

THE ARCHANGEL



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In a preview of a forthcoming symphony orchestra performance, its director observed that a musical masterpiece has two distinguishing marks: surprise and inevitability. "When you hear a masterpiece, you think, 'Who would have thought of doing it that way?' and you think, 'It had to be that way.'"

The drama of the Passion of Christ, from the borrowed donkey to the borrowed tomb, is marked by both surprise and inevitability. So surprising is the cross that it continues to be scandalous. Yet all other scripts of redemption wear thin before the end. The timeless truth is that there is no reception without renunciation, no freedom without offering.



The passion and resurrection 2013.

Yet one more year we gather to watch, ponder, and participate in the crucifixion of Jesus of Nazareth. Yet one more year Jesus is betrayed, denied, disowned, condemned, tortured, and executed. Yet one more year he breaks the prison of death. He is resurrected to reign forever.

The story has two parts. The first is the revelation of the pride, self-will, frailty, and corruption of the human heart. It reveals us to ourselves. The second part is the revelation of God's saving action in the extreme of human agony and, as well, to blinding and ecstatic victory. It reveals God at the Holy One's greatest act of mercy and love.

The reality goes much deeper than liturgical vestige and esoteric ritual. To hold a palm branch, to grasp a nail, to wash feet, to pray in the middle of the night, to look at the hard wood of the cross, to light the first fire in the dark and to sing alleluias on Easter morning is to know our own participation in the only life that gives life.

The person who sacrificially loves the sick and dying person at home or abroad and asks for nothing in return has the passion of Jesus residing in her or his heart. Anyone who goes to the end of his or her rope, and then some, so a child or teenager may realize the enduring qualities of worth and love knows something of Christ's servant ministry. The person who helps build a home or a business or a practice, or ladles soup to the hungry, or reveals God's grace in a Bible study is the person who is awake to God's resurrected presence.

During the balance of Lent, Holy Week and beyond, I invite you to commit more of yourself to more of Christ. Keep asking, "What would the risen Lord have me do?" His authority, mercy, love, presence and victory will lead you.

On behalf of the clergy, staff, wardens and vestry, I extend to each of you a joyous and Holy Easter.

Bob Dannals

Lent at Saint Michael and All Angels

Wednesdays

Lenten Dinners 6:00 p.m. Coke Activities Room
Choral Evensong with Guest Preacher 6:30 p.m. Church

March 6 **The Rev. Carlye Hughes**, Trinity Church, Ft. Worth
March 13 **The Rev. Luke Back**, Church of Heavenly Rest, Abilene
March 20 **The Rt. Rev. Henry Parsley**, Bishop of Alabama (Ret.)



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Stations of the Cross

Fridays (through March 22) at 6:00 p.m. Church

Home Communions

Each communion begins at 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 5
Joyce and Blake Hull,
4112 Purdue – 75225

Tuesday, March 12
Cookie and Richard Frazar,
4104 Walnut Hill Lane – 75229

Tuesday, March 19
Maria and Richard D'Antoni,
1615 Cottonwood Valley Circle N., Irving – 75038

Distinguished Lecture Series

Sunday, March 17



Dr. Gary Dorrien

Reinhold Professor of Ethics,
Union Theological Seminary

Social Ethics for Social Justice

10:00 a.m. (Combined Adult Class) Parish Hall

Lent Retreat

Saturday, March 23

Practicing Forgiveness and Reconciliation

Lee Taft

9:00 – 12:00 Coke Activities Room



Children and Youth

Wednesdays

Pajama Prayers 6:30 p.m. Saint Michael Chapel
Faith Builders 6:30 p.m. Edge Room
LiveWire/EYC 5:30 p.m. Youth Center

Special Events

Edge Outreach Project Sunday March 3
4:30 p.m. Youth Center

Join us to make Spring break food bags for children in the Jubilee neighborhood who may go hungry during Spring break. Contact Suzanne Finan for more information at 214-369-4905 for more information.

Good Friday for Families

10:00 a.m. Theater

Come close to the Good Friday through storytelling, music, art, prayer and interactive activities.

This gathering is intended for families with children kindergarten through fifth grade.

Led by Suzanne Finan and Emily Given. For more information, contact jdelabano@saintmichael.org.



Easter Egg Hunt - Saturday, March 30

3:30 p.m. Sports Field

There will be a Petting Zoo with rabbits, dwarf goats, sheep, a mini horse and baby animals of all kinds. And, a separate hunt area for kids 3 and under.

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Palm Sunday, March 24

The Liturgy of the Palms begins under the ESD porte cochere at 9:00 and 11:00. Services begin as the procession arrives.

- 9:00 Church (incense), Discovery Mass (Chapel),
Joy Mass (Parish Hall)
11:00 Church (incense), Celebration Mass (Theater)

Monday, March 25

- 7:00 a.m. Eucharist Bishop Moore Chapel
6:00 p.m. Eucharist Saint Michael Chapel

Tuesday, March 26

- 7:00 a.m. Eucharist Bishop Moore Chapel
6:00 p.m. Eucharist Saint Michael Chapel

Wednesday, March 27

- 7:00 a.m. Eucharist Bishop Moore Chapel
10:00 a.m. Healing Service Bishop Moore Chapel
6:00 p.m. Eucharist Saint Michael Chapel
Liturgy of the Nails

Maundy Thursday, March 28

- 7:00 a.m. Eucharist Bishop Moore Chapel
5:30 p.m. Family Service Theater
7:00 p.m. Eucharist, Foot Washing Church
Stripping of the Altar
9:00 p.m. – 7:00 a.m. Night Watch Bishop Moore Chapel

Good Friday, March 29

- 7:00 a.m. Good Friday Liturgy Bishop Moore Chapel
10:00 a.m. Good Friday for Families Theater
11:00 a.m. Choral Stations of the Cross Church
12:00 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy Church
5:30 p.m. Family Good Friday Liturgy Church
7:00 p.m. Choral Good Friday Liturgy Church

Holy Saturday, March 30

- 8:30 a.m. Holy Saturday Liturgy Bishop Moore Chapel
4:00 p.m. Baptism Church
5:30 p.m. Candlelight Mass Vigil Saint Michael Chapel
8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil Church (incense)
9:30 p.m. Easter Vigil Reception Parlor

Easter Sunday

March 31

- 6:00 a.m. Sunrise Service
Garden Cloister
7:30 a.m. Eucharist Rite I
Saint Michael Chapel
9:00 a.m. Eucharist Rite II
Church (incense)
Discovery Mass
Saint Michael Chapel
Joy Mass
Parish Hall
11:00 a.m. Eucharist Rite I
Church (incense)
Eucharist Rite II
Saint Michael Chapel
Celebration Mass
Theater
5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer & Eucharist
Saint Michael Chapel



Women of Saint Michael Parish Party

Parish Party: A Rousing Success

The Parish Party and Auction, *Let There Be Light*, was over-the-top producing a record turnout, raising more money than ever before, and delivering a lot fun and fellowship. “There are a lot of people who made this fantastic party possible,” proclaimed Elizabeth Gambrell, president of the Women of Saint Michael. “But I must send special thanks to Co-Chairs Gay Rekerdres and Mary Kardell; Auction Chairs Jeff Rice and Squeaky Connolly; Wine Pull coordinators Louise Griffeth and Valerie Dannals; Decorations Chair Tish Visinsky; and Underwriting Chair Peggy Carr. They organized and led committees of more than 125 women that gave their ‘all’ to Saint Michael and All Angels,” she said.

The exact amount raised at the Parish Party is still being counted, but all proceeds go to Mission and Outreach programs of the Women of Saint Michael. Last year the women gave more than \$500,000 to Dallas area charities.



Rector Announces Sabbatical

“Sabbath” literally means “to cease, to rest, to stop doing what one is doing” for a time. The command to step away from regular, rigorous routine is one of the most ancient in the Judeo-Christian tradition. It is right there in the Ten Commandments: “Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy.” Sabbath is full of rich meanings in scripture. It means rest from work, celebration of creation, celebration of redemption, and a sacrament to renew your relationship with God.

Many years ago the Vestry of Saint Michael and All Angels

established a sabbatical provision for the rector which now reads that after five full years of ministry a three-month sabbatical may be taken -- for the purpose of stepping away from the daily demands of parish life; to pursue study, rest and renewal. I am now in my sixth year (times flies!) and my plan is to take three months away in a manner that is the least disruptive to the clergy, staff, and parish. I will be gone most of the month of April, I will be back full-time in May, and then away most of the summer, being back full-time on August 15.

When and Where will the Rector be Away?

I plan to use the three months away in two increments: the first is a four-week period overseas: April 1-11 at a monastery in Iona, Scotland; April 12-28 leading the parish pilgrimage to Greece and Turkey. The second increment will be within the United States: June 3-30, studying, writing and visiting family in North Florida; July 1-15, studying, writing and preaching in North Carolina; July 16-23, hiking, studying, writing and attending a family reunion (Valerie’s family) in New England and Canada; July 24-August 14, preaching and pastor-in-

residence at Church of the Atonement (our 11th summer) in Quogue (the eastern end of Long Island), New York. The study and writing periods are for the purpose of editing and summarizing the themes I taught this year (“Life’s Most Important Questions”) into a study booklet for parishes and dioceses -- we hope it will be available to study groups in print and digitally. Note above: I will be present and full-time in the parish during the important month of May.

Who Will Care for the Parish While the Rector is Away?

The parish clergy -- Lisa Flores, Kevin Huddleston, Greg Pickens and Brenda Sol will absorb the liturgical and pastoral responsibilities, including officiating at funerals. They will be assisted by our very able Sunday associates and deacons,

Michael Harmuth, Pamela Theodore, Mike Dangelo, Jim Webb, and Ariail Gores. The operations staff and the parish wardens will look after administrative and fiscal matters, including the monitoring of the Columbarium project.

Will the Sabbatical Cost the Parish Extra Income?

No. In preparation of some portions of the sabbatical expenses, I used funds allocated for the rector’s professional expenses and continuing education from the 2012 budget to pre-pay some costs. Thus, the regular allocations for 2013 will adequately cover the balance of expenses.

I extend enormous thanks to you, the wardens/vestry, my clergy colleagues, and our wonderful staff. Being the rector of Saint Michael and All Angels has its own set of demands. Of course, my position and vocation do not confer special status except that there are few days that are really “off,” and parish ministry makes only slightly more obvious the truth that you

cannot give away more than you have. All work is very hard some of the time, whether you are punching keys, planting crops, cooking food, or performing brain surgery. Any job done well and to the glory of God requires everything that is within us.

My sabbatical is dominated by the satisfaction of serving as your rector, of sharing ministry with a talented clergy team, and entrusting work to a faithful staff.

This comes with my prayers for our ministry together and with deep gratitude.



Annual Parish Meeting

Annual Meeting Elects New Vestry and Convention Delegates Reviews Finances and Projects

Five new Vestry members and delegates to the annual Diocesan Convention in November were elected at the Annual Parish meeting Sunday, February 24. The meeting

New Vestry members elected to three year terms are:

- John Gorman
- Sallie Plummer
- Matt Waller
- Kathy Jenevein
- Randy Rekerdres

At its governance meeting later in the day, the Vestry elected Clifford Miercort as Senior Warden, Tom Stewart as Junior Warden, Matt Waller as Treasurer, Robert Wilson as Chancellor, and Margaret Spellings as Clerk.

Delegates to the November Diocesan Convention elected at the Annual Meeting were:

- Marla Briggie
- Ralph Cousins
- Blake Hull
- Bill Johnson
- John McFarland, Sr.
- Phil Ritter
- Charles Sartain
- Van Sheets
- Donell Wiggins
- Jim Wiley, Jr.

Convention Alternates are:

- James Kerr
- William McIntyre
- Clifford Miercort
- Kyle Moore
- Liz Oliphant
- Jim Riggert
- J.C. Snead
- Chuck Stewart
- Tom Stewart, Jr.
- Paul Talbot

Saint Michael Finances Show Pledge Increase, Number of Pledgers Down

At the conclusion of the annual campaign, parishioners' pledges have increased more than \$400,000 over last year and the average pledge has increased 11%. However, the number of parishioners pledging was down by 4%.

also heard reports on the state of the church's finances and significant programs and building programs.



Columbarium Construction, North Campus Property uses Highlight Building & Grounds Activity

Construction of the new Courtyard Columbarium and expanded use of the vacant property on the northern edge of the church's campus was the focus of the Building and Grounds report presented by Junior Warden Tony Briggie. Preliminary work on the Columbarium is underway with actual construction to start in early March.

New playground facilities for the Saint Michael Preschool and Early Childhood Ministry programs will be built on the eastern (Douglas Avenue) side of the vacant property, with

construction expected to be underway by the spring. Briggie announced the Saint Michael's Farmers Market would resume on Saturday, April 27 featuring a new concessions area and a "Cool Zone." The Lomo Alto office building is 99% leased and a quiet campaign is underway to pay off the debt on the building. Briggie also said the City of Dallas is expected to lease a portion of the vacant land to use as a construction staging area for a new fire station it will build at Douglas and Northwest Highway.

Entire Finance and Building and Grounds reports as well as Saint Michael's ministry reports are in the church's 2012 Annual Report which is available at the reception desk or online at www.saintmichael.org.



There is some lore that serving on the vestry can challenge your faith, and that being a warden is worse. Maybe that refers to all the meetings to which vestry members are invited, and all the committees of which wardens are ad hoc members.

Seriously, one thing I like about attending church meetings is the

opportunity to walk these hallways at all hours of the week, observing this lively community beyond the view from my regular pew. I've seen the weekday 7:00 a.m. chapel regulars crowded around the coffee carafe, children dressed for Pajama Prayers on Wednesday night, a parishioner with tense shoulders and fidgeting hands waiting for an appointment with a priest, and later leaving less anxious, a conference room buzzing with plans for the next mission trip, musicians practicing with transfixed faces, the social life of school carpool lines, the kitchens receiving homemade food for a different purpose every day, scores of weekly Bible study groups.... No statistics can capture the life-changing ministries visible from our halls.

Another reward of attending so many church meetings has been to appreciate the Christ-like examples of our clergy and staff. Imagine me rushing into a church meeting, breathless and ready to regale the group about my dramatic business meeting this morning and my flight delay into Dallas two hours ago. I am met by a cheerful and gracious rector or associate rector arriving directly from hospital rounds or counseling a parishioner or conducting a funeral. It ruins the satisfaction of complaining about a flight delay.

Our rector has the most emotionally and intellectually demanding professional position of anyone I know, serving as pastor, teacher, diplomat, preacher, executive, writer and strategic visionary. Our associate clergy and lay staff are remarkable. Each of the 52 fulltime and 9 part time men and women on the church payroll is gifted and called by God

to work among us. In a time of tectonic change in society, technology, government, economy and the church, Saint Michael and All Angels Church is steadily doing God's work on earth, because of the leadership of our rector, clergy and staff.

This church also is serving God's purposes in our individual lives. We are drawn by different combinations of experience – music, mission and outreach opportunities, Christian formation programs, youth activities, particular small groups, and so forth. Whatever the magnets, they have deep personal meaning. This applies not only to staunch members who attend the Annual Meeting, but just as much to parishioners who come only at Easter and Christmas, visitors passing through town, or friends we make on distant mission trips.

In most areas of my life, I tend to project my own experiences and desires onto everyone around me. Serving on the vestry has reminded me that the church is different for every one of

us, but a deeply felt home for all of us.

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Saint Michael and All Angels sometimes is called a "big tent" church, because in a time when the energy of some Episcopalians, other Christians and other religious

people seems directed to clarifying boundaries between us, we try to welcome all of God's children. We want to understand right and wrong in our own lives, and to be at one with God, but we don't presume to understand each other's spiritual journeys. We appreciate that life in community is inherently messy, but we are grateful to travel together. We try to see and encourage the best in each other, and to seek Christ in the breadth, vibrancy and warmth of our messy community.

I suppose the senior warden's report to the Annual Meeting is meant to summarize the health of the church, so here it is: I am not perfect, you are not perfect, Saint Michael and All Angels Church is not perfect. But the past year was very good, the coming year will be better, and "surely the Lord is in this place."

—Van Sheets, Sr. Warden 2012-2013

Saint Michael Foundation

The Foundation Grants Support Church Initiatives

The Saint Michael Foundation approved four grant requests for nearly \$103,000 to support programs at the church.

The foundation granted \$30,000 to underwrite the **Saint Michael's Farmers Market**. The market will open April 27 and run through October, under the direction of Nancy Powers, the manager, and Guy Griffeth, head of the Farmers Market Committee. The Farmers Market was launched last year at the beginning of July and had a very successful "half-season." Market enhancements this year will include picnic tables, a concession area, and a "cool" zone.



Lay Ministry Engagement was granted \$39,375 to continue its program development into a second year. The ministry's objective is to encourage greater levels of participation and to implement programs that will help parishioners match their expertise and interests with church programs and outreach opportunities. Lay Ministry Engagement is responsible for implementation of the online Spiritual Gifts Survey, the Identity, Purpose, and Belonging workshops, and the Get Plugged In program, among others.

The **Music Ministry** will receive \$25,000 to launch a Saint Michael Community Concert Series beginning with two performances in the fall of this year and a second in the spring of 2014. The concept for the new series comes after two extremely successful events, the interfaith 9/11 concert of the Arts District Chorale and the December holiday concert by the Chorale and the Children's Chorus of Greater Dallas, both of which had standing-room only crowds.



The **Parish Nurse Program** will receive \$8,500 to expand its activities with parishioners. Our Parish Nurses, who are Registered Nurses, make hospital visits and in-home evaluations, provide basic health screening and counseling, and coordinate the church's blood drives with the American Red Cross.

20s & 30s: Faith, Food & Fellowship Events for Graduates and Young Professionals

Lenten Schedule — During Lent, find us at Evensong on Wednesdays @ 6:30. Join us at 6:00 for a simple supper beforehand, and a discussion with the guest speaker afterward.

Sharing Your Faith Workshop — If you've wondered: "How do I share my faith? How do I begin a faith conversation?" this workshop's for you! I'm attending because it's being taught by Carrie Boren, Diocesan Missioner for Evangelism. Let me know (bsol@saintmichael.org) if you want to join me on March 2, 9:30-2:30 (location: The Episcopal Center for Renewal, 10290 Monroe Drive, Ste. 101).



Sunday Brunch — Meet us after 11:00 services for brunch on March 10 for the last of our brunch gatherings...watch your email for details.

Real Faith...Real Talk — This event is on hiatus for Lent, and will shift to a weekly Sunday Potluck Supper in a member's home on April 7...get your favorite recipes and guitars ready!

...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!

For more info email: bsol@saintmichael.org or friend us on facebook: twentythirty.F3



Childcare available with a reservation in advance. Please call 214-692-3019. Online reservation at www.saintmichael.org/article/newcomers-lunch-rsvp-form/

By Our Love, needs new Volunteers

"By Our Love", a ministry of providing meals for those living with HIV, needs volunteers to help prepare and serve meals twice a month to residents in the AIDS Services of Dallas housing program. If you can help contact: Kelly Giron@kellyh5978@yahoo.com. What a blessing this ministry is!

Neighborhood Nights

INTRODUCING PARISHIONER NEIGHBORS

There might be a Saint Michaelite living right down the street and you've never known it. "Neighborhood Nights" is all about fixing that problem.

"Neighborhood Nights" are casual parties with no agenda other than giving you an opportunity to meet your neighbors who are also members of Saint Michael. Two parties last month, one at the home of Rachel and Ross Morgan and the other at Mary Ann and Bob Marshall's, each had between 30 and 40 parishioners. The next one will be Sunday, March 3 at the home of Mary Stewart and Jim Ramsey for church members living in the Bluffview, Briarwood, and Cochran Chapel neighborhoods.

Coordinated by the Lay Ministry and Engagement Connect Team, parishioners living in adjacent neighborhoods are sent a "Neighborhood Nights" invitation. The parties are all held on Sunday evenings from 5:00 to 6:30, with light refreshments.

Over the next several months the entire parish will be covered. If you have any questions or would like to host a "Neighborhood Nights" party contact Marta Holden at mholden@saintmichael.org, or 214-363-5471.

Keep an eye out for your "Neighborhood Nights" invitation.

CDs Available from the "Christ-like Responses to Violence in Our World" Series

Audio CDs of the presentations made during the three week series "Christ-like Responses to Violence in Our World" are available at the South Lanai reception desk. The three disc set includes Dr. Scott Bader-Saye's seminar on "The Church's Response to Violence," The Rev. Mike Deangelo's discussion with teenagers and parents on "Violence in the Teen World," and Holly Stoner's meeting with our young children and their parents talking about "How a Violent Culture Impacts Children." You can obtain the entire set or select the session of your choice. A donation of \$5.00 to defray the CDs production costs is appreciated.

Safe Church Training Set for Wednesday, March 6

Safe Church Training is essential to Saint Michael's dedication to a caring environment to every parishioner, especially our children and youth. The training program is required for anyone who works with youth or children in any church program. The training focuses on minimizing risks such as child abuse, injuries in our facilities or at off-site events, and maintaining proper and confidential relationships. The training will be Wednesday, March 6 from 9:30 – 11:00 in the Edge Room. RSVP to Kimberly Hughes at Khughes@saintmichael.org.

Prime Timers Travel Back in Time

On Thursday, March 7, the Prime Timers will travel back to the 1850s and learn about the wonderful, historic town of Jefferson, Texas. The audio-visual presentation will be given by one of our own, Pam Barbera, whose family lived there after her father retired. The program starts at 10:30. The cost is \$10. Call Mary Davis at 214-363-7761 for your reservations. Deadline is Sunday, March 3.

PT Cruisers to have “Breakfast With the Rockwells”

PT Cruisers will have “Breakfast With the Rockwells” at the Boy Scouts Headquarters and Museum in Las Colinas on Thursday, March 21. Remember racing your car in the Pinewood Derby, camping out and eating s'mores by the campfire? (Or hearing about it girls?) Join us as we go back in time as we tour the museum. There is even some hands-on exhibits! But first, we will have a light breakfast and learn about why Norman Rockwell had such a tie with the Boy Scouts. The museum has his first painting and his last using the Boy Scouts theme. All together, there are about 20 paintings in the museum by the artist. The bus leaves the church Thursday, March 21 at 9:00. The cost is \$5.00. Call Mary Davis at 214-363-7761 for your reservation to go see this little jewel of a museum.

Volunteers Needed for Big Read Dallas

On Thursday, March 14th from 9:00 to 1:00 Jubilee will have a Literacy Festival sponsored by Big Read. Big Read is a program of the National Endowment of the Arts, designed to restore reading to the center of American culture. For Jubilee, it will serve as a community service project designed to immerse children in a shared reading experience, and is specifically focusing on *Fahrenheit 451* for the middle school students and *Wings* for the younger ones. Jubilee is looking for volunteers to work with a small group of students—reading with them and doing activities centering on the books. A mid-morning snack and lunch will be served. To volunteer contact vmokuria@jubileecenter.org.

Jim Spellings Retires as Head of Funeral Ushers

For 10-years Jim Spellings has led the usher group serving at funerals at Saint Michael and All Angels. Recently Jim announced his retirement as head usher, although he will remain active with the group.

“Jim has been the mainstay of our funeral ushers for more than a decade, organizing and coordinating their efforts with the clergy and Altar Guild,” said Ed Ladd, Usher Corps Director. “He has a great way of imparting care, understanding, and assurance during a very stressful time.”

The new Chairman of the Funeral Ushers Corps is Bill Johnson with Bill Barker serving at Vice Chairman.

Join the Acolyte Corps

Training Set for Saturday, March 16

Enhance your worship experience by becoming a part of Saint Michael's Acolyte Corps. It is a great experience no matter your age. There will be a training session Saturday, March 16 from 9:00 – 10:30 in the Church. Contact Tony Briggie at 214-505-7422 or tonybriggie@sbcglobal.net.

Save the Date WOSM Spring Luncheon



Join the Women of Saint Michael for their Spring Luncheon on May 7 beginning at 11:00. The speaker will be Lee Woodruff, author and CBS Morning News contributor. For reservations contact Whitney Grogan at whitney@thegrogans.net, or 214-793-6548.

Healing Conference in Ft. Worth

The International Order of St. Luke North American Healing Conference will be held June 5-8 at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort. Worth. Early registration ends March 15th. To register go online at www.OSL2013.org. For more information contact Maria D'Antoni at maria@dantonipartners.com.

Spring Forward

Daylight savings time begins March 9
Set your clocks forward or you will miss
church on March 10

Columbarium Construction Necessitates Few Changes

Construction of the new Columbarium and Courtyard Nave which will get underway this month will necessitate relocation of some facilities and access to the building.

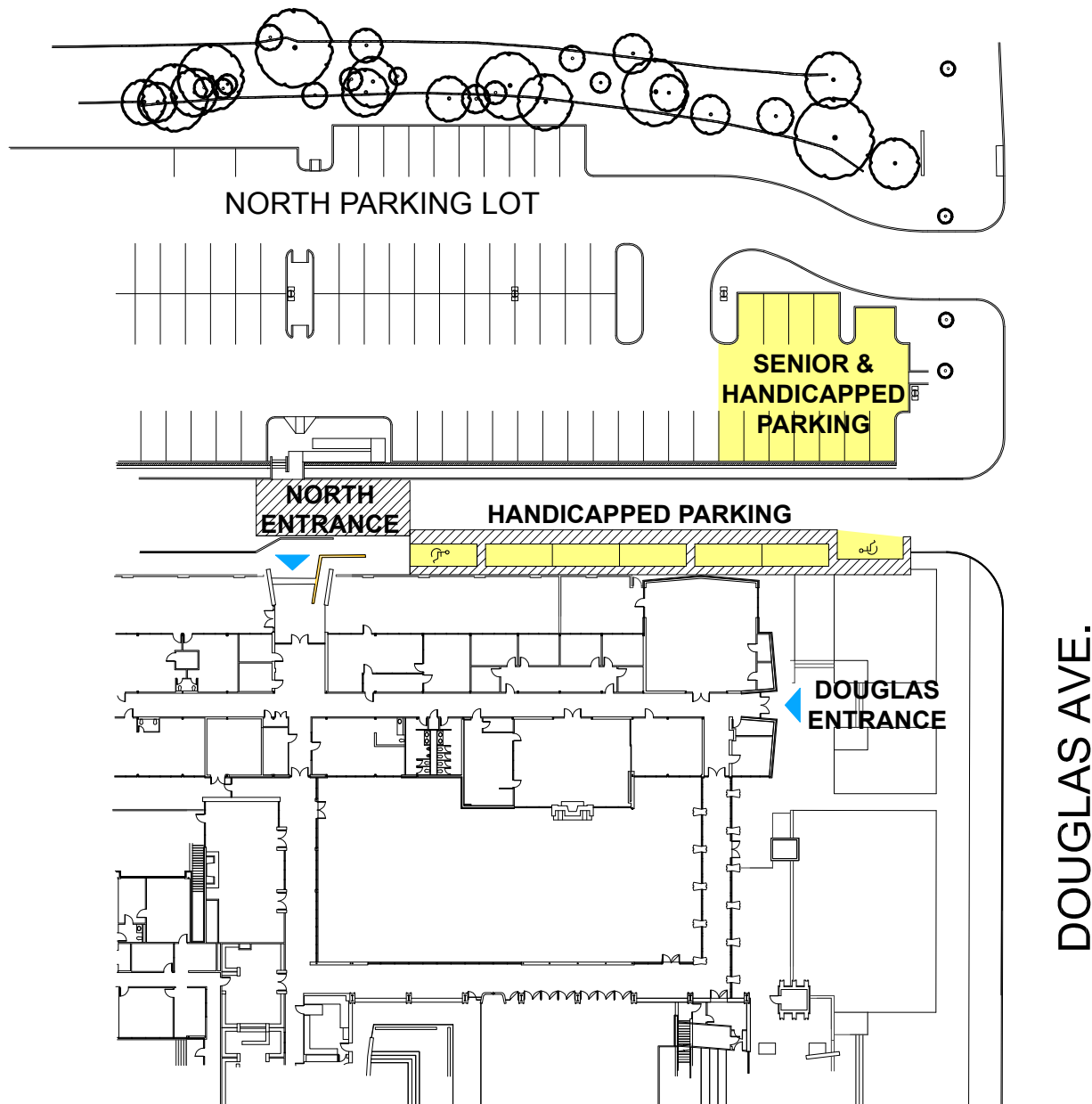
A screened safety fence will be erected around the site as protection to parishioners and visitors, and will create a staging area for the construction materials. The south entrance to the church (near the Bride's Room) will be closed during the construction period.

The current handicap and senior parking lot has been relocated to the north parking lot to a well marked area near the northeast entrance to the church, near the choir room. Handicap parking will be along the north wall of the

building with easy access to either the North Lanai entrance or the entrance near the choir room. (See Map)

The South Lanai porte cochere driveway will not be impacted by the construction, but it is important that it be used only for delivery or pick-ups – no short term parking. There will be a limited number of handicap parking spots along the driveway.

Construction of the new Columbarium is scheduled to be completed by late summer.



Serving the Homebound led to Deep Water!

The Archangel had a conversation with our Lay Eucharistic Coordinator, Ruthie Garrett:

AA: Ruthie, What inspired you to step out of your comfort zone and get involved with the Lay Eucharistic Visitors Ministry?

RG: “I had served as an acolyte, and a chalice bearer at Saint Michael services for approximately 5 years. I was satisfied with the status quo, doing what I was doing. I couldn’t imagine another opportunity like this to serve our Parish. Then one day, a fellow chalice bearer invited me to join him ‘to call on a parishioner who is homebound’.



He explained we would be taking the sacraments to the parishioner who was now unable to attend services, but to whom receiving the sacraments was very important. It sounded interesting and I agreed to go. This was my introduction to the work of the Lay Eucharistic Visitors Ministry at Saint Michael. “

AA: Until then, how familiar were you with the LEV Ministry?

RG: “I had observed the people who came to the altar and received the ciborium and flagon bearing the consecrated bread and the consecrated wine, and then disappeared behind the Altar. I knew they were referred to as LEV’s but wasn’t sure what job they performed. Finally, I followed an urge to attend a meeting to find out more about the LEV ministry. “

AA: What did you learn?

RG: “I learned that on most Sundays, one or more of the current LEV Ministry, made up of 35+ men, women and young families, are commissioned “to go forth in the name of Christ” to take the Holy Eucharist into the homes or hospital rooms of

parishioners who are unable to attend services at Saint Michael. These LEV’s have been trained to administer the Eucharist and also to lead a service and the prayers designed specifically for this setting, and, I learned that I could do it, too.”

AA: Did you have any reservations about participating?

RG: “I wasn’t sure that I felt adequate to lead the service, but I was assured that, in the tradition of the early Christians, we are all empowered to be ministers to our brothers and sisters in Christ, and before I knew it, I became a part of this ministry.”

AA: How do you view the experience of the home-bound who receive the LEV service?

RG: “I can say from personal observation that this means so much to the home-bound people receiving the Eucharist. They all express joy and deep appreciation for being able to share the sacraments with the entire parish. It seems to help them feel as though they are remembered and still a part of the worship community at Saint Michael.”

AA: What does being a LEV do for you?

RG: “Participating in this special ministry has allowed me to go into ‘deeper waters’. I am so glad that I dared to do something that was out of my comfort zone and have been able to expand my service as acolyte and chalice bearer into a gift for many others.”

AA: Is there anything else you would like to say?

RG: “I thank God that my friend invited me to go along on an LEV visit. It has enriched my life greatly and it has placed me in my new role as LEV Lay Leader, something I had never imagined. I invite the Parish to support this rewarding ministry.”

Let your friend or family member know about the LEV Ministry. You may know someone in our parish who is in a temporary situation that prevents them from attending church; or, you may know someone who has entered into a new stage of life and is unable to leave their home. Let them know about the LEV ministry. Call Katherine Bowen, the Assistant for Pastoral Care, 214-363-5471, ext. 239, to request an LEV visitor.

You can be an LEV: You, too, might want to participate in this ministry. It is one of the ways we can keep the community of Saint Michael and All Angels alive and meaningful for everyone, not just those of us who are fortunate enough to physically be here every Sunday. For further information, contact, LEV Lay Leader, Ruthie Garrett, garrett.ruthie@gmail.com. or The Rev. Brenda Sol, bsol@saintmichael.org.

Caring and Sharing - Pastoral Care

Blood Drive Report: We collected 40 units of blood on February 17, exceeding our goal of 36 units! Our February Blood Drive will make it possible for us to help 120 people who are in need of blood!! Thanks to Terry Demler for once again spear heading the Blood Drive. Many thanks to Dianne Boyd and the Parish Nurse Ministry for donor recruitment and to Rusty Fenton for sharing his story about how his need for blood was served by the generosity of donors. Thank you, Saint Michael Clergy and Saint Michael Blood Donors for your generosity of the precious gift of life.

And, don't forget to use your red letter pen to mark your calendar for next **October** when we will have our Fall Red Cross Blood Donor Sunday.

Important March Dates:

March is Diabetes Awareness Month. The Parish Nurse ministry will have registered nurse members present in the ambulatory and outside the Saint Michael Chapel, on Sunday March 17. Provided will be information regarding diabetes awareness. Contact Dianne Boyd, dboyd@saintmichael.org

The **March Faith and Grief Luncheon** at Saint Michael will be on Thursday, March 14, at 12 Noon in the Coke Activities Room. The monthly meetings take place at Saint Michael on the second Thursday of each month. Please note that there is no charge for the luncheon but donations are greatly appreciated. Please make reservations so we can prepare for you and your guests, by calling 469-251-9612 Questions: contact The Rev. Lisa Flores, lflores@saintmichael.org or Madalyn Teal, mteal@aol.com.



Sundays

Serenity Seekers: An Al-Anon group consisting of families and friends of alcoholics, meets the first and third Sunday nights (March 3 and 17), 6:30-7:30, in the Chapel Conference Room. This ministry and its materials are specifically directed toward loved ones of alcoholics and includes dual addictions. Contact: The Rev. Neal Hern, nealhern@aol.com

Alcoholics Anonymous: Meets in the Coke Activities Room on the first and third Sunday (March 3 and 17) 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

Mondays

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

Basic Christian Yoga. Try this healthy way to exercise and meditate during Lent. 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



The Caregiver Support Group meets on the first and third Mondays (March 4 and 18) Meetings are held in the Parlor, 11:00 to 12:30. Contact: Sandra Klingeman, jsklingeman@sbcglobal.net, or Drew Stull, jstull3141@aol.com.

Tuesdays

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

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



Alterknit: a night-time alternative.

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.

Thursdays

The **Sunday Service Prayer Team** meets the third Thursday (March 21) of the month in the Coke Activities Room for its monthly meeting, dinner and book study. For information and reservations, contact Rick Porter, rporter@mphlegal.com.

Stephen Ministers

Would you or someone you know benefit from having a Stephen Minister? How? And Why? Stephen Ministers are trained and supervised caregivers. Have you hit a rough patch in your life? Do you have a burden that you cannot handle alone? A Stephen Minister is someone who will walk beside you while you are hurting—praying for you, and encouraging you. Saint Michael and All Angels has a very dedicated group of over 20 men and women who have received more than 50 hours of specialized training to walk with you on this journey. If you know someone that might benefit from a Stephen Minister or you could use one yourself, please contact The Rev. Lisa Flores, lflores@saintmichael.org.



Vacation Bible School Preview Got Rave Reviews

The kids got a preview of this year's Vacation Bible School, "Athens – Paul's Dangerous Journey to Share the Truth," on Sunday, February 24. From the first reactions it's going to be a great experience. Save the date: June 17 – 21. There are a lot of volunteer opportunities for middle and high school students and parents. Contact Emily Given at egiven@saintmichael.org.



Mavs Man Visits Saint Michael Preschool

For Your Information

Grant Them Eternal Rest

Walker W. Derr, January 28, father of Burt, father-in-law of Jolie Derr, and grandfather of Lily & Isabelle

Jack Armstrong, January 30, grandfather of Carolina Armstrong

Frank Kell Caboon, January 30, father of Joseph Caboon, father-in-law of Christie grandfather of Claire, John, and Anne

Alexander M. Martin Jr., January 31

Virginia Tayloe Peyton McDonough, February 1, mother of Sandy McDonough, mother-in-law of Susie McDonough and grandmother of John

Buddy Lawson, February 7, father of Frank Lawson, father-in-law of Tiffany Lawson, grandfather of Jack, Patrick and Chance.

Patricia Joyce Truman Ready Schwahn, February 8, wife of Ingram Schwahn

Janeath A. "A.J." Gaines, February 8, father of Jill Delabano and father-in-law of Martin Delabano

James Michael McConnell, February 11, brother of Tom McConnell brother-in-law of Marianne McConnell

Anna Hindsman Hannibal, February 14

Sallie Melvin, February 14, sister of Bob Melvin

Ruth McCorry, February 15, grandmother of Angelia Hunter

Genevieve F. Rich, February 9, mother of Emily Summers, mother-in-law of Steve Summers, grandmother of Anne Hines, grandmother-in-law of David Hines, great-grandmother of Will Parke, Ben Parke, and David Parke

William Clarence Archer, February 21

Janet Laycock, February 26, mother of Laura Noe mother-in-law of Carl Noe, grandmother of Lillie and Robert.

Easter and Lent Merchandise at the Book Shop

Easter merchandise is in the store!

We have new styles of handmade eggs from Germany
and some great books on Lent.

The Book Shop hours:

M, T, Th, F 10:00-3:00

Wed. 9:00-3:00

Sat. 9:00-11:00

Sun. 8:30-12:30

Parish Clergy

The Reverend Bob Dannals, Rector
The Reverend Kevin Huddleston
The Reverend Greg Pickens
The Reverend Lisa Flores
The Reverend Brenda Sol
The Venerable Jim Webb
The Reverend Michael Harmuth
The Reverend Neal Hern
The Reverend Pamela Theodore
The Reverend Michael Dangelo
The Reverend Ariail Gores

Parish Vestry

Clifford Miercort, Sr. Warden
Tom Stewart, Jr., Jr. Warden
Matt Waller, Treasurer
Robert Wilson, Chancellor
Christine Ashmore, John Gorman,
Kathy Jenevein, Stephanie Pearson,
Sallie Plummer, Randy Rekerdres,
Grady Schleier, Nancy Skochdopole, Ron Staffieri, Stewart Thomas, Donell Wiggins, 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 - SMC

9:00 a.m. - Joy Mass - Parish Hall

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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Teen Place @ Jubilee Park Groundbreaking

Renovation of Jubilee Park's youth and teen center will officially get under way with a groundbreaking ceremony Saturday, March 2 at 11:00. The updating and expansion of the facility is made possible with a \$100,000 donation from PlainsCapital Corporation. Upon completion the center will be renamed Teen Place at Jubilee Park.

Community members and PlainsCapital representatives will join Jubilee board and staff on Saturday for the ceremony. Teen Place is one of the two original homes built through a partnership with Saint Michael and All Angels Church and Habitat for Humanity to house Jubilee's activities. The event will kick off the renovation, which will expand the space from 1,500 to 1,850 square feet and give the building a more youth and teen-oriented design. The renovation will double the capacity of the computer lab.

The groundbreaking will be a celebration for neighborhood residents and their families. Activities include a hotdog cookout, live DJ, bounce houses and face painting for the kids. Mo the Buffalo, PlainsCapital official live mascot will be on hand for photo opportunities. Equipped with hard hats and sledgehammers, representatives from Jubilee Park and PlainsCapital will take part in smashing through one of the walls. The fully renovated facility is scheduled to be completed by summer.



Jubilee Park