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Your weekly connection with St. Michael's Episcopal Church

19 April 2012

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SOME UPCOMING EVENTS:

(Details about these and other events may be found in this newsletter or future newsletters. A more comprehensive list of upcoming events may be found at the end of the newsletter.)

- Baker Wedding Bash, this Friday, 6:30 p.m.
- Food for the Journey: The Sacraments, led by Fr. Raymond, this Sunday, 9:45 a.m.
- Vestry Meeting, 23 April, 6:30 p.m. ([click for agenda](#))
- Parents Night Out, 28 April, Saturday, 6:00 p.m.
- All Parish Vision and Leadership Gathering, Saturday, 5 May, 8:30 a.m. to Noon, led by the Vestry, and more information in the next 2 weeks
- Confirmation, 12 May, Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

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Did You Know?



Week of the Young Child

an article by the Little Angels Christian Preschool Director Caren Hunter

I am writing this in anticipation of the Week of the Young Child™ and the activities that Little Angels has planned for the week, April 23-27. The Week of the Young Child™ is an annual celebration sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). The purpose of the Week



...that *Kara* means "wholesome" or "pure" and that *David* means "beloved" or "darling"? When I read this about Kara and David Bakers' first names, I thought to myself, "Well, of course!"

Anniversaries This Week

BIRTHDAYS

- 4.22 Michael Breidenbach,
Christine Cressey,
Mary Nicol, Robert Tilly, Hunter Kilanski
- 4.23 Jonathan Blass,
Brian Lorenzo,
Wesley Holland,
Conner Rejman,
Lucas Nance,
Nicholas Sykes,
Patricia Kean
- 4.24 Jaquelyn Maire,
Priscilla Marsh,
Vicki Montgomery
- 4.25 Cynthia Neff
- 4.26 Laurie Michaels, Dylan Murphy
- 4.27 Carolyn Schaefer, Jim Pajakowski, Anne Rough
- 4.28 Meredith Perrine

ANNIVERSARIES

- 4.22 Sue & Stephen Barnum
- 4.24 Michelle & Bill Bradtke, Robert & Christina Robbins
- 4.25 Judy & Bill Heinrich, Lynn & Forest Mayberry
- #### REST IN PEACE
- 4.24 David Capulli

of the Young Child™ is to focus public attention on the needs of young children and their families and to recognize the early childhood programs and services that meet those needs. Little Angels Christian Preschool is the only preschool in Barrington that has earned NAEYC accreditation. We have been meeting the needs of families with young children in Barrington since 1998. To kick off this special week we have invited several community members to come and read a special story to the children. The schedule of readers is available in the "Preschool News" section of this newsletter. We also have a beautiful Art Show adorning our hallways of the work the children have been doing all year. Feel free to take a stroll through the preschool hallway the next time you are at St. Michael's and check out the colorful and interesting work created by the children. Be sure not to miss the beautiful garden in our entryway full of beautiful flowers the children created at home with their parents.

We are happy to announce the newest board members to join our Parent Advisory Board for the 2012-2013 school year. They are Keely Hart, Katie Houston, Lindsey Murphy and Jenn Newman. We would like to thank the outgoing board members, Christine Lunt, Dana Loughlin, and Karen Fitzgerald for their two years of service, support and dedication to Little Angels.

We would also like to announce that Steve Mathison, a current Little Angels Board member, and Michele Phillips, a current St. Michael's Vestry member will be the new Preschool/Vestry liaisons. They will be responsible for keeping communication open between the Preschool and the Vestry.

We are currently enrolling students for the 2012-2013 school year. If you have a neighbor, niece, nephew, grandchild, etc. who might be looking for a preschool, feel free to send them our way!

I would like to thank the St. Michael's community for the support you give to Little Angels! You are welcome to stop in the preschool anytime; I would love the opportunity to show you around our wonderful school!

-Caren Hunter

Little Angels Christian Preschool Director



**Food for the Journey:
Introduction to the
Sacraments led by
Father Patrick
Raymond, Sunday,
9:45 a.m.**

What do Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation, Marriage, Ordination, Unction and Reconciliation of a Penitent have in common? They are all understood as rites which help us to be a sacramental people. Join Father Patrick in exploring what we mean we talk about sacraments. The Book of Common Prayer teaches that

4.26 Margaret Linde,
Angus Ray
4.27 Dorothy Duffy

"Sacraments are outward and visible signs of inward and spiritual grace"(p. 857). But what does that mean for our life? What difference does it make when we participate in a sacramental rite? What do we believe *happens*? How makes us affirm that God can become known in bread and wine; oil and water; promises made to God and vows to one another? Join the conversation.

Little Red Wagon



In April we will continue to gather food for St. Cyprian Food Pantry. This will help refill the shelves that were emptied at Easter time. The pantry has reached a new high of serving 855 families in one month. So the need continues to increase. Our Food Pantry Fund is also in need of replenishment. It is used to supplement needed items that are not donated. Please help to provide this most basic need in our lives.

And next week's Food for the Journey, Sunday, April 29, 9:45 a.m.:

**Helping your Family and Friends: "I never know what to say..."
A conversation about Pastoral Care with Deacon Laurie Michaels**



A Night Out for Parents to Relax and Reflect...

Finding God in the messiness of family life.

Who: Parents with children between the ages of 0-18

What: Good food, Good Conversation, and Some Reflections on Parenting and Faith

When: Saturday April 28th from 6:00 to 9:00pm

Where: McGonigal's Pub (Private Room) ,105 S. Cook St., Barrington

Cost: \$35 per person (a cash bar will be available) Please do not allow finances to be a reason for not coming. Scholarships are available.

[Click for pdf with more info.](#)

Adopt-a-plot

Calling all gardeners and want-to-be gardeners! St Michael's is located on a lovely piece of land with several beautiful gardens. Like all gardeners know, beautiful gardens need continuous love and care to stay beautiful.

It is with this in mind that we put out this request:



We are looking for volunteers who would be willing to "Adopt-a-Plot" in St Michael's gardens and help bring that adopted plot back to life this spring and to maintain the adopted plot throughout this season. Please bring your love for gardening along with your weeding, transplanting, and trimming

skills. New to gardening, with the desire to learn? We're happy to train!

As our schedules are all very busy, our idea is that you come at anytime that is convenient for you. We will have a **mulch day** on **May 19**, and our hope is that the initial work of each adopted plot would be ready for mulch on that day.

Sign up sheets are located near the Community Room entrance.

We are also looking for anyone with a rototiller. Please contact **Carol** or **Kim**, if we may make use of your machine.

Anyone interested, please contact **Carol Hebert** carol.hebert@sbcglobal.net or Kim Lessner, to klessner@stmichaelsbarrington.org . Happy Gardening!

In the Parish Family

+Those for whom prayers have been requested:

Scott, Sharryn, Evann, Colin, Patricia, Kim, Joseph & family, the Dutter family, Jessica, Jim & Agnes, Elizabeth, Paul, Lucas, Taylor, Joseph, Roda, Michele, Grace, Mary, Terry, Amy, Fernando, St. Cyprian Food Pantry, military troops in danger including those from our parish, especially, Silas, Eric, Zane, Robert, Ryan, Michael, Bruce, Arielle, Taylor, Tim and Jake.

Prayer Shawl April Meeting

Prayer Shawl will meet Tuesday, April 24th in the library from 7:00-8:30 p.m. We knit and crochet shawls and baby blankets for comfort and those in need. It is a fun and rewarding ministry. All are welcome. Hope to see you there.



Youth Minister Update



our Youth Minister "in character" at last year's Camp Chicago

(Confirmands must arrive at 3:00)

Sunday, April 22--
SMUSH Mission Trip Deposit #2
Due (\$ 191.00) LIFT Mission Trip
Deposit #2 Due (\$111.50)

Sunday, April 22--Confirmand
outing to Islamic Education Center,
1:30-4:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 29--Confirmation
Recognition Sunday @ 10:30 a.m.
service

Sunday, April 29--SMUSH
Mission Trip Work Day 1:00-5:00
p.m. @ Redeemer

Saturday, May 12--Confirmation @
Redeemer, Elgin, 4:00 p.m.

HELP NEEDED FOR VBS--Nerissa is looking for youth to serve as shepherds for our VBS program June 25th-29th. Please let me know if you are interested.

Vacation Bible School is not just about children; it helps to mine the religious potential of the adult also!

Have you thought about splashing into God's word this summer as a volunteer during VBS? Grab a friend or friends and share a job, if you like! It is very rewarding and particularly straight-forward, uncomplicated, varied and flexible! In particular, we are looking for:

+Art Center Leader to select and coordinate the projects and volunteers for the week.

+Daily Art Center Leaders to lead the centers (Daily Center Leaders may volunteer for one day, two, three, four or all five! The choice is yours)

+Science Center Leader to select and coordinate the projects and volunteers for the week.

+Daily Science Center Leaders to lead the centers

+Video Center Leader to select and coordinate the movies to be used during the center and volunteers for the week.

+Daily Video Center Leaders to lead the centers

+Games Center Leader to select and coordinate the games to be used during the center and volunteers for the week.

+Daily Games Center Leaders to lead the centers

+Snack Leader to coordinate with VBS parent volunteers for snacks and set-up.

+**Shepherds/Group Leaders** to go with a small group of child as they travel between centers. You really get to splash around in God's word from the perspective of a child by experiencing VBS with them!!!!

+**VBS Designated Shopper!!!** Take a shopping list, our sales tax exemption letter and find out just how much glitter you can purchase for one VBS!!

+**Set-up** - do you like a bit of last minute excitement? Well, do we have a job for you! After church on the 24th of June, we will need to make this place look like we are planning on something special happening during the week. So come on by and help us put our wading pools, buckets, watering cans, wells - anything water related.

+**Angels** are those who are kind enough to do anything we have not thought of and are willing to plug holes.

Point of contact is Nerissa at 847.381.2323 extension

15. nbrueckbauer@stmichaelsbarrington.org

LIFT & SMUSH Flower Sale

The youth of St. Michael's are taking orders for flowers just in time for spring planting - think about that adopt-a-plot program at St. Michael's, also! You may email or fax your order to our Youth Minister, **Kara Baker**. kbaker@stmichaelsbarrington.org or fax at 847.381.3517. The form may be found by clicking [here](#). All orders must be received by the 13th of May, Sunday. All orders will be ready for pick-up on the 19th of May, Saturday, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Thank you for supporting the youth of St. Michael's.

Wednesday Night Eucharist/Dinner/Bible Study... (Give us your Feedback)

For the Easter season, we have decided to take a break from the Wednesday night offering of eucharist, dinner and bible study. Over the course of this past year, Wednesday nights have been used in a variety of ways. We want to take the next few weeks to evaluate what has happened and to then develop a plan for what should come next. Whether or not you have been participating, we would love to hear your thoughts on how things have been structured and what we might do moving forward. Given that many of St. Michaels' other groups take a hiatus during the summer and the positive response from last summer's offering, we are considering starting up again in the early summer. That being said, as we begin to lay the groundwork for this, we would really appreciate your feedback.

As we look forward, please consider taking a moment to reflect on the three different elements of our Wednesday program (eucharist,

dinner, and study) and offer your feedback. Which, if any, of these elements appeal to you? What would you be excited about participating in? If we do a bible study, is there a topic or style that you would be particularly excited about? Would you enjoy doing a character study of a particular person in the bible? Or perhaps studying a particular book in the bible? Would you be interested in seeing something besides a bible study? Any thoughts about the dinner? Or the Eucharist?

Please contact Fr. Kevin, kcaruso@stmichaelsbarrington.org or 847.381.2323 ext. 13.

Barrington Community Relay for Life

Make a difference and a spirit connection as you create or join a Barrington Community Relay For Life Team with friends and family!

To create a team, go to www.relayforlife.org/barringtonil. Teams of 8-15 people have fun taking turns strolling around the BHS track on June 8, 2012. Team members can also camp out on the surrounding grounds during the 12 hours enjoying music, food, and camaraderie. Come for the complimentary survivor dinner beginning at 5:00 p.m. and stay for the opening ceremonies at 6:00 p.m. at the Barrington Community Stadium. If you are unable to join or create a team, please feel free to donate and help find a cure for cancer! Questions - contact Rayanne Coy at Rayanne@scnw or call 630-338-3090.



St. Michael's Veteran's Group Reports In

The St. Michael's Veteran's Group met on April 12th in the Library. The mission of the group is to share military experiences. **Larry Quinlan**

spoke at our initial meeting in November about his memories of the Army and Vietnam, in particular. Our speaker for the second meeting was **Dave Dattillo** who shared his Navy experiences, especially the fine art of maneuvering an LST across the Pacific Ocean. Refreshments were served. The group meets three to four times a year and is open to all veterans. Members are encouraged to share their experiences, but it is by no means a requirement. The group also has several members from Holy Apostles in Wauconda. Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 8th. Point of Contact for this group is **Jim Tammi**, 847-382-4262.



The Pictorial Directories Are Here!

If you had a portrait sitting with Olan Mills you may pick up your complimentary photo directory outside the Community Room. Directories are labeled with your family name on the

back cover. If you did not have a portrait taken for inclusion in the directory you may help yourself to our in-house directories, also outside the Community Room. There are also a limited number of extra pictorial directories available. Contact Nancy Holmes, nholmes@stmichaelsbarrington.org, or phone, 847.381.2323 ext.11, if you are interested.

Little Angels Preschool News

Distinguished community leaders will be reading to the children from Little Angels Christian Preschool. We wanted to share this special schedule with you:

Monday, April 23

9:30 am: Karen Darch/Village President

1:00 pm: Phyllis Raufeisen/St. Michael's Church Member & Retired Teacher

Tuesday, April 24

11:00 am: Kim Lessner/St. Michael's Staff Member

Wednesday, April 25

9:30 am: Angela Grandgeorge/Barrington Firefighter & Paramedic

1:00 pm: Mitch Walker/Librarian, Barrington Public Library

Thursday, April 26

9:30 am: Father Patrick Raymond/Rector St. Michael's

Friday, April 27

9:30 am: Tim Raynor /Colonel, US Marine Corps

1:00 pm: Jerry Libit/Barrington Chief of Police

Please don't forget that Little Angels Preschool will have Summer Camp for seven weeks this summer. Find out more by going to their website by clicking [here](#).



Baker Wedding Bash

by Brooke Raymond

A big thank you to all who have responded in so many ways to the invitation sent out for Kara and David's party. It is going to be a fun evening - something for every one! I am concerned, however, with the number of responses I've received from parishioners who did not get

the evite. The evite for the Baker Wedding Bash was intended to go out to all active households in our parish. MY APOLOGIES to any of you who did not receive it! I am not sure yet what went wrong ... but I intend to look carefully at the contact list for our evite account with the hope of having this fixed by the time we have another event here at St. Michael's.

Upcoming Events

- +Baker Wedding Bash, 20 April, Friday, 6:30 p.m.
- +Food for the Journey: The Sacraments, led by Fr. Raymond, 22 April, Sunday, 9:45 a.m.
- +Prayer Shawl, 24 April, Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.
- +St. Michael's Book Club, 25 April, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
- +Parents Night Out, 28 April, Saturday, 6:00 p.m.
- +Food for the Journey:
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A conversation about Pastoral Care with Deacon Laurie Michaels, 29 April, Sunday, 9:45 a.m.
- +All Parish Vision and Leadership Gathering, led by the Vestry, 5 May, 8:30 a.m.
- +Confirmation, Church of the Redeemer, Elgin, 12 May, Saturday, 4:00 p.m.
- +Youth Flower Orders Due, 13 May
- +Youth Flower Orders Delivered, 19 May
- +Last Day of Church School, 20 May
- +Summer Church Schedule begins, 27 May
- +Feast of Pentecost, 27 May
- +Summer Two Room Church School Begins, 3 June
- +Vacation Bible School, 25-29 June

Revised Common Lectionary Year B, Easter 3,

Acts 3:12-19, Psalm 4, 1 John 3:1-7, Luke 24:36b-48.

Contact Info

St. Michael's Vestry

Kathy Sawyer Randolph - Sr. Warden, Shan Atkins - Jr. Warden
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