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## The Sword



Your weekly connection with St. Michael's Episcopal Church

1 November 2012

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### Did You Know?

....Bishop Joseph arrived on the 10th of October and will



Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour Saturday night!

### 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.)

**+TONIGHT, Thursday, 1 November, All Saints' Service (with incense), 7:00 p.m.**

+Sunday, Food for the Journey, Saints and Sinners!?! 10:05 a.m., *read more below...*

+Sunday, 10:45 a.m. Eucharist, Baptism and Incense

+Wednesday Evening Series, 7 November, Digging into Scripture. 5:30 p.m. Eucharist, 6:00 p.m. shared dinner, 6:30 p.m. conversation, *read more below...*

depart on the 19th of November, and by the time he departs he will have attended over 20 official events at close to 15 churches?

## The Journey Home

a letter to the people of St. Michael's from the Rector

*"You are no longer strangers an aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God."*

*Ephesians 2:19*

### Anniversaries This Week

#### Birthdays

11.4 David Sell,  
Alexandra  
Chapdelaine  
11.5 Catherine  
Koelling, Karen  
Malec, Kirk Chan,  
Karina Nance,  
Annabel Buxton  
11.6 Alice Carrol,  
Susan Lanham,  
Cassie Brueckbauer,  
John Schnure  
11.7 Alejandro  
Aguiña, Calla  
Beverly, Chloe  
Warner, Matt Tilles  
11.10 Isabel Peltier,  
Robert Lekai, Carter  
Brett



"Communion of Saints" - Painting by Virginia artist Elise Ritter, [www.eliserittergallery.com](http://www.eliserittergallery.com).

Dear People of St. Michael's,

As some of you already know, Hurricane Sandy interrupted the clergy conference that I was attending last week in North Carolina's Outer Banks. All 35 of us at the conference were evacuated. One result was 35 unique stories about our journeys home.

One colleague, Daniel, left Salter Path, North Carolina, early Sunday morning and arrived home in Fremont, Ohio, Tuesday afternoon. He'd hitched a car ride with a fellow priest as far as Raleigh then made the rest of the trip by Greyhound. In an email recap, he wrote, *"I love to see Amish, soldiers, Pakistanis and all the rest together in the bus station."*

I wonder if Daniel's eye at the bus station might suggest a way for us to see All Saints Day, observed today, November 1, by Christians around the world. We tend to think of this day (if at all) as a time to recall all the saints honored by the church over two millennia; or as a time to remember our own mentors and forebearers; or as a general commemoration of the dead - all relevant and valuable themes. But this day also asks us to

### Anniversaries

11.10 Ann & Jim  
LaBarge

**Rest in Peace**

- 11.5 Elizabeth McLaughlin
- 11.6 Janice Nagy, Sabra Capulli, Jennie Robinson
- 11.7 Timothy Crist, Norman Dally
- 11.9 Beverly Foort
- 11.10 Max Wallach

expand our notion of sainthood - perhaps to see the Church and those who belong to it with the same unflinching eye that Daniel viewed not only his fellow bus passengers but his own natural place among them.

To put this in more direct, personal and useful terms: All Saints Day invites us to ponder the wildly diverse ways that Christians have followed Jesus and revealed God - as those who have served, led, prayed, taken action, prophesied, suffered, created, forgiven, broken down, built up, reconciled, and more. They've been male and female, young and old, educated or not, rich or poor, black, white, brown or mixed; and, YES, Republican, Democrat and Independent. This pondering may lead us to see, honor and give thanks for God in Christ at work in others unlike us. Or, even more of a stretch, our contemplation of All the Saints may lead us to follow Jesus and reveal God in ways we'd not previously imagined.

I pray that the present stretch and all parts of your own unique journey home to God will bring forth your best faith, courage, hope and love and that you'll be blessed along the way with the companionship and inspiration of true saints.

*Patrick +*

*Also from the Rector*

- Special thanks to all who provided and showed up for a little foretaste of All Saints Day by way of the All-Parish potluck this past Sunday evening. I was not yet back from North Carolina but have heard many great reports about the spirit of the gathering, people connections and more. Thanks as well to Clark Beverly and crew who hosted a great Oktoberfest the prior Sunday, October 21.

- Our acolyte ministry is growing! We've added ten new young acolytes this fall - but there's room for more. If interested, contact Fr. Kevin, [kcaruso@stmichaelsbarrington.org](mailto:kcaruso@stmichaelsbarrington.org) or Wes Kimes, [wkimes@comcast.net](mailto:wkimes@comcast.net).

- For those interested, the program in which I was participating last week was a clergy wellness program called CREDO ('I believe'), sponsored by the Episcopal Church Pension Fund. More information can be found at [www.episcopalcredo.org](http://www.episcopalcredo.org). All participants are now safely home. The beautiful Trinity Conference Center, [www.trinityctr.com](http://www.trinityctr.com), was largely untouched by the hurricane and the evacuation took place mainly due to anticipated air travel complications.

◦ Relative to Hurricane Sandy: of more concern now to me personally are those not only in our own nation but in Caribbean nations where loss of life and property was substantial. Media coverage of the impact in the US is easy to find; less so for other places. Those from St. Michael's who took part in the recent mission trip did so in partnership with the Diocese of Milwaukee Haiti Project. The cover page of the ministry's website gives an update on the impact of the hurricane in Haiti, and specifically Jeanette: [www.haitiproject.org](http://www.haitiproject.org).

◦ New bylaws for St. Michael's are in the works - a vestry project over the past few months with stellar leadership by attorney/parishioner (and parish chancellor) Suzi Allen. Look for more information in the weeks to come. We want all interested parishioners to be informed so that we will have a smooth (uncomplicated, harmonious and brief) passage of the new bylaws for the January 2013 Annual Meeting.

### **South Sudan Soiree, New and Exciting Items Added to the Auction! Check Them Out - Reserve Your Seats!**



*Lost Boys Choir Performed at African Eve 2011.*

Don't forget to get your tickets for a night of fun, fellowship, and stewardship for a most worthy cause. On

**November 10**, St. Michaels is hosting the **2nd Annual "African Eve: South Sudan Soiree"** to raise awareness of and funds for education in **The Republic of South Sudan**. Last year's Soiree raised over **\$40,000** which insured that Renk Theological College would stay open for another year. Our help is that important. The Soiree is a joyful night!

--exciting entertainment which includes a Drum Circle

--a musical presentation by the "Lost Boys"

--a delicious dinner of authentic African delectables

--a Marketplace to start your Christmas purchases

--a Wine Pull

--Exciting Silent Auction Items include:

-Necklaces donated by Anne McIntosh

**-Mackinac Island Basket donated by Al and Vickie Johnson (just added)**

-Themed Baskets by Ministries

-A Yoga Class-

-A Cookie Class

--We are also launching "Buy Ins" - no bidding, no kidding! Just get signed up for the price listed (before the spaces are gone) and you are in!

-Sign up for a Run with Bishop Lee on the Chicago lakefront or St. Nicholas Night Storytime at Cresswood Farm.

--The Live Auction will feature auctioneer extraordinaire, Randy Lewis, and such items as:

-a beautiful framed mirror/television



**-Scotch/Cigar Dinner Night at Biltmore with Gary Gunderson (just added)**

-a week at a beautiful private villa in Mexico

-art work from two of St. Michael's most accomplished artists, Jackie Smith and Father Patrick

**So please, get your tickets before we sell out! Just send your RSVP to the church office with your donation or call 847.381.2323 to make a reservation**



**Hello Cheerful Givers!**

Please look for the **stewardship requests for 2013** which were mailed to your homes late last week. Please notify the office if you mistakenly filed our letter in the circular file with the election mail (easy to do!) or if by some chance you did not receive it.

As you all know by now, the theme of the 2013 request is **Grace, Gratitude, Growth**. The request asks that you prayerfully consider increasing your pledge this year because St. Michael's faces new, additional needs in the year ahead.

Please let us know if you have any questions. See you in Church!

**Your 2013 Stewardship Committee,  
Christy Cressey, Pete Douglas, Bob Gilbert (Chair),  
Mike Savage**

**This Sunday's Food for the Journey, Sunday, 4  
November, 10:05 a.m. - Saints and Sinners!?!**



The difference between being a saint and a sinner is not always easy to see. As we celebrate the feast All Saints, we will be considering: What makes someone a Saint? And what do Saints have to do with my life? In part, our conversation is motivated by the addition of more than 100 people to the Episcopal Calendar of Saints in 2009! As always ALL are welcome to join in the conversation. "I am not a saint, unless you think of a saint as a sinner who keeps on trying." - Nelson Mandela

### **Next Sunday's Food for the Journey, 11 November Diocesan Convention 2012: Fierce Conversation for the Future of the Church**

Make your voice known... On November 15th and 16th, representatives from parishes across Northern Chicago will gather for our annual Diocesan Convention. The theme of this year's convention is "Fierce Conversations for the Future Church. Join those attending the convention as your representatives, as we discuss various resolutions and topics that will be addressed at this Diocesan Gathering. There will be a presentation on the legislation up for vote at this year's convention and then a chance to be in conversation with the delegates.

### **In the Parish family**

+Those for whom prayers have been requested:

Lisa; Steve & Barb; Lydia & family; Nick & family; Rick; Gary; Jean & family; Cynthia; Connie; Mary; the Davis family; Gladys; Gina; Terry & Ann; the Oetinger family; Jennifer; Mary; Paulette; Sarah; Bishop Joseph, Roda, Michele & Grace; Amy; Campbell; Abraham; St. Cyprian Food Pantry Food Pantry; military troops in danger including those from our parish, especially, Zane, Robert, Ryan, Michael, Bruce, and Taylor.

+Telfer "Mike" White, father of parishioner Edie Davis, father-in-law to John, and grandfather to Andrea (Mike) Willis and Heather, died on the 26th of October. The funeral was held at St. David's Episcopal Church in Southfield, Michigan on Tuesday, October 30.

+We will celebrate the following **baptisms** on the **4th of November at the 10:45 service**:

**Claire Kunzon**, Parents: Debbie & Joe Kunzon

**Maxim Brooks Engle**, Parents: Valerie & Kelsey Engle

**Anthony Joseph Belcore**, Parents: Miranda & Tony Belcore

+It is a great pleasure to welcome back **Jane Hoffman** to St. Michael's! Welcome, Jane!



+Thanks to Richard and Roxy Pepper and Pepper construction, the large outdoor cross facing Dundee Avenue was repaired this week. The prior horizontal beam was rotting and has been replaced, and the whole cross received a coat of natural-tone stain to give the old and new beams a uniform look. Meanwhile B&G chair Todd Ross oversaw the reprinting of most of the exterior church metalwork and trim by a private contractor. The project took a week and was finished yesterday.

+**Jack Longo** is appearing in the Prairie Middle School production of *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe*. He appears as "Tumnus." Big sister, **Marissa** and freshman at Barrington High School, is the Assistant Director for the production.

+Little Angels Preschool hosted the first annual Dad's Day Pumpkin Carving Event on Saturday, Oct. 27th. A good time was had by all and lots of great Jack-o-Lanterns were carved! See the some pictures from the event below.





Father Caruso and Jackson



Dad's Day Pumpkin Carving



### Little Red Wagon in October

With fall we find that we are closer to that time of year when we are when we give special thanks for all the gifts we receive from land, sky and water. To share these gifts we will be gathering food for St. Cyprian Food Pantry in Chicago during October & November. Last November the pantry provided food for

+We had a wonderful **FAB Potluck** last Sunday, 28 October! Over 50 turned up to enjoy a variety of chili dishes - turkey, vegetarian and kitchen sink - good fellowship and fun. **Many thanks** to all for bringing the side dishes and chili. The Family Advisory Board will plan the next Potluck after Christmas. Watch for information!

+I erroneously identified the wonderful pieces of art by two of our young artists in the last *Sword*. Please see my corrections below.

871 families or 3,749 individuals.

So in shopping for this food pantry think of food for breakfast, lunch and dinner on this one special day.

If you don't have time to shop, donations of money and gift cards can be deposited in the canister on the wagon.

Thank you to those who have given these donations. It helps us to supply the greater needs.



*Sunday clipboard artwork by Chloe Warner of Kate Chan wearing t-shirt "I can pray".*



*Sunday clipboard artwork by Kate Chan of Chloe Warner, wearing t-shirt "I love God," and Kate.*

+ Congratulations go out to **Melissa Buckley** who received her Masters in Library and Information Science from the University of Illinois's Graduate School of Library and Information Science in



August. Melissa is pictured at left with her husband Dave and daughters Colleen and Claire.



**Are you  
looking  
for an**

**opportunity to serve in a flexible, meaningful and manageable way at St. Michaels?**

We are in need of a volunteer to sort and shelf books that have come into the church library. If this would be something that would interest you, please contact Ruth Silver or the Church Office, 847.381.2323.

**From Our Youth Minister and Children's Choir Director**

We have come to the end of PUMPKIN MANIA 2012! The patch was a HUGE success! We raised \$2110.46 from the patch and \$617.50 in donations for a grand total of \$2,727.96! This is \$542 more than last year! Thank you for your support!

Sunday, 11/4--9:00 LIFT Worship & 10:45 SMUSH Worship. There will be no formation in the Sturtz House as I will be on a retreat with the confirmation class. Don't forget to fall back!

Saturday, 11/10 @ 6:00 pm--Sudan Soiree in the Community Room. We're still in need of a few more people to help in the kitchen and there is plenty of room in the drum circle. Please let me know if you plan to join us.



**Wednesday Evening Series -Digging into Scripture**

**Wednesday Night, 7 November**  
5:30pm Eucharist \* 6pm Dinner (bring something to share) \*  
6:30pm Conversation  
**Digging into Scripture...The outsider who becomes King**

**David's great grandmother: The book of Ruth**

Both King David and Jesus are descended from an outcast. The book of Ruth is a short story (only 4 chapters long), that touches on a

number of timely and relevant themes. Intimate Relationships, Power Dynamics, Outsiders and Insiders, Definition of Family, Commitment, God acting through unexpected people, Women in Scripture... Join us as we talk about the story of Ruth, an 'outsider' who becomes the great grandmother of King David. What is Ruth saying to us today? If you want to prepare for our time together (which is NOT necessary), you can read the Book of Ruth and check out the resources at [Enter the Bible](http://www.enterthebible.org/oldtestament.aspx?rid=28) (<http://www.enterthebible.org/oldtestament.aspx?rid=28>).



### **Pumpkin Patch Youth Fundraiser a Huge Success!**

Thank you to all those who helped unload the truck - those of you who helped sell pumpkins - those of you who bought pumpkins - and those of you who made donations! We are so grateful! Kara Baker and the Youth of St. Michael's, LIFT and SMUSH.

\$2,727 monies raised for youth ministries activities!  
\$2,110 from pumpkins and \$617 in donations!

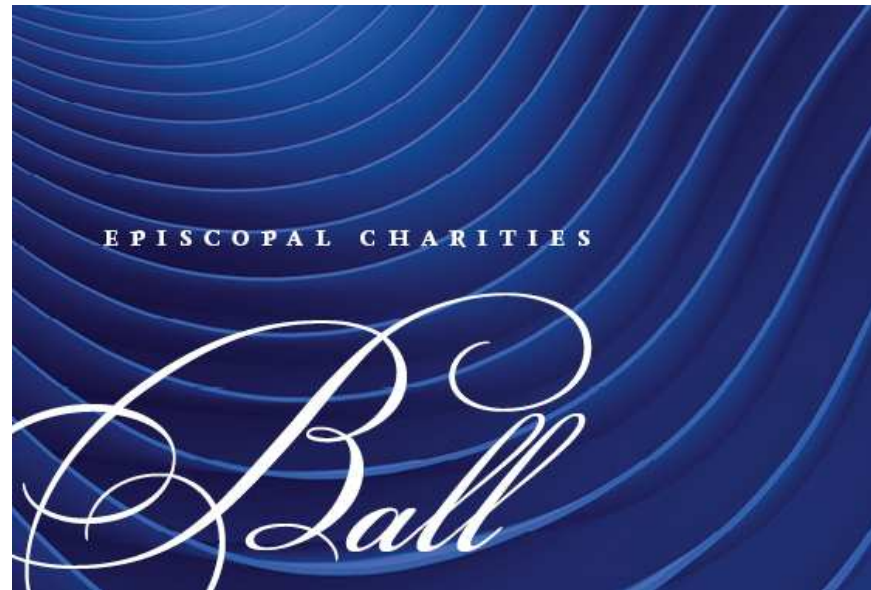


7th Annual  
Free Community  
Thanksgiving Day Dinner  
Nov. 22 at 12 PM  
(one seating)

St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 647 Dundee Ave,  
Barrington

Please Call for Reservations 847-381-2323.  
Local transportation and delivery of meals to those  
who are homebound is available upon request.

Currently the total monetary donations to support the  
Community Thanksgiving Day Dinner is \$200.00. The  
target is \$500.00. Are you able to help?



"Dear Friends,

I am delighted to invite you, your family and your friends to the **Episcopal Charities Ball on Friday, November 2, 2012**. Now in its 53rd year, the Ball is a wonderful time to come together as a community and raise essential funds in support of Episcopal Charities' life-transforming ministries. Held at the newly-opened, contemporary Radisson Blu Aqua Hotel, the evening will feature cocktails, dinner, dancing and exciting live and silent auctions. Tickets are on sale now, and the RSVP date is October 26. For more information, please contact Sharon Kushiner at (312) 751-6721 or [sharon@eccsonline.net](mailto:sharon@eccsonline.net), or visit

Thank you!  
Kitty Beecken  
2012 Episcopal Charities Ball Chair"

## October Vestry Meeting Summary

*by Vestry Clerk Craig Anderson*

The business of the Vestry at its October 15th meeting included approval the fall 2012 grant recommendations from the Outreach Grant Allocation Committee, following a presentation by Committee Chair Melissa Buckley, and an endorsement of Deacon Elyse Gustafson's request for ordination to priesthood after reviewing information pertaining to her work and study thus far as a deacon.

A more thorough summary can be found by clicking [here](#). Full minutes of each Vestry meeting are always available upon request but only after they are reviewed and approved by the Vestry at the next regular meeting. The next Vestry Meeting is the 19th of November at 7:00 p.m.

### Episcopal Relief & Development - Hurricane Sandy

The devastation caused by Hurricane Sandy, the far-reaching storm responsible for unprecedented flooding, power outages, fires and loss of life, continues to overwhelm eastern regions of the US and the Caribbean.

Episcopal Relief & Development is in contact with partners in the Caribbean and along the US East Coast as they assess needs, formulate relief activities and minister to their affected communities.

We stand ready to support our partners through the immediate relief and long-term recovery phases of their storm response.

Your help is critical in providing assistance to those needing it most.

Visit Episcopal Relief & Development's website, [www.er-d.org](http://www.er-d.org), for updated information on the aftermath of the storm and to assist those in need by making an immediate, convenient and secure contribution to Episcopal Relief & Development's [Hurricane Sandy Response Fund](#).

### Upcoming Events

- +All Saints' Service, 1 November, Thursday, 7:00 p.m.
- +Wednesday Night Series, 7 November, Wednesday, 5:30 p.m.
- +Sudan Soiree, November 10, Saturday, 6:30 p.m.
- +7th Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner, 22 November, Thursday, 12:00 p.m.
- +AWSM Advent Celebration, Tuesday, 4 December, 7:00 p.m.

### Revised Common Lectionary Year B, Pentecost 23

Ruth 1:1-18, Psalm 146, Hebrews 9: 11-14, Mark 12:28-34

### Contact Info

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Pete Douglas, Lora Gier, Amy Magro, Dave Evans  
Dale Griffith, Sean Harrington, Pat Kane, Mike Savage  
Cristy Cressey, Bob Gilbert, Michele Philips, Lance Marcinek  
John Davis - Treasurer, Craig Anderson - Clerk  
Joe Schmidt, Youth Representative Madelyn Lanham, Youth Representative  
Clergy and Staff

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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