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From Our Rector

The Rev. Jesse Perkins

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Throughout our lives, some years bring more changes than others...this has been true for 2019, both for me personally, and for us as a parish.

[Continue reading](#) the rectors 2020 Annual Meeting Report as presented on Sunday, January 26, 2020.

[Click here to view](#) the rectors presentation slides and notes from the January 26, 2020 Annual Meeting.



Sunday Worship Times



8:00 a. m. Rite I

10:00 a.m. Rite II

*Coffee & Fellowship
after each service.*

Church School



● **Children
ages 3-5th grade
10:00 a.m.**

meet downstairs
in classrooms. They
will join their families
in time for communion.

● **JR. & SR. High
9:00 a.m.**
Meet in the
Sturtz House

● **Adult Formation**



From Our Associate Rector of Christian Education

The Rev. Lisa Erdeljon

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ACTION NEEDED!

A Pilgrimage to Washington, D.C.

March 26, 2020 to March 31, 2020

How Can We Live as Citizens of God's Kingdom
and the United States?



A **pilgrimage** is a journey, for religious reasons, to a specific place that is associated with sacredness, usually leading to personal transformation.

This year, St. Michael's will be pilgrimaging to Washington, D.C.

Seasonal
(watch Sword for
upcoming info)

Nursery (infants and
children up to 3 years
old) is available
downstairs from
9:30am through the
10am service.

For Church School
information please
contact [The Rev. Lisa
Erdeljon](#), Associate
Rector for Christian
Education.

For additional
service information,
events and
activities,
please visit our
website by
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[Our Website](#)

The goal is to explore sacred and political/historical locations with a focus on how we can live into God's call for us to be both citizens of God's Church and of this country.

It should be a God-filled experience of spiritual growth and education, as well as community-building. It is my deep desire that this pilgrimage will be just that for all of us.

\$1,400 per person (double occupancy)

includes airfare, food, hotel, and tours & entertainment
(alcohol and personal souvenirs not included)

*Please ask me about the single supplement

Dates to Know

Deadline for commitment: Friday, January 31 (with \$100 deposit)

First payment of \$1,000: Sunday, February 16

Remainder due: Sunday, March 1

Note: A canceled registration by February 16, will receive all money returned in full; a canceled registration by March 1 has a \$500 cancellation fee; a canceled registration after March 1 is subject to review for any money back.

Itinerary includes:

- A day at the National Cathedral
- A tour of the National Mall and Monuments
- Visiting Arlington National Cemetery
- Walking the journey of the Slave Trade in Alexandria
- Visiting local organizations that work towards combining their faith and political action
- And so much more...

[Click here](#) for a brochure, which includes the Registration form.

Children's Ministry(3 year to 5th grade)

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One of the best parts of my job is seeing the children walk down stairs into Sunday school. They come in with such joy and willingness to learn about God. Their faces light up when they see the teachers, their friends and, of course, the snacks for the day. Each week I email the teachers the lessons so they can read over the Gospel before Sunday. I also print the lessons and prepare the activities. Each Sunday morning the teachers and I quickly meet to plan how the lessons should go, work out timing and prepare for the classroom sizes. I have to thank these astonishing women again for coming early, being flexible and volunteering. It is all about the kids who



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Preschool](#)



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participate weekly and this committed team. "The people" are the reason my job as Sunday School Director is so rewarding.

After the kids have settled down into the rooms I usually start to count the kids. Sometimes I think; Wow, will we have enough seating reserved in church? Some weeks we need two pews and others we need three. So thank you to whoever has to move out of our way to allow the Sunday school to fit into the reserved seating.

This Sunday we will be learning about celebrating the fulfillment of scripture through the birth of our Lord Jesus. We will focus on Jesus being the light of the world and making candles with the kids.

Lastly, attached to my message is always an *At home with the Good News*. Just a reminder, this is a free online tool parents or grandparents can use to have a Sunday school lesson at home. Take a look at it if you have time.



[Click here](#) to read this week's *At Home with the Good News*.

LIFT Jr. and Sr. High Ministry

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LIFT meets on Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. at the Sturtz House. [Click here](#) for the LIFT Calendar of Events.

Pray For...Lenten Daily Devotional

The Healing Prayer Ministry announces our fourth annual "Praying Lent" Daily Devotional submission period. We need your prayer by February 10. As in past years, this wonderful gift bubbles up from the congregation in the form of prayers, scripture, poetry, or heartfelt expressions of inspiration. We need prayers for each day in Lent so feel free to submit more than one. We encourage prayers with a purpose - please begin your prayer with the wording *Pray For...* You may submit specific prayers or prayers of thanksgiving, a favorite uplifting sentiment, or anything on your heart. This is a wonderful way for the people of St. Michael's to be united throughout Lent. Email Greg Smith at marketingyou@comcast.net.

You may also leave your prayers in the Healing Prayer Ministry mailbox or in the collection plate. Thank you for lifting us all up in prayer; and thank you for making this blessing a reality once again.

Little Red Wagon



This month we gather food for those in need at the Barrington Township Food Pantry.

Especially needed items: tea, instant coffee, dry beans, soy sauce, salsa, seasonings and dryer sheets.

Thank you!

Those who have asked for our prayers:

The Tolle family, the Johnston family, the Hecker family,

Brighten The Winter Months

Music Recital, February 23 at 2:00 p.m.

Featuring works for soprano by classical greats Bach, Handel, Vivaldi, and Mozart; romantic songs for voice with classical guitar including the timeless aria from *Bachianas Brasileiras* by Villa-lobos; a comical musical pastiche on the *Adventures of Jack and Jill* by Sigmund Spaeth; heartfelt songs by Ben Moore; as well as a few other surprises.

This recital in praise of music has something for everyone to enjoy! *Something for the whole family!*

Sara Torbeck, soprano
Karisa Millington, soprano
Natalia Revinski, piano
José Verduzco, classical guitar

Prelude/intermezzo by Tyler Gabis, violin; Austin Gabis, double bass; Lauren Gabis, cello; Mark Sikkila, piano.

Location: St. Michael's Episcopal Church, Hillside & Dundee Avenues, Barrington

Admission is free. The program is sponsored by the St. Cecilia's Guild of St. Michael's to further the role of fine music in our community faith. The Guild provides scholarships, grants and subsidies to further the formation of young musicians and attract top-tier adjunct musicians to St. Michael's. A free-will offering will be accepted.

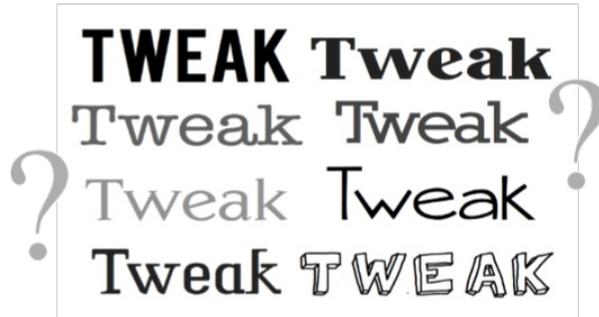
A festive reception will follow the performance.

Please come, and bring your friends!

Greg Michaels
Chairman, St. Cecilia's Guild

Virginia, Brian, Mark, Ted, Barb & Steve, Patty, Phyllis, Amy
[Names placed on the Parish Prayer List are listed for four weeks. The newly departed are also prayed for during the Prayers of the People on Sundays for a duration of four weeks following their death. Please notify any member of the clergy or [Nancy](#) to add a name to the prayer list.]

February 25, 6:30 p.m.



your interest!

More to come about this!

Little Angels Christian Preschool Registration for 2020-21

Registration for the 2020-2021 school year is now underway. Please contact Caren Hunter with any questions at chunter@stmichaelsbarrington.org.

Offering Envelopes for 2020

Your 2020 offering envelopes are available for pick up in the Community Room foyer. If you have any questions, please contact Janice Spitz in the parish office at 847-381-2323, x16 or jspitz@stmichaelsbarrington.org.

Remembering This Week

Birthday

2.2
Florence Compton
2.4
Wendy O'Riordan
Grace Guthrie
Gunnar Kilanski
Jay Ward
2.6
Shona Garcia
2.8
Lou Longo

Anniversaries

2.2
Patti & Jeff Cross
2.7
Darci & George
Lorenzo

COMMUNITY NEWS



The Gate: Dawn of the Bahá'í - sponsored by The Community Church of Barrington (being shown at St. Michael's) on February 5, 6:30 p.m. In the midst of religious intolerance and extremism, one religion-the Bahá'í Faith-offers a path toward world peace by advocating the oneness of humanity's major religions. This groundbreaking documentary tells the amazing, little-known story of the origins of the Bahá'í Faith. 'The Gate: Dawn of the Bahá'í Faith' recounts the founding of this new world religion in Persia by a Prophet known as The Báb. Combining dramatic reenactments with interviews of renowned historians, religious scholars and Bahá'í Faith experts, the movie celebrates the brief, exciting life of a



Rest in Peace

- 2.3
Dean Frelk
- 2.4
Jane Bachini
- 2.5
Suzanne Jantz
- Bob Hoffman
- 2.6
Kent Taylor

prophet and the indelible impact His message continues to have on the world today. **Questions:** contact the Community Church of Barrington at 847-381-1294.

The next Community Meal will be on Thursday, February 13, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. at St. Paul's United Church of Christ, 401 E. Main Street, Barrington. All welcome.

St. Michael's Vestry

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Dayna Imhoff, *Senior Warden*; Kirk Chan, *Junior Warden*

Bill Ferry, Gwynne Johnston, Greg Michaels, Steve Barnum, Tim Raynor, Gene Dawson, Michele Phillips, Suzanne Fler, Renee Buxton, Lindsay Taylor, Charley Wickman, Cam Sells, John Davis, *Treasurer* - Craig Anderson, *Clerk*

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**Clergy and Staff**

The Rev. Jesse Perkins, *Rector*;

The Rev. Lisa Erdeljon, *Associate Rector for Christian Education*;

The Rev. Elizabeth Ward, *Priest Associate*; The Rev. Alvin Johnson, *Priest Associate*;  
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Caren Hunter, *Director of Little Angels Preschool*; Ric Lindeen, *Jr/Sr High Youth Ministry*;  
Kim Curtis, *Sunday School Director & Parish Operations*;  
Nancy Holmes, *Parish Administrator & Rector's Assistant*;  
Janice Spitz, *Bookkeeper*; Rich Homickel, *Sexton*

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The Parish Office is open 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Summer office hours June/July/August: M-TH 9am-5pm; Fri 9am-noon.

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