

# The Sword



Your weekly connection with St. Michael's Episcopal Church

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6.23 Richard Pepper

## Upcoming at St. Michael's:

+ Part II of the discussion of The Church Blessing (or Not) of Same-Gender Relationships: "Biological and Social Research, How Other Episcopal Churches are Responding and Current Legal Status," which runs between June 22 and June 23 during the following times:

- Saturday, June 22, 8:30 to 10:00 am - Community Room
- Sunday, June 23 from 8:45 to 10:15 am - Undercroft
- Sunday, June 23 from 10:30 to 12:00 pm - Undercroft

## Eight great days in Onigum

*a letter to the people from the Rector*

Dear People of St. Michael's,

As I got into the van on June 8 to head to Minnesota with the senior high mission trip, I thought to myself, "*I can't possibly go on this trip! I have too much to do here at St. Michael's! This is such a critical time!*" My perspective quickly changed. Now I believe that the mission trip may have been the best possible use of eight great days. Here are some reasons why:

Our St. Michael's youth are amazing: energetic, spiritually inquisitive, each unique, and hard-working (most of the time!). The participating youth from Church of the Redeemer, Elgin, all Mexican-American, are equally amazing. Our two groups mixed, matched and cooperated remarkably well. We seemed to benefit from both informal and formal opportunities to compare cultures - not only Anglo and Latino but also the culture of Native Americans living on a reservation; and suburban metro life compared with life in rural far northern Minnesota.

Adult chaperones on our trip were equally amazing. What

6.24 Ann Kimes  
 6.25 Danny Warner,  
 Jorie Koelling, Olivia  
 Welsh  
 6.26 Robert Gale,  
 Jack Schaefer,  
 Stephanie Johns,  
 Marjory Larson  
 6.27 Nerissa  
 Brueckbauer  
 6.28 Kasey Boetsch,  
 Jack Longo  
 6.29 Jonathan  
 Kampert, Jason  
 Welsh, Victoria  
 Schnure

commitment! For some it was a first youth mission trip. Others were veterans. Getting to know Fr. Luis Andrade, who now serves part-time at Redeemer, was particularly gratifying. Prior to having his 'orders received' by Bishop Lee last year, Luis was a Roman Catholic priest with gifts for mission and evangelism that he practiced until 2002 not only in his native Ecuador but also in Panama, Puerto Rico and Kenya. He now lives in Cicero and is married with two children. His faith and perspectives greatly enriched me and our group.

Finally, tangible projects are always personally gratifying. My 'normal' work as a priest is driven by 'objectives' such as *salvation, reconciliation and eternal life* - ultimately important but impossible to measure. What can I show at the end of a week, month or year to demonstrate 'success'? But when the objective is 'paint the church' or 'replace the church entry ramp' or 'build a raised garden bed' you can precisely measure the outcome! I valued the change of pace, the camaraderie, and listening in on the kids' music choices. As a group, we tackled numerous projects that will, I pray, have an impact for good among the souls seeking God in Christ at St. John's, Onigum, Minnesota.

I could have stayed here in Barrington and worried about weighty matters, with likely more burden and less tangible positive outcomes. I'm so glad I got in the van instead.

-Patrick +

### Anniversaries

6.24 Ellen & Eric  
 Weiss  
 6.25 Susan & Clark  
 Beverly, Robin &  
 Phil Darrow, Jill &  
 Joe Viola  
 6.26 Jean & Hollis  
 Schoepke, Sharon &  
 Coy Walcott  
 6.27 Marilyn & Pat  
 Okonek, Sally &  
 Greg Smith  
 6.29 Fran & Bill  
 Collins, Kim & Dick  
 Garrity



Pictured are participants in the 2013 Onigum Mission trip, standing among the eight raised garden beds that were built, filled with topsoil and planted last week, to create the St. John's Community Garden on a site that had been a field of weeds when we arrived.

Also from the Rector:

### **Rest in Peace**

6.23 Marjorie  
Morgan, Russell  
Turner  
6.26 Marilyn  
Sargent, Suzanne  
Gustat  
6.27 Patrick Dittmer  
6.28 Marjorie Hussey  
6.29 Sarah Rowe

**A Progress Report on the Question of Blessing Same Gender Relationships** will be the subject of a letter from Our Wardens that is being mailed to all active members of St. Michael's by the weekend. The letter will explain why the Vestry is presently considering expanding the scope of its decision(s) beyond the original question having to do with blessing civil unions. Please take note, read and respond as appropriate. (Additional information on the current, related Vestry process may be found below.)

**Two more St. Michael's mission trips**, one to Rockford, Illinois, and the other to Jeanette, Haiti, will take place at the end of July. Each will provide opportunities for parishioner support and participation, whether or not one is 'going on the trip.' Please be on the lookout for additional information in this and upcoming issues of the Sword or at the church. And thank you for your prayers and support.

**A July 14 'Welcome!' to our new Associate Rector, Fr. Kevin Caruso**. Having completed two years of ministry as St. Michael's Curate (newly ordained priest-in-training), and having made an ongoing commitment to St. Michael's for at least the next year or two, Vestry members at their May meeting unanimously encouraged the Rector to ask Kevin to assume the new title of Associate Rector ... and he's agreed! A formal recognition of Kevin's ministry and new title will be made by the Wardens at both Eucharists on July 14. Please mark your calendars.

### **Little Red Wagon**

The Barrington Township Food Pantry will be the recipient of our food collection in the month of June. Food needs are rice, crackers, cereal, peanut butter, jelly and more rice. Personal care items and paper products are always welcome.

### **In the Parish family**

+Those for whom prayers have been requested:

Blake, Jordyn & Jeff; the Nicol family; Dean; Mary; Judie; Craig & Felton; Donna & Dave; the people of Moore, OK; Steve & Lisa; BH & family; Rollo; Amy; Barbara; Scott; Steve & Barb; Jan; Sam; Connie; safety & peace in South Sudan; Barrington Township Food Pantry; Cleo; Adolphus; William; Brandon & family; William; Doris; David; Marilyn; Carol; military troops in danger including those from our parish, especially, Zane, Ryan, Michael, Bruce, and Taylor.

+Fifty-five parishioners filled the chapel last Sunday for the blessing of a window there by artist Rachel Rutkowski, created in 2009 to honor 60 years of ordained ministry by Fr. Bob Orpen. When we learned that a second chapel window created by Rachael

If you will not be shopping, please remember the container attached to the Little Red Wagon for donations to the Food Pantry Fund.

as a memorial to her late husband George had never been formally dedicated, we blessed that window too!

Front row seats at the window blessing(s): Vinnie & Bob Orpen, Rachel Rutkowski



## **Parish Begins Part II: The Church Blessing (or not) of Same-Gender Relationships**

Wednesday evening started Part II of the series, which highlights views from the "Biological, Sociological, Societal, and Local Episcopal Churches." For anyone who missed it and is interested, you're welcome to attend any of the upcoming sessions, which are:

- Saturday, June 22 from 8:30 to 10:00 am - Community Room
- Sunday, June 23 from 8:45 to 10:15 am - Undercroft
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The series culminates the following week with "Part III: Hearing from the Parish." This session utilizes a town-hall format and is designed to give as many parishioners an opportunity to ask questions and/or make comments to the Vestry.



- Wednesday, June 26 from 7:00 to 8:30 pm - Community Room
- Saturday, June 29 from 8:30 to 10:00 am - Community Room
- Sunday, June 30 from 8:45 to 10:15 am - Undercroft
- Sunday, June 30 from 10:30 to 12:00 pm - Undercroft

Please note that while the Wardens will exercise their judgment relative to responding to questions during the meeting out of respect for everyone's time, the Vestry will follow up on submitted questions within one week.

To assist with preparing for Part III as we expect many would like to share their views, we're offering parishioners the opportunity to "reserve a place in line" by submitting their comments/questions in advance. As an incentive, the Vestry will hear parishioners based on a "first-come-first-serve basis" that give priority to who respond to this invitation by either [talktothevestry@gmail.com](mailto:talktothevestry@gmail.com)

Not able to attend Part III, but want your voice heard? Click on the link above and follow the instructions to share your input and perspectives.

After Part III is complete the Vestry will compile the notes from each of the session. These minutes will contain the questions raised across all sessions and include the Vestry's response as well whether it was provided during a meeting or afterwards. Parishioners will be able to request and receive a copy of the summary after it becomes available. Details to follow.

**Reminder** - If you'd like to review any materials shared during Part I or II or even the booklet of resources compiled by Fr. Raymond in conjunction with the process, you can either contact Nancy Holmes in the Church Office for a hard copy or send email with your request to [talktothevestry@gmail.com](mailto:talktothevestry@gmail.com).

**As also explained above by the Rector: A Progress Report on the Question of Blessing Same Gender Relationships** will be the subject of a letter from Our Wardens that is being mailed to all active members of St. Michael's by the weekend. The letter will explain why the Vestry is presently considering expanding the scope of its decision(s) beyond the original question having to do with blessing civil unions. Please take note, read and respond as appropriate. (Additional information on the current, related Vestry process may be found below.)



## Last Call!!!!

### Ribfest 2013! With Music by the

**Chi-Town Hot Shots**-who play Ragtime,

Roarin' 20s, and "Kick-Brass Blues" - a five piece

ensemble featuring Art Davis (coronet), Ron Dewar

(saxophone/clarinet), Tom Bartlett (trombone), Charley Shallcross

(tuba) and Tom Betten (banjo). Come and join the fun on **Saturday,**

**22 June at 4:00 p.m. \$25 donation per person (please pay in**

**advance). Please contact Clark Beverly, if you are interested in attending!**

### Information from the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago Committee on Peace and Justice

Ellen Lindeen, parishioner, serves on the Diocesan Committee on Peace and Justice which is also the Chicago Chapter of the Episcopal Peace Fellowship. Click [here](#) to read information from Ellen and the Committee regarding the Silence the Guns initiative and the diocesan entry in the upcoming Chicago LGBTQ Pride Parade on Sunday, June 30. This note includes details on opportunities to participate in the parade. Jackie Smith is the St. Michael's point person for parade participation, her contact information is phone 847.525.4847 or email [jacksmith5657@yahoo.com](mailto:jacksmith5657@yahoo.com).



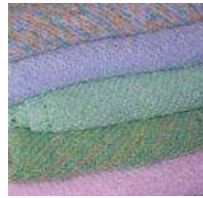
### Jump for Jeanette

Our parish outreach project for the people of Jeanette, Haiti, is once again underway. Twelve parishioners have committed to traveling to be with the people of Jeanette and create an outdoor play space for the children at the school. 650 children attend the school in rural Jeanette and the only "play" item they have now is breadfruit that falls from the trees. The children kick the fruit around a dirt play yard like a soccer ball. Your assistance is needed to provide play items and monetary donations for supplies. The team will be building 3 teeter-totters, 3 low balance beams and 3 climbing steps for the youngest children. We will also build 2 basketball backboards and a storage bin. We plan to take basketballs (20), soccer balls (20), playground balls (20), plastic horseshoes (10 sets), jump ropes (50), hacky sacks (50), swings (10), climbing nets and ladders (4). After both services the next three Sundays, members of the Haiti team will be accepting your donations. Please stop by and learn more about Jump for Jeanette and select an item to contribute. Checks may be made payable to St. Michael's with "Haiti" in the memo. Thank you on behalf of our team and the people of

Jeannette.



**Save the Date!**-The third **South Sudan Soiree** will be held this fall at St. Michael's on **Saturday, September 28**. Please mark your calendars so that you are able to attend this evening of feast and fun for a worthy cause!



### **It's Prayer Shawl time again!**

Come join us Tuesday, June 25, in the church library from 7:00-8:30 p.m. This calendar year alone we have blessed 23 shawls along with 4 scarves, a hat and a headband - all knitted or crocheted. We start gathering at Boloney's at 5:00 p.m. for a quick bite. All are welcome. No experience needed. Come for any or all of the evening.



**Heartland Blood Centers and St. Paul United Church of Christ are working together to celebrate the 150th anniversary of St. Paul United Church of Christ.**

Help us "Paint the Doors Red" by reaching our goal of 150 blood donors at our blood drive on July 8, 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. All donors will receive an Oberweis gift card AND a small meal.

You'll get the satisfaction of knowing that so many in need during the summer months will have the blood necessary to save lives.

And each time you drive by the church at 401 East Main Street, Barrington, our red doors will remind you of your generosity!

Please make an appointment online at [www.heartlandbc.org](http://www.heartlandbc.org) or call St. Paul at 847-381-0460.



### **Icons in Transformation: International Contemporary Art Exhibit by Ludmila Pawlowska**

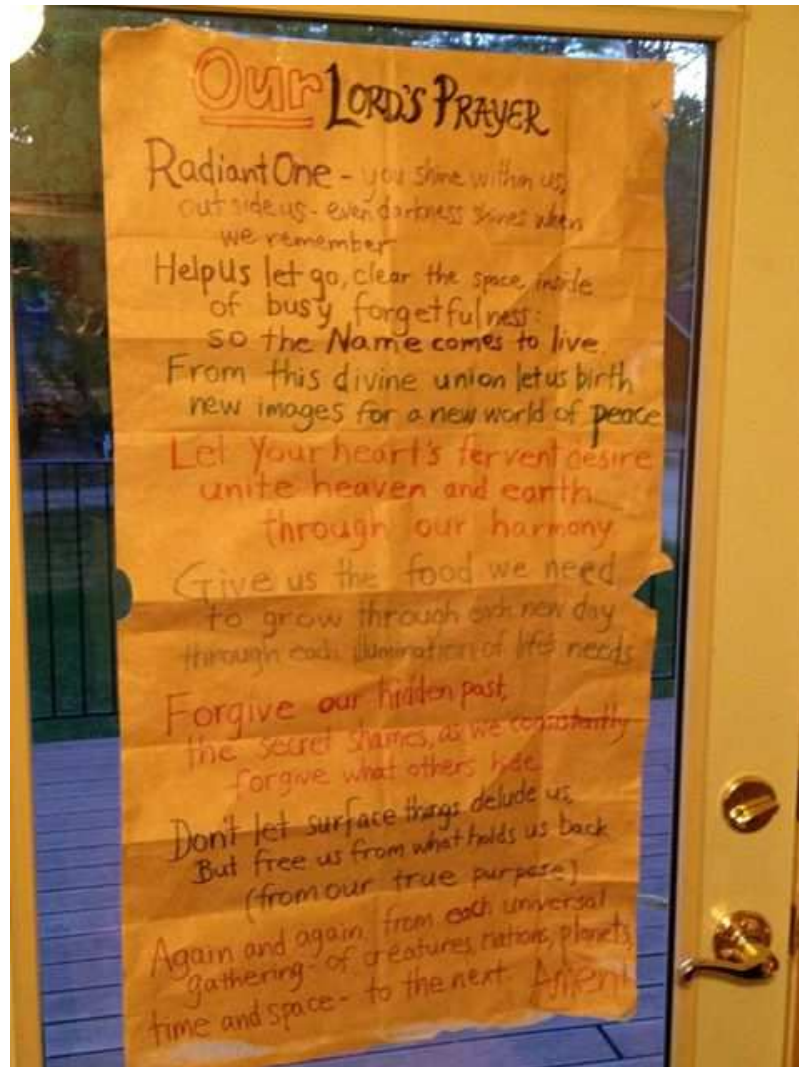
at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Glen Ellyn, 22 June through 31 July. This exhibit has toured cathedrals in Europe, Britain and cities in the U.S. to rave reviews. The exhibit features over 150 paintings and sculptures by acclaimed abstract expressionist Ludmila Pawlowska. The exhibit also includes a collection of traditional icons created by artists at the Vassilevsky Monastery in Russia. For

more information, please visit [www.stmarksglenellyn.org](http://www.stmarksglenellyn.org). (See Nerissa for a free ticket - we have 3!)

### From the Wauconda-Island Lake Food Pantry:

"Dear Friends,

Thank you very much for your donation of food to our Pantry. We appreciate your kindness to the families who come to us for help. People like you make it possible for us to fill the needs of these families! God Bless You!"



**"Our" Lord's Prayer as compiled by the Senior High Mission Trip Participants, June 2013, Onigum, MN**

**Our Lord's Prayer**



Radiant One,  
You shine within us, outside us - even darkness shines  
when we remember.

Help us let go, clear the space inside of busy forgetfulness:  
so The Name comes to live.

From this Divine Union let us birth new images for a new  
world of Peace.

Let Your Heart's fervent desire unite heaven and earth  
through our harmony.

Give us the food we need to grow through each new day  
through the illumination of life's needs.

Forgive our hidden past, the secret shames, as we  
consistently forgive what others hide.

Don't let surface things delude us, but free us from what  
holds us back - from our true purpose.

Again and again, from each universal gathering - of  
creatures, nations, and planets, time and space - to the  
next.

Amen.



The Peaceful World drawn by Meghan, Fourth Grade

### **Lessons from Children's Chapel, 16 June**

**What would a world at peace look (sound, feel, taste, smell) like...**

A world at peace would look like...

- no war, no homeless people
- no bad things happening
- everyone helping others
- enough food
- people would share and give!

A world at peace would sound like...

- manners and "thanks"
- no whining, no fighting
- lots of happiness!

A world at peace would feel like...

- peaceful
- a massage
- happy and grateful
- a hug and a big heart
- care and love!

A world at peace would taste like...

- brussel sprouts and peaches
- candy
- a bowl of cherries and doughnuts
- popsicles
- ice cream sandwiches
- cupcakes and gummies
- pizza
- french fries
- strawberries and bananas
- popcorn
- milk!

A world at peace would smell like...

- flowers
- freshly baked cookies
- sitting by the campfire
- the sea
- a new baby
- tears of joy!

### **Women's Labyrinth Retreat: Walking the Seasons of Our Lives, June 29, 10 am-3 pm**

Come to St. James Cathedral for a women's labyrinth retreat on **Saturday, June 29 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.** Two labyrinths--one on St. James Commons Plaza and one in the Great Hall--will be available to walk, to reflect, to focus, to pray and to create community. The group will gather in the Cathedral to begin its journey.

**The Rev. Laurie Michaels** of St. Michael's, Barrington will join the group and share one of the reflections for the day. All women of the diocese are invited. Please bring a dish to share and RSVP via email to the Rev. Satya Sudhakar.

### **Upcoming Events**

- +22 June, Ribfest, 4:00 p.m.
- +23 - 30 July, Haiti Mission Trip
- +28 July to 2 August, LIFT Jr. High Mission Trip to Rockford
- +5-9 August, Monday through Friday, Vacation Bible School, 9:15 a.m. through 12:00 p.m.

## Revised Common Lectionary Year C, Pentecost 5

1 Kings 19:3-4 6-14; Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20; Galatians 5:1, 13-25; Luke 9:51-62

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