



ST MICHAEL'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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A Note From Our Rector

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Hello St. Michael's, and I hope you are well underway with your Advent preparations as we await the birth of Emmanuel, God with us. This week our focus in the office is all about the upcoming Christmas services. I had some questions, so I wanted to make sure we were all on the same page as to service times and offerings:

Sunday, December 24 (Advent 4, like a regular Sunday morning)

- 8am Rite 1 Eucharist
- 10am Rite 2 Eucharist

Sunday, December 24 (Christmas Eve)

- 4pm Family Eucharist
- 10pm Solemn Choral Eucharist

Monday, December 25 (Christmas Day)

- 10am Rite 2 Eucharist in the chapel

Sunday, January 7 (Epiphany Sunday)

- 8am Rite 1 Eucharist
- 10am Rite 2 Eucharist with Epiphany Pageant

I also know that this time of year is at the same time joyous, and stressful. Breathe deeply during these dark and cold months, and keep your hearts focused on God's great gift to us born in the manger. When you see the darkness of the world all around, remember that it was this darkness and grief and sadness and hopelessness that God chose to enter all those many years ago, bringing hope, love, and light. Pray that God's light is born again both in our hearts and in our hurting world. Pray that God's healing and redemption comes quickly.

See you in church,
Jesse+

A Note from our Sunday School Director

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We will be having Sunday school for any children who attend the 10am service this week, as it is Advent 4. Then Sunday's Christmas Eve 4pm service will be a children's musical masterpiece.

Sara would like the Saturday children choir to arrive early at 3:20pm. The Sunday school children should arrive at 3:30pm. Only the Saturday choir children will be wearing robes.

Sunday school kids will sit up in the front pews during the opening hymn. Then they will sing away in the manger at the altar and return to sit with their families for the rest of the service. The children whose parents are participating in the service are welcome to sit with the Sunday school teachers.

So much work is going on to coordinate Sunday school. I couldn't manage with out the amazing teachers, staff, parents and of course our students. Thank you for all you do. Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year!

Reminders:

No Sunday school December 31. Will still have nursery.

Epiphany pageant rehearsal is Saturday, January 6th at 10:00am -11:30am for dress rehearsal.

Epiphany pageant Sunday, January 7th.

Note: Will be passing out costumes at rehearsal instead of Christmas Eve (change of plans).

LIFT



**NEW UPDATED LIFT/CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE FOR THE YEAR
CHECK IT OUT**



Merry Christmas to all LIFTers! We will see you in the new year, on January 7th!

Upcoming Events

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**Christmas Eve Services
Sunday, December 24**



4pm Festive congregational carol singing with instruments and strings.

10pm Candlelight high mass with brass quintet and adult choir



Annual Meeting

February 4th, 11:30 am

Vestry Slate 2024

Senior Warden (1 year term): Bill Ferry (2023 jr warden)

Junior Warden (1 year term): Liz Gabis

Three-year Vestry terms (three open seats):

- Paul Carrubba
- Amy Hoff
- Jeff Tolle

Bios and Pictures can be found here:

<https://www.stmichaelsbarrington.org/church-blog/1379-2024-vestry-slate?preview=1>

Humanitarian crisis in the Middle East

Many of you are very aware of the humanitarian crisis in the Middle East. While the needs are very great, there are beacons of hope in the midst of the disaster. The Al-Ahli Arab Hospital is a medical mission of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem. It has continued to function throughout the current crisis. If you want to help them, you can send a tax-deductible gift through the American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem. Here is their website. <https://afedj.org>

Located on the Mount of Olives is Augusta Victoria hospital. It is the only source of radiological therapy in the entire West Bank. They have been working with Al-Ahli hospital to help them provide similar treatments. Augusta Victoria is one of many Lutheran ministries in the Holy Land. If you want to help them, here is their website. <https://lutheranworld.org> These are Just two places to send our help. Please pray and learn all you can.

In the Episcopal Cathedral in East Jerusalem, there is a poster that reads, "Pray not for Arab or Jew for Palestinian or Israeli. Pray rather for ourselves that we might not divide them in our prayers but keep them both together in our hearts"

Fr. Ralph+

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Birthdays

12/27 Jayne Kane
12/27 Erin Taylor
12/28 Ellen Weiss
12/28 Anne Tolle
12/29 Lori Pepper
12/30 Cindy Milford
12/31 Craig Anderson

Anniversaries

In Loving Memory

12/24 Eleanor Conlon
12/25 Nancy Wolters
12/28 Katherine McIntosh
12/28 David Pepper
12/28 Barbara Papamarcos
12/30 Iris Hartman
12/30 Carol Brink
12/30 Barbara Kane
Marilyn Theresa King

Prayer Requests

Eleanor, the King family, Emma Rose, Lynda, Jeff, Richard, Christine, Charlie and Meg, Sharon, Andy, Marilyn and Pat, Caden, Sadie, Cindy, Dave, Phyllis, Cameron, Maribeth, Ruth, Brian, Barb and Steve, Patty, Amy and Tom.

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Barrington Christmas Art Walk

<http://www.christmasartwalk.com/>



Press Release – Christmas Art Walk 2023 – Barrington, Illinois

The Jonahre Foundation presents A GIFT TO REMEMBER Christmas Art Walk 2023 in Barrington, IL.

Families are invited to a free event to EXPLORE, DISCOVER and WALK through 12 stores following a map through downtown Barrington, IL on a Christmas Art Walk open December 12 – 23, 2023.

12 artists have been commissioned to create a truly international reflection of the Christmas story. Each piece of art tells the story through the actions of the CHARACTERS at the point of the Christmas story and will inspire viewers to remember the TRUE GIFT OF CHRISTMAS. The walk culminates with the giving of the wise men's gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh and the meaning each brings to celebrate the gift of Jesus.

The "GIFT TO REMEMBER" Christmas Art Walk opens with a meet and greet of some of the artist in the stores on Tuesday, December 12th and on Saturday, December 16th. An open-air living nativity play with animals will be performed outside at Egg Harbor Café every 30 minutes on Saturday, December 16th, starting 10am until 2pm. People from the community are encouraged to attend their local churches for Christmas services.

For more details check out the events page on the website: www.christmasartwalk.com or look on our Facebook page at: <http://www.facebook.com/ChristmasArtWalk>

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The Sword

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