

Annunciation is a place...
To be included
To be honest
To be empowered
To be challenged
To find hope



Annunciation of Our Lady

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Parish News

for the Week of Sunday, June 20, 2021

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 7
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Message from Pastor Jenni

Dear Friends,

As Ferris Bueller said, "Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it." This week life has moved pretty fast! The Diocese of Chicago has issued the newest guidelines for reentry. Here are the highlights:

- We will continue to use the disposable cups and wafers for communion.
- If you are fully vaccinated, you are not required to wear a mask, but you may do so as an option.
- Singing is permitted, however until the Vestry and the music team have had a chance to discern the logistics, we are asking for the congregation to continue to hum along with the hymns.
- For this Sunday, please continue to pass the Peace as we have done for the last several months.
- As we know our congregation has a mixed vaccination status. All of us have varying degrees of comfort with physical distancing. There will be a section of pews for those who are not vaccinated in the rear of the nave.

This Sunday's coffee hour will be as it was last week, outside with just coffee available.

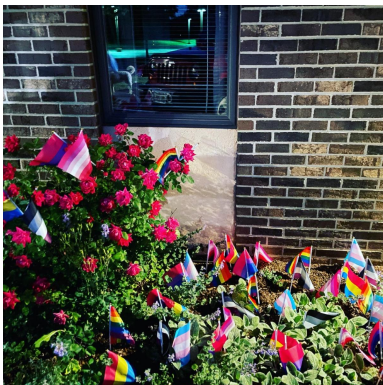
The Vestry, Wardens, and I will be available to hear anyone's concerns about reentry. I want to remind all of us that we are going to take our time to discern how our continued coming back together is informed by the Gospel and our relationships. We will all need to practice patience and grace with this transition.

I look forward to worshipping with you in a couple of days.

Pastor Jenni



Our First Coffee Hour since February 2020!!



Pride Flags

Thank you to our flag bearers at the beginning of Pride! It was wonderful to see evidence of "a place to be included" so lovingly proclaimed.

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GURNEE, IL 60031
QUESTIONS TO ROBIN STILLWATER AT: 847-672-9225



Feed My Starving Children

Annunciation has scheduled a time slot to help feed the hungry of the world by working at Feed My Starving Children in Libertyville. We have **Saturday, July 10, from 9am to 11am**. If you would like to join us, please get online and sign up on the website or [email me](#) and I will do it for you. Blessings, Deacon Linda.

Men's Group Meeting

We'll meet at church **this Saturday, June 19** at 9 a.m.
(no Zoom).



Anti-Racism Meeting

Sunday, June 27, 10:30 am after Sunday service. Linda Johnson will be at the meeting to help with future plans for our parish, *Finding our Spirit*.

Any questions or concerns, please contact Deacon Linda. Call or text 847-340-3253; [email me](#) or any of the committee members: Alli Crain, Jennifer Edwards, Deb Modde, Michael Fabry-Klimzak, Jane Schaefer, and Maria Westphal.

Speaking Truth and Justice

Speaking Truth and Justice is a summer-long series of personal talks. A talk will be presented in church every other Sunday by a different member of Annunciation's Anti-Racism Committee. Here is Deacon Linda's talk from June 13:

First of all I would like to introduce our Anti Racism Committee Members ... if you are here please stand ... Alli Crain, Jennifer Edwards, Michael Fabry-Klimzak, Deb Modde, Jane Schaeffer, Maria Westphal. You will be hearing from some of them in some of the following Sundays.

Inertia is the law of physics that says matter will always continue in its current state of rest of motion in a particular direction, unless that state is changed by some outside force. For thousands of years we have been in a state of inertia. Repeating over and over again things that work and unfortunately things that don't work ... many bad and evil things that work well for the hierarchy but hurt and demoralize the people below them. We have to be the outside source ... there is nobody else.

It seems like every time I do a Bible study someone always comments things haven't changed, we are still doing that stuff! Let us be the outside source to change this culture that we have lived with for many years.

I will share something that happened to me just last week. We had a garage sale last week and although we closed at 5:00 people kept coming. In telling the story to my daughter I mentioned three Hispanic women came at 6:00 ... Now several other people came later than them ... all white, one woman rang my doorbell at 9:00 that night to go through my books! But I digress ... why did I say "three Hispanic women"? I didn't say a Caucasian man or woman, Why? When sharing the story I said all of the people who kept coming seemed to be lovely people, my husband was happy to help them. Well, I caught myself and that is a step ... I looked at my daughter and asked why did I say "Hispanic woman"? There was no reason, they did nothing different than all the others coming after closing ... Well I caught it, I realized it was my automatic racism voice and figured it out. That was my brain on autopilot ... that's a problem with many of us.

When you think of someone who is not of your race, creed, or color – who is different than you ... what comes to your mind? Immediately and please be honest with your self. We have to start as individuals to remember we are all the same, born from a mother, a child of God ... nothing will change until we change our heart and mind to realize we are ALL children of God and NOBODY ... NOBODY should be treated any differently than you would treat yourself ... nobody should be thought of as unworthy ... nobody should be thought of as unloved ... If we have that prejudice in our heart we have to work to replace it with love. Do you all remember Paul who was out to kill all Christians and ended up being one of the most important God fearing ... Jesus loving people in the world. It can be done. Our hearts can change.

For the next couple months every other Sunday one of the parishioners from our community at Annunciation will be telling you a story. Something that has happened to them that has caused them maybe deep concern, heart break, fear, anger, made them feel unworthy, caused them depression ... today I am only setting the stage, they will be sharing just part of their lives that has brought many of these feelings and injustices to their lives. Injustices that we might have had a part of. Please take this opportunity to listen very carefully ... listen not only with your ears but your heart.

Our committee wanted to share these stories to you all for you to realize that these injustices have been part of their life, some of the people at Annunciation, Gurnee have been traumatized with prejudice, racism, feeling unloved by others. This problem is not just "out there" it is right here ... and this is the place where it stops. Our committee, and we are praying all of you too, we are dedicated to help us realize what is happening and what we can do to eradicate the evil injustices we feel for people who are different from ourselves. This is the place where we should embrace the differences. Enjoy the differences. And open our hearts to the differences.

Paul said in 2nd Corinthians “God of all healing counsel! He comes alongside us when we go through hard times, and before you know it, he brings us along side someone else who is going through hard times so that we can be here for that person just as God was there for us.”

The diocese has asked each church to educate and help alleviate our part in allowing prejudice of any kind live within us ... individually and as a community and use our growth in knowledge and love to help eradicate it. Not an easy task but well worth it ... not only for our growth in our Love for God’s people but for the people out there ... but we can’t do it out there until we get it in here ... in our heart.



We Learned A Lot...

The Wednesday morning study group has completed Patsy McGregor's *TAMANA At Home in Africa* as of June 16. Unfortunately, Patsy was not able to join us as originally planned, but the discussions continued with great fervor anyway. Everyone agreed that the book was even better than they expected. We all learned things about Madagascar and our parish link of Fort Dauphin. Check with one of our members and see what they say about Madagascar, it is a very interesting place.

After we had our discussion on the book, everyone got to taste Loka, a meat and vegetable mixture served over rice. Loka is almost a staple in the Malagasy diet when they can get the ingredients. Everyone seemed

to like it, and most people went back for a second helping. Thank you to Linda Gigiano for helping me make it.

That is Loka in the bowl Pastor Jenni is holding (she really liked it, by the way) and the skirt I am wearing is a Malagasy lamba.

We are now taking a break from study group until September 8, when we will start the first of Patsy McGregor's books, *A Guest in God's World*. Since we were not able to spend time with her at the end of *TAMANA*, we are planning to begin our new session with a visit with her so questions we had for her can still be answered.

Watch for reminders about our September session in August. We would love to have you join us. If you have any questions about our group or *TAMANA*, please see Miriam Berry or Deb Gallinger.

Toliara Child Sponsorship Program

TOLIARA CHILD is the child sponsorship program run by the Diocese of Toliara in Madagascar. At this time, Bishop Samy's wife is beginning the process of pairing children with sponsors for September. We had held back on proposing this program to you all until we had gotten somewhat settled into our parish link with Fort Dauphin. Now that we are building that relationship, it is time to think and pray about individuals sponsoring children in the Fort Dauphin parish.



You can sponsor a child for \$25 per month, which will make such a huge difference in the lives of these children. Most Malagasy people have less than 8 years of education, and malnutrition is a way of life, making the people small in stature and having an average life span of 56 years. By providing greater educational opportunities for the Malagasy children, the cycle of poverty and malnutrition can be broken. Their quality of life will be enhanced

and they will have so many more options available to them.

The monthly \$25 pays for:

- School enrollment and tuition fees
- School supplies
- School uniforms

Since it has been suggested that we sponsor children from our linked parish, some special procedures may be necessary. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor (I sure am) please contact Miriam Berry. Oly, Bishop Samy's wife, is aware of our plan and she will help us.

Check the additional information in forthcoming announcements for how the process is moving along, how to communicate with your sponsored child, and other important information.

Healing Prayer

The ministry of healing prayer is transitioning back to normal. This Sunday, a minister will be in the chapel during communion to offer in-person socially distanced prayer. Their number will also continue to be posted on the Annunciation Connected at Home FB page and in the bulletin for those who are attending church remotely.

The minister for **Sunday, June 20**, Michael Chatlien, 847-316-1575.

We are evaluating when it will be appropriate to go back to anointing and will let everyone know once we can return to that.



Prayer requests:

Please email prayer requests to parishadmin@annunciationurnee.org by Thursday morning.

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 *Bishop-elect Paula; Bishop Samy; Rob Robison; Greg, Joe, Helene; Marsha; John; Garry; Cindy; Jewell; Gen Acampora; Alex and Natalie; Courtney; Jeff; Noah West; Charlie; Logan; Flavia and Matt; Fern; Tom; Doug; The Friess family and Judy; and the people served by Sunrise Assisted Living and PADS.*

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

For those who celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, and other good news this week,

especially *Aydan* Edwards (6/21), *Naomi* De Rosa (6/23), *Dave & Kimberly* Fulton Jr. (6/22), and *Linda & Ralph* Gigiano (6/26).

We praise you, God of our hope, for all the faithful before us who entered into your labors and worshiped you in truth. That we may live faithful to eternal life, we pray.

Links to Zoom Worship for this Week

Friday Morning Prayer

June 18, 2021 8:30 AM

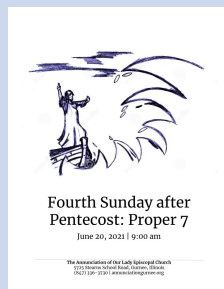
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Sunday Worship

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 7

June 20, 2021 9:00 AM

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Monday Morning Prayer

June 21, 2021 8:30 AM

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Tuesday Morning Prayer

June 22, 2021 8:30 AM

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Wednesday Morning Prayer

June 23, 2021 8:30 AM

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Thursday Morning Prayer

June 24, 2021 8:30 AM

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Friday Morning Prayer

June 25, 2021 8:30 AM
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Submissions due Thursday morning.
Send to 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: 847-336-3730
The church office is open during the week by appointment only.

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