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### From Our Rector

The Rev. Jesse Perkins

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In my head I know that this past winter was not a bad one, at least by Barrington's standards, but I am experiencing a lot of joy as the grass becomes lush green, and wild flowers pop up in my yard. It is obvious to me why we celebrate Jesus's resurrection in the spring - because nature itself is acting out the divine drama alone with us, moving from the cold, dead of winter to the warm, resurrected spring. Nature itself helps us tell our faith story. Recently, I am finding that I want to get outside more than has been true in my younger years. I

am going to blame the Guatemala mission trip for this! We were outside, got our hands dirty, put in some sweat equity into a home for a homeless family, and it felt good to be physically tired at the end of the day. A mission trip



changes you, and sometimes it takes a little while to figure out how one has been changed. In my twenties, I did everything I could to avoid this type of thing, paying a youth group member to mow my lawn as soon as I could afford it. But this year seems to be a bit different. Maybe it is time to get my hands dirty, not just in Guatemala, but here - put in some sweat equity. Perhaps the lesson nature illustrates for us about God's victory over death is one I need to see more up close. So... when the spirit leads in such a way, a person is wise to try and follow. Katy and I will be doing some lawn work over at the rectory this summer, mowing the grass and tending to the flowerbeds. This is not our strong suit, but we are going to give it a shot. I am approaching it as a spiritual exercise this year, and all the while saving a little money. So if you see us outside pushing the mower, honk and wave!

So let me ask you - where is the Spirit moving in your life? Where might there be unexpected gifts of grace this year? God's resurrecting power is all around us waiting to be noticed.



### 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

(Grades 6-12 will still meet in the Sturtz House)

**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).

**Quick Links**

See you in church,  
Jesse+



**From Our Curate**

The Rev. Lisa Erdeljon

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I went for my first run of the season this week. It wasn't as bad as I anticipated, either. I will admit, though, the "season" starts much earlier in Virginia, and even in Connecticut. Not running for the past 6 months was probably not a good idea.

At the time, it wasn't too painful - except for the blister on my heel (probably time for a new pair of running shoes). Even Bedi was able to keep up with me (we run together most of the time). One day later, though, was a different story. I'm grateful we didn't have to kneel for Confession on Sunday - I probably would not have been able to get back up! And by Sunday night, walking up and down stairs became a task requiring full attention (and extra help).



For me, running season signals the beginning of nice weather. I don't identify as "a runner"; instead, I say I am a "seasonal runner". I don't run in the rain or when it's in the 50s or colder. I don't run when the sun sets early. I don't run when I would need to wear multiple layers or reflective strips or anything extra like that.

But, when I do run, it feels amazing! Getting to physically work towards a goal (or destination), breathing heavy, sweating - these are the reasons why I run. The repetitive monotony of one foot in front of the other allows my mind to wander, sometimes to my upcoming sermon, but more often to the beauty of God's creation around me.

I'm looking for a 5k to run, but these May dates are just way too early! I'll have to put them in my calendar next year, so I can start training sooner.

For now, you may be able to see me running the sidewalks of Barrington, with my little dog keeping pace next to me.

Enjoy the beautiful weather!



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Vestry Meeting Summary  
Apr. 16, 2018  
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## In The Parish Family

### Farewell Brunch

Please join us for a farewell brunch for **Ann and Todd Ross**, Sunday, May 13 after the 10:00 a.m. service. Their work for St Michael's has touched each and every one of us. So, come say "thank you" and "you will be missed"!



**Those who have asked for our prayers:** Kathy, the Vasich family, Judie, Bob, the Harms family, Sue, Nicole, the Sitkowski family, Laurie, Ann, Mark, Ted, Christina, Barb & Steve, Patty, Phyllis, Amy.

## Growing God's Kingdom in Partnership With RTC: Celebrating 20th Year Covenant Anniversary with Renk Diocese

Sunday, April 15, Renk Ministry Partnership officially launched St. Michael's annual fundraiser for Renk Theological College in support of scholarships for 37 seminary students. RTC is an officially designated Center for Peace & Reconciliation in Northern Upper Nile State, South Sudan, so designated by The Episcopal University. Graduates will go on to be real change agents in an area of the world where God's good news of love, peace and justice is desperately needed.



Amer Deng Ayom,  
2nd year student

This Sunday, May 13, we celebrate Ascension Day AND Mother's Day. RMP invites you, on your way to coffee hour, to stop at the RTC table to pick up, if you haven't done so, a packet with all you need to participate in "Growing God's Kingdom in Partnership with RTC". There are several options for giving...one-time gift, monthly pledge, individual or group sponsorships. Or, consider this gift idea - give a scholarship to honor your mother or remember someone dear to you. An anonymous 'friend of RTC' has made a \$20,000 challenge grant. Your sponsorship will be doubled! Help plant the seeds for change in South Sudan.



Announcing the formation of  
**St. Michael's  
Gardening Alliance**  
*Growing with Purpose*

Stop by our table on Sunday at coffee hour. Meet the team. Get Plant Sale [order forms](#).

Click [here](#) for additional information.

**Vestry Contacts:** [Rob Wisnowski](#), [Greg Michaels](#), [Bill Ferry](#)

## Confirmation 2018

St. Michael's will host Confirmation on **Saturday, May 19 at 11:00 a.m.**, Bishop Jeffrey Lee presiding. We will be joined by several additional parishes from our diocese. Please join us for the service and reception.

*Strengthen, O Lord, your servants with your Holy Spirit; empower them for your service; and sustain them all the days of their lives. Amen.*



## Little Red Wagon



Redeemer Church, Elgin, 'Families in Crisis Program', is our focus in May.

Items needed are:  
any food items,  
paper supplies,  
cleaning supplies

## Pentecost Sunday Celebration



St. Michael's will celebrate the Feast of Pentecost, known as the birthday of the Christian church, in a BIG way on **Sunday, May 20**.

We begin with our two Sunday worship services at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. We will welcome into baptism 5 young people at the 10:00 a.m. service. We will also recognize our dedicated church school teachers after the 10:00 a.m. service.



And if that weren't enough, the GREAT LADYBUG RELEASE will take place on the front lawn after both services. [Click here](#) for 5 fascinating facts about ladybugs.

All are invited to wear **RED**. Come one, come all to celebrate the church's birthday!

and even clothing.



Living in Faith Together ~ LIFT ~ will conclude our church year on Sunday, May 20, at the Sturtz house for an ALL LIFT gathering with Donna Brooks at 9:00 a.m.

Parents and youth, please let Donna Brooks know if you'd like to help with refreshments for that morning (email: [DonnaBrooksMusician@gmail.com](mailto:DonnaBrooksMusician@gmail.com) or text 224-623-1527). Our Jr. and Sr. LIFT shall celebrate with our high school graduates and welcome those 8th graders who will be joining Sr. LIFT for next year! WEAR **RED** for Pentecost Sunday!

## Memorial Day Military Recognition & Brunch

We will be recognizing our military at the 10:00 a.m. service on **Sunday, May 27** and hosting a brunch after the service for all men and women who are currently serving or have served our country. We invite the entire congregation to attend and support them! Also, please feel free to invite other military friends as your guests.



If you are staying for **BRUNCH** please sign the **RSVP** sign up list in the hallway outside the Community Room.

If you can provide help please contact Clark at 847-726-8600. Thanks!

Once again this year, the delicious food will be donated by Barrington's own Heinen's Grocery Store, 500 North Hough Street and other local area restaurants.

## Remembering This Week

### Birthday

5.13

Cooper Raynor

5.14

Ann Ryba

Hugh Harris III

Lily Padula

5.15

Dean Maire

5.16

Ann Ross

## Parish Within A Parish

### Vestry Update

In an effort to improve communication and bring better visibility to the Vestry we are pleased announce the NEW "Parish within a Parish" launch. Each Vestry Member has been assigned 15 -18 members to create a small "Parish" within our Parish. The opportunity for you is to have a contact to reach out to, ask questions, raise concerns, or suggest new ideas to. Throughout the year your Vestry Member will reach out to you via e-mail, phone, or small

5.17  
Carol Hebert  
5.18  
Bonnie Factor  
Philippe Maraval  
5.19  
Richard Johns  
Joseph Warrender

### Anniversaries

5.15  
Debbie & Joe  
Kunzon  
5.16  
Heidi & Marty  
Guthrie  
5.17  
Valorie & Frederick  
Eaton  
Gina & Dave Evans  
Linda & Bruce  
Keclik  
Terri & Lou Longo  
Lori & Christopher  
Nolan

### Rest in Peace

5.18  
Alice Kell  
Robert Blass  
5.19  
John Hall  
Jean Schoepke

group meetings. This in no way replaces your current relationships, but will be incremental. Also, please feel free to reach out to them at any time. You will be receiving an e-mail from your Vestry Member connection. Thank You.



"Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, so it is with Christ's body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other."

Romans 12:4-5

### *"The joy of filling a position like this is in the friendships you make..."*

Dear Women of St. Michael's,

AWSM needs a new leader! I am leaving town and Kristy, who was my co-chair, always only signed on to be a "worker bee". [Read on...](#)



### Save the Date: Sunday, June 3 - Fierce Conversations

Have you ever wanted to have more authentic, deeper conversations as a group or with others? Have you ever sat in a meeting wishing the group could talk about the "real" issue? Have you ever been frustrated when a group is having a hard time making a decision?

Join Courtney Reid, Director of Operations for the Diocese of Chicago and Fierce Conversations trainer for this interactive program that will include an introduction to the principles of Fierce Conversations and a chance to explore some tools for more transformative conversation.



Questions, comments, want to get involved with planning? Contact [Mtr. Lisa](#) or [Leslie Yerger](#).

### "Looking for Jesus in the Holy Land today," a pilgrimage for the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago

The Diocese of Chicago is planning a pilgrimage for next year. Mtr. Lisa is interested in going and would love to get a group from St. Michael's to join her.

The trip will be on May 13-24, 2019, and led by Bishop Lee and Dean Dominic Barrington of St. James Cathedral.

More information (including cost) will be available by Labor Day weekend, but [you can register online](#) for more information, and will receive a \$100-per-person discount for bookings made within two weeks of receiving a brochure (in September). Questions or comments? [Contact Mtr. Lisa](#).

## COMMUNITY NEWS



**9th Annual Barrington Art Festival**, May 26-27, 10am - 5pm, along Cook and Station streets in downtown Barrington. Free and open to the public, the Barrington Art Festival will showcase the work of more than 130-juried artists from around the world in a variety of mediums, including ceramics, fiber, glass, jewelry, painting, sculpture and more. [Learn more](#).

**Memorial Day Parade - Monday, May 28, 10:30 a.m.**  
The parade begins at Park Avenue and Cook Street and ends with a solemn service at Evergreen Cemetery.

### St. Michael's Vestry

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The Rev. Jesse Perkins, Rector; The Rev. Elizabeth (Betsy) Ward, Assisting Priest;  
The Rev. Lisa Erdeljon, Curate; The Rev. Laurie Michaels, Deacon; Caren Hunter,  
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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)

### **The Sword**

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