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Summer, particularly summer out-of-doors in new surroundings, can help us move toward a spiritual



balance, seeing God's presence in unexpected places. Of God's presence, Wordsworth wrote: "Whose dwelling is the light of setting suns, and the round ocean and living air, and the blue sky, and in the mind of a man: a motion

and a spirit that impels rolls through all things."

Some see the glory of God dwelling in Colorado or Santa Fe or New England or the Far West or the neighborhood pool or the quiet easy chair or the Good Book or whatever old or new haunt you will inhabit that can deepen your faith and feed your soul. Valerie and I are keeping a date with the last portion of a sabbatical which has already brought us meaningful connection with old friends and family, and with reading and writing, which deepens our reservoirs. In addition to working on a booklet about the questions of living and two preaching stations, our side trips in North Carolina and New Hampshire have offered a respite from our routine and reminded us of how much we love serving at Saint Michael and All Angels...and how much we dislike August in Dallas.

In the spirit of stock-taking and note posting, here are some miscellaneous items for you to consider:

+ The next time you see a member of the clergy or staff, give her or him a hug or a pat on the back. While the pace slows during these months, the staff continues to be hard at work getting us ready for the fall;

+ There is no vacation from the cost of running an enormous church. Please keep your pledge current

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Full Worship Schedule Returns August 25

Saint Michael and All Angels will return to a full worship schedule on Sunday, August 25 as well celebrate *Back-to-School, Back-to-Church*. There will be Blessing of Backpacks at each service (briefcases and PDAs welcome).

Sunday Worship Service Schedule

- 7:30 Eucharist Rite I, Saint Michael Chapel
- 9:00 Eucharist Rite II, Church
Joy Mass (young children & families), Parish Hall
Discovery Mass (elementary children & families), Saint Michael Chapel
- 11:00 Eucharist Rite I, Church
Celebration Mass, Theater
- 5:30 Evening Prayer and Eucharist, Saint Michael Chapel

Sunday School for Adults, Youth, and Children
10:00 – 11:00

Childcare (Sundays) Infant – 3 years in the Nursery 8:30 – 12:30

BACK TO SCHOOL Back to Church
AUGUST 25th
Blessings
Join us at 10am in the Garden Cloister for a frozen treat!
During 9 AM & 11AM Services



Progress Report on the Columbarium Project

During the coming days, the congregation will experience -- quite literally -- the next important phase of the Columbarium/South Lawn projects: the installation of the south wall stained glass doors in the church.

Beginning Monday, August 5, the Beck Group construction team, under the very able leadership of Larry Wilson of our parish, will build an indoor “construction wall” in the Nave of our church. This will necessitate the removal of two pews on the “Pulpit side;” one near the front and one near the back. Other than reducing the seating capacity on that side and the apparent construction wall, this phase will not diminish or detract from our worship space. At the same time, glass doors will be installed in the South Lanai (near the Bishop Moore Chapel) leading into the Nave Courtyard. The construction team will do their very best to reduce dust and other impediments while completing these tasks.

I wish to thank the Beck Group and specifically our local team, including Larry Wilson, Bracken Reece, and our Columbarium Committee, chaired by Bob Wilbur, our former Junior Warden, Jay Grogan, and the Building and Grounds Committee, chaired by our current Junior Warden, Tom Stewart. Please extend to them our gratitude when you see them, and please excuse our mess while we complete this very exciting and important addition to our south lawn and south wall of our church. Once completed the Columbarium and Nave Courtyard will be a sacred and beautiful addition to Saint Michael and All Angels.

Bob Dannals, Rector

Columbarium Construction Limits Parking at South Lanai Entrance

Parishioners are asked not to park in the driveway at the south lanai porte cochere. During construction of the new columbarium, the drive must be reserved for handicapped drop-offs, mother's-day-out pick up, and commercial deliveries. Handicapped and senior parking has been designated in the north parking with easy access to the north lanai or the entrance at the northeast corner of the church.

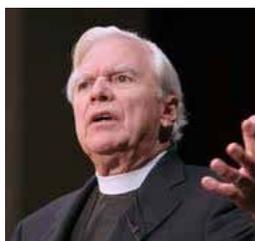




Dr. Dan Matthews Kicks Off Fall Season at Saint Michael

The Rev. Dr. Dan Matthews, one of the great preachers in the Episcopal Church and for 17 years Rector of Trinity Church Wall Street, will help kickoff our new Fall programming on Sunday, September 15.

Dr. Matthews will preach at the 9:00 and 11:00 worship services in the Church and will lead the first Rector's Forum session discussing, "A Portrait of Anglicanism: 10 Reasons Why I Love the Episcopal Church." The Rector's Forum, meeting in Saint Michael Chapel, will be studying "Basic Christianity: Anglican Style" during the year.



"Dan Matthews is one of the great men in the Church – not just the Episcopal Church – but God's universal Church," said Bob Dannals, Rector. "He is an outstanding theologian, teacher, and preacher. There is no better way to launch our new season of searching for and learning about God."

On 9/11, Dr. Matthews saw the second airplane fly into the World Trade Center from his parish office and was forced to evacuate lower Manhattan with his staff and the children of the Parish Preschool. The church's St. Paul's Chapel, across the street from the World Trade Center, served as a 24-hour center of refuge and relief for eight months after the attack.

(You can watch Dr. Matthews at www.saintmichael.org/DanMatthews)

A Peek at Things to Come

You will see some new Sunday classes this Fall as Saint Michael and All Angels broadens its Adult Formation schedule.

Look For: The Inquirers Series

This class is for all who want to know more about the Episcopal Church and Saint Michael and All Angels. Led by the Rev. Mike Dangelo, other clergy and lay ministers, it is for newcomers, long-time church goers, skeptics, or those who haven't thought about their faith in a longtime.

The Couples Class

This class is designed for parents, grand-parents, or couples who just enjoy children. The topics for each Sunday are selected by a steering committee of parents who believe that a strong family foundation is essential to rearing children in today's world.

In addition to the Rector's Forum, other favorite classes will be Adult Bible Study led by The Rev. Kevin Huddleston, Family Foundations led by The Rev. Greg Pickens and his wife, Noralyn, and Pressure Points featuring clergy and lay leaders discussing pressing topics of faith.

Stars Come Out for Open Mic Night

It rained Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. But, Thursday the stars came out and they appeared under the Farmers Market Refreshments Tent at the first Saint Michael's Open Mic Night.

There were 9 performers, four dogs (four legged kind), and 25+ listeners. It was fun, entertaining, and certain to be done again.





Honduras Threads – The Small and BIG Questions

Mission Trip Focuses on Women's Co-ops

Bill Bancroft and his wife, M'Lou, founded the Honduras Threads mission to help women in rural Honduran communities create sewing co-ops to better the lives of their families. Following is Bill's report on Saint Michael's July mission trip.



The questions are at the same time both big and small.

Does it take four or five hours to embroider the newest Fiesta collection of pillows, placemats and napkins? Does it take five or six yards of thread? Does it take a half hour or 45 minutes to sew each placemat and pillow together?



The difference amounts to only a few dollars or cents. Yet for the women of Honduras Threads cooperatives situated in poor, rural communities outside the capital city of Tegucigalpa, the questions are as big as the world market for their products.

“The cost of making the placements and other items gets compounded the further up the ladder you go,” said Saint Michael Honduras Threads mission team member Ginger Brown. The wholesalers take a piece; the retailers take another piece. Customs and shipping take a chunk. And the packaging can be costly. If the women of the cooperatives are going to make money on their latest products, just a few pennies matter.

The nine-member mission team, working with women in six cooperatives during the first week of July, focused hard on getting answers to those questions. To do so, they helped the women use computers brought in past years and loaded with Excel spreadsheets to do the cost accounting. And they reviewed sewing techniques and production processes introduced in an April preparatory trip.



Also, as part of the trip, team members worked with co-op members and their teen children to improve their overall computer skills. The teens were included so they could fill in for their moms when necessary. For everyone, it meant learning how to attach Excel files to emails to send data back to Dallas. And for Josue Mendez, 15, interested in learning how to fix complex machinery, it also meant learning how to use the internet for the first time to know more about the lathes he was studying in school.

At each days end, there were broad smiles everywhere. Said Merlin Banegas, 23, a Santa Cruz Arriba co-op member, “The costs were what we hoped for. If the costs are very high, you can't sell it. We were looking for the costs to be at that level.”



“As for using the computers and the Excel spreadsheets,” said Saint Michael missionary Melanie McGill, “the younger women are excited. It's opening up a new world to them.

And they don't have the fear of the computer. The older women seem more hesitant, but you can see from their expressions, they are beginning to understand and they are beginning to overcome their fears.”

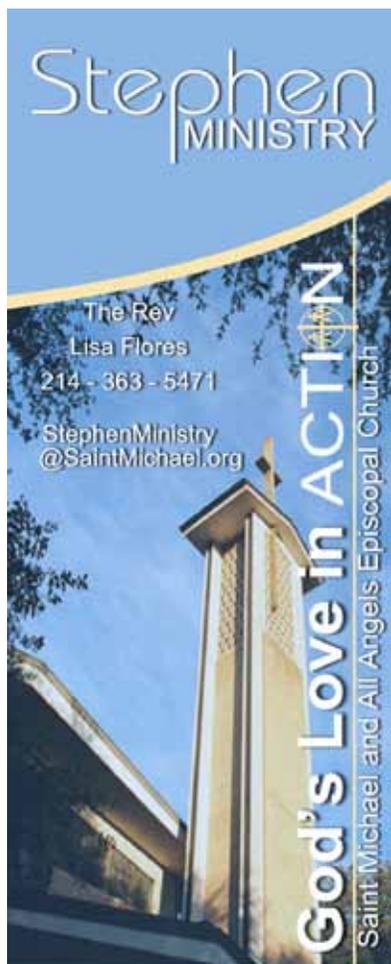
Written by Bill Bancroft



Pastoral Care:

After the crisis....Stephen Ministers.....
there for the long term.....

The clergy at Saint Michael is always on the front lines of care, especially during times of crisis. But there are always many more needs for ongoing, one-to-one care than they can effectively meet without help. Stephen Ministry is how Saint Michael provides long-term care and outreach to hurting people. Stephen Ministers are parishioners who go through 50 hours of Christian care-giving training. Stephen Ministers are matched with a hurting person—men are paired with men, women with women—and they meet with that person weekly to listen, care, pray, and encourage. Caring relationships last for as long as the need persists, usually a year or so—sometimes longer,



sometimes not so long. Stephen Ministry is a confidential ministry: The identity of those receiving care and what takes place in each caring relationship remains private.

A Stephen Minister is....

- A child of God who walks beside a person who is hurting
- A lay member of our parish with gifts for care

giving, carefully selected by our clergy to serve in this role

- A person who has received 50 hours of training, and ongoing education in providing emotional and spiritual care
- A caring, Christian friend who listens, cares, prays, supports, and encourages

Stephen Ministers at Saint Michael support our clergy by providing help for the grieving, and offering hope, encouragement, and prayer to those in need. Stephen Ministers care for those dealing with grief, divorce, job loss, hospitalization, financial struggles, loneliness, convalescence, terminal illness, and other life difficulties.

“The Stephen Ministry at Saint Michael augments the broad range of different ministries and support groups at Saint Michael, it does not replace what the other ministries do”, said The Rev. Lisa Flores, Associate for Pastoral Care. “Our pastoral care ministries and support groups typically have a format that functions within a fairly short time line. Our Stephen Ministry provides individual Christian care for people on a generally longer-term time horizon. Stephen Ministers are under the authority and supervision of the clergy and what they do is highly confidential.” Lisa concluded.

For more information on the Stephen Ministry at Saint Michael and All Angels, contact The Rev. Lisa Flores, Associate for Pastoral Care at lflores@saintmichael.org. All inquiries are held in strict confidence.



Written by Jon Davis



Alcoholics Anonymous:

Meets in the Coke Activities Room on the first and third Sunday of each month from 7:30-8:30 in the evening. This group is open to both men and women. More information is available by contacting The Rev. Neal Hern, nealhearn@aol.com

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Parish Nurse Ministry

Visit the Parish Nurse Ministry in the South Lanai on the third Sunday of August to receive important information regarding Immunization Awareness. Contact Dianne Boyd, dboyd@saintmichael.org.

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August Faith and Grief Luncheon

The Faith and Grief Luncheon at Saint Michael is Thursday, August 8, in the Coke Activities Room, Noon until 1:00. The monthly meetings take place at Saint Michael on the second Thursday of each month. Note that there is no charge for the luncheon but donations are greatly appreciated. Please make reservations so we can prepare for your presence, by visiting www.faithandgrief.org, or calling 469-251-9612. Questions: contact The Rev. Lisa Flores, lflores@saintmichael.org or Meg Badgett, mmbadgett@gmail.com

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The Sunday Service Prayer Team is not meeting during the month of August. A new program is in the plans for this fall. Look for announcements soon. For information about how you can be involved with this vital ministry, contact lay leader, Steve McKenney, ssmckenney111@gmail.com.

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Looking Forward To September

Mark your calendar. The Recovery Advocates will sponsor a dinner and speaker on Tuesday, September 24, 6:00-8:00. Look for more information in your September Archangel or the Saint Michael website.

Regular Weekly Meetings:

MONDAYS

Women's Cancer Support Group, meets every Monday, at 1:45 in the Parlor. Contact: Sue Patton, pattons@sbcglobal.net, or Charlie Stobaugh, charlie@stobaugh.net.

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The Caregiver Support Group meets on the first and third Mondays. Meetings are held in the Parlor, 11:00 to 12:30. Contact: Sandra Klingeman, jsklingeman@sbcglobal.net, or Drew Stull, jstull3141@aol.com.

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Basic Christian Yoga. Summer is an excellent time to try this healthy way to exercise your mind and body. Saint Michael offers Christian Yoga, led by licensed Yoga instructor, Annette Lentz. THERE IS NO FEE. Every Monday evening at 5:30-6:45, in the Youth Space. Contact: Annette Lentz, annette.lentz@sbcglobal.net

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TUESDAYS

Centering Prayer Group meets every Tuesday morning at 10:00 in the Chapel Conference Room. Contact: Mary Ann Webster, maryannwebster@gmail.com

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The **Prayer Shawl Knitting Ministry** meets every Tuesday, 1:00 to 3:00 in the Coke Activities Room. Contact: Byrd Teague, Byrd.Teague@gmail.com.

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The **Alterknit Knitting Ministry** meets every Tuesday night, 6:00-8:00 in the Drake Room. Men and women are invited to participate. If a daytime meeting is not a good fit for you, Contact: Nancy Cantwell, nmkj@sbcglobal.net.

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Community Recycling Facility Available at Saint Michael

We now have a “Big Green Bin” in the North parking lot for your recyclable materials located in the wooden enclosure near the Farmers Market refreshment tent and the Lomo Alto office building, which you are invited and encouraged to use. Please follow these recycling guidelines. Plastic: containers with recycling symbol for numbers 1-7; Glass: bottles and jars of any color, no window glass, light bulbs, ceramics, mirrors, pyrex or fiberglass; Metal: aluminum, tin, steel containers, no aluminum foil, pie plates, metal parts, toys, electronics or appliances; Paper: office paper, window envelopes, magazines, catalogues, paperback books, phone books and brown paper bags, no rubber bands, plastic wrappings, hardback books; Cardboard: food and detergent boxes, paper cartons, folded corrugated and cereal boxes, no waxed cardboard, boxes with plastic or foil lining, pizza or food contaminated boxes.

RoughRiders Game August 15th, 7:00

Our tickets are on the third baseline and will be shaded at game time. Your ticket includes a seat, all-you-can-eat food, and a RoughRiders hat.



A few details:

- Tickets are \$17 each
- We have reserved seats but you are welcome to bring a blanket and sit on the grass
- Our all-you-can-eat food includes hotdogs, brats, nachos and Dr. Pepper products; food begins at 6:00 and ends at approximately 8:30.
- If you order your tickets before August 9, we will mail them to you. After August 9, tickets are still available, but you must pick them up at the church.
- This is a family event! Please plan on attending together!

Questions? Contact: Andy Sahl at asahl@saintmichael.org or 214-369-4905.

International Mission Opportunities with the Episcopal Church

Please join Katie Webb in the Parlor at 10:00 on August 25 for a presentation on international mission opportunities through The Episcopal Church.

Jubilee Reading Partners

You can make a difference in a child’s life with just one hour a week! Jubilee is partnering with Reading Partners Dallas to ensure that students who are 6 months to 2.5 years behind in reading level at O.M. Roberts Elementary receive individual tutoring. An introductory meeting for interested Jubilee Reading Partners volunteers will be held on Sunday, September 15th, at 10:00, in the Clergy Conference Room. This program involves a guided and structured curriculum and no teaching experience is necessary.



Volunteers will be asked to commit to a single 1-hour tutoring session per week during normal school hours. For additional information, please contact Reiner Zuercher at volunteer@jubileecenter.org.

You are invited to tour the new O.M.Roberts school on Thursday, August 15 at 10:00. The school is located at 4919 East Grand.

Journey to the Top of the Mountain

Join us as we pilgrimage to the high Andes and visit the village of Aramasi the site where in 1981 Father William Wilson, founder of Amistad mission, heard the call of God to help a starving community. See the fruition of his call in a community that is now healthy and self sufficient. Venture with us to the valley city of Cochabamba and share the love of Christ with



our precious orphan children in Casa Esperanza at Villa Amistad. See how

these children are moving from abused and abandoned to purposely independent. Play and pray with the children who pray for you. Please join us on a Saint Michael Amistad Mission trip, September 6-14. Contact Richard D’Antoni at Richard@dantonipartners.com.



Faith and Literature

The adult formation class, Faith and Literature, will meet and review the following books during the month of August:

- August 4 *The Dog of the South* by Charles Portis
Reviewed by Pamela Theodore
- August 11 *Snake Oil: The Art of Healing and Telling Truth* by Becca Stevens
Reviewed by Lisa C. Flores
- August 18 *American Gospel* by Jon Meacham
Reviewed by Bob Dannals

The class meets Sundays at 11:00 a.m. in the Coke Activities Room.

Women – Word – Work

Are you a working woman? Are you craving spiritual connection, but know you can't commit to one more thing? Then this is the perfect group for you! Drop-in when you can as we share fellowship, snacks, study and prayer. We're currently using one of the Sunday scripture readings as a jumping-off place for our discussions—no preparation required. Bring a friend and join us on the 1st & 3rd Monday of each month from 7:00-8:00.

SMAA 20s&30s

Invite others and let them know...single, married, kids, no kids, job, no job, deep faith, struggling faith...wherever you are, and whoever you are, you are welcome at Saint Michael!

Home Communion & Potluck

We gather monthly for food and fellowship. On August 4th, we'll escape the heat in the Saint Michael Parlor. Arrive at 5:30 for the informal worship service, or drop in at 6:30 for the potluck. Meat and beverages will be provided, please bring a salad, side or dessert to share...all friends & musical instruments are welcome!

Real Talk...Real Faith...

On Sunday, August 18, we'll meet at Snuffers-Preston Center at 6:00 for burgers and Bible Study.

Watch the webpage for other activities and event locations: <http://www.saintmichael.org/smaa20s30s/>.

Children's Minister's Prayer Beads on Sale in the Book Shop

Suzanne Finan, our own Children's Minister, has created the *Not So Perfect Prayer Beads!* Each string of beads is one of a kind and has a beautiful wooden cross attached at the end. Choose a special prayer for each bead; personalize with whatever prayers come to heart. They are all handmade by Suzanne and the beads are uniquely shaped and marked just like us!

The Bookshop summer hours:

- M,T,W,Th. 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
CLOSED Fridays
Sat. 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
Sun. 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Meet 'N Greet on Labor Day Sunday

Labor Day Sunday, September 1, will be Meet 'N Greet Day at Saint Michael as we enjoy the long holiday weekend. Between the 9:00 and 11:00 worship services we will have refreshments in the Garden Cloister. It will be a perfect time to meet friends and get caught up on your summer adventures.

The Gathering — Serving Our Neighbors

In late 2012, Saint Michael and All Angels was instrumental in planting a new church in downtown Dallas, with its principal purpose being a church for homeless people. It has grown to some 75+ and now has a permanent home at Thanksgiving Square, with the service being outdoors on Sundays at 1:00. Parishioners from Saint Michael — especially the Youth in the beginning — have supported this new church by cooking and serving lunch after the service, as well as providing personal hygiene items. On Sunday, July 28, The Rev. Brenda Sol delivered the sermon and celebrated the Eucharist, and parishioners prepared and served the extended Eucharistic meal. On August 18, The Rev. Lisa Flores will preach and celebrate, and The Rev. Kevin Huddleston will do the same at the September 1 service. You can get involved in serving these neighbors by contacting Mary Ruth McKenney at maryruthmckenney@gmail.com, or The Rev. Jim Webb at jameskwebb@sbcglobal.net.



Farmers Market



The Place to Be on Saturday Mornings



Saint Michael's
Farmers Market

Saturdays
8:00 AM - 12 Noon
A non-profit Community Outreach Ministry
www.saintmichaelsmarket.com



Make Your Plans: Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Begins in September

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and Sunday School begin on September 15 at 10:00. Children must be FOUR years old by September 1, 2013 to participate. For more information or to register, visit saintmichael.org/children-youth-and-families/children-family-ministry/sunday-education-formation/



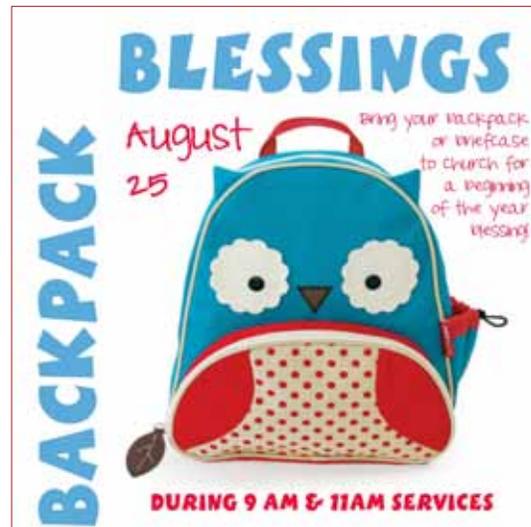
Family Movie Night

Beat the heat and bring the family to the Youth Center for a movie and popcorn. We will be gathering on August 9 at 7:00. Beanbags will be available! For more information contact Suzanne Finan at sfinan@saintmichael.org



Backpack Blessing Sunday, August 25

Begin the year with a special prayer of hope and thanksgiving during all of our Sunday morning services. Each person will be given a wooden cross to place in his/her own backpack as a sign of God's love and protection. Briefcases and PDAs welcome!



Family Swim Night

Gather your family and join us at the University Park Pool for our Summer Family Swim Night, this Wednesday, August 21 from 6:00-8:00. Dinner and snacks will be provided and all ages are welcome! Contact Suzanne Finan at sfinan@saintmichael.org for more info.





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Faith Lab

Six Week After-School Group

Begins Wednesday, September 18

4:30-5:30

Room 1



Roll up your shelves and put those safety goggles on! We are going to explore the wonder of God through hands-on science experiments. Open to children in Kindergarten through Grade 3. Cost: \$30 (to cover supplies). Led by Emily Given. For more information, please contact Jill Delabano – jdelabano@saintmichael.org.

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6th Grade Disciples Class Registration Underway

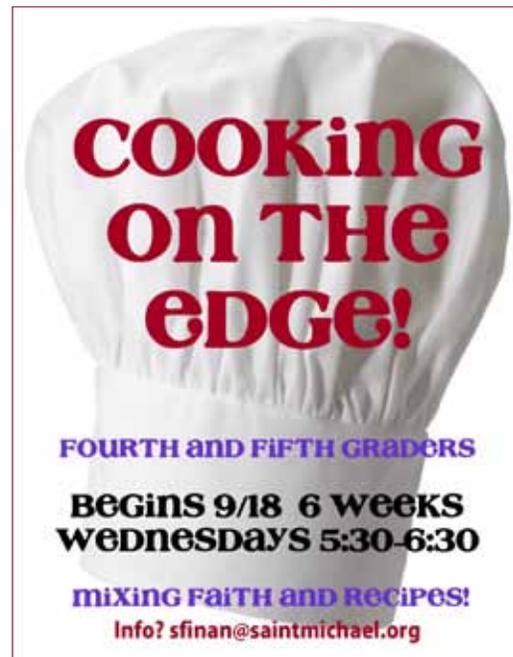
Registration has started for the 6th Grade Disciples Class which leads to Confirmation in May next year. The Student Kickoff will be Friday, August 23 at 6:00 and a meeting of all parents will be Sunday, August 25 at 10:00. The class will begin meeting every Sunday at 10:00 on September 15. To register or for more information go to www.saintmichael.org/disciples/, or contact Andy Sahl at asahl@saintmichael.org.

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Cooking on the Edge,

Beginning September 18

Reserve your Wednesday nights for Cooking on the Edge. Fourth and fifth graders will be teaming up with some of Saint Michael's top chefs to create wonderful meals centered around devotion time. Edgers will finish their 6 weeks by creating their own cookbooks just in time to give as great holiday gifts! Cost is \$30 per child. Class size is limited to 15 children. Register now at jdelabano@saintmichael.org.



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Women of the Spirit

Mondays Beginning September 9

9:30-11:00 in The Edge Room

Join us Monday mornings for a book reflection and prayer group for women of all ages. Led by Emily Given and Suzanne Finan, the group explores faith-inspired books as a way to grow deeper in our faith journeys. The first book of the year will be *Snake Oil: The Art of Healing and Truth Telling* by Becca Stevens. Books can be purchased at the Saint Michael Book Shop. For more information, please contact Emily Given – egiven@saintmichael.org or Suzanne Finan – sfinan@saintmichael.org. Friends and neighbors are always welcome.



New York Mission Trip: Finding Hope in the Midst of Despair

Lauren Hansford, a junior at Highland Park High School, was one of twenty high school students from Saint Michael and All Angels that participated in our mission trip to New York City July 7 -13. Following is her account of the mission.



New York City in July is by no means a welcoming city. Relentlessly humid, a general lack of air conditioning, and almost constant close quarters (be it in transit on the subway or the state of sleeping arrangements) give every day life an added layer of hostility. But amongst the looming towers of Fifth Avenue, and the slightly dilapidated rides of Coney Island, there is a layer of hope, and our mission for the week was to peel back the film of grime and destitution and find that hope.



While I speak for only half of our group, as we were divided and sent to different work sites during the day, finding hope was a common theme for all. At our first site, Part Of The Solution (or POTS), we joined the “machine” that was a Bronx-based soup kitchen, churning out meal after meal (and busing table after table) for those in need. This site was different for me, because I felt that this site was more about feeding the machine that makes the difference; being one pair of hands that does one job that tomorrow will be done by a different pair of hands. We might have been just another group of volunteers to them, but I got to see the faces of these people light up as they were handed a hot plate of food, and that gave me hope.



The site for me that had the greatest impact was St. Paul's House, a food pantry/clothing distribution center in Hells Kitchen, near Times Square. Regardless of it's proximity to one of the glitziest set of streets in the world, Hells Kitchen is tired-looking, and the homeless population is quite large compared to surrounding areas. St. Paul's House is based in a large apartment, and every space is used for ministry or storing food. On the ground floor, we were introduced to Ray, a near 70 year old man who has worked there for over 20 years. But Ray is no curmudgeon. We were subject to one of his clever bible jokes straight off the bat (“In which book does it say that men brew coffee? Hebrews”), and he kept them coming. This man felt that he was genuinely



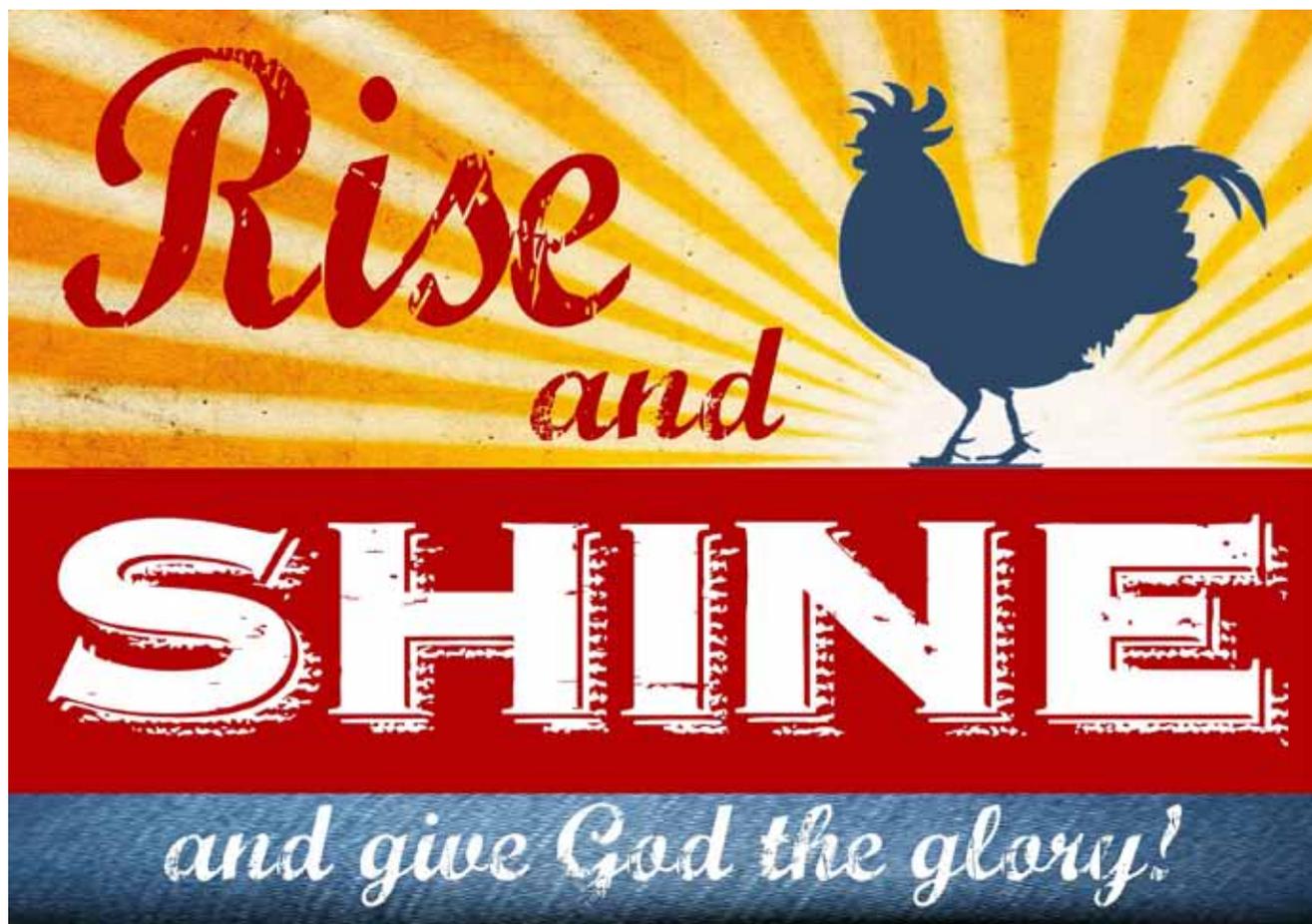
blessed to be doing this work, which made our time there seem even more impactful. I worked in clothing distribution with a couple of elderly Korean women, each owners of Dry Cleaners in New Jersey. Job agencies would refer people in need of professional clothing for interviews to St. Paul's, and these women provided a clothes that had been abandoned at their Dry Cleaner. Each person received 3 items, whether a shirt, pants, shoes, tie, etc. I worked with one man in particular-- hunched over, long, gray hair tied back in a pony tail, he would have been

someone I would have avoided on the street. I found him a couple of dress shirts and a pair of pants, handed them over, and was about to wish him a good day. But when I looked up he had tears in his eyes and told me how much these clothes meant to him. For him, they were a chance to turn his life around, maybe get off the streets. To him they were new life, while to me they were just old clothes. My perspective on what I take for granted was changed in a completely unexpected way. I got the chance to feel as if I had made a truly distinguishable difference in that man's life. I think both of us walked away feeling new hope for the future after that encounter.



These are just two examples of the places we worked all around NYC. We were in Brooklyn and Manhattan and Harlem, then up to 5th and the Upper East Side, sometimes all in the same day (the Subway system is truly incredible, huh?). This was not my first time visiting New York, but this was the first time I felt that I might be beginning to understand it. Speaking to the natives of every burrow, eating the food of the many different ethnicities that make up the city, even sleeping in a converted opera house with youth groups from all around the country... this is what gave me hope. Because in the end, everyone is working for the same goal: to make a better New York. While we didn't solve any problems permanently, we provided the "machine" with ready-to-work hands and ready-to-care hearts and in that "machine," there is hope.

Written by Lauren Hansford



**HOMECOMING AT SAINT MICHAEL
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2013**

**REGULAR SUNDAY WORSHIP ♦ MINISTRY FAIR
PETTING ZOO ♦ MINI FARMERS MARKET**

BUY YOUR TICKETS

ONLINE OR AT THE RECEPTION DESK

\$8 ADULTS

\$4 KIDS (10 AND UNDER)

BIG CHURCH BREAKFAST FROM 8-11AM

FARM FRESH EGGS ♦ BACON & SAUSAGE
CHEESE GRITS ♦ BUTTERMILK BISCUITS & GRAVY
CINNAMON ROLLS ♦ DANISH ♦ FRESH FRUIT
PANCAKES ♦ JUICES & COFFEE



Grant Them Eternal Rest

Stina Ljungqvist, July 10, 2013, grandmother of Jenny Ljungqvist

Stephen Cook Thayer, Jr., July 13, 2013, husband of Jane B. Thayer

Gregory Marshall Cotton, July 17, 2013, partner of Derek Vanlandingham

W. A. "Andy" Carothers, July 18, 2013, brother of Lucy Vollet

Carl Everette Oates, July 23, 2013

Cradle Roll

Welcome to our newest member born into our parish family:

Gwendolyn Eleanor Hardy

July 8, 2013

Alexandra & Dane Hardy

Sonny Paul Horton

July 11, 2013

Gina & Travis Horton

Samuel Joseph Philyaw

July 17, 2013

Elizabeth Souder-Philyaw & Jason Philyaw

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and begin to think about your stewardship of time, talent and treasure. A simple but good model is to consider giving 1% more of your income in the coming year than you did this year;

+ The lazier days of summer provide a great opportunity to read that "more substantive book" – maybe something related to the coming year. Consider one of the books from the "Faith and Literature" series, or, in preparation for the visit of Dr. Craig Barnes in November, pick up one of his many books from our Book Shop;

+ Mark your calendars – August 25, it's Back to Church and Blessing of the Backpacks Sunday as we return to the full complement of worship services; September 8 Homecoming, "Breakfast on the Lawn" (actually in the parking lot) with a ministry fair, mini-Farmers Market, and activities for children, including a petting zoo.

+ Consider participating in one of many wonderful Sunday offerings that will begin on September 15 for adults, children and youth. The Rev. Dan Matthews, one of the great preachers in the Episcopal Church and former Rector of Trinity Wall Street, will kick off our Fall Formation offerings preaching at 9:00 and 11:00 and teaching the opening session of the Rector's Forum. The Rector's Forum this fall will be called "Basic Christianity, Anglican Style" and is for anyone interested in re-looking at the Ten Commandments, the Lord's Prayer and the Apostles' Creed.

In addition to the Bible class, Pressure Points, and Family Foundations – as well as the myriad of small groups during the week – our Discovery Weekend/Inquirers' Series is moving to Sunday mornings. The Rev. Mike Dangelo will be the main teacher/presenter with the other clergy making spot visits – anyone is invited to this series.

Have a great August.

Bob Dannals

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Worship

Monday – Friday

7:00 a.m. – Eucharist – BMC

Wednesday

10:00 a.m. – Healing Service – BMC

Saturday

8:30 a.m. – Eucharist – BMC

5:30 p.m. – Candlelight Mass

Sunday

7:30 a.m. – Eucharist Rite I – SMC

10:00 a.m. – Eucharist Rite II - Church

10:00 a.m. – Joy Mass, Discovery Mass,
Celebration Mass - Theater

11:00 a.m. – Sunday School Classes
(Children and Adult)

11:00 a.m. – Eucharist Rite I – SMC

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

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The Reverend Bob Dannals, Rector

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The Reverend Greg Pickens

The Reverend Lisa Flores

The Reverend Brenda Sol

The Reverend Jim Webb

The Reverend Michael Harmuth

The Reverend Neal Hern

The Reverend Pamela Theodore

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