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Your weekly connection with St. Michael's Episcopal Church

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- 3.17 Audrey Poll,
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Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday, March 24, 2013

+7:45 a.m., +9:00 a.m. and +10:45 a.m.

Maundy Thursday, March 28, 2013

+7:30 p.m. Eucharist with Foot Washing

An all-night vigil will take place in the chapel following the 7:30 p.m. service and will continue through 6:00 a.m. on Good Friday. A sign-up sheet is available at St. Michael's.

Good Friday, March 29, 2013

+6:15 a.m. Stations of the Cross

+10:00 a.m. "A Walk Through Holy Week" - A dramatic liturgy for children, suitable for all ages.

+7:30 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy

Easter Eve, March 30, 2013

+8:00 p.m. Great Vigil of Easter, a festive reception will follow in the Community Room.

Easter, March 31, 2013

+7:45 a.m., +9:00 a.m., +11:00 a.m., receptions will follow all services in the Community Room.

- 3.20 Heidi Guthrie,
Samuel Belden
- 3.21 Jessica Lindeen,
Kate Chan, Kristen
Mathison
- 3.22 Shan Atkins,
Hannah LaBarge
- 3.23 Kati Seyffert,
Tommie Nessel,
Timothy Raynor,
Joshua Shultz,
Whitney Brett

There's part of you...

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

When Jesus came back to his disciples, he found them sound asleep. He said to Peter, "Can't you stick it out with me a single hour? Stay alert; be in prayer so you don't wander into temptation without even knowing you're in danger. There is a part of you that is eager, ready for anything in God. But there's another part that's as lazy as an old dog sleeping by the fire."

- Matthew 26:40-41

Dear People of St. Michael's,

Some of you may find the Bible passage quoted above to be both familiar *and* unfamiliar. The story itself is familiar. Jesus is in the Garden of Gethsemane. The end is near. He's asked his disciples to stay awake with him and pray. They fail him.

What's *unfamiliar* is the language with which Jesus addresses the disciples when he finds them sleeping. In many Bible translations Jesus tells the just-wakened disciples that *'the spirit is willing but the flesh is weak.'* But in his free-form rendering known as *The Message*, Eugene Peterson tries to convey the same principle in a new and provocative way.

I can easily spot in myself the two 'parts' that (in Peterson's imagination) Jesus spots in his disciples. One part of *me* is *eager for anything in God*. Another part of me is *lazy as an old dog asleep by the fire*. I gather some of you can also identify this conflict within yourselves.

No doubt I'm partly thinking of Jesus and his disciples in Gethsemane because of how we will ritually remember this part of Christ's Passion on Maundy Thursday (two weeks from today—see the related invitation below).

Just as timely, I imagine, may be how we anticipate and take part in Holy Week and Easter. Some of it *should be familiar*. From Palm Sunday through Easter Day we take our part in a drama well known to Christians for 2000 years. Each year, however, we should also be on the lookout for the *unfamiliar*. It may be only one moment or one new perspective. But it stirs a lazy part in us that has been sleeping by the fire, now invited to waken.

Whether or not you'll be here in Barrington for Holy Week and Easter, I hope and pray that the *part of you* that is *ready for anything in God* will eagerly take part with others who follow Jesus in the gathering, remembering and celebration of his Passion, death and resurrection.

- Patrick +

Anniversaries

- 3.21 Phyllis & Jim
Stevens
- 3.22
Sharon & Jim
Bullion

Rest in Peace

- 3.17 Shepard
Robinson
- 3.18 Jo Kuffel,
Nicholas Johnson
- 3.19 LaVerne Jones
- 3.20 Thomas Myers
- 3.21 Richard Von
Albrecht

3.22 Zoe Blanchard

Also from the Rector

The Watch at the Altar of Repose is a Holy Week discipline observed in many Christian traditions. It begins at St. Michael's as the Maundy Thursday liturgy ends and continues until the Stations of the Cross are prayed at 6:15 a.m. on Good Friday morning. Please consider using the sheet now on display in the church narthex to make a commitment to 'stay awake one hour' with Christ at some point that night. The Altar of Repose is set up in the chapel, which can always be directly entered through a north door facing the north parking lot and Sturtz House. You may also request a time by communicating with Nancy Holmes in the parish office: nholmes@stmichaelsbarrington.org, (847) 381-2323, ext. 11. *It's not necessary to have signed up for the Watch in order to take part!*

Our Easter financial gifts and the larger context of them. Year-round financial stewardship was one theme explored at our March 2 Vestry Retreat. The basis of the conversation was that financial giving to the church is both a personal spiritual discipline and an economic necessity for our parish operations - and neither of these two views of financial stewardship should be confined to a few weeks at the end of the year. Current opportunities for special giving include the following: **1) A special Easter offering for our general ministry operations** - for which you'll receive a letter in the mail; **2) An opportunity to share in the costs of Easter flowers and music** by using an envelope found at the church on either of the next two Sundays; and **3) special outreach mission** designations for the Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil offerings. Thank you for your generosity.

Ruth Lynn Silver, (previously) unsung heroine!



Congratulations, Ruth, for your recognition this past Tuesday morning by the Cook County Commission on Women's Issues. The occasion was the 16th Annual Cook County Unsung Heroines Awards Breakfast, held at the Chicago Cultural Center. Ruth's longtime commitment, through St. Michael's, to the St. Cyprian's Food Pantry in Chicago was among the numerous volunteer commitments for which Ruth was cited and recognized. **In the photo, l. to r.: St. Michael's parishioner and Barrington Township Supervisor Gene Dawson; parishioner (and altar guild flowers visionary) Jane Dawson; township Administrative Assistant Barbara Janssen; Ruth Silver; Cook County Women's Commission member Linda Fleming; and St. Michael's Rector, Patrick Raymond.**

In the Parish family

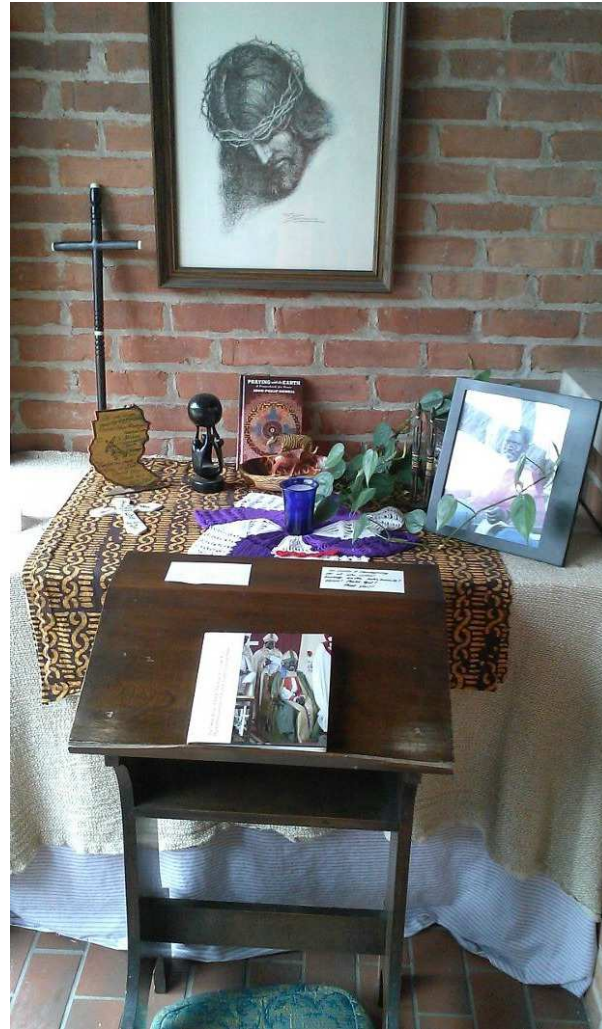
+Those for whom prayers have been requested:

Brian; Andrew; Cassie; Michele; Frank & Suzanne; Steve & Barb; Sharon; Sue; Bob; Connie; Mary; Debbie; Pat; Mary; Bob; Steve; Rollo; Ben & Paulette; Amy; Scott; the Caruso family; Marie; the Schaefer family; 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.

+Marie Schaefer died this week at 101 years of age. She is the mother of parishioner Jack Schaefer and mother-in-law of parishioner Carolyn Schaefer. A private ceremony will take place in Iowa and a public service in April.

Prayers for Peace & the People of Renk

In the words of Bishop Joseph Garang Atem to us, "Pray for peace in S. Sudan, where the economy is broken and everyone is suffering. The people come to me all day, everyday, asking for help."



Email Bishop Joseph with your prayers and encouragement josephatem@gmail.com. They pray for us.

+The Haiti Project has a new baby...actually two!
We are excited to share the blessed news of the births of Laura and Laurie Quatorze, twin daughters of Pere Lenord Quatorze and his wife Fifi. Together, with the parish of S. Marc's-Jeannette we offer prayers of thanks. The beautiful girls were born on Monday night (March 11th). The babies and mama are healthy and doing well. And, Pere Lenord is a very proud papa who shared this first photo with all of us.



If you would like to send a card or gift to Fifi, please contact Elizabeth van der Weide for the address. Elizabeth's email is elizabeth@haitiproject.org

**Food for the Journey Sunday, 17 March, 10:05 a.m.:
The Seasons of the Church Year Revolve Around the
Life of Christ**

Come and learn about the liturgical calendar and the names of the main feasts and liturgical seasons. Did you realize that every Sunday has a significance and that every Sunday belongs to a liturgical season? We prepare, celebrate and grow continually throughout the seasons of the liturgical year, and this is a repeating, circular, "infinite" pattern. Nerissa Brueckbauer will present.

**There will not be a presentation of
Food for the Journey on**



***Lenten Program 2013
Five Wednesday Evenings***



Little Red Wagon in February and March

About 20 years ago our church started collecting 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

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 Wednesday:

Wednesday, March 20

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

From our Youth Minister:

THIS WEEK:

Sunday 3/17 @ 9:00--LIFT Worship & Prayers for the Dead

Sunday 3/17 @ 10:45--SMUSHWorship & Formation

Sunday 3/17 , 3:00 pm--LIFT Mission Trip Meeting at Redeemer. Please let me know if you plan to attend and whether you need transportation or not.

UPCOMING:

Friday, 3/22 @ 6:00 pm

--CROSSwalk II: A Call to Prayer & Action a prayerful four-mile procession to inspire and energize participants in the struggle against gun violence in the city. It will begin with a service on the plaza at St. James Commons. It would definitely be a good experience for the whole family. Learn more below.



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.

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 discipline.

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](#).



AWSM (All Women of St. Michael's) will be hosting a Great Gatsby evening Saturday, April 20th at 7pm for the whole parish.

Enjoy appetizers and jazz. Details to follow. Adults only please.

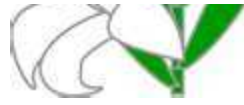
Nicholas Alvin Johnson Memorial Scholarship Application Call 2013 marks the eighth year of the Nicholas Alvin Johnson Memorial Scholarship which is awarded to a high school graduate for the purpose of college or university fees to a four year institution. The scholarship is awarded to a high school graduate who has been and is active at St. Michael's, Church of the Redeemer in Elgin, or Holy Apostles in Wauconda. The scholarship is in the amount of \$2500 (per year) and is renewable for four years based upon meeting the standards established by the Scholarship Committee. Application packets were mailed last week to all St. Michael's high school seniors. If for any reason your senior did not receive the application packet please call the parish office. Please note **the deadline for submitting completed applications is 5:00 p.m. on May 1, 2013.** For more information, contact Nancy Holmes at nholmes@stmichaelsbarrington.org or 847-381-2323 ext. 11.



Remember Loved Ones and Give Thanks for Blessings through Easter Flower Donations

As Easter approaches, we anticipate a joyful and inspiring celebration of our Lord's resurrection. We wonderfully enhance our worship by adorning our church with glorious flowers that announce "Christ is risen!"

Donations toward the cost of the



Easter flowers can be a special way of remembering loved ones; they can also express thanksgiving for the many blessings we receive. The Easter bulletin will have two lists of names: "In Memory of" and "In Thanksgiving for." If your contribution is in memory of a loved one, his or her name will be listed. If your contribution is given in thanksgiving for a spouse, family member or friend, their names will be listed.

To donate, please use one of the provided flower envelopes located in the narthex. Fill out the names of your loved ones on the envelope, place your check inside, and drop your envelope in the regular collection basket or bring it into the parish office. To have your donation printed in the Easter bulletin please submit your envelope by March 24. Thank you.

Receptions will follow all the Easter Services

Receptions will follow all the Easter Services, 8:00 p.m., 30 March and 7:45, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. 31 March. Please bring a plate of finger food to the service you plan to attend. Marti Callahan is looking for volunteers to help clean-up after each service and to keep the food platters and punch bowls filled. Please contact Marti if you are willing to volunteer at marticallahan@gmail.com.



Support Bishop Anderson House!

Laurie Michaels, Jim Bullion, Ann Ryba and the Trustees of Bishop Anderson House warmly invite you to "Catch the Spirit" at our annual spring benefit, on Sunday, April 28. This year the fun begins at a new location, Scoozi!, at 410 W Huron, just off the Kennedy Expressway in downtown Chicago.

\$125 per person includes drinks, laughter, dinner, inspirational testimonies, wine, friendship and the ever amazing Silent Auction, which this year includes a \$535 poker extravaganza, \$250 pet pampering basket, \$200 Episcopalooza basket, \$400 spa and renew basket, Priceless beer making lesson, \$350 movies and media basket, \$200 Girls' Day out basket, and many more.

Wait, there's more--you can purchase raffle tickets, too, & win these amazing prizes: A Downton Abbey Feast for 8 prepared by staff and trustees of BAH, hosted in elegant surroundings in Chicago; a

\$500 Apple Gift Card; a Kindle with the works; a Hoover Vacuum and \$90 dinner gift card at Big Bowl.

Supporting Bishop Anderson House sustains our chaplaincy work as we help God's people in crisis, seeking to alleviate anxiety and fear and provide hope to those facing illness and loneliness.

Purchase event and raffle tickets on Sundays in March after services--just look for Jim, Ann or Laurie. Or, better yet, click here and purchase online: www.bishopandersonhouse.org



**Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner,
Dundee Scottish Pipe Band Promise to
Delight All At St. Patrick's Day's
Celebration on March 23 at St. James
Episcopal Church, West Dundee**

Plan on celebrating St. Patrick's Day a little later when St. James Episcopal Church hosts a Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner on Saturday, March 23.

From 5 to 7:30 pm, the traditional Irish meal will be served along with a gourmet horseradish sauce and Guinness gravy in the Parish Hall of the church located at 516 Washington Street, West Dundee. During the meal, the prize-winning Dundee Scottish Pipe Band will give a rousing performance of authentic Irish and Scottish music. Due to the overwhelming response last year, tickets will be sold in two seatings, which include both dinner and performance. First seating will be from 5-6:15 p.m. and the second seating will be from 6:15-7:30 p.m. and will be available at the parish office, or at the door. Seating is limited and advance ticket purchases are suggested. Prices are \$6 for children (12 and under)/\$7 at the door; \$12 for adults/\$15 at the door; \$10 for seniors/\$12 at the door. Children under 5 eat free. For more information or to reserve a ticket, call the parish office at 847.426.5612.



Passion Art Walk, Barrington, March 25th -30th

You are invited to explore, discover and walk through 12 stores in

the Village of Barrington of a Passion Art Walk open March 25th -30th, 2013. 12 Artists have created commissioned pieces of artwork depicting the Biblical Story of the Passion. Audiences are encouraged to attend their local Church's Easter Service to find the last commissioned artwork. Click [here](#) to see a list and map of the stores in Barrington with the artwork (the website provides a clearer map, however). Included in the walk is a special showing of "The Passion of The Christ" at the Catlow on Saturday, March 30 at 12:00 p.m., tickets are \$7.00 and available at St. Michael's Church Office. There will be a live performance by Citizen Way before the film; they will perform their HIT SINGLE "It Should've Been Me." For more information go to the website, [www. passionartwalk.com](http://www.passionartwalk.com)

Upcoming Events

- +Wednesday, 20 March, Wednesdays in Lent, 6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross
- +Please see the Holy Week schedule printed at the top of this newsletter.

Revised Common Lectionary Year C, Lent 5

Isaiah 43:16-21, Psalm 126, Philippians 3:4b-14, John 12:1-8

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