

THE GOOD NEWS



A LETTER FROM FATHER BRIAN



Dear Ignatians ~

1. I hope you've been enjoying summer! Labor Day is just around the corner, and with it come lots of opportunities to resume our Christian Formation programs for all ages. With Paula Neville as our Vestry liaison, our Formation ministers this year include Chris Brown, Bill McElligott, Mike & Linda Mizwicki, Terry Hansen-Beno and myself. We hope you'll join us for these programs:

- For our littlest ones, we have a nursery during the 10:00 Service. Supervised toys, games, etc. for the children's enjoyment.
- For children ages 3-7 we offer *Godly Play*, a national, award winning curriculum telling the stories of the Bible in child friendly kid language.

What we hear in church at an adult level, they experience at a child level. The experience is led by Chris Brown, who has been trained in the *Godly Play* process. After hearing stories from the Old and New Testaments, the children get to play with figures from the stories. Week after week they have fun while they learn to love God, others – and the Bible.

Beginning Sunday, September 8th, *Godly Play* is from 9:00-9:45, after which time the children join their parents and the rest of our parish family in Church for the 10:00 Service. Chris and the children could benefit from an aide each week – volunteers can schedule themselves for the Sundays they will be available. Talk to Chris for particulars.

- For older children who can read, ages 8-11, Bill McElligott offers a unique "Explorers" 3-year program: Last year explored heroes and themes from the Old Testament; this year focuses on the New Testament, and next year the Early Church.

Beginning Sunday, September 8th, Bill's classes are also from 9:00-9:45, and are known to be fun and informative. He, too, could benefit from an aide. Talk to Bill if you are available to assist him.

- Linda Mizwicki will assist with the above programs.
- On the 1st Sundays of each month, Terry will work with the children, having them help her set up and serve the Coffee Hour following the 10:00 Service.
- Growing in our faith is a life-long process. In addition to these child friendly programs, we also offer a variety of Adult Formation opportunities. I enjoy small groups, and have already initiated:
 - 1st Saturday Breakfasts with the men of the parish at 9. (Sep. 7th we will return to Mauri's.)
 - 1st Sunday evening Vesper Services at 6;
 - 1st Monday Worship Committee meetings;
 - 1st Wednesday group studying the 1st century "Letters of St. Ignatius" at 6:30;
 - Will begin a 2nd Wednesday 6:30 group to work with me on my study project for the College for Congregational Development: "How we invite, greet, orient, and incorporate friends and neighbors into the life of St. Ignatius";
 - 3rd Wednesday "Story Time" for children and parents from 6-7; and
 - 4th Wednesday "Home Masses" at 6:30 – presently seeking "host homes" for the Fall.
- In May I attended the 1st of 6 quarterly day-long "Fresh Start" programs at the diocesan offices for clergy who are new in the diocese;
- In June I attended the 7-day "College for Congregational Development" (summer 1 of 2) at Loyola's Retreat Campus in Woodstock;
- And in July I attended a 2½-day "Anti-Racism Training" in Chicago, required for all priests serving in the diocese.

3. It has been a great summer! Convinced that *"We never out-grow the need to grow in our faith"* and that *"As adults we have so much that we can learn from and with one another,"* I look forward to partnering with you in pursuing these and other yet to be determined programs as we "continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers" (*BCP 304*).

Reminder: I can always be reached at (920) 904-7025 or brian.beno51@gmail.com. I'm never farther than your phone or computer. I'm your priest, and I'm here for you.

BTW: Did you know the name "Ignatius" comes from the same root word as our English word "Ignite"? Time to re-ignite our faith in the service of God and God's people!

Fr. Brian

Now I am also eager to begin working with an on-going Sunday morning group from 9:00-9:45. If you are interested, meet with me in my office on Sunday, September 8th at 9:00 and we'll brainstorm what you might be interested in our studying together this year.

2. Up-date: This summer I worked on the Diocese's requirements for licensing priests in parish ministry:

Church leaders urge Episcopalians to strive for peace in wake of massacres in Texas, Ohio

By David Paulsen

[Episcopal News Service] Episcopal bishops are speaking out in the aftermath of back-to-back mass shootings in Texas and Ohio, offering prayers, conveying the grief of their dioceses and hoping for a future when American life will no longer be plagued by such sudden bursts of deadly gun violence.

“Jesus said blessed are the peacemakers, and we in the church are called to make peace in our neighborhoods and with our young people,” Diocese of the Rio Grande Bishop Michael Hunn said in an online video reacting to the Aug. 3 massacre of 20 people at a Walmart in El Paso, Texas.

A 21-year-old man has been arrested in the killings and is suspected of posting a racist, anti-immigrant manifesto online before opening fire.

“My heart is heavy this morning with the tragic shootings yesterday in El Paso and last night in Dayton,” Southern Ohio Bishop Tom Breidenthal said in a Facebook post on Aug. 4, hours after a gunman opened fire in an entertainment district in Dayton. Police shot and killed the gunman, a 25-year-old man, whose motive wasn’t immediately clear.

Breidenthal, while offering prayers for the victims and those affected by the shootings, lamented that this was the second time in a year that his diocese was in mourning after a mass shooting in one of its cities. An attack in September left three victims dead and two others wounded in Cincinnati.

“Please join me in praying for an end to the epidemic of hate and violence that is sweeping our country,” he said.

Hunn and Breidenthal are part of Bishops United Against Gun Violence, a network of nearly 100 Episcopal bishops that formed in the wake of two high-profile mass shootings in 2012, at a Sikh temple in Wisconsin and at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Connecticut. The bishops’ mission has taken on a

greater sense of urgency amid the growing national alarm at subsequent tragedies.

The Bishops United’s Litany in the Wake of a Mass Shooting was updated on Aug. 4 and now remembers the victims of 43 shootings since 2012.

Connecticut Bishop Ian Douglas read the litany in a Facebook video after the El Paso and Dayton shootings, noting that Aug. 5 marks seven years since the Sikh temple shooting.

“This litany is a prayer offered for all the mass shootings, all the victims of mass shootings since Bishops United Against Gun Violence has come together,” Douglas said.

Douglas and other leaders of Bishops United planned to discuss a further response to the recent shootings later Aug. 5, after attention was focused in the morning on a statement read by President Donald Trump from the White House.

“We ask God in heaven to ease the anguish of those who suffer, and we vow to act with urgent resolve,” Trump said in his 10-minute remarks.

The president also forcefully denounced racism and hatred, saying neither has a place in America, and he enumerated four potential policy responses – their focuses included violent video games and mental illness – that could reduce the “barbaric slaughters” he said were carried out by “mentally ill monsters.”

Trump avoided calling for any substantial gun safety reforms, and it remains to be seen whether the shock of the recent violence will push the needle in Washington further toward such legislation. As the list of mass shootings has increased, legislative remedies have gone nowhere in Congress.

The Episcopal Church’s General Convention has passed numerous resolutions over the years calling for tighter gun laws. A resolution passed in 2015 included calls for universal criminal background checks for gun purchases, a ban on military-style assault weapons and high-capacity magazines, tougher enforcement against gun trafficking and requirements that gun owners be trained in gun safety. In 2018, bishops and deputies passed a new resolution recognizing gun violence as a public health issue.

With the recent focus on tragedies in El Paso and Dayton, Episcopalians churchwide have joined in mourning the victims of the recent shootings. Chicago Bishop Jeffrey Lee issued a statement on Facebook in which he prayed “for the strength and commitment to stand up against the corrosive power of hateful speech and the insanity of all too available guns.” Bishop Sean Rowe, who leads the dioceses of Northwestern Pennsylvania and Western New York, sent a letter to both urging Episcopalians not to give up hope.

“I invite you to pray in response to these evil acts – not as a substitute for action, but as a precursor to it,” Rowe said.

Arizona Bishop Jennifer Reddall was among the speakers Aug. 4 at a vigil for gun violence victims in Phoenix.

“You cannot be a white supremacist and be a Christian,” Reddall said, according to the Arizona Republic’s coverage of the event. “You cannot love Jesus and hate your neighbor. And if you say you do, you’re wrong.”

And while people of faith pray, Reddall called on politicians to do more than pray. “I want you to do your job, which is to act,” she said.

– David Paulsen is an editor and reporter for Episcopal News Service. He can be reached at dpaulsen@episcopalchurch.org.



4TH ANNUAL CHUCK LARSON MEMORIAL GOLF FORE THE HUNGRY

Sunday, August 25th at 2:00 p.m.

9-hole scramble and BBQ at Spring Valley Country Club

Cost: \$55 per golfer or \$200 per foursome

Includes golf, cart, and dinner

Meal only: \$15/person

All proceeds will be donated to The Sharing Center & Open Arms Mission

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BIRD TECHS NEEDED



The WISILL Hunting Retriever Club, of which Bill McElligott and Bill Malinow are members, is looking for help this year at its 2019 Fall International Grand Hunt Test at Richard Bong State Recreation Area in Kansasville, WI from **9/9 – 9/13/19**. A bird tech operates a “bird winger” which is a big slingshot that launches a duck into the air which the dogs will retrieve. A fun day outdoors watching the best retrievers in the world.

For more information contact Bill McElligott

FALL SCHEDULE

To reiterate a portion of Father Brian’s letter above, please note that beginning September 8, there will be a bit of a change in they way things have been done in the recent past here at St. Ignatius. The Sunday Schedule is changing after consultation with those who attend the early Service. Services will be held at **8:00 a.m.** and **10:00 a.m.** – School Year Schedule, and 7:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. - Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend. Formation, youth and adult, will be from **9:00 – 9:45 a.m.**

SAVE THE DATES

Tuesday 8/13: **Formation Committee @ 6:30 p.m.**

Wednesday 8/14: **Adult Formation @ 6:30 p.m.**

Sunday 8/18 - **Vestry meeting @ 11:30 a.m.**

Wednesday 8/21 - **Story Time - 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.**

Sunday 8/25 - **Golf Fore the Hungry @ 2:00 p.m.**

Tuesday 8/27 - **Patio/Home Mass** hosted by Jack & Kathy Fields (this event will return to 4th Wed. in Sept.)

Sunday 9/1 - **Vespers @ 6:00 p.m.**

Saturday 9/7 – **Men’s Breakfast at Mauri’s @ 9:00 a.m.**

Saturday 9/7 – **Tri-Parish Gathering to Honor “9/11” @ 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.**

Sunday 9/8 – **Formation classes begin @ 9:00 – 9:45 a.m.**

Wednesday 9/11 – **Adult Formation @ 6:30 p.m.**

Sunday 9/15 - **Quarterly parish meeting & picnic** following 10:00 service

Monday 9/16 – **Worship Committee @ 6:30 p.m.**

Wednesday 9/18 – **Story Time 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.**

Wednesday 9/25 – **Home Mass** (location TBD) @ 6:30 p.m.

Saturday 9/28 – **Fall Feast** (more information to come)

KID’S CORNER



Miss Emmy’s Mysterious Visitor **By Nancy McConnell**

Miss Emmaline Jane Penelope Brown lived in a little white cottage on the edge of a golden field. Every morning she drank a cup of tea in front of her picture window in her most comfy chair. Miss Emmy liked to watch the birds at her many feeders.

One day, while Miss Emmy sat knitting, a goldfinch knocked on her windowpane.

“What do you want, pretty bird?” Miss Emmy said, as she watched him flitting around her window. She smiled to herself, washed her teacup, and went to the market.

The next morning Miss Emmy was startled by another tap at her window. The goldfinch cocked his head to one side and looked at her with one bright black eye.

“Do you want to come in for some tea?” she asked him. But the goldfinch flew off without an answer.

“If that bird comes again, I must give him a name,” she said to her cat Rosie, who was curled up at her feet.

“I will call him Lunch,” thought Rosie.

Sure enough, the little golden bird tapped on Miss Emmy’s window again the next morning. Miss Emmy called him Chip. Chip flapped his wings against the glass. He hooked his tiny toes into the screen and peered into the house.

Miss Emmy began to worry. “What does he want?” she wondered. She was so worried that her usually busy knitting needles lay still on the half-finished yellow baby blanket she was knitting.

The next day Miss Emmy went to visit Mr. Morris who knew quite a lot about birds.

“What could he possibly want?” she asked Mr. Morris. “I am afraid he is going to hurt himself.”

“It does sound like odd behavior,” Mr. Morris said. “Let me come and take a look.”

So, Mr. Morris went home with Miss Emmy. They sat in front of her big window by the birdfeeders. Before too long Chip was there, tapping at the window. Mr. Morris watched for quite a while. Then he said a most surprising thing.

“Why don’t you let him in?”

Miss Emmy quivered. “Let him in? Really Mr. Morris, how silly you are.”

Miss Emmy felt very annoyed. What an absurd idea. But she continued to worry more and more as each day passed and Chip tapped and tapped on the window. Then finally one day, Chip did not come. Miss Emmy waited for Chip and he did not come. That night Miss Emmy couldn’t sleep.

“You silly woman,” she said to herself as she tossed in her bed. “First you worried when he came and now you worry when he doesn’t.”

The next morning, while Miss Emmy was making her tea, she heard a familiar tap-tap.

“Chip!” she said, delighted to see the little golden bird hanging on the ledge. “I missed you yesterday. Where were you?”

At that moment Miss Emmy made up her mind. But first, arrangements had to be made. Miss Emmy took Rosie to the neighbors.

“Rats,” thought Rosie.

Then carefully she removed the screen from her window. She opened it wide and sat down in her big comfy chair to wait. While she waited, she worked on her knitting.

A fluttering noise made Miss Emmy look up. On her windowsill perched Chip, as bright and golden as the sun. He turned one black eye on her and let out a sharp chirp. Then with a graceful bounce and a swirl of feathers he flew in through the window and landed on her knitting basket. His bright feathers matched the yellow yarn perfectly. With a few quick movements of his head he pulled off a mouth full of fluff from the nearest ball of wool. Then he hopped off the basket, flew to the windowsill and was gone.

The next morning Miss Emmy put her knitting basket outside by the back door. She put on her oldest boots and waited to see what would happen. Before too long Chip flew in and perched on the basket. He helped himself to a mouthful of yellow wool. Opening the door quickly she followed Chip as he flew across her yard. He was easy to spot with his bright yellow feathers and his bright yellow fluff. She made her way to the far edge of her yard and then she lost sight of him. Miss Emmy sighed and was about to return to the house when her eye caught something bright in the yoke of a nearby tree. She moved closer until she saw the prettiest little nest perched in the crook of the tree. The nest was made of grass, twigs, leaves, mud and bright yellow yarn. Miss Emmy stood on tiptoes and peered inside. Surrounded by a small mound of yellow fluff lay two perfect little blue eggs. Then Miss Emmy saw Chip, sitting on a nearby branch. The bird looked at her with a bright eye, and Miss Emmy was pretty sure *she* was saying thank you.



Fun facts about goldfinches

Did you know that...

1. Goldfinch male and females both develop the same color so it’s hard to tell them apart.
2. Goldfinch eggs are light blue.
3. That the female weaves the nest so tight using spider web silk that it can be filled with water unless she shields their abode with her wings.

Joke

Q: How do you catch a unique bird?

A: Unique up on it.

Q: How do you catch a tame bird?

A: The tame way, unique up on it!

LAST BUT NOT LEAST



Here's a fun recipe for those summer get-togethers. I've made it sand pails, flowerpots, and individual cups for the kids. I refer to this recipe as:

DIRT CAKE

1/2 cup butter (softened)
1 cup powdered sugar
8 oz cream cheese (softened)
1 large pkg. vanilla instant pudding
3 cups milk
12 oz. Cool Whip
1 lb. 4 oz. Oreos

Cream together butter and powdered sugar. Add cream cheese – mix until incorporated. In a separate bowl, prepare pudding with milk, per package directions. Combine both mixtures with Cool Whip. Crush Oreos in blender or by placing in baggie and hitting with hammer or meat mallet.

Layer pudding mixture with crushed Oreos (several layers), ending with Oreos. Place gummy worms on top or artificial flowers.

ENJOY! *Faye Nash*