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A Note From Our Rector

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A couple of days ago, St. Michael's held a last-minute prayer vigil to pray for peace. It was in response to a letter from the Anglican Archbishop Hosam Naoum, asking us to gather on that day and join with people around the world to pray. Thank you to all who came and prayed with us, and who joined us online, for I needed to spend some time in community and in prayer regarding this latest war that rages.

You can watch the recording of the Vigil, see the Archbishop's letter, and read the bulletin all here:

<https://www.stmichaelsbarrington.org/church-announcements/1336-prayers-for-peace-at-noonday?preview=1>

I invite you to pray for peace. I know that it can feel as though there is so little we can do right now, right here, to make a difference- so give that to God and ask God to work miracles of faith and love in the hearts of those who harbor hate and revenge. Here is the litany we used on Tuesday, should you want to pray it over the coming days:

God of Love, you created all people as one family and called us to live together in justice, harmony and peace.

Surround us with your love as we pray for the Holy Land.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer God of Righteousness, who demands that our worldly governors take up their responsibility to protect those in their charge and uphold the dignity of all human beings, pour your wisdom into the leaders of this world [especially Benjamin Netanyahu, the leaders of Hamas, and Joe Biden].

For all who bear such responsibility, that they may put the good of the whole over their own greed for power,

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God of Compassion, who even in the darkest times, shows us your path: we give you thanks for all those who in the face of crisis wrought by evil-doers, work to help the helpless, to hold out hope to the desolate, to speak for the voiceless and to bring understanding and knowledge to a world darkened by ignorance and hate.

For our siblings who risk much to aid others, that their actions may be successful and their words may be heard,

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God of Mercy, who binds up the wounds of those who suffer, bless the victims of the consequences of fear and hate in the last week and over the past 75 years of conflict in the Holy Land: those injured and traumatized, those bereaved and grieving, those held as captives and prisoners, those who face deprivation and desperation because of systems of violence and oppression, so that they may move forward in this life standing firm in your truth and avoiding the temptation of vengeance.

For all whose lives are forever marked by suffering, that they may be blessed with the hope of your presence,
Lord, in your mercy, ☐
Hear our prayer.

God of Life, whose faithfulness to us is never-ending, we remember before you those who have died by the violence that has become shockingly routine in your Holy Land; receive them into your heart where they may know the peace and joy of eternal life in you.
For all who have died, that they may rest in that place where pain is no more,
Lord, in your mercy,
☐Hear our prayer.

God of Justice, who calls us to uphold the dignity of every human being, every child of this earth, beloved of you: empower your Church to help you heal this terrible cycle of violence and revenge; give us courage to rise above our fear that nothing can be done in the face of the conflict and chaos of our own creating; grant us the conviction to advocate for change and to work for the establishment of your peace, your shalom, your salaam, in this broken world.

For your dream of justice and peace on earth, and for us, that we may take up your call to build it,
Lord, in your mercy, ☐
Hear our prayer.

All this we pray in the name of the One who offered his life so that we might live, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

—Downloaded from <https://thankfulpriest.home.blog/2023/10/14/a-litany-for-the-holy-land/>

A Note from our Sunday School Director

Kim Curtis

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We have some good news. We have hired a new nursery assistant. Ellie Michaels will be joining the staff this week. She is a Barrington High school graduate who is currently pursuing her degree in Psychology. She also is a substitute at St. Mark's preschool. Welcome Ellie!

This week we will not be having Sunday school. This is rare! However, it seems the majority of teachers and students, including myself, will not be at church on Sunday. Hope

you all have a good weekend and enjoy these last few Fall days. Nursery care will still be provided.

Music Ministry



All Souls Requiem Mass

November 5th, 6:30pm, St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 647 Dundee Ave, Barrington, IL 60010

This peaceful evening mass provides a place to remember departed loved ones, to sit with our grief, and receive hope and comfort through music, prayer, and scripture. The joint choirs of St. Michaels Episcopal Church, Salem Methodist Church, and Atonement Lutheran will be singing movements from Gabriel Fauré's Requiem Mass setting, accompanied by string ensemble and organ.

Questions, Please contact Sara Torbeck, Music Director.

storbeck@stmichaelsbarrington.org

Please click on the link below to list names of departed loved ones that you would like read and prayed over during our All Soul's Requiem Mass.

<https://forms.gle/9btKQbkMhMh2KRAc9>

Community Events:

Chicago Master Singers opens its 45th annual season with **Baroque Splendor** on Saturday, October 28 at 7:30pm and Sunday, October 29 at 3:00pm.

Three brilliant works will be featured: J.S. Bach's Magnificat, Handel's Dixit Dominus, and Vivaldi's Beatus Vir. The chorus, led by Music Director John C. Hughes, is joined by the Metropolis Symphony Orchestra and professional soloists.

Our Music Director, **Sara Torbeck** along with several of our volunteer bell choir members perform with this Choir!

Also upcoming, their Christmas concerts will take place December 9 and 10th and often sell out so get your tickets early!

All concerts are performed at

For tickets and information, please click here:

<https://www.tix.com/ticket-sales/chicagomastersingerstickets/1978>

LIFT



FROM THE LIFT LEADER'S DESK

Do you want my real answer, or do you want the Sunday School answer?

After I recovered from laughing, I told Jackson that, yes, I wanted the real answer, but I really appreciated that he was being honest.

Real questions and real answers are hard.

I then reiterated to the class how important it is that we keep it real. I want them to ask the real questions and give the real answers. How else will they grow into adulthood and adult faith?

Real questions and real answers **are** hard. As young people move away from the literal safety of some of those old bible stories, they have to transition into the cold hard reality that sometimes *there are just no simple answers*. We can no longer paint the picture in black and white. There are many shades of gray, with splatterings and splotches of black and white. That's where we have to teach them that no matter what their reality is, God is with them...No Matter What!

Two weeks ago, I shared a story with the LIFTers. The story was written by a mother about her 3-year-old who had climbed out of his crib one night and gotten into the bathroom. She was awakened by glass shattering and a scream. She rushed in to find her toddler OK but surrounded by broken glass and aftershave, with him excitedly repeating, "Where are the two Jimmys?" Of course, she saw no one.

Days later, when the mother was teaching Sunday School, she showed a poster of two male angels. Her son excitedly started telling the whole class, *Mommy! That's my two Jimmys!* He then told the little girl next to him how *the two Jimmys knocked Daddy's aftershave out of my hand. They didn't want me to drink it and get sick.*

I asked the LIFTers what they thought about the story. Clearly, these guardian angels had saved this boy's life. During the discussion, Henry slowly raised his hand... *Why doesn't God save all the children?*

I wanted real questions from this group, and I got one.

My fellow teachers and I grappled for explanations. I thanked Henry for his hard and honest question because I want to encourage these types of questions and never shut them down. The bottom line, Henry, is that **we just don't know why** one toddler gets saved and another one doesn't.

Theologians call it *The Problem of Evil*. Books have been written about why bad things happen to good people. I've told the LIFTers to *not* be like the many adults that I know who

have left God because they couldn't understand why a loving God would allow such suffering. (That's a long topic for Fr. Jesse.)

However, I DO know this: No matter the pain or the suffering, God is with us through it all, No Matter What!

And that's...my *real* answer.

LIFT Schedule

Upcoming Events



Oktoberfest

October 21, 4pm

Oktoberfest returns! Please join us for appetizers, brats, hot dogs, sides and dessert.

Singles \$15
Couples \$20
Families \$ 25

Sign up via the form by the community room.



Prayer Shawl

Prayer Shawl will meet Tuesday, October 24, in the Library from 6-7:30pm.

Everyone is welcome! No experience necessary.

Halloween Event October 31

Join us for hot dogs and trick-or-treating.



Hotdogs on Halloween!

4:30 - 7pm

St. Michael's
Episcopal Church
647 Dundee Ave



And All The Angels Christian Gift Shop Annual Holiday Sale



Friday, November 17th
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, November 18th
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, November 19th
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

All proceeds from this sale and from our gift shop benefit women's and children's charities.

Announcements

In the Parish Family

In Loving Memory



In Loving Memory of Joseph Ridges

On Monday evening, Joe transitioned to the next life to be with his Lord. His passing was peaceful in his home surrounded by family and prayer. May his soul, and the souls of all the departed, rest in peace. Amen.



Volunteers Needed

And All The Angels needs your help!

With the holidays and our 30th anniversary fast approaching, we are in desperate need of a few more volunteers. We aren't looking for a huge commitment, just a few hours on a Wednesday, Saturday morning or Sunday morning. Even once a month would be a great help. The shop is easy to run and I would be more than happy to walk you through the process. We are getting more and more new customers from the outside and I would hate to reduce our hours.

Any help you could give would be greatly appreciated. This ministry has helped a lot of organizations over the years and I would hate to see it disappear. We also have the holiday sale starting next month and could use a few pair of hands to help set up on November 11th. We start about 8:00 and go until we are done (which is usually by noon).

Please feel free to stop in the shop on a Sunday or give me a call at 847-358-1334. Thank you for your continued support in this ministry.
Marti Callahan

Vestry Volunteers

The Vestry is preparing its slate of candidates for next year. If you would like to volunteer, or know someone who would be a great candidate,



please e-mail Bill Ferry (Junior Warden) at wkf630_2002@yahoo.com.

It's a great opportunity to get involved. We have 3 positions to be filled.

Questions, please feel free to call me at (847) 450-3846.



Artwork Display

Hello everyone!! Please remember to call me about posting a beautiful piece of your artwork by the Community Room. PLEASE DO NOT THINK you need to BE the ARTIST,, just a treasured piece of work to share for two weeks, plus a short description of why it means so much to you. It could be one of your children's drawings, a photograph (not necessarily a Church related theme). Look around your home and pick out something you love and let me know if you would like to participate!!

Call me please: Paulette Forrest.
224-213-6483

Thanks so much!!
Pforrestpayne@gmail.com

Foyers Sign-up Time is here!

Foyers is a wonderful opportunity for all members of St. Michael's, to engage in fellowship together. Foyers features 2 types of gatherings. The first type is adult Foyers and the second is family Foyers. Adult Foyers are typically 4 groups of couples/singles, that are all adults, that meet as a group in each other's homes for a simple meal, 4 times over a period of a year. Family Foyers follows the same format, but it is adults and their children that form as a group, during the year period. This is a wonderful way for adults with young kids to be able to still enjoy fellowship with other families at St. Michael's.

Sign up for the next season of Foyers is underway for this next year's groups. The groups are randomly formed, and include adult couples and singles of all ages or a family of adults and their children. There is no formal format for the group get together, other than beginning the evening with the Litany of Reconciliation, a simple meal and getting to know each other in a small group setting.

Forest and I will be signing people after each service, for the next few weeks. Come find us and fill out your sign-up information. You can also email us to sign up for Foyers. If you are emailing your sign up, send us your first and last name, address, email and contact phone number. Our email is forestmayberry@comcast.net .

We are looking forward to another fun year of gathering together for Foyers!

Lynn and Forest Mayberry

CROP HUNGER WALK

ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME

Thank you to all of the St. Michael's Crop Hunger Walk team members. Whether you walked, volunteered or donated, we appreciate it! The money raised by the Hunger Walks nationwide provides food, medical care, disaster relief and self-help development for needy people in our community and around the world. We are all invited to the post-walk celebration on Oct 18, 2023 (all day) at Moretti's, 128 Wool Street, Barrington. 15% of our purchases will be matched by Moretti's. See the attached picture - Kay Lewis won "best hat"!



**Autumn Soiree
Episcopal Charities Fundraiser**



Community News



Big Fish at Harper Community College



Two St. Michaels parishioners are starring in this funny, larger than life musical about Edward Bloom and his fantastical stories! Marisa Boynton and her son Henry will be portraying Sandra Bloom and their son, Will Bloom.

Shows are:
November 10, 8pm
November 11, 8pm

November 12, 2pm

November 17, 8pm

November 18, 8pm

November 19, 2pm

For Tickets please follow this link to the Harper Box Office:

[The Harper Ensemble Theatre Company presents Big Fish - Harper College](#)

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Birthdays

10/23 Aston Boynton
10/26 Lynn Mayberry

Anniversaries

10/26 Susan and Gwynne
Johnston
10/27 Lindsay and Kevin Taylor

In Loving Memory

10/22 Robert Brown
10/23 Barbara Hager
10/23 Joy Dowling
10/24 Helen Roberts
10/24 Edward Tolle
10/24 Jack Haugen
10/25 Eva Johnson
10/26 Stephen Wright
10/26 Norman Linde
10/26 Erin Semerad
10/28 Sherman Noble, III
Rollo Nessel
Joe Ridges

Prayer Requests

Vicki and the Ridges family, Emma Rose, the Nessel family, Joe, Sharon, Danielle, Marti, Andy, Jeff, Marilyn and Pat, Cayden, Sadie, Cindy, Dave, Phyllis, Cameron, Maribeth, Ruth, Brian, Barb and Steve, Patty, and Amy.

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