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EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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St. Michael's Weekly News & Updates



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A Note From Our Rector

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My friends, what an incredible Sunday we had for our Kickoff day, and it was so good to see so many of you and to share a potluck lunch together. I have many things for which to be thankful this week, and I want to thank especially Donna Brooks and her family, and all of her helping volunteers, for coordinating a fun, vintage lunch (complete with face painting!).

I also want to take a moment and thank those leading and serving in our children and youth ministries. We had 40 people on Sunday for Kickoff serving in our youth and children's ministries (teachers and kids)! Kim Curtis and her teachers are working hard for our younger kids, Kay Lewis and the LIFT board are working hard for our teens, and Sara and Doug Torbeck work diligently inviting all of them into praising God with music. I know As you all know, one of the deep joys here at St. Michael's is the youthful energy our kids bring to our parish. Thank you to all who minister and equip these young Christians in their faith formation.

Coming up soon is our 75th Anniversary Gala on Sept 30 (sign up!), and Bishop Paula Clark's visit on Oct 1. We are trying our best to offer childcare and nursery for the gala, but at the present moment we do not have enough adults to meet our safe church requirements. If I am able to offer childcare that night, I will let you know. If you are needing childcare for the gala, it would help me if you emailed me so I can know for sure that this is something I need to continue to work on.

May God bless you this fall as the weather cools, and may the changes of the season remind us that change is an integral part of God's creation; that includes you and me. Instead of offering protection from change, God instead offers to walk through it with us guiding us on our spiritual path. May you feel God's leading Spirit in your life this week.

See you in church,
Jesse+

A Note from our Sunday School Director

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Now that's the way to start the year off right! So many people to thank for last Sunday! Everything was just perfect. A huge thank you to especially to the entire Brooks family !! Donna you are amazing!! The face painting for the kids was a highlight and a win for this successful event. I've never seen the kids sit so still and patiently waiting their turn. In addition, they really rocked it out in the bounce house! Our lessons also went very smooth in Sunday school. We reviewed behavior and classroom rules. This blended nicely with the story of the Ten Commandments. I was so proud of the kids and how well behaved they were for our teachers.

This year we are one classroom teacher short for a volunteer. Brant Deichman has decided to not return as the Level 1 teacher. Thank you, Brant, for all your dedication and time you spent with the children. You will be missed. Currently, I do have some intermittent teachers but it sure would be awesome if we had a full-time commitment volunteer as the Lead in this classroom. Let me know if you have any interest in being involved with our Sunday school group. Many of our youths' parents are involved in more than one ministry at the same time. So, I do understand the limitations. My search for nursery care continues and I have extended an offer which hopefully will be excepted soon. Lastly, we have plans for the children's involvement for Bishop Paula's visit. Sara and I will continue to discuss how these will fall into place.



LIFT



Welcome back all LIFTers!

SUNDAY MORNING 9:00 A.M. STURTZ HOUSE
CAN'T WAIT TO SEE THEN!

FROM THE LIFT LEADER'S DESK

It takes a village... You know the phrase and if you're totally honest with yourself you know that it rings true on so many fronts...especially when it comes to raising little people into big people.

Over the past two years, **Ric Lindeen**, has slowly been transitioning out of the Confirmation Leader's role (Fr. Jesse and I have assumed the position.). You need to know that Ric took over 9 or 10 years ago when things were not so stable for our program. He contacted the Diocese, got us some great programming material, organized our group and set our high-schoolers off on a really great program that we are still following today. St. Michael's is indebted to Ric for his efforts and love that he put into the program.

Ric now wants to go fishing more and do some very important babysitting for his new grand baby! Who can blame him? When you see Ric, please thank him for his many years of volunteer service to our youth at St. Michael's. We've been blessed.

This past summer, **Paul Carrubba** informed me that he was retiring from serving on our LIFT/Youth Board after 30-something years of serving. Paul has taken our youth on countless Mission trips from California, to South Dakota, to Appalachia, to Gary, Indiana and more. He has been a true "Captain Paul" to our kids (He's also a captain with American Airlines.) I can honestly say that I could not have done my job these past six years without his help, guidance, counsel and plain old-fashioned elbow grease.

He has brought the needed experience and "institutional memory" (yes, that's needed) to the table when we floundered. He asked the hard questions and also posed good questions to ask for the future.

When you do see Paul around, please say "thank you" to him for serving so well and so selflessly. Have fun in your retirement with your sweet wife, Betty, Captain Paul. Over and Out!

Music Ministry



Come Join the Choirs!

Our music programming is starting up and we want YOU to be a part of it! No experience necessary, come join the fun as we praise God through Music and Fellowship!

Adult Choir: Meets Thursdays 6-7:30pm in the choir room and 9:15am for the 10am Services, starting September 7th!

Intergenerational Handbell Choir: Meets Saturdays 9-10:10am in the sanctuary starting September 9th!

***** New Bridge/Lift Youth Choir:** Grades 3-12 Meets Saturdays 10:20-10:50am in the choir room starting September 16th

Sunday School Music: Every Sunday 9:50-10:00am in the undercroft!

Opportunities for instrumentalists with our Brass band, Blue grass band, Strings, and solo opportunities.

Important Music Dates:

September 10- Kick Off Sunday

October 1- Bishop Visit/St. Michaels Day!

November 5th- Requiem Service featuring movements from Fauré Requiem with singers from Atonement and Salem Methodist Choirs!

December 3- Lessons and Carols featuring our handbell choir, youth choirs, and adult choir

December 24- 4pm Handbells, Strings, and Youth Choir,
10pm Adult choir with Brass quintet

January 7- Epiphany Pageant

March 14- Choral Evensong

March 24-31 Holy Week and Easter Celebrations

Contact: Sara Torbeck to join the music! storbeck@stmichaelsbarrington.org



St. Michael's is turning 75 and there are plans to celebrate!

Click on the banners below for the exciting details.

Registration forms are also available in the Parish Office.

Don't forget to purchase your September 30th Anniversary Gala ticket!

The registration deadline is Wednesday, September 20th.

We have quite a party planned, so put on your fancy dress or jacket and join us for music, cocktails, three-course catered dinner and an evening of reflection and fun as we gather to celebrate St. Michael's 75th Anniversary.

***Anniversary
Gala***

***St. Michael's Day and Bishop's
Reception***

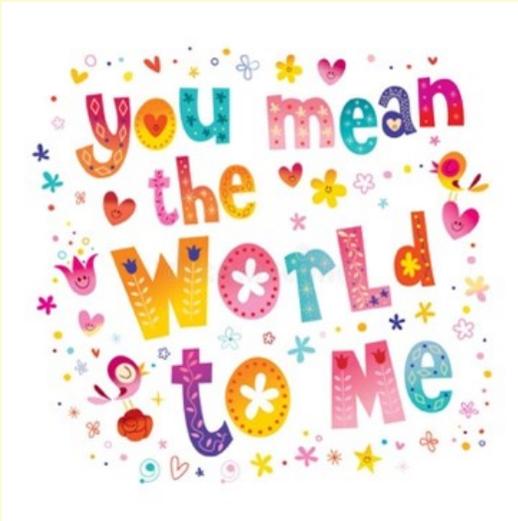
WE NEED YOUR

P H O T O S

Call For Photos

The 75th Anniversary Committee would like to offer a commemorative photo slide show to honor and celebrate our 75 years as a parish at one of our celebrations. If you have any photos of you and your loved ones while at St. Michael's or at a St. Michael's event, and are willing to share them electronically, please send them to this email address: peacellen123@gmail.com

[For more information...](#)



What does St. Michael's mean to me?

As part of the 75th Anniversary celebration we ask you to let us know "What Does St. Michael's mean to you?"

[Please click here to share your thoughts.](#)



We are looking for volunteers to bring bagels, grapes, coffee cake or other goodies for the reception. [Click Here](#) to sign up to help!

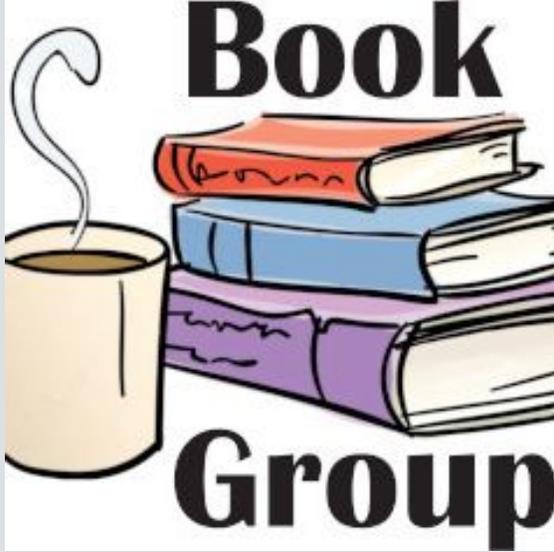
Upcoming Events

Book Club

The St. Michael's Book Club is returning from vacation!

Pachinko, by Min Jin Lee, is the book selection. We will gather on Wednesday, September 20 at 7:00 pm.

We are a very welcoming group and love to have new members. Come join us for the food and fun, even if you have not read the book.



Communion Bread Baking Sunday, September 24 at 11:15am



It's time to replenish our stock of communion bread! Just in time for the Bishop's visit... Please join us on Sunday September 24, right after the 10:00am service in the kitchen. No experience necessary, and if you have an extra rolling pin, please bring it. Looking forward to seeing you!

Any questions? Please contact Mary Ann Seagrist at 847-212-4218 or seagrist5@comcast.net

Food Drive September 23 & 24



Food Drive at St. Michael's September 23/24.

More details coming next week.

Tuesday Evening Women's Bible Study

"The Thirteen Apostles"

7:00-8:30pm via Zoom

September 19 - November 14; 2023 & January 9, 16, 23 & 30, 2024

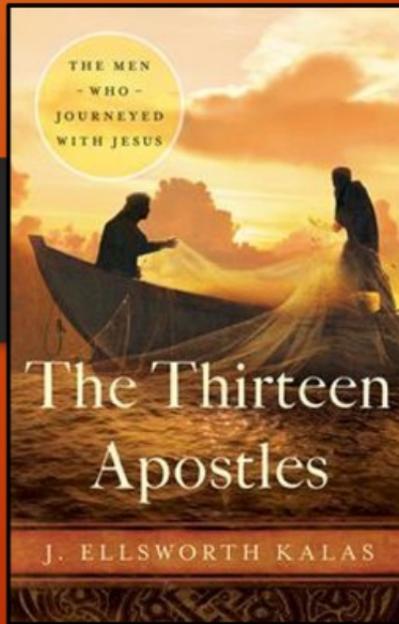
TUESDAY EVENING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Join us 7:00-8:30pm
any or every week
via Zoom!

**Get to Know
13 Apostles in 13 Weeks!**

9/19/23 - 11/14/23
1/9/24 - 1/30/24

Each stand-alone session focuses on one of Jesus' 13 apostles, including Mathias, successor of Judas Iscariot. Scripture, historical writings, prayers & traditions connect us to each apostle as a servant in ministry and a unique human being, much like ourselves!



Come pray
and learn
with us!

Questions?

Contact
Sue Barnum
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or
Sally Smith
847-274-4622

All women are warmly invited to Zoom with us as we get to know more about each of Jesus' disciples. Each stand-alone session features a different disciple so you can join any or every week. "The Thirteen Apostles" author J. Ellsworth Kalas provides insights from historical writings, scripture, and prayers that add depth to understanding each apostle as a servant in ministry and a unique human being - much like ourselves! The book is available on Amazon. For details, please contact Sally Smith 847-274-4622 or Sue Barnum, 847-401-3050.

Blessing of the Pets

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October 8, 2023, 10:00 AM

Please bring your pet to the 10:00 AM service for a blessing and a delicious treat.



Tuesday Morning Womens' Bible Study

Do you want to be a part of a welcoming group of women who laugh a lot, learn about the Bible together and truly support each other through thick and thin? That's the Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study. We meet every Tuesday from 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. starting September 12th, in the Sturtz House in the spirit of friendship and to engage in searching, relevant spiritual discussion.

This fall, we will be taking a fresh and fascinating look at the stories of Jesus using the book, *Into the Mess: Reflections on the Life of Christ*, by Debi Thomas. It's a curious title, isn't it?

As Thomas puts it, "Jesus was a disrupter and a peacemaker. The stories he told were scandalous and the stories he lived changed the world. His stories are not stories of a sanitized Christ of piety and platitude, but of a Christ of complicated joys and transcendent sorrows." We'll talk about how the Gospel stories are an invitation to find the Christ who loves us in the midst of the messiness of our lives with the twists and turns, the marvelous joys, the unexpected disappointments and grief, and the mysteries of our unanswered questions.

Come join us! All women are welcome in person or by Zoom. Books will be available for purchase at the meeting on September 12th or call us to make arrangements if you are on Zoom. For more information, please contact Nancy Seth (847) 212-2539, or Kay Lewis (847) 909-8374.

Announcements



In the Parish Family

In Loving Memory of Art Kinney

On Sunday afternoon, Art transitioned to the next life to be with his Lord. His passing was peaceful surrounded by friends, family, and prayer. Funeral services will be held at St. Michael's on October 1, at 2pm, with a reception following at Lake Barrington Shores. May his soul, and the souls of all the departed, rest in peace. Amen.

Altar Guild Open House this Sunday

Have you ever wondered how the linens and vestments are set up each week? Why the clergy wear different colored vestments? Where our beautiful altar flowers come from? Who are the quiet mice who clean and set up for Sunday worship? What the heck is a sacristy? Learn answers to these pressing questions at our Altar Guild Open House, on Sunday morning, September 17th, after each service.

We will showcase our beautiful linens and vestments, give you a tour, and have treats to enjoy while you learn about this valuable ministry. You might even wish to join our merry crew!

The sacristy is located on the north side of the building, adjacent to the chapel, and down the hall from the choir area. See you there!



Hello St. Michael's,
You may remember that during my Easter Sunday sermon, I mentioned watching the TV Series The Chosen. I still recommend it to you after three seasons. In fact, there is an opportunity right here in Barrington to attend a retreat to watch and reflect on this show. Bellarmine Jesuit Retreat is hosting The Chosen: A Spiritual Reflection Retreat and I commend it to you. Click here to learn more and register:

<https://jesuitretreat.org/retreats/october-6-9-2023>

“Summary: During this retreat you will have the opportunity to reflect on the life of Jesus and his first followers in a whole new way. Together with other retreatants and members of our Ministry team at Bellarmine, you will watch The Chosen, the first-ever multi-season show about Jesus starring Catholic actor Jonathan Roumie as Jesus.

To learn more about The Chosen, check out their website

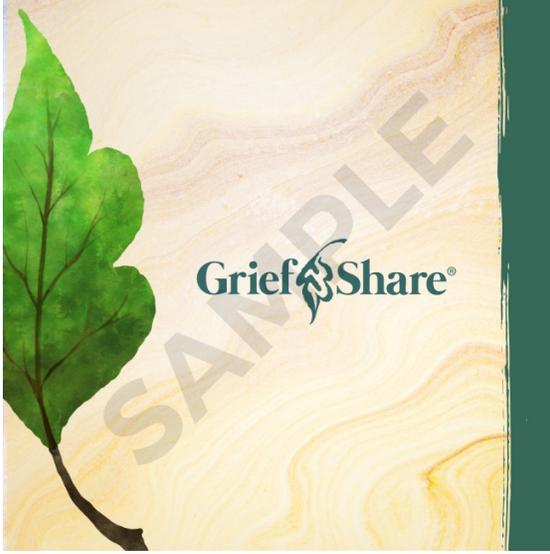
(<https://new.thechosen.tv/>) or watch the “Season 1” trailer here

<https://www.lingoapp.com/107055/s/Rmq0xz/?v=24>).



October 15, 2023 at 1pm - 41st Annual Barrington Area CROP hunger walk

Join the St. Michael's team for the 41st annual CROP Hunger Walk on Oct 15, 2023 at 1pm. We are walking through the Village of Barrington to raise awareness and funds to fight hunger. You can choose a 1-mile or 5-mile route, or you can cheer on the walkers from the front of St. Michael's and pass out water. You can also make a donation online at crophungerwalk.org, and then search St. Michael's under team names. Liz Gabis is our team captain and you can reach out to her with any questions (lizgabis@mac.com ; 847-917-2920). Money raised by CROP Hunger Walks nationwide provides food, medical care, disaster relief and self-help development for needy people in our community and around the world.



Grief Share Support Group

Grief Share Group beginning at Village Church of Barrington:

"Welcome, and thank you for your willingness to engage on a journey that will be welcoming, meaningful, and perhaps even challenging. Grief is real. We are grateful to walk beside you as you begin this healing process. You will not be alone. GriefShare ministry coaches are available to offer free support, direction, encouragement, and prayer.

Video sessions are available to view online (griefshare.org/leaderzone/my/video) We will have a ten -to fifteen-minute actual survivor(s) of grief at each session as well. Email Calvin Dinkins at calvin@vcbweb.org for information."

Read more here:

Grief Share Support Group

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Birthdays

9/17 Jim Bateman
9/17 Drake Imhoff
9/22 Jeff Tolle
9/22 John Schmidt
9/22 Greg Mears
9/22 Henry Boynton

Anniversaries

9/19 Jackie and Dick Kraus
9/20 Janette and Danny Warner
9/22 Christine and Stanley Pepper
9/23 Mita and Raj Mullick
9/23 Wendy and Rob O'Riordan

In Loving Memory

9/19 Pierre J. Lareau
9/19 George Bachini
9/19 George Dickson
9/20 Erin Elizabeth Buckley
9/23 John Freiman
9/23 Robert Leska
Rocco Macri
Art Kinney

Prayer Requests

The Kinney family, Kathi, Johnny, the Imhoff family, Tim, Danielle, Marti, David, Andy, Jeff, Marilyn and Pat, Cayden, Barb, Sadie, Cindy, Ann, Dave, Phyllis, Cameron, Maribeth, Ruth, Brian, Barb and Steve, Patty, and Amy.

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