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St. Michael's

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 Rector

The Rev. Jesse Perkins

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This last month has been a whirlwind - we had our annual meeting almost 4 weeks ago, and many things have changed since then. First, I want to thank you for your investment in this parish's life and ministry. Thanks to many of you who gave and increased your pledges, our budget deficit is now below \$30,000, which is better than our 2017 budget. Yes, it is still a deficit and we have some ground to cover for next year, but what an amazing turn around in one month.

During Vestry on Monday night, we discussed our updated financial picture and we decided to reverse some of our "temporary holdbacks" that we had put in place to make sure our budget was healthy. I am most pleased to tell you that our Outreach budget, the full 10% of our pledge income, has been restored. In 2018, St. Michael's will give 10% to the Diocese, and 10% away to worthwhile organizations who are "on the ground" when it comes to helping and serving the less fortunate. We were also able to restore half of our end-of-year bonus funds for the staff, being able to reward them in December for the hard work they do throughout the year.

Finally, the vestry restored funding to what has traditionally been our youth minister position. This is the one that requires, in my opinion, much thoughtfulness. In the next month or two, the wardens, vestry and I will be deliberating on how best to shape this position to best serve us going forward.

Again, my deepest thanks for your increased support of this parish. Please reach out to me or the wardens if you have any thoughts or questions.

See you in church,
Jesse+

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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I don't know about you, but what happened at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida is still sticking with me. It is still weighing me down, making my heart heavy, and keeping my thoughts and prayers focused on the teens and educators who lost their lives and the families and friends and communities who are currently mourning those loses.

Although "thankfully" seems like the wrong word, I am thankful that the media is still talking about what happened. And I suspect a lot of that is because of teenagers from across the country, who are refusing to let this mass shooting become another event in history.

Looking at my Facebook newsfeed, I see a call for action, but I also still see anger and sadness and emotional reactions to these deaths and injuries. I see people experiencing the loss of loved ones. I see teenagers afraid to go to school. I see communities crying for the lost futures of potential leaders. And I see prayers and support for those who are experiencing loss.

The emotions are sitting particularly heavy with me because a friend of mine-someone who graduated two years before me from Yale and with whom I worked on projects-is the Associate Rector at an Episcopal Church that just buried one of the victims, a 16-year-old girl, an active member of their youth group. I cannot imagine what she must be going through-seeking to hold up her community while experiencing her own mourning for this loss.

After reaching out to my friend and seeing if there is anything I could do, she had one simple request: that we send cards to her church, showing her community that people across the country, especially within the Episcopal Church, are thinking of and praying for them.

And thus, I invite you to join me this Sunday, during both coffee hours, to write cards-simple notes of prayer and support-that I will be mailing to my friend and her church.

Feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions, and I hope you will join me in this small act of caring for the greater Episcopal flock. Thank you!

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St. Michael's 2018 Lenten Opportunities.

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Summary
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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.

A Lenten Study on Prayer

Mother Lisa is hosting a Lenten Study on prayer Thursdays, at 6:30 p.m., in the Library (2/15-3/22). We are reading a different theologian or scripture passage and discussing how prayer is reflected in the passage and how we can live into our own prayer lives.

This week (February 22), we are reading a passage from *An Altar in the World* by Barbara Bown Taylor.

Next week (March 1), we are reading a passage from Julian of Norwich's *Revelations of Divine Love*. If you would like to read the passages ahead of time, please contact Mtr. Lisa.

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

Exploring Sacred Music

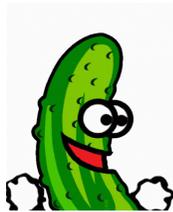
Next gathering is Sunday, February 25, 7:00 p.m.

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.

Hey LIFT Young People, our *Chamber of Secrets Tour* has been postponed to Sunday, March 11.

This Sunday, February 25, regular LIFT formation will be held: Jr. LIFT in Library and Sr. LIFT in the Sturtz House at 9:00 a.m. As always, donuts are served. Hope to see you there.

Peace out,
Kay Lewis & Donna Brooks



**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

Little Red Wagon



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...

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.

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.

Watch and Pray - Maundy Thursday

Jesus said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me." Matthew 26:38

This all night prayer vigil is a time to collectively enter into prayer during this holiest time of year. As a church family we are joining together handing off the vigil from one person to the next. We are taking turns to cover our church, our community, our world with prayer as we dwell in the darkness of Good Friday.

Our Altar of Repose is set up in our chapel. Anyone may take part in the watch, whether or not they have signed up. More than one person may sign up for any given time slot. The watch begins at 8:00 p.m. on March 29 (Maundy Thursday) and ends on March 30 at noon (Good Friday). The sign up poster is located outside the Community Room. Stay, watch.

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.

Remembering This Week

Birthday

2.25

Kim Garrity
Max Raynor
Barbara Kane

Lent Madness - Competing for the Golden Halo

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

Hunter Eissler
Macy Brett
Jeff Moore
Christine Olson
Julia Yerger

Anniversaries

2.29
Jean & Bob Gale
3.2
Janice &
Emmanuel
Semerad
3.3
Phyllis & Jim
Stevens

Rest in Peace

2.25
Bill Allen
3.27
Jean Clendinning
Mary Schwind
Stacey Curtis

souls across generations and cultures.

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

In The Parish Family

The parish gathered for lunch and crafts February 18 to mark the First Sunday in Lent ([photos](#)). *Loving God, you are true to your promise. Help us to trust in you with all our hearts. You tell us you will always be with us, every day and in every way. As we continue our journey of Lent, help us to believe and rejoice in your promise and in the sign of your rainbow. Amen.*

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, Kim, the Niemi Family, the Sisson Family and Friends, the Koval Family, Julie and Family, Ella, Frank, Nathan & Kallyn, Millie, Laurie, Mark, Ted, Christina, Barb & Steve, Patty, Phyllis, Jean, Amy, and we offer our prayers and support to the families and community of Parkland, Florida as it grieves in response to the senseless tragedy they suffered.

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.

Holy Week and Easter Services



Come Worship With Us!

[Click here for service times.](#)

Concert for a Cause: An Evening of Peace Music - Saturday, April 7

The Chicago Diocese Peace & Justice Committee, St. Michael's Peace & Justice Committee, and Episcopal Peace Fellowship National are hosting "Concert for a Cause: An Evening of Peace Music," on Saturday, April 7 in Lincoln Park at Church of our Savior in the Parish Hall, 530 West Fullerton, in Chicago at 6:30 pm.

[Read more...](#)

To reserve advance tickets, go to tinyurl.com/EPFconcert or <https://www.classy.org/chicago/events/concert-for-cause/e166820>.

CONTACT ELLEN LINDEEN NOW to reserve a seat on the St. Michael's bus: peacellen123@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY NEWS



Bishop Anderson House is proud to present Kristine Cichowski's workshop, POWER TO CARE, on March 10, 2018. This workshop is open to all, free of charge. Saturday, March 10, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at St. James Cathedral, 65 E. Huron, Chicago, IL 60611. Questions and registration please contact 312.563.4824 or Thomas_Rogers@rush.edu
Email registration is required. [Read more...](#)



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

The Cook County Clerk's office is hiring community members to serve in suburban polling places and make it possible for their neighbors to cast their ballots and be heard on March 20. To learn more and apply online

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