

November 2019

Bats in the Belfry (Thoughts from Dan)

What is the spiritual meaning of bats?

--Bat Spiritual Meaning. Daydreaming, meditation and long positive thought are all brought forward in the time of Bat entering your spiritual world. Caves being a place of power, ritual and worship, the Bat tells us to hold ourselves sacred as a part of the Great Spirit. OK, whether or not Bats tell us anything concerning our spiritual lives, we are indeed sacred as a child of God. And we are truly loved.

--As I have expressed to many of you at Church, I want to be available to you and your families to prepare your wishes concerning end of life issues. I know we avoid this topic, but to have this done ahead of time relieves a lot of pressure for loved ones left behind. Jan and I have discussed our own plans, but we still need to write them down. Please discuss this with your families and make an appointment with me to go over this when you are ready.

--It is that time of the year when we look at Stewardship. Pledging, whether it me time, talents, or money, is another topic we would rather avoid but is so very important in the life of a congregation. We can use all three. Although apart from that, we are only giving back to God, what is already God's. I have no plans to call on or contact anyone to see if they are going to pledge. That is between yourselves and God. We are all in this together.

--I plan to have the Lenawee County Office on Aging, come to talk to us on a Sunday Morning about what services they offer. More about this later.

---The Diocesan Convention took place the weekend of October 25th and 26th. It was the last Convention with Bishop Gibbs before he retires at the end of this year. Bonnie Perry with be consecrated and installed as our next Bishop in Feb 2020.

Please ask any of our Convention Delegates about all that happened or look on the website for the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan. Our delegates were Joyce Holden, Sam Abraham, and Jan Buchin.

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RETIREMENT CELEBRATION & HOLY EUCHARIST

Honoring the Ministries of Bishop Gibbs & Karlah Gibbs

Saturday, November 9, 2019, 11:00am

The Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Detroit

The entire diocesan household is invited to join with the Gibbs Family and friends from around the church for this festive occasion. A reception will follow the service. RSVP at jelliott@edomi.org or 313.833.4414

Nuts and Bolts Blog

For an explanation of resolutions and other information from the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan;

**Please see the Nuts and Bolts website for this week's edition at: edomiresolutions.com

Veteran's Day Service/Celebration Episcopal Cathedral in Detroit 4:00 pm on 11/10/2019

Veteran's Day 2019

Since 2008, Applebee's has given away over 8.9 million free meals to veterans and active-duty military! This year, they expect to serve around 1 million more. Applebee's is just one of many restaurants that give out free meals on Veterans Day. Some of the more popular restaurants include Red Lobster, Denny's, Chili's, T.G.I. Friday's, Red Robin, Outback Steakhouse, Texas Roadhouse, Longhorn Steakhouse, IHOP, Olive Garden, and Golden Corral. Would recommend checking with individual restaurants and see if they have specials.

Proof of service may include any of the following:

U.S. Uniformed Services ID Card

U.S. Uniformed Service Retired ID Card

VA ID card

Veterans Organization Card (such as American Legion or VFW)

Photograph of yourself in uniform

Wear your uniform

DD214

Citation or commendation

ADVENT TEA for WOMEN St. John's Episcopal Cathedral 2326 Woodward Ave. Detroit

Dec 7th 2019 1:00 to 3:00

RSVP to Lena Nealley at

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