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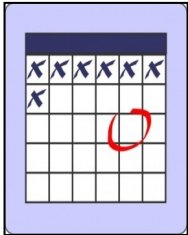
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

PARISH NEWS



DECEMBER 3

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR



Sunday, December 3, 2017

Worship Service: 9 am

O Antiphons

Sunrise Ministry: 9:15 am (offsite)

Tamil Language School: 11 am

Tuesday, November 28

Boy Scouts: 7 pm

Wednesday, December 6

Rector's Study Group: 10 am

Evening Prayer: 7 pm

Thursday, December 7

Rector's Study Group: 7 pm

Saturday, December 9

Cookie Drop Off: 2 pm—5 pm

NEXT Sunday, December 10, 2017

Worship Services: 8 am & 10 am

Sunrise Ministry: 9:15 am (offsite)

Adult Forum: 9 am "Portrayals of Christ figures"

Children's Chapel ~ during the 10 am service

Cookie Walk: 9 am—1 pm

OPPORTUNITIES

Acolytes, Crucifers, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers Needed!

Positions are open for all of the upcoming Christmas services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. We need these positions filled during these important services! Calling all acolytes, crucifers, readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Ushers, please choose the service that is most convenient for you. Sign up sheets for all 3 services are on the information wall in the Parish Hall.

If you want to try something new, but are not sure of what the role requires, training is available.

Please contact Rev. Elizabeth or Susan O'Morchoe (susanom58@yahoo.com)

Christmas Flowers ~ Donation Forms Available

There are few things as glorious as the sight of our church during the Christmas season, decked out in twinkling lights, evergreens, and pink and red poinsettias.

If you would like to make a donation toward the poinsettias, in thanksgiving, remembrance or in celebration of someone or a special event, please complete a green Christmas Poinsettia Donation Form. The forms are available in the narthex communication center. Return it, along with your donation to the office. Forms and donations received by Sunday, December 17th will be noted in the Christmas Eve / Christmas Day bulletins.

Thank you for helping to make our church a beautiful, welcoming space for all who come through our doors this blessed season.

REMINDER

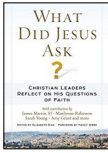
Boy Scout Deliveries ~ TODAY! Wreaths and Popcorn!

Today is the day! Members of Boy Scout Troop # 627 will be available after service today to deliver all of the goodies that were ordered a few weeks ago. Wreaths, swags and poinsettias are all ready for pick up! As well as all of the different popcorn choices.

If you have an outstanding balance, please be prepared to take care of that today, so that the wreath and popcorn sales can be closed out for the year. Thank you for your cooperation!



EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



Rector's Study Group Resumes

Assignment:

Phyllis Tickle / Luke Powery / Joel Houseon / Bishop Minerva G. Carcano / Yvette Flunder /

Dec 6 : 10 am

Dec 7: 7 pm

Rev. Elizabeth

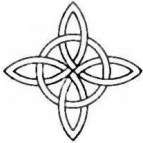
Book Club ~ Pot Luck



The Book Club Pot Luck is scheduled for Monday (Dec 4th) at 6 pm. We will be meeting at the church. Please bring an appetizer or a dessert, plus a wrapped book to include in the book exchange. Beverages of choice are welcome (tea, wine, lemonade, etc.)...and we will make coffee / tea at the church.

December 4
6 pm

Evening Prayer



Evening Prayer is part of the Liturgy of the Hours, also known as the Divine Office. Through this prayer, the people of God sanctify the day and offer prayers of intercession for the needs of the world.

Our next gathering will be on Wednesday, December 6th @ 7 pm. All are welcome to join us on the first Wednesday of each month as we come together to give thanks for the day just past and make an evening sacrifice of praise to God.

December 6
7 pm

Deb Bill

Holiday Cookie Walk Final Countdown!

December 10th!



- **BAKE** cookies! Forms are due TODAY!
- Sign up to **WORK** the big event
- **INVITE** friends with postcards & social media
- **SELL** those raffle tickets! Our raffle sponsors so generously provided the impressive \$2,300 prize pool. Can we double or triple that amount in sales?
- **FINAL BAKING PARTY!** If you don't feel confident in your own baking or would just enjoy doing some baking with friends, join Elizabeth Danos at her home on 12/7 from 2:00-4:30 pm. Learn the secrets of making baklava. Details and sign up on Cookie Walk Central.
- **COOKIE DROP OFF - Saturday, Dec. 9 from 2:00-5:00 pm**
- Please bring your goodies "**display ready!**"
- Cake boxes from Michael's/Hobby Lobby or foil pans with lids from the Dollar Store/grocery store are great options.
- Layer cookies carefully to avoid squishing your goodies. Waxed or parchment paper between layers is helpful.
- If baking bars, please cut into small, uniform pieces. Cupcake and mini muffin papers work well for bars, anything sticky, or cookies dusted with powdered sugar. We have a supply available for the taking at Cookie Walk Central, or they can be found in your favorite grocery or craft store.
- **When you make it look too good to pass up, our customers won't pass it up!**
- Make sure you label your box/pan with the same cookie name you put on



Shay Craig Ordination

By the grace of God and with the consent of the people of God, the Right Reverend Jeffrey Lee, Bishop of the Diocese of Chicago, will ordain Shay Craig to the Sacred Order of Deacons. Anyone interested in attending, please contact Rev. Elizabeth so that rides and carpools can be arranged.

December 16
11 am

St. James Cathedral



Ornament Exchange (Stealing) Party

You'll want to be sure to attend this Probably (most likely) Slightly Raucous annual holiday event. Please bring a wrapped ornament—the more distinct and unique, the better! - valued at no more than \$10, along with an appetizer / snack / dessert and / or beverage to share. Invite your friends! This event is best for adults aged 18 +.

December 16
7 pm

Rev. Elizabeth

RSVP on the sign-up sheet on the communication wall in the Parish Hall!

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Lunch Bunch Returns



The Lunch Bunch will continue our Christmas celebration with lunch at 1 pm on December 27th at Stevens' in Gurnee.

The family owned and operated restaurant with its warm and comfortable atmosphere and delicious food is a perfect place to gather with friends during the festive Christmas season.

Separate checks will be requested. The management has requested cash only for payment. If you plan to attend, please contact jaShaefer 2 224.757.5436 or at cs.js@comcast.net before December

IN APPRECIATION



COFFEE HOUR HOSTS:

December 3rd

Capital Campaign Team

December 10th

(Coffee Only)
8am Harastany
10 am Fulton



GREENING THE CHURCH TEAM!

Thank you to all who contributed their time and effort to the greening of the church on 11/26. Everything looks wonderful!

Special thanks to the folks who guide us through the process, especially Pat Donegan and the Buildings & Grounds crew, and Betsy Donegan and the Altar Guild volunteers.

Many hands go into making our church a place

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Annual Giving Update:

Thank you to everyone who has turned in their pledge card for 2018! As of 11/19, we've received pledges from 48 households, for a total of \$186,500; we are well on our way of reaching our target of \$262,000 (the amount needed for a balanced budget in 2018).

If you haven't yet had a chance to submit your commitment for 2018, we invite you to do so soon. Additional pledge cards are available at the communication center in the narthex. Your continued "Yes" in support of Annunciation's excellent worship & music, engaging education programs, generous outreach, lively fellowship, and well-maintained physical plant makes it possible for us to be the hospitable, warm, and welcoming Body of Christ in Gurnee.



2017
Monthly
Financial Report

Thank You!

	Received	Pledged	Net \$	Net %
1 st Quarter	\$44,642	\$46,386	(-\$1,744)	(-3.8%)
2 nd Quarter	\$45,225	\$46,386	(-\$1,161)	(-2.5%)
3rd Quarter	\$36,205	\$46,386	(-\$10,181)	(-22%)
October	\$19,885	\$15,462	\$4,423	28.6%
YTD #s	\$145,957	\$154,620	(-\$8,663)	(-5.6%)

STAYING CONNECTED

Parish News Deadline:

WEDNESDAY: NOON

ParishAdmin@AnnunciationGurnee.org

Office Hours:

Thursdays / Fridays

9 am—4 pm

Magnificat Deadline:

20th of the month

JNPenticoff@sbcglobal.net

Website Updates:

MarkRJohnson52@gmail.com

Request for Appointments

EMolitors@yahoo.com



Advent and Christmas at Annunciation

December 3

*Advent 1 - ONE service at 9am;
O Antiphons + Eucharist*

December 10

Advent 2 - services at 8 am and 10 am

December 10

Cookie Walk & Raffle, 9 am – 1 pm

December 16

Ornament Exchange, 7-9 pm

December 17

*Advent 3 - services at 8 am and 10 am
Pageant at 10 am*

December 24

Advent 4 - ONE service at 9 am

December 24

Christmas Eve - services at 4 pm and 9:30 pm

December 25

Christmas Day - ONE service at 10 am

December 31

*First Sunday after Christmas - ONE service at 9am;
Christmas Lessons & Carols + Eucharist*