

THE GOOD NEWS

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



A LETTER FROM FR. BRIAN

Dear Ignatians ~

This is an awkward article to write. Theoretically everyone who receives this Newsletter also receives my weekly Thursday *E-Announcements*. So it's known by anyone reading this that at the end of this month I will have completed my 3 year contract ("Letter of Agreement") with St. Ignatius. It has been an honor to serve you these years. Know that I pray that I will be the only priest you will ever have to pastor you through a global pandemic!

Sunday, February 6th, will be my last Sunday with you – the date being due to the availability of Rev. Andrea Mysen, the Bishop's deputy, who is present at a priest's final Sunday Eucharist with "next step" words of assurance and guidance from the diocesan staff.

It is important that you know I am not "resigning," my contract has simply come to its end. So with next Sunday being my last Sunday with you, I will then take my vacation time beginning Thursday, February 10th until the end of the month. Yes, I will miss you.

However, for health and personal reasons, Terry and I will return to Florida, and the Diocese of Southwest Florida. We purchased a condo in Bradenton, where I will serve St. George Episcopal Church part-time as their priest-in-charge.

I trust you are aware that I scheduled supply priests through June. The priests who will alternate week-ends are Rev. Jim Caldwell (1st & 3rd) and Rev. Debra Bullock (2nd & 4th). They will take good care of you spiritually on Sunday mornings.

Beyond that, you will be in the capable hands of our vestry team who will be guided by the diocese in continuing to serve you well in the best interest of St. Ignatius.

I thank those who attended last Sunday's Annual Meeting. Through my sermon at the Eucharist on *The Spiritual State of the Congregation* and the business conducted during the meeting proper, your future is clearly in the best possible hands – God's loving hands.

- During the Annual Meeting, we thanked vestry members rotating off after their 2-year terms:
Mike Culat, Nancy McConnell, Donna McElligott.

- We blessed the members whose 2-year terms continue:
Cathy Ehlers, Merv Daehler, Mike Ward.
- And we welcomed new members by acclamation whose 2-year terms begin:
Diane Cinnick, Jack Fields, Renee Garrett.

Congratulations to all. God’s blessings!

It was decided at a brief vestry meeting following the Annual Meeting that with the new 2022 vestry, your co-wardens will be:

Cathy Ehlers and Jack Fields.

Serving as liaisons to areas of parish life are:

- Renee Garrett for Worship & Formation;
- Diane Cinnick for Fellowship;
- Both Cathy Ehlers & Merv Daehler for Outreach (Shop & Missions of the Month);
- Mike Walker for Building & Grounds; and
- Jack Fields for Administration.

These are the folks to go to with your concerns!

Renee also volunteered to serve as clerk of the vestry, and Caroline Van Patten was appointed to a 1-year term as Treasurer (handling all out-go) – with Jenn Boddin, Office Coordinator, continuing as Assistant Treasurer (handling all in-come).

Please pray for St. Ignatius, and your vestry team in particular – and kindly remember the folks on our Daily Parish Prayer List. Hang in there during the next few months of transition. The parish family needs you – and I know God has some great plans for St. Ignatius!

During the week of February 6th Terry and I will move, but do know that you will always be in our hearts and remain in our prayers. Although my pastoral relationship with you ends with our leaving, you may wish to keep in touch “as friends” – with no “church talk.” Our e-mail addresses and phone numbers will remain the same.

Being with you these years has been a cherished blessing in my priesthood. You’ve all been part of the composite tapestry I described in my sermon before our Annual Meeting.

Being a parish priest for 46 years is an honor beyond words! Still, God isn’t finished with us yet, as Terry and I move on to new adventures in our return to Florida.

For my part, I have wished to depart from you on the best possible terms. I appreciate that, through my 30+ phone calls to each of your households during the worst months of Covid, you have allowed me to know you to the extent you’ve wished to be known. Thank you for that privilege.

In the weeks since my announcement, I have invited contact from any between whom there has been “unfinished business,” conversation necessary, or healing helpful. Thank you to those few who have responded and reached back in response to my reaching out.

Do you perhaps remember Floyd Brown, longtime announcer on WGN radio? On Sunday evenings in the 70s-90s, he played a mix of Gospel and Inspirational vocals interspersed with bits of philosophy. At the end of each Sunday broadcast, he signed off with these words:

Life is like a journey taken on a train,
With a pair of travelers at each window pane.
I may sit beside you all the journey through,
Or I may sit elsewhere never knowing you.
But if fate should mark me to sit by your side,
Let’s be pleasant travelers: It’s so short a ride.

As Terry and I say our goodbyes, our prayer is:

For all that has been, thanks!
And for all that will be, yes!

Knowing and working with each of you, in whatever capacity, has been a grace. God has been by our side and God will continue to guide you as you continue to do His work in the future with a renewed sense of deep faith, boundless hope, and faithful love.

Farewell,

~ (Fr.) Brian & Terry

~ Liturgical Ministry at the 8am Eucharist ~

Greeters

- 1st & 3rd Sundays – Jim H or Merv D
- 2nd & 4th Sundays – Carolyn VP

Crucifer

- All Sundays – Cathy E or Kathy K

Readers (both readings)

- 1st Sundays: Robyn & Jim G
- 2nd Sundays: Roger VP
- 3rd Sundays: Mike C
- 4th Sundays: Roger VP

Offertory Presentation

- All Sundays: Meg, Robyn and/or Chris G

Zoom Monitor

- All Sundays: Roger VP or other volunteer

Sanctus bells

- All Sundays: Zoom monitor (see above)

~ Liturgical Ministry at the 10am Eucharist ~

Greeters

- All Sundays: One of our vestry team members

Crucifer

- All Sundays – Ken W or Cathy E

Readers

- 1st Readings (all Sundays): Bonnie E or Libby D
- 2nd Readings (all Sundays): Warren C or Ken W

Offertory Presentation

- All Sundays: Diane C recruits volunteers

Zoom Monitor

- All Sundays: Roger VP or other volunteer

Sanctus bells

- All Sundays: Kathleen C (organist)

February Mission: The Sharing Center



Located in Trevor, WI., we always find it in our hearts and resources to give to this amazing organization that does so much for our surrounding communities, throughout the year. Here is a list of items they are seeking currently. There will also be information located on the table at Church entry during this donation drive:

- Whole Grain Cereals, hot & cold
- Soups & Stews (low sodium)
- Fruit Snacks (for Easter baskets)
- Baked Beans
- Tuna
- Flour, Sugar, Spices
- No-Sugar Peanut Butter
- Laundry Detergent
- Toilet Bowl Cleaner
- Carmex/ Blistex

-Outreach Committee



Outreach Summary

January Mission: Tornado Victims

The January Mission of the Month invited us to reach out to offer relief to the tornado victims in Mayfield, KY. As a congregation we were able to raise \$450 to go to the *Episcopal Relief & Development*. We should be proud of yet another successful "Mission". God Bless all the victims of those devastating tornadoes.

GOD'S WILL RESALE SHOP

February Special:

50% off ORANGE sticker items



questions call the shop at 224-321-4475

Let's Celebrate!

February Birthdays

2/4 – Christopher McConnell

2/5 - Bill Malinow

2/5 - Carol Seay

2/12 - Pat Billimack

2/12 - Tim Donahue

2/21 - Mike Walker

2/22 - Jim Hallwas

2/25 - Lillian Golonka

"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*)

February Wedding Anniversaries

2/6 - Fr. Brian & Terry Beno

2/14 - Jack & Kathy Fields

"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*)

Happy Valentines Day

COMEDY CORNER

