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A Note From Our Rector

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There is a Quaker saying: "Proceed as Way Opens."
(Read more here: <https://grateful.org/resource/as-way-opens/>)

This approach to the life of faith embraces a truth that God is really at work in our lives, and in ways we might not immediately see or understand, and that if we are open to the Spirit's movements we can be guided. In fact, approaching life in this way is deeply rooted in the belief that God is in fact guiding us, and our job along life's way is to listen and be willing adjust when we feel that a Way has opened, or another way has closed. This usually works out within my life as: Jesse and Katy make plans, plans either work out miraculously well, or become tremendously hard, and we listen to that. Throughout my life God has opened doors, and closed them- Way opens and Way closes. It is within this spirit that I have decided to modify my sabbatical plans this summer. Trying to take the full 14 weeks all at once at this time seemed like a Way Closed. Instead, I am considering alternatives, including splitting it up, or postponing....

[READ MORE HERE]

<https://www.stmichaelsbarrington.org/church-blog/1269-rector-sabbatical-changes>

A Note From Deacon Tim

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RE-RUN for Video series: Lent Devotions-Meditations with Deacon Tim and Guests

Apologies for last week's technical issue preventing the link in the article to access the video. Here is another try to share with you a [video interview](#) with Kay Richards about *Lent Madness*, perhaps a surprising devotional practice.

A variety of inspiring people and ministries issue devotions, meditations, and reflections with which to encourage us on our path of spiritual development. Deacon Tim is sampling several of these with guests (members of St. Michael's community) in video interviews posted with the weekly newsletter during the season of Lent. We plan to also make access to these available through the church's Facebook page and website. Deacon Tim would love to hear your reactions and any suggestions for your favorite Lent reflections to consider highlighting for the benefit of the community.

LIFT



LIFT Schedule

From the LIFT Leader's Desk

Mission Trip

Music Ministry

Lenten Class

Music Music Music!

St. Michaels recently acquired a large library of choral music from the Dominican Sisters of Sinsinawa. Looking forward to singing through our new musical treasures!

Music ministry is gearing up through Lent and I hope you will be a part of it, both in voice and joyful listening ears.

Sunday March 19th we have a special guest oboeist Matthew Nerenberg joining us for the 10am service.

March 19th will be our Ecumenical Taizé prayer service. Community members from 4-5 churches in Barrington will be joining us. Please consider attending and perhaps even bringing a friend or attending as a Bible study group!

**** I am looking for a few set-up and take down volunteers after the 10am service March 19th to bring out our hundreds of candles for the service.

Palm Sunday (April 2) will feature bell choir, children's choir, and a bagpiper for our procession around the church! Come early to catch the beautiful music before service.

More to come regarding Holy week services.

Blessings to you all this Lent,

Sara



Little Angels Preschool

Hello St. Michael's Members, Little Angels Christian Preschool is holding a "Cards for a Cause" Fundraiser from March 6 – 17, 2023. You can order boxed sets of 30 beautiful cards and envelopes for \$30. Great to have in the house when you suddenly realize you need a card for someone! An order form will be located in the church office on Sunday for anyone who would like to order a box. Please place cash or checks payable to St. Michaels Episcopal Church in the envelope by the order forms. Please see the flyer for the box set options.

If you miss the order form in the office or are not at church this Sunday feel free to contact Caren Hunter at chunter@stmichaelsbarrington to place an order.

Thank you in advance for helping us fund our playground improvements this season!

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Cards for a Cause Fundraiser

Offer boxed sets of 30* beautifully embellished cards with matching envelopes to help your organization reach their fundraising goals.

*Holiday Card Collection Box includes 50 cards and envelopes.
Product images are provided for your general information and may change without notice due to availability.



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BOOKS & MORE

Upcoming Events



Outreach Food Drive

March 18th and 19th

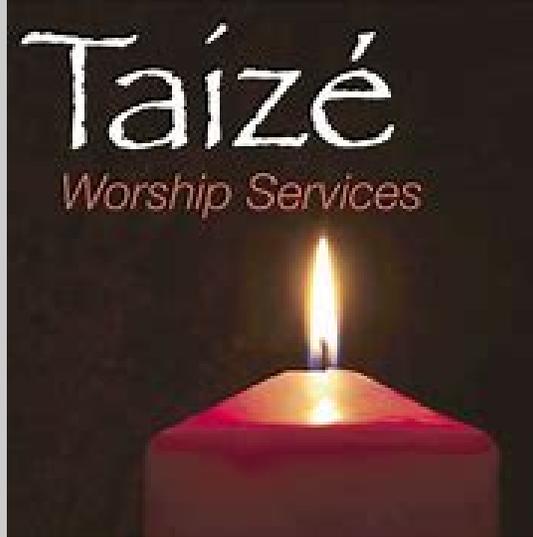
If you would like to donate to the food drive, donations can be brought to the library door entrance from 9-11 on Saturday and 10-12 on Sunday.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Taizé Service

Sunday March 19, 6:30PM

Please join us for this ecumenical musical prayer service. A time for meditative contemplation and worship.



Palm Sunday

Sunday April 2

We will have an 8:00AM and 10:00AM service for Palm Sunday.



Maundy Thursday

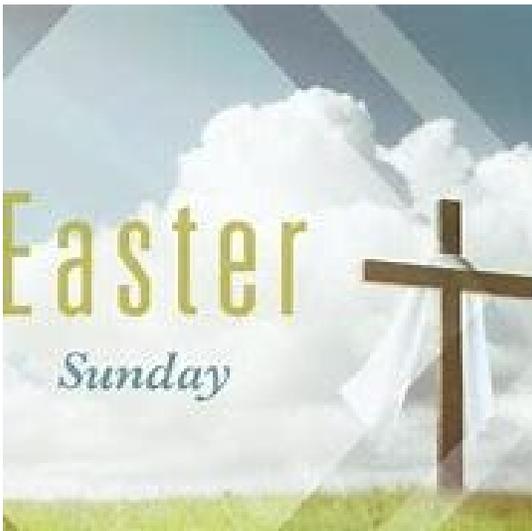
April 6

The Maundy Thursday service will be at 6:30PM.

Good Friday

April 7

Good Friday Service will be at 12 PM at St. Michael's and 7 PM at Salem United Methodist Church in Barrington.



Easter Vigil

April 8

Easter Vigil, Holy Saturday Evening service will be at 8 PM.

Easter Sunday

April 9

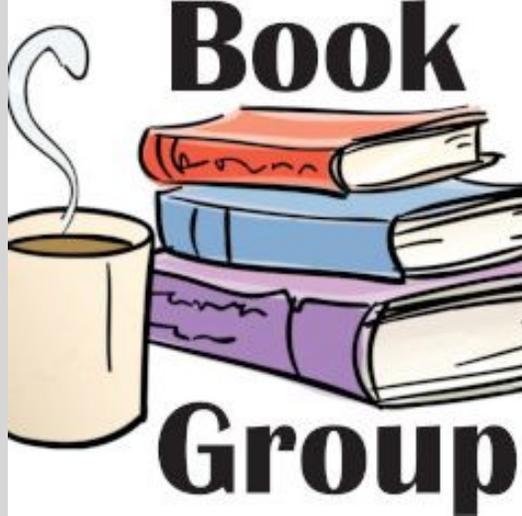
Easter Sunday services will be at 9 AM and 11 AM.

We will be having an Easter egg hunt following the 11 AM service.

Book Group

Wednesday March 15

This month's book is "Finding Atticus" by Tom Ryan. Discussion leader is Susan DeBauch. We will meet at 7PM in the church library.



Announcements



Special Outreach Guest Speakers Sunday, March 12

Last year the Outreach Team began a program of inviting grant recipients to share the work of their ministry with the congregation on Sunday mornings. This week we are honored to have 2 speakers from Chalice House at the 8 and 10 a.m. services. Please welcome and meet and greet them at both coffee hours, where they will answer your questions.

Laura Mandell and Christine Organ are co-chairs of Chalice House, a home in Palatine, which provides community-based housing to immigrants legally seeking asylum in the U.S. Countryside Church Unitarian Universalist started the program in partnership with Interfaith Community for Detained Immigrants in 2019. It is currently supported by ten Community Partners (including St. Michael's Episcopal Church) and dozens of individuals who fund the cost of housing.

Our first Chalice House family -- Jerry, Sandra, and 4-year-old Zenaba -- arrived from the Democratic Republic of the Congo, via Brazil and Texas, in 2020. Within two years, the family learned English, learned how to use public transportation, earned their driver's licenses, and found employment. They moved into their own apartment in July, 2022.

Our second residents arrived in December 2022. Berlin is a 22-year old young man from Guatemala. A family of three from Columbia -- Marlon, Vicky and 11-year old Angel are also residing in the home.

The Chalice House model has been recognized as a 'gold standard' by national organizations because of the coalition of partners who are working together. The model allows families to stay together and provides individuals with the dignity and support they deserve while they wait for their asylum case to make its way through the courts.



Easter Vigil Reception Donations

To celebrate Easter and our ability to gather as a community, we are hosting a reception after the 8pm Easter Vigil service. We will welcome the Easter season with a jazz pianist, a chocolate fountain, champagne & other sparkingly drinks, and plenty of savory treats! Easter Sunday will be celebrated after the 10:00 AM service.

We need help to make the event a success. Please consider bringing food or donating other supplies. Please confirm back on the attached survey by 4/3/2023 (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050944ABA822A3FB6-easter>), or contact me directly via e-mail / Phone.

Thanks in advance for your help.

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Passion Gospel Reader Opportunity

Hello everyone! We are deep into Holy Week planning, and are working to bring the Passion Gospel to Palm Sunday with a script. Remember in past years when we have had readers for different speaking parts? We want to do it again! This year is from Matthew's gospel, and has more people speaking than usual. We could really use some readers who might want to be a part of this one time experience. The readers can do so from their respective seats. The script is here: <https://www.oremus.org/liturgy/passion/matthew.html>

One Book, One Diocese

On April 13 and 25, people from across the Diocese of Chicago will gather on Zoom to discuss Resurrection Hope: A Future Where Black Lives Matter by the Very Rev. Dr. Kelly Brown Douglas, dean of Episcopal Divinity School at Union Theological Seminary and canon theologian at the Washington National Cathedral.

Douglas will speak about her book via Zoom during the session on April 25 from 7 to 9 p.m. Central. Register to attend.

"I'm delighted to welcome my friend and colleague Kelly Brown Douglas back to our diocese, even if only via Zoom," Bishop Paula Clark said. "Kelly's visionary theological work continues to guide us from despair to hope as we continue the journey toward the Beloved Community that God intends for us."

The programs, presented by the diocesan Peace and Justice Committee and the Anti-Racism Commission, are the first in a "One Book, One Diocese" initiative that Ellen Lindeen, chair of the Peace and Justice Committee, modeled on the Chicago Public Library's popular "One Book, One Chicago" program.

READ MORE HERE

<https://episcopalchicago.org/one-book-one-diocese/>



Email Scams Continue

New "Phishing" technique targets directories, databases

Many congregations and dioceses have experienced email scams, in which emails appearing to be from the bishop or a clergy leader solicit church members to send money, provide information, or purchase gift cards. Recently, several congregations were targeted by individuals asking parishioners to "join the church directory and make an online contribution."

This is a form of email "phishing" known as "whaling." Please be assured that neither Bishop Clark nor any clergy or diocesan staff member will ask you for money, gift cards, or send database links, and any requests for these items should be deleted.

If you have questions about an email you have received:

- Carefully check the sender's name and email address
- Look out for misspelled words and incorrect grammar
- Do not click on any suspicious links or attachments
- Report the email as spam

Reporting A Scam

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) is the main agency that collects scam reports.

Report your scam via email or by phone:

- 1-877-382-4357 (8 am - 7 pm)
- Email phishing-report@us-cert.gov

File a report at ftc.gov/complaint

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Birthdays

3/13 Annilee Quinlan
3/13 Rob Gier
3/17 Claire Buckley

Anniversaries

In Loving Memory

3/12 Corliss Anderson
3/13 Norton Penney
3/13 Patrick Kane
3/13 Wayne Stallard
3/14 Edna Fox
3/15 Max Hoffman
3/17 Shepard Robinson
3/18 Jo Kuffel
3/18 Nicholas Johnson

Prayer Requests

Sharon, Allison, Maelyn, and Conner, Cindy, Sue, Art, Lata, Cathy, Brittany, Louis, Marilyn and Pat, Ann, Dave, Phyllis, Cameron, Maribeth, Pat, Ruth, Brian, Ted, Barb and Steve, Patty, and Amy.

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The Sword

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