



ST MICHAEL'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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EPISCOPAL 101 WITH DEACON TIM



Are you new to The Episcopal Church? Or, if not new to the church, are you interested in finding out more about The Episcopal Church? Beginning in early June I will host 4 or 5 sessions of "Episcopal 101" on Sundays, either between the worship services or immediately after the 10am service.

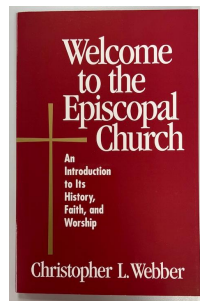
I need feedback from participants about which time frame you prefer. Also, location! Would you prefer to meet in a quieter location like the church library? Would you prefer claiming a corner of the Community Room? Perhaps on sunny and warm days, gathering on the front porch outside the Narthex (lobby)?

I plan to use Christopher L. Webber's book, *Welcome to the Episcopal Church*. There are a handful of copies already in the book shop, *And All The Angels*. We could have more copies ordered. Or you could find the book via the Church Publishing website or through online booksellers. As you wish.

The sessions will build upon one another. You could nonetheless encounter interesting info about our denomination if you participated in only one or two sessions. And stories! You may become inspired to add your story to the evolving Story of The Episcopal Church. (Spoiler alert, this is a hint about the book's introduction.)

Please send your questions, feedback and preferences via email to tmurray@stmichaelsbarrington.org

AND ALL THE ANGELS GIFT SHOP



The book that Deacon Tim will be using for the series of sessions called "Episcopal 101", beginning in early June, is available in And All the Angels gift shop.

Visit us Wednesdays 11 am to 5 pm, and Saturdays and Sundays 9 am until noon, in St. Michael's lower level.

SUMMER OCCASIONAL CHOIR



Calling all singers and musicians! No weekly rehearsal commitment, just show up at 9:15am on Sunday and learn the hymns and a simple anthem! This is a great way to test the waters and come enjoy singing with the choir in a low pressure setting. The summer choir does not wear robes or process, and you can show up at will week to week.

Sara is also looking for willing musicians who would like to sing or play solos for prelude or offertory throughout the summer.

Please reach out to Sara at Storbeck@stmichaelsbarrington.org if you are interested in playing or singing with the choir!

Thank you for sharing your talents in worship at St. Michaels!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Save The Date

Vacation Bible School will be held August 3-7, 2026.
Check back here for more information.

SUNDAY SCHOOL



Hi Sunday school friends,

Please feel free to have your child bring an item from home for the weekly children's sermon box. We will take turns making sure each child has a turn this summer.

PRE-SCHOOL

LITTLE ANGELS SUMMER CAMP

Unleash the Fun in the Sun at Little Angels Summer Camp!

Weekly themes:

- ✓ June 8-11 Fairytales
- ✓ June 15-18 Camping in the woods
- ✓ June 22-25 God Bless America
- ✓ July 6-9 Build it - construction
- ✓ July 13-16 Under the sea
- ✓ July 20-23 Color Explosion
- ✓ July 27-30 Insect Investigators

Registration starts March 30 on ChildPilot

Payment is required at time of registration

**\$75 for 2 days
\$150 for 4 days**

9 - 11:30
We have the option to add lunch from 11:30 - 12:30

Camp is for children 2 years old - 5 years old

SING AND RING IN SCOTLAND

Choral Evensong tour to Aberdeen-Edinburgh Scotland, June 20-28, 2027



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Please fill out this **brief survey** this week to indicate your current interest level in participating in the Scotland tour? It is important to get these preliminary numbers so that we know how to plan. Please fill out the survey even if you think it is unlikely you will participate in the tour.

<https://forms.gle/iG8wD1tWxPKxRqXp9>

OUTREACH ALLOCATIONS

Thanks to the bountiful generosity of the St. Michael's family, the Outreach Team has recommended disbursement of \$29,600 to 13 partner agencies for the spring of 2026. With a primary focus on organizations providing food and shelter, your gifts will ensure that thousands of people who are hungry, without homes, or rebuilding their lives will know they are cared for.

Your St. Michaels Outreach team meets twice a year to review grant applications, this year from 14 agencies. Factors include parishioner involvement, agency effectiveness, and impact on the community. (See guidelines) We are honored to be able to use our collective treasure to be God's hands in the world.

Gratefully, Your Outreach Team

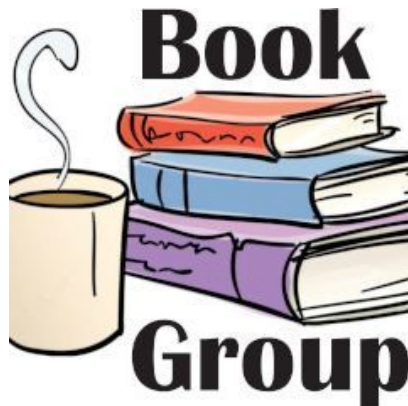
Sam Adams-Lanham, Carol Berman, Melissa Buckley, Kate Chan, Una Colohan, David Evans, Sue Ferry, Bill Ferry, Kathy Galliher, Ray Kean, Cathy Koehlinger, Lou Longo, Terri Longo, John Malloy, Lynn Mayberry, Forest Mayberry, Bernice McCarthy, Marti Roehm, Ann Ryba, Tina Summerfield, LLora Wonder

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Organization	Request	One time	Spring Grant
Invitees			
Bacoa	\$ 5,000		\$ 2,500.00
Barrington Youth & Family Services	\$ -		
Barrington Township Food Pantry	\$ 2,100		\$ 2,100.00
Countryside UU-Chalice House	\$ 5,000		\$ 2,500.00
Cumali	\$ 5,000		\$ 2,500.00
Food For Greater Elgin	\$ 5,000		\$ 2,500.00
Porch de Salomon	\$ 6,500		\$ 3,500.00
Ravenswood Community Services	\$ 5,000		\$ 5,000.00
Rebuilding Together	\$ 4,000		
Redeemer Family in Crisis (Elgin)	\$ 2,000		\$ 1,000.00
South Sudan- Renk Diocese Microloans	\$ 5,000		\$ 2,500.00
St. Anne Migrant Ministry	\$ 3,000		\$ 1,500.00
St. Leonard's House/Grace House	\$ 8,000		\$ 4,000.00
5% set aside	\$ 3,100		
Sunny Hill Elementary School		\$ 2,000	
TOTAL	\$ 58,700	\$ 2,000	\$ 29,600.00

Source	Amount
Outreach 2025 balance	\$ 11,181
2025 True-up: 5% to 7.3%	\$ 15,786
8% of 2026 Pledged Income	\$ 48,961
Total funds for year	\$ 75,928
Spring Grants	\$ 29,600
Fall Grants	\$ 4,000
One-time Grants	\$ 2,000
AVAILABLE TO GIVE	\$ 40,328

BOOK GROUP



The June book, **The Count of Monte Cristo**, by Alexander Dumas, is longer than our usual selections so if you haven't already read it, you may want to watch the TV adaptation streaming on PBS.org. Rick Ryba will lead the discussion and host the June 17th meeting, 7 pm in the church library.

New members are always welcome. For more information contact Kathi Frelk, kfrelk4@gmail.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Can you please help us get the word out that St. Michael's is AWESOME? Please review our church - the more 5 stars we get will help us appear in more searches for people who are looking for a church home and researching churches online. See the link below:

Church Reviews - St. Michael's Barrington

Skip the first part "AI", look for the box with the St. Michael's photo of the front of the church, and click on "google reviews". Please review us on Facebook and Yelp too (those links are on the same page). Thank you!

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Birthdays

5/25 Rachel Duncan
5/26 Laurie Bateman
5/26 John O'Riordan
5/27 Trevor Chan
5/27 Ava Warner
5/28 Dawson Imhoff
5/30 David Buckley, Sr

Anniversaries

5/23 Melissa and Dave
Buckley, Jr
5/24 Laurie and Jim Bateman
5/26 Kerry and Ray Kean

In Loving Memory

5/25 Nancy Race
5/25 Leona "Lee" Buckle
5/26 Mary Anderson
5/28 Allan Sisson
5/28 John Höggren
5/28 George Rutkowski

Prayer Requests

The Cross family, Bryan Cross, The Lick / Mandell family, Robert Lick, Marilyn, Frank, Tami and family, the Budzisz family, Megan, the Shipleys, Heather, Bonnie, Mitzi, Morgan, Paul, Braelyn, Kimberlie, Kathy, Doug, Sally, Mary, John, Teresa, Kitty, Liam and family, Nancy, Caden, Dave, Brian, Barb and Steve, and Patty

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St. Michael's Staff

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The Sword

The Sword is published each Thursday. The deadline to submit items to be included is Wednesday at 5:00 PM. Any questions or comments regarding this publication should be sent to sword@stmichaelsbarrington.org

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