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**From Our Deacon**

The Rev. Laurie Michaels

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Dear Family of St Michael's,

I wanted to let you know that, upon the recommendation of my neurologist, I will be taking a medical leave effective immediately.

As some of you know, ten years ago, after an aortic root aneurysm was unexpectedly diagnosed at the entrance of my heart, I underwent major heart surgery at Northwestern University hospital to repair the aneurysm. Unfortunately, during the course of surgery, I sustained several strokes on both sides of my brain.

Following a year of physical therapy, I regained most motor movements, including walking, and was able to return, part-time, to my work as an RN.

In addition to outstanding medical care, the love, prayers, support and care of this wonderful faith community sustained my family and me during my long recovery. In the years since, your encouragement, flexibility and understanding have strengthened us as we've lived into our "new normal."

Sometimes, years later, patients like myself develop a movement disorder related to the strokes. Two years ago, I was diagnosed with a rare and complicated form of dystonia, a movement disorder which affects my motor movements, my ability to walk and move independently, and frequently my breathing. In the past 6 weeks, the frequency and intensity of my dystonia (movement disorder) episodes has significantly increased. Stress and cumulative fatigue can cause symptoms to worsen.

My plan moving forward is to undergo a holistic, in-depth evaluation at the Mayo Clinic. Additionally, taking a temporary leave from my diaconal duties will allow me to rest and re-group. My deep hope is that this combination of a new therapeutic regime and a long period of rest will



**Worship Times  
Sundays**

**8:00 a.m. Rite I**  
**10:00 a.m. Rite II**  
*Coffee & Fellowship  
after each service.*

For additional service information, events and activities, please visit our website by [clicking here](#).

**Church School  
Schedule**

Did you sign up for church school?

Please register your child (needs to be done every year).

Click [here](#).



**NOTE:**  
**No church school on January 14**

**Children ages 3 through 5th grade:**

9:30 drop-off.  
Church school for children ages 3 thru 5th grade starts promptly at 10am in the lower level classrooms. They will join their families in time for communion.

*Nursery (infants and children up to 3 years old) is available downstairs from 9:30am through the 10am service.*

**Junior High**

9:00am ~ Junior High meet in St. Michael's library & join the service at 10am (or earlier if serving).

**Senior High**

9:00am ~ Senior High gather at the Sturtz House & join the service at 10am (or earlier if serving).

greatly reduce my symptoms.

In the meantime, Father Jesse will be coordinating the pastoral needs of our parish supported by Mother Lisa and our Lay Pastoral Care Team.

It has been my great joy and privilege to serve the people of St. Michael's for the past 8 years, and to coordinate the pastoral needs of this great parish. It is difficult to step away from what I love doing.

However, when the time is right, I look forward to resuming the work here that God has called me to do, with renewed strength and joy.

Thank you for your prayers and understanding.



**From Our Rector**

The Rev. Jesse Perkins

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As you have read in the above article from Deacon Laurie, and perhaps have heard on Sunday during the announcements, Laurie is taking a medical leave from her duties at St. Michael's. While there is no planned return date at this time, we look forward to when her strength and health return and she can resume her ministry here with us. We have been blessed with many years of Laurie's love and care, and I have seen in the short time I have served with her the amazing gifts she brings to this ministry and parish. We will certainly feel her absence in the months to come, and pray for her continued health.

With Laurie's temporary medical leave, and Deacon Judy's recent retirement, I have taken on the coordination for the pastoral response for St. Michael's. I am extremely grateful to work with a strong team of lay chaplains, and together with Lisa+ we will continue the tradition here at St. Michael's of providing care and comfort to our parishioners in times of need. If you need to reach us, you may call the church office, and Nancy can connect with you with one of us. If it is after hours, still call the church number at 847-381-2323 and select the option for "pastoral emergencies" and it will forward you to either Lisa or myself any time of day. If you have been through the Bishop Anderson House training and would like to help out during this time, please let me know. (Always call, don't text or email, if it is an emergency)

I know there are a lot of changes at St. Michael's - the second year of a new rector is always a bumpy one as we

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continue to get to know one another better and learn each others strengths and growing edges. Indeed, at our annual meeting this year (Jan 28) we will discuss even more things that are in flux within our faith community. Yet through it all, we can rest in the fact that no matter what comes our way, we serve and worship a God who will be with us, and who leads and guides us. That is the only secret: no matter what changes, and no matter what circumstances come our way, a church is doing exactly what it is supposed to do as long as it continues in prayer, worship, care for each other, and follows where God leads.

Thank you for your continued ministry here, and for making St. Michael's the great place it is.

See you in church,  
Jesse+



**Desserts will be served after the meeting at an  
Open House at the Rectory!**

Click [here](#) for the list of candidates with their personal bios and other important information concerning the Annual Meeting.

**Lift** Living in  
faith together

## All LIFT Teens

THIS MONDAY, January 15 join us for lunch and laser tag! Meet at St. Michael's for lunch at 11:30 a.m. and ride over to Battle House for a 1:00 p.m. game. Flyer [here](#).



\$40 per person for lunch and laser tag. \$5 for just lunch (if you already have a laser tag pass). (Note, scholarships are available.)

Please **RSVP by TOMORROW**, Friday, January 12, via email to [youth@stmichaelsbarrington.org](mailto:youth@stmichaelsbarrington.org).

We are also looking for chaperones-adults are not required to play, though.

Parents please complete the online waver before Monday, here: <https://battlehouzelasercombat.com/sign-waiver/>. Note, teens will not be able to play unless a completed waiver is on record for this game.

## Attention Senior LIFT Parents and Teens

Who: High School Teens and their Parents

What: Mission Trip Discussion Meeting

Where: Community Room

When: Sunday, January 21, after the 10am service

Why: To have a say in your Youth Group Programming!

Are you interested in going on a Mission Trip this year? We have several options, but we need YOUR input. Come to the planning meeting to learn about the locations, cost, and time commitment. Have your voice heard and take part!

Questions, comments, can't make the meeting but want to stay informed? Please email [youth@stmichaelsbarrington.org](mailto:youth@stmichaelsbarrington.org).

## Little Red Wagon



Barrington Food Pantry is our aim for January. It serves mostly senior citizens.

Their requests are mostly basic foods: ketchup, mayo, cooking oil, chicken broth, crackers, green tea, decaf coffee, bar soap.

Thank you.



**Last Sunday at the 10:00 a.m. service the children of St. Michael's presented 'The Best Epiphany Pageant Ever'**. Angels and shepherds, wise men, Mary and Joseph - and the star of the show...baby Jesus. Click [here](#) for photos from this wonderful gift to the parish. Click [here](#) for a note of thanks from Julie Allord.

Reminder: No church school on January 14. School will resume on January 21.

## Exploring Sacred Music Begins January 21

Back by popular demand, Exploring Sacred Music will begin its 7<sup>th</sup> smash season on Sunday, January 21 at 7:00 p.m. in the library. This audio/video sampler series is open to all who love sacred music. Click [here](#) for the series schedule.



## Hurricane Maria - 'PR Rises, I Won't Quit'

from Rica Cuff

On the rear window of a passing car in Luquillo read the words "PR se levanta yo no quito" (PR rises I won't quit).



Homeless families set up tents on basketball court in Luquillo.

Click [here](#) to read Rica's current post.

## Little Angels Preschool Registration 2018/19

Registration for in house/alumni/church members begins January 16. Registration for the community begins January 29. Please contact Caren Hunter at 847-381-5490 or [chunter@stmichaelsbarrington.org](mailto:chunter@stmichaelsbarrington.org).

### Remembering This Week

#### Birthday

1.14

Ned Loughridge

1.15

David Pepper

1.16

Pam Jensen

1.18

John Totten

Denny Roper

Kristina Roper

#### Anniversaries

Julie & Shane

Allord

#### Rest in Peace

1.14

Stephen Wright

Lucille MacLennan

## In The Parish Family



Pastoral Care - the family way! Donna and Dave Brooks, along with their children Alma

Helene Dickson  
Lysa Meyers  
1.16  
Denis Chaudruc  
1.18  
Judy Fisher  
1.20  
Lena Pesce

and Will, visited John Totten at Christmas. As Home Lay Eucharist Ministers they shared Communion with John and plenty of Christmas cheer. Thank you to the entire family.

**Those who have asked for our prayers:** Joe, John, Trey, Jerry, Dot, Dean, Cindee & mother, Greg & family, Catherine, Ann, Vicki, Nathan & Kallyn, Millie, Ted, Christina, Barb & Steve, Patty, Virginia, Phyllis, Jean, Amy.

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## Building Access System Update

As of Thursday, January 4, the main entrance to the church on Dundee Avenue has been added to the building access system. You can now be buzzed in for entry during parish office hours or access via the keypad (if you have been issued a code). We will also be able to schedule the doors to be open as needed. Thank you to Rich Hornickel and Rob Wisnowski for sourcing the contractor to get this work completed. If you have any questions, please contact [Kim Lessner](#).



## Snowballs

[click here](#)

Way better than  
the kind you have  
to shovel!

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## Offering Envelopes for 2018

Your 2018 offering envelopes are available for pick up in the Community Room foyer. If you have any questions, please contact Kim Lessner in the parish office at 847-381-2323, x16 or [klessner@stmichaelsbarrington.org](mailto:klessner@stmichaelsbarrington.org).

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

**The Community Meal:** *It's more than a meal...it's belonging.* The next meal is Thursday, January 18, 5:00-7:00 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 200 N Plum Grove Road, Palatine. All welcome.

**Sounds of Faith Interfaith Concert.** January 28 at 4:00 p.m. Youth coming together for peace! Click [here](#) for more information.

**Camp Chicago Now Hiring Staff for 2018 Sessions.** At [Camp Chicago](#) we seek to nurture a diverse Christian community, and we strive to give our campers the best week of their entire year. We are now hiring staff for our 2018 sessions. Do you care for young people? Love the outdoors? Want to serve Christ and help campers grow in

their faith? Then Camp Chicago might be a perfect fit for you. [Apply Online](#) and [learn more](#).

**St. Michael's Vestry**

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Leslie Yerger, Senior Warden; Wes Kimes, Junior Warden  
Pat Kane, Marti Kahn, Lou Longo, Dolores Kampert, Bill Ferry, Ann Ross, Jim Stevens,  
Rob Wisnowski, Greg Michaels, Lisa Farran, Tim Raynor, Deb Blohm  
John Davis - Treasurer, Craig Anderson - Clerk  
Hayden Harris, Youth Representative

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**Clergy and Staff**

The Rev. Jesse Perkins, Rector; The Rev. Elizabeth (Betsy) Ward, Assisting Priest; The Rev. Lisa Erdeljon, Curate; The Rev. Laurie Michaels, Deacon; Caren Hunter, Director of Little Angels Preschool; Mark Sikkila, Organist & Director of Music; Sara Lloyd Torbeck, Director of Children's Music; Ric Lindeen, Jr/Sr High Youth Ministry; Julie Allord, Family Ministries; Kim Lessner, Parish Operations; Nancy Holmes, Parish Administrator/Rector's Assistant; Rich Hornickel, Sexton

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**St. Michael's Episcopal Church**

St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 647 Dundee Avenue, Barrington, IL 60010  
The Parish Office is open 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.  
website: [www.stmichaelsbarrington.org](http://www.stmichaelsbarrington.org)

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**The Sword**

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