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From Our Rector

The Rev. Jesse Perkins

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First, a huge thank you to everyone who helped setup for the annual meeting, the donor who provided our lunch, and to Julie Allord and Lisa Farran for planning activities for the children. And thank you for coming! We had such a great gathering and it is always fun to see you all together on this one-time-per-year occasion. We have our work cut out for us this year: budget/pledge development, our worship and prayer life together, and our commitment to Outreach- this church makes a difference in many people's lives, and I know we will continue that tradition. I know because I left the annual meeting with an excitement for not only the challenges we have (challenges are not a bad thing, ya'll!) and the opportunities before us. Again, thank you for all you give to this parish: your money, your time, your love and support- this church is what you make it and you make it something great.

One announcement: I mentioned on Sunday that I am leading an adult confirmation class this Lent. If you are interested in becoming an Episcopalian and joining the church, or if you just want to learn more about our faith and tradition, your are welcome to come. We will meet in the library size permitting) on Lent 1, Sunday, February 18 after the second service (around 11:30 a.m.), and we will meet weekly for five weeks. Come ready to think and engage!

That's all for now- see you in church.

Jesse+



**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

Children ages 3 through 5th grade:

9:45 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).



From Our Curate

The Rev. Lisa Erdeljon

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Please pray for me, as I retreat and refresh-a
time of vacation between the busy seasons of the Church.

A Prayer For the Good Use of Leisure (BCP, 825)

O God, in the course of this busy life, give us times of
refreshment and peace; and grant that we may so use our
leisure to rebuild our bodies and renew our minds, that our
spirits may be opened to the goodness of your creation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Help Celebrate Bishop Lee's 10th Anniversary

Tomorrow, Friday, February 2 will be the 10th anniversary of
Bishop Jeff Lee's ordination as Bishop
of Chicago. Friends from the
Episcopal Diocese of Chicago and
beyond are invited to share photos,
well wishes, memories and thanks
using an online "kudoboard". Help us
celebrate ten years of shared ministry
by posting at the link above by
February 2. [Click here](#) to add your notes and photos to
our online card.



Lift Living in **Lot's of News for our**
faith together **Jr./Sr. High Students!**

Jr./Sr. LIFT Meal-Movie-Game Night

Please join us on Friday, **February 2, 6:00 p.m.** at the
Chan's house for this fun evening. Please RSVP by 1/31 to
Donna BrooksDonnaBrooksMusician@gmail.com. or 224-
623-1527. Click [here](#) for more information.

Mission Trip Update and Action

Teens and parents gathered to talk about Mission Trip
options for this coming summer. [Please click here](#) for the
handout used to facilitate discussion.

We are considering three options:

Quick Links



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Vestry Meeting
Summary
Jan. 16, 2018
Click [here](#).

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- Local, in downtown Chicago (social justice and urban development)
- National, in Houston, Texas (hurricane relief)
- International, in Guatemala (rural development)

Each trip requires a different level of commitment for both time and money. If you/your teen is interested in going on a mission trip this summer, please **confirm your interest to youth@stmichaelsbarrington.org by February 1.**

Any questions can also be directed to any of the [youth leaders](#) or to [Mother Lisa](#).

The Youth Advisory Committee wants to make the youth ministry here something for all teens, but we need your input. If you/your teen is not interested in mission work this year, please let us know, too. This would offer a great opportunity to discuss what other activities might be of more interest.

Paint Your Heart Out

The youth gathered last Sunday for a painting activity. Ms. Heidi led the activity, which involved painting hearts with acrylics on canvas. The project will culminate into a wall mural that will display their beautiful and creative work.

[Photos here](#).

Preparing for Lent



This was so much fun last year so please come again or come for the first time. Bring the entire family! [Click here](#).



We invite you to enter into a Holy Lent.

[CLICK HERE](#)

Adult Lenten Confirmation Class

If you are considering being confirmed as an adult, reaffirming your baptismal vows or simply interested in learning about the Episcopal Church, Fr. Jesse will be leading an Adult Lenten Confirmation Class. The classes will meet February 18 through March 18 at 11:30 a.m. in the library. The classes will focus on worship, the Creed and church organization. Please email Fr. Jesse at jperkins@stmichaelsbarrington.org if you plan to participate or have any questions.

Save the Date: Lenten Study

Look for more information about a Lenten Study, led by Mother Lisa, on prayer. We will read a different theologian or scripture passage and discuss how prayer is reflected in the passage and how we can live into our own prayer lives.

Volunteers will be asked to provide a light supper each week.

Lent Madness Begins February 15

With its unique blend of competition, learning, and humor, Lent Madness allows participants to be inspired by the ways in which God has worked through the lives of saintly souls across generations and cultures.

Scorecards are available now at church. Click [here](#) to read more about this fun Lenten opportunity.

Bishop of Maridi elected to lead the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

The Bishop of Maridi, Justin Badi Arama, has been elected as the new Primate and Archbishop of the Church of South Sudan in a very-tight election. Click [here](#) to read entire story.



Little Red Wagon



Wauconda Island Lake Food Pantry is our recipient for February. Their special requests this month are: baking items, cake mixes, jello, popcorn. And they always need the basic staples. Thank you.

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.

In The Parish Family

Those who have asked for our prayers: The Franczyk family, the Hackman family, the Ventimiglia family, Julie & family, Madeline, Nancy D., Danielle, Kristin, Tim, Dean, the Lesks family, John, Catherine, Ann, Vicki, Nathan & Kallyn, Millie, Laurie, Ted, Christina, Barb & Steve, Patty, Phyllis, Jean, Amy.

Remembering This Week

Birthday

2.4

Wendy O'Riordan
Ronan Allord
Grace Guthrie
Gunnar Kilanski
Jay Ward

2.8

Lou Longo

2.9

Larry Quinlan
Donald Sykes
Elizabeth Biscaglio

2.10

Pat Steed

Sally Smith

Maria Kuechman

Anniversaries

2.4

Kaky & Bob
Bowles

2.7

Darci & George
Lorenzo

Rest in Peace

2.4

Jane Bachini

2.5

Suzanne Jantz

COMMUNITY NEWS



The Community Meal: Thursday, February 8, 5:00-7:00 p.m. at St. Anne Catholic Church, 120 Ela Street, Barrington. All welcome.

Bishop Anderson House Spiritual Care Visitor Program

2018: This program equips students with basic skills necessary for compassionate care, and provides self reflection and spiritual growth as a vital component of the coursework. It is a 10 week course beginning February 24 held locally at St. Simon Episcopal Church, Arlington Heights. Click [here](#) for questions and application process.



Tomorrow is Groundhog Day - February 2

How much do you know about Punxsutawney Phil and the origins of Groundhog Day?

[Take this quiz](#) to see how much you really know.



Let's hope the little guy doesn't see his shadow!

Bob Hoffman
2.6
Kent Taylor
2.9
Patricia Jones
2.10
Ralph Holvay
Dave Hoffman

St. Michael's Vestry

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Wes Kimes, Senior Warden; Dayna Imhoff, Junior Warden
Bill Ferry, Ann Ross, Jim Stevens, Rob Wisnowski, Greg Michaels, Lisa Farran, Tim
Raynor, Deb Blohm, Gene Dawson, Michele Phillips, Suzanne Fleeer, Renee Buxton
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  
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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.
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