

St. Michael's Commemorative Kneeler

For many years St. Luke's Cathedral has sponsored an initiative to provide beautiful needle-pointed kneelers to be used for worship. The goal of the Kneelers' Guild is to have every parish in the diocese represented with a kneeler. When we at St. Michael's became aware of the program we searched for a skilled needle-pointer and found one is Sally Ehrenfried. Sally is, of course, Evelyn's daughter. She grew up at St. Michael's and now lives in Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina, where she is very active in her home parish, Grace Church Cathedral in Charleston.

We decided there would be no more fitting representation of St. Michael's than our treasured watercolor painted by our dear deceased friend, Rev. Gary Price. Sheryl Whitmore and I visited the Kneelers' Guild to determine how to render the print onto canvas and to obtain some of the special red wool needed to make all the kneelers match. Cynthia DeSoi generously donated the stash of high-quality yarn from her mother's collection to use for the rest of the colorful design.

This was a challenging design because of all the trees and bushes, not to mention the intricacies of our building's windows and front steps. Sally did a masterful job and completed the piece this spring. Evelyn and I delivered it to the Guild so that they could stretch and mount it. In November, we traveled back to St. Luke's to participate in the recording of the blessing ceremony, which will be a part of the next diocesan service to be broadcast on Sunday, November 22. Be sure to tune in!