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The Sword



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Did You Know?

....there is a bird's nest on the stunning Thanksgiving arrangement behind the altar completed by Ruth Silver and Ann Ryba? You



Little Angels Preschool's "Thankful Turkey"

must come up close to the altar to really appreciate all the splendid details of the arrangement of "nature's bounty!"

Anniversaries This Week

Birthdays

11.25 Maribeth Totten, Jonathan Vollman, Sophia T'so 11.26 Nancy Carney 11.27 Bill Bradtke, Eric Perrine, Ashley Keclik 11.28 B. Rae Buckley, Elisabeth Schoon, Jennifer Beverly, Alice Tate 11.29 Patrick Okonek, Maggie Battcher 11.30 Noell Poidomani, Michael Ward, Tom Chapman 12.1 Terry Haycock

Anniversaries

11 25 Marcene & Charles Penhaligen 11.26 Florence & Frank Compton 11.27 Patsy & Stuart Taylor, Joseph & Katherine Mangan 11.29 Ann & Todd Ross



Please note that the Church Office will be closed on Thursday and Friday, **November 22 and November** 23. You may always call the Church Office with a Pastoral Emergency, 847.381.2323 extension 5.

This Sunday's Food for the Journey, Sunday, 25 November

Christian Notions of Time

Explore various facets of time including linear time and cosmic time, a 7 day week and the Church calendar. Father Patrick will lead us in a conversation about Christian notions of Time as the Church Year comes to an 'end'.



Next Sunday, Advent Celebration, 2 December, 9:45 a.m.

Next Week Please Join the Advent Celebration in the Community Room Beginning at 9:45 a.m.

Enjoy this special opportunity

to celebrate the First Sunday in Advent in a unique way. We will begin at approximately 9:45 with a short skit, Comfort and Joy, presented by three of our youth-Grace Guthrie, Amanda Dern and **Jack Longo**. Following their gift to us, we will have various stations available for you to choose how you might like to bring Advent into your home this season: make an Advent wreath, decorate a candle, prepare an Advent door hanger or begin to build a Nativity set. And, of course, there will be plenty of fellowship and special refreshments to go around.

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.

Rest in Peace 11.28 Catherine Silver 11.29 Ann Hamm 11.30 James Knaak



Altar guild members Ann Ryba and Ruth Silver put the finishing touches on the St. Michael's Thanksgiving altar. Please join us for the Thanksgiving Day Eucharist at 10:45 a.m.



Little Angels Preschool Thanksgiving Feast!



Wednesday Evening Series On Break

As we approach the holidays, we have decided to take a break from our Wednesday night offerings until Advent. During Advent, there will be two special offerings (see below). Over the next few months we will be reassessing our Wednesday evening program. If you have any comments about our offerings, please call or email Father Caruso at

kcaruso@stmichaelsbarrington.org.

Wednesdays during Advent (more info to come, but MARK your CALENDARS):

- +December 12th- All about Dreaming, led by Father Patrick and Brooke Raymond.
- +December 19th- Blue Christmas



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:

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



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.

Please Help Women in Need this Holiday



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 November the pantry provided food for 871 families or 3,749 inidividuals.

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 depostied in the canister on the wagon.

Thank you to those who hav given these donation. It helps us to supply the greater needs.



AWSM (All Women of St. Michael's) is collecting new slippers to donate to women who reside at the safe houses sponsored by WINGS (Women in Need Growing Stronger).

Please place slippers in this box or bring them to the AWSM Advent Gathering on Dec. 4

~ Thank You!



Scarves blessed in 2011

Prayer Shawl Ministry to Meet Tuesday, 27 November and is Collecting Scarves, both handmade and purchased, for those in need. Please bring your scarf or scarves by the Church Library. The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, 27 November in the

libarary, but your donation may be

left in the library if clearly marked for the ministry. Thank you!!

Cathedral Shelter and Church of the Redeemer Christmas Baskets

Just in case you have missed us at church but you are still interested in sponsoring a family for Christmas, we have received 2 additional families in need of sponsors.

- +One is a family with 3 children 2 parent household for a total of 5 people.
- +The second family has 6 children 1 parent household for a total of 7 people.

You might want to recruit family or friends to share a family with you since the sizes of the families are large.

I have had a parish family say that they would consider sharing a family with someone else, if interested. I would be happy to connect you, if desired.

Thanks to everyone for your amazing support of this program. So far we have coverage for 34 out of the 36 families. God Bless you! Please fell free to contact Katy Pepper at 847-309-4700 or at peppmom@aol.com



For those of you already with Cathedral Shelter Baskets and Redeemer Family Baskets, we have been asked to promulgate the following deadline dates for information:

Cathedral Shelter: Sunday, 2 December Redeemer Family Baskets: Wednesday, 12 December



Appointment of Rt. Rev. Justin Welby, Bishop of Durham, to be 105th Archbishop of Canterbury

On November 9, 2012, Her Majesty Elizabeth II, Queen of England, announced her appointment of the Rt. Rev. Justin Welby, Bishop of Durham, to become the 105th

Archbishop of Canterbury, succeeding the Most Rev. Rowan Williams, who announced his retirement this past summer. Welby left a career as an oil industry executive to pursue ordained ministry in the church and was consecrated Bishop of Durham only a year ago. As Bishop of Durham, he's the ecclesiastical head of Durham Cathedral, where St. Michael's alum the Rev. Mark McIntosh has served as a Canon since 2009. Welby's consecration as Archbishop will take place in the spring of 2013, on a date still to be determined. In the accompanying recent photo, Welby swaps hats with a Duram policeman - presumably as a mirthful gesture and not to signal the leadership tone he expects to set as Archbishop.



The Advent Pageant is scheduled for the 16th of December during the 9:00 a.m. service! We are very excited about the pageant this year because we have numerous opportunities for children of all ages to participate in many different ways.

We are looking for children to play the following roles:

+Narrators - up to 10 narrators (nothing will be memorized, all will be read)

- +Isaiah, the Prophet this is a reading role, the part will not have to be memorized.
- +Mary this is a non-speaking role
- +Joseph this is a non-speaking role
- +Angel this is a non-speaking role
- +Animals of the Peaceable Kingdom these are non-speaking roles, but involve fun, lively movements for the children. We have room for many animals. The costumes for the animals will be simple masks, and we will ask that children wear black pants/shirts or brown pants/shirts or white pants/shirts.
- +Peacemakers these are non-speaking roles, but involve lots of movements up and down the aisles of the sanctuary. We have room for many peacemakers, and we will ask that children wear any colorful shirt or tie-dye shirt.

All of the children will learn and have the opportunity to help sing the carols presented during the pageant.

Rehearsal times are scheduled as follows: Saturday, 1 Dec, 11:30 to 1:00 p.m. Saturday, 8 Dec, 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. Saturday, 15 Dec, 11:30 to 1:00 p.m.

Please call or email Kara Baker or Nerissa Brueckbauer and let us know if your child is interested in participating in our pageant. Please let us know his or her preferred part. We will do our BEST to ensure we accommodate the request. We drawing our cast from 3 year olds through junior high.

Kara Baker: kbaker@stmichaelsbarrington.org

Nerissa Brueckbauer: <u>nbrueckbauer@stmichaelsbarrington.org</u>

Phone for both: 847.381.2323

From Our Youth Minister and Children's Choir Director:

THIS WEEK:

Thursday, 11/22--Happy Thanksgiving! For those of you who are delivering meals, please meet Nancy Holmes in the Community Room at 11:30.

Sunday, 11/25--Regular LIFT (9:00) & SMUSH (10:45)Worship. THERE WILL BE NO FORMATION THIS SUNDAY as I will be out of town. Please sit with your families.

UPCOMING:

Saturday, 12/1--St. Michael's Children & Youth outing to LYDIA Home. We will be leaving the church at 1:00 pm and will return at 5:00. We will be helping to prepare Christmas presents for children in need. Please let me know if you plan on attending.

Calling all youth who are interested in helping out with the Christmas pageant. The pageant will be on Sunday 12/16 at the 9:00 service. Rehearsals begin on 12/1. Please come join us!

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.
- +Advent Offering, Wednesday, 12 December, All About Dreams
- +Blue Christmas Service, Wednesday, 19 December, 7:00 p.m.

Revised Common Lectionary Year B, Pentecost 25

Daniel 7:9-10,13-14, Psalm 93, Revelation 1:4B-8, John 18:33-37

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