



*We feed people — body,  
mind, and spirit.  
Come as you are.*

St. Giles  
Episcopal Church  
Northbrook, Illinois

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## ***THE ANNUAL MEETING OF ST. GILES***

Sunday, January 26, 2019  
Immediately following the 10:15 service

As is our custom, we'll have our service at 10:15,  
followed directly by the annual meeting in the nave.  
The morning concludes with a potluck lunch in the  
Undercroft.

*(Please get all reports to our  
Parish Administrator for inclusion  
in the Annual Report!)*

## **Four Minutes a Day ...**

*(Submitted by John Hanzel)*

Do you have **FOUR MINUTES A DAY** to spare in making sure St. Giles continues on a smooth path, and then lead us in the next decade to achieve what we have all said that we want the Search Committee to write in our Parish Profile?

That's only 2 hours a month ~ well, maybe a bit more with some reading and a retreat now and then ~ that it takes to be a Vestry member.

I won't even say anything about a "dedication" or "commitment" or "belief", since if you're reading this, that's why you're at St. Giles. But let's toss in some "excitement" and "optimism" and "success" when you think about what you can do.

The Vestry nomination committee members are John Hanzel, Tracey Solano and Ellie Bonebrake. We would love to talk more with you.

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### **Our Schedule**

#### **Sundays**

Choral Eucharist - 10:15 AM

#### **2nd Sundays of the Month**

Community Breakfast - 9 AM

#### **3rd Sundays of the Month**

Healing & Anointing

#### **Thursdays**

Evening Prayer — 4:30 PM

(prayer room, ed. bldg.)



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**Office Hours**

Monday: Office closed  
Tues-Thurs: 9 AM - 2 PM  
Friday: Office closed

**Diocese of Chicago**

The Rt. Rev. Jeffrey D. Lee,  
Bishop

**Vestry**

James Brooks, Sr. Warden  
Kay Okoli, Jr. Warden  
Ted Chabreja  
John Hanzel  
Glenn Hunt  
Lewis Kirkwood  
William Perley  
Leslie Ruttenberg  
Jocelyn Turner, Clerk  
Gloriann Harris, Treasurer  
Ned Libby, Bookkeeper  
Tom Page, Chancellor

**Team Leaders**

*Building & Grounds (Facilities)* -  
Bob Schultz  
*Communications* - John Hanzel  
*Fundraising* - Huw Williams  
*Green* - Sue Uelmen  
*Hospitality* - Jan Hutchins-DeWitt  
*Newcomers* - George Miller  
*Pastoral Care* - Mary Reid, and  
Leslie Ruttenberg  
*Social Justice* - Jocelyn Turner

**Staff**

The Rev. Thomas Scott  
Priest-in-charge  
The Rev. Charles Hensel  
Assisting Priest  
Jim Brown  
Director of Music  
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**~Parish Profiles~**

*(Interviewed by Jim Brooks)*

**Meet Jocelyn Turner**



I have been attending St. Giles for about seven or eight years now. I am not a Vestry member, per se, but I have been serving as the Vestry clerk for more than two years. I wanted to help in some way, and I know that somebody has to take minutes at the Vestry meetings, so here I am!

I chose to attend St. Giles because it was a peaceful place near my home. It's a friendly place where people are happy to see you. It's also comfortable for me because I was raised as a Methodist, so the Episcopal system was close enough to what I was raised with. I also like the people at St. Giles, and I frequently enjoy the sermons. The absence of "doom, gloom and hellfire" is good for me. I also like the more positive approach that St. Giles offers, and the opportunity for making yourself "a better you."

Three items always in our fridge:

- blueberries (year-round!)
- yogurt
- Cheese

Three "fun facts" about me:

1. I was born and raised in Washington State.
2. I attend sci-fi conventions regularly (and in costume!).
3. I saw the first "Star Wars" film (1977) 50 times in the theater, 36 of which were with my high school and college debate partner (we're still friends).

I earned a B.A. in political science from Puget Sound University and then I earned two M.A.s: one in business and public management at Rice University; the other in secondary education at National Louis University.

I've enjoyed several careers, starting with insurance claims adjuster (auto and homeowners), and including elementary school teaching since 2005. Now I am substitute teaching in this area.

In addition to substituting, I write two blogs. One is about education ([eduhonesty.com](http://eduhonesty.com)) and the other is all about me ([biographyjar.com](http://biographyjar.com)).

Did I mention my interest in zombie fiction?

***You're always invited to any of our Vestry meetings (7:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month).***



## January Birthdays & Anniversaries

### Birthdays:

- 15 Ed Archibald
- 16 Mike Piskel
- 18 Brad Howard
- 19 Betty Jean Weidaw



### Anniversaries:

- 17 John & Elizabeth Hanzel



## January Lectionary Readings

### January 5 — 2 Christmas

Isaiah 60:1-6  
 Ephesians 3:1-12  
 Matthew 2:1-12  
 Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

### January 12 — 1 Epiphany

Isaiah 42:1-9  
 Acts 10:34-43  
 Matthew 3:13-17  
 Psalm 29

### January 19 — 2 Epiphany

Isaiah 49:1-7  
 1 Corinthians 1:1-9  
 John 1:29-42  
 Psalm 40:1-12

### January 26 — 3 Epiphany

Isaiah 9:1-4  
 1 Corinthians 1:10-18  
 Matthew 4:12-23  
 Psalm 27:1, 5-13

## Reflections on the 182<sup>nd</sup> Episcopal Diocese of Chicago Annual Convention

*Submitted By John Hanzel*

**Rev. Tom Scott :** My impression of convention is that it was very well organized with signs, resources, required materials at hand; worship was planned and led with enthusiasm (they did the very important task of crediting composers and authors in full and proper fashion) and with a true effort to be—this word is intentionally chosen—“expansive”—which reflects the current interests, concerns, and strategies of the Standing Liturgical Committee group doing the work of prayer book revision; the execution of convention was excellent.

I recommend reading the keynote address and the bishop’s presentation. The bishop has been involved almost from the beginning with the group co-led by our keynote speaker.

I attended the workshop on the College of Congregational Development. All participants took a pledge (seriously) not to divulge any particulars of the presentation, but I can say this much: CCD is a big deal in the Episcopal Church and it will be for awhile. It is not church growth stuff, not clergy leadership stuff.

The value of CCD for St. Giles may be that it is an outside authority and methodology which can help the congregation see and understand itself. This, in turn, can help us choose congregational life objectives that are appropriate for us. CCD may also serve to ease us into work we have been slow—even reluctant—to do: getting more serious about racism as a social and institutional reality that involves all of us.

For St. Giles, this would be a challenging undertaking, but worth the doing. But here is the thing: people who attend CCD have to commit to “bringing it all back home”. The Vestry should bankroll it and the congregation should adopt it and commission the people who go as an on-going group that will take leadership.

I also attended the workshop on the expanded parochial report. Big take-aways are we have a shorter filing time and more detailed information is sought about parish ministry, etc., which ties into growing interest in congregational development.

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## Senior Warden Report

Greetings All Saint Gileans,

I am preparing my final report as your senior warden this year, and as I gaze outside my living room window, I see an expanse of brown grass, a clear blue sky and a thermometer that reads 17 degrees. Sunshine certainly makes these winter days more welcoming and appealing.

As I reflect on the year that has just passed, and my contributions to St. Giles, I feel modestly accomplished. I have tried to be a conservative and responsible steward of our finances, and I hope our proposed budget for 2020 reflects my (and others') efforts. I have tried to help St. Giles reduce its environmental "footprint," and with our LED lights and our composting program, I think we have become a "greener" community. Thanks to our composting every week, we have reduced our contributions to the landfill (i.e., garbage) so much that we require just one garbage pickup each week. This has resulted in a net savings of \$118 per month, which certainly helps our bottom line.

It's also worth recognizing our success as a parish this year during our transition from having a full-time rector to having a supply priest to having a priest in charge. We have certainly been blessed by having Father Tom preside over our Sunday services as well as assuming many rector responsibilities. As a group we have generally fared well during this trying time, even as we work through the "crossroads" where we are currently standing.

Speaking of crossroads and finances, I would be remiss if I did not offer some sincere and vociferous shout-outs to our members who led a very successful stewardship campaign this year: Monique and Brad Howard, the Vestry and Father Tom. An incredible 23 pledges (of 33) each gave 25 percent more than they pledged for 2019. This indicates a very high level of commitment among our members, and we hope to satisfy this commitment by calling a wonderful rector in the near future.

Our Vestry has decided that searching for a part-time rector would be a responsible and appropriate action. The Vestry has authorized our search committee to call for a person willing to work four days a week (4/5 time). This will enable us to live within our budget, and it will give the new rector the opportunity to grow into a full-time parish leader.

Next steps: Our search committee will post a part-time rector position with the Diocese and begin the challenging work of screening and meeting candidates. We may also begin more renovations of our rectory, in order to make it habitable by our next rector (and family).

The year 2019 passed quickly, from my perspective, as a person who agreed to become a senior warden **before** our full-time rector announced that she would be leaving at the end of January. I could not have done the work I did without the support and collaboration of our junior warden, Kay Okoli. I also want to acknowledge the consistent and clear guidance I received from our two financial gurus: Bonnie Frankel and Gloriann Harris.

Finally, I would like to say that my experience as senior warden has been enlightening and humbling. I hadn't realized before how deep our members' commitment to our church community truly ran. A large part of this commitment lies in the many ways in which we demonstrate our love for each other. Our compassion and concern for others is a hallmark of our parish, and it is one value on which our budget may stand, but to which no dollar amount may be assigned.

Respectfully Submitted,  
James Brooks, Senior Warden



### SAVE THE DATE!

**Evensong**

**Sunday, February 23, at 4:00 p.m.**

*Preces & Responses by Craig Phillips*

*Magnificat & Nunc dimittis in E Major by Herbert Murrill*

*Premiere of anthem for St. Giles Choir by Tabes Bridges*



EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF CHICAGO

## FROM BISHOP LEE



December 5, 2019

Dear Friends:

The coming year will be a pivotal one in the life of the Diocese of Chicago and the day we all await with expectation is June 20, 2020. That morning, we will gather at St. James Cathedral to elect the thirteenth bishop of Chicago.

Issuing the formal call to the electing convention is one of the sitting bishop's very few responsibilities under the canons that direct the election of a new bishop. I am doing so now in order that congregations have plenty of notice to elect at their annual meetings in January and February, or at a special meeting called for that purpose, the lay delegates who will represent them in the vote for a new bishop. Each parish and mission will elect three delegates according to Article 16 of the **Constitution of the Diocese of Chicago** as adopted at the 2019 Diocesan Convention. More information, including the procedure for certifying electing convention delegates, will be published early in 2020.

All clergy who have been canonically resident for at least six months immediately preceding the election--that is to say, by December 20, 2019--will be eligible to vote in the election. As indicated by Article 4 of the Constitution, I will preside at the convention, which I am calling solely for the purpose of electing the thirteenth bishop of Chicago.

In our church, the customs that facilitate the transfer of ecclesiastical authority are a peculiar kind of ritual developed over several centuries of a particularly Anglican style of representative governance. Because we engage in this ritual infrequently, it may seem obscure, and its components--the call for nominations, announcement of the slate, walkabouts and the election--may feel unfamiliar to many of us. Yet these processes give us forms for giving thanks for what has been and discerning what is to come. They are a time-honored way of making the transition between bishops healthy and productive for all of us--the people of the diocese, the new bishop, and the retiring one.

During this season of doing some things as your bishop for the last time, I am increasingly grateful that we will have these occasions both for marking our ministry together and for celebrating the beginning of your time with a new bishop. As the search and transition continues with the capable oversight of the standing committee, you can watch the diocesan newsletters and the **search and transition website** for regular updates from the search and nomination committee and, in time, the transition committee. As is appropriate, my sole role in the process of choosing the next bishop of Chicago is to chair the electing convention, and I look forward to the honor of doing so next June.

Faithfully,

The Rt. Rev. Jeffrey D. Lee

Bishop of Chicago

*This announcement constitutes the required notice under Art. 16.2 of Diocesan Constitution, on behalf of the Secretary of the Standing Committee, that the Special Convention described above will be for the purpose of electing a Bishop for the Diocese of Chicago.*

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I took all the material I could from ROAR (Regional Organizing Against Racism), especially taking note of the structure and length of time involved with St John's on the northwest side's on-going clergy encouraged commitment to learning and changing. For me, the key element is the on-going, clergy encouraged (and fully participated in, but not led) group that began by reading together with the commitment to stay together reading and talking.

(Personal observation here) If one thinks of combating racism as being like dealing with pollution back in the days when Nixon created the EPA, you see that the first step is agreeing that for many reasons many people say "something must be done for our common good". Motives for setting up a group may be mixed, even contradictory—including an attempt to discredit or defuse the project. You create an open-ended structure and process within the institutional environment so that it has an organizational life, understanding that you don't know everything in advance, and you just start and persist. You are not inventing the wheel, there's lots of information and resources, but you are committing yourself to developing a point of view on everything else being done—what is the environmental impact—and aiming to take action to correct, improve, and repair damage and to stop doing more.

In tandem with this, one has to start seeing one's own place in the larger whole. This is neither easy nor easily changed, because it is part of our social fabric now. So, the work is long-term, will need clergy involvement as a call expectation, and obliges the congregation and vestry to accede to this expectation.

The great good news is that the realities of racism can be changed. Think about seatbelts, OSHA, Title 9, smoking, LGBTQ realities, and pollution. It is an ongoing project that can have powerfully positive results.

*Next month, John's own reflections will be included.*



## December Vestry Meeting Re~cap

Our meetings this time of the year tend to focus on next year's budget, and Bonnie brought us the Stewardship and Financial committees' reports, which are very important as we continue to plan for a new rector.

As a reminder, vestry minutes and our financial reports are posted on the bulletin board in the narthex, so none of this is "confidential".

We indeed lost some pledge units, but we also got formal commitments from several people who have contributed, but without a pledge, in the past. With great thanks and appreciation to the congregation, the Stewardship campaign's goal to increase pledges by 25% was successful. With the increases from active members, almost \$26,000, we were able to compensate for the losses, and predict an increase in total pledges of about \$11,000 over this year.

While our budget deficits are an issue that still need work, we "saved" money in 2019 due to Cynthia's departure, and anticipate showing a surplus of \$28,000. While the actual numbers for 2020 will depend on how long it takes to find a new rector, we can anticipate a surplus of about \$10,000.

From an accounting side, those surpluses get added to our "liquid assets" for future use. The most immediate need is the cost of the Search Committee's efforts in 2020, which are estimated to be in the \$12,000 - \$15,000 range. This includes hands-on efforts in meeting candidates, and covering the moving costs when we do chose a new rector.

The other future "operational" need, long term, will be for our new rector's salary and benefits. While the basic numbers could be similar, we did not have to pay for health insurance, since Cynthia was covered under Jon's policy. Based on Diocesan requirements, this can range from about \$11,000 for a single rector to \$30,000 for a rector with a family.

Those costs can come into play in our search, and Andrea Mysen, the Diocese's Director of Ministries, was at the meeting to give the vestry some guidance and insights. As you might remember, Victor had made the presentations and contacts early on, but he has moved on, and Andrea is now working with the Search Committee. We will have a parish meeting in mid-January to discuss some of our options.

The most immediate capital improvement costs will be upgrading the interior of the rectory. The exterior work is done, and the basic repairs and minimal upgrades will be about \$30,000.

We owe the financial committee and in particular Bonnie many thanks for their dedicated work and presentation of details to plan for 2020.

The Search Committee is almost ready to finish our profile. The Diocese has a formal procedure, with both specific steps and a lot of support, which Andrea is now providing. This should be available by the end of January.

Under Jim's warden report, he talked about the 2013 Bishop's Antiracism Direction. We have been doing some of that, and Meredith did take the Chicago Regional Organizing for Antiracism (CROAR) workshop earlier this year. I'll post the link to their site, and you can talk to Meredith about her experience. Jocelyn continues her social justice formation, and Tom is planning a Lenten program focusing on antiracism.

Ted has been following up on our office phones and lines, and it looks like we can save about \$65 a month.

We approved the financial statement for November 30, with many thanks to Gloriann.

Our next Vestry meeting is January 21, and we will have our Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 26.

*Respectfully submitted, John Hanzel*

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### **Second Sunday Community Breakfast, Jan. 12:**

9-10:30 a.m. in the undercroft; Free and open to all! Join us for food, conversation, and fun.

Our invitation is open to everyone, so be sure to invite family, friends, and neighbors!

### **"Men's Night Out" is Tuesday, January 14**

All St. Giles men, and their male friends and family, are invited to Grandpa's in Glenview, at 7:00 pm, for Men's Night Out. To arrange transportation, contact Bill Perley, 847-272-6114.



# ST. GILES EPISCOPAL CHURCH • JANUARY

| Sun                                                                                                                                                               | Mon                               | Tue                                                                                                                                   | Wed                                                                                       | Thu                                                                                                                                                                | Fri                                                                      | Sat                                                                                  |
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| <b>Sundays:</b><br><i>Tree of Life Community Church uses the church 12:30-3:30 p.m.</i><br><i>Campanella Choir uses the church on Sundays from 4:00-6:00 p.m.</i> |                                   |                                                                                                                                       | <b>1</b><br><b>Office Closed</b><br><br><i>Happy New Year!</i>                            | <b>2</b><br>Yoga Class 9 AM<br><br>Evening Prayer, 4:30 PM (Prayer Rm)<br><br>Campanella 5:30–9:30 PM<br>NO Choir                                                  | <b>3</b><br><b>Office Closed</b><br><br><br><br>Campanella 5:00–6:35 PM  | <b>4</b><br>Overeaters Anonymous, 11 AM – 12:15 PM<br>Campanella 9 AM – 3:00 PM      |
| <b>5</b><br><b>2 Christmas</b><br><br>10:15 AM: Choral Eucharist                                                                                                  | <b>6</b><br><b>Office Closed</b>  | <b>7</b><br>Yoga Class 9AM<br><br>Campanella 5:15–7:15 PM                                                                             | <b>8</b><br><br><br>Campanella 5:30–8:00 PM                                               | <b>9</b><br>Yoga Class 9 AM<br><br>Sassy Stitchers 9:30-12:30<br><br>Evening Prayer, 4:30 PM (Prayer Rm)<br><br>Campanella 5:30–9:30 PM<br>Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM | <b>10</b><br><b>Office Closed</b><br><br><br><br>Campanella 5:00–6:35 PM | <b>11</b><br>Overeaters Anonymous, 11 AM – 12:15 PM<br><br>Campanella 9 AM – 3:00 PM |
| <b>12</b><br><b>1 Epiphany</b><br><br>9 AM: Community Breakfast<br>10:15 AM: Choral Eucharist<br><br><i>Campanella Concert, 6-8:00 PM</i>                         | <b>13</b><br><b>Office Closed</b> | <b>14</b><br>Yoga Class 9AM<br><br>Campanella 5:15–7:15 PM<br><br>7 PM—Men's Night Out (at Grandpa's in Glenview)<br>7 PM—Vestry Mtg. | <b>15</b><br><br><br>Campanella 5:30–8:00 PM<br><br><i>February Bells submissions due</i> | <b>16</b><br>Yoga Class 9 AM<br><br>Evening Prayer, 4:30 PM (Prayer Rm)<br><br>Campanella 5:30–9:30 PM<br>Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM                                  | <b>17</b><br><b>Office Closed</b><br><br><br><br>Campanella 5:00–6:35 PM | <b>18</b><br>Overeaters Anonymous, 11 AM – 12:15 PM<br><br>Campanella 9 AM – 3:00 PM |
| <b>19</b><br><b>2 Epiphany</b><br><b>Litany of Healing</b><br><br>10:15 AM: Choral Eucharist                                                                      | <b>20</b><br><b>Office Closed</b> | <b>21</b><br>Yoga Class 9AM<br><br>Campanella 5:15–7:15 PM<br><br>7 PM—Vestry Mtg.                                                    | <b>22</b><br><br><br>Campanella 5:30–8:00 PM                                              | <b>23</b><br>Yoga Class 9 AM<br><br>Evening Prayer, 4:30 PM (Prayer Rm)<br><br>Campanella 5:30–9:30 PM<br>Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM                                  | <b>24</b><br><b>Office Closed</b><br><br><br><br>Campanella 5:00–6:35 PM | <b>25</b><br>Overeaters Anonymous, 11 AM – 12:15 PM<br><br>Campanella 9 AM – 3:00 PM |
| <b>26</b><br><b>3 Epiphany</b><br><br>10:15 AM: Choral Eucharist, followed by the <u>Annual Meeting</u>                                                           | <b>27</b><br><b>Office Closed</b> | <b>28</b><br>Yoga Class 9AM<br><br>Campanella 5:15–7:15 PM                                                                            | <b>29</b><br><br><br>Campanella 5:30–8:00 PM                                              | <b>30</b><br>Yoga Class 9 AM<br><br>Evening Prayer, 4:30 PM (Prayer Rm)<br><br>Campanella 5:30–9:30 PM<br>Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM                                  | <b>31</b><br><b>Office Closed</b><br><br><br><br>Campanella 5:00–6:35 PM |                                                                                      |

# The Bells of St. Giles

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Time-Sensitive Material



Lessons and Carols  
*(Photos by John Hanzel)*

