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Your weekly connection with St. Michael's Episcopal Church

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...St. Michael's has just dipped into the waters of Facebook? You might want to

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.)

- +Project Saturdays, 11, 18 and 25 August, Buildings and Grounds
- +Wednesday Evening Series Continues, 15 August, Feast of St. Mary the Virgin, Eucharist at 5:30, Shared Dinner at 6:00, Conversation at 6:30, *read more below...*
- +We welcome our new organist, Tom Wibbels, on Sunday, 19 August! *read more below...*
- +Haiti Sunday, 26 August, watch for more details!
- +....*looking ahead*....Soul Journey Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study to resume Tuesday, 11 September

Sing!

a pastoral letter from the Rector

"Wherefore with my utmost art, I will sing thee ..."

- George Herbert (from Hymn #382 in the Hymnal 1982)

Dear people of St. Michael's,

The most important and valuable element of music in any church is the collective singing voice of the congregation.

Not the pipe organ? No.

Not the choir director or organist? No.

Not the quality of the choir or its repertoire? No.

Don't get me wrong - these are all important! And I personally value all of our musical resources here at St. Michael's. And at the top of my list are all who are involved in, gifted with, committed to and discriminating (even, on occasion, stubbornly opinionated) about music.

"like" us at *St. Michael's Episcopal Church Barrington, IL* and watch as we try to get the hang of this social media stuff! It could be fun! - or funny?

Anniversaries This Week

Birthdays

8.12 David Koelling,
Teri Doran
8.13 David Dattilo,
Marshall Beverly,
Kim Pajakowski,
Will Pullinger, John
Mathison
8.14 John
Papamarcos, Gregory
Young, Kaky Bowles
8.15 Patty Dattilo
8.16 Jeffrey Eaton,
Robyn Boetsch,
Cynthia Sykes
8.17 Reilly Peltier,
Eliot Raymond
8.18 Tony Belcore,
Raymond Kean, Sue
Pajakowski, Robert
Robbins

Anniversaries

8.12 Amy & John
Magro
8.16 Judy & Jim
Tammi, Ginny &
Jerry Conners
8.17 Laurie & Greg
Michaels

Rest in Peace

8.14 Thomas
Wigdahl, Philip
Cutliffe
8.15 Helen Roberts,
Lloyd Silver, Alex
Gazzola, Deborah
Greene

Even so, the most important and valuable element of music in any church is the collective singing voice of the congregation.

I've been reminded of this twice over the past 18 months at workshops by the Scottish pastor and composer John Bell. John himself ain't no Pavarotti. He might not even get cast for a bit part in a community musical. But John Bell's life's work has been devoted to resurrecting - yes, raising from the dead - the collective singing voices of Christian congregations.

Why is a congregation's collective singing voice so important? Why shouldn't most of us just enjoy and appreciate the refined musical offerings of others whose skills far exceed our own? Well, imagine for a moment fireworks with no color; a NAASCAR event without the gut-roar of the racecars; or a pickle with no vinegar. Hard to imagine, right?

According to the collective testimony of the Bible and the historical witness of the Church, it's equally hard to enjoy a fully alive personal relationship with God without sacred song; and it's equally hard for a Christian congregation to be fully alive without a heartfelt collective singing voice. "*Therefore in our hymns we pray thee ...*" So begins the last stanza from Hymn #123 in our *Hymnal* 1982.

This theme of our collective singing voice comes to my mind and heart today in part, I'm sure, because of some matters included in the 'Also from the Rector' section below. Also, our collective singing here over the summer months has included some wonderful and inspired moments. And of course I'm hoping that the ministry of music in which we all have a stake and a share, will continue to flourish among us at St. Michael's, in the coming year and beyond.

May your own music-making in worship bring you joy and a deeper sense of God with you.

-Patrick +

Also from the Rector

Wednesday, August 15: Feast of Saint Mary the Virgin

5:30 p.m. Eucharist in the Chapel

6:00 p.m. Shared meal in the Community Room

6:30 - 7:45 p.m. *Mary 101: Mother of Jesus, Mother of God*

We Episcopalians are a mixed lot when it comes to our understanding of, affinity for and life of faith relative to Mary, the mother of Jesus. My presentation on Wednesday evening, August 15, will NOT be to present a definitive theology of Mary or to promote one point of view about Mary. Rather, I'll give an overview that will include a variety of (very basic!) theological points of view and a tour of some diverse cultural interpretations and practices related to Mary. I'll welcome questions and sharing of personal stories; and I welcome anyone who wishes to bring any images of Mary that have been personally meaningful - to add to the dozen or so that I'll be displaying from my own devotional collection.

Everybody Sings! (Part I: Kevin and David)

Father Kevin Caruso and Music Director David Baker headed to Christ Church, Cranbrook, Michigan, last week to take part in 'Everybody Sings' a five-day program devoted to exploring congregational singing in the 21st century and sponsored jointly by Christ Church and the Episcopal Church's national Commission on Liturgy and Music. (To read more about the program, click [here](#).) Initial reports were positive and Kevin and David are sorting through new resources to consider which might most enrich our worship and music here at St. Michael's.

Welcome our new Organist, Tom Wibbels: Sunday, August 19

Our new organist, **Tom Wibbels**, will formally begin his ministry at St. Michael's on Sunday, August 19. In truth, however, Tom's already begun his ministry: meeting and exchanging phone calls and emails with David Baker and myself as we plan and look forward to sharing in leadership of our worship and music ministries for the coming year and beyond.

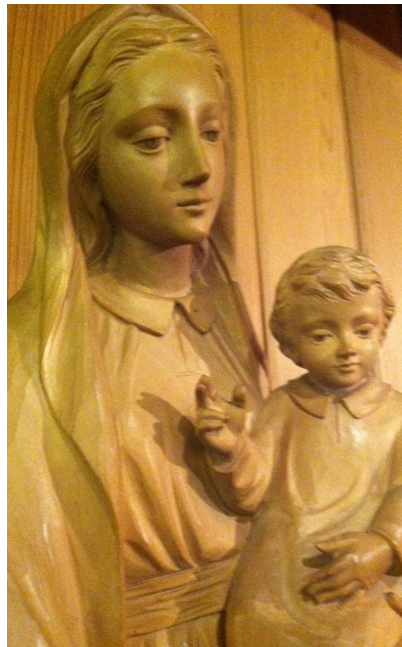
Wednesday, August 29: Everybody Sings! (Part II: Members of St. Michael's)

5:30 p.m. Eucharist in the Chapel

6:00 p.m. Shared meal in the Community Room

6:30 - 7:45 p.m. *Everybody sings: Music for Worship*

This program is still being formed but will be part hymn-sing, part presentation, part lively conversation. Leaders will include David Baker, Fr. Kevin and me, and our new organist Tom Wibbels. As much or more than sharing ideas we hope to share a variety of music, and we'll be listening for your voices and responses.

**Wednesday Night Series
Continues, August 15th**

by Father Raymond

***5:30 pm Eucharist (celebrated
in chapel)**

***6:00 pm Dinner (bring your
own)*6:30 pm Conversation**

***7:45 pm - on your way home**

***Mary 101: Mother of Jesus,
Mother of God***

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The image of Mary and the Christ Child near the Communion rail and Tabernacle at St. Michael's.

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In the parish family

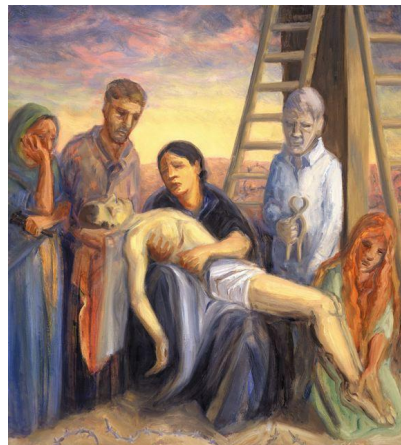
+Those for whom prayers have been requested:

Ward, Jo Ann, Mary Ann, Erin, Katie, Cynthia, Kevin, Andie, Brianne, Matt, Lee, 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, Tim and Jake.



Little Red Wagon in and August

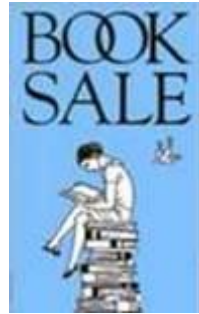
Church of the Redeemer's Families in Crisis Program serves the needs of about 25 families - financial, food and clothing. No other church donates food to this program; so it is important that we gather an abundance the three times a year that we do it. Clothing (especially children's) is also



Jesus is Laid in the Arms of His Mother, by New York artist Gwenyth Leech, one of 14 paintings permanently installed as Stations of the Cross at St. Paul's Church, Norwalk, CT (where Fr. Kevin served during

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.

seminary before coming to St.
 Michael's).



USED BOOK SALE FOR HAITI

St Marks Episcopal Church, 337 Ridge Road in Barrington Hills, will hold a Book Sale to raise funds to help build much needed classrooms in Haiti. The sale will take place on Saturday, August 11 and Sunday, August 12 from 9 am -1pm and will offer a wide variety of books at reasonable prices. Please stop by and expand your library of adult or children's books, fiction and nonfiction.

Your purchase will go toward supporting the Fan Fan elementary school in Laferonney, Haiti. For more information about the school, go to www.haiti-fal.org.



Project Saturdays & Project in a Box

by Todd Ross, Buildings and Grounds

"Many hands make the work lighter and go faster"

A big thank you goes out to those who were able to work on Sturtz last Saturday. The building is already looking much better with the new roof, gutters and primer coat! **Steve Barnum, Craig**

Anderson, Carol Hebert, Larry Quinlan, Earl Duncan, John Totten, Ann Ross, a community service volunteer and I have taken the work to the current point, and it made for an excellent (but hot) day of fellowship and a "Project Saturdays" kick off! **Don't forget Project Saturdays continue on 11, 18 and 25 August! If you plan to work on one of these Saturdays, please contact Todd (see below).**

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



Parish Picnic! Pack your baskets, grab your blankets, don your sunbonnets and leave the ants behind...it is time to go to Cresswood Farms on Sunday, 26 August at 11:00 a.m.

Join in the fun! Swimming, softball, pony rides, games, fellowship and good, old fashioned picnic fare.

Bishop's Associates Chicago Northwest Tour 2012, Saturday, 8 September (*Spoiler alert: St. Michael's is one of the stops on the tour!*)

The 2012 Diocese Bishop's Associates tour will target the northwest suburbs. Visit churches in Palatine, Barrington and Barrington Hills and then visit the unforgettable Victorian Palace, estate of nut and snack king Jasper Sanfilippo in Barrington Hills. Cost is \$89.95 all inclusive - lunch at Chessie's/111 Grille. For more details, click [here](#).

Community Meal Wednesday, 15 August

This Month's Meal:

5:00 -7:00 p.m.

St. Paul's United Church of Christ

401 East Main Street

Barrington



News from our Youth Minister

Sunday, 12 August @ 8:30 a.m., Breakfast & fellowship @ COOK STREET COFFEE before the 9:30 a.m. service.

Wednesday, 15 August, 5:00-6:00 p.m.--SMUSH Lock-In Planning. If you would like to help plan the activities for the SMUSH lock-in 25th and 26th August please meet me at the Sturtz House. I'll have snacks!

Sunday, 19 August, 11:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.--LIFT Back to School Bowling Party at Brunswick in Lake Zurich.

CHAPERONES NEEDED! I would like to extend an invitation to anyone who feels called to help chaperone either the LIFT Bowling Party, 19 August or the SMUSH lock-in 25th -26th August. PLEASE let me know! Kara Joy Baker, kbaker@stmichaelsbarrington.org or 847.381.2323 ext.18.

Is Haiti Calling you?



10 of you have answered yes! We have our team and now we need your help. We are having a special **Hands for Haiti Sunday on August 26**. We are hosting the coffee hour and have many special activities planned; they include:

- we will presenting a special Haiti slide show,
- we will be gathering school supplies,
- we will be asking for financial donations and
- we will be inviting all children to leave a handprint on 2 special altar frontals- one for St Michaels and one that we will be take to Haiti as a gift from St Michael's to the parish of St Marc's in Jeannette.

Here's our wish list:

SCHOOL SUPPLIES:

- Crayola crayons (24 count box) - many boxes (other brands are okay)
- Spiral-bound notebooks (single subject)
- Construction paper
- Preschool writing paper (it's like newsprint with lines)
- Loose-leaf paper (wide rule)
- White glue (not glue sticks)
- 1/3rd cut file folders - two or more boxes
- Chalkboard erasers (not chalk—that is actually available in Haiti)
- Blue / black / red pens
- Wood pencils - many boxes (St. Marc's uses 1500 pencils per year)
- Pencil sharpeners (either individual or larger for classroom use)
- Erasers
- Markers (many-color packs) for the teachers
- Stickers - "star" stickers and reward stickers in French (English is okay)
- Power strips for the computer lab

FINANCIAL DONATIONS:

Financial donations to help St. Marc's with the purchases they can make in Haiti (like chalkboard paint) (\$500.00)

Financial donations to assist with travel expenses for our St Michael's team (\$2300.00)

Financial donations to purchase art supplies (\$475.00)

Financial donations for the priest's discretionary fund at St Marc's.

We hope to see you all on August 26. There will also be a collection box for school supplies at our Haiti corner outside the Community Room if you would like to drop off any donations in advance.

**Service of Silence and Light at Church of Holy Apostles, 31 August**

Church of the Holy Apostles, Wauconda, will be offering a Service of Silence and Light -- a contemplative prayer service in the style of Taize -- on Friday, 31 August at 7:00 p.m. These candlelit services feature brief readings interspersed with chants and extended periods of reflective silence. Church of the Holy Apostles is located at 26238 N HWY 59.

**Cathedral Shelter of Chicago**

They come by the hundreds to stand in line, sometimes for hours. They are young and old, cheerful and sad, loud and quiet, men, women, and children. They are economically poor. They are hopeful. They are in need. They are our neighbors.

Every Summer we witness humble requests for help when we open our doors to accept applications for the Christmas Basket Program. Their gratitude is simple yet overwhelming.

Our neighbors - these neighbors - struggle every day to survive.

She took two busses and walked two blocks - with an injured knee, grandson in tow - to apply for the Christmas Basket Program. Fearful of missing her appointment and her chance for help this year. Another person in line came to find someone in charge to ask us to take this grandmother first.

The 88-year-old "grandmother" fell spraining her knee while taking her 10-year-old "grandson" to school. She walks with him for the two blocks every day to keep him safe. No one else in her extended family can care for him. She is 88-years-old, raising a child. A great,

great grandmother doing as much as she possibly can for her great, great grandson.

For Christmas? "Socks, underwear, blue pants, and white shirts. Nothing for me. I'm 88. What else could I need. But maybe, if at all possible, a book for him to read and learn, or, he likes Transformers, if it's not too much, maybe a Transformers toy."

Cathedral Shelter has been by their sides for nearly 100 years. You are with us because you care. You are with us because you share our vision to make our community a better place to live.

Cathedral Shelter of Chicago is the trusted not-for-profit organization that is committed to solving homelessness in Chicago. Thousands of families turn to us for our expert resources. We provide them with supportive housing, and vital services, offer community assistance, life skills development, and the hope they so desperately want.

A donation right now will make sure that our neighbors' humble requests are answered. I ask you to take the time today to write a check or make a donation at www.cathedralshelter.org. Your support is more important than ever before. The line of people in need is longer than ever before.

P.S. For a limited time your increased gift will be matched, dollar for dollar, from an anonymous donor. Doubling the impact of your financial support is more important than ever...and easier than ever.

To donate to Cathedral Shelter of Chicago, please log on now to: www.cathedralshelter.org, send it in the mail to Cathedral Shelter of Chicago, 1668 W. Ogden Avenue, Chicago, IL, 60612, or call 312/997-2222, ext. 239. Your contribution is tax-deductible to the extent allowable by law.

Introduction to Systemic Racism at St. Philip's Palatine August 11, 2012

St. Philip's Episcopal Church in Palatine, IL is hosting A Workshop: "Introduction to Systemic Racism." The Workshop is sponsored by the Antiracism Commission and will be lead by Derrick Dawson and Karen Ziech.

Time: Saturday August 11, 2012 from 9:30 to 3:30, coffee at 9:00AM. Lunch will also be provided.

Location: St. Philip's Episcopal Church, 342 E. Wood Street, Palatine, IL60067
<http://www.stphilippalatine.org/>

Cost: \$10 per person for congregations that send 5 people or more.

\$20 per person for congregations that send 4 or less people. The cost of registration includes lunch.

To register: <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/257303>

You can also register by calling the Church 847.358.0615

This workshop is great for those who understand multicultural diversity, but are not yet familiar with systemic racism. Participants will be exposed to a definition of racism that addresses power in systems and institutions. We will begin to explore an analysis of systemic racism, including some of its historic and legal roots and how racism works in our world today.

Participants will be introduced to racism as a systemic problem that:

- É Shapes individual attitudes and actions in particular ways
- É Limits the ability of institutions to fully and appropriately serve all constituents
- É Prevents institutions from achieving their intended "greater good."

Finally, we will offer strategies for analyzing and dismantling systemic racism and the transformation of institutions in society. Our Episcopal Diocese of Chicago is committed to being a Church dedicated to ending institutional and other forms of racism. Racial Justice is key in our Baptismal Covenant to strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being.

Please plan to attend this workshop.

For additional information, please contact Marvin Hill, mldjhill@aol.com, Tel (224) 622.0139, Robert Purcell, rhpurcell@aol.com, Tel (847) 358-3918 or St. Philip's Episcopal Church, Tel (847) 358-0615



Our Lady of Guadalupe,
unknown artist(s), a 12-foot tall
image painted on the wall of a
neighborhood in San Miguel de
Allende, Mexico. Photo by Fr.
Patrick, 2005.

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Revised Common Lectionary Year B, Pentecost 11

2 Samuel 18:5-9,15, 31-33, Psalm 130, Ephesians 4:25-5:2, John 6:35, 41-51

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