



ST. MICHAEL'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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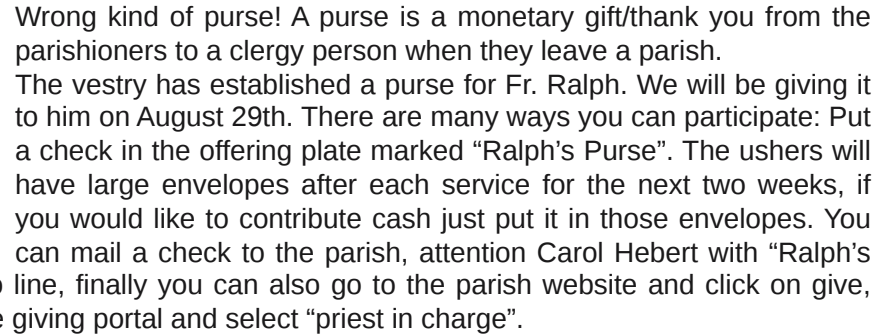
Blessing of the Backpacks

As a new school year begins, students, teachers, school staff, and families are invited to bring their backpacks, book bags, or work bags to church this **Sunday August 23rd** for a special blessing. This will occur at the 10am service during the Children's Sermon.

Together, we will ask God to guide, protect, and encourage everyone who teaches and learns. Join us as we celebrate the beginning of a new year filled with learning, friendship, and new possibilities.

All ages are welcome—and don't forget your backpack as well as electronic devices!

WHAT'S A PURSE IN THE EPISCOPAL TRADITION?



KEY DATES IN OUR TRANSITION

- Saturday, August 29th - Parish BBQ and celebration of Fr. Ralph
- 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.

Are you interested in volunteering the day of the event? Would you like to let us know what dish you are bringing to share? Please email that information to bbq@stmichaelsbarrington.org

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HEAR YE! HEAR YE! THE CHOIRS ARE COMING!

We have an exciting season of music ahead of us and would love for you to be a part of it!

All are welcome, everyone can sing (or ring!), and God loves joyful noises (practice and regular participation can improve those noises!)

Adult choir: Rehearsals Thursdays 6-7:30pm starting August 20th

Handbell Choir: Rehearsals Saturdays 9:00-10:30am starting August 22
Kids age 6-adults welcome (younger kids may benefit from a parent helper)

Children's Choir: Rehearses Saturdays 10:45-11:15am starting August 22
Recommended Ages 5-13.

Scotland tour: Our Choirs are headed to Scotland next summer on a pilgrimage and Choral Evensong Tour! There are still a few spots available for musicians or groupies if you are interested in joining us! The trip is June 20-28, 2027. Reach out to Sara for more information.

Special music dates to look out for this Fall:

Sunday August 30th, Kick Off Sunday- The Choirs are back!

Sunday September 27, 4pm sung Choral Evensong

Saturday October 17th, Scotland Tour Fundraiser Concert

Sunday November 8, 4pm, All Souls Requiem service, Duruflé Requiem

Sunday December 13 Lessons and Carols 10am service

Please contact Sara for more information: storbeck@stmichaelsbarrington.org

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Upcoming Choir Year



INTRODUCING THE COMMUNICATIONS REQUEST FORM

The communication ministry team is ready to help you communicate information and requests for your ministry to the parish and to the community. Do you need to add something to the weekly Sword? A banner on the website? A physical banner on the porch? A Sunday announcement? A social media post?

We can help you!

The Communications Request Form can be submitted in several ways:

1) It can be accessed from the News and Events page on the St. Michael's website. The fillable form can be completed and sent by using the submit button at the top of the form to email it to the communications team. Attach any images you would like included in your communication.

2) Physical copies are also available in the wall rack in the church office. Once completed, please place in Jamie Cisco's mail box in the office.



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, August 30 at 6:00 p.m.** at the Sturtz House. 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 (Priest in Charge)
847-381-2323 Rosborne@stmichaelsbarrington.org



NEIGHBOR APPRECIATION EVENT A SUCCESS!

Our Neighbor Appreciation Ice Cream Social and Open House was a success. We were blessed with great weather. We served quite a few of our neighbors and several even said they would like to join us for worship services! We had enough ice cream left over to serve

during our upcoming Pig Roast.

Although we would have liked to have had more guests and less ice cream at the end, we learned a lot from our experience and we'll apply those lessons next year. Thank you to

our Ice Cream Dream Team volunteers whose enthusiasm and energy made this such a fun event.

A huge thank you to Pat Okonek & every who helped with the event Liz Gabis, Rick Ryba, Judy Heinrich, Cathy Koehlinger, Greg Koehlinger, Llor Wonder, Bob Wonder, Max Brett, Kristen Krueger, Marilyn Okonek, Dave Evans, Betsy Wintringer, Rob Wisnowski, Ann Kimes, Wes Kimes, Austin Gabis, Carter Brett and Father Ralph Osborne.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Sam, Jeff, Jamie, Tom, George, Paula, Maribeth, Bob, Marilyn, 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

8/23 Katie Anderson
8/24 Lindsay Taylor

Anniversaries

8/23 Cathy and Greg Koehlinger
8/23 Juliet and Patrick Duncan

In Loving Memory

8/24 Maribelle Bryum
8/24 Jane Edmunds

8/25 Sam Weibel
8/25 Ellie Wintringer
8/26 Thomas Sell
8/26 Phil Paneitz
8/27 Mike Willis
8/28 Melissa Buckley
8/29 Stan Pepper
8/29 Ethan Duncan
8/29 Bruce Kechlik

8/25 Francis Holmboe

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