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January 30, 2014

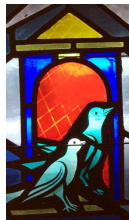
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- **TODAY! Thursday, January 30** - The deadline for taking part in the Church Assessment Tool (CAT) for St. Michael's has been extended through Midnight tonight! Thanks to the 190 parishioners who have already taken part (over half in the past week). The link to the survey may be found [here](#).



- **Sunday, February 2 - The Feast of the Presentation** recalls the ritual presentation of the baby Jesus in the Jerusalem Temple forty days after his birth (read Luke 2:22-39). It is one of the few feasts in the church calendar that 'takes precedence of a Sunday' when the date of the feast falls on a Sunday. The Rev. Elizabeth 'Betsy' Ward will preach. Incense will be included at the 10:45 am Eucharist. For commentary on the 'Presentation' window in the nave at St. Michael's, see the related feature below.
- **Wednesday, February 5, 7:00-9:00 pm - CAT Survey Results.** Susan Czolgosz, Consultant for Ministries in the Diocese of Chicago, will present and interpret the results of St. Michael's participation in the 'Church Assessment Tool' survey and welcome parishioner responses and questions.



**From Our New Senior Warden,
Shan Atkins**

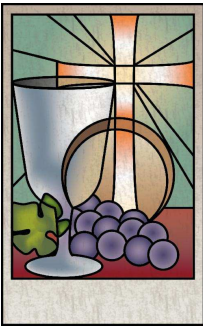
Dear People of St. Michael's,

First of all, thank you so much for your support and vote of confidence in electing me to serve as your Senior Warden for 2014. I think we are on

the brink of many exciting new developments at St. Michael's, which will further invigorate our parish in the coming months. I look forward to working closely with our talented clergy, staff, vestry, new Junior Warden Dave Buckley, treasurer John Davis, and all of you who give selflessly of your time and talent in the rich diversity of our various ministries here at St. Michael's.

St. Michael's
Episcopal Church
Service Hours

Sundays:
7:45 a.m.
9:00 a.m.
10:45 a.m.



For additional service information, events and activities, please visit our website by [clicking here](#).

I would be remiss at this time if I did not express my deep gratitude for the outstanding service of Kathy Randolph, our immediate past Senior Warden, and all the departing members of our vestry - John Totten, Lance Marcinek, Pete Douglas, Lora Gier and Madelyn Lanham. All have made exceptionally important contributions in their time as vestry members and leaders. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

I have one big priority for this coming year - to help us return to a trajectory of strong growth in membership and in engagement of members. We have a number of exciting ideas which can help us do this. The THRIVE program in which we are participating with other Chicago-diocese congregations is one of those big ideas about which you'll be hearing much more in the months to come. But if you have other ideas which could help us accelerate our momentum, please don't be shy! Let us hear from you.

St. Michael's is a precious jewel, which more people need to know about. Do your part to spread the good word by inviting a friend or neighbor to join you at a service or parish event! Help us to touch even more people and households in our community and beyond, and our reach will inevitably expand with every contact you make and guest you invite.

Meantime, thank you for your involvement in this marvelous faith community of ours. I look forward to seeing you soon, and feel free to reach out to me if you have thoughts you would like to share. I am always available to you, at shanatkins@earthlink.net, or on my cell phone at 847-525-4797.

God Bless,

Handwritten signature of Shan.

Shan

Ministry Quicklinks

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- [Diocese of Chicago Website](#)
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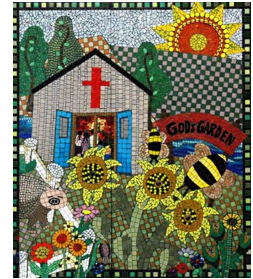


From the Rector

Thanks to all of you who took part in our good-spirited Annual Meeting this past Sunday. I regret my failure to profusely thank (now-retired Senior Warden) **Kathy Randolph** and (also-now-retired Vestry member) **Lora Gier** for hosting the sumptuous lunch. Thank you, Kathy and Lora - as well as others who helped out before, during and after the meeting. See the sidebar at left for a *BIG* thank you!

Elected at the Annual Meeting were **Shan Atkins, Senior Warden; David Buckley, Jr., Junior Warden; Ray Kean, Randy Lewis, Leslie Yerger and Jay Younger**, for three-year Vestry terms; **Joshua Baudin, Dave Evans and Jackie Smith**, for one-year terms as parish delegates to the Diocese of Chicago Annual Convention; and **Sean Harrington** as Alternate Convention Delegate.

The School of Faith 2014 will be open for enrollment soon. *What topic would interest you and you're your faith?* We'll offer a variety of courses, both one-time and as series, giving opportunities for personal spiritual growth and fellowship with others. For more information as we get organized, contact Fr. Kevin kcaruso@stmichaelsbarrington.org; or myself praymond@stmichaelsbarrington.org.



Our 'Presentation' window at St. Michael's, one of the south-facing clerestory windows over the nave, includes two primary images. The pair of doves refers to the sacrifice that Joseph and Mary brought to the Temple to fulfill the requirement of the Law.



(Luke 2:24); and the pierced heart, to the right, is a rendering of a portion of the prophesy of Simeon, who addresses Mary, saying that, through Jesus, *"the inner thoughts of many will be revealed-and a sword will pierce your own soul too."* (Luke 2:35)

**A BIG Thank You
to...**



From Our Youth Minister Kara Joy Baker
kbaker@stmichaelsbarrington.org

THIS WEEK:

Thursday 1/30 @ 3:00 p.m. -Chili Beef precook...so far there will be a small group to help precook the beef for the chili sale. We need a couple

Kathy Randolph

AND



Lora Gier

who put together the delicious luncheon last Sunday. It was wonderful to gather and break bread before our Annual Meeting. Thank you also to the many hands that assisted in the set up and clean up.

more hands! If you're available PLEASE let me know. We will be cooking in the kitchen at St. Michael's.

Saturday, 2/1 @ 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. -CHILI COOKING! Lunch will be provided. PLEASE let me know if you are able to help with the cooking efforts for this favorite fundraising tradition.

Sunday, 2/2 @ 9:00 a.m. -LIFT Worship & Chili Distribution. We will also have limited **extra** batches on Sunday morning....ask us!

Sunday, 2/2 @ 10:45 a.m. -SMUSH Worship, Chili Distribution

UPCOMING EVENTS: [Click here](#) to learn more!

New Beginnings #30 a HUGE Success



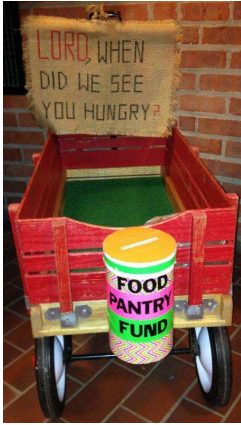
Whether you know it or not, last Friday through Sunday, St. Michael's hosted 72 middle school and high school youth as well as adults from all over the Diocese of Chicago. The New Beginnings Retreat that takes place two times a year is designed for middle school students, planned and staffed by high school students. New Beginnings focuses on the 2 greatest commandments: loving God with all of our heart, mind, and strength, and loving our neighbors as ourselves. This diocesan event relies on the willingness of parishes to open their doors and welcome youth and adults for an entire weekend. On behalf of the diocesan youth ministries office, I would like to share their deepest gratitude to the people of St. Michael's. The use of our church home was one of the primary reasons that this weekend was a HUGE success.

Little Red Wagon

Stewardship Note

We are pleased to report that we have completed our stewardship campaign for 2014. We have almost 200 family units pledging to St. Michael's, including 20 new





In January, **Church of the Redeemer**, Elgin, will be our focus on supplying food for its Families in Crisis program. The needs are many, but food is essential. Please keep the Little Red Wagon full of breakfast, lunch and dinner food - canned or packaged. Clothing would also be acceptable.

pledges!! Through the generosity of the pledging members, we have received 2014 pledge commitments of almost \$920,000 which represents 98% of our stewardship campaign goal. These financial commitments help us continue to support the faith community of St. Michael's and beyond through our outreach programs and support to the Diocese of Chicago.

If you have not yet pledged, it is still not too late. Send a note to me (savagem@comcast.net) or Kim Lessner (klessner@stmichaelsbarrington.org) and we will send you materials to begin pledging for the balance of 2014.

Yours in Christ,
Mike Savage
Chairman, 2014 Stewardship Campaign

In The Parish Family

Former member, **Dorothy Holvay**, died on January 24. Dorothy is survived by her three sons, Stephen Holvay, Gregory (Nancy) Holvay, and Timothy Holvay, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Dorothy married Ralph Holvay after his service in WWII and would share 59 years of marriage until his passing in 2010.



A memorial visitation will take place on what would be Dorothy's 90th birthday, February 3, 2014 from 10 a.m. until the time of the service at 11 a.m. at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 647 Dundee Ave, Barrington, IL 60010.

Memorial donations in Dorothy's name may be made to the American Cancer Society at www.cancer.org.

May her soul and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Those who have asked for our prayers:

Jim, Roberta, Sara & family, Mary, Melissa, Carol, Jan, Demetrius, Jim, Paul & family, Amy, Rollo, Redeemer Church Families in Crisis Program, safety & peace in South Sudan.

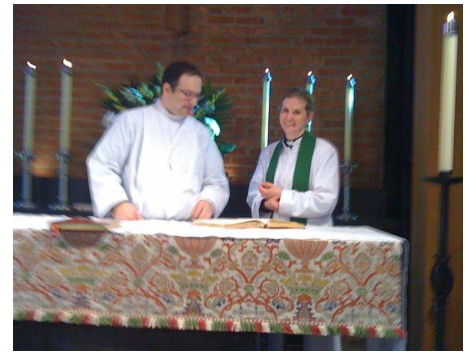
A New Face at the Altar

The Rev. Eva Baydoun

**Groundhog Day
February 2**



Eva celebrated at the 10:45 a.m. Eucharist on Sunday, January 26. Eva is an ordained Pastor in the Church of Sweden (which is a Lutheran Church in full Communion with the Church of England). Eva holds the Degree of Master in Theology from Uppsala University. Welcome Eva!



**Instructions before Eucharist:
Kevin and Eva**

What are the chances the groundhog will NOT see his shadow? According to the weather almanac and records kept since 1887, Phil's predictions have been correct 39% of the time. We can hope can't we?! [Click here](#) for 8 fun facts about Groundhog Day.

Feed the Hungry - Volunteer Opportunities

St. Michael's has many opportunities to help those who are having difficulty putting food on their table. Below is a list of ministries that St. Michael's work with throughout the year to help feed the hungry. Contact the ministry leader to see how you can become involved.

Church of the Redeemer Soup Kitchen (Elgin)
Catherine Koelling cwkoelling@att.net

Franciscan Soup Kitchen (Chicago)
Jeff Cross jcross@freebornpeters.com

Feed My Starving Children (Schaumburg)
Kara Joy Baker kbaker@stmichaelsbarrington.org

Little Red Wagon Food Pantry Collection
Ruth Silver (contact the Parish Office)

For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me. ~ Matthew 25:35

Imagine the Impact

Bishop Joseph believes strongly in the power of prayer, and he also believes deeply that the prayers of St. Michael's are the reason the Diocese of Renk is being protected from the bloodshed occurring in areas outside of Renk.

While there is suffering of another kind, an influx of frightened men, women and children, from those surrounding areas, he and his clergy are able to offer safety to



**Remembering
This Week**

Birthdays

2.2
Florence Compton
2.4
Wendy O'Riordan
Ronan Allord
Grace Guthrie
Gunnar Kilanski
2.5
Jim Couch
2.8
Bill Baar
Dennis Campbell
Lou Longo

them...because of theirs and our prayers.

Imagine the impact of **Prayer Warriors** for a continued ceasefire. Imagine the impact of Prayer Warriors for peace in South Sudan. Imagine the impact of Prayer Warriors to stop the bloodshed and killing of innocent people. And, imagine the impact of Prayer Warriors to change the hearts of the power mongers who have turned South Sudan into a killing field. Prayer works, and we know it, Bishop Joseph knows it. If you feel called to pray intentionally, gathering with others together at specific times to pray, communicating with St. Michael's community the 'intention for the week', please contact Jackie Kraus, 847-381-5518; kraus.jackie@yahoo.com. ...because we know God hears our prayers. As Bishop Joseph says, "Here in Renk, prayer is our daiiy bread."

Anniversaries

2.2
Patti & Jeff Cross
Sheryl & Jim Romer
2.4
Kaky & Bob Bowles

Preschool Registration in Progress

Little Angels Preschool begins 2014-2015 open enrollment on Monday, January 27th. We are excited to be offering *new programs* for all ages. Feel free to call the preschool office at 847-381-5490 or email Caren Hunter at chunter@stmichaelsbarrington.org for more information or to schedule a tour. [Click here](#) for the 2014-2015 registration form.



Rest in Peace

2.4
Jane Bachini
2.5
Suzanne Jantz
2.6
Kent Taylor



*What does the candy acronym
NECCO stand for?
What's the name of the 70's
shoe line that featured heels
that were lower than the rest
of the soles?*

TRIVIA
Night

Saturday, February 8, 7:00-10:00 p.m.

at McGonigal's Pub

105 S. Cook Street, Barrington, IL 60010

This fun night out is hosted by AWSM and is for all adults of the parish. Cost is \$25.00 per person which includes light appetizers (there will be a cash bar). PLEASE pre-pay at the annual meeting or at the church office by putting "Trivia" in the memo section of your check.

The space is limited so reserve and pay soon!

Reservations will be taken through February 3rd.

[Click here](#) for registration form.

There will also be optional "Change for Change" donations going toward the Renk Diocese, Bishop Joseph and the Renk Theological School. Drop off your donation at the event or make checks out at church office with "Renk" written in memo section of check.



Don't forget to order your chili!



[Click here](#)

for an order form.

Thank you for supporting our youth ministries.

March 14 (5:00 p.m.) to March 15 (2:00 p.m.)

at The Cenacle, 513 West Fullerton Parkway, Chicago, IL

Join the women of St. Michael's in a retreat lead by the Reverend Jeanne Stewart, Associate Rector Christ Church Winnetka.

Open to all women 16 and over.

Cost per individual double occupancy \$90

Cost per individual single occupancy \$110

Price includes meals.

Please sign up and pre-pay for this event. You will not have a confirmed reservation until your check is handed in to the church office with the word "Women" in the memo section.

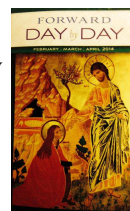
Carpooling suggested.

Any questions, please contact Marti Kahn at

kentkahn@bellsouth.net or 847-842-2287

Forward Day by Day

There is a limited number of *Forward Day by Day* (February - March edition) meditation booklets available in the lucite tract in the narthex/front foyer. Please help yourself while supplies last.



Centering Prayer Workshop February 22

St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Crystal Lake, is sponsoring *An Introduction to Centering Prayer Workshop*. This workshop is open

to the community. [Click here](#) to view their brochure.

**When life hands you snowflakes...
make a snowglobe!**



Artwork by Caren Hunter, Director of Little Angels Preschool

Upcoming Events

- +February 2, Chili Pick Up, Sunday morning
- +February 8, Trivia Night, 7:00 p.m.
- +March 14-15, AWSM Women's Retreat, at The Cenacle, Chicago

Revised Common Lectionary Year A, Third Sunday after Epiphany

Malachi 3:1-4; Psalm 24:7-10; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40

Contact Info

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Christy Cressey, Teri Doran, Lance Marcinek, Randy Lewis, Leslie Yerger, Jay Younger
John Davis - Treasurer, Craig Anderson - Clerk
Marissa Longo, Youth Representative Sean Tucker, Youth Representative

Clergy and Staff

The Rev. Patrick Raymond, Rector; The Rev. Kevin Caruso, Associate Rector; The Rev. Laurie Michaels, Deacon; Caren Hunter, Director of Little Angels Christian Preschool; David Baker, Director of Music Ministries; Jeni Younger, Coordinator of Children's Ministries; Kara Joy Baker, Youth Pastor & Director of Children's Choir; Kim Lessner, Parish Operations; Nancy Holmes, Parish Administrator & Rector's Assistant; Jonathan Galliher, Webdesign; Rich Hornickel, Sexton.

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