

THE GOOD NEWS

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*For you are DUST
and to dust you shall RETURN-
Genesis 3:19*

SOUND the Alarm

“Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy mountain.”



There are moments for all of us when our lives change forever: When someone is born or when someone dies, or when *you* get injured or have a health episode that threatens your life. These are moments when our own humanness and mortality are shoved into our faces. When the preciousness and the fragility of human life are undeniable. And I can't

help but notice how often those moments involve hospitals.

And then there are the people who work with people whose lives are changing like *that*: EMTs, ER doctors and nurses, and other healthcare workers confront death each day. This has been all the truer during the last two years.

Healthcare workers watch people their own age die suddenly of accidents and cancer and are forced to confront their own mortality. They understand, perhaps better than the rest of us, the truth of Ash Wednesday: that we are dust, and that life is so, so fragile.

The prophet Joel calls to the people in our Old Testament reading to “Blow the trumpet in Zion, [to] sound the alarm on [God’s] holy mountain.” Kings did this from time to time in ancient days; they would call for a fast, a time for the whole community to rend their clothing, put ash on their heads, and repent of their sinful ways. But here in Joel, it’s God, not a human leader, who calls for the fast. The whole thing

is meant to be a wake-up call: you can't continue as you have been. You can't go on like this.

Wake up. Pay attention. Things *must* change.

In today's world, it may seem a little bleak to spend a day talking about death and even more so, sin. Sin is not a popular modern concept.

Too often, "sin" is reduced to the times that Jesus was looking over our shoulders and heard us say a bad word. If all we're talking about is relatively trivial offenses (or non-offenses that people *think* are offenses) committed by individuals, we are not getting at exactly what "sin" is. Though nearly all of us have a psychological need to be forgiven when we've done wrong, we miss the picture when we only think of sin as individual and not communal.

Things in the world are not as they should be. And it is on each one of us and all of us together.

We live in a world where people frequently must flee violence and domination, where some people don't have clean water or food, and where still others — some within our own nation — must live in fear. We live in a world where greed is rampant, and we are distracted, and we only have to acknowledge truth if it confirms our pre-conceived feelings and beliefs. We have all contributed to the way that things are. We need to wake up. We need to change.

Blow the trumpet in Zion. Sound the alarm on God's holy mountain.

It begins by paying attention. We are not here forever. Life is so, so fragile. We all — collectively and individually — may be a lot closer to disaster than we think we are. We'd better watch what we're doing, live intentionally, and enjoy the time that we have.

On Ash Wednesday, we are called to pay attention and to remember that we are dust. We are not here forever. We need to repent and be more mindful of the ways that we do harm, both as individuals and as a community.

During Lent, God invites us to slow down. To live intentionally. We live in a world where we have constant access to information, where our buzzing phones and computers and tablets so often demand our attention. If it's not a device demanding our attention, it's probably something else: a job, a person, a project.

Slow down.

Pay attention. Things *must* change. We are not here forever.

Blow the trumpet in Zion. Sanctify a fast.

Ash Wednesday is here to remind us of what we always know but rarely acknowledge: we are dust, and we will return to dust. We are not infinite. We are mortal. We are God's beloved dust.

In her poem *Otherwise*, Jane Kenyon captured the spirit of what Ash Wednesday wants to teach us. It goes like this:

"I got out of bed on two strong legs.

It might have been otherwise.

I ate cereal, sweet milk, ripe, flawless peach. It might have been otherwise.

I took the dog uphill to the birch wood.

All morning I did the work I love.

At noon I lay down with my mate. It might have been otherwise.

We ate dinner together at a table with silver candlesticks. It might have been otherwise.

*I slept in a bed in a room with paintings on the walls,
and
planned another day
just like this day.
But one day, I know, it will be otherwise.”*

So, let's wake up. Let's slow down before it is otherwise. Let's listen more closely to God's voice in the silence. This could be a moment that changes your life, that calls you to pay attention: one day, things will be otherwise. Let's at least be able to say that we lived our fullest and did all the good we could in the time we had.

From dust you came, to dust you shall return. We are dust, but we are beloved dust, given love and blessing and opportunity to enjoy. So let us pay attention, squeeze our loved ones, listen to God, and pay attention, before we are called home, where "otherwise" is in God's loving presence. Thanks be to God. Amen.

-The Rev, Anna Tew- From The Episcopal Church's Sermons That Work.

The Church of St. Ignatius of Antioch *History*



The Church building of St. Ignatius of Antioch is of significant historical interest in itself, as, having been erected in 1863 as a denominational meeting place, it is one of the earliest structures within the town. The timbers of the building were hand hewn by men whose descendants are members of the present congregation.

Before the establishment of St. Ignatius Mission Church in 1915, there had been no parish in this area for many years. From 1871 to 1900, St. Mary's Church in Spring Grove, and another mission church at Wilmot, WI. Were in existence at about the same time. Descendants of the members of these Missions are now members of St. Ignatius Parish.

This mission church, when organized in 1915 was named the Church of St. Ignatius of Antioch after the third bishop of Antioch in Asia Minor who wrote letters or epistles about 110 A.D. enroute to his martyrdom in Rome. These letters are still preserved.

The old bell hanging in the church belfry pealed forth almost a hundred years ago to announce the glad tidings that the bitter Civil War was at last over. Its clear tones still summon the congregation to services today, and are augmented by a choir of beautiful chimes, a memorial to the late Mrs. Ernest Brook.

The first Confirmation Class at St. Ignatius was presented in June 1916 by the Rev, Edward S. White, founder and first Priest of the mission. These Confirmants were; Ida Osmond, Carolyn Horan, Lester Osmond, Susan R. Webb, Eva M. Kaye, Mary L. Smart, Mrs. J.B. Fields, Pauline Smith, Emma Simons, Thomas Somerville, Jane E. Sibley, Mrs. F.O. Hawkins, William Osmond, Christian R. Kelly, Robert S. Kelly and Charles E. Kelly. The first infant baptized in St. Ignatius Church was William E. Brook, now a vestryman.

The Women's Guild was organized in 1915, as was the now rapidly expanding Church Sunday School.

In 1924 the parish house was given by the Church of the Holy Spirit, Lake Forest, and moved here. At about the same time the Rectory was purchased, and the church was extensively remodeled.

The parish is notable for the stability of its congregation; most of the parishioners were born in Antioch Township or nearby, and most have parents and grandparents who were born here.

The Parish Church of St. Ignatius of Antioch was officially made a Parish Church by the Diocese of Chicago on May 8th, 1951.

Warden's Letter to Parish

As we start with a "New Beginning" in another chapter of St. Ignatius, we ask for your FAITH in God and your Church, your TRUST in God and your Church, your PATIENCE in God and your Church, your COMMUNICATION with God and your Church, and above all, your LOVE of God and your Church.

There will be some changes that have been approved by the Diocese. MASKS ARE NOW OPTIONAL. There will be a Lay Eucharist Minister assisting at the altar, blessed wine served at communion in individual cups. Holy Water is in the Baptismal Font. We will be singing Hymn's at the 10am services.

Would you be willing to help St. Ignatius with your time & talent? We are putting schedules together for the following:

Worship: Lay Eucharist Ministers, Ushers, Readers, Sacristan, Zoomers.

Building and Grounds: To help upkeep & maintain building & grounds.

Outreach: Help Volunteer for Gods Will Resale Shop or "Mission of the Month's"

Formation: Lead small groups in discussion

Please contact a Vestry member or Jenn at 847-395-0652.



Outreach Summary



March 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

How's Your Memory?

I think it was back in the late 1980's or early 1990's when a young evangelical visited St. Ignatius. His mission was to inform us of his decision to become a missionary in the back country of Madagascar. In order to fulfill his missionary desire, he needed to raise funding and secure partnerships with willing congregations.

With Father Eckholm's encouragement, St. Ignatius raised funding to help meet this young man's goal to become a missionary in God's service. And I believe, if my memory is correct, for several years St. Ignatius was one of his sponsors.

Do you remember his name?

A couple of years after we moved into our new church building, he returned to give another inspiring message on his life as a missionary in the bush country. Now, not as a lay missionary but as an ordained minister in the Episcopal tradition. I believe at the time he and his wife Patsy were also raising two daughters.

I remember his saying that one of the first things he learned about being a missionary was not to put on your shoes in the morning before turning them over and forcefully rapping them against the floor. Seems like scorpions and centipedes like to take up overnight lodging in them.

Perhaps the names Todd and Patsy McGregor now come to mind?

Well to make a long story shorter... Carolyn and I receive periodic news updates from Bishop Todd and Rev. Patsy McGregor. Yes, that's right! Patsy became an ordained priest, and the Rev Todd McGregor was elevated to the Episcopacy. In his most recent newsletter Bishop Todd announced that he and his wife will be returning to the United States after 30 years of missionary service and over 14 years of working in the diocese of Toliara.

I'm writing this to you because their story fits-in well with the Gospel reading from Matthew, chapter 25: 14-30, wherein Jesus talks about a man who gave five talents to one slave, two talents to another, and one talent to a third. The master expected each slave to invest his gift to them wisely. Of course, one did not and that greatly offended his master. How do you suppose the McGregors measured up?

How about having formed over 150 church communities, shared the Good News of Jesus Christ with tens of thousands, building over 11 healthcare clinics, building three evangelistic schools, two cathedrals, and three primary schools. WOW! What an example for us to emulate!

Bishop Todd and Rev. Patsy are truly thankful for all of the prayers and monetary support received on their behalf. In Bishop Todd's words, "You have made more of a difference than you will ever know."

I just thought that those of you who have given support to Todd and Patsy would like to know of their latest move.

Sincerely,

Roger Van Patten

P.S. Rev. Patsy will be serving as the Director of Spiritual Formation at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Stuart, Florida, and as a volunteer associate missionary with SAMS. Bishop Todd will continue to be a full time SAMS missionary. For more information, visit their website, www.peoplereaching.org.

GOD'S WILL RESALE SHOP

2021 was a good year for GWRS! The shop brought in \$96,584.34, which was an increase of \$26,584.34 over our projected income of \$70,000 for the year.

The shop assisted the community with vouchers to outreach, 3 separate days where half of our profits went to outreach, coupons in December that went out to our local partners, and 2 nonperishable food and toiletry drives. Each of those served to help approximately 80 people for each event. In August we had 2 very successful events. The first was a Give Back Day, where we helped our neighbors in need, with a total of \$25,331 given back! The second event, in conjunction with Mellen Septic, was our 6th Annual Chuck Larson Golf Outing for Charity, which raised \$14,752.

All proceeds were divided and equally given to both Open Arms Mission in Antioch, and The Sharing Center in Trevor, WI.

The shop continues to appreciate the volunteers who came to help during these very difficult times. All of

this could not have been accomplished without the support of St. Ignatius, our generous donations from the community, and the outstanding support of our amazing volunteers.

Here are some names we would like to recognize for their efforts:

Merv Daehler, Bonnie Ebler, Maggie Ellsworth, Jack Fields Cathy Grzyb, Jim & Sue Hallwas, Kathy Kraak, Joan Larson, Terry Leopold, Sheri Mellen, Brian Mielke, Donna Szafranski, Roger & Caroy Van Patten

March Special:

50% off GREEN sticker items



questions call the shop at 224-321-4475

Let's Celebrate!

March Birthday's

- 3/6- Sue Hallwas
- 3/8- Robyn George
- 3/14- Felix Cizewski
- 3/19- JoAnne Kriens
- 3/28- Jim Bletsch
- 3/29- Carol Hawkins
- 3/31- Augustina Deichsel

March Wedding Anniversaries

- 3/17 – Rev. Bob & Carol Seay
- 3/28 – Bill & Linda Malinow



- 3/2/22- Ash Wednesday Service at 7pm with Fr. Caldwell
- 3/9/22- Lenten "Stations of the Cross" at 7pm with Roger Van Patten

- 3/16/22- 6:45pm Vestry Meeting- All are welcome!
- 3/20/22- "Bring a Friend to Church" stay for Social Hour.

The "Parish"



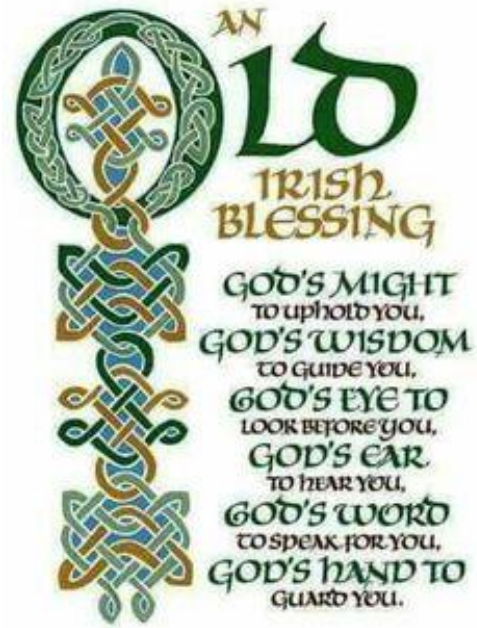
We would like for you to submit your thoughts, articles, pictures, recipes, or other talents to our Monthly Newsletter. Please email any contributions you may have to saintignatiusofantiochil@gmail.com and put "NEWSLETTER" as the subject, or call Jenn at the office number 847-395-0652



Dear St. Ignatius parishioners,

Thank you for the book of photos, well wishes and memories. It has a special place next to our farewell books from past churches we have served. Part of the generous check you gifted to us has been put towards a microwave for the kitchen, a lovely babbling water fountain for the patio and plants for the beginnings of a memory garden on the grounds of St. George. After a week in a hotel our furniture arrived and remained in our garage for 8 days until painting and repairs were completed. We should be unpacked by Ash Wednesday. With grateful hearts we wish you all a blessed Lent. Please stop by should you ever pass through Bradenton. Our new address is 6808 8th Ave W., Bradenton, Florida 34209

-Fr. Brian and Terry



Irish Fun Facts

- ✚ Ireland's top-three symbols are the Celtic cross, the green shamrock, and the harp.
- ✚ 88% of Ireland-born citizens are Roman Catholic, and 45% of them attend mass every week.
- ✚ Ireland is free of snakes, moles, weasels and other species.
- ✚ 9% of Ireland's population are redheads.
- ✚ Cats are Ireland's favorite pet over dogs by a margin of 2 to 1.
- ✚ In Dublin, there's a pub for every 100 people.
- ✚ 900 years ago, Ireland's oldest pub - Sean's Bar in Athlone - was founded.

COMEDY CORNER

