



# Annunciation of Our Lady

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## Parish News

for the Week of Sunday, February 16, 2020

Rev. Eileen Shanley-Roberts presides  
this Sunday



### 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.

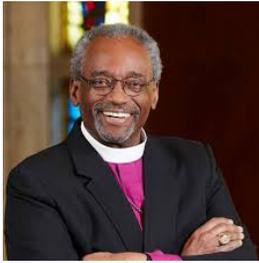
##### **A place to find Hope...**

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!

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## 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.

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## Adult Forum: *Paul Said What?*

Join John Herbert **this Sunday** as we wrap up our discussion of the troubles and triumphs of the early days of Christianity through one of its most important figures. Adult Forum meets at 9:15 in the Adult Forum Room to discuss the book of Romans.

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## Ash Wednesday Servers

If you're available to serve (acolyte, usher, reader, etc.) at one of the upcoming Ash Wednesday services (noon and 7:00pm on **Wednesday, Feb 26**), put your name on the sign-up sheets in the Narthex.

If you want to serve in a role you haven't done before, please contact Susan O'Morchoe ([susanom58@yahoo.com](mailto:susanom58@yahoo.com)) in order to get training.

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## Coffee Hour hosts needed in March

We have a couple special events coming in March, but since almost no one has signed up for March, there are some gaps. 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.

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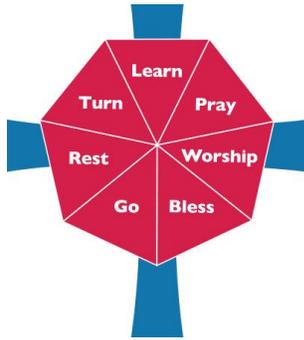
Altar Flowers



## Candles and Flowers

The new 2020 sign-up boards for candle and flower sponsors have been posted in the hallway near the Adult Forum Room. Please add your name and let us know what special occasion you'd like to mark by sponsoring a sanctuary candle (\$5) or altar flowers (\$35) on a particular Sunday.

Please make your check payable to the church and designate "altar flowers" or "sanctuary candle" in the memo. Questions? Contact Barb McNeill ([momranch@aol.com](mailto:momranch@aol.com)). Thank you!

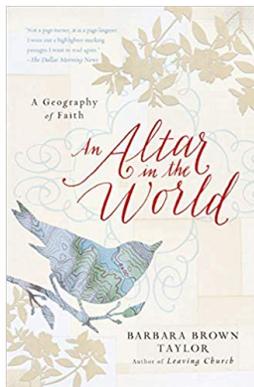


## "The Way of Love" Workshops

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

On Wednesday, **Feb 19**, the Wednesday Study Group will complete *An Altar in the World* by reading and discussing Chapter 12, "The Practice of Pronouncing Blessings," starting on page 193.

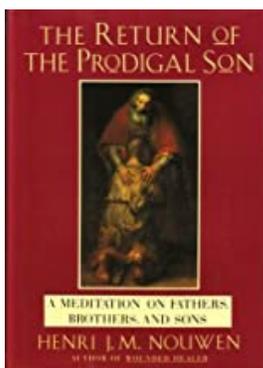
We will be taking the next Wednesday off since it is Ash Wednesday.

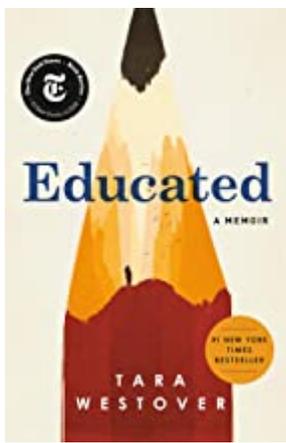
We will begin *The Return of the Prodigal Son* by Henri Nouwen on **Mar 4**. This will be a short 5-week study. We will then take off for Holy Week.

All the reading assignments for *The Return of the Prodigal Son* are on the Annunciation [website](#) under the EDUCATION tab.

We always welcome newcomers, so come join us! We meet at 10:00am, and we offer treats as well as some pretty stimulating discussions.

If you have any questions, please contact Deb Gallinger, Carol Anderson, or Miriam Berry.





## February Book Club

*Tara Westover was 17 the first time she set foot in a classroom. Born to survivalists in the mountains of Idaho, she prepared for the end of the world by stockpiling home-canned peaches and sleeping with her "head-for-the-hills bag." In the summer she stewed herbs for her mother, a midwife and healer, and in the winter she salvaged in her father's junkyard.*

*Lacking any formal education, Tara began to educate herself. She taught herself enough mathematics and grammar to be admitted to Brigham Young University, where she studied history, learning for the first time about important world events like the Holocaust and the civil rights movement. Her quest for knowledge transformed her, taking her over oceans and across continents, to Harvard and to Cambridge.*

The February book club selection is *Educated* by Tara Westover. With the acute insight that distinguishes all great writers, Westover has crafted a universal coming-of-age story that gets to the heart of what an education is and what it offers: the perspective to see one's life through new eyes and the will to change it.

**Book Club East | Monday, Feb 17, 6:00pm**  
Potesta's Pizza: 434 S Green Bay, Gurnee

See the Signup Wall for more information.



## Lent is just around the corner . . .

Feb 26 is Ash Wednesday, and for the 45 days after that, we will be spending a little more time with our Lord than we normally do by thought, word, and/or deed. The next 45 days will give us all an opportunity to explore our relationship with Jesus and perhaps get to know Him better—and while doing that, we'll get to know ourselves and the people around us better.

Besides our Lenten Liturgy, we will have our Dinner/Discussion on Five Wednesdays in Lent. People will be asked to bring soup, salad, bread and dessert. We will dine and enjoy time together catching up and then we will have our Lenten Discussion on the Five Senses ... how we can experience God in all that we do ... seeing, touching, hearing, tasting, and smelling, you will enjoy and grow in the knowledge of what this means to each of us daily.

The book we are using is *Sense and Sensibility* by Sam Portaro. Sam was formerly an Episcopal Chaplain to the University of Chicago and Director of Brent House. He is a friend of Rev. Dan, and the book is recommended by the 25th Presiding Bishop, Frank Griswold. There will be sign-up sheets on the Signup Wall in the Narthex for those who will be attending and for those who would like to donate food.

Hospitality coordinators: Andrea Lindblad and Carol Anderson;  
Discussion coordinators: Maggie Attiyeh and Linda Lutter.



## 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 that 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)).



## 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 **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).



## 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.

## Save the Dates

- Feb 23 Fat Sunday
- 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 16**
  - Worship | 8:00am
  - Adult Forum | 9:15am
  - Worship | 10:00am
  - Tamil Language School | 1:00pm
  - Sunday Night Live | 5:00pm
- Mon, Feb 17**
  - Book Club East | 6:00pm
  - Vestry Meeting | 7:00pm
- Tues, Feb 18**
  - Cub Scouts | 6:00pm
  - Scouts | 7:00pm
- Wed, Feb 19**
  - Wednesday Study Group | 10:00am
  - Knitting Group | 7:00pm
- Fri, Feb 21**
  - Indian Princess | 7:30pm
- Sat, Feb 22**
  - Feed My Starving Children | 9:00am
- Sun, Feb 23**
  - Worship | 9:00am
  - Fat Sunday | 10:00am
  - Tamil Language School | 2:00pm

## Staying Connected

Parish News and Prayer Requests  
Submissions due Mondays at noon  
Send to [parishadmin@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.

