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The Sword



Your weekly connection with St. Michael's Episcopal Church

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This Week

Birthdays

- 3.3 William Clancy, Elizabeth Clancy
- 3.4 Amanda Couch



Quiet. It is Still Lent.

In the Parish family

+Those for whom prayers have been requested:
 Pat; Rollo; the Olson family; Brian; Andrew; Cassie; Michele; Frank and Suzanne; Steve and Barb; Sharon; Sue; Bob; Connie; Mary; Debbie; Mary; Bob; Ben & Paulette; Amy; Scott; safety & peace in South Sudan; Bishop Joseph; St. Cyprian Food Pantry; military troops in danger including those from our parish, especially, Zane, Ryan, Michael, Bruce, and Taylor.

- 3.5 Kim Chapdelaine, Valentina Scotti, Drew Kunzon
- 3.7 Morgan Allord
- 3.8 Katie Tomczyk, John Davis, Janet Kline
- 3.9 Graham Erbs, Madeleine Belden



As part of our Food for the Journey Series, we brought a labyrinth from St. Charles into the Community Room.

Anniversaries

- 3.3 Sharon & Richard Curran



Ann takes her duties on the Altar Guild seriously - only wearing purple during Lent and easily handling three chalices at once.

Rest in Peace

- 3.6 Sarah Logan, Henry Greene, David Bailey, Harry Strouse
- 3.7 Jerry Camper

Food for the Journey, Sunday, 3 March, after the 7:45 a.m. service and at 10:05 a.m.:

What is the Diocese? And, why should I care?



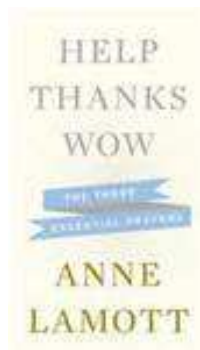
Courtney Reid, Director of Operations for the Diocese of Chicago will be joining us to host a conversation about the current vision and



direction of the Diocese. Hear about what is going on and ask any questions you might have.

Food for the Journey, Sunday, 10 March, 10:05 a.m.: "Stages of Faith"

The title for the session is drawn from a modern classic by James W. Fowler, "Stages of Faith: The Psychology of Human Development and the Quest for Meaning." The premise of this book will be generally considered, and other material may draw on diverse influences such as William James' 'Varieties of Religious Experience,' Hindu notions of spiritual life stages, and examination of Christian notions of 'born again', holiness, conversion, and 'second baptism.' This session may be of particular interest to those considering a Reaffirmation of Faith (as well as those to be Confirmed or Received) at the time of Bishop Chris Epting's April 28 visitation to St. Michael's.



If you missed out on the retreat last weekend but would like to buy the book *HELP THANKS WOW* -stop by And All Angels to pick up a copy.



Mixed Media Painting by
Maria Pace Wynters

Is Haiti still calling you?

There will be an informational meeting for all who are planning to take part in the July 2013 Haiti Mission Trip on **Sunday, March 3 at 12:00 in the library.**

Participants from St Marks will also be joining us. Deadline for sign up with deposit is March 15. If you are planning to go in July but are unable to attend this meeting please contact Deacon Laurie as space is very limited. There will be

14 available slots in addition to our 2 group leaders, Elizabeth van

der Weide with Project Haiti and Deacon Laurie.

Cost \$1200

Age: 18+ without parent

16-18 with parent

Additional information on the Haiti Project can be found at

www.haitiproject.org or contact Deacon Laurie @

travellaurie@hotmail.com



Lenten Program 2013 Five Wednesday Evenings

6:00 pm Stations of the Cross

6:30 pm Shared meal in the Community Room

7:00 pm Two Opportunities...

#1: Faith Reflection Groups

Three groups that have already formed will meet on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm. Additional groups may be formed if there is sufficient interest. To take part in a Faith Reflection Group, share your interest with Fr. Kevin, kcaruso@stmichaelsbarrington.org, 847.381.2323, ext. 13 or complete a form by clicking [here](#).

#2: "I will, with God's help." Our Responses to the Baptismal Covenant

Remaining Wednesdays:

Wednesday, March 6

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

Wednesday, March 13

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

Wednesday, March 20

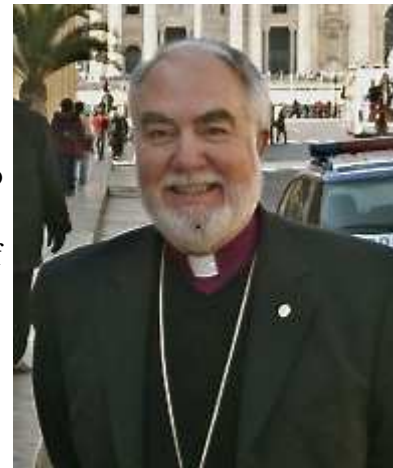
Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?



Reaffirming your faith: An Opportunity to renew your commitment to a life of Faith...

How does my Christianity impact the way I live? What does it mean to be a person of faith? Is this a time in my life when reaffirming my commitment to God and the Church would be meaningful?

A number of weeks ago Father Patrick wondered what it might be like for a number of us to **reaffirm our faith when Bishop Epting visits, on April 28th**. Rather than offering a single path for all those interested in reaffirming their faith, we have made a number of paths available. You are invited to tap into those offerings that will provide you with nourishment on your journey of faith. If you know that you would like to reaffirm your faith on April 28th through reaffirmation, reception or confirmation, please contact **Father Kevin** at (847)-381-2323 or kcaruso@stmichaelsbarrington.org.



- (1) **Faith Reflection Groups** - An opportunity to share you the story of your faith and hear the stories of 3-4 other parishioners. [various times]
- (2) **Wednesday Nights in Lent: I will, with God's help** - Each week we will explore one of the five questions in the Baptismal Covenant. [Feb. 27th - March 20th]
- (3) **Food for the Journey** - In Lent and the beginning of Easter, the Food for the Journey program on Sunday morning will focus on topics foundational to a life of faith. [Sundays at 10:05am]
- (4) **Holy Week Worship (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday,**

Easter Vigil) - Over three days we journey with Jesus from the Last Supper, to his Crucifixion, and finally to his Resurrection. [Mar. 28th -Mar 30th]

(5) The Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession) -The sacrament of Reconciliation provides an opportunity for us to ask God's forgiveness and to make amends for the wrongs we have done so that leave behind the burdens we feel from past mistakes. [by appointment]

(6) Time with Clergy - Our doors area always open to you! We can't promise answers, but we can promise to be with you on your journey of faith. [by appointment]

(7) Grab Bag - design your own course of study, either on your own, or with a member of the clergy! Feel free to contact us, so we can discuss how to best support you.

More information about these offerings will be available in the coming weeks. If you have any questions do not hesitate to be in touch.



Tina Summerfield, St. Michael's Parishioner, Performs at "A Concert to Bring Hope and Health to South Sudan" in Glen Ellyn

Please join us **Saturday, March 9th at 6:30 PM** for "A Concert to Bring Hope and Health to South Sudan" at the Billy Graham Center at Wheaton

College (500 College Avenue), sponsored by the people of St. Barnabus Episcopal Church of Glen Ellyn! Silent Auction begins at 6:30 PM, concert begins at 7:00 PM. 100% of proceeds will be used to purchase medicine and provide mid-wife salary at the Renk Medical Clinic in South Sudan. **Tickets are not required for this event, suggested donation is \$20.** Please give generously as all donations will be given to the Renk Health Clinic. Parishioner Tina Beverly Summerfield will be among the performers. We hope you can join us - an inspiring concert not to be missed! This event is not a function of Wheaton College.



Little Red Wagon in February and March

About 20 years ago our church started collecting

From our Youth Minister:

THIS WEEK:

Sunday 3/3 @ 9:00-- LIFT Worship & Formation

Sunday 3/3 @ 10:45--SMUSH Worship & Formation

food for St. Cyprian Food Pantry during Lent. It was an Episcopal mission on the northwest side of Chicago when in 1983 someone knocked on the door to ask for food. That simple beginning of the food pantry has now mushroomed into one serving 855 families (3,825 individuals) in December alone and with a budget of \$56,000 a year. Over time, St. Michael's has included more food pantries in our donation rotation, but in Lent we are reminded of our beginnings with St. Cyprian Food Pantry. The needs include breakfast, lunch and dinner foods, detergent, personal items and paper products. May donations to the Little Red Wagon be part of your Lenten

Sunday 3/3, 5:30-7:00--Confirmation Class in the Sturtz House

UPCOMING:

FYI--Happening, the diocesan retreat scheduled at St. Michael's this weekend, 3/1-3/3, has been CANCELLED due to low registration numbers.

Saturday 3/9, 2:00-7:00--Confirmation Service Outing to Animal House Shelter



CROSSwalk II: A Call to Pray and Act

At a time when news of shooting deaths fills the local newspaper and debates about gun control rage in legislatures around the country, the Diocese of Chicago is once again calling people to pray and to act.

On March 22 at 6 p.m. the second annual CROSSwalk, a prayerful four-mile procession to inspire and energize participants in the struggle against gun violence, will begin with a service on the plaza at St. James Commons. To read more click [here](#).



Salem Methodist Mission Trip Fundraiser

Salem Church is planning on a mission trip to New Jersey sometime in June to aid in helping families rebuild after the devastation of super storm Sandy.

We are holding a fundraising event on Sunday, March 10 from 12- 2:30, including food, live music and an appearance by Fire Chief Ralph Webster of Woodstock, Illinois who was an early responder in the Sandy clean-up effort.



The Community Meal

This Month's Meal:

Thursday, March 7, 2013

Hosted By: The Sandner Family

At: Lutheran Church of the Atonement

909 East Main Street

Barrington

discipline.

5-7 p.m

What's Happening in March?

- We will be serving corned beef and cabbage to celebrate St. Patrick's Day!
- The meal is being hosted by the Sandner family!

The Community Meal is a FREE meal hosted once a month at various churches and community centers in and around the Barrington area. All are welcome!

"Conflict and Cooperation" Talk Given by Former CNN Reporter Brian Jenkins, Sponsored by the Rotary Club and Barrington Area Library, 2 March

Conflict and Cooperation is the title of the talk being given by Brian Jenkins, a CNN reporter for many years, at the high school on March 2nd. Brian will highlight some of his experiences and touch on topics in the book "Unbroken," which has been selected for this year's One Book, One Barrington. For more information, a flyer for the event is linked [here](#)

Upcoming Events

- +Sunday, 3 March, Haiti Mission Trip Meeting, 12:00 pm, Library
- +Wednesday, 6 March, Wednesday Nights in Lent, 6:00 pm
- +Sunday, 10 March, Daylight Savings Time Begins

Revised Common Lectionary Year C, Lent 3

Exodus 3:1-15, Psalm 63:1-8, 1 Corinthians 10:1-13, Luke 13:1-9

Contact Info

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