

The Sword



Your weekly connection with St. Michael's Episcopal Church

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Upcoming at St. Michael's:

+ Worship for **All Saints Day**, November 1. Due to the Episcopal Charities Ball, the normal evening Eucharist for All Saints Day will be replaced by two alternative services, at **7:00 a.m.** and **12:00 p.m. (please note this change)**. Please contact Nancy Holmes, nholmes@stmichaelsbarrington.org if you would like to have names included in the memorial prayers for our All Saints Day worship no later than Sunday, 27 October.

+Little Angels Christian Preschool Fundraiser at McGonigal's Pub, 2 November, 7:30 p.m., please click [here](#) to go to the Little Angels website for more information or see below.

Falling into Place at Little Angels

a letter to the people of St. Michael's from the Director, Caren Hunter

Dear People of St. Michael's,

Little Angels has had a busy start to the school year. We had a great turn out for our annual Ice Cream Social in September, celebrated the feast of St. Francis by having a "Blessing of the Animals" service where Father Kevin had the opportunity to bless several dogs, a guinea pig, a fish and lots of photos of the children's household pets. We also had our annual

Ministry

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Anniversaries

This Week

Birthdays

10.28 Ken Curtis,
Gregory Paris

10.29 Kay Lewis,
Scott Kimes, Gregory
Michaels, Lawrence
Garbarek, Audrey

Brett

10.30 Hilary Murray,
Jessica Arms, Melissa
Paris

10.31 Christine
Robinson, Robin
Seyffert, Mark Imhoff

11.1 Jim Stevens,
Dave Rhodes, Ashlee
Ager, Sharon Savage,
Bob Hoyer



The Weibel Family carving pumpkins!

Pumpkin Carving event which went well with St. Michael's Fall Festival. It was a beautiful day and a great event for our families to celebrate fall and the fun activities provided by the church. The Pre-K class took a field trip to the Barrington Historical Society and learned about toys from long ago. Our Scholastic book fair has been going on this week and we are hopeful to profit enough to increase the technology in the school...maybe a SmartBoard! Coming up we have our Fall Festival, Thanksgiving Feast, Christmas Program and a field trip to the Marriott Lincolnshire to see "The Nutcracker."

We are looking forward to our annual Fall Festival Fundraiser on Saturday, November 2 at McGonigal's Pub here in Barrington. The Parent Advisory Board has been busy collecting donations for the auction. We will be having a live auction with a Porsche 611 for the weekend, Bears tickets, Vail, Colorado home, two hotel rooms downtown Chicago for the Disney Festival of Lights along with over 15 silent auction baskets full of wonderful items donated by the Barrington business community. The monies collected from this event will be used to enhance the materials and "space" that the preschoolers use here at Little Angels. This year our goal is to install an outdoor garden area to allow the children the opportunity to learn about science and how plants grow and nutrition, harvesting, preparing and sharing the food that they grow. We also hope to expand on the equipment in the Undercroft that we use for our large motor play. All St. Michael's parishioners are invited to attend. Please click [here](#) for the invite and RSVP card.

Anniversaries

10.27 Meredith &
David Perrine
10.28 Noell & Tony
Poidomani
10.31 Christine &
John Nelson
11.2 Robert & Adele
Osmond

We welcome any of St. Michael's parishioners to drop by the preschool anytime to say hello and to see this very important mission of St. Michael's in action! Thank you for all of the support you give to make Little Angels Preschool the wonderful place it is for the children we serve!

*Sincerely,
Caren Hunter*



Three generations of the Newman Family carving Pumpkins!

Rest in Peace

10.28 Sherman
Nobel, III
10.29 Mary Michelle
Lewis, Raymond
Raufeisen
10.30 Esther Johnson
11.1 Dorothy
Peterson

From the Rector:

Nerissa Brueckbauer's resignation from her ministries at St. Michael's was announced by way of a mailing pasted this past Tuesday, October 22, to all active parish households. The two letters that were included in that mailing AND a related FAQs document that provides additional information (but wasn't prepared in time to be included in the mailing) can be viewed by clicking [here](#).

Calling all Cooks! More of us are needed to help with our once-a-month Soup Kettle ministry at church of the Redeemer, Elgin.

Parishioner Mary Beth Kovacik coordinates this ministry and welcomes - NO, *encourages* -- your inquiries for one-time or more frequent culinary contributions. Please, contact Mary Beth directly at (847) 304-8726 or krebskovacik@yahoo.com. (Mary Beth has also agreed to

orchestrate the November 24 reception for Nerissa, as explained in the FAQs document referenced above.)

Thanksgivings and prayers are in order for Fr. Matt Gunter, rector of St. Barnabas' Church, Glen Ellyn. This past Saturday, October 19, he was elected Bishop of the Diocese of Fond du Lac, comprised of all of Eastern Wisconsin north of the greater Milwaukee area (i.e. Fox Valley, Appleton, Green Bay, Door County, Eagle River and more). The related feature story on the Diocese of Chicago website is titled '*The Not Quite Right Reverend*' and can be found by clicking [here](#). Under the leadership of Fr. Gunter, St. Barnabas' has been significantly involved in the mission and relationships with the Diocese of Renk. Speaking of which ...

Little Red Wagon

In October and November we will be gathering food for St. Cyprian Food Pantry. It is the largest pantry to which we donate food. It serves over 1,600 people each month. The needs are great! With the approach of Thanksgiving, items such as yams, cranberry sauce, canned pumpkin and stuffing mix would be great additions to the usual breakfast, lunch and dinner foods. The pantry further requests, TUNA, TUNA, TUNA, soups & cereals!

Bishop Joseph Garang Atem of Renk - known to all at St. Michael's simply as Joseph or Bishop Joseph -- concludes his more than six-week mission and visitation here tomorrow, Friday, October 25. Please pray for safe travels, for joyful reunions and for his continued vision and energies. Highlights of Bishop Joseph's visit this year included the annual 'AFRECS conference (American Friends of the Episcopal Church in Sudan - www.afreecs.org); a conversation with leaders of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) about developing shared mission and education endeavors in Renk; and, of course, the third annual South Sudan Soiree at the end of September.

A few parishioners requested print copies of my sermon from this past Sunday, and the resulting document can be found by clicking [here](#). Audio copies of our Sunday sermons by all who preach at St. Michael's (as delivered at the 10:45 am Eucharist) are typically posted to our website in the week following, provided that the recording was successful for the Sunday in question.

Food for the Journey, this Sunday, 27 October, and Sunday, 3 November

The conversation begins after the 9:00 a.m. service (roughly at 10:05 a.m.) and we are committed to ending at 10:40 a.m. so those who want to can make the 10:45 worship service.

Food for the Journey, 27 October (10:05 a.m.)

Interfaith Dialogue: A Glimpse into Islam

Judaism, Christianity, and Islam all trace their roots to Abraham. And

Monetary donations to the Food Pantry Fund are always welcome.

yet, to say the followers of these faith traditions have a complicated relationship is an understatement. As a way of learning about the Islamic faith and its relationship to and differences with Christianity, we have invited Mushtaq Merchant to teach our Food for the Journey forum on October 27th. If you have ever wanted to learn more about the Islamic faith tradition, this is a great opportunity to engage with someone who has devoted a lot of time and energy to interfaith dialogue.



Mushtaq Merchant

Mushtaq Merchant was educated in US with M.S. from University of Missouri and MBA from Northwestern University. He lives in Deer Park and runs a successful Computer business in Arlington Heights. Though he is not ordained to teach Islamic studies he has been practicing Islam since childhood and he is involved with many interfaith meetings at our Islamic center.

Food for the Journey, 3 November (10:05 a.m.)

The Beatitudes

Last season many of you participated in the conversation about the Lord's Prayer as it could have been heard in the lifetime of Jesus and in his own Aramaic language. On November 3, we will visit the gospel translation of the Beatitudes and listen to possible translations from that same Aramaic language source. It was pretty amazing the many different interpretations that were presented for the Lord's Prayer. It will be equally revealing to hear some of the possible interpretations of the Beatitudes when translated from the Aramaic. Join us on November 3 after the 9:00 a.m. service and let your imagination be thrilled.



Ministry Highlight Sunday, 27 October:

Hands-on Outreach: Meals on Wheels

SUNDAY: October 27, 2013

MINISTRY: **Hands-on Outreach: Meals on Wheels**

The Meals on Wheels program of Barrington is run by BACOA (Barrington Area Counsel on

Aging). Local Churches and Real Estate offices actually deliver the meals to the clients. St. Michael's is responsible for delivering meals in the Barrington area two times monthly. We deliver healthy meals to people in the community who need a little help. It is a tremendously rewarding ministry. We always welcome new volunteers. This is a wonderful way to include families in a rewarding and very worthwhile ministry.



Lisa Allen will Present the Ministry Highlight at the 9:00 a.m. service.

Farewell message from Bishop Joseph



Bishop Joseph at the Sudan Soiree with Rachel and Dolores Duncan

Thank You, Dear Brothers & Sisters of St. Michael's

Every year you welcome me back warmly to renew the Covenant of Relationship between Renk Diocese and St. Michael's. On behalf of the people of Renk, and especially the students, faculty and staff of Renk Theological College, I say thank you from the bottom of my heart. To each of you who welcomed me into your homes, who worked hard to support RTC with a wonderful benefit, who pray for us, who continue to walk with us, may God bless you mightily. May you flourish in His love and care for you, as you love and care for us in Renk. But, most of all love one another other as God loves you. I

pray we'll be together again according to the will of God.

Your brother in Christ, Joseph

Bishop Joseph departs for home Friday, October 25, at 8:55 p.m., Qatar Airways. Traveling with him will be Noah Hillerbrand, who will serve as missionary from Chicago in Renk for 6 months. Let us pray for them, and their families, as they travel. Go to ENS website for a video interview of +Joseph at the AFRECS Conference, October 18. Click [here](#).

In the Parish family

+Those for whom prayers have been requested:

Dean; Rea; Leanne; Julie & family; Steve & Barb; John; Amy; Rollo; Connie; Joan; Kathy; the Couch family; Steve; Doug; Bonnie; Meredith; Roberta; Amy; Katie; Dick; Judy; Dolores; Mary; Mary Beth & family; safety & peace in South Sudan; St. Cyprian Food Pantry; military troops in danger including those from our parish, especially, Zane, Ryan, Michael, Bruce, and Taylor.

+Note received 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! "

+**David Baker** , our Director of Music Ministries, will join master vocalist Eileen Berman at a *Dreams & Rainbows Musical Brunch* on Sunday, November 10th at 1:00 p.m., TenHoeve Center, Oakton Community College Des Plaines Campus. Celebrate the Thanksgiving season with a potpourri of songs, musicals, opera arias, and duets by composers ranging from Mozart and Rossini to Gershwin and Hammerstein - set against the backdrop of Oakton's gorgeous autumnal woods.\$25 includes brunch buffet. Reservations are required. Ticket information at www.oakton.edu/tickets or 847.635.1900.



From Our Youth Minister:

THIS WEEK:

Sunday, 10/27 @ 9:00-LIFT Worship & Food For the Journey

Sunday, 10/27 @ 10:45-Food for the Journey& SMUSH Worship

Sunday, 10/27 @ 12:00-1:00-Confirmation Class Lunch out with Ric Lindeen & Kara. Please bring \$ for lunch. We will be riding together in the church van.

UPCOMING:

Happening #97 - Registration now open! November 1-3 at Trinity, Wheaton. Happening is a weekend retreat for those who are in high school. The weekend is run by a wonderful staff of high schoolers and adults and wouldn't be possible without wonderful participants like you! Learn more at <http://www.episcopalchicago.org/at-work-in-the-church/youth-ministry/happening/>.

Friday 11/8, 3:00-7:30-Youth Volunteers to serve at the soup kitchen, Franciscan Outreach Center. There are only 8 spots, please let me know if you want to participate.



LYDIA Home Christmas Gifts for Children

Once again we have the privilege of assisting 20 children of the LYDIA Home foster care program have Christmas. On the 27th of October, Youth Ministries will have the names and the "Needs" and "Dreams" lists of these 20 children available. Please see Kara Baker on the 27th of October outside the Community Room, or call/email: 847.381.2323, kbaker@stmichaelsbarrington.org

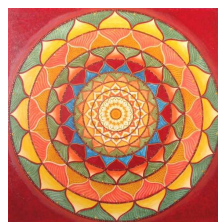


Sunday, 27

October, 4:00 p.m.

50! Something! is holding Oktoberfest at St. Michael's on Sunday! It is not too late to attend! You may simply sign-up on the poster in the narthex. Indicate the number attending and what dish you might like to contribute: appetizer, salad, side dish or dessert! (Please bring your own beverages.)

It is a bratwurst extravaganza! Four different kinds of bratwurst! Chicken is also on the menu!



Monday Morning Meditations & Mandalas

Mondays, 6:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.

October 28, November 11 & 25

St. Michael's Episcopal Church, Barrington

Meditations led by Janette Warner

Mandala guidance and drawing materials provided by Brooke Raymond

Monday Morning Meditations & Mandalas aims to provide a space to step away from stress and into some breathing room of your own making - for reflection, quiet and calm.

See a flyer [here](#) with more information.

Prayer Shawl will gather this Tuesday, October 29, in the church library from 7:00 -8:30 p.m. Last month we blessed 2 blankets, 2 shawls and 3 lap robes. We make these items for comforting



and those in need. We are working on scarves that will be matched with gloves and distributed at Christmas. Several of us gather at Boloney's for a quick bite prior to our meeting. All are welcome. Hope to see you there.

All Saints' Day at St. Michael's

As has long been the custom, deceased loved ones will be remembered in prayer in the context of St. Michael's All Saints' Services. **On All Saints' Day, Friday, November 1**, we will pray aloud for all deceased loved ones, whatever the date of their death. **For this service on November 1 you are invited to bring a photo of your loved one to place by the altar.** On All Saints' Sunday, November 3, we will pray aloud for those loved ones who have died within the past twelve months. If you would like to have the name of a deceased loved one read during the All Saints prayers, please print the name(s) in the designated binder, located in the narthex/front entrance, **no later than Sunday, Sunday October 27.**



Grief Sharing Workshops

Have you ever had a friend in pain struggling with their loss? That loss could be the death of a spouse, a child in trouble, an unexpected career change, retirement, a family member with mental illness, multiple moves, an

empty nest, a divorce? The list is exhaustive. However many forms in which grief arrives, there are similar tools to help that friend. We've all had the experience of wishing we knew what to do or just the right thing to say. God sees our hearts and knows we're trying our best.

"Grief Sharing is Vital Kingdom Work," says Harold Ivan Smith, and I have come to believe this in very personal ways.

Come to three sessions (all different material) and gather some tools for this important work.

We will be using the book, *When you don't know what to say/How to Help your Grieving Friends* by Harold Ivan Smith. Please call the

office and ask to reserve your copy (about \$10) and to give us an idea of attendance. The book will be available at the sessions but you do not have to buy this book to participate.

To reiterate: this is a workshop to give you the tools to help a friend.

Monday nights, Nov. 4, 11 & 18
St. Michael's Church - Undercroft
7:00-8:30 p.m.

Church office - 847-381-2323

Peace,
Kay Lewis
Lay Parish Chaplain



**Angelus Concert to
take place at St.
Michael's on 8
November at 7:00**

p.m. Angelus is comprised of six young women from Mt. Vernon Senior High School in Indiana. Dedicated to the

performance of sacred music of varied religious traditions and historical periods, Angelus is completely unique among American high school vocal ensembles. Angelus explores repertoire that is both historically and artistically significant, including medieval chant and polyphony, works from the American Sacred Harp tradition and contemporary Irish and American compositions. Please plan to attend this special event!

All Women of St. Michael's (AWSM) is planning an Advent Event in December, a Trivia Game in February, a Women's Retreat in March and a couple of small group activities which may include a Botanic Garden Walk and Meditation and St. James Commons Tour and Labyrinth Visit. We're very busy and having fun! Do you have ideas that you think would be good activities for AWSM (All Women of St. Michael's)? Come join our board and help us plan our future events or just let us know your ideas. Contact Michele Philips at flips712@comcast.net or 847-304-4107.



**Volunteer for the
Community
Thanksgiving Dinner
at St. Michael's!**

St. Michael's is preparing to host our **8th annual free community dinner on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 28.**

In the past, our guests have included members of the community, 50 recruits from Great Lakes Naval Base, youth from Maryville Academy, and many from our parish. Volunteers are needed for this event: cooking (unstuffed) turkeys (we supply the bird), pie baking, set-up, table setting, decoration coordinator, serving, clean-up. Items needed to borrow just for the day: laptop computers, cell phones, (the recruits love this special time to connect with their families), guitars, and a karaoke machine. Volunteer slots fill up early for this popular event. Sign up poster is located in the foyer outside the Community Room.

In addition to all the wonderful volunteers and vendors who donate just about everything needed for the event, **this year we are humbly requesting monetary donations.** Each year we need to rent a warming oven, round tables, and purchase a few items not covered by our generous donor vendors. Any monetary donation is gratefully accepted and appreciated.

And remember, you are invited to join us for dinner! Great meal and great fellowship!

If you would like to learn more, contact Nancy Holmes in the Parish

Office at 847-381-2323 x11 or nholmes@stmichaelsbarrington.org.

Save the Date

Join **AWSM (All Women of St. Michael's)** for an Advent Gathering Wednesday, December 4th from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Share the fun and fellowship at Michele Philip's home - 50 Oakdene Road, Barrington Hills, IL. Details to follow soon.



Would you or a friend like a "Paid Play Date?" Or is there a Grandma out there who wants more time with children? Or a college student who doesn't have class on Tuesday morning?

The Tuesday morning Ladies Soul Journey group is desperately needing

childcare on Tuesday mornings, at St. Michael's nursery from 9:30-11:30. Our schedule runs through November 16 and will resume in January, after the holidays. We're only talking about three children at this point. But we are committed to offering childcare to our Moms who want to come.

Please give me a call and/or pass the word.

Many thanks,
Kay Lewis
847-909-8374



**Join us for
a FREE MEAL at
The Community Meal**

**Thursday, October 24, 2013
St. Paul United Church of Christ
401 East Main Street
Barrington
5-7pm**

What's Happening in October?

- Join us for a Halloween celebration!
 - We will be reading spooookooooky Halloween stories.
 - Children will receive a trick-or-treat goodie bag.
 - Don't forget to wear your Halloween costumes!
- We will be serving tossed salad, garlic bread, and lasagna. Yum!
- We will be offering FREE tutoring to students (K-12) in any subjects.
- St. Paul United Church of Christ is celebrating 150 years of ministry! To celebrate, the first 150 people to attend the meal will receive a Community Meal pencil.

Joyce P. from Barrington Area Council on Aging (BACOA) will be speaking about BACOA and the services they offer to seniors, family caregivers, and the community. Her presentation begins at 5:30 pm.

Upcoming Events

+25-26 October, October Men's Retreat

+27 October, 50! Something Oktoberfest, 4:00 p.m.

- +28 October, 11 and 25 November, Monday Morning Meditations & Mandalas, 6:00 a.m.
- +1 November, All Saints Day Service, 7:00 and 12:00 p.m. (Please note the time change!)
- +2 November, Little Angels Preschool Fundraiser at McGonigal's Pub, 7:30 p.m.
- +4, 11, 18 November, Grief Sharing Workshop, 7:00 p.m.
- +8 November, Angelus Sacred Music for Women's Voices Concert at 7:00 p.m.

Revised Common Lectionary Year C, Pentecost 23

Joel 2:23-32; Psalm 65; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14

Contact Info

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