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The Holy Eucharist

Sunday: 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM

Tuesday: 7:00 AM

The Staff

Reverend Marion Phipps, Rector

Dan Dolney, Senior Warden

Craig Skeppstrom, Junior Warden

Karen Warner, Administrative Assistant

Ed Jamrog, Treasurer

Carrie Reynolds, Vestry Clerk

January Birthdays Happy Birthday!!

Jeremy Reynolds	1 - 2
Sharon Wendorf	1 - 8
Larry Brook	1 - 13
Cindy Rauschenberger	1 - 15
Derek Rayner	1 - 17
Lance Puccio	1 - 18
Rita Padilla	1 - 22
Stephen Wendorf	1 - 27

January Anniversaries Happy Anniversary!!!

<i>Cherry & Donald Babo</i>	<i>1 - 9</i>
<i>Mike & Marion Phipps</i>	<i>1 - 23</i>

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Dear Parish Family,

It's hard to believe a new year is upon us! I hope and pray you have all had a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year! May God's blessings be upon us that we may be a blessing to others. Thanks to all for participating in our Christmas services and for your donations to PADS and the folks who attend the soup kitchen. I appreciate your ongoing generosity more than you know! Whenever there is a need, you all step up! Special thanks to Mike Phipps and Karen Warner for providing lunch for us on the 22nd while we "greened the church." Thanks to Margaret Brady and the choir for all the lovely music and thanks to Jeanne Rayner and the altar guild for all their hard work, and thanks to those who donated for our Christmas flowers. Thanks, as well, to all our ushers, greeters, lectors, chalice bearers, and acolytes! Everyone working together help create beautiful worship spaces where we can come together and glorify God. I am grateful for each member and all you do to honor God in this place!

I am not one to make "New Years resolutions" but I do think the end of one year and the beginning of a new one is a good time to reflect on the year that has past and the year that is to come. While I don't make resolutions, from time to time I find a focus for the year ahead. Love is my pick this year! We have a God who specializes in new beginnings and each year, and each day for that matter, offers us just that! A fresh start! Khalil Gibran wrote,

"Wake at dawn with a winged heart and give thanks for another day of loving."

What a gift to have another day to love! And if we're so blessed, another year to love! As I look to the year ahead I pray the prayer from my childhood of St. Richard of Chichester:

*Day by day,
Dear Lord, of thee three things I pray:
To see thee more clearly,
Love thee more dearly,
Follow thee more nearly,
Day by Day.*

What if we spent the year ahead, seeking to see and love and follow God more nearly? Where might God lead us? How might we be changed? When the Pharisees asked Jesus what the most important commandment was Jesus replied, *"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.* (Matthew 22:37-40)

May we continue to grow in our love of God and one another in this place and may we do everything we can to follow God's will for us, in our own lives, and as a parish family and to share that wonderful love with others! Happy New Year to each of you!

With Love and Gratitude,

Marion +

Senior Warden Report – January 2014

Not only has this MONTH gone by incredibly fast, but so has the entire year. Amidst the hustle and bustle of the holidays, we also remember what a holy season this is and pray about the true meaning of Christmas. I know that we, at St Hugh, are very mindful of this.

December was a ‘traditional’ month, if you will. Thanks to Katie White for organizing another get-together with the kids. This is proving to be very popular. Mom and Dad drop the kids off at Church and they get to go shopping sans kids. Not only do the parents love it, but the kids and Katie, Marion, Mike and the other helpers love it too. I’m sure everyone will be looking forward to the next one.

The Sunday before Christmas is our traditional day to “Green the Church”. What wonderful fellowship and the Church always looks beautiful. We fluff, we hang, we sing, and of course, we eat. Thanks to Mike and Karen for the soup and grilled cheese.

I’d like to take this opportunity to thank everyone at St. Hugh. My term on the Vestry and Senior Warden has come to a close. If I said it once, I’ve said it numerous times, being your Senior Warden has been the most rewarding job I ever had. I hope I made you proud. Many thanks to the Vestry. It was a team effort and I can’t thank you enough for all your help. A HUGE thank you to Karen Warner. Karen keeps everything together and I don’t know what I would have done without her. And thank you to Marion for having enough confidence in my abilities to ask me to be the Senior Warden. I hope you didn’t question your decision too many times over the past year and a half. And, finally, to my family at St Hugh, it was a pleasure and a joy to serve you. I appreciated all the encouragement and kind words along the way. I look forward to staying involved. God Bless each and every one of you.....He has certainly blessed me.

Dan Dolney - Senior Warden

NO RELICS meeting in January!

PLEDGE ENVELOPES

Pledge envelopes for 2014 are available on the table in Wiedrich Hall.

If you are missing a box, please let the office know.

Save the date...

January 6th Annual Committee Reports are due
January 12th Annual Parish Meeting and Brunch **9AM**
January 29th February Newsletter articles are due

Please advise the office of the current College Students that should be on the prayer list. We'll start with a clean slate in January.

Please add names to the prayer list for the bulletin, we'll start fresh for 2014. Please note if they should be on the weekly list (short term) or on the perpetual (long term) list.

FLOWERS

Please remember to sign up to remember someone or a special occasion on the Flower list in the narthex. The cost per Sunday is \$30. Envelopes are available near the list. Please drop the completed envelope in the offertory plate or the mailbox on the office door

Time and Talent.... Recap

Thanks to all that responded to the request for your talents and time.
There are a few areas that are needing additional help...

- ✠ **The nursery...** those that are trained in Level I of Keeping God's People Safe or willing to be trained
- ✠ **Sunday School volunteers** – same Keeping God's People Safe training as above
- ✠ **Acolytes**
- ✠ **Ushers and Greeters**

RELICS = Retired Episcopal Ladies In Christ Service

Please join us in 2014 to become a member of our joyful ladies organization that supports St. Hugh with charity outreach! We have fun – we laugh- we support- we fund- we eat- and we learn!

All our welcome to become a member! Meetings are held the First Wed. of the month at St Hugh with a “bring your own lunch casualness”! Luncheons for fund raising....crafts for fund raising...cookies for fund raising...dinners for fund raising...donations of toys/hygiene supplies & socks/ for funding raising are collected!

Linda Youngren (phone 847-659-1136) is our fine President and any questions or curiosities can be answered by all! Dress is casual – conversation is plentiful and joy is shared!.