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• **Worship Services @ at 8 a.m. & 10 a.m.**

• **All Parish Lenten Activities and Fellowship Gathering**

after the 10 a.m. service in the Community Room



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](#).



From Our Curate

The Rev. Lisa Erdeljon

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I am currently writing this on Thursday morning.

The smell of delicious chili still lingers in the Community Room. We had a wonderful turn out, and with 14 different slow cookers bubbling with unique chili recipes, I certainly got my fill on Tuesday night! Congrats to our three top winners!

My forehead still itches from the ash that I wore all day yesterday. With four different services over the past 24 hours (two were for the preschool, and Ashes-to-Go at the Barrington train station), Fr. Jesse, Mtr. Betsy, and I drew more than 200 crosses in ash. And every time I felt someone's warm forehead under my finger, I was reminded that, yes, indeed, we are dust, and to dust we shall all return. And I was reminded that Jesus died for **us**, for **our** sins, and for our salvation.

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).

And while I was busy, running around, preparing for the next service (getting loopy because I tried a Lenten fast yesterday), somewhere else in the world, in this country, people were reminded that they are mortal and life is delicate in a very real way.

The news is still unfolding, but right now, my sources are reporting that 17 people are dead when a 19-year-old shooter set off a high school fire alarm and then proceeded to enter the school and shoot anyone he could. The man, a former student of the high school in Parkland, Florida (just north of Miami), used an AR-15 style rifle, which one news source says he acquired legally. School officials also say he was expelled for disciplinary reasons from the school, and teachers had been alerted that he was a potential risk.

How do we continue to live our lives? How do we continue to pray for our sins? How do we continue with normalcy? When **this** is becoming normal.

[Click here to continue reading...](#)

Most merciful God,
I confess that I have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what I have done,
and by what I have left undone.
I have not loved you with my whole heart;
I have not loved my neighbors as myself.
I am truly sorry and I humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on me and forgive me;
that I may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name.
Amen.

[CLICK HERE](#)

for a complete guide to
St. Michael's 2018 Lenten Opportunities.

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

Quick Links



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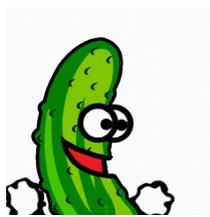
Click [here](#).

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.

A Lenten Study on Prayer

Mother Lisa will host a Lenten Study on prayer Thursdays, beginning February 15 at 6:30 p.m. in the Library (2/15-3/22). 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.

Participants are invited to provide dinner for each other. Please sign up to provide a simple meal (soup and/or salad) for 10 to 15 people. [Sign up link here](#).



**Now That We Have Your
ATTENTION...**

**FLASH FOOD DRIVE
Going On NOW**

Our teens will be serving at the Cary Food Pantry in March and don't want to show up empty handed.

Please bring in canned food and packaged food and hot or cold cereals for the teens to bring with them.

Place your donated goods in the green wagon under the TV by the Community Room.

The collection will be gathered on Friday, March 9, 2018. Thank you for your support!

Questions? Contact youth@stmichaelsbarrington.org

Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study

Somewhere in the back of your mind, you've heard of or remembered there's a bible study for women on Tuesday mornings...

Maybe you've been before, it's been a while, and it would feel awkward to come back...

Maybe you think this group is stuck in its ways and won't feel welcoming to a newcomer...

Maybe you think you have to know how to find a book in the

bible...

If you're thinking any of these things, please know that none of these thoughts should keep you from coming back or giving this group a try.

The Lenten season is a perfect time to set aside six Tuesday mornings to nurture your soul. Come and join a great group of women who laugh, share, cry and ask questions together.

We gather in the library at 9:30 a.m. and end promptly at 11:00 a.m. [Kay Lewis](#) and [Nancy Seth](#) alternate leading the group. YOU are welcome. Please join us for a Lenten journey.

Lenten Daily Devotional Prayers

Prayer can change lives. The power of a conversation with our heavenly Father is where joy is found. The Healing Prayer Ministry has collected short prayers from the congregation which are intended to be read daily during Lent. Copies are available at church or [click here](#) for an electronic copy.

Lent Madness Has Begun

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.

Little Red Wagon



Wauconda Island

Exploring Sacred Music

Next gathering is Sunday, February 25, 7:00 p.m.

This is an audio and video sampler of great sacred music, performed by the greatest choirs of the world, spanning ancient plainsong chant, through Renaissance Polyphony, the High Baroque and into contemporary periods, with scintillating historical commentary. Our next session is titled: "Shall We Gather at the River: Water Imagery in Sacred Music". Cost is free, beverages provided, feel free to bring a light snack to share.

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.

Remembering This Week

Birthday

2.18

Penny Kazmier

2.20

Scott Knoop

Debra Blohm

2nd Annual Chili Cook-Off

St. Michael's Shrove Tuesday Chili Cook-Off was *hot*. There were over a dozen crock pots brimming with chili of all kinds. There was mild, vegan, spicy, turkey, pumpkin, and even chocolate chili! Dinners sampled each one and in the end three bubbled to the top.

Thank you to Katy and Dave Pepper for organizing the event, thank you to Christy Cressey for adding hotdogs and all the fixings to make chili-dogs, thank you to our stand-up comedian Master of Ceremonies Rector, thank you to all the wonderful chefs, and thank you to those who attended and were the official taste-testers.



[Click here for photos](#) of the evening including the top three winners. [Click here](#) for the recipes of the top three chili recipes.

Hurricane Maria Update

from Rica Cuff

Our Governor is calling for a reduction in several taxes, including the 11.5% sales-and-use tax, to 7% for prepared food. [Read more...](#)

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: Danielle, Kristin, Tim, the Lesks family, John, Catherine, Ann, Vicki, the Frelk family, the Meadors family, Converse, Adeline, Monique, Scott, Tricia, Bryan, Irene, Nathan & Kallyn, Millie, Laurie, Mark, Ted, Christina, Barb & Steve, Patty, Phyllis, Jean, Amy.

Year End Contribution Statements for 2017 have been

2.21

Erika Krysiak
2.22

Fran Collins
Suzanne Flear
Connie Wolff
Darci Lorezno
Sara Torbeck
2.23

Laura Dern
Emanuel Semerad
Juliet Duncan
2.24

Rick Ryba
Hayden Harris

Anniversaries

2.22
Kristy & Sean
Harrington

Rest in Peace

2.18
Henry Parker
2.21
Agnes Sanford
Terrence Willis
2.23
Don Johnson
2.24
June Foy

mailed to all parishioners as of February 2. 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!

COMMUNITY NEWS



Lawrence Hall's Annual

Lucky Charm

 Cocktail Party
 Thursday, March 8, 2018
 Troquet River North
 6:00 - 8:00 P.M.
 111 W. Huron, Chicago, IL
 **Lawrence Hall**
 Questions?
 Email: mtuffy@lawrencehall.org

St. Michael's Vestry

vestry@stmichaelsbarrington.org

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 Flear, Renee Buxton
 John Davis - Treasurer, Craig Anderson - Clerk

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

St. Michael's Episcopal Church

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The Sword

The Sword is published each Thursday. The deadline to submit items to be included is Tuesday at Noon. Any questions or comments regarding this publication should be sent to news@stmichaelsbarrington.org

