



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

December 11, 2014

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### Christmas WorshipTimes



**Christmas Eve**  
**Wednesday**  
**December 24**  
 2:00 p.m.  
 4:00 p.m.  
 9:00 p.m.  
 11:00 p.m.

### Upcoming at St. Michael's

- +Sunday, December 14, Brunch for Young Newcomer Families, 10:00am
- +Sunday, December 14, Lessons & Carols, 5:00pm
- +Monday, December 15, Vestry Meeting, 7:00pm
- +Tuesday, December 16, Women's Bible Study, 9:15am
- +Thursday, December 18, Preschool Christmas Program, 6:00pm
- +Saturday, December 20, Caroling, 11:00am
- +Saturday, December 27, 4th Saturday Family Ministry, 5:00pm
- +Tuesday, December 30, Prayer Shawl Ministry, 7:00pm
- +Thursday, January 1, New Years Day Eucharist, 10:00am

**SEE SIDE BAR TO THE LEFT FOR  
 CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE**



### From The Rector

The Rev. Patrick Raymond  
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### John the Baptist and 'Theory U'

*Then cleansed be every breast from sin;  
 make straight the way for God within  
 and let each heart prepare a home  
 where such a mighty guest may come.*  
 - Hymnal 1982, #76, v. 2

**Christmas Day**  
**Thursday**  
**December 25**  
 10:00 a.m.

**One time family or individual volunteer opportunity on Christmas Eve...**

We are in need of volunteers to staff the nursery during three of our four Christmas Eve Services (2:00, 4:00 & 9:00). This is a great single serve opportunity for a family or individuals. Please contact Kim Lessner at 847-381-2323 x 16 for details or to schedule a shift.

**St. Michael's**  
**Worship Times**

Dear People of St. Michael's,

Here he comes again - John the Baptist. He always shows up in the gospel readings on these first Sundays in Advent. He can seem like a downer party-crasher. We're just trying to have a holiday good time here. Why spoil it? And who really finds the word *sin* to be meaningful anymore, anyway?

But humor me for just a moment as I try to connect John the Baptist and *Theory U*, a recently popular (and secular) change management model for organizations. Do you know about it?

Theory U invites us to think of the left point of the U as where we are and the right point of the U as where we want to be. Are you getting a sinking feeling? If so, you may be grasping the sometimes difficult journey proposed by Theory U. In his 2007 book, *Theory U: Leading from the Future as it Emerges*, Otto Scharmer writes:



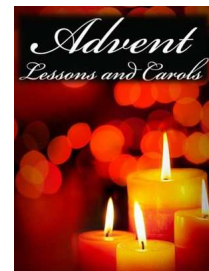
*Moving down the left side of the U is about opening up and dealing with the resistance of thought, emotion and will; moving up the right side is about intentionally reintegrating the intelligence of the head, the heart and the hand ...*

Scharmer's words, it seems to me, could be used to describe an authentic journey through Advent. We might prefer to waltz between the points of the U (Thanksgiving and Christmas) on a straight line of Christmas lights and have a knock-out eggnog waiting on the other side. John the Baptist - and maybe even Scharmer - might argue that the string of lights won't hold all the weight we're carrying. They might also urge us to pause before we bee-line for the eggnog, at least long enough to identify our true best destinations.

*Patrick +*

## Also from the Rector

**Readers for Lessons and Carols** at St. Michael's typically include a variety of community leaders. Why? Well, it's partly consistent with the founding vision for this annual service as one that crosses normal boundaries and increases appreciation for the nature of community. At least three of our readers this year have not





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



**Second Wednesday**  
**of each month:**  
 Eucharist with  
 Healing Prayers  
 7:30 p.m.

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

taken part before. Whether or not you have taken part before, I hope you'll join us Sunday evening at 5 pm!

**Christmas Chauffeurs?** Over the past few years I've noted that there are some souls who might like to take part in Christmas Eve or Christmas Day worship who can't for lack of a ride. If you might be in position to offer a ride, please let me know soon. I or other clergy and staff will try to match would-be riders with any available drivers and particular worship service times.



**Communion Wines have** caught the attention of some of you recently. For now we've found one that satisfies a number of criteria, so we can all look forward to some consistency. Don't be surprised, though, if or when we throw in a bottle or two from our remaining samplers! Special thanks to altar guild member **Laurie Bateman** for her patience throughout the process and also for procuring the larger Communion wafers.

**Food for the Journey: Sunday Adult Formation**  
 The conversation begins after the 9:30 a.m. service (approximately 10:05 a.m.)

- **December 14:** Please join Laurie Michaels for Food for the Journey on December 14 where we will be discussing Advent and "Living Well through Advent 2014" written by the Rev. Scott Stoner, Living Compass founder. The Living Compass booklet for the Advent journey is available at St. Michael's. Individuals can use the booklet of daily encouragement as a personal guide to help keep the focus on Christ in the Advent season.
- **December 21:** Roles of Mary in the Church presented by Fr. Patrick.
- **December 28:** Prologue to the Gospel of John presented by Kay Lewis.

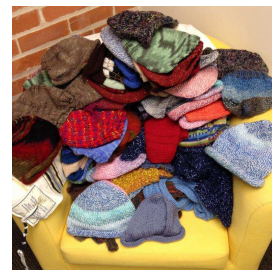
**In The Parish Family**



**Our Praying in the Wilderness** worship last night, December 10, seemed to provide a meaningful place of calm for those who took part. Special thanks to those who helped prepare for it, those who led it and those who accepted the open invitation to take part.

### 100 Hats In One Year

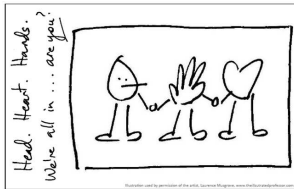
That is what **Nancy Kondratowicz** knitted for St. Michael's prayer shawl ministry. Nancy is a good friend of parishioners Judie Buckley and Susan DeBauche. She is an avid knitter and this year challenged herself to make 100 hats in one year *in addition* to her regular scarf inventory. Well, she did it! Her hats take approximately 3 hours to create and the clever design can fit a toddler head to an adult head. The hats will be distributed to people in need this winter. Thank you Nancy for your talented hands and loving heart.



The women of St. Michael's gathered on Monday at the home of Marti Kahn for an evening of Advent reflections and fellowship. It was a wonderful time to slow down, reconnect and recharge during this busy season.

Our former Sr. Warden, **Kathy Randolph**, will graduate tonight from the Volunteer Chaplain Training program at Bishop Anderson House. The program not only equips students with basic skills necessary for compassionate care, but



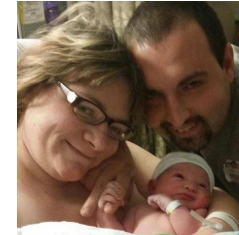


Please remember to turn in your 2015 financial pledge commitments. Thank you.

provides self-reflection and spiritual growth as a vital component of the coursework. The training consists of a 13-week program of 2-hour classes and 2 hours per week in supervised ministry at field a placement site. Kathy hopes to join the St. Michael's pastoral care team in the near future. Our very own Deacon Judy Heinrich and Ann Ryba will be there tonight to cheer and pray her on!



**Willow Skye Duncan** was born December 9 weighing in at 7lbs. 7oz, 21 1/4 inches long. Willow is the first child for Juliet & Patrick Duncan and granddaughter of Dolores & Earl Duncan. Blessings to all.



Thank you to vestry member **Randy Lewis** for his inspiring homily last Sunday. You can listen to his homily which has been posted to our website by clicking [here](#).



Last Saturday we gathered for the funeral and celebration of the life of **Jim Bullion** - husband, father, grandfather, brother, friend, priest. We share with you today Fr. Alvin Johnson's homily (click [here](#)) for those who may not have been able to attend the service. Jim will always remain in the minds, hearts, and lives of those he touched throughout his extraordinary lifetime.

*"Precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his saints."*  
Psalm 116:15



Jim serving the recruits dinner at St. Michael's. Thanksgiving 2014.

**Quick Links**  
(click on icon)



St. Michael's Website

**Those who have asked for our prayers:** Gina & Ralph, the Bullion family, Robert, the Pajakowski family, Mary & family, Dick, Nancy, Glenda, Yvonne, the Weber family, Alice & family, Paulette, Josh, Marybeth, Susy, Pam, Pam, Julie, Tim, Donna, Howard & family, Jo,



Little Angels Christian  
Preschool Website



Listen to Sunday Sermons



Follow St. Michael's  
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Vestry Meeting Summary  
November 17, 2014  
Click [here](#).



Follow our  
'Family Ministries'  
on Facebook.

Chris & family, Jean & Hollis, Margaret, Chris & family, Cynthia, Becky, Paul & family, Amy, St. Michael's Choir Ministry, those who are homeless and those who are alone.



Please contact [Fr. Patrick](#) or [Nancy Holmes](#) if you can help with the reception.

## The Loving Memory Tree

In this season of Advent and Christmas, a "Loving Memory Tree" has once again been displayed. Click [here](#) to read about this tradition at St. Michael's.



## And All The Angels Gift Shop

(located on the lower level)



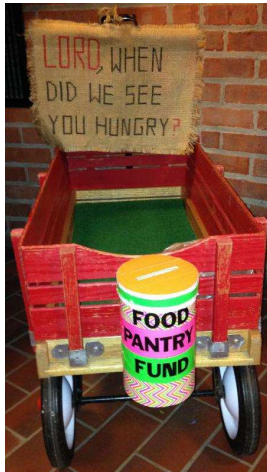
Holiday Sale going on NOW! Two rooms filled with amazing gifts for everyone in your family. One stop shopping and complimentary gift wrapping too!

## Home Lay Eucharistic Ministry (HLEM)

The ministry needs a few caring souls to take communion to parishioners unable to attend service and our celebration of Eucharist due to illness or infirmity. We are especially in need of your help this January-March. **Donna and Dave Brooks** will lovingly train you and offer support and clear direction for you in this ministry. Click [here](#) for a quick description of the HLEM ministry. Please contact Donna to let her know you can help: [Donnaboo63@yahoo.com](mailto:Donnaboo63@yahoo.com) or call 224.623.1527.



**Little Red Wagon**  
(located in front foyer)



### **Barrington Township Food Pantry**

Donations especially needed this month:  
oatmeal, peanut butter/jelly, mac & cheese, rice & sauces.  
Please help keep the wagon filled.



Last Saturday a dozen people gathered at Cresswood Farms (home of Bryan & Christy Cressey) in front of a crèche scene nestled upon the hay inside a horse stall. This 'Storytime at the Barn' gift package was purchased at the Sudan Soiree. The group listened intently as Donna Brooks recited Grimm Fairy Tales and a special story about the coming of Jesus. Later the horses neighed as the group caroled throughout the barn, made individual gingerbread houses, and shared refreshments and take-home treats.

### **A 30 Second Thank You**

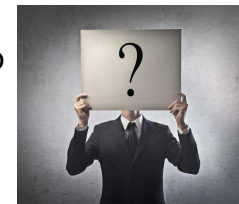
A great example of how our Outreach dollars are used.



Please take 30 seconds to watch a day in the life of [LYDIA/Safe Families](#) ([click here](#)). It is a blessing to serve families and children.

### **Who To Thank?**

We are in receipt of a stock gift and do not know who to thank. If you have recently made a stock donation,







please contact Kim Lessner at  
847-381-2323, ext. 16 or  
[klessner@stmichaelsbarrington.org](mailto:klessner@stmichaelsbarrington.org) so that we can  
properly credit your contribution statement. Thank you!

## Remembering This Week

### Birthdays

12.14  
Charlie Baartz  
Hayley Eissler  
12.15  
Forest Mayberry  
Brian Summerfield  
Ella Holtermann  
12.16  
Matthew Beverly  
Addison Schnell  
12.17  
Gene Dawson  
Jackie Kraus  
Joe Kunzon  
Debbie Kunzon  
12.18  
Jeff Cross  
Terri Longo  
12.19  
Caden Chan  
Kailey Knoop  
Kendall Knoop  
Josie Trautwein  
12.20  
Judy Tammi  
Carol Staley Bowan

### Anniversaries

12.19  
Helen & Ken Curtis

### Rest in Peace

12.14  
Jacqueline Martin  
12.17  
Peter Forbes  
Jean Treveiler  
12.18  
Barbara Mabbs  
12.19  
Bette Sue Thomasson

# MISSING

If you have recently borrowed a 6' aluminum ladder with  
a paint drop tray from the chair closet, we would be  
grateful if you could return it. Any questions, please  
contact Kim Lessner at 847-381-2323, ext. 16 or  
[klessner@stmichaelsbarrington.org](mailto:klessner@stmichaelsbarrington.org).

# SCHEDULE

## Holiday Publication Schedule

The e-Sword newsletter will modify its  
publication schedule over the holidays:

**December 18:** regular e-newsletter  
**December 23:** holiday e-newsletter  
**December 25 & January 1:** no publication  
**December 30:** abbreviated e-newsletter  
**January 8:** regular e-newsletter resumes

If you have questions or news about your  
ministry please contact [Nancy Holmes](#).

# COMMUNITY events

*Join us for a free meal at*

## The Community Meal

TONIGHT, Thursday, December 11, 5-7 p.m.  
at Greencastle Manor, 445 E Main St, Barrington  
We will be serving spaghetti and meatballs, salad and  
dessert.

Scott Treveiler, Jr.  
John Dowling  
12.20  
Anthony Slone  
JoAnn Godfrey



## Lay Chaplain Training Courses

Next session begins February 4, 2015  
Bishop Anderson House will offer volunteer lay chaplain training at its offices on Wednesday evenings from 5:30-7:30 pm, February 4 - May 6. Apply by mid-December. Click [here](#) to read more.

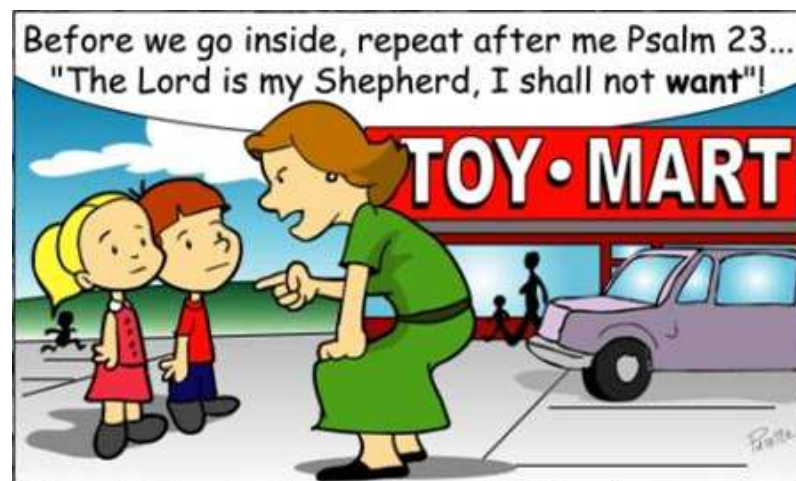


*A time for fellowship. A time for reflection.*

## 14th Annual Episcopal Men's Pre-Lenten Retreat

February 6 - February 7, 2015

Click [here](#) for retreat flyer and registration.



### St. Michael's Vestry

[vestry@stmichaelsbarrington.org](mailto:vestry@stmichaelsbarrington.org)

Shan Atkins - Senior Warden; David Buckley, Jr., Junior Warden  
David Bishop, Sof Ts'o, Dolores Kampert, Ray Kean, Pat Kane, Mike Savage  
Christy Cressey, Teri Doran, 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. Ulrika (Eva) Baydoun, Assisting  
The Rev. Elizabeth (Betsy) Ward, Assisting; The Rev. Laurie Michaels, Deacon  
The Rev. Judith Heinrich, Deacon; The Rev. Carol Staley Bowen, Deacon;  
Kara Joy Baker, Director of Little Angels Preschool; David Baker, Director of Music Ministries; Mark Sikkila, organist; Nate Nesbit, Youth Pastor; Josh Baudin, Interim Family Ministries Coordinator; Kim Lessner, Parish Operations;

Nancy Holmes, Parish Administrator/Rector's Assistant; Rich Hornickel, Sexton

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