



ST MICHAEL'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Sword March 28, 2024

## St. Michael's Weekly News & Updates



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### A Note From Our Rector

Jesse Perkins

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Hello St. Michael's!

This week is full of opportunity to walk with Jesus as he makes his way to the cross, the tomb, and to his resurrection. I hope you have a chance to attend these services, and to retell the story of faith and hope once again this year.

You may be aware of our annual tradition of "staying awake with Jesus in prayer," where the blessed bread and wine are kept in our chapel following Maundy Thursday's service, and there is opportunity for you to come at any hour of the night and pray with Jesus as we all prepare for the events of Good Friday. This year, we will be live streaming the vigil, and you can pray with Jesus from home by visiting our webpage ([www.stmichaelsbarrington.org/live](http://www.stmichaelsbarrington.org/live)). The chapel is also unlocked (as it always is) and open for prayer. The vigil will begin immediately following the Maundy Thursday service, and continue until noon on Good Friday when the consecrated bread and wine will be brought back into the nave to use during the service. I hope you are able to visit, or tune in, and pray with Jesus as he prepares for his time of trial.

The rest of Holy Week services and time are to be found in this Sword, and on our website. Don't miss the Vigil! Saturday at 8pm, as we baptize a new member of God's family, and celebrate the first Eucharist of Easter (and have a great reception to follow).

Blessings as you finish your Lenten journey, and walk with Christ through despair and onto hope- with God, there is always a resurrection in the works.

Jesse+

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## **A Note from our Sunday School Director**

Kim Curtis

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The stations of the cross are all set up and the children were so engaged in the stories on Palm Sunday. We will continue these lessons on Easter Sunday in both sessions of Sunday school. Both the 9am and 11am services will have Sunday school. This particular week we focus on a dramatic demonstration of Jesus's journey to the cross. We will follow up with a brief activity and discussion of the Last Supper, foot washing, The Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus's Arrest and Trial, Peter's denial of Jesus, and the crucifixion.

I hope to see you all on Easter Sunday for our "Eggstravaganza" Easter Egg hunt following the 11am service. Should we have unfavorable weather, the hunt will be held downstairs in the undercroft instead

If you are unable to attend I will have an extra bag of eggs for your child to take home when they are back at church.

## Music Ministry

### A Note from our Music Director

Sarah Torbeck

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Holy week is upon us and I hope you are making plans to join us in following Christ's journey through death to resurrection life Easter Sunday. Each service encapsulates a step on that journey and captures a liturgical dramatic arch that is not to be missed.

A special tradition at St. Michaels is to sing Handel's Hallelujah Chorus from The Messiah as a postlude on Easter Sunday, which we will be singing again this year with the full Brass quintet and organ. I invite you to pick up a score this week to practice with and make your way to the choir loft after communion Easter Sunday to sing with us. We will run through the Hallelujah once 30 minutes before each service 9 and 11 on Easter Sunday.

Here are learning tracks to help you:

Soprano: <https://youtu.be/aKcWt8irMZw?si=rU1K5U9nriRQob6l>

Alto: [https://youtu.be/WRxMn4KH9Zw?si=Xk\\_hca97gT3q2doE](https://youtu.be/WRxMn4KH9Zw?si=Xk_hca97gT3q2doE)

Tenor: <https://youtu.be/KXBdQqNbneE?si=4C5CuCouxQpLoEGo>

Bass: [https://youtu.be/3cgaoD\\_RfKA?si=pYeR9b50tKa5c7oQ](https://youtu.be/3cgaoD_RfKA?si=pYeR9b50tKa5c7oQ)

If you need additional assistance, please reach out to Sara Torbeck  
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## LIFT



### **FROM THE LIFT LEADERS' DESK**

NO LIFT on Easter Morning, March 31.

**April 7 - Our one and only Sr. LIFT NIGHT event this semester. 6:00-7:30 p.m. Bring yourself and bring a friend! Lots of activities, fun & togetherness.**

LIFT Schedule

## **Upcoming Events**

### **Holy Week Services**

March 28 - The Maundy Thursday service is at 6:30PM.

March 29 - Good Friday Service will be at 12 PM at St. Michael's and 7 PM at Salem United Methodist Church in Barrington.

March 30 - Easter Vigil, Holy Saturday Evening service will be at 8 PM.



### **Easter Sunday March 31**

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

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



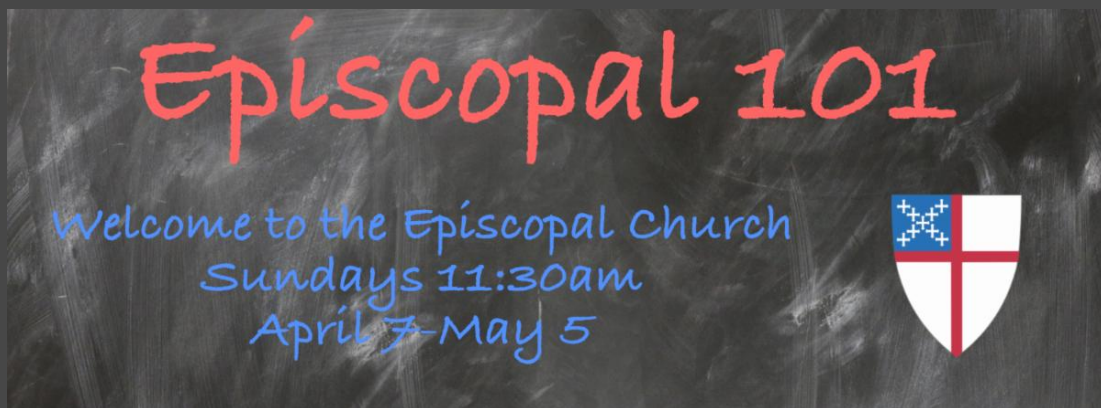


## Easter Receptions

Easter is approaching, and plans are underway for our Easter receptions. We will have a reception following our Easter Vigil on Saturday, including music and sparkling beverages. After each service on Easter Sunday, we will also have a nice coffee reception. Ellen Lindeen is our vestry point person for these receptions, and she needs your help! Email Ellen to volunteer and assist celebrating Easter at St. Micheal's and providing a warm welcome to our visitors. Ellen Lindeen ([peacellen123@gmail.com](mailto:peacellen123@gmail.com))



## Newcomers Brunch April 7 11:30am



Welcome to the Episcopal Church!

If you are new to St. Michael's, this is the class for you! If you have been here a long while but love to talk about the church, this class is for you too!

Join Fr. Jesse after church in the library April 7-May 5 at 11:30am each week for a discussion on the Episcopal Church, its history, doctrine, and modern expression.

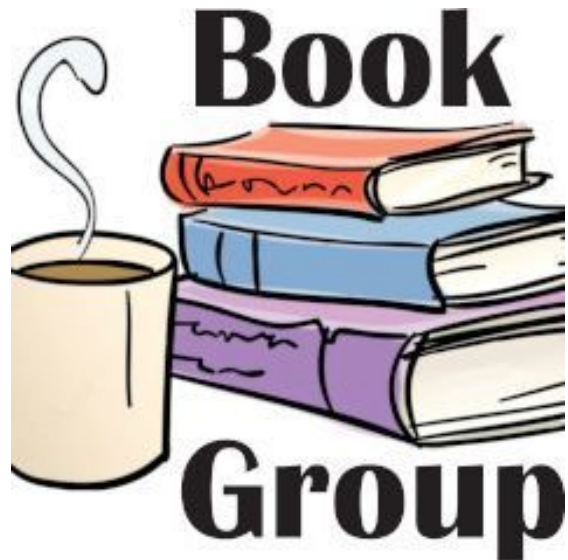
If you are seeking to join the church by Confirmation or Reception (reception is when you are already confirmed but want to "transfer"), this class will count as preparation for that. Baptism is a prerequisite for Confirmation, so if you are seeking to join our church but are not baptized, schedule a Baptism with Fr. Jesse.

## Book Group

Wednesday, April 17, 7 pm  
Book Group will discuss  
Covenant of Water by Abraham Verghese  
Discussion led by Carol Berman  
Meeting Host Susan DeBauche

Note: our June selection "Postmarked  
Bombay"  
by Harriet Claiborne is now available in All  
the Angels  
Bookstore and Gift Shop

Questions? [kfrelk4@gmail.com](mailto:kfrelk4@gmail.com)

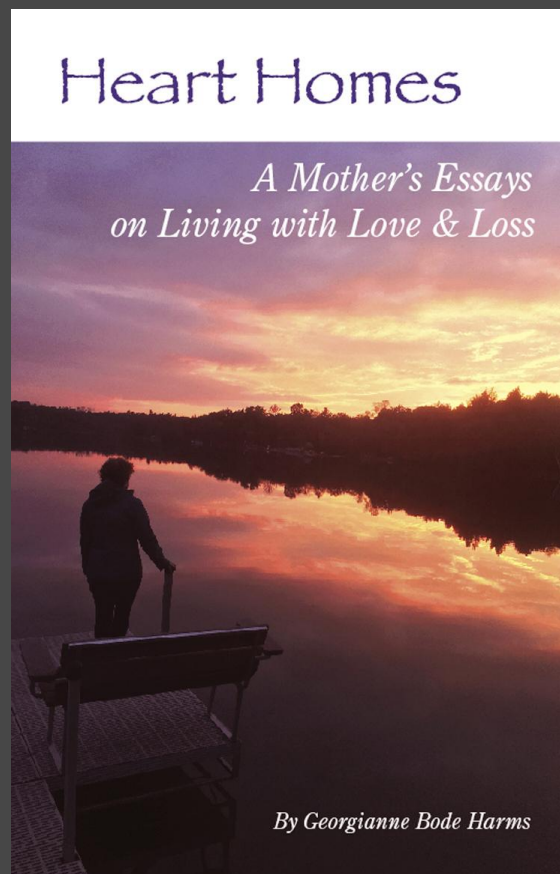


## Announcements

### Heart Homes: A Mother's Essays on Living with Love and Loss Receptions

The new book, Heart Homes: A Mother's  
Essays on Living with Love and Loss, by  
Georgianne Harms is now available for  
sale at And All the Angels gift and  
bookstore.

All proceeds will benefit St. Michael's  
charitable causes.



## Birthdays

3/31 Valorie Eaton  
4/2 Martha Osos  
4/2 Stewart Boynton  
4/2 Paula Papamarcos  
4/4 Ric Lindeen  
4/4 David Smith  
4/4 Pat Okonek  
4/4 Mita Mullick  
4/5 Liz Gabis  
4/6 Libby Rieke

## Anniversaries

## In Loving Memory

3/31 Ned Dally  
4/1 Dolores Curran  
4/1 Vette Kell  
4/2 Karl Schiffmayer  
4/3 Louis Carrol  
4/3 Cynthia Sykes  
4/3 Wallace Younger  
4/4 Eric Hays  
4/5 Pamela Hartman  
4/6 Dorothy Peterson  
4/8 Derek Austin Harms  
Joseph Mendoza  
Amy Roper

## Prayer Requests

Dayna, Tim, the Roper family, Miles, the Clark family, Karen, Mary Jane and Nancy, Karen, Lynda, Emma Rose, Spencer, Nancy, Jeff, Richard, Christine, Jeff, Sharon, Andy, Marilyn and Pat, Caden, Sadie, Dave, Phyllis, Cameron, Maribeth, Ruth, Brian, Barb and Steve, Patty.

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## Community News

## St. Martin's Stations of the Cross

St. Martin's Episcopal Church  
**Social Justice Stations of the Cross**

Where Shall We Plant and Nourish



Seeds of Justice and Peace?

## Good Friday

March 29

Self-guided walk

**12:00 pm - 6:30 pm; 8:30 pm - 10:00 pm**

St. Martin's began offering Good Friday Social Justice Stations of the Cross in 2022. Participants are welcomed to walk at their own pace through the 14 Stations, spaced throughout our parish hall and sanctuary, reflecting how Christ's journey is mirrored in current social justice issues. We encourage people to sit with each Station and reflect on our complicity in each issue.

After completing the walk and taking time to reflect, participants are invited to indicate which social justice issues weigh heaviest on their hearts and believe to be most pressing. This informs the parish's priorities.



### Stations of the Cross self-guided walk information

St. Michael's Episcopal Church  
St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 647 Dundee Avenue, Barrington, IL 60010  
The Parish Office is open 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.  
website: [www.stmichaelsbarrington.org](http://www.stmichaelsbarrington.org)

#### The Sword

The Sword is published each Thursday. The deadline to submit items to be included is Tuesday at 5:00 PM. Any questions or comments regarding this publication should be sent to [admin@stmichaelsbarrington.org](mailto:admin@stmichaelsbarrington.org)

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