

The Bells of St. Giles

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

St. Giles
Episcopal Church
Northbrook, Illinois

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Join Us Sundays at 10:15 a.m. for Outdoor Morning Prayer Service (with music)



*Bring your own chair and mask,
and park in the circle driveway.*

Diocesan Convention is November 21!

The 183rd Annual Diocesan Convention will be held virtually on Saturday, Nov. 21, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. We are welcome to register three delegates and three alternates. And EVERYONE can listen in and follow what happens. *This is a free convention!* Registration is now open, and as in the past, all delegates have to be certified by our congregation by September 30. You can find more details at The 2020 Diocesan Convention Online, <https://episcopalchicago.org/governance/2020-diocesan-convention-online>. Jim Brooks will coordinate our slate, but since we are limited to three delegates, it's first come, first served. You can email him or John Hanzel. Refer to your St. Giles Roster for their email addresses, or contact the church office at 847-272-6622.

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Current Schedule

Sundays

Outdoor Morning Prayer
Service - 10:15 AM

Thursdays

5:30 PM: Zoom Virtual
"Pray & Chat"

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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,
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Vestry

James Brooks, Sr. Warden
Kay Okoli, Jr. Warden
Ellie Bonebrake
Ted Chabraja
John Hanzel
Glenn Hunt
Lewis Kirkwood
William Perley
Gloriann Harris, Treasurer
Ned Libby, Bookkeeper
Tom Page, Chancellor

Team Leaders

Building & Grounds (Facilities) -
Bob Schultz
Communications - John Hanzel
Fundraising - Huw Williams
Green - James Brooks
Hospitality - Jan Hutchins-DeWitt
Newcomers - George Miller
Pastoral Care - Leslie Ruttenberg
Social Justice - Jocelyn Turner

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A Message from Fr. Tom Scott (Priest-in-charge):

Dear friends,

The days shorten, the quality of afternoon light changes, leaves dry, evenings cool while days still throb with heat, and we begin to feel the summer pass even as the harvest of fruits and vegetables burgeons and our annual celebration of that bounteous plenty approaches. We all know these familiar things as Autumn draws on.

This year much will be different in some ways, but underneath these real changes are the deeply familiar patterns of seasonal life. I hope you will draw strength and comfort from these abiding realities, recognizing that, in the long history of life, these days may be serious and demanding, but they cannot warp the essential cycle of things.

So it is with our parish life. Worship continues, though quite differently for the time being. Our ministries go on, our community life and needs must be tended to. In the weeks ahead, we will hear from the Search Committee as their work unfolds. The Vestry will have plans for the program and ministries, and reports on future undertakings and requests for our prayerful support.

My prayer for us is that we will appreciate more the underlying truths of our life together and our call to be witnesses to Christ in the midst of facing the new shape of daily living in these days. Living faithfully will help us adapt to changing times and circumstances, anchoring us in the one who called us to life and named us for himself.

God's peace and joy,

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The B.A.C.O.N. Basket is Back!

Now that we are having Outside Prayer Services, you can bring donations of non-perishable food for the Northfield Township Food Pantry. You can check their website at <https://twp.northfield.il.us/pantry/> to see what their most needed items are.





September Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays:

- 7 Tom Page
- 12 Ellie Bonebrake
- 14 Bonnie Frankel
- 19 Dan Jariabka
- 22 George Miller
Kay Okoli
- 23 Monique Howard
Debbie Page
- 25 Jim Brown
- 28 Carter Howard



Anniversaries:

- 5 Warren & Margaret Pearson
- 7 John & Dorothy Dygos
Cathy & Mark Leimbeck
- 24 Jim & Meredith Brooks



September Lectionary Readings

September 6—14 Pentecost

Ezekiel 33:7-11
Psalm 119:33-40
Romans 13:8-14
Matthew 18:15-20

September 13—15 Pentecost

Genesis 50:15-21
Psalm 103:(1-7), 8-13
Romans 14:1-12
Matthew 18:21-35

September 20—Saint Giles Day

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28
Psalm 14
1 Timothy 1:12-17
Luke 15:1-10

September 27—17 Pentecost

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32
Psalm 25:1-8
Philippians 2:1-13
Matthew 21:23-32

Come celebrate SAINT GILES DAY on September 20!

We will celebrate our patron saint with special music and readings at our Outdoor Prayer Service, Sept. 20 at 10:15 a.m. We hope you will join us!



Who's That Guy with the Deer?

A Few Notes about our Patron Saint

Giles (Aegidius, Gilles, Egidio) was born in Athens in the mid-7th century but emigrated to southern France, where he lived as a hermit in a cave in Septimia. According to pious legend, Giles had as companion a deer. One day a king and his hunting party were riding through the forest, saw the deer, and one of them attempted to shoot it with an arrow. Giles stepped in front of the animal, taking the arrow in his thigh and leaving him permanently crippled. The king was so impressed that he sought to reward Giles monetarily, but Giles refused. He did, however, agree to the building of a monastery, Saint-Gilles-du-Gard. Giles died in the early part of the 8th century. He is the patron saint of lepers and those with skin diseases and breast cancer, the disabled, beggars, blacksmiths, breast feeding, outcasts, rams, spur makers, noctiphobes and of course, our parish.



“Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.” Hebrews 12:1-2

Morning Prayer with A Great Cloud of Witnesses

Thank you to St. Giles’ vestry volunteers and staff people for the invitation extended to parishioners to gather outside for Morning Prayer on Sunday morning, August 16. It was a gorgeous summer day and a joy to see fellow parishioners assembled together again at church, for church. Father Tom Scott officiated beneath the porté-cochère with the serenely green memorial garden serving as his real life (not virtual) background. How could anyone assembled have failed to recall at such a time those who built this parish, sustained it through decades, and continue to abide with us in the tender, loving care of the Lord. The feeling of being surrounded by “so great a cloud of witnesses” lingers still, comforts and strengthens.

Those who pray the Daily Office are prompted to study the lives of the saints. Besides Mary and Joseph, John the Baptist, the apostles, the evangelists, Paul, and others such as Mary Magdalene, Stephen, James of Jerusalem, and Michael, who should we recognize as “saints”? We are instructed that this is “ambiguous” and that “this ambiguity is appropriate to the range of theologies around sainthood and holiness within The Episcopal Church.”

Matt Heyd, priest at the Church of the Heavenly Rest in New York City, where I joined Zoom morning prayer this summer, often greets us saying “Hello, saints!” It makes me laugh, knowing how far from sainthood I am, yet I see saints in the faces assembled before me. Thank goodness for gallery view!

Here’s hoping to see you next Sunday. —Tracey Solano

“In order to maintain a comprehensive stance toward differing theologies of sainthood and to recognize the desire to remember people important to the Church without passing judgment on their sanctoral status or requiring them to fit within a particular mold of saintliness, we have created this new resource entitled A Great Cloud of Witnesses: A Calendar of Commemorations. This resource recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions to our understanding of our calling as the Body of Christ within the complexities of the twenty-first-century world without making a statement one way or another on their sanctity. It serves as a family history, identifying those people inside and outside the Episcopal/Anglican tradition who help us proclaim the Gospel in word, deed, and truth.”

(From the Introduction to A Great Cloud of Witnesses, Church Publishing, 2016)



CROP HUNGER WALK

ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME

2020 Glenbrook Crop Walk:

St. Giles has been part of Crop Walk since the 1980's when Polly Badger led our effort, and this year we will keep it going. Like so many events, we will be virtual, although we encourage people to walk as a family or in small groups on or around Sunday October 18th. Please visit our website at crophungerwalk.org/glenbrook or type "Glenbrook crop walk" in your browser. The St. Giles team is already registered, so you can sign up as a walker or donate to one of our walkers. Church World Service continues to alleviate hunger worldwide, with 25 percent of our donations going to local agencies. Thank You!



Update from the Search Committee:

The search committee is continuing to meet regularly. We have received a few applications and are working on going through the interview process. However, COVID has definitely slowed the process down. We cannot disclose more than that due to privacy concerns. The Rector post is still open and is still posted on the Diocesan website. The search committee appreciates all the help and support we have received so far from the parish. We especially want to thank all those who have worked so hard to refurbish the rectory.

Please Continue to Support St. Giles by Sending Your Contributions!

Thank you to everyone who continues to support St. Giles through these unusual times.

Our expenses have not stopped and we need your continued support.

We encourage everyone to continue with contributions and pledge payments by sending them to the church by mail, or bring them to our Outdoor Service on Sundays.

If you have any questions about this, please contact Cathy (Parish Administrator)
at the church office (847-272-6622).

As always, we appreciate your contributions!



(Photos by John Hanzel)



ST. GILES EPISCOPAL CHURCH • SEPTEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 Zoom "Pray and Chat" - 5:30 PM	4 Office Closed	5
6 14 Pentecost Outdoor Morning Prayer—10:15 AM	7 Office Closed LABOR DAY	8	9	10 Zoom "Pray and Chat" - 5:30 PM	11 Office Closed	12
13 15 Pentecost Outdoor Morning Prayer—10:15 AM	14 Office Closed	15 7 PM—VIRTUAL Vestry Mtg. October Bells submissions due	16	17 Zoom "Pray and Chat" - 5:30 PM	18 Office Closed	19
20 St. Giles Day Outdoor Morning Prayer—10:15 AM	21 Office Closed	22	23	24 Zoom "Pray and Chat" - 5:30 PM	25 Office Closed	26
27 17 Pentecost Outdoor Morning Prayer—10:15 AM	28 Office Closed	29	30			





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