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Your weekly connection with St. Michael's Episcopal Church

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Did You Know?

...we are looking for assistants in the atriums? Would you be willing to spare a Sunday or two each month to be with the first, second and third

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.)

- +Sunday, Food for the Journey, Myth Busting Prayer with Kay Lewis, 10:05 a.m.
- +Sunday, Baptisms and Commissioning of the Mission Trip Participants to Haiti at the 10:45 a.m. service
- +Wednesday Evening Series, 26 September, Commemorating St. Francis, 5:30 p.m. Eucharist, 6:00 p.m. shared dinner, 6:30 p.m. conversation, *read more below...*

"Practice makes permanent."

A letter to the people of St. Michael's from the Rev. Kevin Caruso, Curate



Dear People of St. Michael's,

"Practice makes permanent." Those words were seared into my head as a 3rd grader at soccer camp. This was a dramatic rewriting of the familiar adage "Practice makes perfect." And frankly it felt much, much more true. Practice doesn't make perfect, it makes permanent. If you practice

graders in the atrium? We would certainly welcome your assistance.

Anniversaries This Week

Birthdays

9.30 Kathy Mangan,
Brady Dern, Morgan
Maison, Jack Rough
10.1 Earl Duncan,
Wendi Nagy, Sharon
Bullion, Miranda
Belcore, Brooke
Raymond
10.3 Jim Tammi,
Gillian Stoettner
10.4 Vinnie Orpen
10.5 Thomas Moore,
Paul Clancy,
Nicholas
Montgomery, Nolan
Battcher

Anniversaries

9.30 Penny & John
Kazmier
10.1 Julie & Gary
Gunderson, Jenn &
Greg Mears
10.2 Wendy & Bill
Nagy
10.3 Renee & Jeff
Buxton
10.5 Kathleen &
Kent Carrell
10.6 Edie & John
Davis

Rest in Peace

9.30 Dorothy Wright
10.1 Nora Parker

kicking using poor form, then that is the form that will become ingrained in you. The habits which make up our life are the habits which shape us.

This fall we sent out a mailing with the theme "Come and Grow." While I do not believe the only way to grow spiritually is to come to St. Michael's, I do believe that St. Michael's offers some truly amazing opportunities for people to nurture their spiritual lives. Whether it is Sunday morning's Food for the Journey offerings, Tuesday's Women's Studies, Prayer shawl, the Friday Men's Group, or something else entirely, we hope you will give yourself the gift of finding a time and space that provides you nourishment for your spiritual journey. If what we want is a life that is not merely defined by the rampant consumerism that bombards us, then we have to make the choice to practice something else. To be Christian is to lead a life in which we make the choice to stretch ourselves, "to put on Christ," to be more than we can be on our own. And this is where the Church comes in.

One of the great truths embodied in the Church is that we are not in this alone. God is with us and so too are our brothers and sisters in Christ. By coming together in communities of faith, by studying the Christian story, by sharing our own stories of success and failure, by praying to God, our lives become shaped, formed, in such a way that we become more aware of God's presence in the midst of the everyday. We live in a world which puts incredible demands on our time and energy, and so the point is not to simply end up with 'one' more thing to do, but rather to find those things to do which truly help us follow the Way set before us by Christ. So, this fall, as you think about who it is God is calling you to be, consider how it is you might "Come and Grow"... because when it comes down to it, practice makes permanent.

-Kevin+

From the Rector:

+Keep an eye or ear open in the next few days for news of the appointment by the Queen of England of new Archbishop of Canterbury. An explanation of the process and politics was excellently reviewed in a Wednesday BBC feature that can be found at <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-19724700>

+A number of souls asked about paper copies of my sermon from this past Sunday. You'll find it by clicking [here](#). Also, the videotaped presentation by Christ Church, Winnetka, parishioner Billy Collins to which I referred in the sermon can be found by clicking [here](#).

10.3 Sammie
Dowling
10.4 Charlotte
Jahnke, Howard
Johnson, Olivia
Bailey
10.6 Grace Ehrlich

This Sunday's Food for the Journey, Sunday, 30 September, 10:05 a.m. - Myth Busting Prayer



Do you think God will only hear you if you pray in a certain way? Do you think that you have to be in the "right place" (either spiritually or geographically) to talk to God? Do you think you need formulas and programs to get it right? Have you ever felt like you shouldn't bother God with something?? Or do you just feel totally guilty about the whole subject? Come and Join Kay Lewis as you journey together with these questions.

Next Week's Food for the Journey: Sunday October 7th - Sermon-talk back...

Our Food for the Journey program this week will feature an opportunity to discuss the sermon and readings with the preacher, Father Patrick. Often, good sermons, rather than providing clear answers, provoke profound questions. Bring your questions and comments and engage with fellow parishioners around the sermon of the week.

For anyone who would like to see a video of last week's presentation on the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, our approach to children's formation and Sunday Church School, presented by Nerissa Brueckbauer, click [here](#) and go to the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Video of 23 September 2012.

In the Parish family

+Those for whom prayers have been requested:

Kim; Scott, Alex, Linda & Josh; HMLA 469 Marine Unit; the O'Rourke & Corry families; Jennifer; Cynthia; Bree; Theodore; Dolores; Wilma; Thom; Jim; Colin; Judie; Steve; Phil; Terry; Sandy; the Zamudio family; Sina; Nicolas; William; Lee; Mary; Bishop Joseph, Roda, Michele & Grace; Amy; the 3rd Battalion 5th Marines & families; Lydia & family; George & Kay; the Belden family; Wauconda-Island Lake Food Pantry; military troops in danger including those from our parish, especially, Zane, Robert, Ryan, Michael, Bruce, and Taylor.

+Sue Padula and Pete Douglas, both St. Michael's parishioners are seeking vacant Barrington Village Board seats in the coming election.



The entertainment/entertaining moment provided by Kay Lewis, Kara Baker and Ann Kimes at the AWSM gathering on 18 September.

+Congratulations are extended to Frank Napoleon who has assumed a new position with Farmers Insurance Group as an Insurance Specialist - fnapoleon@farmersagent.com.

+This Sunday, 30 September, at the 10:45 Service we will have two baptisms:

Candidate: Ignazio Francesco Biscaglio
 Parents: Elizabeth and Anthony Biscaglio
 Grandparents: Peggy and Rob Blass

Candidate: Benjamin R. Mears
 Parents: Jenn & Greg Mears

+We will also commission the 11 individuals making the Mission trip to Haiti in October (2nd through the 9th) at the 10:45 am service on Sunday.

+Deacon Laurie Michaels provided the following information about the death of the father of parishoner Al Qualiardi, father-in-law to Virginia and grandfather to Kevin and Brett.

Qualiardi, Alfred J.

Alfred J. Qualiardi, 83, of Morton Grove, beloved husband of Cora, nee Vanderbosch; devoted father of Terry Willis, Jeanine (Michael) Gibbons D.D.S., Peggy (Jimmy) Hopkins, Al (Virginia) and Bill (Therese); loving and treasured grandpa of Jaime, Gina, Carrie, Kevin and Brett; fond brother of Joan Qualiardi; devoted uncle of many nieces and nephews. Funeral from Simkins Funeral Home 6251 Dempster St. Morton Grove, IL 60053 Friday, September 28th at 9:30 a.m. to St. Martha Church 8523 Georgiana Ave. Morton

Grove, IL 60053. Mass at 10:00 a.m. Interment All Saints Cemetery. Visitation Thursday, September 27th from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Lifelong Chicago Bear and Blackhawk fan diehard Chicago Cub fan. He loved nature and all God's creatures. Over 34 years of dedicated service to the American people as radar unit supervisor and Radar Technician for the F.A.A. His expertise was highly regarded and respected while performing his duties at Chicago O'Hare and Midway air traffic control towers. In lieu of flowers, donations to St. Martha Church 8523 Georgiana Ave. Morton Grove, IL 60053 appreciated. (847) 965-2500.

From Our Youth Minister and Children's Choir Director

Sunday 9/30 @ 9:00 am--LIFT Worship & Breakfast Out. Following the service, we are going to head to Dunkin Donuts for some fellowship & fun. WHAT TO BRING: \$ for breakfast



Saturday 10/6 @ 8:00 am--PUMPKIN ARRIVAL! Come one come all to help unload the pumpkin truck. This is one of our big fundraisers of the year and we will need all hands on deck to get our patch ready for our patrons. This fundraiser is the responsibility of everyone involved in youth ministry. Come lend a hand!



Little Red Wagon in September

The Wauconda-Island Lake Food Pantry is a blend of two adjoining towns with area churches supplying the volunteers to serve those in need. The pantry is open six mornings a week and two evenings. It

SAVE THE DATE...Summer Youth Mission Trips

It's that time again to start looking toward summer plans. Hoping to get the youth mission trips on many family calendars this summer, we wanted to get the dates out early. The dates are **SMUSH MISSION TRIP--June 8th-15th & LIFT MISSION TRIP--July 28th -August 2nd**. I am hoping to have a minimum of 10 youth on each trip. (Dates subject to change if there is a major conflict with multiple desired participants)

Wednesday Evening Series, 3 October

5:30 p.m. Eucharist * 6:00 p.m. Dinner * 6:30 p.m.

Discussion

Commemorating St. Francis (you are welcome to bring your pet to be blessed)

St. Francis... much more than the patron Saint of Animals...

In modern times, St. Francis has come to be ubiquitously associated with the blessing of animals. While those are often beautiful services, St. Francis is MUCH more than the patron saint of animals. St. Francis took quite literally Jesus words to the rich man to "Go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor." Francis' example led to the founding of the Franciscan order and

serves over 200 families a month. During the month of September the Little Red Wagon donations will go to this neighboring pantry. Inventory items needed are: cereal, crackers and cookies, pasta and sauces, canned fruit and vegetables, rice, toothpaste and toothbrushes, shampoo and soap. There is a colorful container on the wagon for cash donations to supplement special needs.



sparked a dramatic renewal in the Church. What might the example of Francis life have to say to us today?

Fr. Kevin has already been introducing the preschool students to St. Francis, in preparation for next weeks Blessing(s) of the Animals.



MAKING LITTLE DRESSES FOR HAITI EVENT, 29 September, Saturday, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., in the St. Michael's Community Room. LOOKING FOR SEWERS TO HELP MAKE SIMPLE DRESSES!

FABRIC DONATIONS ARE ALSO NEEDED:

cotton fabric in 1 to 1-1/2 yard increments, rick rack, ribbon, buttons, thread, but we mostly need packages of extra wide double fold bias tape in assorted colors and ¼ inch elastic.

If you are able to assist on the 29th or have any questions please call Hilary Schultz at 847-849-0309 or email sschultz@alum.mit.edu.

(RSVPs are needed no later than Friday, 28 September so that we know how many extra sewing machines to have available on that day!)



Men's Fellowship Gathering - Saturday Evening, 29 September

The men of St. Michael's are invited to a gathering for grilling and free flowing conversation this coming

Saturday at the house of parishioner Todd Ross. There is no agenda beyond giving the men of St. Michael's an opportunity to get to know each other better in a congenial atmosphere.

When: Saturday, September 29, 2012, at 7:00 pm

Where: Todd Ross's house, 1192 Thorndale Lane, Lake Zurich (near Quentin Road and West Cuba Road intersection)

RSVP and any questions: Todd (home: 847-540-0652 or cell: 847-302-9343)

Todd has offered to provide meat to grill, beverages, etc. Please bring a lawn chair. Additional snacks are welcome. Assuming cooperative weather, Todd has a fire pit we will gather around for fellowship and discussion.



Four Other Opportunities to Bless the Animals...big, small or stuffed!

A blessing for pets and beloved stuffed animals will take place at

St. Michael's on Wednesday, October 3rd at 9:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. in the Nave and Thursday, October 4th at 9:00 a.m. in the Nave. There will also be an opportunity to join Church of the Holy Apostles for Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, 7 October at 5:00 p.m.

Newcomers* ~ New Members*
WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL'S



If you started attending or became a new member of
St. Michael's
between 2011 -2012, we would like to take this opportunity
to formally say... Hello! We're glad you're here!

*some of you may not feel new but since we haven't done
one of these

in a while, we felt like it was worth casting the net wide!

Sunday, October 7, 9:00 a.m.
 Blessing during the service followed by
 Welcome Gathering
 or
 Sunday, October 14, 10:45 a.m.
 Blessing during the service followed by
 Welcome Gathering

A time to recognize you and your family with a simple prayer of welcome during worship. After the service we invite you to an informal Welcome Gathering where you can meet other newcomers* and new members* of the congregation. It will also be a chance to learn more about St. Michael's. Clergy, Vestry Members, fellow parishioners (and food!) will also be part of this special time just for you.

Please RSVP by 9/30
 847-381-2323 x11 or nholmes@stmichaelsbarrington.org
 Please specify which day you have chosen to join us.
 Childcare available upon request.



Habitat for Humanity Partnership at St. Michael's Work Date October 13 - Volunteers Needed!

Did you know that St. Michael's is one of the nine Barrington area churches that sponsors a local Habitat for Humanity partnership? We are now working on our seventh home, again in Carpentersville. This home is unique in that the proposed home owner is a paraplegic requiring special features for such a handicapped person. Each church is given a work date and our next date is October 13, any time between 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Volunteers are needed to do light carpentry work such as interior trim. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Larry Quinlan, 847-304-6971 or Dick Kraus, 847-381-5518 for specifics.

**An invitation from Church of the Holy Apostles:
Join us for a 4-part lecture/discussion series entitled
"42 Generations - The Women In Matthew's
Genealogy."**

This series will consider the stories of Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, and "the wife of Uriah," Bathsheba. (Mary, "of whom Jesus was born," will get her own series at a later time.)

There will be a brief historical/contextual presentation, a reading of the scriptural texts themselves, and group discussion about what these stories have to tell us about God and Humanity.

Dates: Wednesdays, 3, 10, 17, and 24 October at 7:00 p.m..
Place: The Relationship Center, 109 South Main Street, Wauconda, IL 60084.

Upcoming Events

- +Mission Trip to Haiti, 2-9 October
- +Wednesday Night Series, 3 October, Wednesday, 5:30 p.m.
- +Blessing of the Animals, 3 October, Wednesday, 9:00 am and 12:30 pm
- +Blessing of the Animals, 4 October, Thursday, 9:00 am
- +Little Angels Preschool Fundraiser, 13 October, at McGonigal's
- +Octoberfest, October 21st., Sunday, at 4:00 p.m., *50! Something*

Revised Common Lectionary Year B, Pentecost 18

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29, Psalm 19:7-14, James 5:13-20, Mark 9:38-50

Contact Info

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

Pete Douglas, Lora Gier, Amy Magro, Dave Evans

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The Rev. Patrick Raymond, Rector; The Rev. Kevin Caruso, Curate; The Rev. Laurie Michaels, Deacon; Caren Hunter, Director of Little Angels Christian Preschool; David Baker, Director of Music Ministries; Thom Wibbels, Organist; Kara Joy Baker, Youth Pastor & Director of Children's Choir; Nerissa Brueckbauer, Children's Education Director & Communications Coordinator; Kim Lessner, Parish Operations; Nancy Holmes, Parish Administrator & Rector's Assistant; Jeff Schirmer, Sexton.

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