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Parish News

for the Week of Sunday, October 25, 2020

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A Word from Pastor Jenni



The Book of The
Twelve: The
Hebrew Minor
Prophets

Dear Friends:

Next week begins our Bible Study on the Minor Prophets in the Old Testament, or as our Hebrew sisters and brothers say, The Book of The Twelve. I invite you to join us as you are able on Wednesdays at 10:00am or to read through the notes and, if you can't join in the class, follow along and send your questions in!

The Minor Prophets are an intriguing group of writers to spend time with. We know that in many of our readings of Jesus' life, the Gospel writers quote from the prophets and use those pieces of scripture to point toward the coming of God's reign. However, reading the Minor Prophets in their own context and in light of the Major Prophets (Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel) gives us a much richer understanding of what these ancients were trying to get at and what they were trying to get their communities to understand and imagine.

As I was preparing the notes for our first class, I found myself thinking about how we need to hear these words in our own day. They are a wake-up call to the faithful about getting out of our own miserliness (both in treasure and relationally) and begin to see what God is working out in the world. These are challenging words, to be sure. I hope that you will take the time to dive into the scripture with us and journey with the prophets.

Registration for Sunday Worship 10/25

Please register for church if you are going to

attend indoor in-person this Sunday. This includes in-person readers and ushers.

Please order one ticket per person attending indoors

Sunday Worship 10/25/2020





TRUNK or TREAT
Sunday, November 1
Annunciation of Our
Lady Church - parking
lot
*immediately following
the 9:00 worship

service

TRUNK or TREAT is coming!

After a few successful months of gathering safely in the parking lot for worship and casual fellowship, let's take the opportunity to celebrate Halloween! You don't have to prepare anything grandiose or elaborate (unless you want to!). Kids and adults are welcome to dress up and/or decorate the trunk of their car; or simply sit back and enjoy the festivities as a spectator!

Individually wrapped treats will be provided for all kids. If you would also like to provide a trick or treat item, please make sure they are individually wrapped and that kids are able to take one safely from a distance. As always, all COVID protocol must be followed: masks, sanitizer, and common sense! Questions? Please reach out to Samantha Robison at srobison@dancenter-north.com

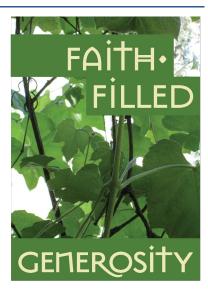
HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

Annual Stewardship at Annunciation: Give to God the things that are God's

Freely giving our all to God BY ROB TOWNES

There's a saying that the chicken who lays an egg makes a contribution, but the chicken who makes a sandwich offers a sacrifice. One could say that Jesus was alluding to the latter when he responded to the question as to which was the greatest commandment, "You shall love the Lord your God with all of who you are." He was asking for more than a contribution; he was asking for the sacrifice of our all.

As the Latin root of the word suggests, a sacrifice — a sacrum facere — makes one holy. Giving generously of that of which you are a steward — your heart, soul, mind and all your possessions — is life giving. And it is countercultural. As the bumper sticker declares, "S/He who dies with the most toys wins." That's a powerfully seductive statement. Only with God's help can we avoid being allured into thinking that it is in acquiring possessions that our life gains meaning. May we grow in the wisdom that a rich life results in trusting that it is in God we live and move and have our being.



"Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" Jesus said to him, " 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind'.... And ... 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'"—

MATTHEW 22:36-39

This reflection is written while visiting Green Bough House of Prayer in Scott, Georgia. Here the three residents, with the company of 77 associates, have dedicated their lives, their all, to God and have taken on a Rule of Life to embrace silence, prayer, simplicity and living in the present moment, and accept all as coming from God. Do all for God. Offer all to God. This to me is a beautiful example of Faith-Filled Generosity.

Very few members of the Church dedicate themselves to full-time contemplative living, but all of us are invited to learn to live Jesus' greatest commandment, trusting that in so doing, Faith-Filled Generosity will flourish in our lives.

As we move back into our church buildings, remembering only too well the COVID-19-caused absence of normalcy, may we re-enter with a renewed commitment to freely giving our all to God and faithfully loving our neighbors as ourselves.

FOR REFLECTIOΠ..

- When you have a sense of living within Faith-Filled Generosity, what actions do you see emerging in your life?
- What helps you to live, and interferes with your living a more fruitful life?



All Saints: Prayers for the Dead

We will celebrate **All Saints Sunday** next Sunday, **November 1**. It's a day of giving thanks for all the saints: those known to the world and those in our own lives.

If you would like the name of someone who has died to be read during that service, please email the name (along with phonetic pronunciation) to parishadmin@annunciationgurnee.org.

Gifts for Life

Love allows us to bridge great distances so that children an ocean away are as precious to us as the little ones living right down the block. --Most Rev. Michael B. Curry, Presiding Bishop

Put your faith into action and consider a Gift for Life this year. You can give as a congregation, as a family, or as an individual to give people all over the world the chance to transform their lives in lasting ways. See the Episcopal Relief & Development website for more information.



Looking for a few more ringers!

Handbell Ensemble meets after church every Sunday. We are looking for a few more ringers to fill the ranks.

We are starting the Advent and Christmas music now, and we are getting ready for our first presentation in church. This is a good time to try something new. Talk to Kay Sutton or email at kaysutton@comcast.net.



The Cookie Walk!!!



COOKIE WALK 2020?

It seems very strange to add a question mark to the end of that title. Creative juices have been flowing among the Cookie Walk Committee. We are exploring a few possibilities to execute a pandemic-style drive-thru event. Please watch for an email in your inbox very soon. You will receive a brief survey (only one question!) that we're asking you to submit upon receipt. It is

imperative that we hear from every parishioner!

With sugar and spice gratitude.... your Cookie Walk Committee

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 of October 25 is Barbara Crowe, 847-234-5408.

Prayer requests:

Until the church re-opens, 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 *the Kellogg family; Ashley; Natalie; Alex; the Woods family; Martha Ann* Hodges; *Lucas* Fulton; *Ruth* Chatlien; *Keith; Leni; Megan; Rob* Robison; *Carol* Eads; *Greg, Joe, Helene; Marsha; John; Cindy* Hibbard; *Charlie and Amy; Ricki, Elliot, and Noah; Cindy; and the people served by Sunrise Assisted Living and PADS.*

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, *Trish* Hull, *and Clay* Anderson.

For those who celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, and other good news this week, especially *Pastor Jenni* Liem (10/26).

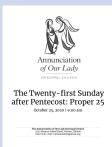
We praise you, God of our hope, for all the faithful before us who entered into your labors and worshiped you in truth. That we may live faithful to eternal life, we pray. Today we pray especially for *Jannette* Kellogg.

Links to Zoom Worship for this Week

Friday Morning Prayer

Oct 23, 2020 08:30 AM https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82639795941? pwd=d1QxZGV1Mk1pcSttSE44QVcyK0xFQT09

Meeting ID: 826 3979 5941
Passcode: 441914
Dial by your location
+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)



Sunday Worship

The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 25 Oct 25, 2020 09:00 AM

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87254063133? pwd=bnFDVEhXTlpPNlhIUlNKdmgrSmpuZz09

Meeting ID: 872 5406 3133

Passcode: 035527 Dial by your location

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A healing prayer minister will be available all week. See the announcement above (look for the praying hands) for details.

Monday Morning Prayer Oct 26, 2020 08:30 AM

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86422358806? pwd=RHNUMHZpUkJJa0FicTFHNi9nYmhXZz09

> Meeting ID: 864 2235 8806 Passcode: 441914 Dial by your location +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

Oct 27, 2020 08:30 AM https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89989916677? pwd=aW5WT25QUFRHQTBuQjVJU1p2QnZpUT09

Meeting ID: 899 8991 6677
Passcode: 441914
Dial by your location
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Wednesday Morning Prayer
Oct 28, 2020 08:30 AM
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87111889840?
pwd=bDVHdGovTkswOGxpbVVXNm5JVVk5Zz09

Meeting ID: 871 1188 9840
Passcode: 441914
Dial by your location
+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

Thursday Morning Prayer

Oct 29, 2020 08:30 AM https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84020748905? pwd=ZThZbzJQaVZmYTE0b2RocVpVbk4yUT09

Meeting ID: 840 2074 8905 Passcode: 441914 Dial by your location +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

Friday Morning Prayer

Oct 30, 2020 08:30 AM https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81821071306?
pwd=MFRkUTJIUWpHeWdiUmIUbW5OVEpkUT09

Meeting ID: 818 2107 1306
Passcode: 441914
Dial by your location
+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

Staying Connected



Parish News and Prayer Requests
Submissions due Thursday morning.
Send to parishadmin
@annunciationgurnee.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.