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EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## St. Michael's Weekly News & Updates



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## A note from the Vestry





Sarah Mullally, installed as first female Archbishop of Canterbury on 3/25/26

Most mornings, I wake up to enjoy a hot latte, and catch up with my Wall Street Journal. On Thursday, March 26th, I was inspired by the WSJ Headline article “Anglicans Install First Woman Head”. Sarah Mullally is the 106<sup>th</sup> Archbishop of Canterbury, and the first woman to be appointed in the more than 1,400-year history of the office in the Church of England.

Sarah Mullally, a former cancer nurse, who became a priest at the age of 40 was installed as Archbishop of Canterbury, leading the Church of England and the global Anglican Communion, including U.S. Episcopalians.

“We walk with God-trusting that God walks with us. Trusting that in all that we face, in the sorrow and the challenges, as much as in the joy and the delight-we do not walk alone.”

Sarah Mullally.

This service and Sarah’s installation sermon was held on the feast of the Annunciation, which marks the moment Mary was told she had been chosen to be the mother of Jesus.

I embrace this leadership appointment with heart and hope, during the turbulent times we are in. Thank you Sarah Mullally for all of your preparation, courage and faith to take challenges head on to spread the good news. Your commitment is a beacon of hope for all St. Michael’s, and for the world.

Cathy Koehlinger,  
St. Michael’s Vestry Member

**Sunday School**



As we wrap up this season of Sunday school , we pause to reflect on what it truly means to grow—together, in faith, in resilience, and in community.

Over the past weeks, we've talked about something every child and every adult experiences: the feeling of not fitting in. Not making the team. Not being chosen. Watching others seem to move forward while you feel left behind. These moments can sting deeply—but they are also where some of the most important growth begins.

In those hard spaces, we've reminded our children (and ourselves) of this truth: **our worth is not determined by a roster, a group, or someone else's approval.** We are already chosen. Already loved. Already enough.

Growth doesn't always look like success. Sometimes it looks like perseverance. Sometimes it looks like showing up again after disappointment. And often, it looks like trusting that God is doing something beneath the surface, even when we can't see it yet.

As families, you've had conversations, asked tough questions, and walked alongside your children in meaningful ways. That matters more than you may realize. Faith is not built in perfect moments—it's built in real ones. Now, we look ahead with excitement.

### **Join us on Sunday, May 3rd for Youth Sunday!**

This special service will be led by our youth—a powerful opportunity to see the next generation step forward in leadership, faith, and courage. It's a day where their voices will be heard, their gifts will shine, and their growth will be celebrated.

Come ready to support them, encourage them, and be inspired by them.

The children will have a special performance on Youth Sunday so please arrive on May 3<sup>rd</sup> a bit early to rehearse at 9:40am. Thank you.

**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](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](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

**On Sunday, May 3**, we will celebrate YOUTH SUNDAY, at the 10:00 service along with our graduating high school students. We will acknowledge our youth, parents, AND their teachers. They will be reading, greeting, ushering, and preaching! Afterwards, we will have a light reception to acknowledge our graduates and hear about their future plans. We will highlight one each week.

Earlier this week, Fr. Ralph reminded the LIFT Board that our children are ALSO the *Parish's* children. Those children that come up front and contribute (often in a most Holy way) to Fr. Ralph's children's sermon, they are "OUR" children. All of our youth are OUR children.

At the end of a baptism (of these precious babies) the congregation is asked an important question: **Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?**

**People: We Will.**

**So there it is. You made a promise, too! A good one! Going forward next year, we will be inviting the parish to become more involved in our youth. They are OUR children!**

Peace, Kay Lewis

**GRADUATING SENIOR SHONA GARCIA** - Barrington High School

What Shona most appreciates about St. Michael's is how welcoming and nice the people are. She will remember the LIFT meetings and the games. She is planning on Attending the University of Arkansas. She is the daughter of John Garcia.

[Click for LIFT Schedule](#)

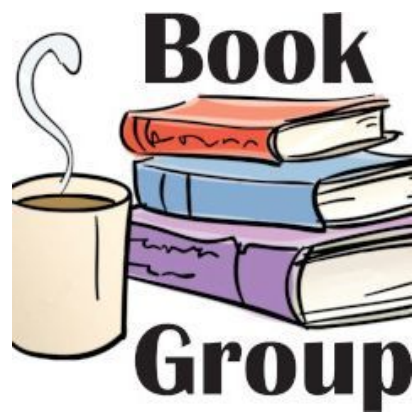
## AND ALL THE ANGELS GIFT SHOP



Add charm and whimsy to your garden this spring with Carruth Studios' outdoor decor. Now at Clearance prices! Save 50% on all remaining inventory!

NOTE: Due to a parishioner's funeral And All the Angels Gift shop will be closed on Saturday April 25th.

## BOOK GROUP



**My Mistake** is a wry, witty, often tender memoir by a former New Yorker editor, magazine writer, and book publisher who offers great tales of his life. Kathi Freik will lead the discussion about Daniel Menaker's book on Wednesday, May 20, at 7 pm, in the church library. We welcome new members!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**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](mailto:seagrist5@comcast.net)  
or 847-212-4218

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Sat May 2 11am-3pm KidFest at Citizen's Park in Barrington. Free outdoor celebration for families. Enjoy activities that inspire healthy habits kites, spark creativity and encourage time in nature. Kids ages 2-10 can fly a free kite, build a birdhouse, race through an obstacle course, or explore the creatures that live in the pond. Food and drinks available for purchase. Contact [lizgabis@mac.com](mailto:lizgabis@mac.com) if you are interested in attending with the St. Michael's group

Ravenswood Community Services Food Pantry in the News...  
And St. Michaels was there! Thanks for your continued support of one of our dedicated Outreach partner agencies, [the RCS Food Pantry](#) at All Saints Episcopal Church in Chicago. Click on this [WGN news clip](#) carefully to see the snack packs that YOU created waiting for delivery!

<https://youtu.be/NSttAAGBvx0?si=fBy4qwpfgp6O0gJN>

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[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

4/27 Carolyn Schaefer  
4/28 Roseanna Shipley  
4/29 Tina Summerfield  
4/30 Erica Ward  
5/1 Sue Ferry  
5/1 Jim Steed

### Anniversaries

4/30 Leslie and John Yerger

### In Loving Memory

4/26 Margaret Linde  
4/26 Angus Ray  
4/26 Patricia Kean  
4/27 Dorothy Duffy  
4/30 Alfred Watt  
5/1 Angela Newell  
5/2 Patti Cross  
Florence Compton  
Denise

### Prayer Requests

The Shipleys, Jackie, Heather, Dolores, Bonnie, Mitzi, the Compton family, Morgan, Paul, Clark, Kristen, Braelyn, Kimberlie, Kathy, 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**

**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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