

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



Parish News

for the Week of Sunday, May 15, 2022

Worship Bulletin

The Fifth Sunday of Easter: [click here](#)

Caring for our neighbors - Support for Ukrainian Refugees

There are a number of ways to support and provide aid to [Ukrainian refugees](#) settling in the Chicago area. One of the ways we can be supporters is to donate to "Support Ukrainians in Chicagoland", click [here](#) to view their Facebook page. To donate items another way is to shop on their [Amazon wish list](#).

CinqueVenti Spring Celebration

Sunday, May 22nd

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CinqueVenti and Friends

May 22, 2022 3 PM with a reception following

CinqueVenti, meaning "five winds" in Italian, is a traditional woodwind quintet (flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon, and horn). The quintet has been playing together for more than a decade and performs at a variety of venues and functions, including weddings, corporate events, private parties, and recitals. This spring, we have invited some friends to join us for an afternoon of chamber music.



Please join us for an afternoon of chamber music

Sunday
May 22, 2022
3 PM

Annunciation Episcopal Church
5725 Stearns School Road
Gurnee, IL

Featuring selections from Bernard, Ewazen, and Mozart

Divertissement, Op. 36, Emile Bernard (wind dectet)

Roaring Fork Quintet, Eric Ewazen (CinqueVenti wind quintet)

Overture to Marriage of Figaro, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (horn quartet)

Conductor: Nancy Orbison

Flute: Terri Plohr, Nancy FencI*

Oboe: Jeanne Zemaitis, Toni Slepak*

Clarinet: Sara Eikenberry, Anne Kiwala*

Bassoon: Katie Bartel, Annabeth Heinz*

Horn: Charlie Payette, Bob Kenehan, Nancy Orbison, Becky Leff*

**CinqueVenti Quintet*

Parish Planning is back!

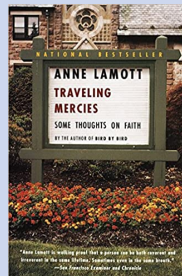
The legendary Parish Planning meeting is coming back. We will gather after the service **today** to make plans and cheer on projects for our parish family. Bring your ideas and calendars!!



Annual Spring Clean-up

Spring Clean-up is on May 21st beginning at 9:00am. Please join us that morning!

Questions? Please contact Bill Hagan.



Wednesday Morning Book Study

Our wonderful discussions of Anne Lamott's *Traveling Mercies* will be coming to an end on May 18. We had originally thought we would just discuss one chapter but some of them were small enough that we doubled up and will now be at the end.

We will be meeting on Wednesday, May 18 at 10 AM either in the Parish Hall or on Zoom. This week we had one on Zoom and 9 in person. We provide the Zoom option each week and you click on the link at the bottom of this article for the May 18 group.

The two things were discussed in great detail on May 11 was what "barn raising" can do for people who are in great stress, grief, shock, etc. The people in Anne's story were parents whose 2 year old little girl was diagnosed with Cystic Fibrosis. The parents were literally immobilized by sadness and shock. Their friends started doing all the mundane things of life like walking the dog, grocery shopping, cleaning the house, etc. It freed the parents to shoulder all the other parts of their horrendous plight. One person in our group had experienced both the barn raising for her and her being able to pass it on to someone else who needed this support. It was a wonderful discussion.

The second thing we discussed in great detail was finding out from Anne's writings how the mind of an addict works. Her writing was very humorous but it was eye-opening as well.

Our reading assignment for May 18 is Parts 6 and 75, from page 209 to page 272. Our discussions are very important to each of us and we want to be able to spend as much time as needed to cover everything everyone wants/needs to say. So, we will continue our discussions until everything is covered.

We have elected to take the summer off so May 18 will not only mark the end of this book

but the end of our group until September 14. Several people are previewing books about Mother Theresa in case we do not have access to Patsy McGregor's new book. I am closely monitoring the progress of her book but there is no availability date as of yet.

This will be our last Parish News article until late August/early September when we announce our new book.

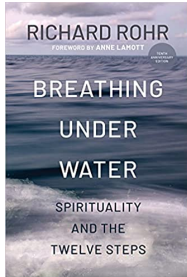
If you have any questions, please contact Deb Gallinger or Miriam Berry.

To join the Book study, click [here](#).

Meeting ID: 862 3539 8801

Passcode: 708699

If you have any questions about the study group, please contact Miriam Berry.



12@12 Service

Our service continues on Tuesdays at Noon in the Chapel.

The book we will be using after Easter is *Breathing Under Water* by Fr Richard Rohr. Copies are available; see Pastor Jenni.



Hospitality Corner

From last week's Parish News:

You may have noticed the announcement for *CinqueVenti* Spring Celebration to be held on Sunday, May 22 at 3 PM. A reception will follow their concert. We have the decorations and food decided but we are in need of a couple volunteers

to help with serving and clean up. Andrea Lindblad will be hosting the reception and I am not available for the event to help her. So, please, if you are planning to attend the event, contact Andrea to help out.

As you have also read, the world renown Annunciation Planning Meeting will occur on May 15 after the worship service. I will be passing around a paper sign-up sheet for you to volunteer to host coffee hour. I will then take those names and add them to SignUp Genius so you don't have to do it. So, bring your calendar along to volunteer for special events being planned for the parish PLUS to volunteer for coffee hour.

Thank you in advance to Samantha Robison for volunteering to host this week's coffee hour and wrangle the Vestry's food contributions. .

If you have any questions, please contact Miriam Berry or Andrea Lindblad.

[To sign up to host coffee hour, please click here.](#)



Mah Jongg at Annunciation!

Our first Mah Jongg day occurred on Thursday, May 5, just after the Parish News went to print. We have 5 people who are joining us and a couple others who will join us when their schedules free up plus several people who already know how to play to help out. The group last week had fun but were somewhat befuddled with the rules, etc. It will become abundantly clear how things work in another week or two.

As I said last week: "Although the outside groups Carol Anderson and I play in do play for money for wins, we will not do that. The plan is to play and keep track of each person's wins then at the end of the month report on who was the BIG winner for the month. We will then report by quarter and by year. " Everyone was in favor of this idea. And, we had a winner already; Linda Gigiano Mahj-ed. We'll see who can do it this time.

I have copied several different pieces of information to help our new people learn. We will give it a couple weeks and check with people to be sure they are liking the game. If so, I will ask each player to order an official 2022 card so you will become a member of the National Mah Jongg League.

Just because you missed a week or two does not mean you can't join us for future weeks. Bring your lunch and meet at the church at noon. We will eat together and chat then begin our play. We will probably be done by around 3 PM so you will still be able to have part of your afternoon to do other things.

Since we need a set for each card table which will seat 3 new people and one knowledgeable player, please let me know if you would like to join us.

If you have questions or want to come learn, please contact Miriam Berry.

Madagascar Happenings

At the bottom of this article, you will see a beautiful pendant comprised of a tightly wound fossil shell. This is an Ammonite and dates back about 66 million years ago. These fossils can be found in many places, one where they are very prevalent is Madagascar.



Ammonites were ocean-dwelling mollusks. According to the Natural History Museum's Fossil Invertebrates curator, "the Ammonites were born with tiny shells and, as they grew, they built new chambers onto it. They would move their entire body into a new chamber and seal off their old and now too-small living quarters with walls known as speta." If you are able to look closely at the fossil, you are able to see these chambers.

Thank you to Carol Anderson for finding this fossil and bringing it back to me from one of her trips to New England. If it's from Madagascar, Miriam needs to have it, right.

My friend, Sue Babbs, knew all about the Ammonites and has brought some of these fossils plus some beautiful minerals back from Madagascar. She has made some of the minerals into necklaces which she would like to sell, sending the money on to the Diocese of Toliara. I will be picking up some of these the next time I see Sue and will display them for you. I plan to purchase at least one necklace, I will let you know when I will have them.

If you have any questions about Madagascar, please see Miriam Berry.
[To visit the website for the Diocese of Toliara, click on the image above.](#)



So, if you remember, I said you would not be hearing from me until the Supreme



Executive Committee (SEC) felt like declaring it "Nominationtide". Well, guess what they have been really on their game this year and have declared now through May 16 as Nominationtide 2023.

Madness website comes the following:

What is Nominationtide? From the Lent

"Nominationtide, the most underrated of liturgical seasons, never begins at the same time other than the vague 'sometime after Easter Day.' This is partly because Tim and Scott have day jobs and partly because "Whim" is one of their ecclesiastical charisms. But it's here! And the world rejoices!!"

There are rules and regulations which reside in ancient illuminated manuscripts cared for by a bunch of old monks. A few of these rules are:

- 1 - The nominee must be dead and must be on an official calendar of saints.
- 2 - The nominee cannot have been a part of the Lent Madness 2022 field, nor a celebrity blogger (they aren't dead for one thing!!!), nor any of the previous 13 Golden Halo winners, nor Tim and Scott (again, they aren't even dead yet) and certainly not Jesus or Mary.
- 3 - The nomination must include why the saint should be nominated and the nomination can only be done as a comment on the website. So, no social media posts, no rocks through windows, no lawn placards and no skywriters.

As you can see, those old monks have their work cut out for them!!!!

After Nominationtide closes, Tim and Scott will go on retreat to a beloved coffee shop, cull through all the nominations and create the 2023 brackets. This will be revealed on the last of the Lent Madness Holidays, "All Brackets' Day" which will be on Thursday, November 3.

So if you have a saint in mind, go to lentmadness.org, be sure your saint is not on the saintly ineligibility list, go to the comments section and sign him or her up.

Now, for sure, you know when you will hear from me next, November 3, to give you my sense of the 2023 saintly smackdown.

Healing Prayer

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, May 15** is:
John Anderson



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Sunday Worship

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 15, 2022 9:00am

Join Sunday Worship

Meeting ID: 869 3272 6917

Passcode: 745185

Monday Morning Prayer: 8:30am

Join Morning Prayer

Meeting ID: 899 6756 6965

Passcode: 676070

Tuesday Morning Prayer: 8:30am

Join Morning Prayer

Meeting ID: 837 2223 9298

Passcode: 848952

Wednesday Morning Prayer: 8:30am

Join Morning Prayer

Meeting ID: 848 5595 0812

Passcode: 047321

Thursday Morning Prayer: 8:30am

Join Morning Prayer

Meeting ID: 811 9177 8341

Passcode: 917299

Friday Morning Prayer: 8:30am

Join Morning Prayer

Meeting ID: 820 1881 2369

Passcode: 138576

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Parish News and Prayer Requests
Submissions due Thursday morning.
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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 by
appointment.