

Church of The Holy Family
<https://www.holyfamilyparkforest.org/>
I-Announcements
May 19, 2022

Worship with us in person or on zoom

Mask Optional
Sanitizing Station and Masks available
Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87012810973?
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Meeting ID: 870 1281 0973 Passcode: 989533

Weekday Evening Prayer
Monday through Friday at 6:00pm

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Meeting ID: 210 220 8547 Passcode: z8PWS6

*Sunday's Scripture
Reading*



Acts 16:9-15
Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5
John 14:23-29
Psalm 67

Bishop Chilton Knudsen is coming on July 17, 2022!

SAVE THE DATE!

Exciting news! Upon confirming Bishop Chilton's visit date, I received a 4 ½ page letter of instructions and information regarding her visit. I will be having a pre-visit Zoom meeting with her and 1-2 other parish leaders on June 28th. I am hoping that we can get the church as spruced up as possible, that MANY of us will be able to attend, and that perhaps the undercroft remodel will be well underway. There are some small things to be done if anyone has an hour or two here and there during the week to help. I hope we can have a coffee hour after service. Please contact me, James Jones, or a Vestry member if you would like to have a part in the preparations for her visit or participate in the service on July 17th. ~DJ

From the Senior Warden...

We have now been a full year without a rector, and I thought perhaps it might be a good idea to give an update and some context to where we are and what we are doing on a general basis at The Church of the Holy Family. I have learned that this role is a daily job as we are in Transition. Our Search Committee remains active and diligent in the process which will soon lead to our posting the position for a new rector.

I went to my first in-person Joliet Deanery meeting on Thursday, May 12th, and met several priests in the Deanery plus the new Interim Associate for Ministries, J. Sierra Reyes. Sierra was hired by Bishop-elect Paula and is so positive and full of so much energy! Her smile alone draws you to her. She made me feel good about the work of the Diocese and about being Episcopalian. She talked with us about the importance of lay

ministry, and we had a full-bodied discussion of how many ways lay people are critical to ministry and congregational development. I was able to share so many things that we are doing and have done in the past year in the absence of a rector. It was great to meet the other leaders in the Deanery, and I felt supported and included in all ways.

Joliet Deanery photo below, left to right (not inclusive of the entire Deanery): Rev. Greg Millikin, Grace, New Lenox; Rev. J. Sierra Reyes, Interim Associate for Ministries, Diocese; Rev. Jeremy Froyen, St. John the Evangelist, Flossmoor; Rev. Daryce Nolan, Director of Christian Formation, St. John the Evangelist; Rev. Shane Spellmayer, St. Paul's, Kankakee; Rev. Annette Mayer, Transfiguration, Palos Park; and Donna Jones, Sr. Warden, Holy Family, Park Forest.

Supply Priests...



As I have been saying during announcements for the past couple of weeks, it has been extremely difficult to obtain supply priests. There are 32 parishes in the Diocese who are looking to hire a new rector, and most of the supply priests have a long-term relationship with a parish. We have been blessed to have had the Rev. Sandra Castillo supplying for us since last summer, and she will continue indefinitely on the first and third Sundays, and the occasional fifth Sunday when she is able. The Rev. Stacy Alan from Brent House at the University of Chicago will be supplying for us on June 12th. I've heard that her sermons are spell-binding! Beginning on the second Sunday in September, the Rev. Clayton Thomason, Rush University, will be supplying for us on the second and fourth Sundays of the month through the end of the year, or until

we call a new rector. It is reassuring to me that we will have priests we know who will be with us through Advent and Christmas season.

For summertime, on the second and fourth Sundays we will continue to do Morning Prayer perhaps led by Deacon Betty at times, but also by our members. The services will have music and a sermon, missing only receiving the sacraments of Holy Communion. I received many kind words about Bob Reiff's leading the service on Mother's Day, and I know we are all looking forward to Lisa Meredith leading us on May 22.

Of note over the recent months...

We have updated and renewed the User Agreement with Trinity Lutheran Church through April 2023; we continue to try to improve the weekly announcements, bulletins and music as parishioners have requested; we are in the process of developing an accurate accounting of our members and their contact information for a new directory; extensive cleaning and organizing in the church offices and parish hall has occurred but is not completed as yet; all of the acolyte vestments have been sorted and cleaned; and, we are in the process of restoring our landscaping and undercroft. The severe damage to our undercroft occurred on Mother's Day one year ago, and in preparation for the upcoming remodel of the undercroft, extensive sorting of salvageable items has occurred. All of this has happened with dedicated helpers, members of our church community. It is Holy Work, and I am so appreciative.

Finally...

I am thankful to all of those who continue the daily, weekly, and seasonal work required for us to continue parish life in the absence of a rector for the past year – to our Administrative Assistant for being patient and helpful in her service to us, to those who do the altar work, to our technical members for faithfully providing church services via Zoom, to those who participate in liturgy, to those who step up to read lessons, to those who accept and disseminate prayer requests and make contacts with our members, and for work to improve the music and provide educational materials online for our children. We will, prayerfully, meet our new rector before another year has passed. However, if it takes longer than that, I am certain that we have the right Search Committee in place, which with the help of the Holy Spirit will lead us to our new person.

Peace and blessings,

Donna



Healing

Daniel
Debbie

Those Who Mourn

James
Leslie and Family

Departed

Jean

All prayer requests should be submitted to PrayerRequestsholyfamily@gmail.com by Tuesday to be included in the I-Announcements.

Any emergency prayer requests that need to be sent out before or after the I Announcements will be emailed to the congregation the day it's received.

Please put "Emergency Prayer Request" as the title and email request to holyfamilypf@gmail.com or leave a voicemail at 708-748-1100.



Anglican Cycle of Prayer

Church of the Province of South East Asia

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Congregations in the Joliet Deanery:

St. Paul in Kankakee; St. John in Lockport; Good Shepherd in Momence; St. Thomas in Morris;

Companion Dioceses of SE Mexico and Renk:

San Pedro in Veracruz; St. Peter in Wun-Kur

In the Parish Cycle of Prayer

Dr. Clara Akhigbe, Building and Grounds, La Divina Providencia, Grace United Protestant Church



Keira Jones

Laroux Meredith

Georgia Blackstone

Melissa Jacobsen

Joan Gibson



James & Donna Jones



Is there something you would like to submit for the weekly I-Announcements? Perhaps you have a special scripture reading you like, maybe there is something you've read or written that you'd like to share, a religious icon or spiritual photo that caught your eye?

Submissions for the Weekly I-Announcements are due by Tuesday of the week to be announced.



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Ordination and Consecration of Bishop-elect Paula Clark set for September 17

A day the Diocese of Chicago has long awaited has now been set.

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry has set September 17 as the day he will ordain and consecrate the Rev. Paula E. Clark as the Thirteenth Bishop of Chicago. The service will take place at the Westin Chicago Lombard in Lombard, Illinois.

"Bishop-elect Paula E. Clark of the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago, in collaboration with diocesan leadership, has worked through tremendous challenges over the past year, and I am pleased to announce that I will serve as her chief consecrator in a liturgy now scheduled for September 17, 2022," Curry wrote in a statement issued earlier today.

"I am overjoyed that God has brought us to this day!" Bishop-elect Clark said. "On September 17, we will make a new beginning together, and I could not be more excited to discover where the Holy Spirit will lead us in our ministry."

The hotel, where the diocese held its annual diocesan conventions for more than a decade before the pandemic forced them online, is familiar to many people in the diocese. Holding the service there will allow more people to attend than a service held in any of the diocese's church buildings, said the Rev. Courtney Reid, director of operations on the bishop's staff.

The Presiding Bishop told the Standing Committee last week that he had set a date for the service, and Bishop-elect Clark and the Standing Committee met together on Friday to prepare for the announcement. Watch upcoming issues of the diocesan newsletter for more information about plans for the ordination and consecration.

Hope springs

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Community Project for Holy Family ... SAVE THE DATE ... Parishioner, James Jones, has been meeting with representatives from churches in the area to organize this event.

A multi-church
collaboration initiative
sponsored by

Calvary United Protestant Church
of Park Forest

Church of the Holy Family
of Park Forest

First Presbyterian Church
of Chicago Heights

First Presbyterian Church
of Homewood

Flossmoor Community Church

Hazel Crest Community UMC

Life Church of Chicago Heights

Living Springs Community Church
of Glenwood

St. Paul Lutheran Church
of Chicago Heights



Spirit of the Southland (S.O.S.) Community Blood Drive

& Tuesday, May 24 3-7 pm

Friday, May 27* 12-4 pm

at Living Springs Community Church
19051 S. Halsted, Glenwood (Room 145)

**May 27 donors (only) will receive a \$10 e-gift card
to support collections leading into Memorial Day!*

To schedule your appointment, call **1-800-7TO-GIVE**,
visit versiti.org, or scan below:



MAY 24



MAY 27

*Donors may give blood 48 hours after vaccination.
Helpful tip: be sure to eat a healthy meal and drink
plenty of water before donating.*