



ST MICHAEL'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Sword March 21, 2024

## St. Michael's Weekly News & Updates



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### A Note From Our Rector

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Every year, many Christians all over the world begin their Holy Week journey to Easter with Palm Sunday. This celebration dates back to as early as the 8th century, and became particularly elaborate during the Middle Ages; the procession would begin in one church, go to another to have the palms blessed, and return to the first church for the rest of the service!

The principle feature of this service is the Deacon's reading of the Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem, where Jesus was celebrated with shouts of "Hosannah" and had palm branches spread along the path as an indication of peace and victory. We participate with the retelling of this formative story by walking "with Jesus" on his path into Jerusalem, as we walk our way into our church for the remainder of the service. Sometimes these palm branches are later burned to make ashes for next year's Ash Wednesday service.



The modern service also now typically includes the reading of the Passion Gospel, which directly connects the vents of the Triumphant Procession to the arrest and crucifixion of Jesus. At St. Michael's, we typically read the passion at the end of the service (rather than in the middle), allowing it to be the conclusion to our Palm Sunday service, and our first chapter in a Holy Week of walking with Jesus all the way to the cross on Good Friday, and to resurrection at the Easter Vigil (and Sunday).

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

Kim Curtis

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Everyone should meet upstairs this Sunday. Families will meet in Community Room for the beginning of the Service for Palm Sunday.

If your child took home a ring flag we made last week, please remember to bring on Sunday. We will use them during the procession around the building. I have a few extra for children who were not here last week.

I am looking forward to Palm Sunday!! We are having a meaningful lesson with the Sunday school about the station of the cross.

Next Sunday, on Easter, we will have Sunday school at both services. Please let me know if you are available to volunteer with Nursery. I am anticipating a full house.

The Easter egg hunt will be on the front lawn following the 11am service. Hope you will stay to enjoy the fun!

## **A Note from Deacon Tim**



Dear People of St. Michael's

After Easter I will be away for a few weeks to recover from what we anticipate is a modest medical procedure in the week following Easter. The medical team suggests recovery in 4 weeks or so. Assuming all goes well, I should be back in my deacon's office in the week following Mother's Day and in worship the next Sunday. I will appreciate your prayerful support. I am grateful Deacon Judy will cover most of the Sundays I am away.

All will be well. (St. Julian of Norwich).

Deacon Tim

## **Music Ministry**

### **A Note from our Music Director**

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Holy week is upon us and I hope you are making plans to join us in following Christ's journey through death to resurrection life Easter Sunday. Each service encapsulates a step on that journey and captures a liturgical dramatic arch that is not to be missed.

A special tradition at St. Michaels is to sing Handel's Hallelujah Chorus from The Messiah as a postlude on Easter Sunday, which we will be singing again this year with the full Brass quintet and organ. I invite you to pick up a score this week to practice with and make your way to the choir loft after communion Easter Sunday to sing with us. We will run through the Hallelujah once 30 minutes before each service 9 and 11 on Easter Sunday.

Here are learning tracks to help you:

Soprano: <https://youtu.be/aKcWt8irMZw?si=rU1K5U9nriRQob6l>

Alto: [https://youtu.be/WRxMn4KH9Zw?si=Xk\\_hca97gT3q2doE](https://youtu.be/WRxMn4KH9Zw?si=Xk_hca97gT3q2doE)

Tenor: <https://youtu.be/KXBdQgNbneE?si=4C5CuCouxQpLoEGo>

Bass: [https://youtu.be/3cgaoD\\_RfKA?si=pYeR9b50tKa5c7oQ](https://youtu.be/3cgaoD_RfKA?si=pYeR9b50tKa5c7oQ)

If you need additional assistance, please reach out to Sara Torbeck  
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## LIFT



### **FROM THE LIFT LEADERS' DESK**

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 27 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.



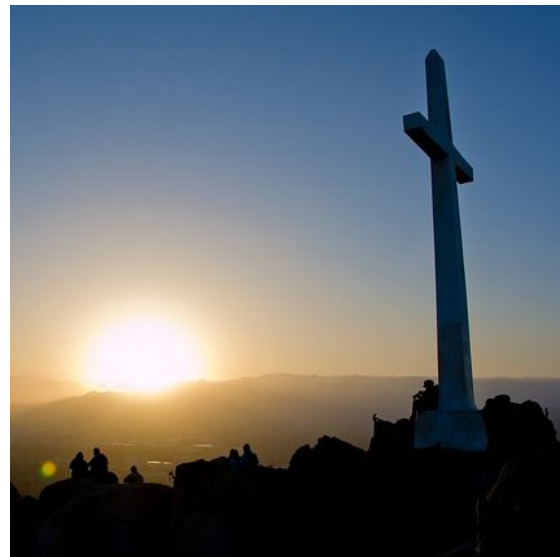
### Holy Week Services

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](mailto:peacellen123@gmail.com))





## 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. Leave with strategies that can be put into action at home. Bring your questions!

Join us at St. Michael's Episcopal Church (647 Dundee Ave 60010) on April 16 at 6:30pm. Light snacks provided.



Conversations with a Counselor!  
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April 16 6:30pm @ St. Michael's

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## Were there political signs at the church on Sunday?

In short, yes, and it is because St. Michael's continues its long-standing tradition of being a polling place for our community. Each election, we welcome three precincts to come to our building and cast their vote; it is a wonderful use of our community room space. Signs for candidates are required to be at least 100 feet from the polling place (usually from the entrance of the community room) and are usually placed on the city's property near the streets and intersections. As a church, we have requested that no signs be placed on actual church property, however, this request very often gets overlooked by the different campaign groups and signs often show up around St. Michael's anyway; presidential election years typically bring extra signs. (One year, many signs were placed VERY close to the entrance and within church grounds, and I personally discarded them into the dumpster).



Have no fear! The church is not sponsoring candidates or violating any laws or customs; we are participating and supporting our democratic process by being a polling place for neighboring voters. Any and all signs usually disappear the day after elections.

Blessings,  
Jesse+

## Birthdays

3/25 Kathryn Belda  
3/26 Sean Harrington  
3/27 Nickolas Sproul  
3/29 David Waring  
3/30 Mia Semcken  
3/30 Chris Pepper  
3/30 Michael Anderson  
3/30 Jayda Garcia

## Anniversaries

## In Loving Memory

3/24 John Thomas  
3/24 Leanne Tresnowski  
3/24 Toni Kania  
3/26 Babbs Wastcoat  
3/28 Ruth Kraus  
3/30 Henry Bailey  
Penelope Stewart  
Sophia Stewart  
Henry Tantillo  
Joseph Mendoza

## Prayer Requests

Miles, the Clark family, Karen, Mary Jane and Nancy, Karen, Kristin, Lynda, Emma Rose, the Kean family, Zach and Jenny, Spencer, Meg and Charlie, Sarah and Evelyn, Nancy, Jeff, Richard, 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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## Community News

### Artist's Roundtable for Wandering Heart Lent Series



#### Date & Time

Mar 24, 2024 03:00 PM in Central Time (US and Canada)

#### Description

Join us for an informal conversation with the visual artists behind A Sanctified Art's Lent series, "Wandering Heart: Figuring out faith with Peter."

The artists (Lisle Gwynn Garrity, Nicolette Peñaranda, Denise Anderson, Lauren Wright



Pittman, and Hannah Garrity) will each take turns sharing more about their process and the artwork they created for the series. Webinar participants will be invited to ask questions or add comments in the chat to foster dialogue around the art.

This is a free webinar hosted by A Sanctified Art. Anyone interested is welcome to join! A recording will be published to our blog.

## Webinar registration

**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 2:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.  
website: [www.stmichaelsbarrington.org](http://www.stmichaelsbarrington.org)

### ~~~~~ The Sword

The Sword is published each Thursday. The deadline to submit items to be included is Tuesday at 5:00 PM. Any questions or comments regarding this publication should be sent to [admin@stmichaelsbarrington.org](mailto:admin@stmichaelsbarrington.org)

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