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FROM THE DESK OF FATHER RALPH

By now you know that we have called our new rector! Prayers we have been praying for 17 months have been answered. This is a joyful time for our church. Our preparation for his arrival continues. One of my favorite parts of our services lately has been what I called, 'preparation for our new rector' moments, during our announcements. I would share things we can be doing to be ready to welcome Fr. Nathan. I have not run out of material. I want you to know that Fr. Nate's role will be different than mine was as your Priest-in-Charge. He will be doing many tasks that I did not need to do, or in a few circumstances refused to do! I had a unique role in the life of St. Michael's. Fr. Nate will be here soon and will be sorting out where and how he spends his time. There will be much more on his plate than there was on mine. Pray for him. Be patient. Hold him accountable to be available to us but also hold him accountable to not be too available. We all need balance and that need is especially true for a rector. We need each other to be our best.

Another 'preparation' I want to share with you might sound a bit strange. I encourage you to treasure his weaknesses and his quirks (If he has any). I imagine that he does! Treasure them. Celebrate who he is. It will get into his very being and he will be enchanted. It's all part of learning to hear his voice and him getting to know who we are. His ability to lead us will be enhanced and we will find ourselves joyfully following in the steps of Christ.

Key dates in our transition

This week's special announcement regarding our call of Fr. Nate Huddleston as our next rector gave you the important information about the good news. To help everyone with the details, here are the important dates in the transition.

- Sunday, August 9th - Fr. Ralph to preside at both Sunday services, after which Fr. Ralph and Cindy will be on vacation.
- Saturday, August 29th - Parish BBQ and celebration of Fr. Ralph and Cindy
- Sunday, August 30th - Fr. Ralph's last Sunday at St. Michael's
- Monday, September 21st - Fr. Nate's first day at St. Michael's
- Sunday, September 27th - Fr. Nate presides at both Sunday services with celebratory coffee hour/meet and greet after each service.

NEIGHBOR APPRECIATION OPEN HOUSE WITH ICE CREAM

Saturday August 8th

Let's show hospitality to our neighbors!

We'll be serving our neighbors from noon to 2pm. St. Michaels parishioners and friends are invited to stop by between 2 and 3pm for ice cream cones or Italian ice.

We're still seeking volunteers to help. Please email Pat Okonek for more details.

Patokonek1@gmail.com.



ANNOUNCING SAMUEL DUFF RADFORD Jr.

DOB 6.28.26

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CONFIRMATION CLASSES

St. Michael's will be offering a high school confirmation class for our students and other parishes (in our area) this coming year. It begins with a one-night retreat in late October and continues with monthly meetings through May.

We at St. Michael's have chosen the high school years as the best time to ask our young people to make this commitment. The target year is their sophomore year in high school, but all high school students are welcome.

Part of the curriculum includes:

- Learning about our Anglican/Episcopal history
- Experiencing a connection between their faith and their everyday life
- Understanding that our spiritual journey is a life-long event

This is designed to be a safe place for them to bring both their questions and their doubts.

*We have invited young people from our area Episcopal Churches to join us in the journey. **If you know of other young people in our area, please spread the word. We are not proselytizing, we just want a good group of teenagers to share in the Journey!***

There will be an information meeting for parents and students on **Sunday, Sept. 13 at 6:00 p.m.** at St. Michael's. You can ask questions and see our youth Sturtz House where the meetings will take place. We invite you and your teenager to attend.

Blessings,

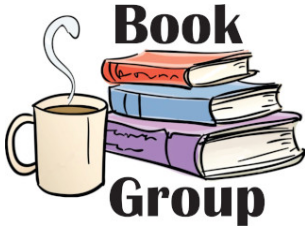
Kay Lewis, Youth Group LIFT Leader (Living In Faith Together)
847-909-8374 kaylewis1029@gmail.com

Fr. Ralph Osborne (Interim Head Priest)

AND ALL THE ANGELS GIFT SHOP

'Starry Night' is one of the handblown glass ball ornaments from the Luke Adams Studio that are now in stock at And All the Angels gift shop. Come down to our Basement Boutique on Wednesdays from 11 am to 5 pm, and on Saturdays and Sundays from 9 am to Noon.

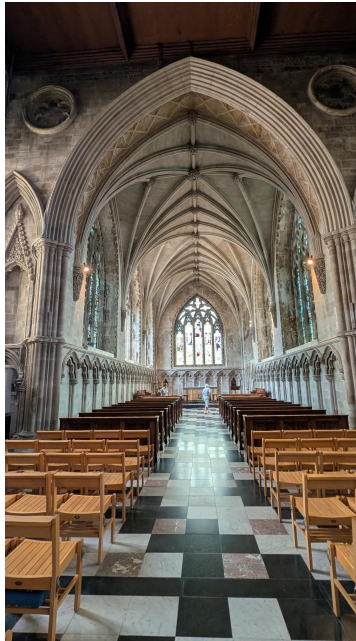
Thanks,
Kathi



BOOK GROUP

Just a reminder--our August book is "Lula Dean's Little Library of Banned Books" by Kirsten Miller. Susan DeBauche will lead the discussion. All adult readers are welcome to join us in the church library at 7 pm, Wednesday, August 19th.

Questions? Contact Kathi Frelk kfrelk4@gmail.com





Hello St. Michael's friends,

I'm writing you from St. Albans Cathedral just outside of London, England, one of the oldest medieval churches in England built in 1066! (I know, what an exciting summer!) Doug and I are having a wonderful time participating in an Evensong residency and learning about the history of St. Albans and this area in daily lectures and music rehearsals through Nashotah House Seminary. I look forward to sharing more about the music we are learning here and the rituals of daily prayer in the Anglican Church. It is a lovely group of people from all over the US, and is giving me great inspiration for our Scotland pilgrimage next summer.

In the service yesterday, we prayed for another St. Michael's and his Angels parish in Hertfordshire who is also seeking a new rector. I was holding you all in prayer as we seek and prepare to welcome a new rector at our parish!

St Albans Cathedral <https://share.google/hoD6v8H0FnGq0pcwG>

I will be sure to enjoy tea with a scone, cream, and jam on your behalf! Blessings to you all from over the pond!

Sara and Doug

Prayer Requests

Jamie, Tom, Paula, Maribeth, Bob, Marilyn, George, Jackie, Katie and Jim, Heather, Bonnie, Mitzi, Paul, Braelyn, Kimberlie, Kathy, Doug, Sally, Mary, John, Teresa, Liam and family, Nancy, Caden, Dave, Brian, Barb and Steve, and Patty, and for all whom you alone know.

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Birthdays

8/13 David Dattilo
8/14 John Papamarcos
8/15 Patty Dattilo

Anniversaries

8/12 Cindy and Ralph Osborne

In Loving Memory

8/9 Dudley Welsh
8/10 Mary Louise Lutz
8/11 William M. Hannay
8/13 Phyllis Stevens
8/14 Thomas Wigdahl
8/14 Philip Cutliffe
8/15 Helen Roberts
8/15 Lloyd Silver
8/15 Alex Gozzola
8/15 Deborah Greene

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