

THE GOOD NEWS

August 2021

St. Ignatius of Antioch
Episcopal Church
Walking in love as Christ taught us



A LETTER FROM FR. BRIAN

Dear Ignatians ~

At a recent Vestry meeting, our co-warden, Nancy, said “I want our family *back*.” She was referring to our St. Ignatius Parish Family.

While we are forever grateful for God’s blessings in the past, it will never be March 2020 again. Our “*new*” normal will not be a return to our “*old*” normal. It’s for us to build on the present to discover God’s “*new*” normal for us.

While I resonate with Nancy’s sentiment, “our family” was never *gone*, we were just dispersed. And thanks to zoom and my trusty laptop, we never missed a Sunday.

In recent months we’ve gone from the majority of our Sunday worshipers attending via zoom, to a return to the vast majority of our Sunday worshipers attending in-person once again. Thank God! And thank you!

That said, although we’re back, things are different. Part of our “*new*” normal (and for a lot of congregations like ours) will be discovering how to be a *hybrid* church – offering ministry accessible both in-person and via zoom. (Now that we have the ability to reach out to our homebound and those otherwise unable to join us in-person on Sundays, we will not close off the option allowing them to join us on Sundays.)

Yet I know what Nancy means. Even though well attended, we are still scattered among three services – Sunday 8am & 10am (in-person & zoom), and Wednesday 6pm (“on the patio”). I’m the only one who gets to see everyone. It’s almost a theological and historic statement to say, “We must look beyond the empty pews to see those who came before and those who will come after us.”

Now is an opportune moment for us to make a concerted effort to *re-build* our Sunday Family gathering:

Worship: We’ve gone along informally week-to-week, but maybe now is when we can begin to re-

organize ourselves a bit. Part of being family is everyone pitching in to take care of the family's business. And part of our being fully open (whether with masks or without depending on the path Covid takes), good worship invites you to step forward once again as:

Sacristans
Greeters
Crucifers
Lectors
Gift Bearers
(Ushers, Acolytes and Chalice Bearers
are still down the road)

Additionally, we are recruiting members to operate and monitor the zoom at each Sunday morning Eucharist.

Fellowship: During the darkest days of Covid, we offered opportunities to keep-connected-while-distanced with "Zoom Fellowship" on Sunday and Wednesday evenings and holidays.

Back in May we brought in-person Fellowship back after services on First Sundays. We are now offering Fellowship both on First and Third Sundays – providing not only an opportunity linger and visit, but also offering wrapped snacks and bottled beverages. Do stay for our Sunday "Family Times." (We should also think about re-organizing kitchen helpers.)

The Vestry also has a special Family Celebration in the works. Stay tuned for that announcement in about a month!

Outreach: I delight to observe that our Outreach Ministry has probably never been stronger (in spite of Covid)! Not only has our Resale Shop continued to offer its bargains throughout, but our "Ministries of the Month" have provided an especially wonderful opportunity for all of us to participate in our outreach – each month a different cause, providing our assistance with their services to our much wider community.

I thank our Shop's workers and patrons. And I thank all of you for your participation in our "Missions of the Month," and our outreach committee for their leadership and organization. Our Outreach ministry is being recognized and appreciated within the community, and it is becoming a signature witness of our service to the Lord's people throughout the area. God bless you all!

Formation: We never outgrow our need for Adult Faith Formation and Life-Long Learning. Year round we have, are, and will continue to offer "mini-courses" on a variety of biblical, spiritual, and contemporary topics – mostly on topics you suggest, and occasionally on topics of special interest to me. We've tried different times and days, and Wednesday evenings seem to generally be the most convenient time. (And if you have a Formation topic in mind, let me know.)

Please continue to read this monthly Newsletter, and just as importantly check your e-mail every Thursday for my weekly E-Announcements for up-to-date information.

Pandemic or not, God has great plans for us, and we are experiencing them together as a Parish Family. We may be small in size, but we are mighty in faith! (I am attaching an up-dated Daily Parish Family Prayer List in this Newsletter. Please pray for one another by name on their days each month – if we are connected through the Lord, we are never disconnected from one another.)

Speaking personally, it has been and continues to be a true blessing for me to be your parish priest at this time in our Parish Family's history. For this blessing I am truly grateful.

And remember, the word *history* is made up of two words: "His story!"

For all that has been – Thanks!
For all that can be – Yes!

~Fr. Brian

St. Ignatius' Parish Family Daily Prayer List
(Updated: Summer 2021)



- 01 16 Fr. Brian Beno & Terry Hansen-Beno
Simone Bernett
Bob & Pat Billimack
- 02 17 Jim & Patty Bletsch
Brian & Jennifer Bodden
(Ryan, Leona, & Abigail)
Mike & Chris Brown (Nick)
- 03 18 Clare Coleman
Warren & Diane Cinnick
Felix & Kathleen Cizewski
- 04 19 Mike & Jan Culat
Merv & Mary Ann Daehler
Tim & Karen Donahue
- 05 20 Bonnie Ebler
Mike & Cathy Ehlers
Jack & Kathy Fields
- 06 21 Keith & Renee Garrett
Jim & Heidi George
(Meg, Robyn & Chris)
Lillian Golonka
- 07 22 Jim & Sue Hallwas
Mildred Hamlin
Mary Haviland
- 08 23 Carol Hawkins
Ernie & Kathy Kraak
Gary & JoAnne Kriens (Gary)

- 09 24 Dean Kuhlmeier
Joan Larson
Kathy Lenzey
- 10 25 Bill & Linda Malinow
David & Tami McCollough
Doug & Nancy McConnell (Chris)
- 11 26 Bill & Donna McElligott (Jennifer)
Brian Mielke
Fred & Leuchatta Miller
- 12 27 Mike & Linda Mizwicki
(Mandi, Katelynn & Johnny)
Greg & Jennifer Nelson
(Adain & Abby)
Clay & Paula Neville
- 13 28 Liza Simon Roper
Fr. Bob & Carol Seay
Bob & Lois Severson (Jean)
Roger & Carolyn Van Patten
- 14 29 Mike & Dawn Walker
Ken & Carol Ward
Larry & Diane Ward
Lisa Wernli
- 15 30 Those who came before us
Those who will come after us



Outreach Summary

July's Mission of the Month was Lake County Haven. The Haven provides shelter to homeless women and children in addition to assistance in securing permanent housing, job skills and educational opportunities. Your generous donations enabled St. Ignatius to donate over 60 items to the Haven. These included complete twin comforter/sheet sets, mops, wax/foil paper, sponges, paper towels, toilet paper, razors and shaving cream, dishwasher detergent and pillow cases. The Haven's Development Coordinator Heidi

Schrage and Volunteer Coordinator Jeff Lyall extended their appreciation and thanks to St. Ignatius, not only for the donations provided but for our “Fine example of community outreach”.



WE NEED YOUR BOOKS, GAMES AND GREETING CARDS!

August 11th through August 14th from 10:00a.m. to 2:00p.m. St. Ignatius and the Hillcrest Elementary School Booster Club will be partnering to host a “good as new” books, games and greeting card sale. Half the proceeds will go to Hillcrest teachers to fund classroom items not covered in their budget. The other half will go toward future Outreach ministry efforts. Thanks to all who donated in June and July. A large box for your donation is located in the church social hall. Please bring donations to church on Sundays or to the church office Monday-Thursday 9:00-12 noon, or call Jenn at the church office if you or someone you know needs to arrange a pick up. (847) 395-0652.

We will be collecting the following items through August 8th:

- Gently used or never used **books** for all ages
- Gently used or never used **board & boxed games**
- Never used **Christmas cards**
- Never used blank or messaged **greeting cards**



-Outreach Committee

GOD’S WILL RESALE SHOP

August Special:

50% off **YELLOW** sticker items!

Big Anniversary Sale

August 11th -14th!

Raffle Tickets Available!



6th Annual Chuck Larson Memorial
Golf Fore The Hungry on Aug. 29th
Spring Valley Country Club
23913 Wilmot Rd.
9 Hole Scramble and BBQ

Volunteers Needed

Please call Sheri at 847-707-6905



Any questions call the shop at 224-321-4475

Let's Celebrate!



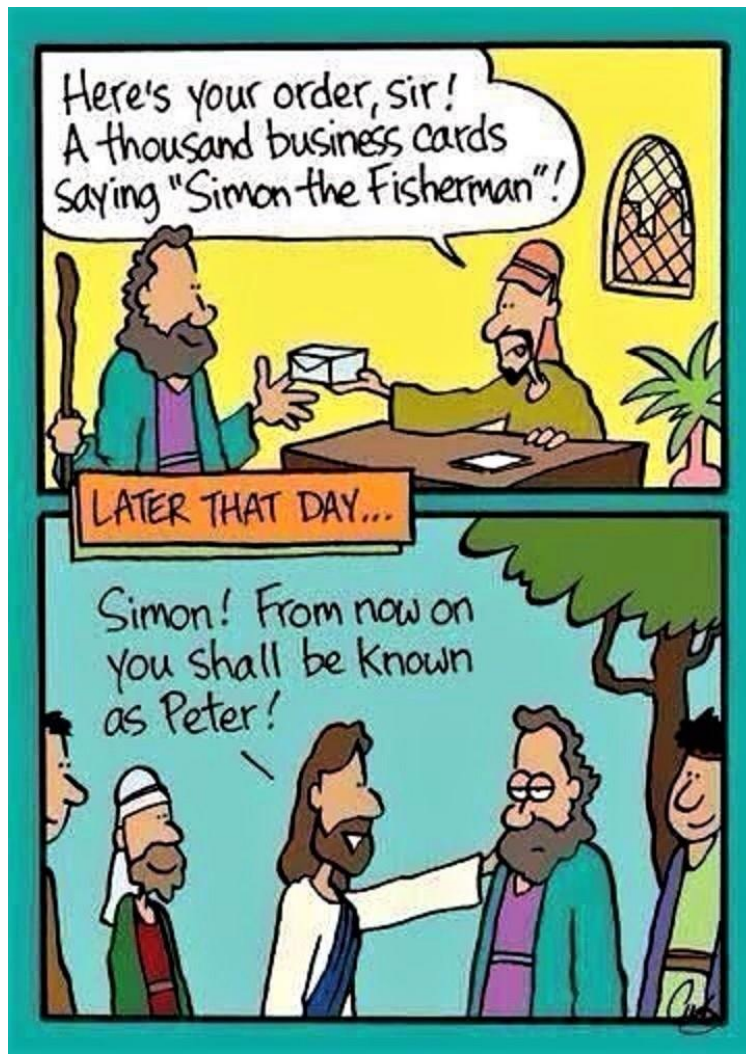
August Birthdays

8/02 - Kathleen Cizewski
8/03 - Jennifer Nelson
8/06 - Linda Malinow
8/10 - Carol Ward
8/13 - Merv Daehler
8/13 - Doug McConnell
8/25 - Clare Coleman

COMEDY CORNER



"Heavenly Father, look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life." (BCP, p830, #50)



August Wedding Anniversaries

8/13 - Merv & Mary Ann Daehler

August Wedding Congratulations

8/28 - Rebecca McConnell & Thomas Guerrero

"O God, send your blessing upon your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their lives together may witness to your love, and their home be a haven of blessing and peace." (BCP, p431)



BOOKS, GAMES, & GREETING CARDS SALE!

August 11 - 14th

10am - 2pm

ST. IGNATIUS CHURCH
500 DEPOT ST.
ANTIOCH

*Large assortment of new & used books, games, and cards...
Proceeds help support Hillcrest Elementary Booster Club!*