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Your weekly connection with St. Michael's Episcopal Church

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Upcoming:

+All Saints' Day Liturgies, 1 November, Friday, at 7:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

+All Saints' Sunday, 3 November, regular service schedule, 7:45, 9:00 and 10:45 a.m.

"Keep in mind that our community is not composed of those who are already saints, but of those who are trying to become saints. Therefore let us be extremely patient with each other's faults and failures."

- Mother Teresa quoted in *No Greater Love* edited by Becky Benenate and Joseph Durepos

"Stewardship is nothing to be scared of..."

Anniversaries

This Week

Birthdays

11.3 Jenny Wickman,
Greg Smith, Heidi
Baartz

11.4 David Sell

11.5 Catherine
Koelling, Karen

Malec, Kirk Chan,
Karina Nance,

Annabel Buxton

11.6 Alice Carrol,
Susan Lanham, Cassie
Brueckbauer, John

Schnure

11.7 Alejandro
Aguña, Calla Beverly,
Chloe Warner, Matt
Tilles

a letter to the people of St. Michael's from the Stewardship Committee

The mention of Halloween and all of the ghouls, ghosts and goblins, sends a chill down the backs of many... and so too does the mention of "Stewardship". As we begin this year's annual stewardship drive, we want you to know there are no ghosts in the closet, and no monsters under the bed. Our house is in good order, and that includes our finances! And, that is only true because people like you, in a show of faith, financially support this community of faith.

Stewardship is nothing to be scared of! Whether you are able to give a lot, or just a little, the act of making a pledge (which is just a non-binding way of saying how much you plan to give) is a way of recognizing that everything we have is a gift from God. And, **we give because this community of faith is worth investing in.**

Did you know that 94% of St. Michael's \$1,000,000 annual budget comes from our pledging households? It is support from households like yours that makes it possible for us to support the ministries like the Pastoral Care Team, our annual Outreach Grants of over \$180,000 the Renk Ministry Partnership, the "Food for the Journey" adult forums, Children's formation classes, and youth groups, just to name a few. We use the resources available to us to help people focus on what truly matters.

Our annual stewardship campaign is a time in which we ask parishioners to make an annual non-binding pledge of financial support. We will be reaching out to every family asking them to prayerfully consider making a pledge. Pledges are important because they allow us to make fairly accurate financial forecasts for the year ahead and that allows us to manage our resources well. The campaign will run from early November through mid-December.

Every pledge helps us deliver God's message across the parish and outside communities. If you are currently pledging, "THANK YOU" and we look for you to continue to support St. Michael's. If you are currently not pledging - please consider starting an annual pledge, even for the smallest of amounts. Stewardship is nothing to be scared of.

Look for more announcements in the coming weeks and for the Stewardship pledging materials to be sent to your home. If you have any questions, please be in touch with those serving on this year's Stewardship Committee:

Mike Savage, chair, savagems@comcast.net

Christy Cressey, cresswood@earthlink.net

David Bishop, davidbishop@balvor.com

Anniversaries

+Mike Savege, Stewardship Chair



Ministry Highlight: 3 November 2013

Presenter: Our Fabulous Ushers!

Our ushers assist with meeting and greeting at the services. Their ministry is one of hospitality and is a great way for a newcomer to become more familiar with the people of the parish. Ushers welcome arriving members and guests to our services, pass out the parish bulletin, assist and direct with seating, collect the offering and present it to the altar, direct the orderly flow of communicants to the altar, straighten the pews after the service, help in emergencies, and aid the clergy when needed. If you would like more information about the usher ministry please call the parish office.



Rest in Peace

11.5 Elizabeth
McLaughlin

11.6 Janice Nagy,
Sabra Capulli, Jennie
Robinson

11.7 Timothy Crist,
Norman Dally

11.9 Beverly Foort

Food for the Journey, this Sunday, 3 November, and Sunday, 10 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, 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.

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

Planning for the End of Life: a gift to your loved ones

"Creating an advance directive is a gift to those you love. By writing down your desires for care, comfort and treatment, the people you love

are spared the burden of making the tough decisions for you." (Be@Ease website). Join Ellen Weiss as she shares with you a tool called 5 Wishes. The 5 Wishes tool was designed to make planning for the end of life both thorough and easy. (To allow those who attend the 7:45 a.m. service to participate, Ellen will lead conversations at 9:00 a.m. in addition to the normal 10:05 a.m. time slot)

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!

Monetary donations to the Food Pantry Fund are always welcome. +

In the Parish family



The party is over. Now all that us left to do is clean up!

Have You Met Crispin?



Crispin Leon did some odd jobs around St. Michael's over the summer -- and he did them so well that he's been serving as our 'Sunday Sexton' since late September. The Sunday Sexton position involves both hospitality -- preparing coffee hour after all services -- and closing down and securing the church at the end of all Sunday activity in the building.

Crispin is a sophomore at Barrington High School and is a member of the wrestling team. Please greet him and introduce yourself sometime soon.

+Those for whom prayers have been requested:

John; Joe; Roberta; Amy; Katie; Dick; Leanne; Julie & family; Judie; Lee; Erma; Joan; Alicia; Bill; Dolores; Vette; the Koelling/Ingram families; Joan; Mary; Kathy; Kasey; John; Amy; Rollo; 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.

From Our Youth Minister:

THIS WEEK:

Sunday, 11/3 @ 9:00-LIFT Worship & Formation

Sunday, 11/3 @ 10:45-SMUSH Worship & Formation

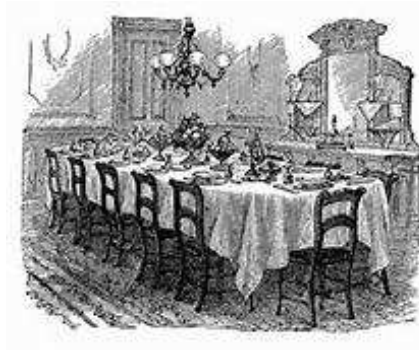
UPCOMING:

Friday 11/8, 3:00-7:30-Youth Volunteers to serve at the soup kitchen, Franciscan Outreach Center. There are 6 open spots, please let me know if you want to participate.

Friday 12/6 Deadline-Sponsor children from LYDIA Home for Christmas. Sign up is underway, there's a table outside the community room.

Friday 12/20, 5:00-8:00-Feed My Starving Children in Shaumburg.

Last Sunday for Foyers Sign-up, this Sunday, 3



November, following all services. In Foyers, groups of eight gather for four meals over the course of the year, once at each participating household. Come as a couple, or sign up with a friend; all are welcome. Hosting can take place at a park, your home, the church, or a restaurant. The goal is to keep the meal simple, keep

time limited to 2-3 hours, and to keep old friends while making new ones. You may also sign up via email at Janette.Warner1@gmail.com anytime. Call Janette with any questions at (847) 516-3235.



THERE IS SOMETHING NEW AT ST. MICHAEL'S !!!

During the week of **November 3** there will be something new happening at St. Michael's. There will be two classes training our staff and ushers on the use of a

new AED (defibrillator) that is being installed in our church facilities. On **November 5** the staff will be trained on the use of the device and on **November 9** several of our ushers will be trained as well. It is our initial intent to have a trained person who would be present at all of our Sunday morning worship services should the device ever need to be used. You will be able to see the unit when it is installed across from the elevator on the main floor of the church building, just outside the community room. The purchase and installation of this device has been made possible by the generous donations of several members of the parish specifically for this purpose. We hope we never have to use the device but if and when there may be a need, St. Michael's will be able to respond. More information will be made available to all of the parish as we progress through the implementation of this device.



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:



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.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!

Are you looking for a new ministry? Do you like to shop or want to try your hand at creating displays with new merchandise? Then visit us downstairs for And All the Angels Gift Shop is in need of volunteers! We have a wonderfully enjoyable environment in which to work! And no experience is needed for we train on the job. If you can give a few hours of a Wednesday, Saturday or Sunday morning once a month, you will be a valued asset to this powerful ministry. As an all-volunteer operated store, all of our profits are awarded to women's and children's organizations, and we have given away more than a quarter of a million dollars to date!

Come chat with us...We want YOU!



October Vestry Meeting Summary *by Clerk of the Vestry, Craig Anderson*

Please click [here](#) for a summary of the 21 October 2013 Vestry Meeting.



PHD RESALE BOUTIQUE
 140 W. Northwest Highway, Palatine, IL 60067
 Phone: 847-991-1770

Christmas Open House!
Saturday
November 2
10 – 4PM

Here is a sneak peak at some of our holiday stock!

The advertisement features a festive design with a Santa hat and floral decorations in the top left and bottom right corners. It includes several images: a decorated Christmas tree on a purple backdrop, a penguin figurine, a round plate with a floral design, a wooden cabinet with a wreath, and a collection of Santa Claus figurines. A small logo with the letters 'PHD' is visible on the left side of the bottom section.

PHD Resale Boutique benefits the Society for the Preservation of Human Dignity (PHD). This organization helps women who struggle with supporting a child financially or emotionally, providing support groups, clothing, and education to local women.



Volunteering at ReStore

ReStore is a home renovation center that accepts donated new and gently used home improvement and building materials from individuals, retailers, manufacturers, distributors and contractors. We sell the materials, at great prices, to the general public. The funds generated support the Northern Fox Valley Affiliate of Habitat for Humanity's local home building program, while also reducing the amount of material that would otherwise go to landfills.

Volunteering at ReStore is easy...Decide what fits your schedule. Help out in our Receiving Department where donations are dropped off, or in Processing where donations are sorted, cleaned, repaired, and priced, or help with our customers on the sales floor.

1. Visit our website at www.ReStoreElgin.org and click on register.

2. Sign up for ReStore Orientation the 1st or 3rd

Saturday of each month at 10:00a.m., walk-ins welcome.

800 S. State Street, Elgin

3. Call 847-742-9905 X6

Upcoming Events

+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.

+11 and 25 November, Monday Morning Meditations & Mandalas, 6:00 a.m.

Revised Common Lectionary Year C, Pentecost 24

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4; Psalm 119:137-144; 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12; Luke 19:1-10

Contact Info

St. Michael's Vestry

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Pete Douglas, Lora Gier, David Bishop, Sof Ts'o

Dolores Kampert, Ray Kean, Pat Kane, Mike Savage

Cristy Cressey, John Totten, Teri Doran, Lance Marcinek

John Davis - Treasurer, Craig Anderson - Clerk

Marissa Longo, Youth Representative Madelyn Lanham, Youth Representative

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