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Week of the Young Child

a letter to the parish from Caren Hunter, Director, Little Angels Christian Preschool

Dear St. Michael's,

The Week of the Young Child™ is an annual celebration sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), the world's largest early childhood education association, with nearly 80,000 members and a network of over 300 local, state, and regional Affiliates. Little

Birthdays

4.21 Margaret Blass,
Brittany Jaekel,
Emily Stoettner
4.22 Christine
Cressey, Mary Nicol,
Robert Tilly, Hunter
Kilanski
4.23 Conner Rejman,
Lucas Nance,
Nicholas Sykes,
Patricia Kean
4.24 Jaquelyn Maire,
Priscilla Marsh, Vicki

Montgomery
4.25 Cynthia Neff
4.26 Laurie
Michaels, Dylan
Murphy
4.27 Carolyn

Schaefer, Jim Pajakowski, Anne Rough Angels Christian Preschool holds the prestigious NAEYC Accreditation!

The purpose of the Week of the Young Child™ is to focus public attention on the needs of young children and their families and to recognize the early childhood programs and services that meet those needs. The theme for the Week of the Young Child™ 2013 is Early Years Are Learning Years®. And this year, LACP has many special activities planned to celebrate the early years of learning here at Little Angels!

Please come down and enjoy the Little Angels Art show in the Preschool hallway through the 26th of April. There are so many techniques and works of art on display!

Each year Guest Readers from the Barrington Community and St. Michael's are asked to come and share a book with the children of the Preschool during this week. This year's readers include:

Monday AM - Karen Darch/ Village President Tuesday AM - Barrington Area Librarian

Tuesday PM - Father Patrick Raymond/ St. Michael's Rector Wednesday AM - Angela Grandgeorge/ Barrington Firefighter and Paramedic

Wednesday PM - Barrington Area Librarian Thursday AM - Phyllis Raufeisen/ St. Michael's Church Member and retired Teacher Friday AM - Tim Raynor/ Colonel, US Marine Corps

Friday PM - Kim Lessner/St. Michael's Staff Member

Our Family Event is on Thursday, April 18 from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. We will have free pizza and entertainment by "Mr. Tim". We will also have face painting and a silent auction of nine special canvases made by each class and the "reservation" of two front pews of the church for Little Angels' graduation. We celebrate early years of learning at Little Angels this week and every week! To find out more information about the Preschool, please visit our website at

www.littleangelspreschool.org.

-Caren Hunter

Anniversaries

4.22 Sue & Stephen
Barnum
4.24 Michelle & Bill
Bradtke, Robert &
Christina Robbins
4.25 Judy & Bill
Heinrich, Lynn &
Forest Mayberry



Caren Hunter, Director, Little Angels

Rest in Peace

4.21 John Malmsten4.24 David Capulli4.26 Margaret Linde,Angus Ray4.27 Dorothy Duffy

From the Rector:

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Sunday, April 28, Parish Visitation by Bishop Christopher Epting

The bishop will be present at all three Eucharists.

Dialog with the bishop: after the 9:00 a.m. Eucharist
Reception for all: after the 10:45 a.m. Eucharist
For additional information about Bishop Epting from the
Diocese of Chicago website, please click here.

Little Red Wagon

In the month of April the food in the Little Red Wagon will be going to help support the Families in Crisis program at Church of the Redeemer in Elgin. The needs are many. Besides the staples of canned fruits, vegetables and meat - special needs are rice, beans, cooking oil, flour, pasta and sauces. Diapers and

children's clothing

Saturday, May 4: Vestry and All-Parish Leadership Gathering, 8:30 a.m. - Noon

All parishioners of all ages are encouraged to join us. The theme will be 'Roots & Branches ... continued.' We'll continue to explore themes of meaningful parishioner connections, belonging to the church, and the relationship between our personal membership and our shared faith and mission. The Vestry will also be presenting a plan for parishioner examination of and response to issues related to the church's blessing of same-gender relationships.

In the Parish family

+Those for whom prayers have been requested:

are a welcome addition. Monetary donations to help provide some of these items may be placed in the large canister attached to the Little Red Wagon.

The Bishop family; Claudia; Peggy; Sonji; Cleo; Kelsey; Allyson; Gina & Cliff; BH & family; Bob & the Geasey family; Mary & Bob; Ed; Scott; Eddie; Donna & Dave; Blaike; Christine; Karen; Rollo; Ben & Paulette; Amy; Margaret; Karen; Barbara; Scott; safety & peace in South Sudan; Bishop Joseph; Families in Crisis program at Church of the Redeemer in Elgin; military troops in danger including those from our parish, especially, Zane, Ryan, Michael, Bruce, and Taylor.

- +Jack Longo and Owen Raymond are appearing in Prairie Middle School's spring production of *The Little Mermaid*.
- +Amanda Dern is appearing in *Honk!*, her middles school's production at Barrington High School's auditorium, April 25th through 28th.

Food for the Journey, 21 April at 10:05 a.m.

What do Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation, Marriage, Ordination, Unction and Reconciliation of a Penitent have in common? They are all understood as rites which help us to be a sacramental people. Join Father Kevin in exploring what we mean we talk about sacraments. The Book of Common Prayer teaches that "Sacraments are outward and visible signs of inward and spiritual grace"(p. 857). But what does that mean for our life? What difference does it make when we participate in a sacramental rite? What do we believe happens? What makes us affirm that God can become known in bread and wine; oil and water; promises made to God and vows to one another? THIS OFFERING MIGHT BE PARTICULARLY MEANINGFUL FOR ALL THOSE PREPARING TO RENEW THEIR FAITH THROUGH CONFIRMATION, REAFFIRMATION or RECEPTION, when Bishop Epting visits us next week. Join the conversation.

And on Sunday, 7 April, Fr. Jim Bullion did a presentation on the Lord's Prayer from the original Aramaic, the language of Jesus. The presentation was well received and several people asked if the notes Fr. Jim used could be posted. If you are interested in this information, please click here. The book he used is

available in the book store and is titled *Prayers of the Universe* by Neil Douglas-Klotz with a forward by Matthew Fox (price of the book is \$11.95).



Wednesday Nights in April... and early May (taking a break)

We will be taking a break from our regular Wednesday evening programs through the first week in May... Be on the lookout for more info in

weeks to come!



Youth Fundraiser! Spring Flower Sale!

It's that time of year again to start thinking about all those beautiful flowers that will fill our yards this summer. Once again the youth will be doing there Annual Plant Sale to help fund upcoming mission trips this summer. Order forms are

available in the hallway and the church office or on the website. You may also download a form by clicking here. We will take orders until 28 April, and the flower pick-up will be Saturday, 4 May.

15 Love Languages

"The Marriage You've Always Wanted" A Seminar with Dr. Gary Chapman

Lutheran Church of the Atonement will be hosting Dr. Gary Chapman for a seminar, "The Marriage You've Always Wanted," Saturday, September 21st from 9:00 a.m. -3:30 p.m.

Many of us are reluctant to make plans so far in advance, but Dr. Chapman is a highy-sought-after speaker who typically fills larger venues than this. This seminar is being announced to local churches before it is announced to the general public.

Dr. Chapman's best-known work is <u>The Five Love Languages</u>. Written over twenty years ago, it remains a best-seller today. Dr. Chapman combines faith, wisdom, compassion, and humor in a well-paced day.

The best way to sign up for this is via Atonement's website, www.churchofatonement.org.

From Our Youth Minister

THIS WEEK:

Sunday 4/21, 9:00 am -- LIFT Worship & Formation

Sunday 4/21, 10:45 am -- SMUSH Worship & Formation

Sunday 4/21, 5:30-7:00 -- Confirmation Class @ the Sturtz House

UPCOMING:

Sunday 4/28--Flower Orders Due

Sunday 4/28 @ 10:45--Confirmation Sunday with Bishop Epting presiding

Sunday 5/5 @ 10:45--Graduation Recognition Sunday

Ribfest - Save the Date!

Saturday, 22 June, 4:00 p.m.!





Lost and Found Platters, Dishes and



Containers

Please look for any platters, dishes or containers that you may have left in the Community Room kitchen in the last few months. We have quite a collection. All items not claimed by the 28th of April will be given a ride to Goodwill!



The Community Meal

The Community Meal is a FREE meal hosted once a month at various churches and community centers in and around the Barrington area. Come because you are too busy to cook, wanting to get to know your neighbors or want a warm meal.

This Month's Meal:
Thursday, April 18, 2013
SS Peter & Paul Catholic Church
416 North First Street

Cary 5-7 p.m

What's Happening in April?

- We will be serving spaghetti and meatballs, salad, dessert and a taste of community!
- SS Peter & Paul's youth group will be serving the meal. They prepared baked goods and created CM aprons.

We welcome our Cary neighbors!



Contribution Statements, First Quarter

Contribution Statements for First Quarter 2013 have been mailed to all parishioners as of April 17.

Please take a moment to review your statement for any donation discrepancies between our records. If you have not received a statement or find a discrepancy on your statement after reviewing, please contact Kim Lessner at the parish offices, 847-381-2323, ext. 16 or via email klessner@stmichaelsbarrington.org. Thank you!



Reminder to all graduating high school seniors...

The presentation of the Nicholas Alvin Johnson Memorial Scholarship will be Sunday, May 5. The application deadline is May 1. Completed

applications must be into the parish office by 5:00 p.m. on that date.

Upcoming Events

- +20 April, Saturday AWSM Great Gatsby Event 7:00 p.m.
- +28 April, Sunday, Flower Sale Orders Due
- +28 April, Sunday, Bishop Anderson "Catch the Spirit" Spring Fundraiser
- +28 April, Sunday, Bishop Epting's visit, Confirmation and Reception
- +4 May, Saturday, Flower Orders Delivered
- +5-9 August, Monday through Friday, Vacation Bible School, 9:15 a.m. through 12:00 p.m.

Revised Common Lectionary Year C, Easter 4

Acts 9:36-43; Psalm 23; Revelation 7:9-17; John 10:22-30

Contact Info

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John Davis - Treasurer, Craig Anderson - Clerk
Marissa Longo, Youth Representative Madelyn Lanham, Youth Representative
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The Rev. Patrick Raymond, Rector; The Rev. Kevin Caruso, Curate; The Rev. Laurie Michaels, Deacon; Caren Hunter, Director of Little Angels Christian Preschool; David Baker, Director of Music Ministries; Thom Wibbels, Organist; Kara Joy Baker, Youth Pastor & Director of Children's Choir; Nerissa Brueckbauer, Children's Education Director & Communications Coordinator; Kim Lessner, Parish Operations; Nancy Holmes, Parish Administrator & Rector's Assistant; Ed Allen, Sexton.

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