

The Sword

Growing and learning together in Christ through worship, fellowship and service.

Your e-connection with St. Michael's Episcopal Church

April 10, 2014

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Upcoming at St. Michael's

+Sunday, April 13, Palm Sunday: 7:45, 9:00, 10:45 a.m.
+Holy Week services, see below or click <u>here</u>.
+Tuesday, April 22, VBS Planning Meeting
+Wednesday, April 23, Book Club, 7:00 p.m.
+Sunday, April 27, Holy Baptisms, 9:00 a.m.
+Wednesday, April 30, Holy Trip Info Mtg, 7:00 p.m.

NOTE: Next weeks edition of *The Sword* will be distributed a day early on Wednesday, April 16.



From the Rector The Rev. Patrick Raymond praymond@stmichaelsbarrington.org

The Place Where We Are Right

From the place where we are right Flowers will never grow In the spring. The place where we are right Is hard and trampled Like a yard. But doubts and loves Dig up the world Like a mole, a plow. St. Michael's Sunday Worship Times



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 <u>clicking here</u>. And a whisper will be heard in the place Where the ruined House once stood. - Yehuda Amichai

Dear People of St. Michael's,

Last night, about twenty-five of us shared in a freeranging conversation led by parishioner Dale Griffith. Christian Wiman's book, *My Bright Abyss*, led us to examine words like belief, faith, God, dogma, resurrection, truth and myth. Maybe you've noticed: in Christian circles, these issues often come to the fore in anticipation of Easter ...

The central Christian doctrine of Christ's resurrection often gives rise to absolute truth-claims by those who must believe in Christ's literal bodily resurrection. That certainty is commonly matched in intensity by those who can't believe in it (many of whom, these days, still describe themselves as Christian).

In our conversation last night, many parishioners bravely waded right into the respectful but charged conversation. A number of souls invoked the value of thinking of the Christian life as an ongoing process. We wondered aloud about how 'faith,' 'belief' have a different look when viewed through different lenses such as the lens of religion, science or poetry.

Although these exact words weren't used, our conversation last night seemed to keep circling back to the notion that neither 'religion' nor 'spirituality' seems very sustainable or authentic without the other - although they are often divorced, often bitterly, in our culture.

I'm partly focusing on these matters because last night's lively gathering is fresh in my mind. But the quality of and the participation in last night's conversation may also be of help to some of us as we head into Holy Week. At one point or another by the end of the conversation last night, I sensed, most or all of us had felt alternately curious, dismayed, understood and exhilarated. I wonder how we and our *faith* might fare if all that we do during Holy Week brought forth a similar full range of responses in us.

Quick Links

+<u>Our Website</u> +<u>Little Angels</u> <u>Preschool</u> +<u>Diocese of</u> <u>Chicago</u>



Listen to Sunday Sermons



Follow us on Facebook

Food for the Journey: Sunday Morning Formation at 10:05 a.m.

Sunday, April 13

The Triduum: the services of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil are a rich part of our liturgical year. Join us as we explore how these liturgies connect to one another and how they speak to the varied experiences of our lives.

In the Parish Family

Those who have asked for our prayers: Dorothy,

Monique, Mason, Allison, Jim, Rita, Melinda, Jennifer, Evelyn, Karen, the Suarez family, Chris, Trevor, the Noble family, the Atkins/Erbs family, Therese, Mike, Kelly, Helene, Kip, Kerry, Dimetress, Sandy, Jeri, Julia, Ray, Cynthia, Veronica, Brian, Paul & family, Amy, Rollo, St. Cyprian Food Pantry, safety & peace in South Sundan.

Holy Week Resources

St. Michael's 'Household Prayer Calendar' Click here.

Print a copy for everyone in your household.

Lent Madness!



Who will win the golden halo? <u>Click here.</u>

Holy Week Kids Korner Activities



Palm Cross

Empty Tomb Cookies

He Is Risen

Last Week: Plant a Garden Helping Hands believe.

Palm Sunday April 13 7:45, 9:00, 10:45 a.m. + Hely Communion (with procession of Paulits)

Maundy Thursday

April 17 7:30 p.m. + Holy Communion A Watch at the Artar of Recose will take place in the chapet following the 7:30 p.m. service and will continue through 6:00 s.m. on Good Friday A sign-up sheet is analyside in the root foyer.

Good Friday

April 18 6:15 a.m. I Stations of the Cross 10:00 a.m. + A Walk Through Holy Week (* http://torchildren.sonable.for all agest 7:30 p.m. + Good Friday Liturgy

Easter Eve

April 19 8:00 p.m. + Great Vigil of Easter Fostive Receptor vity follow

Easter Day

April 20 7:45, 9:00, 11:00 s m + Holy Communion Festive Recentors will follow cash service

Holy Week and Easter at St. Michael's

Walk Through Holy Week Service Friday, April 19 at 10:00 a.m.



Jesus washing the feet of his followers

Join us for a very special tradition at St. Michael's as we Walk Through Holy Week. This service was prepared especially for families and will appeal to all ages. We'll follow the sacred story of Jesus as he enters Jerusalem, shares a last supper with his disciples and is, ultimately, glorified through resurrection.

A Resurrection Celebration will follow in the Community Room. We are asking those who attend to bring finger foods to share. This might include clementines, seedless grapes, carrots and dip, cheese sticks, pretzels, Rice Krispie treats, cookies, cheese sandwiches (cut into quarters), egg salad sandwiches (cut into quarters), etc. NO NUTS PLEASE! Please bring you donations to the Community Room before making your way to the sanctuary to begin the walk. Thank you!

Watch at the Altar of Repose April 17, 2014 to April 18, 2014

Christians observe a Watch at the Altar of Repose as part of the Holy Week rites in which we remember and

re-enact Christ's Passion. The watch recalls a scene in the Garden of Gethsemane on the night before Jesus was crucified: After praying with great anguish, Jesus discovers that the disciples have been



sleeping. He admonishes them: "Could you not stay awake with me one hour? (Matt. 26:40).

Our Altar of Repose is set up in our chapel, adjacent to the choir room and sacristy - and also accessible from a north-facing exterior door. The watch begins immediately following the 7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday service and concludes at 6:30 a.m. on Good Friday morning. Devotional materials will be available. Anyone may take part in the watch, whether or not they have signed up. **A sign up poster is located in the narthex (front foyer).**

For further information, contact Fr. Patrick Raymond. praymond@stmichaelsbarrington.org / 847-381-2323.

Holy Week and Easter Worship Times Click <u>here</u>.



During Holy Week and Easter, there will be new faces in the pews. Possibly lost, tired, bewildered. It may have been years since they've come to church - or at least since last Easter.

Our traditions will be unfamiliar. They may stand when the rest of us are kneeling and fumble through the pages of the blue hymnal or get lost

Help Needed

Receptions will follow all the Easter Services, 8:00 p.m., April 19 and 7:45, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. April 20. Please bring a plate of finger food to the service you plan to attend. Marti Callahan is looking for volunteers to help clean-up after each service and to keep the food platters and punch bowls filled. Please contact Marti if you are willing to volunteer at <u>marticallahan@gmail.com</u>.



From the Youth Pastor

Kara Joy Baker kbaker@stmichaelsbarrington.org

Greetings All,

Well this weekend will prove to be a busy and exciting week as we head into Holy Week. Join in as you are able!

THIS WEEK:

Friday, 4/11 4:15-8:00 p.m.-SMUSH Mission Trip Bowling Outing. We will be bowling, have a \$10 game card, 1 round of laser tag, and dinner included. The cost is \$15/person.

Saturday, 4/12 @ 6:00-10:00 p.m.-Feed My Starving Children Outing. Thank you for all who have volunteered! We now have a full roster!

Sunday, 4/13 @ 9:00-LIFT Worship & Formation

Sunday, 4/13 @ 10:45-SMUSH Worship & Formation

Sunday, 4/13 @ 5:30-7:00 p.m.-Confirmation Class in the Sturtz House

UPCOMING: Click here.

in the Book of Common Prayer.

This Holy Week and Easter, perhaps more than any other, as we celebrate the risen Christ, make room in your own hearts for the stranger, for the wanderer. Come. Sit beside them. Share a hymnal. Help them find their place in the bulletin. And, in God's church.





FLOWERS, FLOWERS, & MORE FLOWERS!

It's that time again, for the Annual St. Michael's Youth Ministries Flower Sale on May 10. Consider purchasing your spring flowers from us with the added perk of supporting Youth Ministries at St. Michael's. You can access the order for <u>here</u>. Orders are due May 3; pick up May 10.

Remember These?

also from Kara Joy Baker

Not too long ago, we had our "Invitation to Lent" where we made items that could be meaningful in our homes

during Lent. If you had the opportunity to make an offering box and even if you didn't, I wanted to make you aware that we will be collecting coins and even bills too on Easter Sunday. Just a reminder that all money collected will be going our Haiti



Playground Project as St. Michael's gets ready to send another group of missionaries to Haiti this summer. It's a wonderful opportunity for kids (of all ages) to help kids.

Holy Week Open Offerings

The open offerings - coins, bills and checks specifically designated - will be donated by the people of St. Michael's for support to:

Introducing the St. Cecilia Guild

In conjunction with St. Michael's mission statement, the choirs endeavor to "grow and learn in Christ through music." Part of this effort involves the choir's immersion in our Anglican musical tradition by juried choir residencies abroad. There have been three of these in the past, and scholarships were made available on an as-needed basis.

Maundy Thursday: Pastoral Care Ministries at **Bishop Anderson** House Good Friday: **Episcopal Diocese** in the Middle East **Easter Vigil:** St. Cecilia Guild, **Chichester Choir** Fund Thank you for your financial gifts in support of the church's mission and ministry.

The St. Cecilia's Guild hopes to

make this an ongoing fund so that it will be available to musicians when the choir participates in residencies every 3-4 years.

This summer, in conjunction with St. Mark's in Geneva, we will be the choir in residence at

Chichester Cathedral, singing evensong daily, as well as matins,



choral Eucharist, and evensong on Sunday. Participants make a huge commitment of time, talent and energy to learn all the music required - and it is also an amazing privilege to be singing in a space where God's praises have been sung for more than 1,000 years.

You can aid in supporting this and future residencies by donating directly to St. Michael's or by supporting our crowd-funding site at

http://www.crowdrise.com/StCeciliasGuildScholarships (All donations are tax deductible.)

You're Invited To A Voice Recital



A Prayer for Palm Sunday

David & Kara Joy Baker, Tina Beverly Summerfield

We invite you to join us for an afternoon recital on Saturday, May 17 at 3:00 p.m. (note new date). Sopranos, Tina Beverly Summerfield & Kara Joy Baker will be joined by baritone, David Baker. Selections will include timeless classics of composers such as Mozart, Schubert, Strauss as well as musical



O God, whose dearly beloved Son was greeted by the crowd on Olivet with hallelujahs, but who in that same week was mocked as he went lonely to the Cross, forbid that our welcome to him should be in words alone. Help us, we beg you, to keep the road open for him into our hearts; and let him find there not another crucifixion. but love and loyalty in which his kingdom may be established evermore. Amen.

(Walter Russell Bowie 1882-1969 was a priest, author, editor, educator, hymn writer, and lecturer in the Episcopal Church) theater favorites. All donations will support the St. Cecilia Guild & the Choir Residency at Chichester Cathedral this August.

Week of the Young Child: April 6-12 Caren Hunter chunter@stmichaelsbarrington.org

Little Angels Preschool is celebrating NAEYC Week of the Young Child. We had a few special readers come in to read to the children and will finish the week with our annual Family Fun Night; a night for the preschool

families to come and enjoy fellowship, pizza, games and good times! We will also be accepting donations for our new garden space which will be located on the



south east corner of the building just outside of the preschool playground. Anyone interested in donating to purchase plant material for the garden please contact Caren at 847-381-5790 or chunter@stmichaelsbarrington.org.

Summer Camp registration has begun. We are offering seven weeks of fun, exciting and enriching activities Monday - Thursday from 9am - noon during the months of June and July for children 2 to 5 years old. Each week has a new exciting theme! All children are welcome to attend. Click here for Registration form.

Lent Madness Dueling Halos

How cool, broadly appealing and newsworthy are Episcopalians? What other faith community gets shoutouts from media commonly understood as voices from each end of the blue-red political spectrum? In recent weeks, both <u>NPR Morning Edition</u> and <u>Fox News</u> have broadcast features about Lent Madness. Fans and friends may ask you: *"How can I participate in your cool* religion?" Do you answer: "And also with you!" Well, you could, but that might be confusing and a bit of a knee-jerk reaction. How about, "Sign on to <u>www.LentMadness.org</u>, where you can learn about some of the inspiring, faithful, and - yes -- flawed people that Episcopalians commemorate as saints. And not only can you learn about them, you can choose which of two competing saints captures your vote each weekday of Lent."

Little Red Wagon (located in the front foyer)



St. Cyprian Food Pantry will be our focus in March and April in collecting food for the needy. In addition to regular supplies, specifically requested items are: au gratin potatoes, dried beans, canned tuna, ham, fruit, yams. Needed for March/April: Easter type baskets. Thank you.

As the voting moves this week toward the heart of the 2014 bracket, with the Golden Halo winner to be

elected next Wednesday in Holy Week, the matchups are grueling, intellectually and spiritually challenging, and quite simply mad. How to discern which of two amazingly inspiring and worthy exemplars of faith in action



deserves your vote? Ah, that's the devotional beauty of Lent Madness. You may find that some of the competing saints capture your imagination and heart, drawing you a bit closer to following Christ in your own life by their example.

So, don't wait: sign on to <u>www.LentMadness.org</u> and *"vote for your favourite saint"* (spelling intended as a shout out to **Maple Anglican** - whom you can meet at <u>www.LentMadness.org</u>).

Vacation Bible School 2014 June 16 to 20 ~ Get ready for WILDERNESS ESCAPE! Where God Guides and Provides



In just a few short months St. Michael's and St. Anne's will join together for another Vacation Bible School Adventure. But, we can't do it without the help of adult volunteers. We need several volunteers who can share their time, energy and love with the kids who attend. Our first planning meeting with adult leaders will take place on **Tuesday, April 22**. Below are some great ways you can help make this program a success: Celebration Leader, Fun and Games Leader, Craft Leader, Tribe Leader, Preschool Leader, Registration

Team, Decorating Team, Photographer, Publicity Coordinator, Supply Coordinator.

Please contact Jeni Younger at 847-381-2323 or <u>children@stmichaelsbarrington.org</u> if you are interested in volunteering or have questions. I look forward to hearing from you!



Remembering This Week

Birthdays

4.13 Al Qualiardi Mark Pullinger 4.15 Dave Evans 4.16 Dillon Rejman 4.18 Julianne Schultz 4.19 Judy Heinrich Charles Penhaligen

Anniversaries

Rest in Peace

4.14 Lawrence Dickson 4.18 Julie Manning

Journey to the Holy Land December 26, 2014 - January 8, 2015

The Episcopal Diocese of Chicago Peace and Justice Committee and the Episcopal Peace Fellowship are sponsoring a 14 day trip to the Holy Land from December 26, 2014 to January 8, 2015. The trip

includes visits to Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Galilee, Hebron, Negev, Jericho, Ramallah, Nazareth, and more. The trip is led by Reverend Anthony Vaccaro, M.D. on staff at St. James Cathedral as Director



of Health Ministries. The air and land package is \$2580-\$2680 USD per person (depending on the size of the group) which includes air fare, all ground transportation, guides, hotels, breakfasts and dinners and entrance fees. To learn more about this trip, an informational meeting will take place on Wednesday, April 30, at 7:00 p.m. in the library at St. Michael's, Barrington. The meeting will be led by Reverend Dr. Cotton Fite, St. Luke's, Evanston and Newland Smith, St. David's, Glenview. Also, the Peace and Justice Committee is offering two \$500 scholarships for young adults interested in going on this trip and participating in a post-trip lecture series. Ellen Lindeen serves on the Peace and Justice Committee, so you may direct any questions to her. She and her husband Ric will be going on the trip. The deadline to reserve your spot with a deposit is Sept. 15.



Crown of Thorns

The Community Meal Tonight, April 10, 5:00 p.m. at SS Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Cary Click <u>here</u> for directions and details.

Upcoming Events for Your Calendar

School of Faith ~ On going. See side bar for details. May 3, Vestry/Leadership Summit, 8:30 a.m. May 4, Confirmation Recognition Sunday, 10:45 a.m. (see 5/18) May 10, Flower Sale, youth fund raiser May 17, Vocal Recital, 3:00 p.m. May 18, Confirmation @ Christ Church, Winnetka May 25, Summer Worship Schedule begins, 7:45 & 9:30 a.m. June 1, Senior Recognition Sunday, 9:30 a.m. June 8, Day of Pentecost July 12, Ribfest

Click <u>here</u> for a complete calendar of events on our website.

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