samantha Robison:

[Robison\\_Samantha@yahoo.com](mailto:Robison_Samantha@yahoo.com)

### During the week:

Pastoral emergencies: (847) 340-3253

The church office is open Wednesday and Thursday mornings.