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Attention St. Michael's family, the funeral service for Florence Compton will take place on Saturday April 18th at 2:00 p.m. in the church. Visitation will be at 1:00 p.m. in the library.

A note from Deacon Tim Murray



COMING, DISCUSSING, SHARING, AND SEEING

Dear People of St. Michael's,

Last Sunday, Father Ralph challenged us to invite others to join us in church over coming weeks. In connection with this challenge, I invite you to consider the scriptures appointed for this coming Sunday, the Third Sunday of Easter. We will encounter both a familiar and an unfamiliar disciple. We might model our invitations to come and see upon one or both of these disciples. One proclaims and invites loudly, publicly. Another discusses privately, earnestly.

In the first lesson we encounter Peter, the Rock, formerly known as Simon, who had denied that he even knew Jesus of Nazareth. That was before. Since then, Peter and the others met the resurrected Jesus, the Christ, while secured in an upper room.

Peter now publicly preaches and answers questions from a crowd. What should we do?, they ask. Repent, and be baptized so that you receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, he answers. Thousands join the early followers of the Way of Jesus. Beloved community forms. So recounts Luke, the author of The Acts of the Apostles.

From the Gospel according to Luke, we meet a disciple named Cleopas ("son of a renowned father"). This is the only mention of the disciple Cleopas in the whole Bible. Cleopas and an unnamed disciple are walking away from Jerusalem. A "stranger" joins them as they walk. The stranger asks what they are discussing as they walk. Cleopas recounts their hopes in Jesus of Nazareth, that he might have been the one to redeem Israel. Since the execution of Jesus, they have heard astounding accounts of women in their group about finding the tomb empty and encountering angels.

When they arrive at their destination, a village, Cleopas and his companion invite the stranger to share a meal with them. At the blessing and breaking of bread, Cleopas and his companion see clearly that they, too, are in the presence of the risen Christ. They had been all the way of their walking together.

So please accept the challenge to imitate these early disciples. Come, discuss, share, and see.

Deacon Tim

Sunday School



Last weeks children sermon discussed about fitting in. I wanted to continue this thought. I'd like to talk about standing strong when ; You Don't Feel Like You Belong or not chosen for that competitive opportunity.

As families, we all want our children to feel like they belong—to a team, a group, a classroom, a church or even for a leadership job. But real life doesn't always hand that to us easily. Sometimes we don't make the team. Sometimes friendships shift. Sometimes we feel left out, overlooked, or unsure where we fit.

Those moments are not setbacks—they are shaping moments.

This week, we reflect on how God uses both belonging and disappointment to grow us into who we are meant to be.

Seek Your Identity in God

Before any team, group, or label—our identity is rooted in God. When children (and adults) understand they are already chosen, loved, and valued, rejection loses its power. You're not defined by who picks you—you're defined by who created you.

Walk Through Disappointment, Don't Avoid It

Not making the team or feeling left out hurts. There's no way around that. But avoiding those feelings doesn't build strength—walking through them does. This is where resilience is formed. Let kids feel it, talk about it, and learn that disappointment is not the end of their story.

Open Your Heart to New Opportunities. Sometimes the door that closes is redirecting you somewhere better. A different activity, a new group, a new friendship—growth often hides in unexpected places. Encourage your children to stay open instead of shutting down.

Remember Others Feel This Too

Feeling left out can make us turn inward, but it can also grow compassion. Teach kids to notice who else might be sitting alone, struggling, or unsure. Community isn't just something we find—it's something we create.

Develop Strength for the Next Generation. Every challenge your child faces is building something in them—confidence, perseverance, empathy. These are the traits that shape strong leaders, kind friends, and grounded adults. Growth doesn't come from everything going right—it comes from learning how to handle when things don't.

As families, these are powerful moments to lean in—not fix everything, but guide perspective.

Belonging is important. But becoming who God created us to be? That's greater.

And sometimes, it's in the moments of not fitting in that we grow the most. We need to re-pot ourselves to allow the roots to breathe, sink in and grow.

CHOIR



FREE Concert Tonight!

Forté Handbell Quartet from Colorado Springs

We are a Christian ensemble dedicated to glorifying God through music and redefining what audiences expect from handbells.

Where: Barrington United Methodist Church (98 Algonquin Rd, Barrington, IL 60010)

When: Thursday, 4/16/26 from 7:00pm to 8:30pm

Cost: Free (with free-will offering accepted)

Additional Information about our mission and who we are can be found at <https://fortehandbells.org/>

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SEARCH COMMITTEE



Our Stairway to a New Rector

The rector search committee continues on the path towards discerning the best candidate to serve as our next spiritual and pastoral leader. In March our diocesan transition office posted the rector position with the [Diocese of Chicago](#), the National

Episcopal Church and on the [Episcopal News Service](#). We are receiving resumes and holding interviews with prospective candidates. Please keep all involved in your prayers, not just those here at St. Michaels, but for those priests who are reflecting upon this life decision.

BUILDING TOGETHER



On April 25th, St. Michaels is again participating with Rebuilding Together for our 4th year. We have a team of over 15 volunteers headed to Maywood for National Rebuilding Day. Our Homeowner is thrilled with the long list of projects we have planned. Below is a link to learn more about National Rebuilding Day.

<https://www.rebuildingtogether-chi.com/rebuilding-day>

As in the past we have asked for donations to help support the work. Below is a link with a wish list from Amazon. You can order and have it shipped to St. Michaels, or to my home (722 S. Grove Ave., Barrington Ill 60010). We would like all Amazon orders shipped to arrive no later than 4/22 so we can bring them to our homeowner. Also, financial donations can be designated and sent to the church.

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/L0E2LYSPLN59?ref_=wl_share

Thanks in advance for helping with the Mission:

“Repairing homes, revitalizing communities, rebuilding lives”.

Also, thank you to St. Michaels Outreach for their continued support.

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 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

Sunday, May 3 - Youth Sunday/Graduate Recognition Day/Reception - Jackson Summerfield, youth preacher that day
Sun. May 17, FINAL LIFT DAY

Final Spring Event - Top Golf - to be announced later
LIFT MISSION TRIP TO MILLER BEACH (GARY, IN) - Friday, July 31 - Sun. Aug. 2. Two nights this year! Mark your calendars now! More info to come!

[Click for LIFT Schedule](#)

AND ALL THE ANGELS GIFT SHOP



First Holy Communion gift frames, rosaries, bracelets and more are available in the And All the Angels gift shop. Remember us for Baptism, Confirmation, Graduation, birthday and other special occasions as well. We're open Wednesdays, 11 am to 5 pm, and Saturdays and Sundays, 9 to noon. We are happy to meet with you at other times, if we are available. Call us to arrange a time!

ANNOUNCEMENTS



“Stock the Shelves” Sunday – April 19

Your donations will help to feed 1,000 – 1,500 people each month. Every bag/box/can helps! *items are especially needed.

Food – pull tab lids on all canned goods greatly appreciated

- Canned salmon/tuna/chicken/pork
- Canned pineapple, oranges, or mixed fruits
- *Cereals
 - Pasta Sauce with Meat or Cheese
 - Rice-a-Roni, Pasta Roni, Knorr Pasta and Rice sides
 - Peanut Butter and Almond Butter
 - Plain Oatmeal (quick or old-fashioned)
 - Rice (brown, white, or instant) – 1 pound bags preferred
 - Dried beans -black or pinto – 1lb bags preferred
- *Senior nutritional drinks (Chocolate or Vanilla flavored Boost or Ensure)
- *Sugar-free snacks
 - Snacks including Cookies, Crackers, Almonds, Dried Fruit, Granola Bars
 - Tomatoes – whole, crushed, puree, or paste
 - Condiments – Ketchup/Mustard

Personal Care:

- *Shampoo, Conditioner
- *Toothbrushes/Toothpaste
- *Body wash/bar soap
- *Deodorant
- *Diapers 4, 5, 6

Household supplies:

- Liquid Laundry Detergent – 37 ounce size preferred

- Liquid Dishwashing Detergent
- Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, and Kleenex
- Storage bags – quart and gallon
- Garbage bags (small boxes)

Special request: EMPTY egg cartons

Please leave donations in the Silver Wagon by the front door, the green wagon by the Community room or in the library.

The Silver Wagon ministry honors Ruth Silver, a long-time member of St. Michael's, and her dedication to this essential mission.

Questions? Contact Llor Wonder at llkwonder18@gmail.com. Thank you for your support!

A WELCOME
BRUNCH!

We hope you can Join us for
a joyful gathering.
Sunday, April 26 at 8:45 am
in the Community Room
(Between the 8:00 & 10:00 services.)

Hosted by the
Welcome Ministry Team

Please RSVP to Mary Ann Seagrist at
seagrist5@comcast.net
or 847-212-4218

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Can you please help us get the word out that St. Michael's is AWESOME? Please review our church - the more 5 stars we get will help us appear in more searches for people who are looking for a church home and researching churches online. See the link below:

[Church Reviews - St. Michael's Barrington](#)

Skip the first part "AI", look for the box with the St. Michael's photo of the front of the church, and click on "google reviews". Please review us on Facebook and Yelp too (those links are on the same page). Thank you!

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Birthdays

4/19 Judy Heinrich
4/20 Carol Schmidt
4/22 Christy Cressey
4/25 Cindy Neff

Anniversaries

4/25 Judy and Bill Heinrich
4/25 Lynn and Forest Mayberry

In Loving Memory

4/21 John Malmsten
4/21 William Bradtke
4/21 Dorothy Lick
4/22 Mark Green
4/22 Doris Noble
4/22 Gwen Mundell
4/24 David Capulli
4/25 Aileen Greenberg
4/26 Margaret Linde
4/26 Angus Ray
4/26 Patricia Kean
Florence Compton

Prayer Requests

Bonnie, Mitzi, the Compton family, Morgan, Paul, Clark, Kristen, Braelyn, Kimberlie, 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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The Sword

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