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St. Michael's Book Club July Meeting News

UNBROKEN

A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience and Redemption

By Laura Hillenbrand

Illustrated. 473 pages, about Louis Zamperini.

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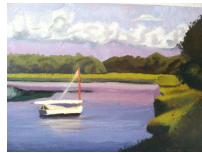
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By Laura Hillenbrand

Illustrated. 473 pages, about Louis Zamperini.

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AWSM Announcement & Invitation for Women to "Unite in Prayer"

The Barrington chapter of Church Women United offers informal opportunities to "Unite in Prayer" the 4th Friday of the month, 11:00 a.m.-12 noon, at Good Shepherd Hospital for women in the Chapel. Lunch is available in the cafeteria or Subway in the lobby for those who choose to stay.

This month, on Friday, July 27, the prayer gathering will be in the private dining room adjacent to the cafeteria on the lower level of GSH. The invitation is open to women of all churches in the Barrington area -- no RSVP required. Come as you are...come when you can...unite with women in prayer.

If you have questions, need more information, have need for a ride, contact Jackie Kraus, 847-381-5518. Announcement brought to you by All Women of St. Michael's, aka AWSM.



Update from our Youth Minister

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Areas in need:

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Two ways to help are available, Project Saturdays & Project in a Box.

Project Saturdays: 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM with lunch and beverages provided. Needed materials, tools and supplies will be on hand.

Project in a Box: on any given work day, contact Kim Lessner for access to organized boxes of supplies for those who prefer a non-Saturday time.

To help us gage food & beverage and help availability please sign up outside the Community Room or call/email Todd Ross 847-540-0652, tdd.rss@gmail.com

Interesting Reading

Many interesting and controversial articles have come out around the General Convention. One such article causing a lot of controversy was in the *New York Times*, written by columnist Ross Douthat, and entitled, "Can Liberal Christianity be saved?" It can be read by clicking [here](#).

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A group of St. Michael's Episcopal women met Monday, 16 July to make plans for the upcoming year

+Have you noticed the two baby carriers in the pew at the 9:30 a.m. service? They carry **Elizabeth and Charlotte Barton**. The girls are accompanied by their parents, **Clare and Ken**, newcomers to St. Michael's.



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St. Michael's is a donation location for donated books for the used book sale that will take place at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Barrington Hills, August 11th and 12th. Drop off any type of books in the two yellow bins outside of the Community

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Original piece of art by parishioner Karina Nance.

Is Haiti calling you....to create and donate an original piece of art to auction?

Are you, as an artist, called to help artists in Haiti?

Consider donating an original piece of your artwork to be auctioned by the Diocese of Milwaukee and the proceeds donated to benefit artists in Haiti, specifically the trade school in Jeannette, Haiti teaching vocational skills used by artists and craftspeople. "Got Art?" is looking for your work. Commitments by artists must be received by the 31th of July. The art piece must then be received by the 8th of September. The silent auction will open the 13th of October. The auction ends and a reception will be held on the 30th of October. To enter a piece, please contact Deacon Laurie Michaels, travellaurie@hotmail.com



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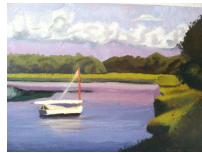
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My talk with that mother comes to mind now for several reasons - all bearing on young people and how their aspirations are shaped. I'm recalling, for instance, the four college-age and older souls who just gave four weeks to serve on the staff of Camp Chicago, our diocesan summer camp. Their commitments probably won't help any of them 'get ahead' in life. But their personal impact on the lives of some children and youth may be, well, eternal.

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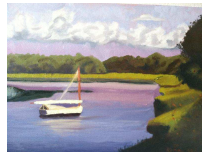
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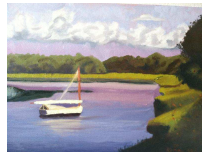
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St. Michael's Book Club July Meeting News

UNBROKEN

A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience and Redemption

By Laura Hillenbrand

Illustrated. 473 pages, about Louis Zamperini.

We meet at 7:30 p.m., in the church library, on July 25. This discussion will be led by Jim Tammi. Maribeth Totten is meeting host. Questions? Email Kathi Frelk, kfrelk@yahoo.com.



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The Barrington chapter of Church Women United offers informal opportunities to "Unite in Prayer" the 4th Friday of the month, 11:00 a.m.-12 noon, at Good Shepherd Hospital for women in the Chapel. Lunch is available in the cafeteria or Subway in the lobby for those who choose to stay.

This month, on Friday, July 27, the prayer gathering will be in the private dining room adjacent to the cafeteria on the lower level of GSH. The invitation is open to women of all churches in the Barrington area -- no RSVP required. Come as you are...come when you can...unite with women in prayer.

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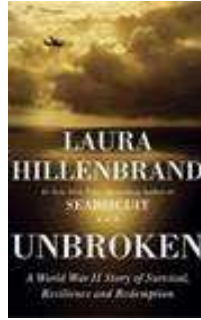
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In the parish family

+Those for whom prayers have been requested:

is important that we gather an abundance the three times a year that we do it.

Clothing (especially children's) is also gladly received.

Important foods needed are rice, dried beans, corn, tomatoes, sugar, flour, cereal and canned meats.

Personal and household items are also appreciated.

Our drive for these things will run July through August.

Monetary donations can be dropped into the large can attached to the Little Red Wagon.

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A group of St. Michael's Episcopal women met Monday, 16 July to make plans for the upcoming year

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Original piece of art by parishioner Karina Nance.

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- *Patrick +*

Also from the Rector

+ About the Episcopal Service Corps/Julian Year. You can find out more about the Episcopal Service Corps at www.episcopalservicecorps.org. Information on the Julian Year and numerous other related, innovative ministries can be found under the 'Program' tab.

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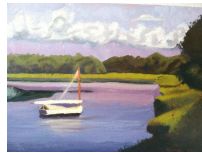
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Project in a Box: on any given work day, contact Kim Lessner for access to organized boxes of supplies for those who prefer a non-Saturday time.

To help us gage food & beverage and help availability please sign up outside the Community Room or call/email Todd Ross 847-540-0652, tdd.rss@gmail.com

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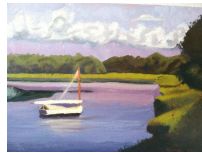
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St. Michael's Book Club July Meeting News

UNBROKEN

A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience and Redemption

By Laura Hillenbrand

Illustrated. 473 pages, about Louis Zamperini.

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+Those for whom prayers have been requested:

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Clothing (especially children's) is also gladly received.

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Our drive for these things will run July through August.

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- *Patrick* +

Also from the Rector

+ About the Episcopal Service Corps/Julian Year. You can find out more about the Episcopal Service Corps at www.episcopalservicecorps.org. Information on the Julian Year and numerous other related, innovative ministries can be found under the 'Program' tab.

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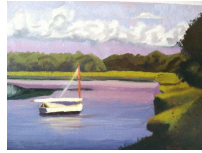
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My talk with that mother comes to mind now for several reasons - all bearing on young people and how their aspirations are shaped. I'm recalling, for instance, the four college-age and older souls who just gave four weeks to serve on the staff of Camp Chicago, our diocesan summer camp. Their commitments probably won't help any of them 'get ahead' in life. But their personal impact on the lives of some children and youth may be, well, eternal.

Or how about the dozen or more youth and adult advisors who'll leave for West Virginia this coming Saturday on St. Michael's annual senior high summer mission trip? Chances are that, for at least some of the youth, the experience will plant notions of future service commitments, maybe even a *calling* to serve?

Also, our guest preacher this Sunday, July 22, will be the Rev. Dr. Lora Walsh. She heads the 'Julian Year' project for the national Episcopal Service Corps (of which St. Michael's alumna the Rev. Amity Carrubba is Executive Director). The Julian Year is a ministry through which gifted young Episcopalians are welcomed to set aside a year to examine their gifts and to explore ways that they can 'invest' those gifts as people of faith.

You may think that it's too bad so many of our youth will be gone on Sunday. But Lora's most important audience, anyway, may be older adults: parents, grandparents, godparents, aunts, uncles, neighbors. We're the ones who give kids in our households and in our community daily messages about what it means to live not only a good life but also a meaningful and faithful life.

- *Patrick +*

Also from the Rector

+ About the Episcopal Service Corps/Julian Year. You can find out more about the Episcopal Service Corps at www.episcopalservicecorps.org. Information on the Julian Year and numerous other related, innovative ministries can be found under the 'Program' tab.

+ Blessing Same-Gender Relationships. Thanks to the 75 or more parishioners who took part in the two information and response sessions, one following each of the Eucharists, last Sunday. I was grateful for some remarks about wanting to maintain an atmosphere at St. Michael's in which persons of sincere faith may have reached, and could openly share,

7.23 Kimberlee &
Rob Tomczyk
7.24 Libby & Todd
Rieke, Emily &
Gustavo Lopez
Rest in Peace
7.22 Colin Noble
7.24 Robert Keller

different conclusions on these matters. And because of that I admit to having felt some distress when some remarks were met with applause - thereby undermining an environment in which those with other views could feel comfortable expressing them. Some interest was expressed in reading materials, particularly those that might help parishioners understand opposing conclusions on particular issues. I will be working on developing a resource for interested members. The materials already provided in last week's Sword can be found by clicking [here](#). The PowerPoint presentation that I used as the basis of my 10-minute presentation on Sunday, and that is mainly intended to provide factual information in a larger context and chronology, can be reviewed by clicking [here](#). The Vestry conversations about this matter are continuing, and I remind all that the question of blessing same-gender relationships in our diocese will be subject to particular direction to be provided by Bishop Jeff Lee in the coming weeks or months.

+ Bon Voyage! I've learned of at least four parishioners who will be taking part in the Chicago Yacht Club's 104th Race to Macinac Island, which begins in Chicago this Saturday, July 21. Best wishes to Steve Knoop, Mike Savage, and Stuart and Patsy Taylor. They'll no doubt welcome our prayers as well. And perhaps they'll bring back a report on Macinac's favorite coffee shop, the JL Beanery, now owned and operated by Vickie and Al Johnson.



Little Red Wagon in July and August
Church of the Redeemer's Families in Crisis Program serves the needs of about 25 families - financial, food and clothing. No other church donates food to this program; so it

Wednesday Evening Series continues July 25th

Making sense of Politics and Religion in an election year...
(Wednesday, June 25th at 6:30pm)

Many of us were warned at some point never to bring up politics or religion at a dinner party. We will be talking about both in a single night! This Wednesday's topic of conversation is: What is the relationships between being a person of faith and involved in the political process? How does your faith relate to your choices on election day? What is the appropriate role of the Church in the political process? The opportunity in this conversation is to wonder, whether Democrat, Republican or other, how do we integrate our deep faith commitments authentically with the realities of our democratic political system? Our conversation will begin with a presentation by Gene Dawson who is both a member of St. Michael's and the Supervisor of Barrington Township. For more information, www.barringtontownship.com/Officials.html

In the parish family

+Those for whom prayers have been requested:

is important that we gather an abundance the three times a year that we do it.

Clothing (especially children's) is also gladly received.

Important foods needed are rice, dried beans, corn, tomatoes, sugar, flour, cereal and canned meats.

Personal and household items are also appreciated.

Our drive for these things will run July through August.

Monetary donations can be dropped into the large can attached to the Little Red Wagon.

Morgan, Terry, Peter, Gina, Loraine, Pamela, William, Nicholas, Lee, Kent, Ward, Jo Ann, Mary Ann, Kevin, Matt, Mary, Bishop Joseph, Roda, Michele, Grace, Amy, Redeemer Family in Crisis Program, military troops in danger including those from our parish, especially, Silas, Eric, Zane, Robert, Ryan, Michael, Bruce, Arielle, Taylor, Taylor, Tim and Jake.

+On Saturday, 21 July, youth and adults from St. Michael's will depart to Belle, West Virginia on a week long mission trip. Please keep them in your prayers.

Our youth: Julia Osmond, Lauren Pepper, Madelyn Lanham, Grant Kimes, Mason Darrow, Sean Malec, Aidan Donohue, Colin Pepper, Joe Schmidt, Matt Reiser, and Patrick Hogan.

Our adults: Megan Donohue, Phil Darrow, Paul Carrubba, Kara Joy Baker.

+Many, many thanks to all who pitched in and helped in all aspects of the very successful **RIBFEST** last Sunday evening! Over 85 individuals enjoyed fellowship and ribs under the tent!



A group of St. Michael's Episcopal women met Monday, 16 July to make plans for the upcoming year

+Have you noticed the two baby carriers in the pew at the 9:30 a.m. service? They carry **Elizabeth and Charlotte Barton**. The girls are accompanied by their parents, **Clare and Ken**, newcomers to St. Michael's.



Is Haiti calling you....to donate books?

St. Michael's is a donation location for donated books for the used book sale that will take place at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Barrington Hills, August 11th and 12th. Drop off any type of books in the two yellow bins outside of the Community

Room by the 8th of August. All proceeds will go to support the expansion of the FanFan Elementary School in Haiti. For more information, please contact Deacon Laurie Michaels, travellaurie@hotmail.com



Original piece of art by parishioner Karina Nance.

Is Haiti calling you....to create and donate an original piece of art to auction?

Are you, as an artist, called to help artists in Haiti?

Consider donating an original piece of your artwork to be auctioned by the Diocese of Milwaukee and the proceeds donated to benefit artists in Haiti, specifically the trade school in Jeannette, Haiti teaching vocational skills used by artists and craftspeople. "Got Art?" is looking for your work. Commitments by artists must be received by the 31th of July. The art piece must then be received by the 8th of September. The silent auction will open the 13th of October. The auction ends and a reception will be held on the 30th of October. To enter a piece, please contact Deacon Laurie Michaels, travellaurie@hotmail.com



Is Haiti calling you.....to join others on a mission trip in October?

The dates for the trip to Haiti are 3 through 10 October 2012. Please click [here](#) for more information about the trip, and contact Deacon Laurie Michaels at travellaurie@hotmail.com



Cookies at And All the Angels Gift Shop!

Every Sunday, the angel store, located on the lower level of St. Michael's, will sell cookies from Cookie Cards in Palatine baked by Marti Callahan. Packages of cookies are \$4.00 each. They make a perfect little treat right after a Sunday service!



A Warmer Welcome to All

Feedback from recent listening sessions has revealed that our entry ways in the front and back of the church are not as welcoming as they could be. The Vestry has tasked the Communications

Committee to integrate efforts to make a great first impression on visitors to St. Michaels. As part of an ongoing project, the Communications Committee is looking for help from anyone in the parish who has interior design experience (office or home) and can volunteer their time to help us plan ways spruce up the entry areas of our church building. Please contact Amy Magro at 847.487-7473 or Ellen Weiss at 847.756-0292 to find out more about this project.



St. Michael's Book Club July Meeting News

UNBROKEN

A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience and Redemption

By Laura Hillenbrand

Illustrated. 473 pages, about Louis Zamperini.

We meet at 7:30 p.m., in the church library, on July 25. This discussion will be led by Jim Tammi. Maribeth Totten is meeting host. Questions? Email Kathi Frelk, kfrelk@yahoo.com.



AWSM Announcement & Invitation for Women to "Unite in Prayer"

The Barrington chapter of Church Women United offers informal opportunities to "Unite in Prayer" the 4th Friday of the month, 11:00 a.m.-12 noon, at Good Shepherd Hospital for women in the Chapel. Lunch is available in the cafeteria or Subway in the lobby for those who choose to stay.

This month, on Friday, July 27, the prayer gathering will be in the private dining room adjacent to the cafeteria on the lower level of GSH. The invitation is open to women of all churches in the Barrington area -- no RSVP required. Come as you are...come when you can...unite with women in prayer.

If you have questions, need more information, have need for a ride, contact Jackie Kraus, 847-381-5518. Announcement brought to you by All Women of St. Michael's, aka AWSM.



Update from our Youth Minister

THIS WEEK:

Friday, 20 July--SMUSH Mission Trip Pack Party
12:00-1:00 p.m. at St. Michael's

Saturday, 21 July--Sunday, 29 July--SMUSH Mission Trip to Belle, West Virginia

UPCOMING:

Thursday, 2 August--SMUSH Mission Trippers gathering to share pictures, stories, and create slideshow in the conference room at St. Michael's.



Needed External Painting - Volunteer Call

"Many hands make the work lighter and go faster"

Starting **Saturday, August 4th**, we ask for your help as faithful stewards of our spiritual home to perform needed maintenance. As with other recent Building & Grounds projects (Mulch Day, Adopt a Plot), these also hold promise to be good fellowship, meeting others and give a satisfying sense of faithful accomplishment. In this case (vs. applying mulch) experience and neatness are much more important and will proceed until completed as the weather permits.

Areas in need:

1. Sturtz House - windows, doors and trim (paint has failed and wood is exposed)
2. Church - N.W. windows (paint has failed and wood is exposed)
3. Church - Community Room entrance ramp railing & wrought iron furniture (rust is emerging and becoming unsightly)
4. Church - front entrance railing (rust is emerging and is THE area of important first impressions)

Two ways to help are available, Project Saturdays & Project in a Box.

Project Saturdays: 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM with lunch and beverages provided. Needed materials, tools and supplies will be on hand.

Project in a Box: on any given work day, contact Kim Lessner for access to organized boxes of supplies for those who prefer a non-Saturday time.

To help us gage food & beverage and help availability please sign up outside the Community Room or call/email Todd Ross 847-540-0652, tdd.rss@gmail.com

Interesting Reading

Many interesting and controversial articles have come out around the General Convention. One such article causing a lot of controversy was in the *New York Times*, written by columnist Ross Douthat, and entitled, "Can Liberal Christianity be saved?" It can be read by clicking [here](#).

One response that is reportedly very sound is that of Diana Butler Bass. That response may be accessed by clicking [here](#).

Upcoming Events

+Saturday, 21 July, through Sunday, 29 July, Senior High Mission Trip to Belle, West Virginia

+Wednesday, 25 July, 6:30 p.m., Making sense of Politics and Religion in an election year....Wednesday Evening Series Continued

+Wednesday, 25 July, 7:30 p.m., St. Michael's Book Club Meets

+Thursday, 2 August, Mission Trip Picture Reunion

+Saturday, 4 August, Exterior Painting Workday

+....looking ahead....Soul Journey Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study to resume Tuesday, 11 September

Revised Common Lectionary Year B, Pentecost 8

2 Samuel 7:1-14(a), Psalm 89:20-37, Ephesians 2:11-22, Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

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