



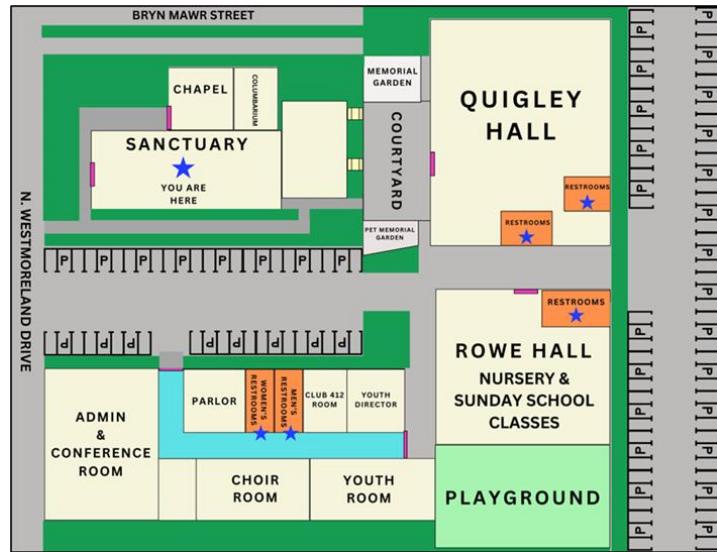
SAINT MICHAEL'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SUNDAY, MAY 11
10:15 AM

THE FOURTH
SUNDAY OF EASTER
MOTHER'S DAY

WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, we welcome and accept you, and we trust God to take you where God wants you in God's timing. We want to be a safe place for you to experience God's grace, love, and presence with us. Welcome home.



Today is Mother's Day

Today is Mother's Day. While we know that this day may come with much celebration and joy as we honor those in our lives whom we love and those who have loved us, we also acknowledge that this can sometimes be a difficult day for many reasons. We pray wherever you find yourselves in joy, sadness, or even both, that you will experience the deep love and presence of God. May this be a blessed day.

PRELUDE
ANGELS CHOIR

On “Fairest Lord Jesus”
Sheep Song

D. Johnson

OPENING HYMN NOTES: another well-known hymn, one of the many we sing acknowledging Jesus as "Shepherd", that has been with us for almost 200 years. Words by a Dorothy Ann Thrupp (1779-1847), first found in the book "Hymns for the Young, 4th edition" (1836). Thrupp lived her whole life in London, England, especially noted for the hymns she wrote for children. The tune for "Savior, like a shepherd lead us" was composed by William Bradbury and published in his Sunday school collection *Oriola* in 1859 – written specifically for this text. He is best known as the composer of the FAMOUS tune for "Jesus loves me, this I know"!

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Savior, like a shepherd lead us

1 Sa - vior, like a shep - herd lead us; much we need thy
2 Ear - ly let us seek thy fa - vor, ear - ly let us
ten - der care; in thy plea - sant pas - tures feed us;
learn thy will; do thou, Lord, our on - ly Sa - vior,
for our use thy folds pre - pare. Bless - ed Je - sus!
with thy love our bos - oms fill. Bless - ed Je - sus!
Bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.
Bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast loved us: love us still.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

All standing, the Celebrant says

Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

The Celebrant says

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

HYMN OF PRAISE

Glory to God

Glory to God

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,

(Continues on next page...)

you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

FIRST READING

ACTS 9:36-43

All sit.

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 23 (to be read responsively, by half-verse)

1 The LORD is my shepherd; *

I shall not be in want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *

and leads me beside still waters.

3 He revives my soul *

and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; *

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *

you have anointed my head with oil,

and my cup is running over.

6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *

and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

SECOND READING

REVELATION 7:9-17

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”
And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever!
Amen.”

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

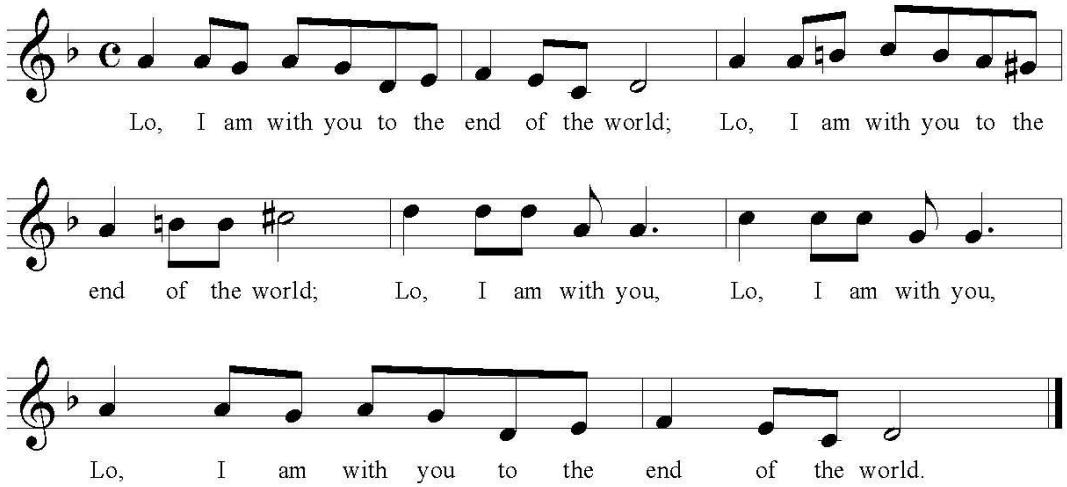
For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

(please stand)

GOSPEL HYMN (Opening verse, then A & C)

LO, I AM WITH YOU



Lo, I am with you to the end of the world; Lo, I am with you to the
end of the world; Lo, I am with you, Lo, I am with you,
Lo, I am with you to the end of the world.

OPTIONAL VERSES:

- A. Lo, I am with you when you leave self behind
- B. Lo, I am with you in the struggle for peace
- C. Lo, I am with you when you suffer for love
- D. Lo, I am with you in the way of the cross
- E. Lo, I am with you in the darkness of death
- F. Lo, I am with you to the end of the world

*** HYMN NOTE: this is one of the many songs we sing at St. Michael's from the Iona Community. Much of their material is based on Folks Songs that have been sung by The People for hundreds of years – but they replace the original text with a sacred text. Worship leaders in the community have also contributed original material. The best of this material is characterized by an immediacy of appeal, and contemporary language and themes that speak to the people of the 20th and 21st centuries.*

The Iona Community was founded in 1938 by George MacLeod, a minister of the Church of Scotland in Govan, Glasgow. MacLeod aimed to bridge the gap between the church and working people by taking a group of ministers and unemployed workers to Iona to rebuild the ruined medieval Iona Abbey together. The original monastery on the island of Iona, on the west coast of Scotland, was founded in 563 by the monk Columba, and was the scene of several Viking raids from the 700's on

HOLY GOSPEL

JOHN 10:22-30

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON

NICENE CREED

All Stand

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor: Gathered before the throne of the Lamb, let us give God the glory and pray for the needs of all God's flock, saying: *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

For the Church: that we may recognize the voice of the Lord in our lives, distinguish it from the many other sounds which demand our time and attention, and follow the invitations of Jesus to a fuller life. *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

For St. Michael's: that by our witness we may lead others to follow the Good Shepherd to green pastures and still waters. *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

For those living with the dangers of war, and those who have left their country, that God will strengthen them in their struggle for peace and justice. *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

For all who have shepherded us, especially parents, spouses, teachers, clergy, and mentors, that God will continue to work through them, and lead us to wholeness. *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

For all mothers, and those who have been like a mother to us, that God will bless and strengthen them, and inspire us to greater love by their example. *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

For all who walk through the dark valleys of life, that they may find places of healing and refreshment. {LIST}

Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who have died, particularly our mothers {PAUSE}: that they may experience the love of the Good Shepherd and join the great multitude of holy ones rejoicing in God's presence. *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary, the God-bearer, and all the saints who have borne witness to the Risen Christ, let us offer ourselves, and one another, to the living God through Christ. *Alleluia! To you, O Lord, we give praise and glory.*

Priest: Blessed are you, O God, the fountain of joy and peace. Hear our prayers, and grant that we may never become separated from Christ, our Good Shepherd, who guides us to springs of life-giving water. Glory to the Holy and Undivided Trinity, now, and always, and unto the ages of ages. ***Amen.***

CONFESSiON OF SiN

Remain kneeling.

The Deacon then says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence.

Minister and People

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. **Amen.**

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ,
strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

Amen.

PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

(you may sit)

CHILDREN's SERMON BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY BLESSING ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY COMMUNION

The Celebrant says

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.
Ephesians 5:2

THE OFFERTORY

The King of Love M. Williamson

Text: this is an adaptation of Psalm 23 (red Book of Common Prayer in the pews, p.612

COMPOSER NOTES: Malcolm Benjamin Graham Christopher Williamson was an Australian composer known for his prolific output and versatility in various musical genres. Born on November 21, 1931, in Sydney, Australia, he moved to London in 1950 to further his musical studies and made England his permanent home in 1953. Williamson was the Master of the Queen's Music from 1975 until his death in 2003. Musicians often put together several activities to put a roof over their heads, Malcolm Williamson was no different: upon moving to London he labored as a church organist, proofreader, and a nightclub pianist!

THE DOXOLOGY

(you may stand)

Praise to God

(Verse 3 Only)

1 From all that dwell be - low the skies let
2 E - ter - nal are thy mer - cies, Lord, and
*3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise

the Cre - a - tor's praise a - rise! Let the Re - deem - er's
truth e - ter - nal is thy word: thy praise shall sound from
him, all crea-tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye

Name be sung through ev - ery land, by ev - ery tongue!
shore to shore till suns shall rise and set no more.
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

(you may stand)

GREAT THANKSGIVING (Prayer A)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS

Celebrant and People

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and earth are

full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed is the one

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the

Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

(you may kneel)

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

(you may kneel)

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Celebrant then continues

And now, as our Savior
Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,

Celebrant and People

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

A period of silence is kept.

This setting is not used in Lent.

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Queen of Heaven

T. Dunhill

Soloist: Braidery Camacho, *Mike Davidson Soprano Choral Scholar*

TEXT: *Queen of Heaven, Bless'd may thou be, For God's Son born He was of thee, For to make us free, Gloria Tibi Domine. Jesu, God's Son, born He was In a crib with hay, with hay and grass, And died for us upon the cross, Gloria Tibi Domine. To our Lady make our moan, That she may pray, may pray to her Son That we may to His bliss come, Gloria Tibi Domine.*

COMMUNION HYMN

The Lord my God my shepherd is

1 The Lord my God my shepherd is;
2 To whole - ness he re - stores my soul and
3 Yea, e - ven when I must pass through the
4 Thou hast in grace my ta - ble spread se -
5 Then sure - ly I can trust thy love for

1 could I want or need? In pas - tures green, by
2 doth in mer - cy bless, and helps me take for
3 val - ley of death's shade, I will not fear, for
4 cure in all a - larms, and filled my cup, and
5 all the days to come, that I may tell thy

1 streams se - rene, he safe - ly doth me lead.
2 his Name's sake the paths of right - eous - ness.
3 thou art here, to com - fort and to aid.
4 borne me up in ev - er - last - ing arms.
5 praise, and dwell for ev - er in thy home.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

(you may kneel)

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

BLESSING

The priest blesses the people.

RECESSSIONAL HYMN

The King of love my shepherd is

1 The King of love my shepherd is, whose good-ness
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran-somed
 * 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
 * 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear
 5 Thou spread'st a ta - ble in my sight; thy unc - tion
 6 And so through all the length of days thy good - ness

1 fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 2 soul he lead - eth, and where the ver - dant
 3 love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
 4 Lord, be - side me; thy rod and staff my
 5 grace be - stow - eth; and oh, what trans - port
 6 fail - eth nev - er: Good Shep - herd, may I

1 I am his, and he is mine for ev - - er.
 2 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - - eth.
 3 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
 4 com - fort still, thy cross be - fore to guide me.
 5 of de - light from thy pure chal - ice flow - - eth!
 6 sing thy praise with - in thy house for ev - - er.

DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia!
Alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

At the Lamb's High Feast we Sing

Paul Manz

Flowers

The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for and in memory of all mothers, and mother figures of every kind.

Something is germinating within the Flower Guild at St. Michael's. A new pastoral flower ministry is budding. Would you like to be a part of this extension of love from St. Michael's to those in need of special care? We need you to bring these smaller altar arrangements to them. Please stay tuned for more information or contact Amara Walker @ amarawalker@hotmail.com

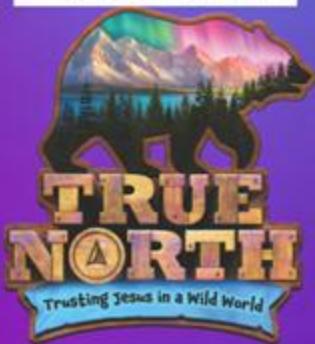


We need your support for VBS

Did you know we have over 100 children and 45 volunteers attend VBS?

We have three ways you can show your support!

Buy items from
our Amazon
Wish list



Donate or let us
borrow items on
our sign up
genius



Register to be a
volunteer. We
need more adults
and youth to help
us the week of VBS



VBS *Decorating*

VBS decorating is a big task at St. Michael's that we always need help with! Just show up and lend a hand whenever you can!

Pre-make decorations: May 13-15, 10am-2pm

VBS Set up:

June 2,4&6 10am-2pm

June 3&5 from 4:30pm-8:30pm

Email: Tiffany@stmichaelschurch.com

with any questions!





Round-up

Hey parents of 6th-12th graders! Discover the epic adventures at St. Michael's Youth Group and see why our EYC is the ultimate adventure zone!

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May 2025

6:30 PM to 7:30 PM

Conference Room, Fordham Hall

St Michael's Church

More info Contact

mark@stmichaelschurch.com



SAINT MICHAEL'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Place to be Seen. Heard. Known. And Loved.

You are invited to
**HOLDING
HOPE**
SUPPORT GROUP

THURSDAY, MAY 15TH
FROM 6:30 - 7:30 PM

MEETINGS ARE HELD VIRTUALLY ON THE
1ST AND 3RD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH BEGINNING MAY 15TH

Contact Heather at heather@stmichaelschurch.com
with any questions.

Use the link to join or scan the QR code

<https://gqr.sh/z3Px>





EYC Meets every Sunday from 5pm-7pm

***NEW* Bible Study, Sunday 4:30-5pm**

Dinner is Provided for the youth. Friends are welcome.

Date	Special Events	Reminders
5/4	Youth Sunday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No D&D• 10:15 service• Youths participate with the service
5/4	Bible Study & EYC	Normal time
5/11	D&D	Normal time
5/11	No EYC	Mother's Day
5/13	EYC Round UP	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Q&A for new youth parent to EYC• Other Parents are welcome to join and share your own experience
5/18	Yes D&D	Normal time
5/18	End of the Year Party	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hosted by Mrs. Bidget• Pool Party• After church 1:30-430pm
6/2-6/6	VBS Setup Contact Tiffany for more info	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• M, W, F 10am-2pm• T, R 4:30pm-8:30pm
6/9-6/13	VBS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Contact Tiffany to Volunteer
TBA	Movie Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We will meet up for a movie
7/21-7/25	Soul in The City	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$175 Early Registration until June• In St Cloud at St Luke and St Peter

END OF THE YEAR
EYC POOL PARTY



**18 MAY
1:30-4:30**

**BRIGET'S HOUSE:
3218 OBERLIN AVE
ORLANDO, FL 32804**

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN TO MAKE A BIG SPLASH AT THE
POPE'S EPIC POOL PARTY! HEY PARENTS, DROP OFF YOUR
YOUTHS OR JOIN THE PARTY! OH, AND REMEMBER TO PACK YOUR
SWIMSUIT FOR THE FUN!



A Message Regarding Recent Emails About Privacy Settings

- ⚠ You may have received multiple emails last week regarding updates to your privacy settings in our new church database.
 - These messages were intended as one email, but due to an error, four were sent.
 - The purpose was to make the Realm church directory more accessible to our members.
 - **Important: These updates are not related to your giving or financial records in any way.**

We truly apologize for any confusion or concern this may have caused. If you have questions or need help updating your privacy settings:

- 📞 Call the church office: 407-843-8448
- ✉ Email Heather at: Heather@stmichaelschurch.com

⚠ Thank you for your patience and grace as we work through the growing pains of our new system. We're excited about how it will help strengthen connections in our church family!



Fr. Rick's Sabbatical

"Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while."

Dear St. Michael's Family,

Thank you for your kind, generous, and gracious expressions of love, encouragement, and support as Katrena and I prepare to enter our extended Sabbath after Easter Sunday. Clergy in the Episcopal Church are encouraged to take a sabbatical every five to seven years. As I enter my 20th year as a priest, this is my first "official sabbatical", and I am privileged to take some time for renewal, and it will be good for my soul, the soul of my marriage and family, and the soul of my ministry.

HERE ARE OUR PLANS:

RESTORATION: Katrena and I will spend several weeks in the Italian countryside. Our intentions are to avoid the major tourist areas and spend time visiting small villages and simply relaxing and being together. The place we've chosen to stay in is a former monastery that has been converted into apartments and is somewhat secluded which will allow for quiet walks, reflection, prayer, and solitude-- along with good wine and delicious Italian food!

RENEWAL: A week after we return home, I leave by myself for the rolling hills of Kentucky for an intensive workshop tailored for behavioral health professionals and clergy. I will spend eight days in a remote and rustic setting with seven other people and a team of assisting professionals who will lead the group into deep soul work. The spiritual and emotional work will be intense, but I know it will bring me even closer and more deeply connected to God and my true self.

RECONNECTING: In the remaining time, we intend a few overdue family visits in North Carolina, and perhaps West Virginia.... (And I MAY even wash my car and clean my garage.)

Freddy Clayton, our Senior Warden, will oversee leading Vestry meetings. Ashleigh will continue to assist in the daily administrative operations. Fr. Greg will lead the liturgical and pastoral life of the parish. Joan will work with Freddy, Ashleigh, and Fr. Greg in the business and financial life of St. Michael's.

Again, thank you for your love, prayers, and support. I also want to thank our dedicated staff and vestry for their leadership in my absence. God is doing something amazing and beautiful in the life of St. Michael's and I cannot wait to return in July with fresh perspectives and renewed energy for ministry and what God has in store for us!

In Christ's love,



ST. MICHAEL'S PRAYER LIST

Those who have commended themselves to our prayers:

Ashley T., Beth, Benny W., Brad, Carolyn, Cheryl M., Chris P., Claire B., Cynthia L., Gladys M., George T., Jackie, Jeffrey, Jimmie, Karen C., Karen E., Karen H., Karen M., Kris R., Linda A., Linda T., Lisa L., Lola, Matt. P., Mary, Mary C., Meredith and Family, Pam S., Patty B., Peggy H., Pauline, Rebecca, Ron, Samantha, Teddy, Tripp, Virginia C., Will

Long-Term Prayer List:

Alexa C., Alyssa R., Andrew, Angie, Arielle, Austin S., Bill C, Betsy C., Brigid, Brittney R, Cannon, Caryl, Chris P., Connor R., Cynthia L., David B., Deirdre E., Dick B., Elijah, Emma, Felicia, Gary B., Graham, Gylla, Henry R, Jacob B., Jan, Jason, Joyce B., Joe H., Justin, Kathy G., Kristel, Kyle, Linda, Lavelle B., Macauly D., Marci A., Margie S., Marion S., Martin, Oliver, Paul, Robert, Roger H., Ryan, Sarah, Shaun B., Sony, Sonia, Steve, Susie D., The Allen Family, Tim, Tracy, William.

Those serving in the armed forces and in harm's way:

Aaron D., Bradley H., Carolyn H., Chad S., Christopher E., Hank H., Hope H., Jonah H., Kenneth K., Ben V, Nick R., Will M., Stuart R.

Birthdays:

13: Chet and Mary Parker, 14: Todd and Beth Pittenger, 15: David and Melissa Harmon, 16: Erik and Ronda Olson, 17: Sam and Anna Provencher

Anniversaries:

11: Kathleen Harter, Van Dowdell, 12: Rachel Hughes, 13: Tyler Galbraith, Megan Galbraith, Jane Smalley, June Van Derlaske, 14: Marilyn Williams, Bella Bjoring, Ann Rodriguez, Susan Caruso, Audrey Mesmer, 16: Beth Pittenger, Jordan Evans, Kristen James, Alan Bjoring, 17: Mike Loughran, Toni Jennings, Danielle Belen

Reminder: To place someone on the prayer list, please contact the Administrative Team at info@stmichaelschurch.com

BIRTHDAY PRAYER

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s) N. as *they* begin(s) another year. Grant that *they* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *their* trust in your goodness all the days of *their* life (lives), through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ANNIVERSARY PRAYER

O God, we ask that you pour your grace and mercies on this (these) couple/s. Guide them with your wisdom, protect them with your love, fill their home with your presence, and may they grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ all the days of their life. *Amen.*

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