

The Magnificat

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From the Rector

It is mid Holy week as I write to you and while my mind and heart is keeping a vigil for the Great Three Days, I also find myself very excited about the next several months. The great discussions that took place at Holy Conversations have captured my imagination and as I continue to sit with the content regarding your notions of Spirituality with our par-



ish leaders, I look with anticipation to what we might do together.

First of all, I will be initiating a series of small group opportunities. I envision that each group selected will meet 4-5 times then come together and see if there is an interest in continuing to meet. I will be gathering a group together before summer and others will be formed in the fall.

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Senior Warden's Thoughts

On Sunday, April 10th a significant event took place at Annunciation. For those of you present at church that day you heard during the announcements that the Vestry was challenged to a "nerf war" by the Jr. and Sr. High Youth

Groups of our church. As much as I am proud of the youth of our church, I was feeling extremely confident in the ability of our solid Vestry team. After all, it is not an easy task to be responsible to the parish for leading our church.

However, I had no idea what was about to befall us once the "games began"! I will tell you that as soon as I arrived at church that afternoon I was a little concerned that there were 3 times as many Youth as there

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All in a day's work...

On August 18, 2010, Tom Christensen was on duty. Tom is a 20 year veteran and Lieutenant of the Waukegan Fire Department. A call came in that day in the sweltering August heat that was about to get hotter for Tom and his crew. His Engine and crew arrived on a scene that had been called in to 911 which a neighbor reported hearing screaming children in the burning house. Tom directed his crew to take control of the scene and soon they forced the front door open, smoke billowing from floor to ceiling. They began their search for the children, who by this time had been overcome by the smoke and were no

longer crying for help. In his nomination letter for the Firefighter's Medal of Valor Award, written on behalf of Tom and his crew, Battalion Chief John Schmidt portrayed the situation as follows:

"The members of rescue 5 ran to a nearby Ambulance and began...care for their child, meanwhile Lt. Christensen was given the second child on the second floor stairs and without regard for his own personal safety, he immediately ripped off his SCBA mask and began mouth to mouth rescue breathing for the limp helpless child in his arms."

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Youth Sunday

May 15th is the date for one of the most beloved services of the year- Youth Sunday! At this service, the children of the parish take over! The theme of the service will be "They will know we are Christians by our love." The kids have worked really hard to prepare prayers, music and lessons so I hope everyone turns out to the 10:00 AM Mass on May 15th!

While you are there, I hope you

will consider participating as a teacher in our Sunday School. This is usually a twice a month commitment, the curriculum is provided and the kids really appreciate your efforts. We can't have a program for our 30 plus students if we don't have teachers! Please talk to Maggie Attiyeh for more information. attiyeh.m@comcast.net

Reminder: May 22nd is the final meeting for Sunday School.

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Later he writes:

“This was by far a team effort and without the heroic efforts of Engine 5 and Rescue 5 both of these victims would have died. Lt. Christensen and the members of his station acted as a team, followed orders, performed necessary fire-fighting tasks and above all, made a heroic fire rescue of two children from a burning house. . . . I personally believe that Lt. Christensen and his crew have

performed above and beyond the call of duty.”

Tom and his team revived both children on the scene before they were Life-Flighted out to a hospital. They recently received the award recommended by the Battalion Chief, The Firefighter’s Medal of Valor Award.

Congratulations Tom! You bring honor to your vocation.

All Hands On Deck!

We are planning an "all Parish" weed and mulch day for Saturday, May 7th. “Weeders” arrive at 8:00 am and “mulchers” at 9:00 am. Everyone who participates will be rewarded with a Bar-B-Q afterward. A sign-up sheet is posted in the Narthex. Plan

to be there and bring your gardening gloves and any other tools that would be helpful! Many hands make light work... not to mention a beautiful garden.

-Bill Attiyeh



Youth Group

April's Nerf Wars went well; everyone had fun and no major injuries were reported by either side. The Vented Spleen (made up of members of the Vestry and some other hardy volunteers) were ultimately defeated after putting up a fierce, extended resistance. I am sure we will be seeing this event again. Perhaps the parents versus the kids?

May is our last month for youth group before summer and it will be a combined ages lock in on May 13th and 14th. An official itinerary will be posted soon and a sign-up sheet will be on the youth group wall in Strang Hall. Please sign-up quickly to assist with planning.

Kathleen Perry

From The Vestry

I want to share some thoughts about hospitality. We normally think of it as coffee and treats after the Sunday service, or putting out the best china and silver for guests or even inviting friends over for pizza. But hospitality goes beyond the food and utensils and comes from the heart. It touches on generosity, geniality and genuine caring and manifests itself in putting people at ease. When they come to your house or your church, they don't have to worry about being accepted as they are. They know they are welcome.

Think about the hospitality of the Eucharistic Table, where all are welcome to partake or receive a blessing. Think of the hospitality of the first Eucharist where Jesus washed the feet of his friends, and shared the meal even with doubters and a betrayer. He gave us the gift of that meal and the responsibility to

carry it forward with that same sense of welcome and acceptance of others.

Hospitality is a spiritual gift that is present in all, but more obvious in some than in others. It is a gift that can be nurtured and appreciated. So remember that hospitality is not just expressed at home or in the sanctuary or in Strang Hall. It can be carried in hearts and shared through courtesy in the checkout line at the grocery store, in traffic and with every person we meet as we go through our days. Hospitality is caring about others and creating a zone of acceptance

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in fulfillment of the command:
Love One Another.

- Carol Anderson



Pentecost

When is Pentecost?!?! Yes, it's quite late this year. Pentecost is Sunday, June 12th.

Don't forget to wear your red!

Dustan Family Fundraiser

This is the 3rd Annual Flower Sale to benefit the Dustan Family. Why do we do it? Because we care about the Dustan family and want to assist them with their enormous medical bills. If you are new to the parish you might wonder why we pray constantly for parents Chris and Jaime and their courageous boys Evan and Ian.



Ian was diagnosed with Reflux at 8 weeks and asthma at 4 months. Ian's medical journey kicked into high gear in May 2006, when he was hospitalized for a week due to his first noticed "blue" spell. Ian left the hospital with an NG feeding tube. And that was only the beginning. Ian may become a candidate for an intestinal transplant. Older brother Evan was diagnosed with AML Leukemia on July 1, 2008 and has had two bone marrow transplants. Children's Hospital of Wisconsin in Milwaukee has become a home away from home for the boys and there have been times when both boys were in-patients there at the same time. The Dustan family faces each new hurdle with an incredible amount of courage and strength. We are truly blessed to have them in our parish family and our lives. All profit from the flower Sale goes directly to the Dustan family. Donations without flower orders are also accepted.

Steve Kooyenga (landscape architect at Chalet) once again has selected stunning perennials and annuals for our flower sale. Orders and payments in checks made out to Annunciation, are due May 15th. Flowers can be picked up in the church hall on Friday, May 20 from 4-6 PM, and Saturday, May 21 from 10 AM until noon. Virginia Bosserman is the coordinator and can be reached at 847-212-7619 or ginsbox@yahoo.com. Molly Shumate can be reached at the church office Monday thru Thursday from 8 AM until noon at 847-336-3730 or parishadmin@annunciationgurnee.org. Sample photographs of the flowers and the order form are on display in the Narthex and at our flower website: www.annunciationflowers.com. Thank you for helping us assist the Dustan family.

WWW. Find Us Online!

Annunciation of Our Lady is getting hip! Check out these newest additions to social media:

Annunciation is now on FaceBook!

Find Youth Group at
<https://www.facebook.com/home.php#!/group.php?gid=24529788430>

Book Clubs can chat and stay in touch at https://www.facebook.com/home.php#!/home.php?sk=group_201230656562354

Annunciation has a home page at

<https://www.facebook.com/home.php#!/pages/The-Annunciation-of-Our-Lady-Episcopal-Church/140921642640636>

And, last but not least, if you haven't already, check out our updated website at

www.AnnunciationGurnee.org

Flower orders may be placed at www.AnnunciationFlowers.com

From the Editor

This is the first post-Lent issue of the Magnificat. Lent is a wonderful season of reflection and self-examination, but it's LONG.

This year, for the second year, I was privileged to take part in the Lenten program here at the church. It was a great opportunity for conversation and discussion. We spent time talking about the meaning of the Resurrection, the power and presence of evil in the world and the fickle nature of fate. I learned a great deal about both my faith and the faith of those around me.

We don't lack for faith here. It's bountiful and evident all around us. Sometimes, we lack the words or the opportunity to talk about it, which makes events like the Lenten programs that much more special. I'm very grateful for being able to participate.

I want to thank Rev. Kate for leading the evenings, for the moderators leading the discussion, and everyone, EVERYONE who took the time to come and to share their thoughts with the rest of us.

I look forward to next Lent.

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**Deadline for the
June/July
Magnificat is May
20th.
Please submit
articles to Ian Carr
ian@talkendo.info**

Senior Warden's Thoughts

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were adults and Vestry. Boy if only I knew this is what it takes to get more of our fine youth involved in activities at Annunciation! It was almost like they were "foaming at the lips" to begin the games.

For those of you who may not be as versed in the various nerf toys (as I was only a few days before), there is an entire aisle dedicated at Target with various weapons that eject a 3 inch foam dart. Needless to say this was a safe game to play. In our game if you were hit anywhere below the head you were "out" temporarily. While I will not bore you with all of the details I can say with pride that the Vestry along with Fr. Clyde, Rev. Kate, Ian Carr and Maria Westphal fought a tough battle. However, in the end the Youth Groups were victorious.

Afterwards we shared an excellent meal provided by the Westphal's and had an opportunity to spend time in fellowship with the Youth Groups. We informed them of what Vestry was all about and what our responsibili-

ties are to the church. We even had a few of the youth inquire about getting involved in the Vestry as a representative for the younger parishioners of our church. We then concluded our day with a Compline service in the Chapel where each attendee participates in a part of the service. What a wonderful experience for all that attended. My thanks go out to all of our adult leaders of the Youth groups and the time they spend to allow these events to take place.

You are probably wondering at this point why I am spending so much time talking about the youth at Annunciation. Even though I know it is cliché to say that they are the "Future of the Church", that is an absolutely true statement. I am encouraged by the level of involvement in Annunciation that our youth have demonstrated. One of the more visible events is Youth Sunday (this year is on May 15th) where our

younger parishioners participate throughout the entire service. What a great way for them to be involved in one of the most important aspects of the church.

There are a few other areas that our youth have also stepped forward to strengthen their involvement at Annunciation. As I mentioned previously there is a desire to have a youth group member as an official part of the Vestry team. This idea will be further discussed by the Vestry and presented to the Parish at our next Annual meeting in January, 2012. Additionally, there have been many "I will's" from the youth groups to assist with children's chapel, the Christmas Pageant and the children's choir. This is a perfect sign of the Holy Spirit working among us! God bless..

- Bill Hagan
Senior Warden



Think Pink!

I'd like to thank everyone at Annunciation for their continued support of my participation in the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer. So many of you have shared stories of your friends and family who have been affected with this disease. It gives me all the more motivation to keep training and raising funds to help fight this disease. With your support I am now within \$350 of meeting my fundraising goal. I am very excited! Although, I am praying for some sunshine because doing training walks inside Gurnee Mills is getting quite dull. I do get to wave to Clarissa Mellen some mornings when she is walking in the mall, too. The walk is June 4th and 5th along the lake front in Chicago. Again, praying for sunshine! I'll be sure to share some pictures after the walk is over. Thank you, thank you all so much! If you'd like to learn more, visit my site at http://info.avonfoundation.org/site/TR/Walk/Chicago?px=5629305&pg=personal&fr_id=2030

Thank you to the anonymous person who left adorable pink-ribbon ribbons on my desk!

Molly Shumate

From the Editor

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In more personal news, I recently had my hours (and thus my salary) cut at work. Business hadn't been heavy enough to justify keeping all the employees at their full-time rates. I wanted to spend a great deal of time bemoaning this turn of events. After some reflection, and with the help of my brilliant wife, I realize that this is both an opportunity and a challenge. I have the time now to pursue my photography, my schooling and to take a chance on exploring new careers. Best of all, I get to spend two more days during the week with Simon.

I don't know how much of this is God's doing or just the fickle finger of fate, but I do know that, with His help, I'll find a better place.



A farewell reception will be held for Rev. Kate on Sunday, May 29th following one service at 9:00 am. Maggie Attiyeh and Maria Westphal are coordinating this event.

May 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 FOOD PANTRY HE 8 & 10:00 am Sunrise 9:15 am Christian Ed 9:00 am Confirmation #4	2 Bible Study 10:00 am	3 Staff meeting 10:00 Book Study 7:00 pm CYT 4:30 – 8:30 pm Boy Scouts 7-8:30 pm	4	5 Men's Choir Practice 7:00 pm	6 CYT 4:30-9:30 pm	7 Building & Grounds 8:00 am Spring Clean-Up & Bar-B-Que
8 Mother's Day HE 8 & 10:00 am Sunrise 9:15 am Christian Ed 9:00 am Confirmation #5 Men's choir @ 10:00 No Youth Group	9 Bible Study 10:00 am	10 Staff meeting 10:00 Book Study 7:00 pm No CYT Boy Scouts 7-8:30 pm	11 Book Clubs East & West Potluck 6:00 pm	12 Choir Practice 7:00 pm	13 Youth Group Lock-in	14 Youth Group Lock-in
15 HE 8 & 10:00 am Youth Service 10:00 am Sunrise 9:15 am Christian Ed 9:00 am Confirmation #6 Youth service practice 5am Flower orders due!	16 Bible Study 10:00 am Final SIS 6:30 – 8:30 resumes in fall	17 Staff meeting 10:00 Book Study 7:00 pm Boy Scouts 7-8:30 pm	18	19 Choir Practice 7:00 pm PADS food prep 6:30 pm	20 PADS 3:00 pm cook, 5:30 deliver, 6:30 serve Magnificat articles due for June/July DuStan Fundraiser Plant Sale pick-up 4:00 – 6:00 pm	21 DuStan Family Fundraiser Plant Sale pickup 9:00 am – 12:00 pm Scrapbooking 10-10
22 HE 8 & 10:00 am Sunrise 9:15 am Last Day of Forum & Sunday School 9am	23 Bible Study 10:00 am Finance 7:00 pm	24 Staff meeting 10:00 Book Study 7:00 pm Boy Scouts 7-8:30 pm Cub Scouts 6- 8:00 pm	25 Knitting Group 7:00 pm Vestry 7:00 pm	26 Choir Practice 7:00 pm	27	28
29 HE 9:00 am only Sunrise 9:15 am Farewell Reception for Rev. Kate following service.	30 Memorial Day – Office Closed No bible study.	31 Summer Hours begin Staff meeting 11:00 am Boy Scouts 7-8:30 pm			Beginning the first Sunday of June, service time changes to 9:00 am. Sunday School & Adult Forum will resume in the fall. Summer office hours begin May 31 st Tues. – Thurs. 9:00 am – 12:00 pm	

May Birthdays



Carolyn Ryan	5/3	Anne Lawson	5/18
Andrea Lindblad	5/4	Jane Penticoff	5/20
Gracie Attiyeh	5/4	Ian Pocklington	5/20
Dorinda Ringhofer	5/5	Peter Danos	5/21
Dale Sander	5/8	Terry Stowell	5/22
Elizabeth Peterson	5/8	Lars Lukas	5/22
Ava Norwood	5/8	Rylan Dogadalski	5/22
Bailey Lindblad	5/11	Alexandra Adkins	5/23
Evan Dustan	5/11	Rich Ringhofer	5/24
Ken Peterson	5/12	Michael Modde	5/28
Barb Behmke	5/12	Brad Schwerman	5/28
Lucas Norwood	5/13	Logan Carrick	5/28
Anita Murrens	5/15	Jansen Lukas	5/30
Dennis Norwood	5/15	Janis Boyke	5/31
John Even	5/17	Molly Shumate	5/31
Will Hagan	5/17		

May Anniversaries

Ruth & Michael Chatlien	5/5	Mary & Tom Seppala	5/12
Linda & Tony Waynick	5/6	Kathleen Kuchta &	5/15
Marge & Chuck Hocking	5/8	Dennis Lehman	
Cindy & Geoff Pullinger	5/11	Sandi & Andy Hucker	5/18
		Marilyn & Tim Grant	5/22

Confirmation

Several of our parish youth are being confirmed this year. Please come out to support them. Services will be held at St. Ignatius in Antioch on Saturday, June 4th at 5:00 pm and at St. James Cathedral in Chicago on Saturday, June 11th at 11:00 am.

If your name should be on one of these lists, and it's not, please make a note on the Parish Administrator's clipboard in the office

From The Rector

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Second of all, with Rev. Kate's departure, I am well aware that her voice as a preacher will be sorely missed. I am committed as ever to continuing that cosmopolitan voice from the pulpit. I think that a variety of perspectives is a healthy thing for a parish and I am in the process of identifying some lay persons to join in the preaching rota. Our faith tradition values diversity and the ability to approach issues from multiple angles. I have always thought that our preaching offerings should reflect this strength in our communion.

These are my personal reflections from your conversations and have in many ways confirmed the direction that I am feeling from conversations and mediation on our direction as a community. I

am hungry for a deeper path and I very much want to take that path with others. There are also programs in the parish that are underutilized that can address some of the desire for spiritual growth. I encourage you to take advantage of the cycle of work and prayer that is exemplified in our worship, outreach and education offerings. These are all interactive, requiring your strength and openness to excel.

Thirdly, the vestry continues to digest the content of those Holy Conversations and will be using that information to assist them in focusing our programmatic energies. A final discussion will take place at our Vestry Mid-year retreat in early June whereupon we will communicate to the parish some of the

"take-aways" that have been gleaned from those conversations. As you can see, in each of our Magnificat editions since those conversations took place, valuable information about what we have heard has been shared with our community. Your leadership is very committed to listening to you and acting upon ways that we can be a more genuine community of faith. Thanks for your time and honesty in those conversations. We are truly finding our place as a people who can speak the truth in love as we seek the guidance from the Spirit of our Loving God.

May your Eastertide be blessed and may God become manifest in your daily living!

See you in Church,

Clyde+

May Events

Spring Clean-up & Bar- B-Que:

Saturday, May 7th weather permitting.

Clean-up contact Bill Attiyeh

attiyeh.m@comcast.net

B-B-Q contact Beth & Bill Hagan

bfenhag@aol.com or 847-855-8739.

Men's Choir – Sunday, May 8th 10:00 am.

Ron Lemke 847-265-1589

ronald-lemke@comcast.net.

Youth Group Lock -In - May 13 & 14.

Katie Perry perry.m.kathleen@gmail.com

Youth Sunday Service,

May 15th 10:00 am service,

Maggie Attiyeh attiyeh.m@comcast.net

Dustan Family Flower Sale Fundraiser

Orders due in by may 15th. Pick up flowers on May 20 & 21.

Virginia Bosserman ginsbox@yahoo.com

Farewell Reception for Rev. Kate

Sunday, May 29th, one service at 9:00 am

Maggie Attiyeh & Maria Westphal

Please note: May 22 is the final meeting of Sunday School & Adult Forum, which will resume in September. Beginning June 5, one summer service time at 9:00 am.

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