

Please mark your calendar to:

Walk as One at 1 ~ World Labyrinth Day Saturday, May 7



Here is a chance for you to join thousands of people around the world in a moving meditation for peace and a celebration of the labyrinth experience — right here at St. Giles Church!

Plan to arrive at our labyrinth a bit early to greet one another. We will then start a group walk at 1:00 p.m. to be part of a world-wide rolling wave of peace-focused energy connecting communities across the times zones.

Read more about the history of this Labyrinth Society annual event, now in its 14th year, at <https://www.worldlabyrinthday.org/about/world-labyrinth-day>.

Please bring a guest — and perhaps a peace-themed prayer or poem to share aloud. Everyone is welcome! (Contact: Tracey Solano)

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Our Schedule

Sundays

Forum 9-9:45 AM
(in the Undercroft),
except second Sundays
Choral Eucharist-10:15AM

Second Sundays:

Community Breakfast-9AM

Wednesdays

Healing Eucharist in
the church; 10:30 AM
Holy Eucharist at
Covenant Living (3rd
Wed. each month) 2:00 PM

Saturdays

Bible Study on Zoom;
9:00 AM

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General Office Hours

Monday: Office closed
Tues & Thurs: 9 AM - 3 PM
Wed: 9 AM - 2 PM
Friday: Office closed

Rector's Office Hours

Tues — Friday: 10 AM - 4 PM

Diocese of Chicago

The Rev. Paula Clark,
Bishop-elect
The Rt. Rev. Chilton Knudsen,
Assisting Bishop

Vestry

Glenn Hunt, Warden
Ellie Bonebrake
Ted Chabreja
Martha McGuire
William Perley
Mike Piskel

Tracey Solano, Clerk
Tom Page, Chancellor

Team Leaders

Building & Grounds (Facilities) -
Bob Schultz & Jim Brooks
Communications - John Hanzel
*Finance—*Bonnie Frankel
Fundraising - Huw Williams
Green - James Brooks
Hospitality - Jan Hutchins-DeWitt
*Pastoral Care—*Leslie Ruttenberg
And Kris Hunt
Social Justice - Jocelyn Turner

Staff

The Rev. Court Williams
Rector
The Rev. Charles Hensel
Assisting Priest
Jim Brown
Director of Music
Cathy Leimbeck
Parish Administrator
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From the Rector: "True Love"

"Love is life's end! an end, but never ending;
All joys, all sweets, all happiness, awarding;
Love is life's wealth, (ne'er spent, but ever spending,)
More rich by giving, taking by discarding;
Love's life's reward, rewarding in rewarding;
Then from they wretched heart fond care remove;
Ah! shouldst thou live but once love's sweets to prove,
Thou wilt not love to live, unless thou live to love."

- Sir Edmund Spenser, English Poet (1552 - 1599),
Conklin's Vest-Pocket Book of Familiar Quotations,
McKay Publishing: Philadelphia, 1902 (page 149).

More poetry has been dedicated to either singing the praises of love or lamenting the pain of lost love than any other topic. The topic of love is so prominent in Shakespeare's works it is not surprising that he is so often quoted on Hallmark cards. While some poets write about the dignity or Godliness of true love, others take a somewhat more basic view of love. To quote from the movie, "Dead Poets Society," Robin Williams' character, an English teacher at an all-boys boarding school, tells his charges that "the purpose of poetry is to woo women."

In the quote above, from Sir Edmund Spenser, the last line is quite striking, "Thou wilt not love to live, unless thou live to love." While Spenser is overtly referencing romantic love between two people, it has some import for Christians. Unless we live a life dedicated to loving others, our lives will not be worth living. We were all created by God to live loving lives. We were created to love God, as God loves us. We were created to love others, ALL others, as God loves us. That is what our time here on earth is about - loving, or at least, learning to love. But it is probably one of the hardest things for us to learn. HOW do we love others?

Author Victor Hugo once said,

"The first symptom of love in a young man is timidity, in a girl it is boldness. The two sexes have a tendency to approach, and each assumes the qualities of the other."

- Victor Hugo, French Poet and Novelist (1802-1885),
Conklin's Vest-Pocket Book of Familiar Quotations,
McKay Publishing: Philadelphia, 1902 (page 152).

While Mr. Hugo was utilizing a stereotype of what the typical young man and woman were like, it is an interesting observation of how people approach someone they love. We tend to take on their qualities, their ethos, as if attempting to bond ourselves to them through familiarity. True love causes us to see deep into the other person, to self-identify with their nature, their person, their being. We want to be with them, to bond ourselves to them, to find a way that our own inner selves might match up with their inner self. As if, since the goal is for two to become one, then we must find a match, a complimentary other that makes a complete whole, like two puzzle pieces coming together. To do that, we may take on some of the aspects of the other, as they take on some of our aspects, allowing the edges to come together in harmony.

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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 1 — 3 Easter

Acts 9:1-6, (7-20)
Revelation 5:11-14
John 21:1-19
Psalm 30

May 8—4 Easter

Acts 9:36-43
Revelation 7:9-17
John 10:22-30
Psalm 23

May 15—5 Easter

Acts 11:1-18
Revelation 21:1-6
John 13:31-35
Psalm 148

May 22—6 Easter

Acts 16:9-15
Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5
John 5:1-9
Psalm 67

May 29—7 Easter

Acts 16:16-34
Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21
John 17:20-26
Psalm 97

Second Sunday Community Breakfasts are Back!!

Sunday, May 8th



9:00-10:00 a.m. in the undercroft;
Free and open to all!

Since this will be Mother's Day, why not enjoy our casual buffet with your family, and then be able to spend the rest of the day relaxing? "Studies have shown" that a good breakfast is an essential start to your day! All are welcome on Sunday. Join us for food, conversation, and fun. Eggs, casseroles, fruits, and baked goods you crave will be there.

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"True Love", Cont'd. from page 2...

As Christians, we are called to love others, not romantic love, but true Christian love, as God calls us to love. If we could put as much work into coming together with others, recognizing that the complementary whole that we are creating is the Body of Christ, as we do when trying to find a mate, our efforts would be much more fruitful. If we were willing to take on some of the other, and give up some of ourselves, in order that we might bond together in Christ's Holy body, then union as God's people would be attainable. Just as we need to lay down our lives and take up our cross, we need to lay down our need to constantly protect ourselves from others, and trusting in God, to embrace others.

By being willing to allow God to lead us into relationship with others, trusting in God's presence in all things, we can lead loving lives. And leading loving lives leads us into lives which we love to live.

*Yours in Christ,  
Court+*



## Warden's Report (submitted by Glenn Hunt):

We would like to thank our friends from Campanella for their performance at the Ukrainian Prayer service. We would also look forward to having more interactive events with them.

The following two lines are from the previous report but still valid.

We still could use more voices and opinions to serve on the Vestry. Please see Father Court or any of the Vestry members if you are interested.

If you know anyone that is competent in website design, please let us know. We wish to update our current website.

As we move forward with the discernment process, we will still be looking for ideas, random thoughts and suggestions as to how we should proceed. This is not a process that is entirely dependent upon what the vestry and rector decide. We want and need your input on this in the coming months.

Father Court and Julie will be moving into the rectory in the middle of May. As one last major improvement / upgrade, the air conditioning system will be restored to normal working condition. Barring any unforeseen issues this should take care of the building for the foreseeable future.

We will also hope to start having at least one service per month outside, as weather permits. Announcements on this will be forthcoming from Father Court.

We welcome suggestions for exterior landscaping along the main circular drive. It was suggested that flowers be planted as an attention-draw for cars / people going by on Walters. If you have an idea, please contact Jim Brooks. Another idea is possibly adding a different sign on which we can change and include announcements of events.

We look forward to seeing both our parishioners and friends in the community garden. Announcements on garden set-up and related items will be coming from Jim or Meredith.

## April Vestry Recap:

The vestry meeting was opened with a prayer by Bill Perley.

Father Court started the meeting with feedback from the Holy Week services. We were pleased to see our numbers for all services had increased from the previous year which is an excellent start for us. For those members that attend via Zoom we had heard there may be occasional issues with transmission quality. Please let us know as you are able when this happens in order that we may address the issues.

It was brought up that non-Episcopalians may not be aware of exactly what services like Evensong are about, and that a way to attract more visitors / get our name out in the public eye would be a brief synopsis of them, either through the website or electronic means. If anyone has other suggestions, please let us know.

The vestry approved what we hope would be the last hurdle in the foreseeable future in the rectory rehabilitation with the upgrade / repair of the A/C units on the lower level. We were also informed that the issues with the dimmer switches and some of the lights in the Narthex will be addressed in the next few weeks. Let there be light!

Mike Piskel also reiterated that we are looking for ways to spruce up / make the main circular entrance more noticeable / eye catching. Please bring any suggestions to Jim Brooks.

Father Court also gave us a brief update on his attendance at the College of Congregational Development. This is a two-year course on dealing with congregational issues. Since there were eight different models that would take up too much time to discuss at one meeting, it was decided that Father Court would select the three best options that best apply to St. Giles before the vestry takes up this matter. These models are guidelines as to how we continue with our discernment process. As mentioned previously, we want and need everyone's support on this. Any and all ideas will be considered as confidential if you wish, but the process is not meant to be done by just Father Court and the Vestry.

Lastly we congratulate Father Court on completing his first year with us. The meeting ended with the compline led by Martha McGuire.

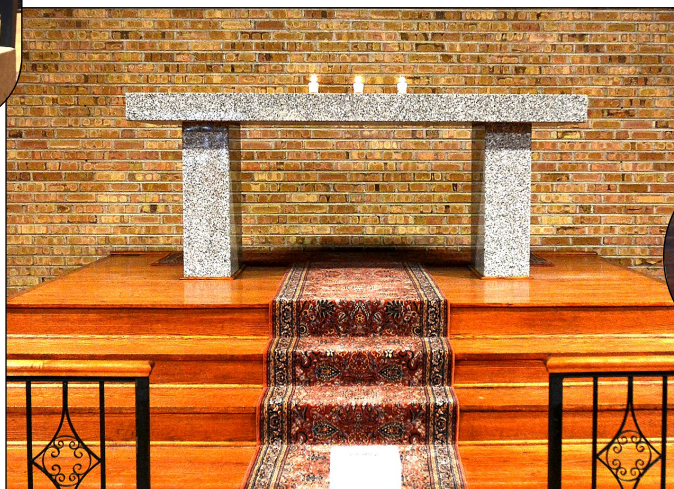
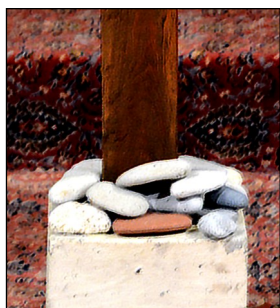
*Respectfully submitted, Glenn R. Hunt*



## ***Palm Sunday***



## ***Holy Week At Saint Giles***



*Photos by John Hanzel*



**The Great Vigil  
And  
Easter Day**





## ST. GILES EPISCOPAL CHURCH • MAY

| Sun                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Mon                                                                             | Tue                                                                              | Wed                                                                                                                                | Thu                                         | Fri                               | Sat                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| <b>1</b><br><b>3 Easter</b><br>Forum 9-9:45AM<br>Choral Eucharist<br>—10:15 AM                                                                                                                       | <b>2</b><br><b>Office Closed</b>                                                | <b>3</b>                                                                         | <b>4</b><br>Healing Eucharist<br>10:30 AM                                                                                          | <b>5</b><br><br>7:30 PM Choir<br>Rehearsal  | <b>6</b><br><b>Office Closed</b>  | <b>7</b> 9AM Zoom<br>Bible Study<br>Campanella 9:30-4<br>OA 11 AM-12:15PM<br><b>World Labyrinth<br/> Day—</b><br>“Walk as one at I”<br> |
| <b>8</b> <b>4 Easter</b><br>Community<br>Breakfast—9AM<br>Choral Eucharist<br>—10:15 AM<br> Happy<br>Mother's<br>Day | <b>9</b><br><b>Office Closed</b>                                                | <b>10</b><br><br><i>Men's Night Out,<br/> 7 PM at Grandpa's<br/> in Glenview</i> | <b>11</b><br>Healing Eucharist<br>10:30 AM                                                                                         | <b>12</b><br><br>7:30 PM Choir<br>Rehearsal | <b>13</b><br><b>Office Closed</b> | <b>14</b><br>9:00 AM Zoom<br>Bible Study<br>Campanella<br>9:30 AM – 4:00 PM<br>Overeaters<br>Anonymous,<br>11 AM—12:15 PM                                                                                                  |
| <b>15</b><br><b>5 Easter</b><br>Forum 9-9:45AM<br>Choral Eucharist<br>—10:15 AM<br><i>Ronnie Seiler<br/> Funeral, 2:00 PM</i>                                                                        | <b>16</b><br><b>Office Closed</b><br><br><i>June Bells<br/> submissions due</i> | <b>17</b><br><br><i>7 PM-Vestry Mtg.<br/> Multi-purpose Rm.</i>                  | <b>18</b><br>Healing Eucharist<br>10:30 AM<br><br>Holy Eucharist,<br>2 PM at Covenant<br>Living, Northbrook                        | <b>19</b><br><br>7:30 PM Choir<br>Rehearsal | <b>20</b><br><b>Office Closed</b> | <b>21</b><br>9:00 AM Zoom<br>Bible Study<br>Campanella<br>9:30 AM – 4:00 PM<br>Overeaters<br>Anonymous,<br>11 AM—12:15 PM<br><i>Campanella<br/> Concert</i>                                                                |
| <b>22</b><br><b>6 Easter</b><br>Forum 9-9:45AM<br>Choral Eucharist<br>—10:15 AM                                                                                                                      | <b>23</b><br><b>Office Closed</b>                                               | <b>24</b>                                                                        | <b>25</b><br>Healing Eucharist<br>10:30 AM                                                                                         | <b>26</b><br><br>NO Choir                   | <b>27</b><br><b>Office Closed</b> | <b>28</b><br>9:00 AM Zoom<br>Bible Study<br>Campanella<br>9:30 AM – 4:00 PM<br>Overeaters<br>Anonymous,<br>11 AM—12:15 PM                                                                                                  |
| <b>29</b><br><b>7 Easter</b><br>Forum 9-9:45AM<br>Choral Eucharist<br>—10:15 AM                                                                                                                      | <b>30</b><br><b>Office Closed</b>                                               | <b>31</b>                                                                        | <i><b>Sundays: Tree of Life Community Church<br/> uses the church and/or the Parish Hall (undercroft)<br/> 12:00-3:30 p.m.</b></i> |                                             |                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

***“Men’s Night Out” is Tuesday, May 10!***

All St. Giles men, and their male friends and family, are invited to gather at Grandpa’s in Glenview, at 7:00 p.m., for Men’s Night Out.

To arrange for transportation,  
contact Bill Perley or Chris DeWitt.



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Look for us on Facebook!

Time-Sensitive Material



## The Northfield Township Recycling program

resumed on Monday, April 4, 2022, 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 28, 2022 at 3:00 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](http://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>