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The Bells of St. Michael's to Ring in Concert

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Advent Concert December 16, 2012 Noon
 Christmas Concert December 24, 2012 5:00PM
 Epiphany Concert January 06, 2013 Noon



Reminder:
Cathedral Shelter Baskets due Sunday, 2 December
and
Church of the Redeemer Baskets due Wednesday, 12 December



Church of the Holy Apostles offers an Advent program: Four Days of Mary: Annunciation, Visitation, Nativity, Cross

Please join the Rev. Martha Gillette, from Church of the Holy Apostles, Wauconda, for an Advent program entitled "Four Days of Mary: Annunciation, Visitation, Nativity, Cross". The program consists of approximately 90 minutes (total) of visual representations, accompanied by music, depicting each of these

**The Three Marys by Mary
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events in the life of the Mother of our Lord. An opportunity for discussion will follow each of the four sections. **The program will be offered twice, at The Relationship Center (109 S. Main Street, Wauconda). The first offering will be Sunday 02 December, 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. The second will be Wednesday 12 December, 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.** A light supper will be served at the Wednesday evening program, so notification that you plan to attend would be helpful, either by leaving a message at the church office (847.526.7148) or sending the Rev. Gillette an email at marthagillette@att.net. There is no charge for the program either day, although donations will be accepted for use of the space and dinner on 12 December.

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Revised Common Lectionary Year C, Advent 1

Jeremiah 33:14-16, Psalm 25:1-9, 1 thessalonians 3:9-13, Luke 21:25-36

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We have only 4 more children of the original 19 LYDIA Home residential care program children we were asked to assist this Christmas. If you are able to help and provide 2-3 gifts for any of the following boys, please let me know:

Anthony B., 17 years old,
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"When Thanksgiving Day is not enough"

If the only prayer you ever say in your whole life is 'thank you', that would suffice. - Meister Eckart

What does it mean to be a thankful person? How does that translate into living a grateful life each and every day? What difference can intentionally expressing our gratitude have on our lives? Come explore these ideas in a conversation with Father Jim Bullion.



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Join us in relaxing and renewing
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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

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in this box or bring them to the
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~ Thank You!

In the Parish family

+Those for whom prayers have been requested:

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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)
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 Kampert

What is Advent for you? Add to our list! Send Father Kevin an e-mail at kcaruso@stmichaelsbarrington.org.

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Reminder:
Cathedral Shelter Baskets due Sunday, 2 December
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Please join the Rev. Martha Gillette, from Church of the Holy Apostles, Wauconda, for an Advent program entitled "Four Days of Mary: Annunciation, Visitation, Nativity, Cross". The program consists of approximately 90 minutes (total) of visual representations, accompanied by music, depicting each of these

**The Three Marys by Mary
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Revised Common Lectionary Year C, Advent 1

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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.**

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We have only 4 more children of the original 19 LYDIA Home residential care program children we were asked to assist this Christmas. If you are able to help and provide 2-3 gifts for any of the following boys, please let me know:

Anthony B., 17 years old,
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"When Thanksgiving Day is not enough"

If the only prayer you ever say in your whole life is 'thank you', that would suffice. - Meister Eckart

What does it mean to be a thankful person? How does that translate into living a grateful life each and every day? What difference can intentionally expressing our gratitude have on our lives? Come explore these ideas in a conversation with Father Jim Bullion.



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Join us in relaxing and renewing
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Home of Michele Phillips
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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
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Handicap parking available

Carpooling recommended

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In the Parish family

+Those for whom prayers have been requested:

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Advent Quiet Day: A New Year: Beginning again

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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?

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flood of commercials trying to convince me happiness is just a diamond necklace/power tool/lpad away.

It is our deepest hope that as you look to the [calendar](#) of going -ons at St. Michael's (whether in Advent or another season) you don't find merely more things to do, but things which will renew and replenish you. This Advent, take just a moment and wonder: what choices can I make (perhaps even what things can I give up) to make this time more than merely the hectic weeks before Christmas. How might I make space to be attentive to how God is moving in my life? Friends, I certainly don't imagine I have the answer for you, but what I do know is that looking for your own answer is well worth it!

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Kampert

What is Advent for you? Add to our list! Send Father Kevin an e-mail at kcaruso@stmichaelsbarrington.org.

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 Christmas Concert December 24, 2012 5:00PM
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Reminder:
Cathedral Shelter Baskets due Sunday, 2 December
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Church of the Redeemer Baskets due Wednesday, 12 December



Church of the Holy Apostles offers an Advent program: Four Days of Mary: Annunciation, Visitation, Nativity, Cross

Please join the Rev. Martha Gillette, from Church of the Holy Apostles, Wauconda, for an Advent program entitled "Four Days of Mary: Annunciation, Visitation, Nativity, Cross". The program consists of approximately 90 minutes (total) of visual representations, accompanied by music, depicting each of these

**The Three Marys by Mary
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events in the life of the Mother of our Lord. An opportunity for discussion will follow each of the four sections. **The program will be offered twice, at The Relationship Center (109 S. Main Street, Wauconda). The first offering will be Sunday 02 December, 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. The second will be Wednesday 12 December, 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.** A light supper will be served at the Wednesday evening program, so notification that you plan to attend would be helpful, either by leaving a message at the church office (847.526.7148) or sending the Rev. Gillette an email at marthagillette@att.net. There is no charge for the program either day, although donations will be accepted for use of the space and dinner on 12 December.

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Revised Common Lectionary Year C, Advent 1

Jeremiah 33:14-16, Psalm 25:1-9, 1 thessalonians 3:9-13, Luke 21:25-36

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We have only 4 more children of the original 19 LYDIA Home residential care program children we were asked to assist this Christmas. If you are able to help and provide 2-3 gifts for any of the following boys, please let me know:

Anthony B., 17 years old,
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"When Thanksgiving Day is not enough"

If the only prayer you ever say in your whole life is 'thank you', that would suffice. - Meister Eckart

What does it mean to be a thankful person? How does that translate into living a grateful life each and every day? What difference can intentionally expressing our gratitude have on our lives? Come explore these ideas in a conversation with Father Jim Bullion.



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Join us in relaxing and renewing
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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

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~ Thank You!

In the Parish family

+Those for whom prayers have been requested:

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Advent Quiet Day: A New Year: Beginning again

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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?

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 Sumit Mullick

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Kimes
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 Kampert

What is Advent for you? Add to our list! Send Father Kevin an e-mail at kcaruso@stmichaelsbarrington.org.

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Beverages and mini- sandwiches provided. Please bring appetizer, salad

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The Bells of St. Michael's to Ring in Concert

We are to receive a wonderful gift from our organist, Thom Wibbels! He will offer a Carillon Bell Concert using the bells of St. Michael's in the seasons of Advent, Christmas and Epiphany! Please download the flyer and let your family and friends know! (flyer [here](#))

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Reminder:

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**The Three Marys by Mary
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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



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During the month of December food put in the Little Red Wagon will go to Families in Crisis at Church of the Redeemer in Elgin. So as we prepare for entertaining family and friends this

Advent and Christmas season, please buy some extra food for these families of many needs. Suggestions are - rice, beans, corn, tomatoes, canned meats, canned fruits, flour and sugar. Personal items are always welcome.



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):

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Rehearsal times are scheduled as follows:

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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.**

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The Loving Memory Tree

In this season of Advent and Christmas, a "Loving Memory Tree" has been placed in the narthex. It's a simple tree with no decorations other than small white lights. You are invited to write the name of a loved one who has

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LYDIA Home Christmas Gifts for Children

We have only 4 more children of the original 19 LYDIA Home residential care program children we were asked to assist this Christmas. If you are able to help and provide 2-3 gifts for any of the following boys, please let me know:

Anthony B., 17 years old,
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I have the "Needs" and "Dreams" lists of these boys available. We are so grateful to And All the Angels for donating 50 *Teen Study Bibles* for the Youth Group at LYDIA, which boasts about 44 members, and 6 Target cards worth \$25 each! Thank you, AATA! We have also received donations of towels, faceclothes and shower curtains for the dormitories.
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To date St. Michael's has received 137 pledge cards for 2013.

Last year's total pledges totaled 211.

We are hoping for 2013 pledges from 225 households ... or more.

You can fill out a St. Michael's pledge card online! Simply click [here](#).

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If the only prayer you ever say in your whole life is 'thank you', that would suffice. - Meister Eckart

What does it mean to be a thankful person? How does that translate into living a grateful life each and every day? What difference can intentionally expressing our gratitude have on our lives? Come explore these ideas in a conversation with Father Jim Bullion.



All Women of St. Michael's
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Join us in relaxing and renewing
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7-9 p.m.

Home of Michele Phillips
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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
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Handicap parking available

Carpooling recommended

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In the Parish family

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+Father Orpen is recovering and rehabilitating at Montgomery Place from a couple of falls. If you would send him a card of encouragement during this time, it would be greatly appreciated. His address is: The Very Rev. J. Robert Orpen, 5550 South Shore Dr. Apt. 512, Chicago IL, 60637-5052.



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Beverages and mini- sandwiches provided. Please bring appetizer, salad or dessert to share.



The Bells of St. Michael's to Ring in Concert

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**The Three Marys by Mary
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847.381.2323 or nbrueckbauer@stmichaelsbarrington.org.
Please contact Nerissa Brueckbauer

Exploring Sacred Music in the Anglican Tradition Sunday, 16 December, Special Advent Celebration and Farewell

Calling ALL prior and current attendees! Please join us for our final Music in the Anglican tradition gathering on Sunday, 16 December,



5:00-8:30 p.m. at the Michaels' home, 459 Pinewoods Dr., N Barrington. The evening will feature Advent music, food and conversation. We will be taking a sabbatical following this farewell celebration.

Beverages and mini- sandwiches provided. Please bring appetizer, salad

or dessert to share.



The Bells of St. Michael's to Ring in Concert

We are to receive a wonderful gift from our organist, Thom Wibbels! He will offer a Carillon Bell Concert using the bells of St. Michael's in the seasons of Advent, Christmas and Epiphany! Please download the flyer and let your family and friends know! (flyer [here](#))

Advent Concert December 16, 2012 Noon

Christmas Concert December 24, 2012 5:00PM

Epiphany Concert January 06, 2013 Noon



Reminder:
Cathedral Shelter Baskets due Sunday, 2 December
and
Church of the Redeemer Baskets due Wednesday, 12 December



Church of the Holy Apostles offers an Advent program: Four Days of Mary: Annunciation, Visitation, Nativity, Cross

Please join the Rev. Martha Gillette, from Church of the Holy Apostles, Wauconda, for an Advent program entitled "Four Days of Mary: Annunciation, Visitation, Nativity, Cross". The program consists of approximately 90 minutes (total) of visual representations, accompanied by music, depicting each of these

**The Three Marys by Mary
Melikian**

events in the life of the Mother of our Lord. An opportunity for discussion will follow each of the four sections. **The program will be offered twice, at The Relationship Center (109 S. Main Street, Wauconda). The first offering will be Sunday 02 December, 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. The second will be Wednesday 12 December, 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.** A light supper will be served at the Wednesday evening program, so notification that you plan to attend would be helpful, either by leaving a message at the church office (847.526.7148) or sending the Rev. Gillette an email at marthagillette@att.net. There is no charge for the program either day, although donations will be accepted for use of the space and dinner on 12 December.

Upcoming Events

- +Advent Celebration, Sunday, 2 December, 9:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- +AWSM Advent Celebration, Tuesday, 4 December, 7:00 p.m.
- +Advent Quiet Day, Saturday, 8 December, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- +Lessons and Carols, Sunday, 9 December, 5:00 p.m.
- +Advent Offering, Wednesday, 12 December, All About Dreams, 6:30 p.m.
- +Advent Pageant, Sunday, 16 December, 9:00 a.m. service
- +Exploring Sacred Music in the Anglican Tradition, Sunday, 16 December, 5:00 p.m.
- +Blue Christmas Service, Wednesday, 19 December, 7:00 p.m.

Revised Common Lectionary Year C, Advent 1

Jeremiah 33:14-16, Psalm 25:1-9, 1 thessalonians 3:9-13, Luke 21:25-36

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