



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

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From the Rector: Bloom Where You're Planted

There is a little daffodil in the front of my house, almost choked out by evergreen shrubs, yet blooming beautifully yellow in the spring sunshine. Usually, daffodils bloom in bunches, or as William Wordsworth put it in his beautiful poem, "a crowd of daffodils," but this single, brave daffodil, perhaps the last remnant of a crowd that was choked out by the spreading brush, pokes up into the daylight all by itself. This lonely little flower, peeking brightly out from behind those spreading evergreen shrubs, brings a lightness to my heart every time I see it. I can't help wondering if it knows the joy that its beauty brings, adding brightness and color to not only my garden, but my life as well.

That little daffodil does not feel sorry for itself. That little daffodil does not give up because of its circumstances. That little daffodil didn't die off because its fellow daffodils were choked out by the evergreens. That little daffodil springs to life each spring because that is what God created it to do. It would not matter if it were in the most expansive and luxurious garden or in a crack in the sidewalk, it is going to do what God created it to do, bloom bright yellow in the spring sunshine, and dance on the spring breezes.

We are each created by God for a certain purpose. That purpose is to love God with our whole being, and to love one another the way God loves us. We are created to love God with our whole self, holding nothing back, nothing in reserve, but to give our whole selves, mind, body, and spirit to God. And we are created to love one another with the same expansive, overwhelming, unearned, undeserved love with which God loves us.

And we were created to do those two things wherever we are planted, in whatever circumstances we happen to exist in. If we wait for the perfect time, or even the right time, then we have missed the chance. Life might be hard for us. Life might seem pointless to us. Life might be overwhelming for us. But we are created to bloom where we are planted, whether it is on good soil or rocky soil or weedy soil, or even on the pathway.

And just as God sends the sunshine and the rain to fortify the daffodil, God brings into our lives the blessings we need in order to bloom where we are planted. God brings us into each other's lives. And God is present with us, in those various circumstances, filling us with the love we need to overflow onto others.

This Easter season, let us begin anew, refreshed and renewed, to go forth and bloom where we are planted!

*Yours in Christ,
Fr. Court*

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Current Schedule

Sundays

Holy Eucharist in the Church and virtual on Zoom; 10:15 AM

Wednesdays

Cocktails with Court on Zoom; 6:00 PM

Saturdays

Bible Study on Zoom, 9:00 AM



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HOLY WEEK

The blessing of the palms and the procession on Palm Sunday



Fr. Court washes the altar during the Maundy Thursday service





May Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays:

- 7 Connor Keating
- 8 Sophie Piskel
- 12 Adrienne Miller
- 20 Linda Collins
- 26 Linda Chabraja,
Beth Piskel



Anniversaries:

- 12 Brad & Monique Howard
- 20 Tom & Deborah Page
- 30 Mike & Beth Piskel



May Lectionary Readings

May 2—5 Easter

Acts 8:26-40
1 John 4:7-21
John 15:1-8
Psalm 22:24-30

May 9—6 Easter

Acts 10:44-48
1 John 5:1-6
John 15:9-17
Psalm 98

May 16—7 Easter

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
1 John 5:9-13
John 17:6-19
Psalm 1

May 23—The Day of Pentecost

Ezekiel 37:1-14
Acts 2:1-21
John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15
Psalm 104:25-35, 37

May 30—Trinity Sunday

Isaiah 6:1-8
Romans 8:12-17
John 3:1-17
Canticle 13



The Northfield Township Recycling Program resumed on Monday, April 5, 2021 during normal Road District business hours of 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, and will end for the year on Friday, October 29, 2021 at 3 p.m. They are located at 237 Melvin Drive in Northbrook, just north of St. Giles.

They handle a lot of items that cannot be picked up curbside, including tires, electronics (not monitors), fluorescent bulbs, paint and more. They will also take things such as bicycles, clothing and toys that are in useable condition.

In addition, their partnership with the Village of Northbrook provides an additional opportunity to recycle with an added drop-off location in Northbrook. The Village of Northbrook (www.northbrook.il.us) will be receiving at the garage behind the Village Hall on Cedar. Check the Village's web site to verify the times, dates and list of accepted recyclables.

You can find more information at: <http://www.northfieldtownship.com/recycling-program.html>

—John Hanzel



Music Notes:

Although congregational singing is still not allowed, we are now permitted to have one solo singer each Sunday. To that end, here is the exciting schedule for May –

- May 2 – Laudate Dominum (Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart)
Linda Jariabka, soprano
- May 9 – Ave Maria (Jehan Alain)
Anne-Marie Williams, soprano
- May 16 – O rest in the Lord, from “Elijah” (Felix Mendelssohn)
Val Beck, alto
- May 23 – Then shall the righteous shine forth, from “Elijah” (Felix Mendelssohn)
Nathan Oakes, tenor



I am pleased to welcome these fine singers back to the organ loft at St. Giles, and they look forward to sharing their offerings with you, whether in person or via the Zoom format.

—Jim Brown

Vestry Meeting Recap for April:

Here is a quick re-cap of the April Vestry Meeting which was held on Tuesday evening, the 20th. Eight members attended: Five, including the rector, sat in the vestry room; three joined online. To start the meeting off, we talked for some time about a passage in Acts 4 and what it might mean to be “of one heart and soul”, even if not all of one mind.

Our first item of business was to review and approve the St. Giles Parochial Report for last year, 2020. After a few changes reflecting the extent of the parish’s involvement in and support of the Hunger Resource Network, our Community Garden, the Crop Walk, & Overeaters Anonymous, the report was approved for submission to the diocese.

We discussed the progress of plans for resumption of activities by the Campanella Choir and the Tree of Life Church. Campanella is already holding outdoor choral sessions at St. Giles.

Might there be a better time and place for the Vestry to meet? Some of us are finding it difficult to get out at night. The possibility of sometime on Sundays was brought up. Discussion will continue.

There was talk about what might be better locations for the church’s and the rector’s mail boxes. Should the rectory have a separate street address? Consultation will be made with the Northbrook Post Office.

Kay Okoli and Jim Brooks have served extended terms as wardens during our transition period. The parish is most grateful, and we look forward to relieving them soon.

We haven’t gotten together for a vestry retreat for a number of years. It would be good to get this kind of thing going again. Maybe we can find a day that will work sometime this summer. We’ll definitely set something up for early next year.

The internet service in the church should be upgraded. If we are to continue streaming services, it will be a necessity. We had a lot of back-and-forth about this, and what came out of it was that no one of us really knew what he was talking about except that we should have, at minimum, a LAN cable run from the education building to a Wi-Fi router in the church.

There is a lot of building repair work that was accomplished during the last year. Major work still to be done is tuck-pointing and related work on the bell tower and the education building’s chimney. We agreed that this should get wrapped up.

We are hoping we might be able to get some media publicity about acquiring a new rector, and also about the resumption of services in the wake of the pandemic, and the restoration of the bell tower.

Financial reports for this year through February were reviewed and approved, as were minutes of the March Vestry Meeting.

—Submitted by Bill Perley



A Visit to the Museum with Tracey Solano



I took this photo of Bisa Butler's artwork *Southside Sunday Morning*, currently on display at the Art Institute of Chicago, with many of her other amazing portrait quilts. Butler uses historical photographs in creating life-size portraits in fabric. In this example, she enlivens a New Deal era photo by Russell Lee. You may recall the boys sat on the hood of a car in the B&W photo.

It was my first return to the museum since the Pandemic struck and I marveled at how the COVID-19 safety protocols impacted my experience. With less crowding and noise the experience was intensified. It was easier for me to position myself "front and center" and linger and really focus. A special feature of this exhibit was an accompanying "playlist" with one song tied to each work on display. Curtis Mayfield's *Move on Up* was paired with this quilt. You can freely explore the exhibit online through the AIC website. The exhibition ends September 6. I would love to go again if anyone else is interested. Please let me know and we can plan for it.





(Photos by John Hanzel)



ST. GILES EPISCOPAL CHURCH • MAY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 9:00 AM Zoom Bible Study 9:00 AM—3:00 PM Campanella Choir
2 5 Easter In-person and Zoom Holy Eucharist — 10:15 AM	3 Office Closed	4	5 6:00 PM Zoom Cocktails with Court	6	7 Office Closed	8 9:00 AM Zoom Bible Study 9:00 AM—3:00 PM Campanella Choir
9 6 Easter (Rogation Sunday) In-person and Zoom Holy Eucharist — 10:15 AM <i>Happy Mother's Day</i>	10 Office Closed	11	12 6:00 PM Zoom Cocktails with Court	13	14 Office Closed	15 9:00 AM Zoom Bible Study 9:00 AM—3:00 PM Campanella Choir <i>June Bells submissions due</i>
16 7 Easter In-person and Zoom Holy Eucharist — 10:15 AM	17 Office Closed	18 <i>7 PM-Vestry Mtg.</i>	19 6:00 PM Zoom Cocktails with Court	20	21 Office Closed	22 9:00 AM Zoom Bible Study 9:00 AM—3:00 PM Campanella Choir
23 The Day of Pentecost In-person and Zoom Holy Eucharist — 10:15 AM	24 Office Closed	25	26 6:00 PM Zoom Cocktails with Court	27	28 Office Closed	29 9:00 AM Zoom Bible Study 9:00 AM—3:00 PM Campanella Choir
30 Trinity Sunday In-person and Zoom Holy Eucharist — 10:15 AM	31 Office Closed					



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