

THE ARCHANGEL

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The Newsletter for Saint Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church

Dallas, Texas

JULY 2012

The Next Chapter: The Uses of Summer

July 4
Church
Offices Closed
no 7:00
Eucharist

North Dallas
Shared Ministry
Collection
Month

Austin Street
Shelter
Christmas in
July

July 8
Welcome
Reception
for

The Rev.
Lisa Flores

Saint
Michael's
Farmers
Market
Saturdays
8:00 - Noon
North Parking
Lot

Summer can be a season to help us move toward a religious balance. For some parishioners, this has meant participating in summer work trips; others have given themselves to Vacation Bible School where we learned with childlike openness the meaning of trusting God no matter what happens. Still others experience this season's benefits in unplanned, involuntary "stock taking." Like the parishioner I visited who, in the days following his heart attack, declared: "It's the best thing that ever happened to me – I'll never be the same again. It woke me up to the great gift of life and to the endless grace of Jesus Christ," or the other parishioner who, in facing a vocational shift said: "This is a new chance to seek God's real intention for my life-I'm on to chapter two."



Some of our more intense workers have needed and taken a real vacation this summer, while others have tried on a new avocation or joined a summer study group. One parishioner almost "busted a gut" with enthusiasm when he learned about our Farmers Market, now every Saturday morning in our north parking lot.

Sensing the need to see God active in life beyond our own nose, some parishioners are taking great summer adventures-seeing the glory of God in Ireland, Austria, Africa, or the old farm haunt where snapping peas is a great divergence from a Brooks Brothers' suit. Others experience mid-summer periods of grief because of death or loss (including this past month the death of a beloved young physician and a courageous and spirited child), even as they know the love of caring family and parishioners.

In addition to these summer musings, I learned two weeks ago the news that The Rev. Jemonde Taylor has accepted a call to be the Rector of St. Ambrose Episcopal Church in Raleigh, North Carolina. I hope my reaction to his leaving is as much a measure of my gratitude and respect for Jemonde, as it is my selfishness in wanting him to remain at Saint Michael. I hope, too, that our own sense of loss does not obscure the sense of blessedness we feel over these three years of ministry and the rightness of this vocational step.

Jemonde's priesthood, like several outreach ministries to which he has been attached, have emerged before our eyes. In a very short time, Jemonde has become a gifted preacher and teacher, a caring pastor, and a compassionate outreach missionary. As mentioned in the Sunday News, we will hold a "thank you" reception for Jemonde on Sunday, August 19, after the 11:00 services in the Garden Cloister. If you would like to participate in gifts for Jemonde, please mark your check for that purpose.

We have also said hello to The Rev. Brenda Sol during the past month and The Rev. Lisa Flores arrives this month. She will be the preacher on July 8 at 9:00 and 11:00 and we will have a brief welcome reception for her in the Church Narthex following the 11:00 services.

In *The Great Escape Isn't Always Necessary*, T. S. Eliot helps us understand there is a way to leave behind old patterns and chapters without ever leaving home. For many who need summer to be that period of transformation, it is a remarkable feature of God's grace to learn that we can "at the end of all our exploring, return to the same place we began and to know it for the first time."

Bob Daniels

Saint Michael's

Farm-fresh Products Attract Hundreds of Neighbors

More than 25 farmers from north and east Texas brought their products to the Saint Michael's Farmers Market that opened Saturday, June 30. They set up their tents in the church's north parking lot and sold everything from strawberries to okra to eggs, to cakes. The Farmers Market will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon on Saturdays throughout the fall months.

Among the vendors was Rae Lili Farms from Cooper, Texas which displayed over 67 varieties of heirloom tomatoes, mini-cabbages, carrots, a wide range of in-season vegetables and melons, and eggs from free-range chickens.

Larkin Farms from Waxahachie had home-grown Texas peaches, Santa Rosa plums, Asian pears, apricots, and blackberries, all organically grown in their orchards. They also had vegetables including potatoes, onions, squash, cucumbers, carrots and peppers.



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In addition the Saint Michael Farmers Market has fruits and vegetables from La Esperanza Farm in Josephine, Lucido Pasta from Copper Canyon, South Texas Beef Jerky from Argyle, and Mother Shuckers Tamales from Burleson.

Rector Bob Dannals said he expects the Farmers Market to become a gathering place for neighbors on Saturday mornings. “We want the community to know that there are other ways to be a church beyond the traditional Sunday morning worship services,” he said.

Nancy Powers, market manager, said “In addition to fresh-grown produce and fruit, we will have specialty foods, including baked goods, pickles, jams, tamales, cheeses, local honey, meats, and pastas.” All products are required to be produced within 150 miles of Dallas County. And, Rusty Tacos will be serving breakfast Tacos and coffee at the market.



**Saint Michael's
Farmers Market
Every Saturday
8:00 to Noon**

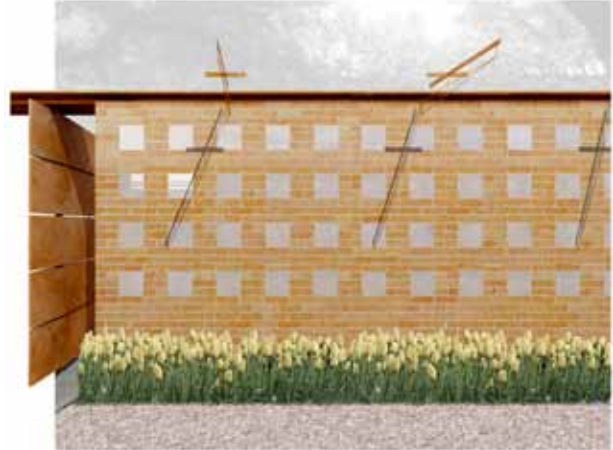
Elements from God Emphasized in Courtyard Columbarium

Saint Michael's new Courtyard Columbarium, designed by renowned architect Max Levy, will draw on the elements of God's creation to bring into being a place of peace, beauty and serenity.

The wind will gently turn a bronze Cross connecting our early existence with the heavens. The sky and clouds are reflected into the site by specially designed mirrored niches. The Sun shines on tiny Crosses affixed to the walls casting shadows across the niches. Rain captured in aqueducts flows into a bronze vessel, providing water for bud vases placed on the niches' marble plaques.

Pivoting stained glass doors installed in the south wall of the church provide direct access to the Courtyard Columbarium's 860 new niches, as well as the green interment area for spreading of ashes, and the Memorial Wall for name-only remembrances. In the midst is a landscaped Nave Court providing a convenient and serene venue for a committal service or other outdoor worship

The Courtyard Columbarium is expected to be completed by early next year. For information about how to acquire a place in the new Columbarium, contact Kimberly Hughes at 214-363-5471 or khughes@saintmichael.org.



Shadow Casters



Rain Basin And Plaque Detail



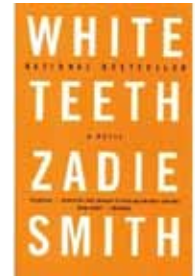
Wind Vane

Faith and Literature - Summer Sunday School

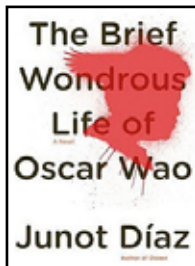
The popular “Faith and Literature” adult formation class continues in July. Each Sunday morning our clergy will review their favorite books and authors in this fun, stimulating, and inspiring series. The books being reviewed are available in the Book Shop. Faith and Literature meets at 10:00 on Sundays in the Saint Michael Chapel..

July 8 *White Teeth* by Zadie Smith reviewed by Pam Theodore

Set against London’s racial and cultural tapestry, *White Teeth* revels in the ecstatic hodgepodge of modern life, flirting with disaster, confounding expectations, and embracing the comedy of daily existence. Big questions demand boldly drawn characters. The author’s characters aren’t heroic, just real: warm, funny, misguided, and entirely familiar.



July 15 *The Brief and Wondrous World of Oscar Wao* by Junot Díaz reviewed by Pam Theodore



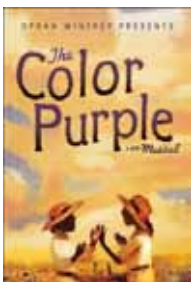
The bestselling novel appeared in over thirty-five best-of-the-year book lists and won the John Sargent First Novel prize, the Dayton Peace Prize in Fiction, the National Book Critics Circle Award, as well as the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction in 2008. *Time Magazine* praised it as “a massive, heaving, sparking tragicomedy.”

July 22 *The Red Tent* by Anita Diamant reviewed by Brenda Sol

Her name is Dinah, the daughter of Jacob from the Book of Genesis. Told in Dinah’s voice, this novel reveals the traditions and turmoils of ancient womanhood--the world of the red tent. Dinah’s story reaches out creating an intimate connection with the past and employing rich storytelling to achieve a new view of biblical women’s society.



July 29 *The Color Purple* by Alice Walker reviewed by Brenda Sol



Winner of the Pulitzer Prize in 1983, *The Color Purple* is the story of a young African American named Celie and shows the problems African American women faced during the early 1900s, including poverty, racism, and sexism. Celie is transformed as she finds her self-worth through the help of two strong female companions.

(See a complete listing of the Summer Faith and Literature offerings at www.saintmichael.org)

Mission Outreach

Austin Street Shelter - Christmas in July

The Austin Street Shelter, a major outreach program for Saint Michael and All Angels, is having “Christmas in July,” an opportunity for volunteers and donors to help the homeless of Dallas.

“One of the biggest challenges facing the homeless is transporting their belongings,” said Keith Price, Executive Director. “Imagine having all of your life’s belongings contained in a black trash bag that is always being repaired with duct tape.”

Wheeled luggage and duffel bags can help ease the Austin Street clients’ burdens, as well as helping to simplify storage of their goods at the Center. In addition to wheeled luggage and duffel bags, other items that will be part of the “Christmas in July” donation drive include:

- Gently used clothing
- Personal hygiene products
- Underwear and socks
- Men’s shoes (size 10 and larger)
- Men’s big and tall clothing
- Women’s plus-size clothing.

If you can help, please contact The Rev. Kevin Huddleston at khuddleston@saintmichael.org.

Food 4 Kids

The 7th annual Food 4 Kids fundraiser will take place during the month of September. Each backpack provides a weekend lifeline for a child at critical risk for hunger.

Please consider sponsoring a child for a week (\$5), a month (\$20), a 40 week school year (\$200), or an entire year (\$260). Bring a smile to these children’s faces by keeping their stomachs filled and their minds alert.

Questions? Sallie Plummer 972-783-9575.



Rosebud Mission Trip Slated for August

An adult mission trip to the Rosebud Indian Reservation will leave on August 4 and spend a week working to refurbish and restore St. Paul’s Episcopal Church and tutoring the children on the reservation.



The mornings will be spent scrapping, sanding, and preparing the St. Paul building for painting. In the afternoons, the Saint Michael missionaries will tutor at the Joe Eagle Bear Community Center. Two highlights of the trip will be a cookout with the kids at the community center that will feature Indian drummers and dancing. On Thursday evening, they will attend Russell Eagle Bear’s Sundance.

“This is a trip where new friendships are made, rewarding labor is performed and doors are opened to a deeper more fulfilling spiritual life,” according to Fr. Kevin Huddleston, Associate for Mission and Outreach.

The Rosebud Indian Reservation is located in south central South Dakota on the Nebraska state line. It is home to 21,250 members of the Sicangu band of the Lakota or Teton Sioux.

If you are interested in joining the mission trip, contact khuddleston@saintmichael.org.

Joyce Hull and Arden Showalter Compete Education for Ministry Course

Congratulations to Joyce Hull and Arden Showalter on their achievement in completing four years of disciplined study and reflection in Education for Ministry (EfM). EfM was created by the School of Theology at Sewanee. Education for



Joyce Hull

Ministry is designed to support lay people who ask searching questions and seek to lead meaningful lives as followers of Christ. EfM provides theological resources, a supportive community, and a trained leader for the class. The Saint Michael Mentor for EfM is Elizabeth Lang, who is also a trainer for the program. For more information, contact her at langelizabeth66@gmail.com.



Arden Showalter

Women of the Spirit

Wednesdays 9:30-11:00 in the Parlor. Hosted by Emily Given and Suzi Finan this group welcomes women of all ages to for fellowship, support and study. We are currently enjoying our second book titled *An Altar in the World* by Barbara Brown Taylor. For more information please contact Jill Delabano at 214-369-4905 ext. 252 or jdelabano@saintmichael.org.

Summer Book Study on Wednesday Evening and Thursday Mornings

Want to travel light this summer and enjoy a lively discussion group? Max Lucado's humorous, tender and inspiring book, *Traveling Light : Releasing the Burdens You Were Never Intended to Bear - The Promise of the 23rd Psalm*, will be discussed on Wednesday evenings from 5:30 – 6:30 or on Thursdays from 11:30 – 12:30. Both groups meet in the Parlor. Contact Marta Holden 214-363-5471 ext. 233 or mholden@saintmichael.org for more information or to reserve your spot.

Women, Work, Word

Working women of all ages are encouraged to relax with fellowship and study here at Saint Michael. This group meets the first and third Monday of each month in the Coke Room. This month's meetings will be July 2 and July 16. Discussing Psalm 131. For more information contact Emily Given at 214-692-3030 or egiven@saintmichael.org.



SAINT MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

Homecoming

Sunday, September 9

yesterday ... today ... tomorrow

WORSHIP
9 a.m. or 11 a.m.

LUNCH
11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

STORYTELLING
10 a.m. with Leon
in the Garden Cloister

CASUAL DRESS

HELP US HONOR

FELLOWSHIP

Leon Farmer
AND HIS
50 YEARS OF MINISTRY

We need you and you want to be involved in honoring Leon Farmer's 50 years of ministry at Saint Michael. Here's how you can do it:

1. Contribute to a purse that will be given to Leon at Homecoming. Make out your check to Saint Michael and All Angels and designate it for the Leon Farmer Purse. Send it to Saint Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church - Homecoming, 8011 Douglas, Dallas, Texas 75225.
2. Share your favorite story or write a note of thanks to Leon. There will be boxes throughout the church in which to put your note. They will be given to Leon and his family at Homecoming.
3. Volunteer to help at Homecoming. It's going to be a big, fun event. Contact Tish Visinsky at tvisinsky@saintmichael.org.

Pastoral Care

Recovery Advocates

Do you or someone you know have a problem with alcohol, substance abuse, or another addictive behavior?

Recovery Advocates is a group of individuals dedicated to enhancing the spiritual, physical, emotional and social well being of communicants facing issues of substance abuse and other addictions. The group sponsors workshops, speakers, retreats, and an annual Recovery Mass. Persons in recovery need to develop and maintain a close relationship with a higher power as a part of their recovery. Twelve step programs, like Alcoholics Anonymous, support them in their spiritual life.



You might be wondering, "What is a 12-step program?" The first 12-step program began with Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) in the 1930s. The approach has grown to be the most widely used in dealing with not only alcoholism, but also drug abuse and other addictive or dysfunctional behaviors. The twelve steps are meant to be worked sequentially as a process of getting rid of addictive behaviors and growing in freedom and happiness.

The Recovery Advocates have knowledge and/or experience in the area of addiction recovery and serve as a resource to parishioners; to discuss issues and concerns, share experiences, or accompany someone to an AA or Al-Anon meeting. Recovery Advocates has a collection of nearly 100 books on Addiction and Recovery in the Church Library.

Both Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anon meetings are held regularly at the church.

- Alcoholics Anonymous meets in the Coke Activity Room on the first and third Sunday of each month from 7:30 - 8:30 with a cake and ice cream fellowship following. Alcoholics Anonymous® is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. There are many AA groups that meet in the Dallas area. Meetings take place every day of the week, from morning until evening and typically last one hour.
- An Al-Anon group called "Serenity Seekers" meets the first and third Sunday evenings, 6:30 - 7:30, in the Chapel Conference Room. For over 55 years, Al-Anon has been offering strength and hope for friends and families of problem drinkers. It is estimated that each alcoholic affects the lives of at least four other people... alcoholism is truly a family disease. No matter what relationship you have with an alcoholic, whether they are still drinking or not, all who have been affected by someone else's drinking can find solutions that lead to serenity in the Al-Anon fellowship. The only requirement for membership is that there be a problem of alcoholism in a relative or friend. Whether the alcoholic is still drinking or not, Al-Anon offers hope and recovery to all people affected by the alcoholism of a loved one or friend.

For more information about AA or Al-Anon, contact Reverend Neal Hern at 214-352-8492 or nealhern@aol.com. All communications remain confidential.

Please mark your July calendar with the following dates for Pastoral Care Ministries meetings and events:

Sundays

Recovery Advocates Groups: An Al-Anon group, "Serenity Seekers", consisting of families and friends of alcoholics, meets the first and third Sunday night, 6:30-7:30, in the Chapel Conference Room. While this ministry and its materials are specifically directed toward loved ones of alcoholics, those concerned about loved ones with dual addictions are never turned away. Contact: The Rev. Neal Hern, nealhern@aol.com.

Alcoholics Anonymous: Confidential meeting times and dates are available by contacting The Rev. Neal Hern, nealhern@aol.com.

Parish Nurse Program The Parish Nurse Ministry will be in the Lanai on the third Sunday of July with information regarding Skin Cancer and Sunscreen Awareness.

Mondays

Basic Christian Yoga. Every Monday evening 5:30-6:45, in the Youth Space. There is NO FEE.

Women's Cancer Support Group. Every Monday, 1:30 in the Parlor.

The **Caregiver Support Group** meets the first and third Mondays in the Parlor, 11:00 to 12:30.

Tuesdays

Centering Prayer Group meets every Tuesday morning at 10:00, in the Bride's Room.

The **Prayer Shawl Knitting Ministry** meets every Tuesday, 1:00-3:00, in the Coke Activities Room.

Alterknit; the Nighttime Knitting Ministry meets every Tuesday night, 6:00-8:00, in the Drake Room.

Thursdays

The **Sunday Service Prayer Team** meets one week later this month, on Thursday, July 26 in the Coke Activities Room, for dinner and book study. For information and reservations, contact Rick Porter, rporter@mphlegal.com.

Children, Youth and Family Ministry

Youth Mission Trips Travel to Houston, New Orleans, and Bolivia

Saint Michael youth are on the move this summer with three mission trips to work with young people and help with building projects in Houston, New Orleans, and Bolivia. They are sending daily blog reports and pictures of their activities, which can be seen on our website at www.saintmichael.org. Take some time and catch up or track the work of our young people serving others.

6th and 7th Graders

Eleven 6th and 7th graders and chaperones spent five days in Houston working with inner-city youth and mission programs. They stayed at the Christ Church Cathedral in the downtown area and worked on several projects with CUSE, the Cathedral Urban Service Experience. Participating in the Mission Trip were Emily Horvath, Catherine Howard, Lisa Lipscomb, J.B. Williams, Jordan Pemberton, Thomas Donaldson, Hannah McSherry, Cal Leopard, Mitchell Rupp, Croft Chestnut, and Tres Page. Give them a pat-on-the back for their service and ministry.



Participants from the Houston Mission Trip above serving at the Cathedral and below at an Astros game.

8th and 9th Graders

More than 20 youth and chaperones traveled to New Orleans on Saturday, June 30 to begin a week of service benefitting those affected by Hurricane Katrina. Much of their work is centered around All Souls' Episcopal Church, a pre-hurricane Walgreens store that has become a church and community center for residents of the Lower Ninth Ward.



10th and 12th Graders

The Saint Michael High School youth and chaperones will depart for Cochabamba, Bolivia on July 13 where they will work at the Amistad orphanage. They raised more than \$1,000 at bake sales which will be used to purchase school supplies and clothing for children at the orphanage. The mission group hopes to take at least 14 duffle bags filled with supplies. If you can help, contact Andy Sahl at asahl@saintmichael.org.



For Your Information

Grant Them Eternal Rest

William Sherrill Burba, June 4, 2012, stepfather of Robin Price

Juliee Fueslier D. Bliss, June 5, 2012, wife of Bob Bliss

Anne Pryser, June 6, 2012, mother of Anne Leary

Marjorie Young Hardy, June 10, 2012, mother of Karen Bryant, mother-in-law of Drew Bryant and grandmother of Bailey Bryant

George William Keeling, June 12, 2012, brother of Jim Keeling and brother-in-law of Katherine Keeling

Phillip "Bo" Earle Williams, III, June 16, 2012, son of Bobbie Sue and Phil Williams, brother of Liesl Porter, and brother-in-law of Bill Porter, uncle of Lily and William Porter, brother of Jewelee Lancaster and brother-in-law of John Lancaster, uncle of Lynch, Emily, Wesley, and Mary Elinor

Michael Key Malone, June 23, 2012, son of Alison and Mike Malone, brother of Emory Malone

Nigel Charles Stewart, June 25, 2012, father of Churck Stewart

Cradle Roll

We welcome our newest parishioners born into our parish family:

Hiatt Emmaline Clark

June 14, 2012

daughter of Lane and Cory Clark

Jason Nathaniel Westgate

June 27, 2012

son of Ashley and Paul

Ellison Andrews Ambrose

June 29, 2012

daughter of Lindsey and Connor Ambrose

The Book Shop of Saint Michael

The Book Shop is a great place to find wonderful summer reading, including the books that are being reviewed in the Adult Faith and Literature Sunday Class.

The summer hours are: Monday-Thursday 10:00-3:00; CLOSED Friday; Saturday 9:00 -11:00; and Sunday 8:30-12:30.

The Book Shop also needs more volunteers. If you are interested contact Chris Love at 214-363-5471 or clove@saintmichael.org.

Parish Clergy

The Reverend Bob Dannals, Rector

The Reverend Kevin Huddleston

The Reverend Jemonde Taylor

The Reverend Greg Pickens

The Reverend Brenda Sol

The Reverend Lisa Flores

The Venerable Jim Webb

The Reverend Michael Harmuth

The Reverend Neal Hern

Parish Vestry

Van Sheets, Sr. Warden

Tony Briggie, Jr. Warden

Matt Waller, Treasurer

Robert Wilson, Chancellor

Christine Ashmore, Cindy Carter, Clifford

Miercort, Stephanie Pearson, Grady Schleier,

Nancy Skochdopole, Ron Staffieri, Tom Stewart,

Stewart Thomas, Donell Wiggins,

Paige Wilbur, Scott Wilson,

Sheryl Wylie, and Margaret Spellings, Clerk

Worship Schedule

MONDAY - FRIDAY

7:00 a.m. - Eucharist - BMC

WEDNESDAYS

10:00 a.m. - Healing Service - BMC

SATURDAYS

8:30 a.m. - Eucharist - BMC

5:30 p.m. - Candlelight Mass

SUNDAYS

7:30 a.m. - Eucharist Rite I - SMC

9:00 a.m. - Eucharist Rite II - Church

9:00 a.m. - Discovery Mass/ Joy Mass - SMC

10:00 a.m. - Sunday School Classes
(Children and Adult)

11:00 a.m. - Eucharist Rite I - Church

11:00 a.m. - Celebration Mass Eucharist
Rite II - Theater

5:30 p.m. - Evening Prayer and Eucharist
Rite I - SMC

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A New Ministry for Jemonde Taylor

Dear Friends in Christ:

Saint Michael continues to be my place of commencement, a place of new beginnings. I began ordained ministry here as a deacon and recent seminary graduate in 2009. Later that year, I celebrated my ordination to the priesthood with you. After three years of ministry here, I embark on a new adventure that takes me back home to be rector of St. Ambrose Church, Raleigh, NC.



I consider it an honor and blessing to serve as Missioner at Saint Michael, Jubilee Park, and St. Philip's School. I experience Saint Michael as welcoming and hospitable. This church family is a group of committed and devout Christians. The environment helped form, grow, and deepen my ministry. I will carry with me many lessons learned as I journey forward. I value the Saint Michael friendships formed and fostered during my time here.

I leave Saint Michael better equipped to minister with God's people. Both of us learned from each other. I will always remember Saint Michael since this is where I began ordained ministry. You are truly a blessing and gift from God.

In Christ,

Jemonde