

MAGNIFICAT

PARISH NEWS FROM THE ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LADY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
NOVEMBER 2009

FROM YOUR RECTOR



After the New Year, we will be embarking on our storytelling journey within our parish. I am calling you to prepare for this process by asking everyone to think about life at Annunciation and how your life story intersects with the parish. What are some memories you have about Annunciation? Did you come seeking something? Did you have any particular interaction with someone that “hooked” you? What is a significant memory that you have about your experience of worship, fellowship or outreach?

It is my hope that these memories will cover the expanse of Annunciation’s existence. As we dig through our experiences and discover the history of our parish from an experiential perspective, the goal is to gain a better understanding of ourselves, what we bring to the life of the parish, and what stories or experiences connect us. I have asked the Education ministry team and a few other persons to assist me in creating a process by which we can share these stories together.

One aspect of the process will be video interviews of people telling a story. This is essentially the heart of the program: you telling your story. When I embark upon my Sabbatical this summer, the process should be well underway. Our first all-parish

retreat this spring will also highlight some time for interviews as well. I am hoping that we can do some group interactions as well as individual interviews. I foresee several useful byproducts that will come from our interviews. First will be a DVD of our stories that we can share with everyone. Second will be some nice promotional material focused upon our ministries that we are currently engaged in. Finally, I sincerely believe that we will have a heightened sense of our parish and its ministries in the past which will bring us to an understanding of ourselves now. That understanding can lead us in our continuing efforts to create mission and purpose as we move forward growing together.

In the end, this will be fun. We will be able to laugh at anecdotal stories and fondly remember people who touched our lives from this parish. I hope that you will engage yourself in this effort and volunteer a story or two when the interviews start. In the late winter, I will present a forum on the sabbatical proposal and how this story telling effort plays a part in that process. If you have any questions or if you feel that you would like to assist with the sabbatical process, please talk to me. I can also provide you with a copy of the sabbatical proposal for you to read. I look forward to sharing stories with you and discovering connections that we may have lost over the years. May God bless you richly!

See you in Church,

Fr. Clyde+

FROM THE VESTRY

Why Annunciation Means so Much to Me

A few weeks ago we had the opportunity to go to Vancouver to attend the wedding of our best man's daughter. The west coast is beautiful with the ocean, the mountains and evergreen forests and the city provides all kinds of interesting and enjoyable experiences. The wedding was perfect, the bride was stunning and the groom was beaming. We renewed acquaintances with people we hadn't seen in over 30 years, and we were thrilled to see again friends we have known for over 50 years. The holiday was perfect until the last day when our best man told us that his sister, our maid of honor and a lifelong friend, has terminal cancer. Amid our shock and sorrow I began to pray more intensely than I usually do that God would help our friend find peace in her dire situation.

I have been to several churches over the years, but it is really only since we have been at Annunciation that I have found that my faith has deepened and my relationship to God has grown. My strengthened belief is the rock that is helping me through this difficult time. At times like these I am deeply grateful to our priests and to the wonderful people in our parish, where I have found the courage to search more intentionally for God in my life.

-Deb Gallinger

Prayer of Self-Dedication

Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to you, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated unto you; and then use us, we pray you, as you will, and always to your glory and the welfare of your people; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen

CRAFT FAIR ALERT!



Our craft fair is Saturday, November 14, from 9:00 am until 4pm. Set up will be at 7:00am and we will have complementary coffee and bakery items. Kitchen help is always welcome as are items for the bake sale (proceeds go to the youth group). We are also going to have a table with items being raffled along with a PartyLite Candle fundraiser to raise money for the Dustan family. Sign-up sheets are posted in the Narthex but even if you don't sign up in advance, you can always come over and lend a hand. We have a nice selection of craft items so come on out and do some early holiday shopping. If you have any questions please contact Terry Kline or Virginia Bosserman (at 847-212-7619 ginsbox@hotmail.com)

GIVE THANKS!



Once again, Annunciation of Our Lady will hold a Morning Prayer service on Thanksgiving morning. Yes, a Thanksgiving service held on Thanksgiving Day... who ever heard of such a thing? It's actually a lovely way to sneak away from the hubbub for an hour and give thanks to God, from whom all blessings flow. Join us at 10:00 and by all means, bring your houseguests.

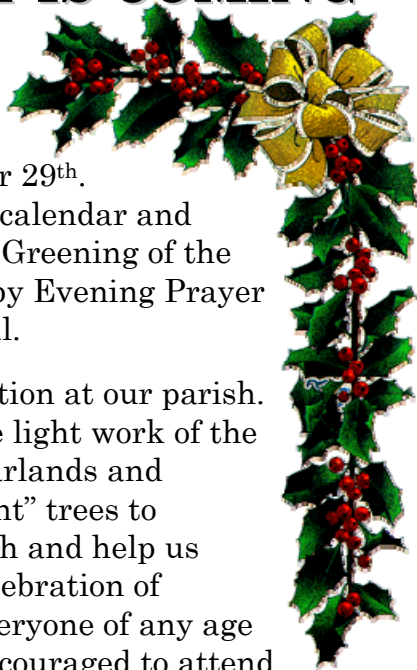
ADVENT IS COMING

Hard to believe,
isn't it?

Advent begins on
Sunday, November 29th.

Please mark your calendar and
plan to join in the Greening of the
Church, followed by Evening Prayer
and a potluck meal.

This is a fun tradition at our parish.
Many hands make light work of the
task of hanging garlands and
assembling "Advent" trees to
beautify the church and help us
prepare for the celebration of
Christ's birth. Everyone of any age
is welcome and encouraged to attend.



LAKE COUNTY UNITED

Lake County United will be holding their
Fall Assembly at Annunciation on
Wednesday November 11th from 7:00 p.m. till
8:30 p.m. The items that will be highlighted
are the continuing efforts to build a new
Winchester House in Libertyville, the
Waukegan to College program (a joint effort
by the Episcopal Charities Foundation, the
Lutheran counterpart of that agency and
Lake County United) and Reimaging Illinois
(an effort to address the budget and ethical
crisis in state government). The Lake
County Board rep for the Gurnee area, Steve
Carlson will be in attendance. Other
dignitaries invited but who have not
committed are Governor Pat Quinn and
Bishop Jeffrey Lee. Annunciation is a
member of Lake County United and the
Assemblies are ways to get a better
understanding of what this organization is
about as well as to find ways to engage
should these efforts to create a more just
society appeal to you. Please come out, ask
some questions find a place to get involved,
or just listen to the presentations.

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

50th ANNIVERSARY!



The Parish is invited to join Sandy and Dale
Sander as they renew their wedding vows.

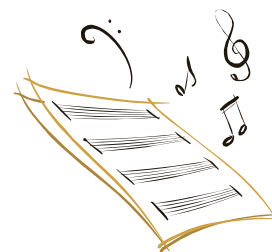
Saturday, November 28, 2009
10:00 A.M. Mass

Annunciation of Our Lady Episcopal Church

Luncheon will follow the service

If you are planning to attend the luncheon
please RSVP before November 20th at
san473@comcast.net or (847) 473-2373

BEAUTIFUL MUSIC & EVENSONG



Sunday, November 1st at
four o'clock in the
afternoon, Ron Lemke
and Carol Eads will be
offering a beautiful
selection of Mozart and
Bach music on piano and
organ. I have had the privilege of listening to
them practice for several weeks. It's a great
job perk and Ron & Carol are fabulous!
Evensong service will also be included.
Please make an effort to come out and
support Ron and Carol. I know you will enjoy
it as much as I have. They are so good when
they practice, I can't wait for the real
performance!
- Molly Shumate

PLMA FOOD DRIVE

On Tuesday, November 17th, we again have the opportunity to collect the left over trade show samples from the PLMA (Private Label Manufacturers Association) Trade Show at the Rosemont Convention Center. Last year, we were able to collect about 15-20 tons of items, which were subsequently distributed to 50 + organizations, i.e., food pantries, soup kitchens, women's shelter, etc. We have this opportunity again this year. The preliminary plan is for all volunteers to meet in Rosemont at 3:00 PM on the 17th. As always, *the main thing that is needed is manpower.* A total of 150 volunteers are needed to help out in Rosemont.

In addition, we have a *critical* need for volunteers to help with the unloading of trucks and the sorting of items. 40 people are needed to help on each of the following three days -Wednesday, 11/18, Thursday, 11/19 and Friday, 11/20. Women are definitely needed and welcome to help with these tasks, however, because much lifting of boxes/items is required, we could really use men to help with the unloading and moving at the 1-800-PACK-RAT warehouse in Gurnee.

Please let me know if you can participate on the 17th, 18th, 19th, or 20th and feel free to pass along this information to anyone you think may be interested in helping with this endeavor. Jack Craffey 847-840-3636.

MAGNIFICAT REMINDER

The next newsletter is a double issue for December and January. The deadline for submitting articles is November 20th. Due to the busy season, late articles will not be included. If you have an upcoming event during December and January, please be sure to get your article to Rev. Kate at knelledge@sbcglobal.net. Thank you!



LET'S CELEBRATE!

If you should be on this list, and you're not, please make a note on the Parish Administrator's clipboard in the office.

November Birthdays:

Gary Riemer	11/1
Steve Haworth	11/1
Cindy Even	11/1
Mark Johnson	11/2
Olivina Reza	11/3
Joe Jennings	11/3
Margaret Dohnalek	11/10
Kurt Schwerman	11/10
Alex Grant	11/15
Tom Christensen	11/18
Neil Reinhardt	11/20
Dick Siver	11/21
Tina Bosserman	11/21
Marian Whitcomb	11/25
Kathleen McKinnie	11/29
Phil Langhof	11/30

November Anniversaries:

Janis & John Boyke	11/16
Carolyn & Hugh Ryan	11/23
Angel & Chris Harold	11/26
Sandy & Dale Sander	11/28



Our mission is to know God and to make God known. Our office is open Monday – Thursday from 9-1. The vestry members who guide our church are:

Maggie Attiyeh, Senior Warden	
Rich Ringhofer, Junior Warden	
Deb Gallinger	Bill Hagan
Laura O'Connor	Greg Percival
Deb Rakestraw	Gary Riemer
Dale Sander	