



ST MICHAEL'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Sword February 29, 2024

## St. Michael's Weekly News & Updates



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### A Note From Our Rector

Jesse Perkins

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Hello St. Michael's, and hello the second week of Lent. I have been blessed each Sunday with the attendance, and especially this past week I saw so many new faces that I was unable to meet with them all. What a blessing! Our work is to keep welcoming people who we do not recognize (even if it risks introducing yourself to a long time parishioner!), and also I would like to ask you to please resume wearing your name tags. I know, I know, we sort of got out of the habit during COVID, but it is all the more important now to be able to meet and incorporate newcomers into our faith community.

If you need a name tag, please let Theresa know in the office ([admin@stmichaelsbarrington.org](mailto:admin@stmichaelsbarrington.org)), and please wear them whenever you can. If you are ushering, please remind folks as they enter. We will also have paper write-on name tags for anyone who does not yet have a printed one.

I am grateful this week for many things, but among them were the first Saturday evening service (5pm) with Fr. Jim. This service will continue weekly on Saturdays at 5pm in the chapel (enter from the parking lot).

I am also grateful for our three Lent adult education opportunities, and for those leading them. Check them out here before Holy Week is upon us:  
<https://www.stmichaelsbarrington.org/component/content/article/17-announcements/main-church/1403-lenten-formation?Itemid=571>

After Easter, I will be hosting a "Welcome to the Episcopal Church" class each week at noon (after coffee hour) for anyone interested in learning more about our church, and for those adults wishing to be Confirmed/Received as official members. Mark your calendars for April 7-May 5 at 12pm in the library.

May your Lent continue to be holy: "Seek [God] and you will find [God], knock and the door [of faith] will be opened." (paraphrase Matthew 7:7)

Jesse+

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## **A Note from our Sunday School Director**

Kim Curtis

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This week the children will be learning the meaning of their names. We will discuss how Simon's name changes to Peter. Some reflection will be what new name would you give to your self? Can you think of a time when someone saw the best in you? How does this make you feel? We will also write affirmations for each letter in the child's name. They will

be able to draw a self portrait of how Jesus sees them in a mirror!

I have printed some of the wandering heart lessons for families to use as continued discussions about our lesson for the third Sunday in Lent. You can find these on the Lenten Resource table in the Nave.

## **A Moment or Two by Fr. Jim Swarthout**



Jesus drove the money changers out of the temple area and spilled the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. “Take these out of here, and stop making my Father’s house a marketplace.” John 2: 13-25

### **THE WORD:**

Jesus’ angry toppling of the vendors’ booths and tables is a condemnation of the injustice and exploitation of the faithful in the name of God. So empty and meaningless has their worship become that God will establish a new “temple” in the resurrected body of the Christ.

### **REFLECTION POINTS:**

Our late winter yearning for the newness, freshness, warmth and light of spring mirrors Jesus’ angry expulsion of the merchants from the temple. Christ comes to bring newness to humankind, to bring a springtime of hope to a people who have lived too long in a winter of alienation and despair.

Jesus’ cleansing of the temple challenges us to realize that our parish “temple” is called to reflect God’s Kingdom of compassion and peace, healing and justice, in this community. Everything we do as a parish, from our music to doughnuts after Eucharist, from religious ed to the quilters’ group, is the revelation of God’s love — and becoming that kind of church begins by “showing up” and contributing to the working of revealing that love in our midst.

## **Lent Adult Study with Deacon Tim**

Contemplating Sanctified Art for Lent



Dear people of St. Michael's,

Proclamation is our topic for the upcoming Third Sunday of Lent. "Who Do You Say That I Am?" is the art piece by Rev. Lauren Wright Pittman. Please join us, spending about a half hour between Sunday services, *beginning at 9:10 am*, to contemplate this piece of Sanctified Art. We hear the scripture inspiration, the artist's reflection, and commentary. Discussion arising from our contemplations could lead to interesting, unanticipated pathways. We gather in the conference room near the Community Room.

Deacon Tim+

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## **Adult Forum with The Rev. Ralph Osborne**



You are invited to join an adult forum after the 10:00 services during Lent. We will meet in the library from 11:30 -12. Fr. Ralph will be leading a study of chapters 13-17 in the Gospel of John. It is called the Farewell Discourse. Each week we will explore the last words Jesus had for his disciples.

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**LIFT**

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

**LIFT Schedule**

## **Upcoming Events**

### **Stations of the Cross**

This Lent we are offering our regular Stations of the Cross weekly on Wednesdays, starting at **6pm**. This service will be held from February 21 until March 20 each week on Wednesday. Please plan to attend this contemplative walk with Jesus through the final moments of his life until his death on the cross.



**Choral Evensong  
March 10, 5pm**



## Choral Evensong

Sunday March 10 5pm

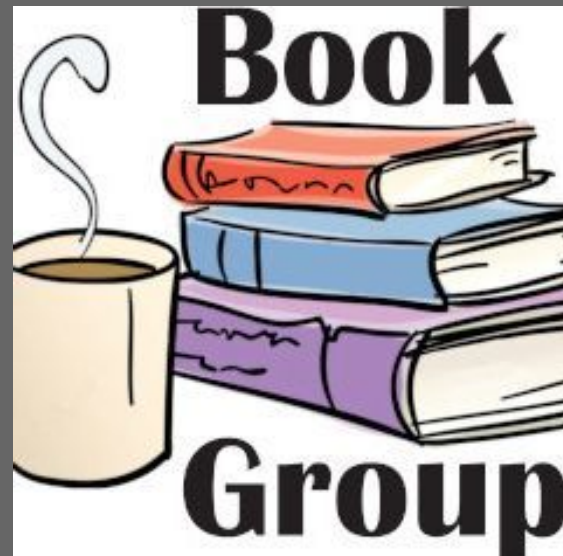
Join us at St. Michael's for our Choral Evensong on March 10, at 5pm. This particular Sunday is Lent 4, or Laetare Sunday, and we are celebrating it with a beautiful evening service. We will feature music from Richard Shepherd, Michael Praetorius, Roland Martin, Peter C. Lutkin, and our handbell choir will be performing the prelude.

### Book Group March 20

Our March book is "Heart Homes, A Mother's Essays on Living with Love & Loss" by Georgianne Harms, design / production by Dennis Harms. Hopefully, the book will be available before the meeting at the All Angels Gift Shop and Bookstore, where it will be sold when available, or at our March 20 meeting. If it is not available by then, we will read selected essays, and Georgianne will also talk about the process of writing and producing her book.

All adult readers at St. Michael's are welcome to join our book discussions at any time.

Please contact Kathi Frelk, [kfrelk4@gmail.com](mailto:kfrelk4@gmail.com) with your questions.



### Palm Sunday Sunday March 24

Palm Sunday services are at 8am and 10am



## **Maundy Thursday March 28**

Please join us for The Maundy Thursday service at 6:30PM.



## **Good Friday March 29**

Good Friday Service will be at 12 PM at St. Michael's and 7 PM at Salem United Methodist Church in Barrington.



## **Easter Vigil March 30**

Easter Vigil, Holy Saturday Evening service will be at 8 PM.



## **Easter Sunday March 31**

Easter Sunday services will be at 9 AM and 11 AM.

We will be having an Easter egg hunt following the 11 AM service.

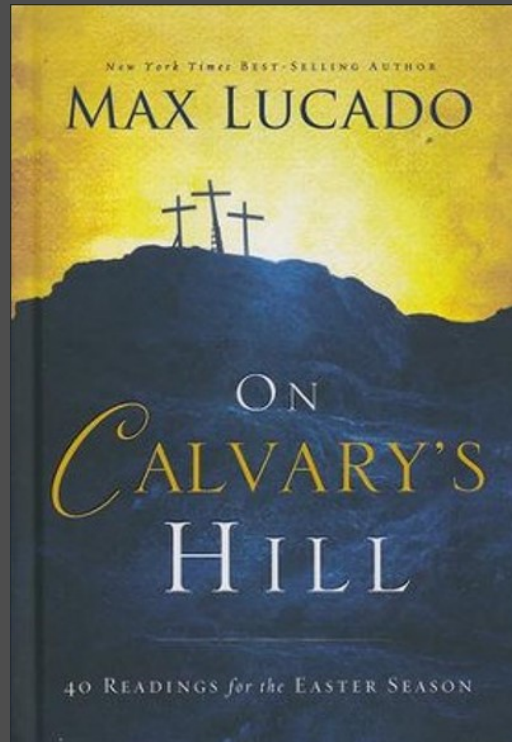


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## Women's Lenten Bible Study

Tuesday Evening Women's Lenten Bible Study  
7:00-8:30pm via Zoom  
2/20-3/26

Join us each week during Lent, beginning February 20, as we walk with Jesus - feeling His passion, sensing His authority, and hearing His promise that death has no power. Weekly discussions will be based on our reflections of the daily readings. Each reading includes Scripture verses, thoughtful prayers, and favorite passages designed to help us draw near to our Savior as we prepare to celebrate the resurrection. Contact Sally Smith at 847-274-4622 or Sue Barnum at 847-401-3050.



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## Announcements

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### Vestry Announcement





Vestry update:

As the new Vestry begins, we have committed to send out an update monthly after this meeting. While meeting minutes are available, below are the highlights that I would also like to share.

We met on Monday February 26<sup>th</sup>, and had lots to discuss.

*Click below to read more:*

[Vestry Update](#)

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## Meals on Wheels Volunteer Coordinator

# VOLUNTEER



We are looking for a Volunteer Coordinator for Meals on Wheels. Too many seniors find it challenging to access healthy food or cook nutritious meals. That's where Meals on Wheels comes in. This remarkable network delivers a staggering 251 million meals each year to 2.2 million seniors and counting. The coordinator works with St. Michael's volunteer drivers to schedule deliveries two days a month. If interested, please contact Jesse at [jperkins@stmichaelsbarrington.org](mailto:jperkins@stmichaelsbarrington.org).

## Lent Madness



### WHO WILL WIN THE GOLDEN HALO?

Use the link below to register for your digital pdf – any questions please contact Kay Richards at [kmr1941@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kmr1941@sbcglobal.net)

<https://www.lentmadness.org/category/lent-madness-2024/>

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### Birthdays

3/8 John Davis

### Anniversaries

3/3 Sharon and Richard Curran

### In Loving Memory

3/6 Joseph Beuttas  
3/6 Sarah Logan  
3/6 Henry Greene  
3/6 David Bailey  
3/6 Harry Strouse  
3/7 Jerry Camper  
Penelope Stewart  
Sophia Stewart

### Prayer Requests

Jackie, Kristin, Lynda, Emma Rose, the Kean family, Zach and Jenny, Karen, Spencer, Meg and Charlie, Sarah and Evelyn, Nancy, Jeff, Richard, Amy and Matthew, Christine, Jeff, Sharon, Andy, Marilyn and Pat, Caden, Sadie, Dave, Phyllis, Cameron, Maribeth, Ruth, Brian, Barb and Steve, Patty, and Amy.

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**The Sword**

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