



Come, thou long expected Jesus

The Sword

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

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

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Upcoming at St. Michael's

- +Thursday, December 18, Preschool Christmas Program, 6:00pm
- +Saturday, December 20, Christmas Caroling, 11:00am
- +Saturday, December 27, 4th Saturday Family Ministry, 5:00pm
- +Monday, December 29, Frozen Family Pajama Party, 6:00pm
- +Tuesday, December 30, Prayer Shawl Ministry, 7:00pm
- +Thursday, January 1, New Years Day Eucharist, 10:00am

~ Our Christmas Worship ~

Christmas Eve, Wednesday, December 24

- + 2 pm & 4 pm:** A shorter liturgy with a Children's Message at the Crèche, Christmas Carols accompanied by the Organ and Vocal Soloists.
- + 9 pm:** Choral Eucharist with the St. Michael's Choir, Soloists and Organ, with Sermon.
- + 11 pm:** Choral Eucharist with Organ, Vocal Ensemble and Soloists, Sermon and Incense.

Christmas Day, Thursday, December 25

- + 10 am:** Said Holy Eucharist with Sermon, Organ and Carols

**St. Michael's
Worship Times**



From the Rector

The Rev. Patrick Raymond
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"Hail, Mary, full of grace ..." - Luke 1:28



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](#).

Dear people of St. Michael's,

What were your earliest memories or notions of Mary, the mother of Jesus? Has your curiosity about or understanding of Mary changed? When? Why? Does it matter?

My own earliest religious image of Mary came through my Presbyterian Sunday School teacher when I was in about 3rd grade. Normally cuddly and relaxed, she raised a brow and pursed her lips when she warned us off 'the idolatry of *those Catholics* - they *worship* Mary!' I was alarmed, and not only because of my teacher's mood change. My sister went to a parochial school where there was a statue of Mary - an idol! People knelt there to pray. They lit candles. Horrors!

Wouldn't you know that the first Episcopal Church I entered for worship as an adult had an image of Mary. At her feet was a stand with those same votive candles, many lit. I might have fled, but I'd accepted a ride to the church with friends. The next Sunday, interestingly, I drove my own car back there. Now, decades later, I'm rector of a church with an image of Mary in the nave. At her feet is a single votive candle that is meant to remain continuously lit. These days I'm among those who, finding it extinguished, will take time to find and light a new candle. And, yes, I sometimes say a '*Hail Mary ...*' while doing so.



Mary comes into particular view every year in our worship for the upcoming Fourth Sunday of Advent.

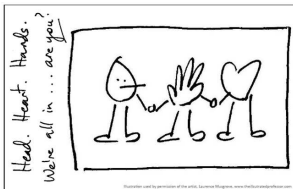
It's because of this that we chose the focus on Mary for this Sunday's Food for the Journey conversation. I'll be leading it, and, knowing we're a tradition with a wide range of experiences, thoughts and questions about Mary, I hope you'll come, share yours and be enriched by those of others.

- Patrick+

Also from the Rector

+ Our Parish Christmas Letter, mailed on Tuesday, gives the normal invitation to contribute to Christmas flowers AND also invites all parish households to 'give a match' toward





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

the goal of burning our mortgage sometime in the New Year. The letter went out late! (My error, sorry!

Donations for Christmas flowers should be at the church by Sunday to be noted in the printed Christmas bulletins.) So I welcome you view the letter and response card by clicking [here](#).



+ Please remember to carefully plan your household's Christmas worship. The various

worship services have unique features and many individuals have preferences for those do or do not include, for instance, the choir, incense or a sermon. Ask around or call the parish office if you have questions that aren't answered by the information provided above.



+ Special Thanks to all who helped with the beautiful Advent Service of Lessons and Carols this past Sunday evening: especially our musicians, our community readers and all who helped with the gracious reception that followed, at which many lingered in good candlelit fellowship.

Food for the Journey: Sunday Adult Formation

The conversation begins after the 9:30 a.m. service (approximately 10:05 a.m.)

- **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

Quick Links

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St. Michael's Website



Little Angels Christian
Preschool Website



Listen to Sunday Sermons



Follow St. Michael's
on Facebook!



Look who were shopping at And All The Angels gift store this week...**Kary, Jackson, CiCi, and Olivia Caruso.** They were happy, healthy and full of the spirit of the season. Miss you guys!

Those who have asked for our prayers: Sarah, Su, Hope, Grace, 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, Madden & family, Chris & family, Carlos, Jean & Hollis, Kip, Margaret, Chris & family, Cynthia, Becky, Paul & family, Amy, those caring for the elderly.

**Christmas Caroling this Saturday,
December 20.**



Vestry Meeting Summary
November 17, 2014
Click [here](#).



Follow our
'Family Ministries'
on Facebook.

Come join adults and youth from St. Michael's this Saturday as we spread Christmas cheer in the village of Barrington! **Meet in front of Cook Street Coffee, in downtown Barrington at 11:00 a.m.**, where will sing for any and all who are out and about. We will then travel to The Garlands where will sing for St Michael's parishioners Vette Kell, Hollis and Jean Schoepke, and other residents.



Bishop Lee's Christmas Message

*Christ in Us is the Hope of
the World.* Click [here](#).



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Click [here](#) to learn more about **Family Caroling**, a **Frozen Family Pajama Party**, and our **Epiphany celebration**.

Of special note... Children in third grade are invited to participate in First Solemn Communion. Classes begin January. Contact Josh for details 815-701-2995.



News From Nate

Youth Pastor

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Dates to remember...

December 21: We're making Gingerbread Houses.

December 28: Regular Church School for Jr./Sr. High

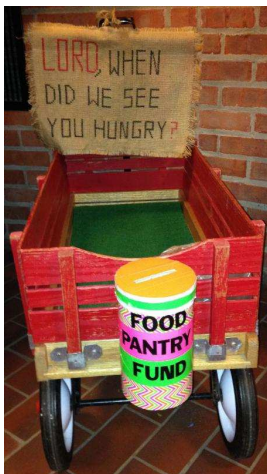
January 4: NO Church School for Jr./Sr. High
Read [more...](#)

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.



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.

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 or call 224.623.1527.



Find something for that special someone....

Thirty percent off of all jewelry at And All of the Angels Gift Shop.
(located on our lower level)



REMINDER

All year-end financial gifts must be received in the parish office no later than Wednesday, December 31. If



Year-end financial
due by December 31

you have any questions, please contact Kim Lessner, Operations Manager, 847-381-2323, ext. 16 or at klessner@stmichaelsbarrington.org. Thank you in advance for your assistance!

AWSM Post Holiday Spa Day

Thursday, January 15, 5:00-9:00 p.m. at Aveda Salon and Day Spa, Deer Park. Mark your calendars now and watch for more details to follow soon.



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.

Remembering This Week

Birthdays

12.21
Paul Carrubba
Dolores Kampert
Tina Marcinkiewicz
12.22
Kay Richards
Elizabeth Ewart
Bill Arms
12.23
Jada Kampert
12.24
Renee Blue
12.26
Hattie Baudin
12.27
Chuck Boetsch
Len Azzaro
Jayne Kane
Grace Kopecky

Anniversaries

12.22

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](mailto:Nancy.Holmes).

Ellen & Ric Lindeen
12.27
Betsy & Len Azzaro

Rest in Peace

12.24
Eleanor Conlon
12.25
Nancy Wolters



COMMUNITY events

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

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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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