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The 'Tridium' - Sacred Three Days

Maundy Thursday, March 28, 2013
+ 7:30 p.m. Eucharist with Foot Washing (w/incense)
An all-night watch at the altar of repose will take place in the chapel following the 7:30 p.m. service and will continue through 6:00 a.m. on Good Friday.

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 (w/incense), a festive reception will follow in the Community Room.

The Celebration of Easter...
...begins with the Great Vigil (Saturday, March 30, see above)
Anniversaries
This Week
Birthdays
3.31 Valorie Eaton
4.1 Joseph Ridges, Mark Marcinkiewicz, Charlotte Barton, Elizabeth Barton
4.2 Robert Anderson
4.4 David Smith, Ric Lindeen, Pat Okonel, Mita Mullick
4.5 Alison Tomczyk
4.6 Libby Rieke, Amanda Dern, Simon Wirth

Anniversaries
4.5 Aimee & Richard Mattes

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Easter, March 31, 2013
+7:45 a.m. Eucharist, Rite I
+9:00 a.m. #, +11:00 a.m. Choral Eucharist with Choir and Guest Musicians
(incense at 11:00 a.m. only)
Receptions will follow all services in the Community Room.

#There is no Church School on Easter.

Childcare is available for children up to 5 years of age in the Church School hallway during the following services:

Easter - 9:00 and 11:00 a.m., 31 March, Sunday

Childcare may be made available during special services with 48 hour advance notice. Please make requests to Nerissa Brueckbauer, 847.381.2323 extension 15 or nbrueckbauer@stmichaelsbarrington.org.

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

Then a servant-girl, seeing [Peter] in the firelight, stared at him and said, "This man also was with him."

Dear People of St. Michael's,

For unknown reasons, the verse above grabbed my attention during our Palm Sunday reading of Luke's Passion account. When I heard the story again in another context later in the day, I heard the reader say that the servant-girl "looked closely" at Peter. My curiosity increased. Is looking closely the same thing as staring? And is the question important? I think so, but you may need to be convinced. Imagine feeling riveted by three remarks about a verb ...

First, you'd likely agree that the verse above works just fine without the third line (as I laid it out). The author used two verbs. One simply tells us that the servant-girl saw Peter (in the firelight). The other explains how she saw him: she was staring, or looking closely, or ...

Second, we may better understand how the servant-girl saw Peter by searching for the Greek word atenisisa in other Bible stories. When Jesus returned to his hometown,
Nazareth, 'the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him' (Luke 4:20). The apostles are described as 'looking intently up into the sky' after the Ascension of Jesus (Acts 1:10). Stephen, the first Christian martyr, 'looked into heaven' moments before an angry mob stoned him (Acts 7:55). The same verb used in these intense, meaning-laden moments also describes how the servant-girl observed Peter.

Third, I found eleven distinctive translations into English of atenisasa. I concluded for myself that 'staring' is a weak rendering. I prefer one in which the servant-girl is 'looking steadfastly' at Peter.

My point? It's this: If we 'look steadfastly' at how the servant-girl saw and confronted Peter, we may well be led to wonder how and how well we see. How often do we see with real care, intensity or depth? How effectively or how often does the ministry of the church similarly (genuinely) confront us with the truth about ourselves?

I hope and pray, of course, that you'll be here if possible, for all of our Holy Week and Easter worship. But I also hope and pray that we'll say about it when it's over that at least one moment or detail or word or ritual caught our attention, led us to looking intently, and caused us to see - ourselves, one another and God - more truly and faithfully.

-Patrick+

+St. Michael's to host Resurrection work by famous painter Hyatt Moore. As a sponsoring Barrington-area church of the local Passion Art Walk, St. Michael's was chosen as the first church to display a resurrection-theme painting by internationally-known artist Hyatt Moore. The story of the painting can be found at the artist's website, www.hyattmoore.com, and the painting will be traveling to a dozen local churches, one week at a time, over the next few months. Please consider taking time with a family member or friend to take part in the Passion Art Walk, in Barrington Village shops through Easter Day. A map showing the host stores for the twelve original artworks can be found at the website, www.passionartwalk.com.
Location of Hyatt Moore's work - see a full picture of the work below.

**Bishop Epting's April 28 Visit to St. Michael's** will feature opportunities for Confirmation or to be Received or a for a simple Reaffirmation of Faith. Please plan to be present for worship that day and direct any related questions to the clergy. Thank you.

"We who are many, are one body..."

Do you know anyone unable to attend Easter worship who would value having communion brought to them? A long standing ministry at St. Michael's involves bringing communion to those unable to be with us on Sunday mornings. If you know of anyone who would value receiving communion, please let Father Kevin know (847)-381-2323 x 13.

**In the Parish family**

+Those for whom prayers have been requested:
Sharon; Sue; Bob; Connie; Mary; Debbie; Pat; Mary; Bob; Steve; the Mayberry family; the Bishop family; Claudia; Peggy; Sonji; Cleo; Kelsey; Allyson; Gina & Cliff; BH & family; Bob & the Geasey
family; Mary & Bob; Ed; Scott; Eddie; Donna & Dave; Blaise; Leal; Karen; Rollo; Ben & Paulette; Amy; Scott; the Caruso family; 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.

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

Easter Sunday.

Walk Through Holy Week - a service especially appropriate for children
Please attend a very special celebration of the
Paschal Mystery this year on Good Friday, 29 March 2013, at 10 a.m. at St. Michael's. This is an experiential presentation crafted especially for children, but which may certainly be appreciated by all ages. Walk the path of the sacred story following Jesus as he enters Jerusalem to the cacophony of cheers of greeting and exultation to the intimacy and solemnity of the upper room where he shared the last supper with his disciples to the quiet abandonment in the garden to the trial, the cross and the tomb, but, ultimately, to the glory of resurrection!

Please join us after our Walk Through Holy Week for our Resurrection Celebration! We are asking for those attending to bring some finger foods to share. For example, clementines, seedless grapes, carrots and dip, Rice Krispy treats, cookies, cupcakes, cheese sandwiches (cut into quarters) and so forth. Please bring your donations to the entrance to the Community Room before making your way to the sanctuary to begin the walk.

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.

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...
Little Red Wagon in February and March

About 20 years ago our church started collecting food for St. Cyuprian 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

St. Michael's Selected to Display Original Work by Artist Hyatt Moore as part of PASSIONARTWALK through Tuesday, 2 April

St. Michael's participation in the PASSIONARTWALK, described above, resulted in the random selection of our parish to be the first church in Barrington to display the original artwork created by artist Hyatt Moore as the final, and culminating, work. Please view this breathtaking work on the wall immediately outside of the Community Room doors. You may choose to read more about the artist and his creative process for this work, in particular, by clicking here or visiting the following website: http://www.hyattmoore.com /egallery/

One Pool Table for Sale! Please click here for more details! All proceeds will benefit the refurbishment of the Sturtz House floors!
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.

Save the Date - 4/20/13 7:00 p.m.
Great Gatsby Evening hosted by AWSM (All the Women of St. Michael's)
Enjoy dancing and listening to jazz provided by BHS' Big Phat Quintet. Appetizers provided.
Details to follow soon via The Sword and Evite.

St. Paul United Church of Christ
Labyrinth Open to All on Good Friday from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.
We invite you and your congregational members to participate in a time of private reflection on our Prayer Labyrinth on Good Friday from 4-7 p.m.

For centuries, those seeking spiritual guidance have used labyrinths as meditative tools. When we prayerfully ponder life’s meaning and purpose, we journey inward toward the center—toward our Source. Having reached the center, we pause and absorb the wisdom offered from that space. The journey out is a time for reflection on how this enlightenment or transformation can be carried into our lives beyond the labyrinth.

The Classical 7-Circuit Labyrinth is the oldest and most prevalent of labyrinth designs. The design is at least five thousand years old and can be found all over the world, from Siberia to Sumatra. Variations of this pattern are found in Crete, across much of Scandinavia, and in the American Southwest.

"We are called to be loving and compassionate, living the way of Christ, growing, thinking, accepting and serving." All are welcome. For more information, please call us at 847-381-0460.

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Get a Foretaste of the Chicago Diocese

*Thrive!*

Magazine May Issue by picking up a brochure in the narthex that hints at the stories of vitality, creativity and generosity that will be told! More and more the Diocese of Chicago is many things. It is the hope of the Director of Networking for the
Diocese, that we are more and more becoming a diocese that is qualified by the words: vital, inclusive, generous and thriving!

**Holy Week is a Busy Week at St. Michael's!**

Diane Clancy working on the Altar of Repose.
Jane Dawson working on the Altar of Repose.

Holy Week Music Meeting!

The first of many Holy Week bulletins begin to line the floor of Nancy's office - Maundy Thursday, 7:30 p.m., 28 March.

From Our Youth Minister
This week I had the pleasure of traveling to Walker & Onigum, Minnesota, the site of our 2013 SMUSH Mission Trip. Joined on this trip by Judy Tammi, our task was simple, gather as much information
as possible about the location, logistics of the trip, community, and culture of the area. We were doing all of this in a matter of 36 hours! We reached Bemidji on their third and final flight of the day on Monday night at 10:45, located our rental car, and drove 45 minutes to Walker, reaching our hotel at about 11:45. On Tuesday we toured Hiawatha Beach Resort, our lodging facility, met Pastor Mark Olson who serves two Episcopal missions in the area, toured St. Peter's Episcopal, attended a Rotary lunch and meeting, toured Onigum and St. John's Episcopal, met some of the local families we will be serving, scoped out the hardware & grocery stores, and met with Boys & Girls Club representatives. Needless to say, it was a BUSY day. We returned to Barrington early Wednesday morning with our heads spinning a bit. Our mission achieved, we are very excited to continue planning the upcoming trip. There is still MUCH to be done. Please contact me, kbaker@stmichaelsbarrington.org or at (859) 608-1079, if you are interested in lending a hand. Many thanks for your continued support of our mission trips as well the entire Youth Ministry program at St. Michael's.

Upcoming Events
+Please see the Holy Week schedule printed at the top of this newsletter.

Revised Common Lectionary Year C, Easter Day

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