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EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## St. Michael's Weekly News & Updates



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## A note from Kerry Kean

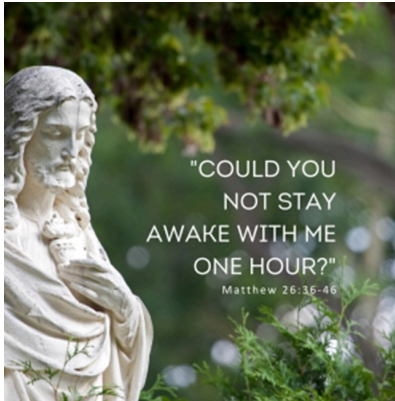


Last Saturday, a group of 23 of us gathered in the community for the Lenten Retreat given by Deacon Laurie Michaels. We invited others from churches in the area, and we were pleased to see them attend as well. The theme was The Cup We Share- A Journey of Blessings, Brokenness and Belonging. Laurie gave 3 Reflections, followed by small group discussions and quiet self-

nourishment activities. We answered many questions and shared stories with one another.

One of my favorite quotes was: "The most helpful discovery of today has been that right in the midst of my sorrows there is always room for joy. Joy and sorrow are sisters; they live in the same house." I think the group would agree that it was a wonderful way to renew our energy, refocus our minds and revive our spirits as we begin the Lenten season.

## ALTAR GUILD



"Stay here and keep watch with me. The hour has come. Stay here and keep watch with me. Watch and pray."

Our Maundy Thursday service will end at the Garden of Repose in the chapel. As in the past, people are welcome to sit vigil in the chapel. It serves as a, quiet space for meditation, prayer, and "keeping watch" with Christ. Returning this year will be a poster where you can sign up for a time to sit vigil. It will be located in the Narthex. Please prayerfully consider signing up for a time slot.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Journey through Holy Week 10:00 a.m to 12:00 p.m.

## SEARCH COMMITTEE

Possibly, you know someone.....

You know the theory of 6, right? Everyone is connected by 6 steps. Now that we have moved into the "accepting applications" portion of our search, we believe you can help us in this mission to find our next Rector. In addition to the extensive search currently being coordinated through the Diocese of Chicago, we are asking if any of you may know (through your travels or acquaintances or family) of any priests who might be interested in applying. If you do have any leads or suggestions, please let us know by emailing the search committee at [searchstmikes@gmail.com](mailto:searchstmikes@gmail.com) or reaching out directly to

a committee member. We will then direct them to <https://episcopalchicago.org/for-clergy/clergy-openings/>

Thank you!

Now that our Rector position is posted on the Diocesan website, We invite you to take a look at our Parish Profile!

<https://stmichaelsbarrington.aflip.in/6ebe0890eb.html>

## LIFT



### FROM THE LIFT LEADER'S DESK

*I feel the pain of the innocents. (pause)*

*I have compassion.*

These words came from Austin, my 37 yr-old son on the autism spectrum. To say that it stopped me in my tracks would be an understatement. In fact, it took me a moment to process what he was saying. *Yes, you do, Austin. You have compassion. You have big feelings.*

First of all, I've always known Austin had big feelings. For a person on the spectrum, or anyone really, processing your emotions when you lack the social skills and words to do it can be extra hard. His "tool box" can only help him go so far in expressing his feelings. He was referencing the ICE raids on the people in Chicago. Austin is always on top of the news, unfortunately, ... because most of it is bad. Randy and I try to tell him that there's lots of good out there as well, IT just doesn't make the news. We watch him ruminate on the negative stories and it breaks our hearts as we try to redirect him to something more positive. But it got me to thinking about compassion.

Compassion = to be with - someone in pain. Do I have compassion? The kind Jesus models? His compassion for the children, for women, for the poor, for the outcasts, for the sinners, and even for those who hated him? I confess that my compassion is greatly lacking in my view of the world right now. I struggle with dear friends who see the world differently than I do. Compassion, Kay!!

Even if I disagree with what I'm seeing in the world, and I do believe in calling out evil, ***silence equals consent***, Jesus compels me to be compassionate. Dang!! This is so hard, Lord. It is so hard to separate the *sin from the sinner* (as we used to say in the Baptist Church, and yes, I'm judging).

This Lent, besides skipping desserts and getting more sleep for my health, I will also try to focus on compassion. I really want to do what Jesus would do.

*Change my heart, O God.*

Make it ever true.  
Change my heart, O God.  
May I be like you. (Burgundy Book hymn)

I feel the pain of the innocents.  
"Out of the mouths of babes...."  
Even if that babe is 37 yrs old.

May you have a compassionate Lent.  
Peace, Kay Lewis

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## REBUILDING TOGETHER



### ***Rebuilding Together – Metro Chicago 2026***

***“Repairing homes, Revitalizing communities, and rebuilding lives”***

**Saturday April 25<sup>th</sup>** St. Michael's rejoins Rebuilding Together in Maywood for our 4th year. Rebuilding Together has been working for 35 Years in Chicago making homes Warm, safe and Dry.

We're looking for more volunteers this year. Anyone 14 Years and older can participate (With consent). If interested, please **contact Bill Ferry @ [wkf630\\_2002@yahoo.com](mailto:wkf630_2002@yahoo.com), or (847) 450-3846**

Learn more about Rebuilding Together – Metro Chicago with this link: [Rebuilding Together](#)

Thanks to St. Michael's Outreach for their continued support.

## AND ALL THE ANGELS GIFT SHOP



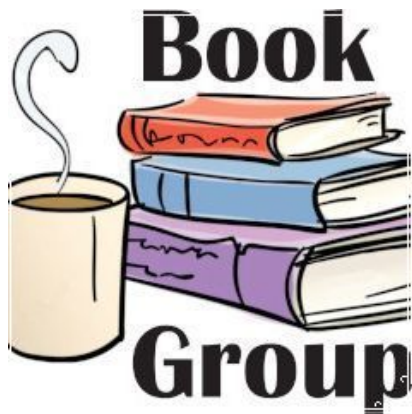
### **New! Now! Wow!**

A new selection of beautiful, handcrafted olive wood products has arrived in our gift shop. Small, medium and large holding crosses, interconnected and solid wood hearts, new Holy Family figurines and a large Nativity set. All profits support women's and children's charities.

Open Wednesdays 11am - 5 pm

Saturdays & Sundays 9 am - 12 noon

## **BOOK GROUP**



Book Group meets in the library at 7 pm on the third Wednesday of every month. Questions? Contact [kfrelk4@gmail.com](mailto:kfrelk4@gmail.com). We welcome new readers!

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

March 15th 4pm Choral Evensong, St. Michael's Episcopal Church  
647 Dundee Ave, Barrington

Evensong is a contemplative sung evening prayer service, usually held around twilight hours, featuring musical settings from the Book of Common Prayer 1662, sung canticles, and chanted psalms. It has strong historical ties to the Anglican and Episcopal churches and relates further back to Evening Vespers and Compline services as early as the Middle Ages. This peaceful service lasts around 45min and features the St. Michaels Choir and Children's Choir. Musical settings by John Blow, Roland Martin, Kevin Hackett, Fraser Wilson, St. James Service by Robert J. Powell, and canticles by Robert Lehman.

Please join us for a moment of prayerful repose on your Lenten journey. All are welcome!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Job Openings at St. Michael's


As was discussed at the Annual Meeting, the parish has started the process of hiring a Parish and Communications Administrator.

Additionally, there are two Little Angels Christian Preschool job openings. The first is for a full-time preschool teacher. The second job opportunity is for multiple college students for summer camp, working 8:30am – 1pm, Mondays through Thursdays, during the June - July session.

For more information about any of these positions, click:  
<https://www.stmichaelsbarrington.org/who-we-are/jobs>

If you have questions or want to apply for the Administrator position, please email: [wardens@stmichaelsbarrington.org](mailto:wardens@stmichaelsbarrington.org)

If you have questions or want to apply for either of the preschool positions, please email to: [jayanessazian@stmichaelsbarrington.org](mailto:jayanessazian@stmichaelsbarrington.org)



### FOYERS

Foyers Groups connect people of our parish through informal social gatherings which include a casual meal.

Small groups (6 - 10) of parishioners meet in their homes for a series of meals over the course of a year, with each household taking a turn hosting.

- Develop new friendships
- Deepen old friendships
- Strengthen our community bonds

To sign up, or to learn more, contact Jenn Mears: [jennifermears19@gmail.com](mailto:jennifermears19@gmail.com)

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#### Birthdays

3/1 Malakai Duncan

#### Anniversaries

3/2 Jan and Semmy Semerad  
3/3 Sharon and Richard Curran

#### In Loving Memory

2/27 Mary Schwind  
2/28 Stacy Curtis  
3/6 Sarah Logan  
3/6 Henry Greene  
3/6 David Bailey  
3/6 Harry Strouse  
3/6 Joseph Beuttas  
3/7 Jerry Camper  
Philip R. Lessner , Jr.

Barbara Ferris  
Dolores Marie Mendoza  
Nancy Wandzel

## Prayer Requests

The Brett family, Leslie and John and the Yerger family, Dolores and Earl and the Duncan family, Judie, Florence, Kristen, Marcia, David, Truman, Holly, Bruce, Chris, Emily, Jodi, Kathryn, Kim and the Lessner family, Ralph, Jack, Amor, Braelyn, Lisa, Kimberlie, Jesophine, Kathy, Denise, Doug, Sally, Mary, John, Teresa, Kitty, Olivia and family, Liam and family, Nancy, Caden, Dave, Brian, Barb and Steve, and Patty, and for all whom you alone know.

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**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 Wednesday at 5:00 PM. Any questions or comments regarding this publication should be sent to [sword@stmichaelsbarrington.org](mailto:sword@stmichaelsbarrington.org)

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