



THE VOICE

View from the Pulpit

One of the most meaningful church experiences of my life took place during Holy Week the year before I was ordained. I was in kind of an in-between place in my life and in my ordination process - finished with seminary and all of my requirements but not yet able to be ordained. I wasn't working in a church and didn't really have any church obligations. I was also feeling pretty depressed and stagnant. So a friend of mine suggested that we do something different for Holy Week to maybe shake off the spiritual funk that I found myself in. We decided to spend each day of Holy Week at a different church.

We started out at our home parish, the Church of the Atonement in Chicago (a high church, Anglo-Catholic, "smells and bells" Episcopal church) on Palm Sunday,

then headed to St. John Cantius Roman Catholic Church just off Chicago Avenue (An Old Latin Mass parish with an incredible choir) for Wednesday's Tenebrae Service,

then to St. John's Episcopal Church in Irving Park (a warm and welcoming neighborhood Episcopal Church) for Maundy Thursday.

We attended Christo Rey Episcopal Church in Edgebrook (a Latino Episcopal congregation) for a Spanish Good Friday service,

and then headed to the Benedictine Monastery of the Holy Cross in Bridgeport for a really glorious monastic Easter Vigil on Saturday

and finally headed back "home" to Atonement for Easter Sunday.

It was incredible and beautiful and just what the doctor ordered for my soul to visit all of these

different churches, to experience the familiar liturgies of Holy Week in such diverse contexts, to pray in English, Spanish and Latin with Anglo and Latino Episcopalians and with our Roman Catholic cousins in the faith.

The season of Lent is a pilgrimage, a sacred journey, hopefully away from our sins and ever closer to our God. And Holy Week is a pilgrimage too, a sacred journey with Jesus through his last days - from the triumph of Palm Sunday, to the table of the Last Supper with his friends, through the darkness of the Garden of Gethsemane to the Cross and the Tomb and to Easter Morning's Resurrection Light. And this year - like me and my friend journeying from church to church through Holy Week - we at Saint Elisabeth's will go on pilgrimage for this most important week of the Christian year, as well. We will share our Holy Week services this year with our three partner parishes - St. Gregory's in Deerfield, Trinity in Highland Park, and St. Lawrence in Libertyville. Each day in Holy Week will feature a service at a different church. (The schedule is included later on in this newsletter - and all of the services will be webcast, as well.)

I look forward to once again experiencing Holy Week in a variety of contexts and having my faith enriched and deepened by doing so. I pray that it will be as moving an experience for our parish family as it was for me.

And I hope that - this time - you will join me on the journey.

Faithfully,
The Rev. Adam Spencer, Rector

The Warden's Corner



I am feeling very optimistic as we move into spring and the Easter season this year. We are emerging (hopefully for real this time!) from the dark shadows of the pandemic and into a brighter and more connected future. The vestry, Adam and Dillon have been preparing for this time of renewal in several exciting ways, including a recent vestry retreat and collaborations with other local parishes.

After welcoming new vestry members in February, we gathered for a Zoom retreat on March 5. The theme of our reflection, what the Holy Spirit means to each of us, inspired us to think about how the Holy Spirit leads us to fulfill our mission to the parish, individually and collectively.

Individually, we self-selected into two planning teams based on the six ministry priorities the parish identified through the CAT, the Search Process, and other discernment experiences: Christian Formation for All Ages, Worship & Music, Fellowship & Community Events, Fundraising & Special Events, and Community In-Reach (focus on parishioners). Each team spent time at the retreat brainstorming ideas for their interest areas. Though these teams are just getting started, there are lots of great ideas coming out them that we will share in the months to come. Many will be focused on ways to enable our parish to engage with each other and become reacquainted after so many months of separation.

Collectively, another focus of planning has been the cross-parish collaboration Adam has been working on with his clergy peers at St. Gregory's in Deerfield, Trinity in Highland Park, and St. Lawrence in Libertyville. We have enjoyed the first fruits of that labor with the Lenten Meditations booklet, Pulpit Swap between Adam and Anne Jolly, and the services and gatherings planned in person and virtually throughout Holy Week. Plans are underway for more opportunities for shared worship, formation and possibly even administrative tasks. We look forward to sharing more information as these initiatives develop, including opportunities to join us as the Spirit moves you.

Holy Week and Easter

With our Partner Churches

All services are in person and online via the host church's website

The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday *St. Elisabeth's Church, Glencoe*

April 10 8:00 AM Traditional Language Holy Communion
10:00 AM Inclusive Language Holy Communion with Palm Procession

Wednesday in Holy Week *St. Elisabeth's Church, Glencoe*

April 13 7:00 PM A Service of Tenebrae

Maunder Thursday *St. Lawrence Church, Libertyville*

April 14 7:00 PM Holy Communion

Good Friday *Trinity Church, Highland Park*

April 15 6:30 PM Good Friday Concert
7:00 PM The Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday

Holy Saturday *Saint Gregory's Church, Deerfield*

April 16 7:00 PM The Great Vigil of Easter

The Feast of the Resurrection: Easter Day *St. Elisabeth's Church, Glencoe*

April 17 8:00 AM Traditional Language Holy Communion
10:00 AM Inclusive Language Holy Communion

Saint Elisabeth's Church
556 Vernon Avenue
Glencoe, IL 60022
www.steglencoe.org

Trinity Episcopal Church
425 Laurel Avenue
Highland Park, Illinois 60035
www.trinitychurchhp.org

Saint Lawrence Church
125 West Church Street
Libertyville, Illinois 60048
www.stlawrencechurch.org

Saint Gregory's Episcopal Church
815 Wilmot Road
Deerfield, Illinois 60015
www.StGsChurch.org

The Vestry Welcomes Two New Members

Newly elected members to the vestry—Carla Arnell and Ross Shanley-Roberts—found their way to St. Elisabeth's church by similar paths. Both are looking forward to being part of St. E's governing process and helping out wherever they can.

By Joyce Newcomb



Ross started coming to St. Elisabeth's after his daughter, Abigail, began coming to services here in 2018. The family had recently moved to Highland Park from Waukegan, where Ross's wife, Rev. Eileen Shanley-

Roberts, had been rector at Christ Episcopal Church. Ross explains that Abigail, a recent Lake Forest Country Day School graduate, had wanted to expand her horizons, found St. E's to be a welcoming place, and encouraged her father to attend services here as well. Before her untimely death in 2020, Abigail sang in St. E's choir and was a founding member of St. E.'s youth vestry.

Carrying on that tradition, Ross now sings bass in the St. E. choir. A former librarian for Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, Ross currently is a librarian, part-time, for the Mount Prospect Library and part-time at The Illinois Service Resource Center (ISRC), working to maintain and further develop its website. The ISRC is a support center for deaf, hard of hearing, and visually impaired students. He also has been a substitute teacher at LF Country Day. "I love being around kids," Ross explains. "From their perspective, everything is new."

The Shanley-Roberts family likes to lend a hand. Ross is pleased to have joined the vestry and looks forward to assisting where he is needed. Eileen, who has stepped in to be the substitute clergy at St. E's from time to time, currently is the supply clergy at St. Paul's Church in McHenry. When relaxing at home, the couple enjoys the company of their two pugs—Mildred and Oliver, a favorite breed in the Ross-Shanley household. Their daughter Emily and her husband Alec, who also live in Highland Park, are frequent visitors.

Carla and her family first started attending St. Elisabeth's in 2012 when searching for a parish near their Highland Park home. After meeting St. E's interim priest, Elizabeth Jameson, Carla began attending services here. Then, when the Codys returned from their sabbatical in France, Carla found herself drawn in by Daphne's sermons. St. Elisabeth's was beginning to feel like home.

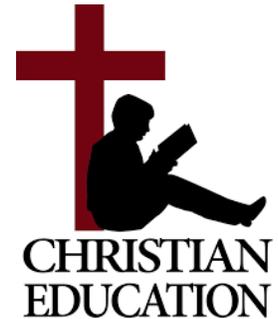


"It probably helped that Jason was a colleague of mine as well," she said. Carla is a professor of English at Lake Forest College and chair of its English Department. "I have always been drawn to matters of the spirit and faith," she continued. "And I love to explore these topics with others both at church and at the college. I particularly enjoyed being a mentor to Lily and Annie Thornton as they prepared for confirmation." Carla is looking forward to her term on the vestry where she hopes to learn more about church governance and to participate in planning Christian Formation and Communication.

Carla and her family have been very active members at St. E's. Besides cooking monthly for Family Promise and being part of the pre-pandemic Soup Kitchen initiative and delivering food donated to the New Trier Pantry, the family has taken on many other duties. Carla's husband Paul Lucas is a former treasurer. Their eldest son, John, now a freshman at St. Olaf's College, has been an acolyte, a lay reader, and a member of the youth vestry. Lizzie, now a junior in high school, also was an acolyte pre-pandemic and is a newly elected member of the youth vestry. Zuzu, a seventh grader, before the pandemic hit started as an acolyte and was a dedicated Family Chapel participant. She looks forward to joining the choir soon. The family cats, Madeline and Roo, prefer to stay home and watch Sunday services online.

Formation

Children's Sunday School will take place on **April 10 and April 17**. Children can gather beginning at **9:45 am** for a time of soft gathering - coloring, visiting, reading, etc., in the upstairs classroom. Formation will begin at **10:00 am** with Deidre McClurg and Carrie Miller-Mygatt, and will continue until around 10:40 am, when the children and leaders will join the rest of the congregation in the church for Holy Communion. If you are interested in participating via Zoom, contact Carrie Miller-Mygatt.



Family Chapel

Family Chapel returns in person and on Zoom on Wednesday April 6th and Wednesday April 20th from 4:15-5:15pm. Our families are invited to join Adam in the St. Elisabeth's Chapel twice a month for a time of prayer and discussion about the seasons of the Church Year and our Episcopal tradition. Our topics will be: **April 6 – Lent** and **April 20 – Easter**. If you would like to join on Zoom, please let Adam or Carrie Miller-Mygatt know.

Easter Egg Hunt



St. Elisabeth's is planning an Easter egg hunt for all the children **Sunday April 17** after the 10:00 AM service. So grab your basket and hop on over! Refreshments and donuts will be provided to celebrate Easter Sunday. For more information, contact Carrie Miller-Mygatt.

Bingo Night

Please join us from **6:30 to 8:00 PM on Friday, April 29**, for an evening of fellowship and fun



for all ages with bingo and exciting prizes for kids, teens, and grown-ups, not to mention ABBA music and a disco ball to top it all off! A top prize will be the chance to go on a special outing with Adam! There will be two ways to participate--either in-person (masked and socially distanced) in the Guild Room, or if you prefer via Zoom from your own home. Hosted by the Fellowship Committee, our goal is to be able to get together with our St.E's friends and enjoy each other's company after so many months apart! Stay tuned for more information to follow. Please RSVP by April 22, by calling or emailing the church office and indicate if you will be joining via Zoom or in person at church.

This is the link to the Sign Up Genius RSVP:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044CACA-D2EA13-bingo>

Misericordia Candy Days!



Misericordia Candy Days is coming this spring on **April 29-30**. If you are not familiar, Misericordia is a wonderful organization that is home to over 600 residents with intellectual and developmental disabilities on the Northside of Chicago and home to **Sarah Cline** who is sister to Polly & Jim Baur and daughter to Linda & Skip Cline and a member of our St. E's community.



St. E's has been a lovely supporter to Candy Days over the years! You are able to donate via the QR code & link below.

<https://secure.frontstream.com/misericordia-candy-days-2022/participant/PollyBaur>

Thank you for your donation! Polly, Jim, Duke & Rocky Baur

Update Regarding Bishop-elect Clark



As of March 7, Bishop-elect Paula Clark has returned to work here in the Diocese of Chicago.

The following excerpt is from a message from Diocesan Standing Committee President the Rev. Anne Jolly:

“Paula is eager and fit to return to the office, and in consultation with her medical team and Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, together we have determined that she will work about 20 hours per week at first, with the expectation of incrementally increasing her time at work each month. As we make this transition together, Bishop Chilton Knudsen will continue as

assisting bishop, visiting congregations, holding confirmations and ordinations, and supporting the bishop's staff and other diocesan leadership bodies. We are grateful for her ministry with us, and she is committed to being with us through the transition.

...As we move forward together, Paula will begin scheduling meetings and attending events. This phased approach will allow her to learn more about the ministry that has transpired while she has been away and to continue envisioning our shared future.”

COVID-19 Update



With the State of Illinois dropping its mask mandate and the CDC changing its COVID guidelines, the Diocese of Chicago has also altered its COVID-19 guidelines. As of March 1st, the only remaining guidance from the diocese is that we continue to refrain from the common cup at Communion. Otherwise, the diocese has given each parish the authority to set the COVID policy that makes the most sense for them.

As such, the vestry has decided on the following guidelines:

1. As per the diocesan mandate, Communion will remain in one kind only (Bread and not the common cup)
2. Starting March 1st, masks will be made optional for readers and preachers at the lectern in church.
3. Masks will remain required for all others in church (and for the priest at the altar) until such time as we are able to comfortably open the church windows and better ventilate the space. Once we are able to open the windows reliably (when it is a bit warmer out!), we will then make masks optional in church.
4. Coffee Hour will continue to be suspended for the time being until we are able to comfortably gather outside on the terrace (like we did last year for Lemonade on the Lawn). When we can do that, we will then resume Coffee Hour outdoors.

These guidelines will be our way forward through the warmer months. We will plan to gather with masks optional so long as we can open the windows in church and/or be outside. The vestry will plan to revisit the issue of masks in church and indoor coffee hour in an ongoing way in the fall. And, of course, all of our services will continue to be available online.

If you have thoughts or questions about any of this, please reach out to Adam or to Anne Tuohy and Leslie Alter, our churchwardens.

Soup Kitchen

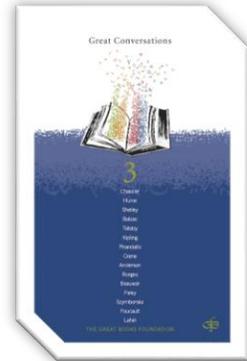
Your Soup Kitchen is alive and well. Chez Elisabeth is open the second Thursday of every other month, and the next day for us is Thursday, May 12. Since we have lacked access to a fully equipped kitchen and dining room, we have lost our 3-star rating and slid to a “provisional 1-star” rating instead. No grand meals for the time being, but – who knows – maybe we’ll be back in full restaurant mode soon. Meanwhile, Chez Elisabeth has not seen the labor shortage that plagues the industry. On March 10 maitre’d Phil Miller, assisted by server Andrew Edelston, carried the day. Our thanks to them!



St. E's Book Group

How Should We Define Virtue?

St. E's Book Group will begin the anthology *Great Conversations 4* with a discussion of Plato's "Meno," a dialogue between the student Meno and Socrates. In the text, Plato raises questions about knowledge and truth. The group will meet in the parish living room at noon on Tuesday April 12, following current mask guidelines.



"Meno" is the first selection in the fourth book in a series of anthologies compiled by the Great Books Foundation. The texts, which range from ancient to modern, span literature, philosophy, drama, and social criticism and are considered to contain great ideas, ideas that have shaped our culture and ourselves, ideas worth discussing.

The Book Group, which started ten years ago, welcomes everyone, including drop-ins. For those not able to make a monthly time commitment a loaner copy is available in the office. The books are available for sale through the Great Books Foundation, Amazon, or your favorite used book site. Please direct any questions to Joyce Newcomb at joyceRnewcomb@gmail.com.

Adult Christian Formation

Formation on Wednesdays will be on hiatus from Holy Week until May 11. Details of the May offerings will be included in the May issue of The Voice.

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Easter Flowers & Music

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Please Note: Please print legibly. Easter is on April 17, 2022. To ensure you are listed in the bulletin, return this form with your donation check to the church office no later than **Friday, April 8.**

Please write "Easter Flowers & Music" in the memo line of your check. Thank you.

Saint Elisabeth's Calendar

Regular Weekly Schedule

Sundays

8:00 AM Traditional Language Holy Communion in the church (& via FBL).

10:00 AM Inclusive Language Holy Communion in the church (& via FBL).

Mondays

7:15 PM – Boy Scout Troop #28

8:00 PM – AA Group

Wednesdays

4:15 PM – Family Chapel

7:00 PM – Adult Formation via Zoom

Saturdays

5:00 PM – AA Group

*(FBL) Facebook Live

Special Events

Friday, April 8

Deadline for Easter Dedications

Tuesday, April 12

7:15 PM Vestry Meeting via Zoom

Holy Week (*see insert for schedule details*)

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