

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, May 2, 2021

Fifth Sunday of Easter
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Important Message:

We are working on the front door. At this time, I am asking congregation members with fobs to open the electric door, **please do not use them** until we have fixed the mechanism in the door.

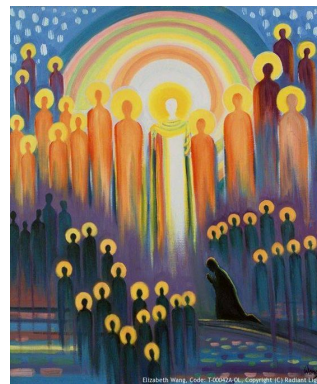
If you have a key to the Kitchen or the Education wing, please use those entrances. If someone needs access to the building without the fob or a key, please contact Bill Hagan (847-560-0358) and he can be of assistance.

A message from Pastor Jenni

Dear Friends,

I wanted to give you an update on our Vestry Retreat, which was held over 2 Sunday afternoons in April.

Our first meeting included getting-to-know one another, where are we from, what do we do outside of Annunciation, and who or what does God look like to us. We then spent time acquainting ourselves with the roles and responsibilities of a Vestry member and working our way through our Vestry Covenant. We wanted to lay a foundation of knowledge for the work that would take place on our second afternoon meeting.



This last Sunday, we gathered once again with the goal of re-acquainting ourselves with the Core Values our parish discerned before my call here. These Core Values will act as a framework, catalyst, and the "bones" that will drive our individual and community ministries. The Core Values will give us a lens to view our identity as a parish family and

give us a clearer vision of what we do as Christ's hands and feet in the world.

In our time together, we looked at each of the Core Values and heard the story of its development and then explored why individual Vestry members felt a desire to explore that Value more. In essence, we asked, why is this important? It was a fruitful and eye-opening conversation. We then spent time working through the questions, "So, now what?" Because of the last year, the challenging work that was naturally going to come from the parish discernment of the Core Values simply didn't happen. But that doesn't mean that our challenging work isn't going to happen. The Vestry is going to figure out how and why we allow these Core Values to inform and guide our ministries here at Annunciation.

Think about it this way: When are we a place that includes? Why are we a place of honesty? Where are we empowering? How are we a place to experience challenge? Who experiences hope in this place? It is a long way for us to answer this question, "Who are we as the community of Annunciation of Our Lady Episcopal Church and why is this church community vital to the building of God's Kingdom?"

Lovely work indeed! Over the coming months, we will walk this path of discernment together. May God continue to bless you all.



Eventbrite Registration for The Fifth Sunday of Easter

[Click here to register for Sunday Worship](#)

Celebration of Life for Leni Bordelon

May 8, 2021 11:00 AM

[Join Celebration of Life](#)

Meeting ID: 886 5067 1580

Passcode: 798321

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Handbell Ensemble

Handbells will be practicing each and every Sunday after the 9:00 service. We will ring on Pentecost in May.

Wednesday Book Study starts May 5!!

It has been oh so long since we had a Wednesday book study, but we are starting back up on **May 5**. We will be reading and discussing Patsy McGregor's book, *TAMANA : At Home in Africa*. (Patsy is a priest and her husband, Todd, was the Bishop of Toliara until they came back to the US in December.)

We will be providing options for in-person attendance and Zoom for the class, which will begin at **10:00 AM**. If you are going to be in person, please let Miriam Berry know right away. Currently, we have six people who will be attending in person and three on Zoom. The people who are coming in person will be spaced out appropriately in the Forum Room, so with limited space, we need to be sure of who is going to be there. No refreshments will be available, so bring your own drinks and food.

Our first assignment will be reading from the Foreword through Part One: "Go to the People." This is a total of 51 pages, but they should go quickly since there are pictures. The pictures are black and white and do not show the subjects very well, but be of good cheer because I have color pictures of the same things which will be much clearer.

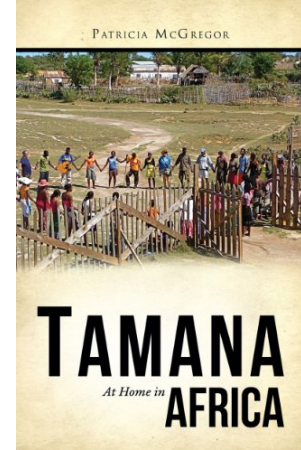
I received an email from Patsy who said that the church at which she is now working will be using *TAMANA* for Christian Ed and a Confirmation class. I asked if she could Zoom with us some Wednesday and she said she would love to do so. We might also have Sue Babbs join us as well.

So, everyone, come join us as we learn more about our newfound friends below the Equator and halfway round the world. They are a wonderful people but very, very poor.

If you cannot attend the class but would like the book, it is available on Amazon. You can read along with us and, each week, I will let you know what exciting things we learned or discussed or both.

Remember, "tamana" means "happily settled" in Malagasy.

Please contact Miriam Berry with any questions.



May 5, 2021 10:00 AM
[Join Book Study Group](#)
Meeting ID: 853 1616 0828
Passcode: 694396
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Saturday, May 22
will be
Spring Cleaning Day
at Annunciation!

Madagascar Happenings . . .

We need all hands on deck (or at least in the parking lot) **this Sunday, May 2**. Santa Gregoire (St. Gregory) Church in the Fort Dauphin parish (our parish link) is celebrating 10 years of ministry on May 1.



We have made a 30-something foot banner wishing St. Gregory's parishioners congratulations. So, we need a bunch of people to hold the banner

outside the church after the service. We will then take a picture to send to St. Gregory's. Not only will they be able to see the banner, but they will also be able to see our church building, which will be important in knowing more about us.

If you would also like to send a note to our new friends, send an email to: rev.donne@yahoo.com

Dean Donne is the Dean of the Fort Dauphin parish. One of our people sent an email to Dean Donne and got an immediate response, thanking her for her kindness, so it works. And, the Malagasy love to hear from us.

The new bishop of the Diocese of Toliara, Bishop Samitiana, was installed on Sunday, April 25. From the pictures on "Friends of Toliara," it looked like a wonderful day, even though only 50 people could attend due to COVID. If you would like to send him a note, he can be contacted at: bishop.samy.tiana@gmail.com

By the way, Bishop Samy was going to visit us in May 2020, but COVID came instead. Hopefully, we will be able to host him another time soon.

In future articles, we will be explaining what a parish link actually is, what the Parish of Fort Dauphin is like, and what the Diocese of Toliara is like, as well. So, stay tuned....

For any questions, please contact Miriam Berry.

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Contact Person: Miriam Berry

Email: YOUR email address

Program ID Code: 25427

Address: 5725 Stearns School Road
Gurnee, IL 60031

Number of Cartridges: Just an approximation if it is a large number

The postage-paid USPS label will be delivered to your email. Just print it and attach it to the container in which you have put your cartridges. The package can be put in your mailbox for the mailman to take.

If you have any questions, please contact Miriam Berry.

Healing Prayer

The healing prayer ministry is adjusting the way we do things. One



person will be prayer minister for the entire week. As a normal rule, if you have a prayer request anytime during the week, you may call, message, or email the prayer minister.

The prayer minister for the week starting **May 2:**
John Anderson, 847-244-3796.

Prayer requests:

Please email prayer requests to parishadmin@annunciationgurnee.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; Rob Robison; Greg, Joe, Helene; Marsha; John; Garry; Cindy; Jewell; Gen Acampora; Alex and Natalie; Courtney; Jeff, Caryn, Missy, and Jessie; Noah West; 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 ***Andrea Lindblad (5/4), Grace Attiyeh (5/4), Dale Sander (5/8), Michael & Ruth Chatlien (5/5), and Tony & Linda Waynick (5/6).***

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

Apr 30, 2021 8:30 AM

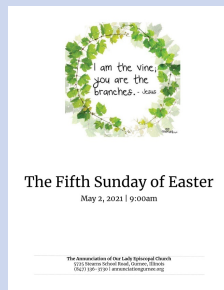
[Join Morning Prayer](#)

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Passcode: 645929

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Sunday Worship

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 2, 2021 9:00 AM

[Join Sunday Worship](#)

Meeting ID: 837 4238 2440

Passcode: 606092

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Monday Morning Prayer

May 3, 2021 8:30 AM

[Join Morning Prayer](#)

Meeting ID: 892 8614 1525

Passcode: 352659

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Tuesday Morning Prayer

May 4, 2021 8:30 AM

[Join Morning Prayer](#)

Meeting ID: 849 1855 9848

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Wednesday Morning Prayer

May 5, 2021 8:30 AM

[Join Morning Prayer](#)

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Passcode: 429637

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Thursday Morning Prayer

May 6, 2021 8:30 AM

[Join Morning Prayer](#)

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Friday Morning Prayer

May 7, 2021 8:30 AM

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Website Updates
Send to MarkRJohnson52@gmail.com

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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.