

The Sword



Your weekly connection with St. Michael's Episcopal Church

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Upcoming at St. Michael's:

+This Sunday, 28 April, Visit by Bishop Epting, who will preach and preside at all three services. Confirmation, Reception and Reaffirmation will take place. Dialogue with the Bishop at approximately 10:05 a.m. in the Community Room. Reception for the Confirmands after the 10:45 a.m. service.



+Saturday, 4 May: 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.' More information is provided below.

Introspection ... and Extrospection *a letter to the people from the Rector*

Dear People of St. Michael's,

We all know the meaning of introspection -- regardless of how often or how usefully we practice it. But what about extrospection? When was the last time you used the word or heard it used, if ever? One dictionary defines extrospection as '*consideration and observation of things external to the self*'.

Both introspection and extrospection come to my mind now because of two upcoming St. Michael's events: Bishop Christopher Epting's visit this Sunday, April 28, and the Vestry's 3rd Annual All-Parish Leadership Gathering on

- 4.28 Meredith
Perrine
4.29 Todd Rieke,
Tina Summerfield
4.30 Erica Ward,
Brianna Zukowski
5.1 Susan Ferry, Jim
Steed
5.2 JoAnn Bailey,
Charlie Douglas
5.3 Julia Moore,
Janet Sell

Saturday, May 4, 8:30 a.m. to Noon. Both events invite us as a congregation to look both inward and outward.

The introspection for both events will take place as we try to recognize, agree upon and share our story as a parish, first with the bishop and then with one another for the Vestry gathering. A wise bishop will often see the congruency or the blarney in the relationship between the stated story and the real story of a congregation. I hope we'll be as insightful about ourselves.

Both the bishop's visit and the Vestry leadership gathering also invite us to pry our attention away from St. Michael's to see a bigger picture of the Church. We'll be reminded that we share in the ministry of a diocese with fellow Episcopalians in other suburbs, in urban neighborhoods and in rural farming communities. And the meeting last Saturday of our Outreach Granting Committee signals our ongoing faith and outreach responses to many local and regional needs.

Extrospection may also lead us to celebrate and evaluate (among other things) the long reach and connection of St. Michael's beyond our diocese and the Chicago area. Just a few examples that come to mind include: Renk, South Sudan, where St. Michael's support has made such a difference for 15 years and is still so needed; Walker Minnesota and Jeanette, Haiti, destinations for two of three summer mission trips in 2013; and England, where some of our choir members have begun to plan a residency-pilgrimage for the summer of 2014.

From the point of view of faith and ministry and belonging in and to the church, the best extrospection requires diverse voices and perspectives and experiences and resources -- please bring yours as we anticipate two unique and meaningful parish events in the next ten days.

-Patrick +

Also from the Rector

Got Reaffirmation? As I've explained in a number of contexts for a few months now, Bishop Epting's visit will provide an opportunity for any member of St. Michael's to take part in a simple Reaffirmation of Faith, at any of the three Sunday Eucharists. Individuals who respond will come forward with others, answer two questions of faith (along with others who are standing before the bishop) and be briefly blessed, individually, by the bishop. The pertinent part of the rite can be found in the Book of Common Prayer on page 415 and following.

Anniversaries

- 4.30 Leslie & John
Yerger

Rest in Peace

- 4.30 Alfred Watt
5.3 Margaret Morgan

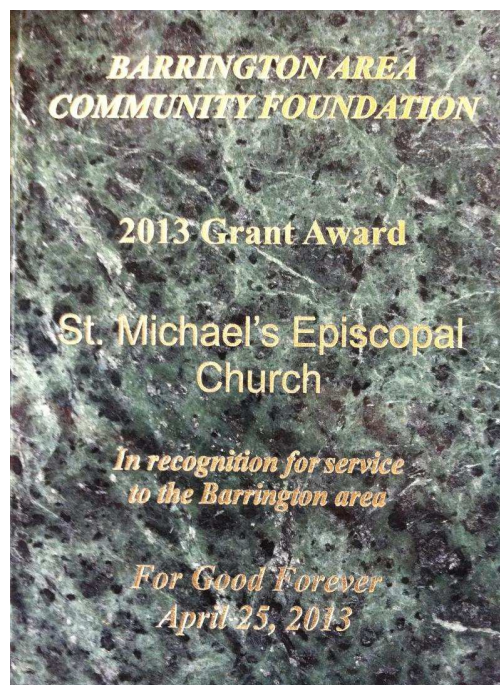
Barrington Area Community Foundation awards 2013

grant to St. Michael's for Community Room improvements. St. Michael's has been named as one of the recipients of 2013 grants from the Barrington Area Community Foundation. The \$8,000 grant will cover a portion of the costs for a project that Buildings & Grounds Chairperson Todd Ross has playfully and aptly dubbed 'CRISP' - **C**ommunity **R**oom **I**mprovement of **S**ound **P**roject! The award letter from the foundation can be read by clicking [here](#). I'm happy to provide copies of the BACF grant proposal upon request. Stay tuned for more information and progress reports on this project.

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 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.



Senior Warden Kathy Randolph and Father Patrick received the BACF grant on behalf of St. Michael's at an awards ceremony on Thursday morning, April 25. They are pictured

with St. Michael's parishioner Dave Waring, who supports the foundation's efforts.

In the Parish family

+Those for whom prayers have been requested:

BH & family; Bob & the Geasey family; Mary & Bob; Ed; Scott; Eddie; Donna & Dave; Blaike; Christine; Rollo; Ben & Paulette; Amy; Margaret; Karen; Barbara; Scott; Lori; Phil & Babe; Sue; Barb; Mary; 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.

+The Antiracism Commission of the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago will convene and lead a 2&1/2 day workshop titled 'Analyzing Systemic Racism' at St. Michael's, **starting today, Thursday, April 25, and through Saturday afternoon, April 27**. More information on the program may be found by clicking [here](#).

+With gratitude - from Mary Hansley.

(Below is a short excerpt from a note received from Mary Hansley. To read the entire note, please click [here](#).)

The month has passed quickly since Gene's death, and at last I can turn to expressing my deep gratitude to St. Michael's for sending flowers for his funeral eucharist. The intimate service was celebrated in the small and light-infused octagonal St. Mary's Chapel at Bruton Parish House, and it was the perfect sacred site to honor Gene's Virginia religious heritage. Gene relished the Anglo-Catholic architecture and churchmanship of St. Michael's, but at heart he loved most the light streaming through clear colonial glass windows. Gene was so thrilled to be back home in Virginia and was never happier than living in Williamsburg.

I've attached a picture of the chapel on the day of his service, and a not very clear picture of the flowers you all sent. The altar flowers reminded me of Ruth Silver's flair, and the florist who created them was the same man (Elgin was his name!) who made up the basket from St. Michael's. Although it may not be clear from the picture, he coordinated them very well, using many of the same spring flowers in each. The basket was just outside the door to the chapel and was a welcoming breath of the new birth of spring leading worshippers into the chapel - even if it was accompanied by one final episode of snow the night before! Because it was Monday in Holy Week I was able to take the basket home with me and it

adorned my table well into Easter Week. Unfortunately, that is where the dark photo is from.

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Please do pass along my thanks to whoever initiated the kind remembrance, and I am so touched by those parishioners who knew Gene and sent their condolences. It was good to have our time at St. Michael's as part of the memorial. With blessings for Eastertide ~
Love, Mary



Food for the Journey, 10:05 a.m., 28 April

Parishioner-Bishop Dialogue- "We are St. Michael's" presentation, to include brief statements by our six High School confirmands. Bishop Epting will provide a response and reflection.

Food for the Journey, 10:05 a.m., 5 May

Review and discussion of our Food for the Journey program year. Please come and participate as we remember, reflect and discuss the year in review. Also, be a part of the creative process as we think about plans for next year's program.

Food for the Journey, 10:05, 12 May

The Lord's Prayer Reprise. Father Bullion's presentation on the Lord's Prayer met with such resounding enthusiasm that we have asked him back for more! The book Father Jim used as a reference is now available at And All the Angels: Prayers of the Universe by Neil Douglas-Klotz.

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).



**LAST CALL...
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.

From Our Youth Minister

This Sunday all youth should sit with their families. During the 9:00 service I will be with the Confirmation Class. I invite all LIFT & SMUSH families to join the Confirmands and Bishop Epting at 10:00 in the Community room for a discussion about confirmation. THERE WILL BE NO FORMATION IN THE STURTZ HOUSE THIS SUNDAY, 4/28!

THIS WEEK:

Sunday 4/28 , 9:00 am -- LIFT Worship

Sunday 4/28 , 10:45 am -- SMUSH Worship & Confirmation

UPCOMING:

Sunday 4/28--Flower Orders Due

Saturday 5/4--Flower Delivery 8:00-12:00. Youth workers needed!

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



Colin, Sean, Mason, Mackenzie, Colleen and Lily.
(not pictured, Madelyn)

Getting to know our 2013 High School Confirmands

Please click [here](#) to read a little more about our High School Confirmands!



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!



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.



Spring Cleanup Day Saturday May 18th, 8 to 11:30 AM



We will be spreading mulch once more (thin areas and areas not covered last year), cleaning up outside and washing windows (all at Sturtz and as needed in the church). Please bring window cleaner and paper towels for window cleaning. We also intend to remove a brush pile and some small tree branches, if by chance you have a small brush chipper and can lend it for a day it would be very helpful. Please contact Todd Ross, tdd.rss@gmail.com, (847)540-0652 for questions.

Adopt-A-Plot

Church exterior beatification opportunities are again available via our Adopt-A-Plot program. For plot availability and program details please contact Carol Hebert, carol.hebert@sbcglobal.net, (847) 359-8134.



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!

AWSM Gatsby Event - Roarin' Success

The AWSM Gatsby Event was a resounding success with 60 plus attendees, the fabulous BHS Big Phat Quintet playing and a wonderful spread of scrumptious appetizers to nosh on! Parishioners had fun posing for pictures with Gatsby-like props, dancing the night away and just down-right socializing. The evening was indeed complete when the Cresseys drove up in their vintage white Chrysler and the ladies took over the dance floor for a group dance. If you missed the evening, stay tuned for when AWSM throws one again!



The Tottens'



The Kimes'



Christy and Bryan Cressey arrive in style!



David and Kara Baker - wait, David has a 'stache?

Samaritan Counseling Sponsors Thailand Trip

The following message is sent to you in behalf of Rev. Fred Rajan, Vice President, Office for Mission and Spiritual Care, Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital:

Dear Friend:

Click [here](#) and please find a flyer for a Thailand trip I am leading on behalf of the Samaritan Counseling of Northwest Suburbs. Samaritan Counseling is a non-profit, faith based counseling service. We have many full time psychologists and therapists on staff. I am a founding member of this organization's board. For additional information about Samaritan Counseling, please visit our website, www.sccnw.org or call 847-382-4673.

We are organizing this trip both as an educational opportunity to learn about a land and it's people with a rich history and to raise funds for Samaritan Counseling. Yes, part of the proceeds will be donated to Samaritan Counseling and you will receive a tax deductible receipt for this portion.

We will leave on October 17 from O'Hare and return on October 27, 2013 at O'Hare. The total cost is \$3,200 which includes, round trip airfare, luxury accommodation s at four star hotels, meals, professionally guided tours, entrance fees to sites, and ground transfers. **The deadline to secure a reservation is May 31, 2013.**

I hope and wish you could join us in this trip...

Thank you.

Rev. Fred Rajan

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Upcoming Events

- +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 5

Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 148; Revelation 21:10; 21:22-22:5; John 13:31-35

Contact Info

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Pete Douglas, Lora Gier, David Bishop, Sof Ts'o

Dolores Kampert, Ray Kean, Pat Kane, Mike Savage

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John Davis - Treasurer, Craig Anderson - Clerk

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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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