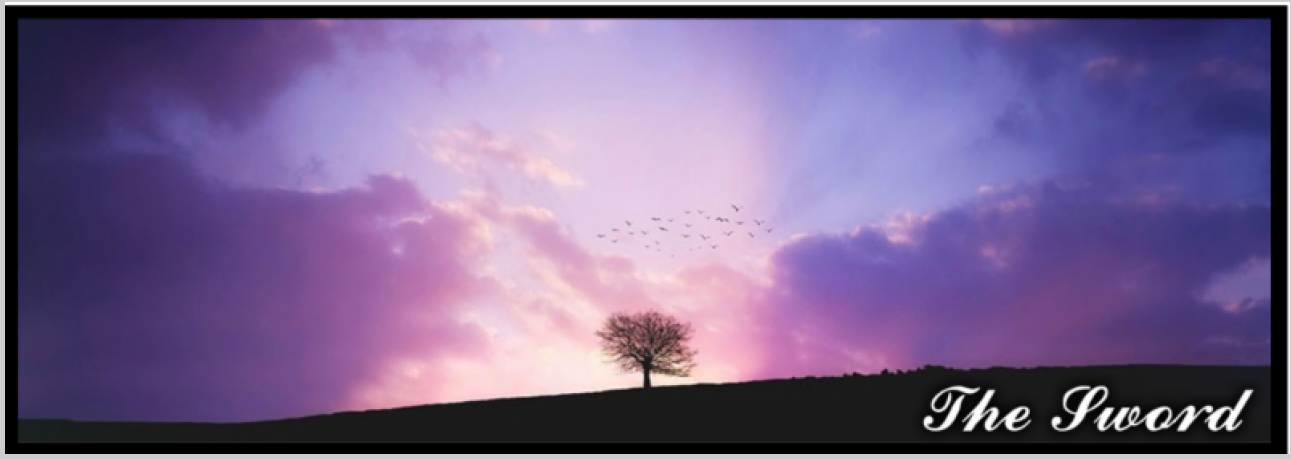

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St. Michael's Worship Times

Stations of the Cross

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During Lent, please consider joining us on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. beginning February 17. We meet in the church, open with a prayer at the altar and conclude with the same. Prayer books for this rite will be available. We walk together through the stations, pausing at each, with a meditation from the prayer book read by someone who volunteers. We are a solemn and intimate group.

The fourteen stations, beginning with Jesus' condemnation and concluding with His entombment, are powerful. Most are documented in the Bible; others are poetic lore. All attest to agony.

I find the bedrock of my Lenten observance to be Stations of the Cross. One half hour a week refreshes my true sense of the season. I shift my focus from what am I giving up? and/or what am I taking on? I pray. I wonder what Jesus thought about /prayed about on that long walk from Pilate to Golgotha.

God so loved the world that He sent His only son, who lived and died as one of us. Jesus was divine, but also human. Jesus suffered to redeem us; He sanctified the human condition. And the fifteenth station (if you will) is the promise of resurrection at Easter.

Would love to see you. Please contact me with any questions.

Sundays:
8:00 a.m. Rite I
10:00 a.m. Rite II

For additional service information, events and activities, please visit our website by clicking here.

+Church School for children 3 years through 5th grade: 10:00 a.m. (drop-off @ 9:45 a.m.)

+Junior High 9:45 am meet in Sturtz House & then join service at Communion time.

+Senior High 10 am attend worship together, then meet in Sturtz House after the service.

+Food For The Journey (adult formation) after the 10:00 a.m. service.

Nursery care is available downstairs for children from ages newborns to 3 yrs.old.

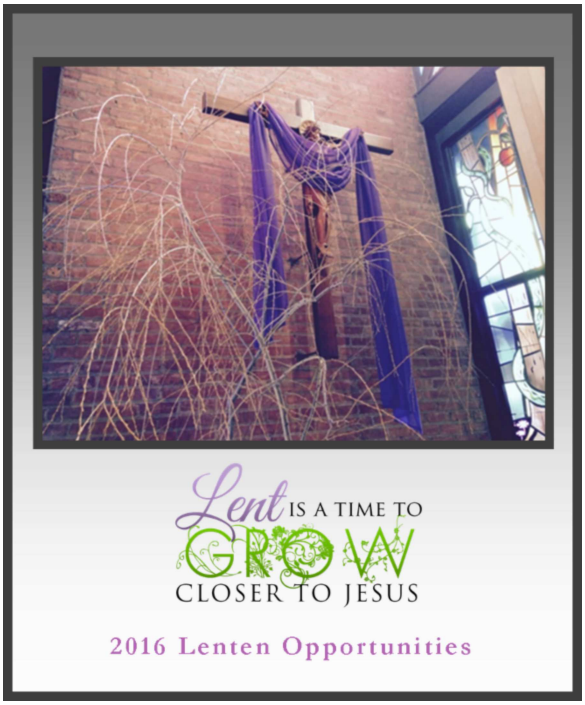
Coffee & Fellowship after each service.

St. Michael's Stations of the Cross

Be sure to pick up a copy of the 2016 Lenten Opportunities

Hard copies were distributed last Sunday. Additional copies may be found in the front foyer.

Electronic copy here.



A Word From The Interim Rector

Fr. Jack Fleming
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Jack's doctors at Good Shepherd Hospital decided that Jack will be staying a few more days in the hospital to treat his persistent pneumonia. He is improving (but not fast enough according to Jack!).

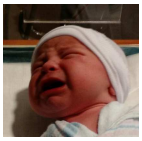
Jack sends a word of deep gratitude to St. Michael's staff for their excellent leadership and to the parish community for their sustaining support and prayers.

In the Parish Family

Ash Wednesday: Deacon Judy Heinrich offering the Imposition of Ashes to Little Angels Preschool students and their families.

Thank you to ALL for a great Mardi Gras last Sunday. The band was great, the food was delicious, the running of the kitchen and clean up was super smooth, the kids participation was awesome, the quiz and PowerPoint show were entertaining, the photographer, and the emcee was the best. *Laissez les bons temps rouler*! Photos here.

Welcome Colin Nicholas Hornickel born January 26 and weighing in at 8lb. 5oz. Colin is the grandson of St. Michael's sexton Rich and his wife Gerry Hornickle. Blessings to all!



Second Wednesday of each month:
Eucharist with Healing Prayers 7:30 p.m.
This worship experience focuses on individual needs for restoration of mind, body, and soul. All are welcome.

Food For The Journey
Sunday Adult Formation

Sunday, February 21
Living Compass: *Living Well Through Lent 2016*
Presented by

Phyllis Stevens
Lent is a good time to take stock and turn things around. One way of turning things around is to let go of the things that block us from perceiving God's continuing care. We will discuss the art of letting go and how it can lead us to peace and spiritual growth.

Sunday, February 28
"Why Did Jesus Die, and How is He Risen?: Praying into the Full Gift of Holy Week"
Presented by The Rev. Mark McIntosh
Our lives as Christians develop, in ways we cannot yet even imagine, from the dying and rising of Christ. Though we celebrate these mysterious events annually, how can their hidden depths of meaning become more profoundly at work within our lives as human beings and as members of a parish family?

Fr. Mark
and his family

Those who have asked for our prayers: Roberta, Isabel, Jeff, Oma, Dan, Jack, Horscht, Fran & Bill, Mahrya, Mary, George, John, the Strain family, Alan, Fred, the Romano family, Al, Greg, Jean, Eddie, Becky, Amy.

Family Ministries

Julie Allord
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Don't miss out on any of the meaningful Lenten events for children and youth. Participating in Lenten programs makes Easter feel extra special.

Click here for all the details. Pretzels are coming!!

Faith Reflection Groups Forming

A time to tell your story about your walk with Christ in a small group atmosphere. These small groups (3, 4 or 5 people) will meet for a short period of time, conducted in a engaging, interactive, laid back atmosphere. This is a perfect way to get to know others in the parish on a deeper level.

For more information contact Pat Kane, patkane@att.net, or, 847-431-8582.

Speaking of Faith

Are you new to the Episcopal faith? Are you a lifelong Episcopalian that would love to know more about the church? While our high school confirmands prepare for their own Confirmations in May, we would like to offer a similar opportunity for adult learners. Participants would read and discuss the book, *Your Faith, Your Life*, by Jenifer Gambler which parallels the curriculum of the youth confirmands. Adult participants would have the opportunity to be confirmed by the Bishop in May at St. James Cathedral if desired.

This everything you need to know guide to the

(Anne, Liza, and Nate) were members of St. Michael's for over a decade, ending in 2009-10 when Mark was appointed a professor at Durham University, and canon of Durham Cathedral in the north of England. He is the author of a number of books on the mystical life and theology, served as canon theologian to the 25th Presiding Bishop, and chaplain to the House of Bishops of the Episcopal Church. He is now the inaugural holder of the endowed professorship in Christian Spirituality at Loyola University of Chicago. He and Anne live now in Wilmette and are actively involved at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Evanston.

Quick Links

Our Website

Episcopal church is an engaging way to understand the history of our church, the language of worship and church structure, the meaning of the sacraments and how to become points of God's presence in this world both as individuals and communities of faith. Length and time frame of this Inquirer's Class would be determined by the group once participants have indicated interest. For further information contact Father Jack+ or Deacon Laurie+.

Psalm Study Invitation

Interested in deeper contemplation of the Psalms as a Lenten practice? You are invited and welcome to gather with a small group each Saturday morning (7:15 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.) from February 6, 2016, for prayer and conversation featuring C.S. Lewis, Reflections on the Psalms. Coffee, tea, and light refreshments included. The location is the Fireplace Room, unless a larger space becomes needed (hopefully ;-)). Copies of the C.S. Lewis book will be made available in And All The Angels. Contact Tim Murray (murrfam1@aol.com) should you have questions.

Women's Lenten Study

Join the spirited women of St. Michael's on Tuesday evenings 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., February 9 - March 29 in St. Michael's Library as we discuss 'Lent for Everyone: Luke, Year C'. Click here for additional information.

Lent Madness 2016

The 7th edition of Lent Madness begins today on "Ash Thursday" with voting for the matchup of Helena vs. Monnica. The *About Lent Madness* section of the Saintly Scorecard (copies available at church) describes that "Taking our faith yet not ourselves too seriously is the essence of Lent Madness." The "Saintly Smackdown" begins with 32 saints matched in a single-elimination style tournament on line at www.LentMadness.org (like it on Facebook and Twitter - and subscribe to receive email reminders and notifications of Lent Madness news). You'll see a poster-sized copy of the bracket in the church office

Little Angels Preschool

Listen to Sunday Sermons

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Vestry Meeting Summary January 25, 2016. Click here.

Lent 2016

hallway. Have questions? Several Lent Madness evangelists will gladly help, Tim Murray, Marti Kahn, Christine Olson, and others.

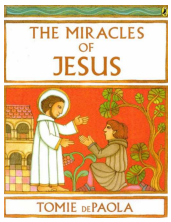
Keep an eye on the **Golden Halo** in the left column of the eSword for weekly updates and voting results.

Exploring Sacred Music: Back by popular demand!

This series, beginning February 14, will travel through themes such as the organ, favorite hymns, hymnal poets, Easter music, contemporary composers, Shaker hymns and spirituals. Open to all who love sacred music. Click here for the schedule of meetings and additional information. Contact Greg Michaels gregory.greenhythe@gmail.com.

A Lenten Reflection for Children

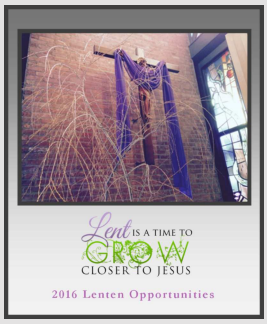
Family Ministries is partnering with our St. Michael's Healing Prayer Ministry to present Tomie dePaola's retelling of the twelve miracles entitled, *The Miracles of Jesus*. We welcome all ages to experience the wonder and majesty as we explore the miracles of the New Testament. The reflections will take place at the end of pretzel making on Saturdays; February 27, March 5 and March 12.



The reflections will also be part of the learning during Sunday church school, February 28, March 6 and March 13. Each lesson is a stand-alone event; come to as many as your Lenten schedule will allow.

Peace and Social Justice

A Peace & Justice group is forming at St. Michael's Church! We invite you to attend a meeting on Monday evening, Feb. 29, at 7:00 p.m. in the library. We will discuss possible ideas and events for the future. If you have a passion for peace and social justice, please join us. Broad concepts of peace and justice include resolving or preventing conflict through non-violence,

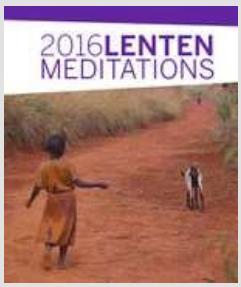


Lenten Opportunities at St. Michael's

creating and nurturing alternatives to structures of inequality and injustice, protecting human rights, rebuilding societies post-conflict, or simply helping to build a better world. Specific actions, such as offering an informative movie night, providing relevant guest speakers or sponsoring a refugee family will be decided by the group. We look forward to seeing you. Questions? Contact Ellen Lindeen at peacellen123@gmail.com or Ric Lindeen at riclindeen@yahoo.com.

Good News From Renk

Bishop Joseph sends warm greetings and is pleased to welcome **Phil Darrow** this week. For those who don't know Phil, he is a former member of St. Michael's who relocated to L.A. Phil was instrumental in leading a fundraising campaign for Renk Theological College and has been to Renk several times. He is the first visitor to Renk from the U.S. since the war broke out in Dec. 2013. Phil will spend a week touring throughout the Diocese, especially refugee camps, schools, the clinic, and RTC. Keep Phil, Bishop Joseph, and all whom they encounter in prayer. More news to follow.



Lenten Reflections from Episcopal Relief & Development emailed daily to your inbox. Click here to sign up.

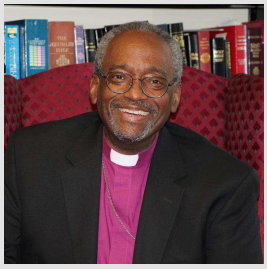
Lent Madness!

Who will win the golden halo? Click here.

Recycle With A Purpose

from Deacon Judy Heinrich

With your help, during Lent, we will be collecting plastic grocery bags to make mats for homeless veterans. These mats are 6' by 3', which are placed as barriers between the ground and blankets used to keep people warm. 500 hundred bags are needed to make one mat. Please put those pesky bags, which seem to multiply at an unusually fast rate, in the marked container located in the hall outside the Community Room.



Episcopal Church **Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's** Message for Lent.

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Little Red Wagon

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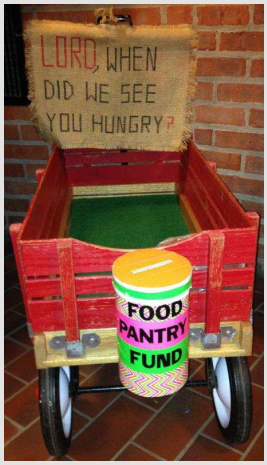

Collections in February will go to the Wauconda/Island Lake Food Pantry. Especially needed are foods for a balanced diet and soaps, detergents, personal care items.

Remembering This Week

The bags will be given to a group of women in Lake Barrington Shores who will cut them into strips, tie them together, roll them into balls and crochet them into the appropriate size. The Palatine American Legion Post will deliver the mats to lower Wacker Drive. This project is one the entire family can become involved in and will help those who need of little more warmth.

Thanking you in advance,
Deacon Judy

Collection can outside Community Room.

Thanks a Latte!

Calling All Bakers! Have you recently enjoyed some of the fresh baked treats at coffee hour? If you are interested in sharing your baking talents with fellow parishioners, please feel free to drop your baked goods in the kitchen for Sunday mornings. Or if you prefer a different item, feel free to be creative. If you have any questions, please contact Kim Lessner at the parish office, 847-381-2323 x16 or klessner@stmichaelsbarrington.org.

Coffee Hour Crew: Do you feel one of your spiritual gifts is hospitality? If so, would you be willing to help out occasionally on a Sunday morning with coffee hour? I'm looking to recruit a team of 10-12 parishioners to provide this fellowship opportunity to our parish. It is a relatively easy way to offer your gifts of time and talent. If you are interested and/or have any questions, please contact Kim Lessner or ask her on a Sunday morning. Thank you in advance for your consideration!

Men....Please Check Your Topcoat

On January 24 a gentleman from the parish inadvertentlygrabbed the wrong coat from the coat rack. That gentleman's coat (a black Larry Lavine) is

Birthdays
2.14
Charley Wickman
Amber DiDomenico
2.15
Kara Nance
Lauren Gabis
2.17
Marilyn Okonek
Ginny Conners
Kevin Chrisos
2.18
Cassie Barron
2.20
Scott Knoop
Debra Blohm

Anniversaries
2.14
Kate & Simon Wirth

Rest in Peace
2.14
Ken Locher
2.16
Juanita Fisher
Jim Galasso
Michael Foort
Jan Rutkowski
2.18
Henry Parker

still hanging in the hallway coat rack. Can the men of the parish check the topcoat they have at home? The one we're looking for has some tears in the arm lining. Please bring it back as soon as you can.....the owner is chilly!

Year End Contribution Statements for 2015 have been mailed to all parishioners as of February 2. Please take a moment to review your statement for any donation discrepancies between our records. If you have not received a statement or find a discrepancy on your statement after reviewing, please contact Kim Lessner at the parish offices, 847-381-2323, ext. 16 or via email klessner@stmichaelsbarrington.org. Thank you!

Upcoming COMMUNITY EVENTS

A Splish Splash Sprinker Park for Barrington. Raffle Tickets for the chance to win a diamond ring are available downstairs outside Little Angels Preschool office. Click here for all the details on the park.

LYDIA Home is hosting a fundraiser to celebrate 100 years of serving the Chicagoland area. It is one of the many organizations that St. Michael's supports with your outreach dollars. Click here for information on the organization and the fundraiser.

LENTEN PRAYER
Merciful God,
look upon us as we enter these Forty Days,
bearing the marks of ashes,
and bless our journey through the desert of Lent.

May our fasting be hunger for justice;
our alms, a making of peace;
our prayer, the change of humble and grateful hearts.
All that we do and pray is in the name of Jesus,
for in his cross you proclaim your love
For ever and ever. Amen.

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Drew Douglas, Youth Representative

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The Rev. Jack Fleming, Interim Rector; The Rev. Elizabeth (Betsy) Ward, Assisting Priest; The Rev. Laurie Michaels, Deacon; The Rev. Judith Heinrich, Deacon; The Rev. Carol Staley Bowen, Deacon; Caren Hunter, Director of Little Angels Preschool; Mark Sikkila, Organist & Director of Music; Tina Summerfield, Director of Children's Music; Nate Nesbit, Youth Pastor; Julie Allord, Family Ministries; Kim Lessner, Parish Operations; Nancy Holmes, Parish Administrator/Rector's Assistant;
Rich Hornickel, Sexton

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