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## The Sword



Your weekly connection with St. Michael's Episcopal Church

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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.)

+Sunday, Bishop Joseph will preach!

+Sunday, Food for the Journey, Revision of Parish By-Laws, after the 7:45 a.m. service and at 10:05 a.m., *read more below...*

+Wednesday Evening Series is taking a little break, but watch for two special offerings in December, *read more below...*

+Thanksgiving Day Service, 10:45 a.m.

+Community Thanksgiving Meal, 12:00 p.m.

### Shout Out Loud Unspeakable Joy!

a letter to the people of St. Michael's from the Catherine Koelling and Nancy Holmes

Dear People of St. Michael's,

Historically, Thanksgiving began as a tradition of celebrating the harvest of the year. We at St. Michael's are creating a little piece of history with our annual Community Thanksgiving Meal. For the seventh time, volunteers at St. Michael's and beyond are turning the Community Room into a fine dining room and extending an invitation to share an afternoon of fellowship. If you're a family of one or a family of many, there is a seat for you.

Catherine Koelling and Nancy Holmes, co-coordinators of the event, along with dozens of volunteers prepare a homemade traditional Thanksgiving meal including turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, vegetables and dozens of mouthwatering pies. Guests are seated and served by volunteer waiters at tables adorned with white linen clothes, candles, and harvest decorations.

Our guests include a bus load of recruits from Great Lakes Naval Base, dozens of residents from Maryville Academy, neighbors,

## Ministry Quicklinks

- Our Website  
- [Church School this Week](#)

## Did You Know?

....Matt Sells has volunteered to work on St. Michael's social media sites? Thank you, Matt!

## Anniversaries This Week

### Birthdays

11.20 Patrick Keclik,  
Paulette Forrest  
11.21 Alicia  
Cressey, Abby  
Pajakowski  
11.22 Michelle Chan  
11.23 Patsy Taylor,  
Colleen Buckley,  
Michael Zgoda,  
Virginia Qualiardi

### Anniversaries

11.22 Erica &  
Michael Ward  
11.24 Laura &  
Jeffrey Anetsberger

### Rest in Peace

11.18 Harold  
Johnson  
11.19 Judy Fisher  
11.20 Rowland  
Fisher  
11.22 Bob Walerius,  
Hugh McClure,  
Andrew Greene  
11.23 Eric Plane  
11.24 Richmond  
Birge



fellow parishioners and others who seek a place to enjoy the afternoon.

This wonderful outreach event could not happen without the generosity of our volunteers and donors - the heart of the event. Tony Stallone, vice president of Peapod, donates the majority of the food including the turkeys. The

kitchen crew begins at 8:00 a.m.; volunteers deliver cooked turkeys and pies; table setters and waiters are on hand throughout the morning. Barrington School Bus Company donates a bus and driver to pick up the recruits. Our very own Joe Ridges has been in the driver's seat for the last two years. Our senior high youth serve as volunteer drivers and deliver dozens of meals to three police/fire stations and the elderly who feel more comfortable eating at home. Rick Taylor, electrician extraordinaire, sets up a multi laptop station (cellphones also on hand for the day) where the recruits can connect with home and the all-important Facebook. Premium Blend, a girls' a cappella group from Barrington High School, has performed each year for our guests. Generous monetary donations have been received this year to help defray any remaining costs. There is hardly a thank you big enough for all these awesome people! THANK YOU!

The event concludes around 5 p.m. when the last recruit is on the bus on the way back to the base. We share with you with a note emailed to St. Michael's last year from the mother of one of our guests. Her words capture it all.....

*Thank you so much for having our 50 recruits from Great Lakes. My son was one of them and he had a great time. After being in boot camp for almost 60 days, it felt like they were literally in Heaven because of you. You not only had an impact on 50 future sailors of America but you also have given unspeakable JOY to their families...I just want to SHOUT OUT LOUD. I am so thankful that you gave my son a wonderful Thanksgiving Day. When I asked him where he was and when he told me St. Michael's, I told him, "Michael, that is where you are supposed to be today!" I love each and every one of you for making this happen. God Bless you thru this Holiday Season.*

*-Nancy and Catherine*

**P.S. This year we are wonderfully blessed with sufficient volunteers for the Thanksgiving Meal, but we are in need of a few more willing souls to roast some turkeys and bake some pies! Please call the church office, 847.381.2323, if you can help in this way. Also, if you would like to volunteer next year,**



please call early to to place your name on the list, we would love to have you with us for this special time in the life of our parish.

**This Sunday's Food for the Journey, Sunday, 18 November, 10:05 a.m.**

**Revision of Parish Bylaws**

Every organization has rules which order its life, some formal and some informal. Suzi Allen will be leading a conversation on the revision of the parish bylaws, the formalized rules which help us order our life together. The bylaws have not been revised since the founding of St. Michael's. This time will provide an opportunity to hear about the proposed changes and offer feedback. **NOTE: Suzi will be offering a session at both the regular Food for the Journey time (10:05-10:40am), and she will be offering a presentation following the 7:45am service, also.**



**Open Offering**

The open offering on Sunday, 18 November will be designated for the Little Red Wagon Ministry. Cash and checks, with "Food Pantry" written in the memo line, will be sent to this ministry which serves several food pantries in the Chicagoland area all year, including St. Cyprian Food Pantry for November. Thank you for your generous donations to this important ministry of St. Michael's!



**Exploring Music in the Anglican Tradition: Music of the English Reformation: Thomas Tallis and William Byrd**

Meets Sunday evening, 18 November at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Greg and Laurie Michaels.

### **In the Parish family**

+Those for whom prayers have been requested:

Nick & family; Rick; Gary; the Valkenburg family; Cynthia; Connie; Mary; the Davis family; Gladys; Gina; Todd; Kathy; Terry & Ann; the Oetinger family; Jennifer; Mary; those effected by hurricane Sandy; Nicole; Mae; Paulette; Sarah; Bob; John; the Anderson family; the parish of St. Marc's & community of Jeannette, Haiti; 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.

+The Barrington Youth Dance Ensemble will feature many St. Michael's parishioners during this year's presentation of *Nutcracker*. Performances are at Barrington High School on Friday, November 30 at 7:00 p.m., Saturday, December 1 at 2:00 and 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, December 2 at 2:00 p.m. Our parishioner performers include:

Meghan Doran  
Hayden Harris  
Hannah Harris  
Mackenzie Jaekel  
Jessica Malec  
Dennis Malec  
& Annie Rough

+It's a new granddaughter for Carol & Bob Erker!  
Carol's daughter & son-in-law: Alexis & Rob Murphy (Boston area)  
New baby girl: Keira Ann Murphy - born November 3, 2012  
Big brother: Colin

+A preliminary "thank you" to all who were instrumental in the unprecedented success of "An African Evening: South Sudan Soiree." It was an amazing event! From the silent auction to the live auction to the food to special cake and cookies to the drum circle to the performance by the Lost Boys to the Marketplace to the help by the youth of St. Michael's and on and on. There are not enough words! The event is estimated to have raised about \$55,000! The spirit around the event from beginning to end was amazing!



+The Buildings and Grounds Committee replaced the floor in the Sturtz House last Saturday and disposed of a lot of extra debris and junk cluttering the basement! Thank you!

+It is with great sadness that this announcement from Haiti is forwarded from Deacon Michaels;

"Please pray for the parish of St. Marc's and the community of Jeannette as they mourn the loss of one of their children, Jean Icart Eliassant. Jean Icart, a kindergartner at St. Marc's school, died at the hospital in PAP "because of too much water in his house" (I'm awaiting clarification of what happened from Pere Lenord). The funeral will be tomorrow."



### **Wednesday Evening Series On Break, Two Special Offerings in December:**

**-All About Dreams, Wednesday, 12  
December**

**-Blue Christmas Service, Wednesday,  
19 December**

*watch this space for more information!*



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.



**Little Red  
Wagon in  
November**

As Thanksgiving  
nears, we continue  
To share our food  
gifts we gather for  
St. Cyprian Food  
Pantry in Chicago  
during October &  
November. Last

All Women of St. Michael's  
(AWSM)

Advent Gathering

Join us in relaxing and renewing  
the Spirit within during a delightful evening  
filled with laughter, fun, song, and fellowship

Tuesday, December 4th

7-9 p.m.

Home of Michele Phillips

50 Oakdene Road

Barrington Hills

Per last name, please bring something to share:

November the pantry provided food for 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.

A-F bottle of wine

G-K dessert

L-R appetizer

S-Z "take a pass" this time

Change for Change: Pair of women's slippers and/or cash donation for WINGS\*

Handicap parking available

Carpooling recommended

Questions? Call Sue Barnum

847-304-6989

*Starting this weekend there will be a drop box in the foyer outside the Community Room for slipper donations from anyone who is interested in helping out but cannot attend the Advent Gathering on 12/4. Please spread the word to help women in need at this stressful time of year. Many of these women have fled abusive homes with very little belongings and are coming to the WINGS safe houses with practically nothing, so a warm pair of slippers is truly a blessing.*

*WINGS (Women in Need Growing Stronger) is a 501(c)(3) publicly supported organization. Safehouse residents are women and children who are victims of domestic violence and need temporary safe shelter or who become homeless due to other extreme hardships. WINGS receives an average of 300 calls per month from people of all ethnic backgrounds and ages.*



### **Children's Christmas Gifts for St. Cyprian Food Pantry**

For over 15 years we have had the joy of making over 50 children have a happy Christmas. Each child receives two presents - one for need and one for fun. This Sunday, 18 November, Ruth Silver will have the information sheets available in the East Corridor by the Church Offices, or you may call her at 847.381.1871.



### **LYDIA Home Christmas Gifts for Children**

Once again we have the privilege of assisting 19 children of the LYDIA Home residential care program have Christmas. On the 18th of November, Children's Ministries will have the names and the "Needs" and "Dreams" lists of these

19 children available. We will also have a general list of the supply needs for the dormitories that we are hoping to fill. Please see Nerissa Brueckbauer on this Sunday, the 18th of November outside the Community Room, or call/email: 847.381.2323, [nbrueckbauer@stmichaelsbarrington.org](mailto:nbrueckbauer@stmichaelsbarrington.org)

### **Looking for a Few Great Leaders** *by Kathy Randolph, Senior Warden*

The terms of five current Vestry members are ending at the upcoming Annual Meeting in January 2013. As a result, the People of St. Michael's seek leaders to serve on the Vestry.



The Vestry is an elected governance which is responsible for the care of parish finances and buildings and the selection of individuals to fill various positions of parish leadership and representation. Our Vestry team is comprised of 12 members with a variety of skills, education, gifts and talents from a cross-section of our parish. Leadership diversity is intention, as we seek to have representatives from all walks of life share their voice for the benefit of St. Michael's.

Now is the time! We need to hear your voice. Let us know if you are interested in being nominated to the Vestry for either a 3-year (4 positions open) or a 1-year term (one position). If serving on this body is not for you at this time, but you know some one who is willing to serve - please let us know!

The proposed new bylaws for St. Michael's show the church's requirements for vestry membership, and the proposed bylaws (to be adopted at the January 2013 annual meeting) can be viewed by clicking [here](#). A Vestry Overview is available by clicking [here](#).

**Call the office** with nominations and/or names of people to contact **by Friday, November 16th**. For more information regarding the vestry and criteria to serve, click on the link provided.

Blessings and Peace+  
Kathy Randolph  
Senior Warden

### **Lessons and Carols, Reception Assistance Requested**

Advent Lessons & Carols will be **Sunday, December 9th**. Dolores Duncan will host a Candlelight reception. Dolores would like some set-up and clean-up assistance. Those attending are also requested to bring a food donation depending upon the first letter of their last name: A-M: Dessert and N-Z: Appetizer. Please contact Dolores at [doloresmduncan@yahoo.com](mailto:doloresmduncan@yahoo.com), if you are willing to assist. Thank you!



## BARRINGTON GIVING DAY 2012

Each December Barrington Giving Day invites families on the Free and Reduced lunch program residing in Barrington 220 School District to a Giving Day. Families receive food, warm coats, books, blankets, and gifts. Members of Barrington churches, schools, businesses and civic organizations have always been generous in their support of this day. Giving Day 2011 helped over 1,000 families, this included 3,000 children, and senior citizens. These families live in our school district. They are our friends and neighbors. Each year the need is greater.

Boxes for donations of new and gently used winter coats, books, and toys will be at various businesses, all schools and churches (St. Michael's has one!) in Barrington on November 7th through December 8th.



**Just in time for  
Diocesan  
Convention-  
And All the Angels  
can Deck you out in  
Episcopalian Style!  
Come see for  
yourself all that  
they offer!**

### **From our Youth Minister and Children's Choir Director**

**THIS WEEK:**

Sunday, 11/18 @ 10:00 am--Youth breakfast with Bishop Joseph. Members of both LIFT & SMUSH are invited to join us in the Sturtz House. Bring all your questions about life in the South Sudan.

Sunday, 11/18--Raptor Rehabilitation Center Service Outing  
POSTPONED! Stay tuned for new date. Incorrect materials were delivered to the center, and we are waiting for the correct materials in order to winterize the facilities.

**UPCOMING:**

Thursday, 11/22--St. Michael's Community Thanksgiving Dinner. Thank you to those of you who have already volunteered to deliver meals to shut-ins, police stations, and fire houses. If you are still interested in helping, PIE BAKERS & TURKEY COOKERS are still needed.



**FLEECE DONATIONS NEEDED-**  
 -The youth decided on Sunday to make fleece blankets to donate to Barrington Giving Day. If you are willing and able, please consider donating some fleece for the cause. Two pieces of fleece 2 yards long will make an adult blanket, and two pieces of fleece 1 yard long will make a child's blanket. We will be

making the blankets December 2nd & 9th. Many thanks!

Also, just an FYI the Children's Choir is singing "God is Calling Us" on Sunday at the 9:00 service.

### **Presiding Bishop on the appointment of the new Archbishop of Canterbury**

To read the Presiding Bishop's comments on the appointment of the new Archbishop of Canterbury click [here](#).



### **Advent Quiet Day: A New Year: Beginning again**

Matthew 13:52 Jesus, speaking to his disciples, said: Then you see how every student well-trained in God's kingdom is like the owner of a general store who can put his hands on anything you need, old or new, exactly when you need it. (Matthew 13:52, The Message)  
 Advent begins the new church year. Mary is pregnant, on her way to Bethlehem with Joseph. John the Baptist is inviting us to prepare the way for Jesus' arrival. We bring with us what we have acquired before. We seek what new beginnings might mean for each of us. What do we bring out of the storehouse this year? What have we brought before? What new things, what new way of seeing, do we bring this year?

Catharine Phillips will be leading the **Advent Quiet Day on Saturday, 8 December, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** She has been an Episcopal priest for almost thirty years, serving in a variety of settings. She is currently a spiritual director and psychotherapist in Glen Ellyn, Illinois. She loves to write and seek God wherever she is.

### Upcoming Events

- +Thanksgiving Day Service, 10:45 a.m.
- +7th Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner, 22 November, Thursday, 12:00 p.m.
- +Advent Celebration, Sunday, 2 December, 9:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- +AWSM Advent Celebration, Tuesday, 4 December, 7:00 p.m.
- +Lessons and Carols, Sunday, 9 December, 5:00 p.m.

### Revised Common Lectionary Year B, Pentecost 25

1 Samuel 1:4-20, 1 Samuel 2:1-10, Hebrews 10:11-14,19-25, Mark 13:1-8

### Contact Info

St. Michael's Vestry

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

Pete Douglas, Lora Gier, Amy Magro, Dave Evans

Dale Griffith, Sean Harrington, Pat Kane, Mike Savage

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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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