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FROM THE DESK OF FATHER RALPH

In preaching school, the mantra was KISS. Keep it simple Ralph. I think this is mostly true most of the time. We often have so much to say, and we try to say it all. I remember when my father was near death, he was considering the things that were most important and he tried to tell me what he was thinking about. Of course, he could not tell me all his thoughts. It's impossible. He made his attempt. Our thoughts and ideas are not as available to us as we would like. When a loved one moves away, there are thoughts and ideas we want to make sure that we say, and we try. How many conversations have you walked away from wishing that you had said more...or less?

As I have been preparing for my sermon this Sunday, I have had so many thoughts and ideas. I could preach about so many important topics. The answer as always is KISS. Simple is trying to focus on what is most important and then trusting. Trust that I gave it my best now. Trust that my intent will be heard and received. Trust that God is working in all of us and that God's will happens.





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



This Sunday, August 30, the LIFT group *lifts off* for the school year! We look forward to seeing our LIFTERS back at 9 o'clock this Sunday morning at the Sturtz House.

There's a donut waiting for you!

CONFIRMATION INFO MTG

Sunday night (Aug. 30) 6:00 PM, at the Sturtz House, will be an information meeting about the Youth confirmation class this year. It should last less than an hour and we want your input!

Any questions call Kay Lewis 847-909-8374.

9/11 REMEMBRANCE LITURGY



On Friday, September 11, 2026, at Noon, in the Chapel, we will gather in person for a liturgy of readings, remembrance, and prayers.

Twenty-five years can be both a short and a long distance of time. Deacon Tim and Father Jimmy will lead us in devoting attention to Truthful Grief and Resurrection Hope.

On the following Sunday, September 13, we will include prayers devoted to remembrance and reflection upon 9/11 in the Eucharist services at both 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.



SUNDAY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE 9-13-26

Come visit our Sunday School classrooms during coffee hour on Sunday, September 13! See where our children learn, grow in faith, and create beautiful artwork.

Our Sunday School children will also be serving popcorn during coffee hour. Please stop by, enjoy a treat, and celebrate all the wonderful things happening in Sunday School !

KEY DATES IN OUR TRANSITION

Here are the important dates for our upcoming transition.

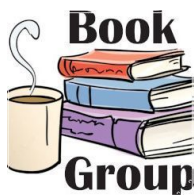
- Saturday, August 29th - Parish BBQ and celebration of Fr. Ralph
- Sunday, August 30th - Fr. Ralph's last Sunday at St. Michael's
- Monday, September 21st - Fr. Nate's first day at St. Michael's
- Sunday, September 27th - Fr. Nate presides at both Sunday services with celebratory coffee hour/meet and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

AND ALL THE ANGELS GIFT SHOP

SAVE THE DATE: Set-up for Annual AATA Christmas Sale is Saturday, November 14, 9am to 2pm, in the Undercroft. Volunteers needed!

We will host a Sip 'n Shop Friday, November 20th, and the sale begins Saturday, November 21, 9am to 5 pm.

Contact Kathi Frelk for details, kfrelk4@gmail.com



BOOK GROUP

Phosphorescence, On Awe, Wonder and Things That Sustain You
When the World Goes Dark, by Julia Baird, is our Wednesday,

September 16, selection. We meet in the church library, at 7 pm. Georgianne Harms leads this month's discussion, and new members are always welcome.

Questions? Contact Kathi Frelk, kfrelk4@gmail.com

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

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Birthdays

8/30 Gwynne Johnston
9/1 Lisa Allen
9/3 Katie Blair
9/3 Dolores Duncan

Anniversaries

8/30 Sue & Bill Ferry
9/2 Janet & Craig Anderson
9/5 B.Rae & David Buckley, Sr.

In Loving Memory

8/30 Sarah Van Hagen
8/31 Wilhelmina Dart
9/2 Roy Ziegler
9/3 Arthur Kinney
9/5 Linda Pepper Bollman

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