



The Sword

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

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

December 30, 2014

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Upcoming at St. Michael's

- +Tuesday, December 30, Prayer Shawl Ministry, 7:00pm
- +Thursday, January 1, The Holy Name Eucharist, 10:00am
- +Tuesday, January 6, The Feast of Epiphany Eucharist, 6:00pm
- +Sunday, Jan. 11, "Living Well in the Midst of Grief & Loss", 12pm
- +Monday, January 12, AWSM Spa Day, 7:00pm
- +Monday, January 12, Haiti Mission Trip Meeting, 7:30pm
- +Wednesday, January 14, Eucharist w/Healing Prayer, 7:30pm
- +Sunday, January 25, Annual Meeting, 12:15pm



From The Rector

The Rev. Patrick Raymond

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Money? Or Jesus?

"That money talks, I'll not deny,
I heard it once: it said ... 'Good-bye!'"
- Richard Armour



Two Upcoming Special Services (in Chapel)

Thursday, January 1
The Holy Name
10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, January 6
The Feast of Epiphany

Dear People of St. Michael's,

This will be the second pastoral letter I've written for this *Sword*. The first was titled *Money, Money, Money*. It didn't sit well with me. I figured it might not be a best-seller with you.

6:00 p.m.



St. Michael's Worship Times



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.

I wasn't wrong to feature money issues *per se*. A rector must share in a parish leadership's money-related messages. That first letter didn't sound alarms or drop any shame bombs. I thanked some people for their recent extraordinary leadership. I provided some helpful year-end reminders ... still important and now separately described below.

But soul searching may be in order in a congregation when money is too often featured in the headlines. It might even be said that soul searching is in order when Jesus is too often missing from the headlines in favor of any other matter.

No one that I know, in any case, joins a church in order to give money to it. We're initially drawn to the church for different reasons that tend to be personal and spiritual. Something's missing from our lives. We've been bruised by troubles. We seek a place of meaningful belonging.

When these or similar motives are satisfied by our experience of a living God amongst us, what we value, including our money, gets touched, transformed, and reallocated.

This, in turn, improves the collective financial health of a congregation. Giving as crisis response or guilt response decreases. Giving as faith response and as gratitude increases. And the rector's messages are less about money *per se* and more about our underlying abundant life in Christ.

May it be so for us, now, in the coming year and beyond.

- Patrick +

Also from the Rector:

Mostly (but not all) Money Notes

+ Please remember that your 2014 financial gifts to St. Michael's must to be postmarked by Wednesday, December 31 or hand delivered to the church office by 5 pm on the 31st to be recorded for

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



Many **New Year** customs that we take for granted actually date from ancient times. This year, ring out the old and ring in the new with a New Year tradition-or two! Click [here](#) to see customs from around the world.

and...

Click [here](#) to read a poem, meant to be

2014 tax purposes.

+ Our 'Give a Match to Burn the Mortgage' invitation does *not* have a December 31 deadline. (Click [here](#)).

+ Likewise, the new 'Archangel Society' planned giving program has no deadline. (click [here](#)).

+ If you've not yet made a financial pledge for 2015, you can find, fill out and return an online pledge card [here](#). Vestry members will soon be making follow up calls, if they've not already started, to households from whom we've not heard.

+ My thanks to those of you who, in 2014, have dug deep and devoted hours to wondering about and then introducing some fresh ideas to us regarding financial giving to the church and to all who have made financial commitments of any size for any commitment at any time. Some members, I note, have either grimaced or beamed in response to some recent money-related messages. For the good of the whole and for the sake of future endeavors, I encourage you to share *your* thoughts with our wardens, any vestry member or me.

+ For those who missed Christmas Eve worship at 9 pm or 11 pm and who might appreciate a look at the homily, you can find it by clicking [here](#).

+ The parish finance committee's 2015 budget preparation meeting will be held Monday, January 12, 7 pm, in the conference room unless otherwise posted. Any parishioner may be present. At this meeting a final 2015 budget will be prepared for presentation to and approval by the Vestry on January 19 and for presentation at the January 25, 2015, Annual Meeting. Questions? Contact Treasurer John Davis.

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

- **Sunday, January 4** - The Living Compass:

repeated the first thing on the first day of the year, which comes from throughout the Scottish Highlands in many different versions.

Living Well in the New Year. Presented by Terry Longo.

- **Sunday, January 11** - Episcopalians: Past, Present & Future. Presented by Fr. Patrick.

In The Parish Family

James Grayson Pepper, son of Daniel and Melissa Pepper, was born December 17 at 7 lbs. 11 oz. and 20 inches long. He is the grandson of Lori Pepper and the great grandchild of Richard and Roxy Pepper. Grayson lives with his family and dog, Riley in Davenport, Iowa.



Quick Links

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St. Michael's Website



Little Angels Christian Preschool Website



Hark the herald angels sing!

A group of festive souls took to the streets of downtown Barrington on December 20 to sing and spread good cheer. They also visited and sang at The Garlands (for Jean & Hollis Schoepke) and at Alden (for George Van Hagen).

Listen to Sunday Sermons



Follow St. Michael's
on Facebook!



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



Follow our
'Family Ministries'
on Facebook.



Bishop Lee's Christmas Message

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



St. Michael's Youth String Players perform Silent Night at Christmas Eve Service. Pictured: Lauren Gabis-cello, Austin Gabis-violin, and Tyler Gabis-bass

It is with a heavy heart and prayers that we share with you news of the death on December 26 of **Louis Longo, Sr.** Services were held in Detroit, Michigan.

Please keep in your prayers his son Lou Longo, Terri, Marissa, Jack and the entire extended Longo family.

O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of your servant Louis, and grant him an entrance into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of your saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever and ever. Amen.

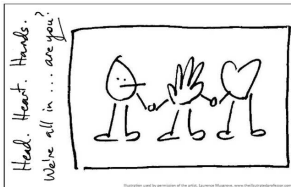
A note of thanks from the Bullion family. Please click [here](#) to read their personal note.

Those who have asked for our prayers: Paulette, Josh, Marybeth, Susy, Pam, Pam, Julie, Tim, Donna, Howard & family, Jo, Grace, Madden & family, Robert, Su, Chris & family, Carlos, Rosalie, Ted, Elaina, Jean & Hollis, Hope, Kip, Margaret, Cynthia, Becky, Paul & family, Amy.



St. Michael's Episcopal Church 2015 Vestry Nominations

The Vestry has approved a slate of candidates for Vestry to be voted upon at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 25, 2015 (click [here](#)). Nominations are now open for any additional nominations which may be made by potential candidates, by submitting a written request to the Vestry to appear on the ballot. This request must state that the candidate meets the qualifications as set forth in the By-Laws, and must be accompanied by the signatures of no fewer than 3 Parishioners, qualified to vote, who support the candidate's nomination. On January 5, 2015, twenty (20) days prior to the Annual Meeting, all nominations that are to be placed on the ballot shall be closed. Email Nancy Holmes in the parish office if you would like an electronic copy of the By-Laws.



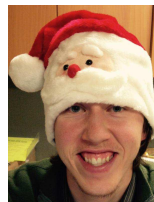
Please remember to
turn in your 2015
financial pledge
commitments.
Thank you.



Josh Baudin
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Click [here](#) to learn more about our upcoming
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.



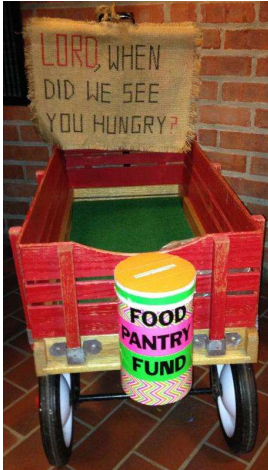
From Our Youth Pastor

Nate Nesbit

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Hello and Merry Christmas! Our recent foray into making graham cracker houses was a success and we

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.

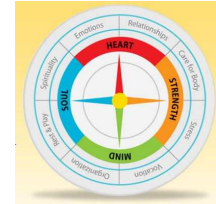
Remembering This Week Birthdays

ended up with some very festive houses. (And some very delicious disasters too!) Click [here](#) to view some of our creations.

NOTE to both JR & SR. High: We will not be meeting Sunday, January 4.

Living Well in the Midst of Grief and Loss

January 11, 18, 25 and February 1, 12:00-1:15 p.m.
We will meet in the library and a light lunch provided.
Facilitator: Deacon Laurie Michaels



And All The Angels Gift Store

December 30 through January 4.
All merchandise in the Undercroft only will be 30% off.



REMINDER

All year-end financial gifts must be received in the parish office no later than Wednesday, December 31. If 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: All Women of St. Michael's

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.



12.28
 Bill Heinrich
 Ellen Weiss
 12.29
 Lori Pepper
 Leanne Tresnowski
 12.30
 John Papamarcos
 Cynthia Milford
 1.1
 Dean Frelk
 1.2
 Jane Dawson
 1.3
 Betsy Wintringer
 Lilia Weibel

Anniversaries

12.31
 Katie & Joe Pardun
 1.2
 Ann & Rick Ryba
 1.3
 Vickie & Al Johnson

Rest in Peace

12.28
 Katherine McIntosh
 Barbara Papamarcos
 12.30
 Iris Hartman
 Carol Brink
 1.1
 Claire Koener
 Edith Luke
 1.2
 Menter Terrill



Women's Retreat, March 6/7, 2015
 Details on Evite and Sign in hallway
Sign up by January 18.



Offering Envelopes for 2015

Your 2015 offering envelopes are available for pick up in the Community Room foyer as of Wednesday, December 31. If you have any questions, please contact Kim Lessner, Operations Manager in the parish office at 847-381-2323, ext. 16 or via email at klessner@stmichaelsbarrington.org. Thank you!

Preschool Registration Begins Soon

In house - January 7
 Church families - January 20
 Open to public - January 26
 Contact Kara Baker
kbaker@stmichaelsbarrington.org for
 additional information.
 Website: www.littleangelpreschool.org



AWSM send its many thanks to all of you who have donated to the Primo Center for Women and Children. A number of trips have been made to the center with the donations and the cash donations have been used to purchase many items as well. Please continue to donate. Click [here](#) for most needed items.



edue Holiday Publication Schedule

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



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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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