



ST MICHAEL'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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A Note From Our Rector

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Hello Little Angels Preschool Families and St. Michael's Church!



The Vestry and I are pleased to announce the successful conclusion of our Preschool Director Search process, and that Ms. Karen Klaus will be joining us on April 1, 2024, as our next preschool director!

Ms. Caren Hunter announced to us last year that she would be retiring at the end of May, 2024, and I cannot express enough how grateful I am for having had her here during my first eight years at St. Michael's. While we will miss her, we wish her the best in her retirement, and we welcome our new director, Ms. Karen, with open hearts.

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[\[READ THE PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR ANNOUNCEMENT AND A LETTER FROM MS. KAREN HERE\]](#)



A Note from our Sunday School Director

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This Sunday the children will be making a special hand held kite to wave on Palm Sunday. We also will be going thru the stations of the cross kid style on Palm Sunday instead of regular lessons. I hope many of you will attend these final classes in Lent. I have seen so much growth with all three classes. The children are focused and really paying attention to the lessons. Let's keep up this momentum into Easter.

We will be having Sunday school on Easter Sunday for both the 9am and 11am service. The Easter egg hunt will be after the 11 am. It always amazes me on how 1000 eggs vanish into kids buckets in 5 minutes. Ms. Kay and I are hoping to recruit some of our junior youth children again to help decorate the lawn while we are in church. Let us know if your child is interested.

Lent Adult Study with Deacon Tim

Contemplating Sanctified Art for Lent



Dear people of St. Michael's,

In the Sanctified Art group between services on Sundays in Lent, we trace the course of Simon-Peter's deepening faith journey reflected in the bulletin cover art. Please join us, spending about a half hour between Sunday services, beginning at 9:10 am, to contemplate a 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+

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.

LIFT



FROM THE LIFT LEADERS' DESK

It's been a great month for attendance over at the LIFT House (Sturtz House)! Nine young people get to play together, eat some fruit and Munchkins together, and listen to what the Bible has to teach us. I always love it when their eyes widen when I'm telling a story. I confess that I get passionate and dramatic about it. I've been known to throw myself on the floor - to make a point of course! Whatever it takes...to get their attention to know about the love of Christ.

Thank YOU, Parents, for getting them there at our odd time so that we may have this special time together before coming to church!

CHANGES TO OUR SCHEDULE:

THIS SUNDAY NIGHT (MAR. 17) , SR. LIFT CANCELLED.

We WILL meet on Palm Sunday, March 24. I know it's spring break but I'll be there for anyone who's in town.

NO LIFT on Easter Morning, March 31.

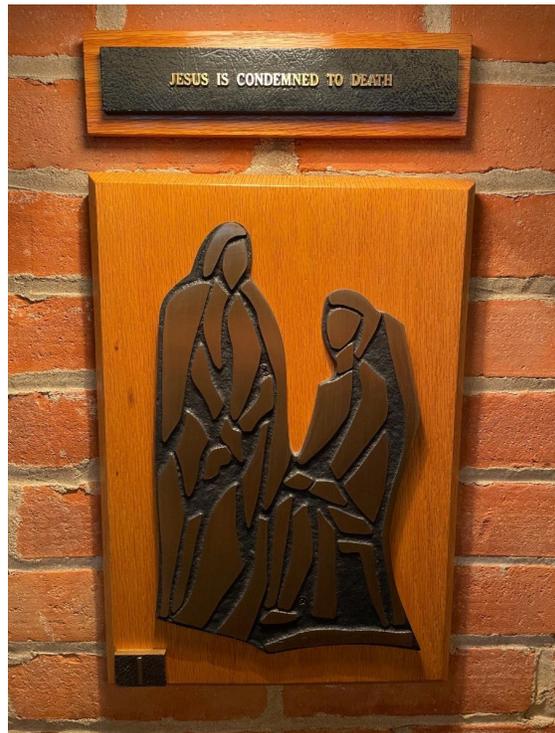
April 7 - Our one and only Sr. LIFT NIGHT event this semester. 6:00-7:30 p.m. Bring yourself and bring a friend! Lots of activities, fun & togetherness.

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.

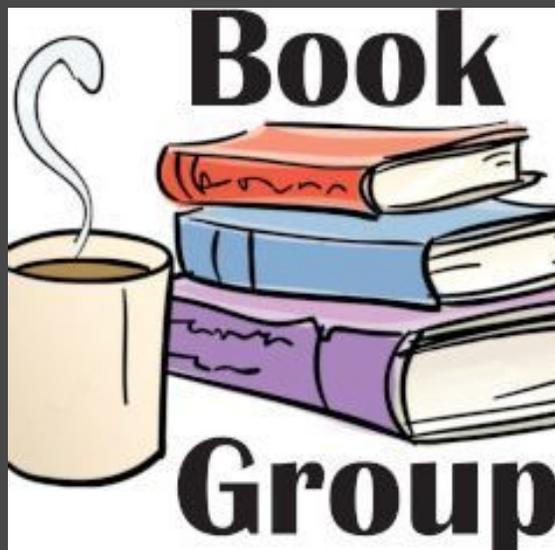


Book Group - March 20

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 with your questions.



Holy Week Services

March 24- Palm Sunday services are at 8am and 10am

March 28 - The Maundy Thursday service is at 6:30PM.

March 29 - Good Friday Service will be at 12 PM at St. Michael's and 7 PM at Salem United Methodist Church in Barrington.

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.



Announcements

Easter Flower Donations

As Holy Week and Easter approach, the altar guild is busy planning a wonderful spring display for the Altar. You can help by making a donation towards the floral arrangement in memory of a loved one or in Thanksgiving of something. Donations can be mailed to St. Michael's, put in the offering plate on Sunday, or by using the Altar Flower designation forms located in the Narthex on the podium.

You can also donate online by using this link:

<https://www.stmichaelsbarrington.org/give>

Please input "Easter Flowers" on the form or in the memo line online.



Easter Receptions

Easter is approaching, and plans are underway for our Easter receptions. We will have a reception following our Easter Vigil on Saturday, including music and sparkling beverages. After each service on Easter Sunday, we will also have a nice coffee reception. Ellen Lindeen is our vestry point person for these receptions, and she needs your help! Email Ellen to volunteer and assist celebrating Easter at St. Micheal's and providing a warm welcome to our visitors. Ellen Lindeen (peacellen123@gmail.com)



Choral Evensong

A few photos from our beautiful Choral Evensong Service.



Conversation with a Counselor

In our efforts as a parish to be a place of God's healing, both within us, and our taking that healing into the world, St. Michael's is partnering with Barrington Youth and Family Services (a long time Outreach partner of the church) to bring an event to the community of Barrington. Come learn tips and tricks for effective communication, healthy routines, social media management and other challenges of parenting and grand-parenting today.

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The Sword

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