

## **Announcements for September 16 – 17, 2017**

### **Rally Day Thank You!**

Many thanks to all who faithfully participated in last week's Rally Day and pitched in to make it such a success. A special thanks to our chef for the Sunday 9:45am reception, Thierry Bontoux, who prepared our feast and to Beth Debrey and Kenna Shafter who provided all their support and work during the weekend. Thank You!

### **Rally Day Follow-Up**

Our Rally Day is behind us, so now what?? Well, it's not really over! The various informational materials and sign-up sheets will remain in our parish hall during the next couple of weeks. So for those who were unable to be with us, please visit the tables, pick up your copy of the guide books and sign up for those ministries in which you wish to participate (Remember, please sign up even if you are currently involved in any ministry!). Beginning in October, we will organize the lists and publish to the parish a registry of our ministries. We will also begin to conduct some workshops and other meetings to organize and renew our efforts in this parish.

### **Please Note – New Office Hours!**

As we begin to organize our new office structure and staffing, we are revising the hours of our parish office to better suit our resources and needs. As in the past, the parish office will be closed on Mondays. Until further notice, the office will also be closed on Friday (we are working on organizing our volunteers so that hopefully in the future we can provide staffing on this day). The office will be open Tuesday – Thursday, 9am-2pm. Please keep in mind that our Parish Administrator is off on Thursdays and Fridays. Please also note that Father Andrew is shifting his day off to Friday to be better able to work with Beth on Monday regarding parish matters. Of course, he remains available for any pastoral needs and emergencies as they may arise.

### **Adult Formation**

Our adult formation program year begins this week. As is our custom, we will gather in the conference room on Sunday morning, 8:30am. This week's topic is a "free-for-all;" it is time for informal conversation with Father Andrew about anything, ranging from questions about our parish life, spiritual revelations we may have had over the summer or anything else which peaks your curiosity. Next week, Sunday, September 24, 8:30am, we will begin a several week journey exploring the Book of Genesis. We will cover the origins and backgrounds of the writings, the nature and themes of the main story lines – creation, Cain and Abel, Noah and the flood, Abraham/Isaac/Jacob, the nature of God's covenants and the Joseph narrative. We will use these stories to guide our exploration of God's relationship with humanity and the theology of stewardship as both our identity and call. An understanding of our beginning is fundamental to fully realizing the mission of God in the world and the ultimate gift of love that is Jesus Christ.

### **ReSource Online – We Make the Road By Walking**

Join Rev. Dr. Phyllis Meighen (UCC) and Rev. Dr. Barry Mick through an open discussion of the 2014 book by the critically acclaimed and award winning author, Brian D. McLaren, *We Make the Road By Walking: A Year-Long Quest for Spiritual Formation, Reorientation, and Activation*. This book is exciting and relevant, biblically informed with applications for the spiritual needs of people today. Follow along with us from day one or pick up whenever you're available. Instructions for joining are at <https://www.resourceforchristianspirituality.com/resource-online>.

### **September 23 – Baby Shower for Koahe Cordeiro**

A baby shower has been organized by the Ladies Bible Study group for Koahe. All are invited to attend Saturday, September 23, from 3:00 – 5:00 pm. Please let Barbara Reynolds, Connie Law, Clarita Medeiros or Ruth Stirling know if you are able to attend. Koahe is expecting a baby boy.

### **September 29 – The Feast of St. Michael**

The Feast of St. Michael will be celebrated with a 7:00 am Eucharist on September 29. We will celebrate it again, October 1<sup>st</sup> at the 7:30 am and 9:45 am Sunday services (no service Saturday evening due to Yom Kippur – see next announcement). You are encouraged to wear your St. Michael's shirts and are invited to bring wings and angel food cake to celebrate following the 9:45 am service.

### **September 30 – Yom Kippur**

Yom Kippur is the annual “Day of Atonement,” the Jewish observance of fasting, prayer and repentance. It marks the conclusion of the High Holidays and is considered the holiest day on the Jewish calendar. The fast is said to enable Jews to set aside physical needs in order to concentrate on spiritual needs through prayer, repentance and self-improvement. It is a time of reconciliation with God, our fellow human beings and ourselves. Our Jewish brothers and sisters will be observing this day on our campus, concluding with a 5pm somber worship service which highlights memorial prayers for deceased relatives and those who died for the faith, particularly those who died during the Holocaust. Following the service, the fast is broken with a catered, evening meal. Please note – we will not be holding our customary worship service on September 30! However, the Jewish community has invited all members of St. Michael and All Angels to join them in their evening worship and meal! In order to plan for the food, there is a sign-up sheet on the table in the back of the church. We hope you accept this invitation to pray and break bread with our Jewish friends!

### **Feast of St. Francis – October 7/8**

We celebrate the Feast of St. Francis with the traditional blessing of animals. While we will bless all creatures, great and small, at each of our weekend services, our main celebration will take place during a reception following the 9:45am service. Our gathering will have an Oktoberfest theme, with bratwursts, sides and traditional beverages, as well as a small petting zoo to remind of us of the reason behind all our festivities. All are welcome – Spread the word!!

### **October 13, 2017 - Malcolm Miner Memorial Lectures Presents The Rev. William Petrie**

The Malcolm Miner Memorial Lecture Series was established to provide progressive, stimulating lectures to explore our spirituality, faith and life. On Friday, October 13, 7pm in the St. Michael’s sanctuary, we welcome The Rev. William Petrie, Priest-in-Residence at the St. Patrick Monastery in Honolulu. Father Bill’s deep wisdom and compassion are drawn from serving the poorest of the poor with St. Theresa in Calcutta for 25 years, and more recently the residents of Kalaupapa Settlement on Molokai. He will present his lecture – *Servants of Humanity: St. Damien of Molokai and St. Theresa of Calcutta*. We hope you will join us!!

### *This Week on Campus*

#### **Monday**

Adult Study Group, Conference Room 5:00 – 6:30 pm

#### **Tuesday**

Centering Prayer, ReSource Room, 8:00 am

Ladies Bible Study, Conference Room, 11:00 am

#### **Wednesday**

Loaves and Fishes, Parish Hall and Lanai, 9:15 – 10:30 am

Property Committee Meeting, Parish Hall, 3:30 – 4:30 pm

Vestry Meeting, Conference Room, 4:30 pm

Office hours Tuesday -Thursday 9:00 am – 2:00 pm.

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