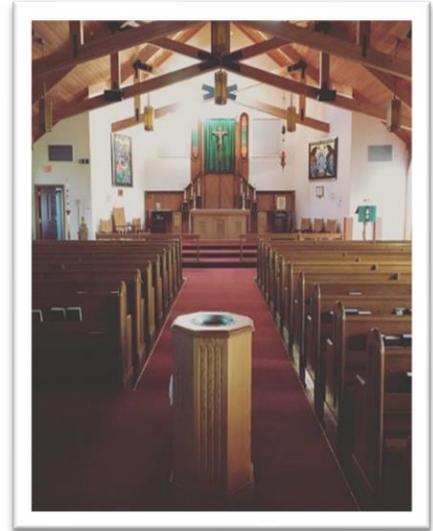


THE GOOD NEWS

February 2021

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



A LETTER FROM FR. BRIAN

Dear Ignatians ~

On Jan. 26th we were notified by the Diocese that “congregations in Tier 1 may resume in-person worship and other gatherings with up to 25 persons or 25% capacity whichever is less.” So:

1. **Welcome back to in-person worship (and zoom, too)!** Unless something dramatic will happen, we are now open to in-person worship at both 8 & 10am Sunday mornings. 25 worshipers at 25% of our building’s capacity serves us well. At the same time, we will continue to zoom both Sunday services for those who are not comfortable joining us in-person at this time.
2. **Drive-Up Communion:** During January we tested the appropriateness of “Drive-Up Communion.” It seems to address a spiritual void, and will be offered on 1st & 3rd Sundays – during Lent on Feb. 7 & 14, Mar. 7 & 14, and on Easter Sunday, Apr. 4th (after which we will evaluate the benefit of the practice for you).

I feel the pastoral need to offer this as your priest because it has been a long time since some of you have had the opportunity to physically receive Communion, and I’m concerned that you might acquire a “spiritual malnutrition.” As Episcopalians we’re accustomed to having access to weekly Communion. As we well know, Covid has affected many areas of our lives, including your access to Communion.

To participate in “Drive-Up Communion,” I request that you first watch the zoom service at 8 or 10, and then come for Communion at 9 or 11 – so receiving Communion is within the context of the Sunday Eucharist.

After viewing the zoom service, phone me at (920) 904-7025 to let me know you’re on your way, and I will meet you at our bell tower. Just drive-up and remain in your car (wearing your masks). Lower your window

when I approach. We'll briefly chat, pray the Lord's Prayer together, then I will offer you Holy Communion and bless you.

3. **Annual Meeting:** Sun., Feb. 14th is our Annual Meeting. (Although I previously announced that we would have one zoom service that Sunday at 9, followed by a zoom Annual Meeting. That has changed now, due to our churches being re-opened for in-person worship.)

Sun., Feb. 14th we will have our regular 8 & 10am Eucharists for both in-person and zoom worship. And at 9am we will have a zoom Annual Meeting.

As part of my Thu., Feb. 11th E-Announcements, I will attach the Minutes from last year's Annual Meeting, our warden and liaison Reports, and other material. Kindly read these items before the meeting.

It's ideal, as in year's past, to have this meeting with everyone present in-person. While we've learned that *worship* works with some present in-person and others present via zoom, *meetings* are more interactive in nature. We've learned at vestry meetings that it's problematic when several are in-person and others zoom. And since more will be apt to attend if everyone zooms versus fewer being able to attend if we limit ourselves to in-person only attendance: for this year, zooming appears to be our better option for a good overall group experience. Please join us!

During the Meeting, after approving the Minutes and Reports you will have received in advance, we will have a 2021 Budget presentation by Kathy Kraak our treasurer, and we will thank our retiring vestry members and welcome our new members. The meeting will be relatively brief due to the 10am in-person and zoomed Eucharist.

4. **Ash Wednesday:** Word Services (non-Eucharistic) will be offered on Ash Wed., Feb. 17th at noon and at 6pm for both in-person and zoom worship. Ashes will be offered during both services, however, during Covid, the recommended method of distribution is "sprinkling the blessed ashes over your heads" with the words, "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

"Drive-Up Ashes" for zoomers? On Ash Wed., *after* viewing the zoom service at noon or 6pm, the procedure will be the same as "Drive-Up Communion": Phone me at (920) 904-7025 to let me know you're on your way, and I will meet you at our bell tower. Drive up, remain in your car (wearing your masks), and lower your window when I approach. We'll pray and then I'll sprinkle ashes over your head and bless you.

5. **Wednesday "Way of the Cross":** Wed., Feb. 24, Mar. 3, 10, 17 & 24 we will zoom "The Way of the Cross" at 6pm. While walking to each of the stations is tradition, keeping *social distance* will make this practice unrealistic – so we will zoom. *As part of my Thu., Feb. 18th E-Announcements*, I will attach "The Way of the Cross" texts as an attachment.

You can print the 16 pages of text that we will use each week if you wish, otherwise I will "screen share" the texts as we pray them. (Just before we begin each evening, I will ask for volunteers to read the meditation that goes with each Station.) Technology will allow us to share this traditional Lenten devotion "with others while distanced."

6. **Day-by-Day Lenten Prayer:** Each day during Lent you are asked to please pray by name for one of our parish households. Believing in the power of prayer to "do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine"

(Ephesians 3:20), I suggest a word of prayer at noon and again at 6pm each day, and perhaps following-up with an encouraging e-mail, or phone call, or a comment “I prayed for you” the next time you see them.

Note: The full Day-by-Day Lenten Prayer List is listed below. Please clip, save, post, and pray!

Each year I say “Happy Lent!” with complete seriousness. Lent is not meant to be a gloomy season, and how could it be if we’re going to grow closer to the Lord? And what’s especially nice is that we get to do it together!

So, see you in-person or on zoom,
or by phone or e-mail.

Let’s keep Lent holy . . . and happy.

And let’s hold one another in prayer.

PS: If you do not receive my weekly Thursday E-Announcements and would like to: E-mail me at brian.beno51@gmail.com.

~ Fr. Brian



Day-by-Day Lenten Prayer List



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Week beginning with Ash Wednesday

Wed, Feb 17 Fr. Brian Beno & Terry Hansen-Beno
Thu, Feb 18 Brian & *Jennifer Boddin, and
Ryan, Leona & Abigail
(*Jenn is our Office Coordinator)
Fri, Feb 19 Jim & Patty Bletsch
Sat, Feb 20 Mike & Chris Brown, and Nick

First Week of Lent

Sun, Feb. 21 Clare Coleman
Mon, Feb 22 Warren & Diane Cinnick
Tue, Feb 23 Felix & *Kathleen Cizewski
(*Kathleen is our Organist)

Wed, Feb 24 Mike & Jan Culat
Thu, Feb 25 Merv & Mary Ann Daehler
Fri, Feb 26 Tim & Karen Donhue
Sat, Feb 27 Bonnie Ebler

Second Week of Lent

Sun, Feb 28 Mike & Cathy Ehlers
Mon, Mar 1 Gail Fields
Tue, Mar 2 Jack & Kathy Fields
Wed, Mar 3 Keith & Renee Garrett

Thu, Mar 4 Jim & Heidi George, and
Meg, Robyn & Chris
Fri, Mar 5 Lillian Golonka
Sat, Mar 6 Jim & Sue Hallwas

Third Week of Lent

Sun, Mar 7 Mildred Hamlin
Mon, Mar 8 Carol Hawkins
Tue, Mar 9 Brian & Jillian Henley
Wed, Mar 10 Ernie & Kathy Kraak
Thu, Mar 11 Gary & JoAnne Kriens, and Gary
Fri, Mar 12 Dean Kuhlmeier
Sat, Mar 13 Joan Larson

Fourth Week of Lent

Sun, Mar 14 Bill & Linda Malinow
Mon, Mar 15 David & Tami McCollough
Tue, Mar 16 Doug & Nancy McConnell, and Chris
Wed, Mar 17 Bill & Dona McElligott, and Jennifer
Thu, Mar 18 Brian Mielke
Fri, Mar 19 Mike & Linda Mizwicki, and
Mandi, Katelynn & Johnny
Sat, Mar 20 Greg & Jennifer Nelson, and
Adain & Abby

Fifth Week of Lent

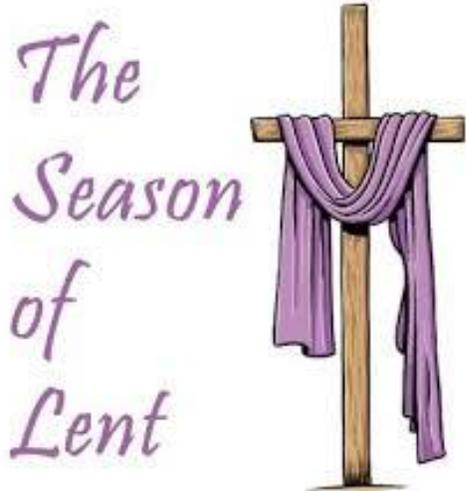
Sun , Mar 21 Clay & Paula Neville
 Mon, Mar 22 Liza Simon Roper
 Tue, Mar 23 Fr. Bob & Carol Seay
 Wed, Mar 24 Roger & Carolyn Van Patten
 Thu, Mar 25 Mike & Dawn Walker
 Fri, Mar 26 Ken & Carol Ward
 Sat, Mar 27 Larry & Diane Ward

Holy Week

Sun, Mar 28 Paula Clark (to be our 13th Bishop,
 and the clergy and members of the
 Diocese of Chicago
 Mon., Mar. 29 Michael Curry (27th Presiding Bishop),
 and the Episcopal Church U.S.A.
 Tue., Mar. 30 Justin Welby (105th Archbishop of
 Canterbury), and the Worldwide
 Anglican Communion
 Wed., Mar. 31 Joe Biden (46th President), the
 Congress and the Courts
 Thu, Apr 1 First responders and front line workers
 Fri, Apr 2 Covid patients, families and friends
 Sat, Apr 3 All of our departed loved ones

Easter

Sun, Apr 4 All of our living loved ones



January Outreach Summary



The recipient of our outreach program for January was The Sharing Center in Trevor, WI.

Parishioners donated a total of 103 items including flour, sugar, and cat food to the center.

For this month we will be collecting pasta, jelly, cereal, & dish soap for Open Arms Mission in Antioch.

Thank you for all of your generosity in helping those in need.

-Outreach Committee



Fun Facts!

- Americans spend upwards of \$20 Billion dollars on Valentine’s Day gifts. \$2.4 Billion on candy alone in 2019. Jewelry is the biggest ticket item of course.
- Conversation hearts originated as medical lozenges, by 1866 there was a candy version.
- More than 8 billion conversation hearts are manufactured each year.



