



Annunciation of Our Lady

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Parish News

for the Week of Sunday, March 22, 2020

Fourth Sunday in Lent
No in-person worship



Coronavirus update: How Annunciation has been affected

You can expect a **pastoral letter** from Rev. Jenni with updates from the Office of the Bishop and some alternate plans for moving forward at Annunciation.

The church building is **closed** to groups, meetings, and in-person worship till further notice.

However, we will be initiating morning prayer and worship services via Zoom Meeting this week. Look for an email from us with an invitation.

The church office is now **open by appointment only**. If you'd like to come in, please contact Rev. Jenni. You can email her at rector@annunciatingurnee.org.

If you have prayer requests, please email them to parishadmin@annunciatingurnee.org.



We Are Still the Hands and Heart of Jesus: A Message from Bishop Lee

Bishop Jeffrey Lee of Chicago speaks about the COVID-19 pandemic and how the people of the church can continue to be the hands and heart of Jesus when we are not able to meet in person.

Prayers of the People



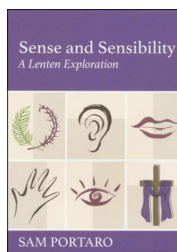
We pray:

For all who yearn for health, for the handicapped, for those in mental anguish or spiritual turmoil, for the incurably ill, and for all who remember and care for them, especially ***Patsy, Erich, Greg, Joe, Helene, Jannette*** Kellogg, ***Ronald, Jeanne*** Phillips, ***Randy, Charlotte, Mary Pat, Mary*** Lawless, ***Bruce & Terry*** Stowell, ***Dan***, and the people served by ***Sunrise Assisted Living, PADS, and Habitat for Humanity***.

For all those who serve in the Armed Forces, including ***Liam*** Mellen, ***Maurice*** Edwards, ***Chad*** VanHorn, ***Christopher*** Pavy, ***Nick*** Unda, ***Ian*** Pocklington, ***Ethan*** Pocklington, ***Christopher*** Froelich, ***Karl*** Mohrmann, and ***Trish*** Hull.

For those who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries this week, especially ***Maggie*** Attiyeh (3/26).

We praise you, God of our hope, for all the faithful before us who entered into your labors and worshiped you in truth, especially ***Loretta*** Siver (3/22/2008), ***Mary*** Strang (3/28/2004), and all those who have succumbed to the COVID-19 virus That we may live faithful to eternal life, we pray.



Announcements

Cancellations:

- Lunch Bunch (Mar 25)
- Winter Farmers Market (Mar 29)
- Lenten Soup and Salad Dinners (Wednesdays in Lent)
- Feast of the Annunciation (The Feast will take place later this year.)
- Wednesday Morning Study Group (meeting online; contact Miriam Berry for details)
- April Book Club (Club will not meet till further notice)
- PADS Lunches (monetary donations are still possible)
- Knitting Group
- Men's Group
- B&G Meetings
- Scouts
- Cub Scouts
- Indian Princess
- Tamil Language School

Prayer requests:

Until the church re-opens, please send prayer requests to parishadmin@annunciationgurnee.org.



Lent Madness Update!

Although March Madness has been cancelled, Lent Madness

continues on with all its twists and turns. (Guess there is something to be said for a totally electronic entity!!)

As of Thursday, **Mar 19**, we have whittled our 32 saints down and are into the "Saintry Sixteen." In the first round, we learned biographic information about each saint. Now we will read about the saints' Quirks and Quotes. The celebrity bloggers who are doing all the writing will provide legends and other hard-to-find information about the remaining sixteen saints. We will vote as before and in a few short days, eight to be exact, we will have our slate of saints going into the "Elate Eight."

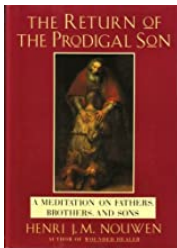
An interesting wrinkle in this year's Lent Madness: In the first round, there were **four saints named Elizabeth**, and three of the four are in the "Saintry Sixteen." With the numbers as they are, could an Elizabeth be the winner of the Golden Halo?

Ah, the excitement is building! Check back next week for an update on this important second round and see how the Elizabeths are faring.



Wednesday Morning Study Group

The Wednesday Morning Study Group is now well into Henri Nouwen's *The Return of the Prodigal Son*



Using Rembrandt's "The Return of the Prodigal Son" painting as his basis, Nouwen has some wonderful insights into this famous parable of Jesus. The discussions have been wonderful as always. We would love to have you come join us.

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

Annunciation Pledges

Even in the midst of this event, the church still needs our good stewardship, so we ask that you keep up with your pledges. We understand that people's financial lives might be changing; please speak with the Treasurer if you need to update your pledge.

These are the ways you can donate now:

- Mail your check
- Have your bank send us a check
- **Coming soon:** You will be able to make online donations through the Office of the Bishop on the Diocesan website. Watch for more news about this new feature!



Donations for PADS

Though we can no longer take donations of food, Annunciation will accept **monetary donations** for PADS. It's best to mail checks to the church; use either the memo line on your check or a note on the envelope to designate a PADS donation.

Save the Dates

Apr 5 Palm Sunday

Apr 9 Maundy Thursday

Apr 10 Good Friday

Apr 11 Easter Vigil

Apr 12 Easter

This Week's Calendar

Fri, Mar 20

Morning Prayer | 10:00am
via Zoom Meeting

Sun, Mar 22

Worship | 10:00am
via Zoom Meeting

Staying Connected

Parish News and Prayer Requests

Submissions due Tuesdays at noon.

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

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

Website Updates

Send to 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

During the week:

Pastoral emergencies: (530) 386-2834

The church office is open during the week by appointment only.