



The Sword

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

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

January 8, 2015

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Upcoming at St. Michael's

- +Sunday, Jan. 11, Commissioning of Solemn Communion Class at the 9am service
- +Sunday, Jan. 11, "Living Well in the Midst of Grief & Loss", 12pm
- +Monday, January 12, Haiti Mission Trip Meeting, 7:30pm
- +Tuesday, January 13, Women's Bible Study, 9:15am
- +Wednesday, January 14, Eucharist w/Healing Prayer, 7:30pm
- +Thursday, January 15, AWSM Spa Night, 5:00pm
- +Wednesday, January 21, Healing Prayer Group Meeting, 7pm
- +Sunday, January 25, Annual Meeting, 12:15pm



From the Rector

The Rev. Patrick Raymond

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ANNUAL MEETING



Sunday
January 25
at 12:15 p.m.

Sorefooted, grumbling and hostile

... such a long journey:

The ways deep and the weather sharp,

The very dead of winter.

Dear People of St. Michael's,

The few lines of poetry above, from TS Eliot's Journey of the Magi, seem apt for this week of extreme cold. I played Eliot's own WWII-era recording of the poem for those who took part in our Eucharist for the Feast of the Epiphany, this past Tuesday.

As I shared during that Eucharist, two aspects of

**See more about the
Annual Meeting
below in this
newsletter**

St. Michael's Worship Times



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

the poem particularly grabbed my attention. First, Eliot's depiction of the journey questions the twinkly-starred ambiance that often hovers over our images of the wise men. The first section of the poem alone includes the words worst, sorefooted, regretted, grumbling, hostile and folly. Eliot imagines it was more of an ordeal than a cakewalk.

What's of equal interest is that Eliot wrote the poem in the same year of his own Christian conversion in the Church of England, 1927. Many interpreters of the poem imagine that it may be as much or more a meditation on his own inner journey than a muse on the wise men of old.

If so, Eliot's inner journey was dramatic, fascinating and worthwhile. A line from the poem says, I would do it again. But it was not easy. Perhaps the poem has endured in part because, in it, others recognize they are not alone in life's daunting passages or in committing to any genuine spiritual quest at all: With the voices singing in our ears, saying that this was all folly.

The wise men traveled together. Until the last line, Eliot's poem is written from the voice of 'we' and 'us'. And in the church, at our best, and through the worst, we travel together in faith. May it be said of us, now, in 2015 and beyond.

- *Patrick* +

PS You can [read](#) Journey of the Magi and/or [hear](#) TS Eliot's recording of it by clicking the links above.

PSS My sermon for this past Sunday, this 2nd Sunday of Christmas, was a meditation on our Nativity scene. It can be read by clicking [here](#).

Food for the Journey: Sunday Adult Formation

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

- **Sunday, January 11** - Episcopalians: Past, Present & Future. Presented by Fr. Patrick.
- **Sunday, January 18** - Highlights of 2014 Financial Results and Preview of 2015 Budget. Presented by John Davis. St. Michael's



**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](#).

Treasurer.

In The Parish Family

Baby Baker! David and I (Kara) are thrilled to announce that we are expecting a baby in mid-July! We are so excited to be expanding our family and grateful that we have such a strong community of faith in which to raise our child. Thank you for your thoughts and prayers through our time of preparation for Baby Baker!



Harper Adilynn Hellwig will be baptized, Sunday, January 11 at the 10:45 a.m. service. Harper is the daughter of Jennifer and Brian Hellwig and sister of Colin. *There is one Body and one Spirit; There is one hope in God's call to us; One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism; One God and Father of all.*



Nifty nifty, Kim is Fifty! The staff celebrated Kim's half-century birthday (December 31) with two pizza's that spelled out 50 in pepperoni. Congrats and blessings for as they say....*the best is yet to come.*

Quick Links
(click on icon)



St. Michael's Website

Those who have asked for our prayers: Grace,



Little Angels Christian
Preschool Website



Listen to Sunday Sermons



Follow St. Michael's
on Facebook!



Vestry Meeting Summary
December 15, 2014
Click [here](#).



Follow our
'Family Ministries'
on Facebook.

Madden & family, Robert, Su, Chris & family, Carlos, Rosalie, Ted, the Longo family, Nancy, Josh, the Parker family, Jean & Hollis, Hope, Kip, Margaret, Cynthia, Becky, Paul & family, Amy.

ANNUAL MEETING



St. Michael's Annual Parish Meeting will be held Sunday, January 25 at 12:15 p.m. Our bylaws require us to publish (30 days in advance) a list of members eligible to vote - those at least 16-years-old who are considered members of the parish in good standing. For privacy reasons the list will not be linked here but you may review a paper copy of the list in the church office. Please mark your calendars for January 25 and follow the e-Sword and Sunday bulletins for more information.

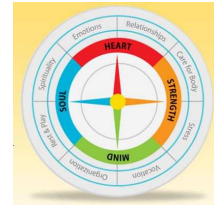


**St. Michael's Episcopal Church
2015 Vestry Nominations**

The Vestry has approved a slate of candidates for Vestry to be voted upon at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 25, 2015 (view slate [here](#)), and the names to be placed on the ballot are now closed. However, provision is made at the Annual Meeting for additional nominations. Email Nancy Holmes in the parish office if you would like an electronic copy of the By-Laws.

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
Click [here](#) for program details.



From Our Youth Pastor

Nate Nesbit

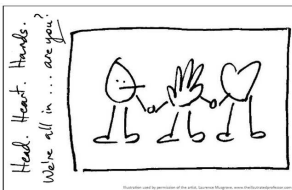
nnesbit@stmichaelsbarrington.org

What is MIQRA? Learn more & register [here](#).
When is the SMUSH Game Night?

Click [here](#) to find out all the details!

Preschool: Special Presentation for Parents & Teachers

A program about enabling parents and educators to increase their child's/student's intelligence and give them the best start in school and in life using the Simply Smart Kids P.O.W.E.R. Tools. It is being offered at three convenient times on January 13 & 14.
Click [here](#) for the details.



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

AWSM: All Women of St. Michael's

Getting involved is as easy as...



Click [here](#) for all the details.

- 1. Post Holiday Spa Day**, Thursday, January 15, 5:00-9:00 p.m. at Aveda Salon and Day Spa.
- 2. Women's Retreat**, March 6-7. **Sign up deadline is January 18.** (to inquire about scholarships, contact Deacon Laurie at lmichaels@stmichaelsbarrington.org)
- 3. Primo Center** collecting for kitchens.


Little Red Wagon (located in front foyer)



Redeemer Church: Families in Crisis Program.

Their need is great so anything and everything is gratefully accepted: food, toiletries, paper supplies, cleaning supplies, cash donations. Let's overfill the Little Red Wagon this month!

Mark Your Calendars! You're all invited.



You are joyfully invited to join the people of Trinity for a

Celebration of New Ministry and Welcoming of

THE REVEREND KEVIN CARUSO AS RECTOR

on Thursday, February 5, 2015 at 7:00 pm

Trinity Episcopal Church
130 N. West Street • Wheaton, Illinois 60187

Reception to follow in Millett Hall • Childcare available

Questions, please contact the parish office
at (630) 665-1101 or office@trinitywheaton.org

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.littleangelspreschool.org

Front Door Welcome

The Greeters Ministry needs more greeters especially for the 10:45 a.m. service. It's easy and fun to greet new and old attendees. If you're interested in learning more, contact Ann Ross at 630-992-5618 or aross60047@gmail.com.

FAITH REFLECTION GROUPS FORMING

A time to tell your story about *your walk with Christ* in a small group atmosphere. These small groups (3, 4 or 5 people) will meet for a short period of time during the course of the coming year, conducted in a engaging, interactive, laid back atmosphere. This is a perfect way to get to know others in the parish on a deeper level. For more information contact Pat Kane, patkane@att.net, or, 847-431-8582.

Click [here](#) to sign-up.

Remembering This Week

Birthdays

1.11
Susan Johnston
1.12
Elizabeth Anderson
1.13
John Nicol
Peter Bacher
Darryl Dawson
1.14
Jacob Arms
Mary Mathison
Ned Loughridge
1.15
David Pepper
1.17
Kitti Quarfoot

Anniversaries

1.11
Marti & Steve Kahn
1.15
Julie & Shane Allord
1.17
Tami & Mark Zukowski

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

Rest in Peace

1.14

Stephen Wright
 Lucille Capulli-
 MacLennan
 Helene Dickson
 Lysa Meyers

1.16

Denis Chaudruc



St. Michael's Church
 Epiphany Window

klessner@stmichaelsbarrington.org. Thank you!

COMMUNITY events

The Community Meal

Thursday, January 22, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

at Salem United Methodist Church

115 West Lincoln Avenue, Barrington

The Community Meal is a FREE meal hosted at various churches and community centers in and around the Barrington area.

<http://www.thecommunitymeal.org/>

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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