



# Annunciation *of Our Lady*

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## Parish News

for the Week of Sunday, April 5, 2020

**Palm Sunday**  
**No in-person worship**



### Bishop Lee's Sermon for the Fifth Sunday in Lent

Earlier this week, Bishop Lee recorded a sermon for the fifth Sunday in Lent from his home in Chicago.

His text is John 11:1-45, the gospel reading for the day, which is story of Jesus raising his friend Lazarus from the dead.



### A Courageous Holy Week and Easter: A Message From Bishop Lee

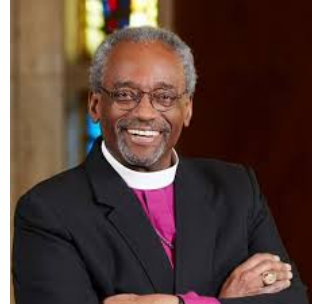
Bishop Lee asks the people of the diocese to continue social distancing, even during Holy Week and Easter, in order to slow the transmission of COVID-19.

"Please stay home, and do not create opportunities that are going to entice people to come and gather outside their homes."

Watch Bishop Lee's video at left or on [YouTube](#).

# A Word to the Church on Our Theology of Worship from the Presiding Bishop

From the Episcopal News Service, [here's](#) a link to Bishop Curry's reflection on worship.



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## 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, Bruce & Terry Stowell, Dan, Tom, Amber, 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 *Maurice Edwards III (4/10), Casey Craffey (4/11), Vienna Robison (4/11).*

We praise you, God of our hope, for all the faithful before us who entered into your labors and worshiped you in truth, especially *all those who have succumbed to the COVID-19 virus.* That we may live faithful to eternal life, we pray.



## Good Friday Offering

On Good Friday, offerings are invited from throughout The Episcopal Church to support the ministry of the dioceses of the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. Our contributions are used to assist them to promote peace and mutual understanding through pastoral care and health and educational programs throughout the region. Click [here](#) for ways to give.

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## Readers needed for the Good Friday Passion Gospel

Volunteers are needed to fill roles in the reading of the Passion at the 7:00pm Good Friday service. Please contact Susan O'Morchoe ([susanom58@yahoo.com](mailto:susanom58@yahoo.com)) if you are able to read one of these parts.

Young people are already doing ministry. We just forgot to tell them! What if we gave young people more tools for the important conversations they have with friends every day? What if we gave them more opportunities to be leaders within our churches and youth ministry programs? What if we saw them as partners in ministry instead of recipients of ministry? Peer Ministry is the idea that "You're not doing youth ministry until youth are doing ministry."

Peer Ministry Leadership equips teens with skills for listening, welcoming, and helping their peers. This one-day online training (**Apr 25** from 9:30am – 2:00pm) will provide an introduction to Peer Ministry Leadership and help your church understand how to teach and implement the skills. Learn more about Peer Ministry at [www.peerministry.org](http://www.peerministry.org).

Register online:

<https://episcopalchicago.formstack.com/forms/pmltraining2020>



## Announcements

The Wednesday Morning Study Group is meeting online; contact Miriam Berry for details.

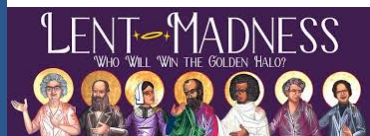
The April Book Club will meet (via Zoom) on **Apr 6**. (See more info below.)

### Cancellations:

- 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](mailto:parishadmin@annunciationgurnee.org).



## Lent Madness Update!

**As of Apr 1**, we are deciding the "Faithful Four" and we are closing quickly to the coveted "GOLDEN HALO" to be awarded next Wednesday, **Apr 8**.

Herman of Alaska's sled dogs let him down, and he fell to Harriet Tubman (a worthy opponent) on Tuesday. Only one Elizabeth remains and, as of Apr 1, Joseph (Jesus' earthly father) is still in the running.

Interestingly enough, of the members of the "Elate Eight," only three men are in the running (and we already know that Herman has bitten the dust), so only two men at most can enter into the "Faithful Four." The ladies seem to have this one!

Next week will be when the "Faithful Four" will battle it out to determine who will win the much coveted "GOLDEN HALO."

So, **check us out next week** to find out who is running around waving that Golden Halo! Will it be Margaret of Castello or

Elizabeth Frye, Hildegard of Bingen or Brother Lawrence, Joanna the Myrrhbearer or Joseph or Harriet?? The stakes are high, and the bench is deep! Who will join such huge saints as Francis of Assisi, Florence Nightingale, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Mary Magdalene, Charles Wesley, and others. Only the voters can decide!

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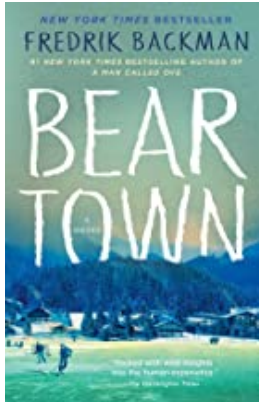


## April Book Club meets via Zoom

### *Beartown*

Fredrik Backman

The #1 New York Times bestselling author of *A Man Called Ove* returns with a dazzling, profound novel about a small town with a big dream--and the price required to make it come true.



People say Beartown is finished. A tiny community nestled deep in the forest, it is slowly losing ground to the ever encroaching trees. But down by the lake stands an old ice rink, built generations ago by the working men who founded this town. And in that ice rink is the reason people in Beartown believe tomorrow will be better than today. Their junior ice hockey team is about to compete in the national semi-finals, and they actually have a shot at winning. All the hopes and dreams of this place now rest on the shoulders of a handful of teenage boys.

Being responsible for the hopes of an entire town is a heavy burden, and the semi-final match is the catalyst for a violent act that will leave a young girl traumatized and a town in turmoil. Accusations are made and, like ripples on a pond, they travel through all of Beartown, leaving no resident unaffected.

*Beartown* explores the hopes that bring a small community together, the secrets that tear it apart, and the courage it takes for an individual to go against the grain. In this story of a small forest town, Fredrik Backman has found the entire world.

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### April meeting news

The book club will meet **via Zoom** at 7:00pm on **Monday, Apr 6**. If you're interested in participating (and are not yet on the mailing list), please contact [Deb Gallinger](#).

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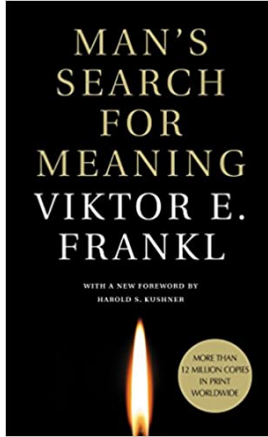


## Wednesday Morning Study Group

The Wednesday Morning Study Group has completed its study of *The Return of the Prodigal Son* and is taking Wednesday, **Apr 8**, the Wednesday of Holy Week, off.

We will begin again on **Apr 15** with *Man's Search for Meaning* by Viktor E. Frankl.

Between 1942 and 1945, psychiatrist Viktor Frankl spent his life in four different concentration camps and at one point watched his family die. This book describes life in the Nazi death camps and the lessons learned for spiritual survival.



This book is very hard to divide into sections for weekly study, so the reading assignments may be a little weird. On **Apr 15**, we will discuss from the "Foreword" (starting on page ix) to the middle of page 23, the paragraph starting with "Apathy, the blunting of the emotions..."

We are doing well with our Zoom meetings, so these will continue each week for the foreseeable future. If you would like to join us for the first time, please let either Deb Gallinger or Miriam Berry know so we can get the access information for the meeting to you. Any questions should be directed to the same two people.

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## 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!



**Thank you** to everyone who has been faithful in sending their pledges. We continue to wait on the Diocese for a link for online giving. A reminder, if your pledge needs to be updated, please speak with the Treasurer.



## 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. Thank you!

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## Holy Week Communication

from Rev. Jenni

Rev. Jenni will be sending out daily communication (news and meditations) during Holy Week.

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## Save the Dates

Apr 5 Palm Sunday

## This Week's Calendar

**Fri, Apr 3**

Morning Prayer via Zoom | 9:00am

**Sat, Apr 4**

Meditation via Zoom | 3:30pm

**Sun, Apr 5 (Palm Sunday)**

Worship via Zoom | 10:00am

**Mon, Apr 6**

Morning Prayer via Zoom | 9:00am

Evening Prayer via Zoom | 5:00pm



Apr 9 Maundy Thursday

Apr 10 Good Friday

Apr 11 Easter Vigil

Apr 12 Easter

**Tue, Apr 7**

Morning Prayer via Zoom | 9:00am

Compline via Zoom | 7:30pm

**Wed, Apr 8**

Tenebrae or Spy Wednesday

[https://youtu.be/ruN3\\_rnhezv](https://youtu.be/ruN3_rnhezv)

**Thu, Apr 9 (Maundy Thursday)**

Morning Prayer via Zoom | 9:00am

Home Maundy Thursday | 7:00pm via Zoom

**Fri, Apr 10 (Good Friday)**

Morning Prayer via Zoom | 9:00am

Good Friday service via Zoom | 7:00pm

**Sat, Apr 11 (Easter Vigil)**

Link to come from Rev. Jenni

**Sun, Apr 12 (Easter Sunday)**

Worship via Zoom | 10:00am



## Coronavirus update: How Annunciation is affected

The church building is **closed** to groups, meetings, and in-person worship till further notice. The church office is **open by appointment only**. If you'd like to come in, please contact Rev. Jenni. You can email her at [rector@annunciationgurnee.org](mailto:rector@annunciationgurnee.org).

Rev. Jenni and Deacon Linda will be **sending out updates** via Constant Contact on Tuesdays and Thursdays; watch your email for info about upcoming Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer, and Compline via Zoom.

If you have prayer requests, please email them to [parishadmin@annunciationgurnee.org](mailto:parishadmin@annunciationgurnee.org).

## Staying Connected

**Parish News and Prayer Requests**

Submissions due Tuesdays at noon.

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

[@annunciationgurnee.org](mailto:parishadmin@annunciationgurnee.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: (530) 386-2834

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