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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

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**June Birthdays
Happy Birthday!!**

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| Scott Scheffel | 6 - 6 |
| Jim Chaltin | 6 - 7 |
| William Herrmann | 6 - 8 |
| Cherry Babo | 6 - 11 |
| Richard Rayner | 6 - 12 |
| Jim Rayner | 6 - 12 |
| David Johnson | 6 - 15 |
| Myranda Johnson | 6 - 16 |
| Frank Transue | 6 - 16 |
| David Tabbert | 6 - 18 |
| Julie Suess | 6 - 19 |
| Roland Hopson | 6 - 23 |
| Lindsey Puccio | 6 - 25 |
| Peola Alleyne-Mills | 6 - 26 |

***June Anniversaries
Happy Anniversary!!!***

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| <i>Walter & Joan Garrett</i> | 6 - 8 |
| <i>Jim & Nancy Rayner</i> | 6 - 20 |
| <i>Dennis & DJ Bergsma</i> | 6 - 28 |

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The News Letter of St. Hugh of Lincoln Church

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Dear Parish Family,

As I was driving to church early Tuesday morning, I spotted a deer heading out across the road. I immediately slowed down as deer often travel in small family herds, so I was on the lookout for others to follow. To my great delight, a small fawn followed across the road albeit clumsily! This little fawn scampered across the road with its legs going every which way as he/she strived to keep up with their mother. I was glad my instinct was to slow down to see if any others were with the doe I first spotted. I chuckled as I watched this baby deer stumble across the road, without the grace and finesse of a grown deer, but then it occurred to me that next to Jesus, our walk with God is probably quite clumsy looking as well!

I was happy at the surprise of this morning blessing, but it gave me pause as well. I want to be focused and loving and kind and good like Jesus, moving gracefully through life as He did, but more times than I like to admit, I'm not! Loving others as Jesus did isn't always easy, but it's what we're called to do. The good news is we don't have to do it on our own. In 2 Samuel 22:34 and Psalm 18:33 it says, *"He makes my feet like the feet of a deer; he causes me to stand on the heights."* And in Paul's letter to the Philippians (2:13) he wrote: *"for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose."* In both these passages, God is the agent at work. I suspect that our willingness and openness to be "worked on" has something to do with how closely we walk with Jesus.

Jesus promised he would send His Holy Spirit to comfort us and to teach us. It is by God's spirit that we are empowered to grow and change to be the people God created us to be. With Pentecost just around the corner, I was excited to see a free on line course being offered entitled "The Big Class - Living a Spirit Filled Life" with Fr. Albert Cutie. There will be more information in the next couple weeks bulletins but if you're interested in checking this out prior you can go to this link: <https://www.churchnext.tv/school/catalog/course/the-big-class-living-a-spirit-filled-life-with-fr-albert-cutie-free/>

This course will be available 24/7 during the week of June 8th - 15th. I am planning on utilizing this for our adult education on June 11th. Per consensus of the group, we can watch it on our own and then discuss it on June 11th at 7:00PM or watch it together and then discuss it. Let me know if you're interested in this and what your preference is. Fr. Albert Cutie was the keynote speaker at our Diocesan convention last year and is an extremely engaging speaker. If you, like me, want to walk a bit more gracefully, I suspect this will provide some good food for thought and tools to implement them!

The Spirit not only empowers us, but also equips us with gifts to build up and enhance the Church. As is our tradition, on Pentecost, Sunday June 8th we will celebrate the many gifts we share that make St. Hugh the special place that it is! Watch for a sign up for a special brunch at 9:00AM that day. Looking forward to celebrating Pentecost with you! I am grateful for each of you and all the gifts you share among us!

Love and Blessings,

Marion+

Senior Warden Report – June, 2014

LET THE SUMMER BEGIN! We have waited a long time for summer to get here and have endured an extremely harsh winter to get to this point. So, enjoy!

May started out with the Vestry having its annual retreat. This year's featured guest speaker was Rev. Scott Stoner from the Living Compass Faith and Wellness Initiative. Scott had been at St. Hugh in the past and we were blessed to have him with us again. The retreat always brings the Vestry members closer as a group and equips us to serve the St. Hugh Parish on a much higher spiritual level. Many thanks to Rev. Scott Stoner for a wonderful presentation.

The RELICS welcomed Angela Smith as a guest speaker to talk about her ministry with the women of El Salvador. Then the following Sunday, the RELICS held their annual Mothers Day bake sale and craft sale. What can I say, if the RELICS make it or bake it.....we buy it, and it all goes to outreach. What could be better?! Don't forget all the usual events throughout each month.....The Military Service, Taize Healing Service, Food Pantry and Prayer Partner Sunday, Men's Group. There is something for everybody plus more fellowship events in the planning. You just can't beat some good "Family Time".

At this writing we are half way in between Mothers Day and Fathers Day. Like many of your parents, my Mom and Dad are celebrating with Jesus now. It's strange to NOT buy them a card, call them, or visit them on these holidays. But, I'm grateful for all the other Mothers Day and Fathers Day memories. If you still have one or both of your parents, make conversation, make time, and make memories for they are with us on earth but for a short time. I send my love and appreciation to Bill and Irene Dolney in Heaven.....you're still and always will be in my heart.

Dan Dolney, Senior Warden

ALTAR 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

Elgin Episcopal Book Club

Our book club will meet next at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 5, at the home of Robert and Laurel Warski. In the next two months, we'll be reading Heretics and Heroes by Thomas Cahill. This is an entertaining account of the highlights of the Renaissance and Reformation period of European history. All parishioners of Episcopal Church of the Redeemer and St. Hugh Episcopal Church and their friends are welcome!



*Happy Father's Day to our St. Hugh Dad's
on Sunday, June 15th.*

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PLASTICS NEWS REPORT

Helen Hoffer, who together with her husband, Robert Hoffer, co-founded Hoffer Plastics Corp., died on April 25. She was 95.

They met at Purdue University and got married. She supported her husband as he moved 13 times as a resin company executive.

In 1953, the husband-wife-team began molding twist sticks for roll-on deodorant on a second-hand molding machine located in a tiny building. Helen and her husband worked side-by-side molding and assembling the parts — 250,000 of them.

Robert Hoffer, a chemist, worked in the

resin industry. He called on Nylon Molded Products Corp., an Ohio molder, and executives there supported Hoffer to go into business. Hoffer Plastics began in South Elgin, Ill., the hometown of Helen. Her father, who ran a drug store, helped them find the first building.

Robert Hoffer died in 2007.

Still family owned, Hoffer Plastics has sales of \$75 million and employs about 350. The company has donated millions of dollars to schools, community groups and charities and the plastics industry, through the Hoffer Foundation.

In 1960, the Hoffers purchased 24 acres of land for a headquarters factory, which has steadily expanded over the years.

Matriarch of Hoffer Plastics dies

Crain's Plastics News, a weekly magazine in the plastics industry.

The Big Class - Living a Spirit-Filled Life with Fr. Albert Cutie - Free

By Albert Cutie

Embark on a deeper adventure with God. Open your heart and mind to a fresh understanding of what living in God is all about. Author, media personality, and Episcopal priest Fr. Albert Cutie takes us on a journey to explore what it means to live in the Spirit. Free, Worldwide Class

Starts **Sun, Jun 8th, 2014**

Take this course with a class of ChurchNext students from around the world. Registration includes:

Free 24/7 access to all video lectures, downloads, and course content from Sunday, June 8 through Sunday, June 15.

Video lectures and an opportunity to text-chat with Fr. Albert Cutie

Downloadable Discussion Questions for groups and The Takeaway, for personal study.

Interaction with other students through discussion questions and sharing notes.

About this course

Many of us long for more of God.

We desire the peace, liberty, and joy of living as we were created to live - alongside God and able to hear and obey at every turn.

Living a Spirit-filled life is about that. It's about more deeply connecting with the creator, redeemer, and sustainer of all that is seen and unseen. In this class, author, media personality, and Episcopal priest Fr. Albert Cutie helps us ponder what it means to live in the Spirit.

This course includes four lectures in which Fr. Albert addresses:

- What Is Living in the Spirit?
- Why Live in the Spirit?
- How to Let the Spirit In
- Habits of a Spirit-Filled Life

This course is offered for free for everyone, worldwide. Registration opens Memorial Day, May 26; then return between June 8-15 to churchnext.tv to take the class. It is a pre-recorded online course that will take an average learner about 45 minutes to work through. You can pause the class at any time and return to it later. Fr. Cutie will be available to answer questions during the class via text dialog.

If you are taking this class as part of a group or congregation, [click here](#) to access free organizational materials.

This course is brought to you free of charge thanks to the generosity of [The Episcopal Church](#), [Logos Publishing](#), [The Episcopal Diocese of Southeast Florida](#), [Bexley Seabury Theological Federation](#), and [Forward Movement](#). Please visit their sites to learn more about living in the Spirit.

Also, a technical note: This platform works best on Google Chrome and Mozilla Firefox, which are both free downloads. Internet Explorer 9 and above also works well. However different computers have different anti-virus and spam filters installed that can inhibit the downloading of lots of different materials, so if one browser is not working for you then try another.

<https://www.churchnext.tv/school/catalog/course/the-big-class-living-a-spirit-filled-life-with-fr-albert-cutie-free/>

St. Hugh's 50th Anniversary

Committee Members sought. The planning for St. Hugh's 50th has begun, please see Dan Dolney or Sue Diebold-Martin, if you wish to be part of the planning of this special event.

Ministry of the Month

Acolyte or Server

In some congregations the terms are used interchangeably. This usually depends on the size of the church, congregation size, the Priest's wishes or many other factors which may influence the duties of the job. In a large congregation, the size of the facility and attendance means the workspace and complexity of the Service may demand the the task be accomplished by more than one person, requiring both jobs be filled: an Acolyte and a Server.

I came to the the Episcopal Church at St Simon the Cyrenian Episcopal Church in Philadelphia, and was trained as a Acolyte and Server along with the Grandson (John-John) of Rev Thomas R Logan Sr, who served originally as Vicar of the Chapel of St Simon (1909) for nearly 50 years, being then replaced by one of his sons, Rev Canon Thomas W.S. Logan. His other son, Rev Thomas R. Logan, Jr., also became a priest. Subsequently, Canon Logan's son (John-John, now Fr John W.S. Logan, Jr) also became an Episcopal priest.

Later, my family moved and I attended a nearby mission. The Vicar was the Rt Rev. William Payne Roberts (Wikipedia), a Bishop who returned with his wife, retiring in 1950 after 30 years Service in China, to live in the Rectory and and serve the small Mission in NW Philadelphia. The Mission was aptly named, House of Prayer.

In 1956, Bishop Roberts confirmed me and continued my training as a Server/Acolyte. The Mission, was made up of three small stone ivy-covered buildings: Chapel, Parrish Hall and a Rectory, on tiny wedge-shaped property at the corner of Church Lane and Limekiln Pike, in NE Philadelphia. The stone Church was raised above the street level by an identical stone wall surrounding the entire property.

The 'Server's Guide' (1956) and the more recent, 'Manual for Acolytes' (1981), both provide guidance to those wishing to serve in this capacity. The position is described "as an important ministry, and should be approached with dignity, humility and care. In all things, the server must be aware that the purpose in assisting at the altar is 'that God may be glorified' ." The books go on to say, "The best rule is that all tasks should be done with dignity and care in the simplest way possible, so as not to distract the congregation."

The patron of those who serve at the altar is Vincent, Deacon and Martyr. He lived in the late 3rd century, was martyred in the year 304, and is commemorated in our calendar on January 22. Vincent is remembered for his love of God, his faithfulness to his Bishop, and his unswerving loyalty to his responsibilities. Big shoes to fill!

Roland Hopson

RELICS will meet on Wednesday, June 4th at noon in Wiedrich Hall for fellowship and the planning of future programs and fund raisers. Please join us with your brown bag lunch and ideas. Shawl ministry will be meeting before RELICS at 10:30AM.

Vestry

While many of you are long time and even lifetime Episcopalians, we realize not everyone is familiar with the Episcopal church and its governance. We want folks to be aware of what the "vestry" is, and what it does. Some churches have parish councils or boards in leadership and we have a "vestry." Vestries provide both management and leadership. Vestries manage various fiscal responsibilities: property maintenance, budgeting, policies and procedures, etc. Additionally, and perhaps more importantly, vestries provide leadership. We begin our meetings praying together and we are always trying to discern God's will for our congregation. In leadership we hope to envision who and what God is calling us to be and do, and as we discern new things, we do our best to convey that vision to the parish. We want to be available to others for feedback and we care about the growth of our congregation in spirit and number.

To be a vestry member a person must have been an active member for at least a year and must be financially pledging to the church as well. We welcome feedback, comments, ideas, and concerns as we do our best to serve God and God's people in this place. This month and next we will feature pictures and brief bios of our vestry members in the newsletter. Feel free to contact any vestry member or me with any feedback you wish us to have. We meet generally on the 3rd Monday of the month from 7:00PM - 8:30PM and meetings are open if you wish to drop in and see what we're up to! In addition to our monthly meetings, we gather annually for a retreat together to further our own spiritual growth and growth as a community.

The vestry and I am here to serve you and further God's kingdom in this place! Hope you enjoy learning a bit about your fellow members!

Faithfully, Marion

Beginning on June 1 we will start the Summer Sunday/Funday program during Sunday School time. A poster will be at church this Sunday to sign up to teach one or two Sundays during the summer. We need two people for each Sunday.

The volunteers should have the diocese training,
Keeping God's People Safe - Level 1.

A book with full lessons for each Sunday is available,
or you can "do your own thing"!



Roof Replacement for St. Hugh

As most of us know already, St. Hugh is getting older and like most "older" items it is in need of repair. One of these items is the roof. The roof was last replaced when the addition was completed about 20 years ago. We have had several estimates and have determined that within the next few years the pitched and flat roof will have to be replaced. At the request of parishioners we are investigating both replacement using shingles (current construction) and metal materials. There are advantages and disadvantages for both.

We had a preliminary planning meeting a few weeks ago and there will be many more opportunities to identify the requirements and methods to perform fundraisers to pay for this replacement. We are looking for any fundraising suggestions as well as input for the actual repair. All inputs are welcome. Please contact the Senior Warden, Junior Warden and any Vestry Member to provide suggestions.

As mentioned earlier, we did get several estimates to determine urgency of the replacement and obtain budgetary costs for the project. At this time it is our best guess that the roof will have to be replaced in the next year or two. The cost estimates vary from about \$24,000 for the shingled roof replacement to \$42,000 for shingle and flat roof replacement. If a metal roof is installed along with the flat roof replacement, the cost is about \$72,000.

We are presently planning a parish activity to discuss the roof replacement and one of the contractors that provided an estimate has volunteered to be present to answer questions. Information will be provided for this meeting at a later date.

This is a large project and the Vestry welcomes all the suggestions and assistance we can get. We look forward to your input and assistance.

Bishop Jeffrey Lee and the Board of Trustees of Episcopal Charities and Community Services cordially invite you to join us for the

EPISCOPAL CHARITIES BISHOP'S BALL
55TH ANNUAL CELEBRATION & BENEFIT
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2014
RADISSON BLU AQUA HOTEL
ATLANTIC BALLROOM
221 NORTH COLUMBUS DRIVE, CHICAGO

6:00 P.M. RECEPTION & SILENT AUCTION
7:45 P.M. DINNER & LIVE AUCTION
9:00 P.M. DANCING UNTIL MIDNIGHT WITH
THE JOE LILL ORCHESTRA
Black-tie optional
Valet parking available

For tickets and more information:
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Ball

More information about the Episcopal Charities Bishop's Ball currently available on the bulletin board in Wiedrich Hall.

St. Hugh Job Ministry Program

Leaders: Jim Ceithaml & Peola A. Alleyne-Mills

About St. Hugh Job Ministry

Vision

Peter 5:7. "Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you."

Mission

To know Jesus. To Glorify Jesus. To Share Jesus.

Purpose

To provide accountability, support, coaching strategies, and resume assessment to those in job/career transition and facilitate guidance in challenging work environments.

Target Audience

St. Hugh Family and Friends

Ministry Focus

- Provide God centered support
- Career skills
 - Review resumes and provide assistance and guidance (what works and what does not work on a resume)
 - Coach (listen and consult) adults (technical and non-technical) and young adults (internships and part-time opportunities)
 - Provide interview preparation, skills, and strategies (role playing)
 - Facilitate career transition opportunities and job accountability
- Leverage and provide service (available and empathetic)
- Present job trends and why timing is everything
- Networking
- Consistent meeting times (Sundays at 9:45 a.m.)

Why we need St. Hugh's Job Ministry?

We need this Ministry to facilitate job accountability action and provide support to those seeking opportunity in this challenging job market.

At times, we are invited to interview with an employer. We prepare for the interview, dress professionally, and arrive on time for the interview. We go through the interview process and feel good about our interview performance. After the interview, the recruiter may ask us, "*how do you think you did on the interview?*" We respond with enthusiasm, "*I did great!*"

A few weeks later, we do not hear anything from the recruiter, but eventually we learn the job was offered to a different candidate. And, then we wonder, "*Why?*" "*What did I say (or not say) correctly or appropriately?*"

As we tell job candidates, do not take the lack of a job offer as a negative. The interview process has become paramount to completing a performance appraisal: tough, admittedly stressful and challenging, but with great reward, if we answer the questions appropriately.

Remember the word, "appropriately"; we do not use the word, "correctly" because there are no correct responses, only appropriate answers which match the job description in an interview setting.

Interviewers (employers) are asking behavioral questions to determine how your experience, knowledge, and education will help them determine if you are the right

candidate for the job. Questions such as, “Tell me about a time you persevered (put in extra time) to complete a project?” Before you respond to a behavioral question, mentally break the question into sections:

- 1) Tell me about a time...? (“Do you have the experience...?”)
- 2) Did you put in extra time?” (“Are you willing to put in extra time, if needed?”)
- 3) Did you complete a project? (“Did you complete a project with the experience you “say” you have on your resume?” “Can you align your completed project to the requirements in the (my) job description?”)

Summary

If you are seeking opportunity in today’s job market, you must have a winning resume and you must do a strenuous and focused interview preparation (answering behavioral type questions) prior to interviewing with each employer.

With all the preparations, if you are challenged or fearful about the future as you job hunt, you must take time to make Jesus Christ bigger than your challenges.

We, at the St. Hugh Job Ministry, do not promise or guarantee you will get a job if you do what we suggest or tell you. However, we will share our three (3) consistent practices that helped us obtain positions over the years: Strong faith in Jesus Christ; relentless focus (perseverance); and a positive spirit that refused to crumble and believe the worse about jobs, opportunities, and employers.

If you are in a job transition status, need coaching for challenging on-the-job situations, or if you have any questions about the **St. Hugh Job Ministry**, please contact Peola Alleyne Mills (peolaa@gmail.com) at 630.400.7800 or Jim Ceithaml (jwceithaml@sbcglobal.net) at 847.697.5419

About your Job Ministry Leaders

- Jim Ceithaml, M.A. Southeast Missouri State, M.E. University of Missouri at St. Louis,
B.S. University of Missouri
Roles: Consultant, College Professor, Business Owner, Union Official, and Author
- Peola A. Alleyne Mills, Certified Scrum Master (CSM), M.S. Illinois Institute of Technology,
B.S. Bradley University
Roles: Analyst/Project Manager; Training Developer and Technical Writer/Trainer
Volunteer: Job Club Team Motivator for Together **Everyone Achieves More** (T.E.A.M.) Networking Group
Author: *How to Get a Job in 30 Days*, Society for Technical Communicators (STC) Magazine

From the Music Director...

We have been celebrating a joyous beautiful Easter season together in the month of May and now we look forward to a wonderful summer together. I want to again thank each member of the choir for their beautiful voices, their amazing work ethic, and the love they have for God and our congregation.

Thanks to the members of our band. We are growing as a group and we love to sing together for each other and for the congregation. Our band will help celebrate the Ascension and the choir finishes their season celebrating the Day of Pentecost.

The summer brings opportunities for everyone, especially to feature soloists and small groups. If you or your children or grandchildren would like to try singing or sharing their instruments, I would love to work with you. We will be inviting in guest musicians this summer too, starting with the Redeemer Band on June 15 and 22. If you have friends who love to sing or play and are looking for a place to share their gifts, please feel free to give them my phone number 847 508 6337 or email margaretmbrady@gmail.com and we can consider the possibilities. Thanks from Jim and me for the joy of belonging to this great community of believers and thanks be to God!