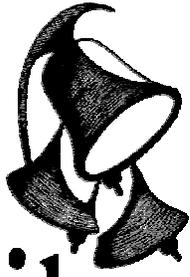


The Bells of St. Giles



St. Giles
Episcopal Church
Northbrook, Illinois

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By the grace of God
and with the consent of the people of God
The Right Reverend Jeffrey D. Lee
twelfth Bishop of the Diocese of Chicago
will ordain

Belinda Chandler

to the Sacred Order of Priests in
Christ's One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church
Tuesday, March 1, 2011
the Feast of David, Bishop of Menevia, Wales
at seven thirty in the evening
St. Giles Episcopal Church
3025 Walters Avenue
Northbrook, Illinois 60062

*Your prayers and presence are requested
Reception to follow ∞ Clergy: red stoles and alb*

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Our Schedule

Sundays

Holy Eucharist, Rite I

8:00 a.m.

Christian Formation

9:00 a.m.

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

10:15 a.m.

3rd Sundays of the Month

Healing & Anointing

at both services

Intergenerational Formation

5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

**Working together
to answer God's call
by serving one another
and our neighbors.**



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Monday: By appointment
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9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Friday: Office closed

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George Miller,
Junior Warden
Ellie Bonebrake
Jim Brooks
Cindy Conrad
John Hanzel
Curt Jones
Martha McGuire
Gloria Simon
Nancy Stoddard
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Rector's Reflection ~ Religion on the Small Screen

A couple of weeks ago, as I was waiting in the checkout line at the grocery store, the cover story of *TV Guide* caught my eye. "Special Report – God on TV: Is prime time keeping the faith?" it asked, and pictured scenes from various current television shows whose characters, on occasion at least, make reference to the Almighty. Before I knew it the magazine had landed in my shopping cart.

Several religious experts were interviewed for the article; the consensus was that acknowledging the importance of religion in the lives of average Americans was a good thing, even when the portrayals were not entirely accurate; and some complained that believers are frequently made to look like simpletons. There were surprises, too. *L'Osservatore Romano*, the Vatican newspaper, reportedly referred to Homer Simpson as a "true" Catholic. Even Dr. Rowan Williams, Archbishop of Canterbury, has praised *The Simpsons* for its portrayal of religious virtues. D'oh!

Reading the article led me to reflect on how the Episcopal Church is treated when occasionally singled out in TV series. I recall that portrayals of our denomination are not irreverent or controversial so much as inaccurate, especially portrayals of clergy. Several years ago *The Book of Daniel*, a network drama, featured Aidan Quinn as the rector of a large, affluent, suburban parish. This series' one outstanding fault was that it tried to pack nearly every parochial issue that was currently in the news into the first episode, while saddling the priest's family with psychology textbook crises: "clergy are people, too" carried to a ridiculous extreme. But the silliest inaccuracy was that the bishop, played by Ellen Burstyn, managed to show up every Sunday at Quinn's parish to check up on him. What bishop has time for that? The bishop in the 1990s sitcom *Soul Man*, featuring Dan Ackroyd as – you guessed it – an Episcopal priest, was similarly portrayed. When Ackroyd's bishop wasn't visiting him at the church, he was knocking on the door of the rectory. And of course there's *The Vicar of Dibley*, the British comedy about a woman vicar in a small English country village. Early episodes were genuinely funny, if not always realistic. And I'm told that the Rev. Geraldine Granger (played by Dawn French) was a favorite character of the first wave of women priests ordained in the Church of England in the 1990s.

Putting religion on television is tricky, but it's possible that networks fail to do so at their peril: Surveys keep telling us that the majority of Americans consider themselves to be religious. Religion is part of the history and fabric of American life even for those who don't profess any faith tradition. To ignore it, even in TV land, would be unrealistic. Just think: If *LA Law* could become a big hit, why not *LA Liturgy*? Or instead of "Scrubs," how about "Cassocks"? A sitcom about seminarians – now *there's* a hit show in the making!

A few weeks ago CBS Evening News anchor Katie Couric suggested the American Muslim community needs its own version of *The Cosby Show*, to do for them what *Cosby* is credited as having done for the African American community. Couric is comparing apples to oranges, but if a series like that does come along I hope it succeeds. A well-done series about "regular" people of any religious persuasion living out their faith with integrity would be refreshing. Even so, religion itself was not meant to be entertaining. And that's probably a good thing.

Cynthia+



February Birthdays/Anniversaries

Birthdays:

- 1 Christopher Chabraja
- 2 Jenna Dim
- 6 Jean Berkenstock
- 7 William Hanzel
- 10 Cynthia Hallas
- 17 Ngozi Okoli
Solomon Okoli
- 22 Ronnie Seiler-Raskin
- 23 Tom McCluskey

Anniversaries:

- 1 Jim & Marlea Robb
- 14 Ray & Nancy Stoddard
- 15 Bob & Nancy Schultz

If we don't have your family's birthday & anniversary information on file, we can't list it here! Send us an email (admin@saint-giles.org) or call 847-272-6622.

February Lectionary Readings

February 6 - 5 Epiphany

Isaiah 58:1-9a, (9b-12)
Psalm 112:1-9
I Corinthians 2:1-12, (13-16)
Matthew 5:13-20

February 13 - 6 Epiphany:

Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20
Psalm 119:1-8
I Corinthians 3:1-9
Matthew 5:21-37

February 20 - 7 Epiphany

Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18
Psalm 119:33-40
I Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23
Matthew 5:38-48

February 27 - 8 Epiphany

Isaiah 49:8-16a
Psalm 131
I Corinthians 4:1-5
Matthew 6:24-34

Year-End Treasurer's Report

Total revenues for 2010 were \$219,614.75, which was less than the budgeted amount by \$5,302.25. Specifically, pledge income was greater by \$2,828.27; special offerings was less by \$3,783; interest income was less by \$167.46; plate was less by \$531.83; prepaid pledge income was less by \$1.77; and income from usage fees was less by \$3,650.

Total expenses for the year were \$210,465.71 or under budget by \$14,451.29. Clergy expenses were under budget by \$3,715.91; outside giving was under budget by \$1983.65; buildings and grounds was over budget by \$1,789.51; administration was under budget by \$1,926.53; music was under budget by \$913.62; education was under budget by \$3,511.69; commissions was over budget by \$49.81; and operations was under budget by \$4,239.21.

St. Giles ended the year with a surplus of \$9,149.04.

— Gloriann Harris, Treasurer

PARISH REGISTER

Death —

Danna B. Maze-Archibald, January 21, 2011

New Parishioner Transfer —

Robert Boverie, from St. Thomas the Apostle, Dallas, Texas

Save the Dates!

FEBRUARY 20, 5:00 PM • ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL

Join members of the Diocese of Chicago and the Metropolitan Chicago Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America as we celebrate 10 years of full communion, "Called to Common Mission;" Bishop Wayne Miller, presiding; the Rt. Rev. Jeffrey D. Lee, preaching.

MARCH 1, 7:30 PM • ST. GILES CHURCH

The Ordination of Belinda Chandler to the Sacred Order of Priests (see announcement on page one).

Birthday & Anniversary Prayers

Beginning February 13 and continuing each second Sunday (*not first Sunday*, as previously announced) prayers for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries during the current month will be offered just after the Peace and before the offertory sentences. "Celebrants" will be called forward; don't be shy!



New St. Giles Office Hours Now in Effect

As of February 1, St. Giles has new office hours. They are Mondays by appointment, Tuesdays through Thursdays from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m., and – as usual – the office remains closed on Fridays. If you come by the office during regular hours and find that the door to the education building is locked, please knock loudly.

Our new Deacon, the Rev. Lee Gaede, has office hours as well. Please see the article below for more information.

Visit Our Deacon!

During February, my office hours (in the multipurpose room) are Monday and Wednesday mornings, 10:00 to 11:15 a.m., and other times by appointment. You can contact me via email at leegaede@aol.com or by phone at 847-702-0891.

I'm trying very hard to learn all of your names and readily admit to being challenged in that regard. With that in mind, we will once again be making name tags available on Sundays so that I can better connect faces and names. Speaking of names: My last name is pronounced GAY-dee.

Finally, I would like to meet with anyone who can give me insight into the past, present, and future of outreach ministry at St. Giles. I'm available for this on February 14 and 15 at 7:30 p.m. or on February 19 at 10 a.m. Please let me know which dates work for you. Let's see if we can find a consensus of time. Feel free to contact me by email or phone.

— Lee Gaede

Prayer Room Available for Use

The room at the south end of the Education Building (formerly the Atrium) has been converted into a Prayer Room (sometimes called an "Oratory"). Belinda Chandler has been hard at work transforming the space into a haven for those seeking a quiet moment, alone or with a few companions. It will also be used by Belinda for her practice of Spiritual Direction. Parishioners are welcome to use that space at any time. A key to the room has been placed above the door. Please return it to that space (do not pocket the key) and make sure to lock the room when you leave. Stop by and take a look! Many thanks to Belinda for setting this up.

Seabury Announces Winter/Spring Classes

The following one-session classes are open to "all intellectually and spiritually curious people," and fees are quite reasonable. For more information, please visit www.seabury.edu or see the narthex bulletin board.

HOW MUCH IS ENOUGH: RETHINKING MONEY, FAITH, AND WELL-BEING

March 18, 6 - 7:30 PM, Fourth Presbyterian Church, Chicago
Professor Douglas A. Hicks, University of Richmond

MONEY ENOUGH: LIVING FAITHFULLY IN THE GLOBAL ECONOMY

March 19, 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM, St. Mark's, Glen Ellyn
Professor Douglas A. Hicks, University of Richmond

OUR UNFOLDING ENCOUNTER WITH CHRIST

March 24, 6 - 7 PM (reception 5:30 PM), St. James Cathedral, Chicago
The Most Rev. Frank T. Griswold

A LIFE-AFFIRMING, THIS-WORLDLY CHRISTIANITY, HIDDEN IN PLAIN SITE

April 3, 5 - 6:30 PM, St. James Cathedral, Chicago
The Rev. Rita Nakashima Brock; The Rev. Dr. Rebecca Parker

SAVING PARADISE: HOW CHRISTIANITY TRADED LOVE OF THIS WORLD FOR CRUCIFIXION & EMPIRE

April 4, 9:30 AM- 3:30 PM, Grace Church, Oak Park
The Rev. Rita Nakashima Brock; The Rev. Dr. Rebecca Parker



St. Giles Choir at St. James Cathedral

The Choir of St. Giles will combine with the Choir of St. James Cathedral to sing Evensong on Sunday afternoon, February 6, at 4:00 p.m. at St. James Cathedral, Huron and Wabash streets, Chicago. The Rev. Cynthia Hallas will officiate, and the Very Rev. Joy Rogers, Dean of the Cathedral, will preach. Bruce Barber, Director of Cathedral Music, and Jim Brown will share the conducting/organist duties. The music will all be in the grand Anglican tradition, including music of Balfour Gardner, Thomas Matthews, and Charles V. Stanford. Make sure to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to visit our cathedral. Parking is available in the Millennium Parking Garage, located between Ohio and Ontario streets just east of Dearborn; look for the self-park sign. This parking option is a few blocks from the Cathedral, but it allows 12 hours for only \$9.

A Singing Church

People often say that St. Giles is known for its fine music. Perhaps this is true, and it's certainly a nice attribute, but for St. Giles to truly be an important place for music it must involve more than a fine choir and good organ playing. The congregation has a most important role to play in our liturgies. The choir's purpose is to lead the congregation's singing and to inspire through special music. Everyone in the pews has a part to play in the musical drama, and it truly does not matter if you can sing on pitch or not. The joining together of voices of all ages, kinds – good or bad – is what makes a congregation vibrant. Everyone should make an effort to join in as they can. If it is an old hymn that is familiar – sing lustily! If it is something new or different – give it a try! No one is judging you, and you might just gain something remarkable that will carry you through the week. I will be addressing congregational singing in a new and more vigorous way in the months ahead, and I hope you will join with me and the choir in raising a joyful noise to the Lord!

— Jim Brown

Ministry Narratives Reveals High Level of Volunteerism

The following was inadvertently left out of the 2010 Annual Report. With apologies to Curt Jones and his team, it's published here for your information.

In 2010, St. Giles launched the Ministry Narratives project as a way to collect data on the amount of volunteerism at St. Giles Church. How much time, the project asked, do parishioners donate to church-sponsored activities? The team of Chris DeWitt, John Hanzel, Jan Hutchins-DeWitt, Anne Lehman, Tom Page, Melly Schwartz, and I interviewed key participants involved in running 38 selected activities. Our effort began in late spring and concluded in October with Adult Forum presentations and discussions with the entire congregation. We determined that St. Giles contributed 8,912 hours in church-sponsored activities in the year 2009. That represents more than the equivalent of four full-time workers. In addition, many parishioners volunteered for more than one activity. The average number of activities was 4.1 per parishioner. Activities in the Liturgy/Worship, Music, and Parish Life categories dominated the number of all activities at St. Giles as well as hours contributed (58%). If you haven't already, please take a look at John Hanzel's charts in the narthex that explain the findings of the Ministry Narratives and detail the results.

— Curt Jones

'Trinity Sundae' Takes Coveted Wooden Spoon Award!

It was close, but Trinity Sundae garnered the top prize at this year's Men's Bake-Off during the potluck lunch following the 2011 Annual Meeting on January 30. Featuring a chewy brownie base topped with ice cream and hot fudge topping, Mike Piskel's award-winning dessert edged out the creations of John Hanzel and Dan Jariabka, who went home with second- and third-place spoons, respectively.

See more pictures of the post-meeting potluck as well as the Annual Meeting on the following page.





Annual Meeting, 2011



January 30

Following a productive Annual Meeting of the parish, St. Gileans took to the undercroft for fellowship and a potluck luncheon, with — of course — judging of the Annual Men’s Dessert Bake-Off. See page 5 for more on that and for pictures of the winners.

When to Call a Chaplain

I recently began a 3-part series on chaplaincy in a hospital setting. I’ve addressed “What is a Chaplain?” and “What do Chaplains do?” I now address “Under what circumstances should I ask to see a chaplain?”

- Sometimes, being hospitalized interrupts your religious practices. A chaplain can facilitate prayer, blessings, sacraments, holy day observances, worship, and rituals at significant times of lifecycle transition.
- Sometimes a patient does not respond to treatment. A chaplain can help the patient identify the meaning he or she gives to the current condition or pain; help identify religious beliefs that may encourage or forbid certain behaviors that impact the healing process; or help the patient resolve spiritual or emotional issues such as fear, guilt, or shame which may be working against the physician’s efforts to treat the patient’s physical symptoms.
- Patients and their families are sometimes faced with having to make major healthcare and treatment decisions. A chaplain can clarify information and facilitate conferences between the patient and family and physicians and help the patient and family consider the meaning given to various healthcare options and make decisions that are best.
- During hospitalization a patient may be diagnosed with a terminal illness. A chaplain can be present when the physician breaks the news, helping the patient to come to terms with the diagnosis and prognosis. A chaplain can also help the patient and family make decisions about appropriate medical care.
- Sometimes patients are admitted to the hospital under traumatic or emergency situations. A chaplain can keep the family updated as to the patient’s condition in the ER, during surgery, or after admission to the hospital.
- Sometimes patients die in the emergency room or during their hospitalization. A chaplain can help the patient and family begin to accept the impending death and process information and ask the patient’s religious community to be a source of comfort and support and provide grief/loss resources to loved ones.

If you or someone you love is hospitalized, feel free to have the chaplain paged or notify the Pastoral Care Department of any pastoral, spiritual, or religious need. In most hospitals a chaplain is available to patients 24 hours a day, seven days a week. If you or someone you love is ever in my hospital, I hope you will let me know so I can support you.

— Belinda Chandler



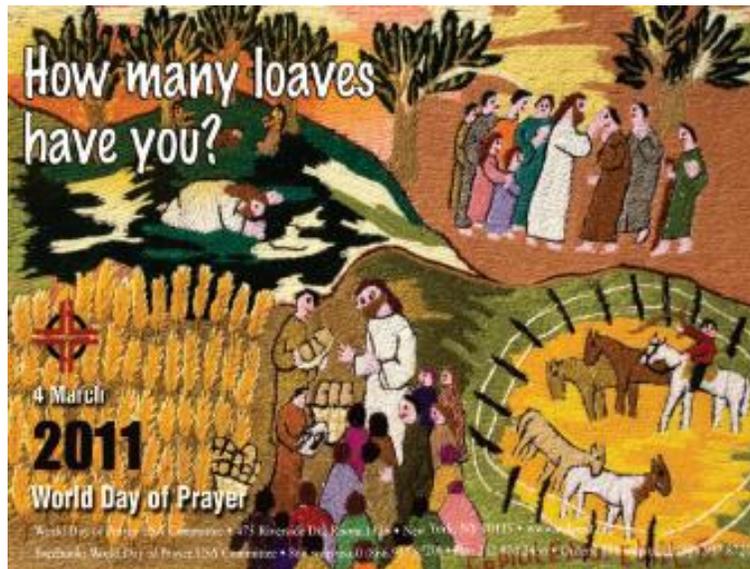
ST. GILES EPISCOPAL CHURCH ~ FEBRUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>Campanella Choir meets in the education building each Sunday from 1-2:30 & from 6-7 PM</i></p>		<p>1 Campanella Choir, 6 - 8:00 PM</p>	<p>2 Extraordinary Kids, 9:15-11:15 & 12:45-2:45 Campanella Choir, 6 - 8:00 PM</p>	<p>3 Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 PM</p>	<p>4 Office Closed</p>	<p>5 Campanella Choir 9 AM -3 PM Overeaters Anonymous 10:30 AM -11:45</p>
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**World Day of Prayer Service • 10:00 AM • March 4
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