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## A Message from the Editor

The holidays are over, and I'm happy, heavier and exhausted.

I'm not quite sure what it is about American human nature that finds a way to turn a time of rest and relaxation in to *not!* I'm not saying it is necessarily a bad thing, as much as an obvious one. I've lived in many cultures around the world, and the U.S. definitely wins the prize for the most exhausting vacation activity—but why am I even mentioning all this? *Because apparently I haven't cared enough about it in past realizations to fix it yet in myself, and it's nice that I have company.*

In his latest article for the *Katy Trail News*, Chris (Rev. Chris Girata, our Rector) speaks of changing our behavior in this shiny, new 2019. That there is “a gift in discomfort”, and how stepping out of our curated comfort zones is part of the task. I find myself wondering, “what?” What is it that I want to achieve in this effort? My parents were workaholics, and I believe all of us kids were smacked hard with that DNA gift, so I would want to pursue an increase in balance, in how I live. And if I get *really* honest with myself, I'd have to admit that my public persona—who I am with “the masses”—sometimes carelessly encroaches upon my personal persona, at times affecting my open genuineness with those I love and with whom I live out daily life.

While I'm certain that he wasn't perfect, I listened as the world described in George H. W. Bush an example of how to live. *Caringly. Stately. With dignity for himself and others. Lovingly. Decently.*

Perhaps the poignancy of this, for me, is not that he was defined by those characteristics—it's that it was true of a person in a position of great strength and responsibility—a place that tends to lead its inhabitants down a lesser path. *I doubt I will ever be president.* But in my current stations of life as father, husband, son, friend and director—I want to be known more consistently for better qualities than I sometimes exude. So I will pursue what Chris speaks of, this “gift of discomfort”, and commit 2019 to those two goals. In an earlier editorial, Chris quipped that this global yearly moment of introspection can perhaps be more successful if it starts in the heart. A heart focused on Jesus.

It's obvious God is doing a lot in our parish, both with blessings, and in ways to focus our hearts on Him. As you flip through the pages of this issue of *The Archangel*, I hope you'll find inspiration to join in, either newly or deepening your current engagement, creating new stories and pathways of growth and behavioral change, as we weave through 2019. Perhaps you'll find a new home with the Acolytes (p. 20), Ushers (p. 30) or the Prayer Ministry Team (p. 22), perhaps joining a missions trip (p. 21) or even as a chef (p. 19)! We are taught the destination is frequently less important than the journey, and, as much as I dislike statements like that, I know it to be true. There is a better place and a better version of ourselves, just waiting. No time like the present. Happy new year!

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## A Message from the Rector "RADICAL ABUNDANCE"

I've never been a fan of new year resolutions. I've always failed miserably at keeping them, even when I try. I admit that the idea of resolving to live differently is well intended, but if you're like me, resolutions that sounded so good a few days ago have already gone by the wayside. So this year, rather than joining the throngs around us in an annual cycle of resolutions focused on changing our actions, what if we decided, as a Christian community, to focus on changing our hearts? Perhaps resolutions with deep, spiritual roots might actually stick. What if we ground ourselves in

Attachment can look like many different things. Some of us are attached to the security our abundance provides. Some of us are attached to the privilege and advantage our abundance affords. Many of us simply don't think about our radical abundance because it's all we've ever known and all we've ever been taught to want. Abundance is a part of our national identity and has been encouraged as a sign of success and achievement. For some, abundance is more than what we earn, it is our right. Yet I'm concerned about how that level of abundance affects our spirits over time.

We know that we have been created in God's image: "Then God said, 'Let

guide our spirits, keeping us grounded and on the right track.

We also believe that God gives us the gift of an abundant life. Jesus himself says, "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly" (John 10:10). Abundant life is not only what God hopes for us but what God gives us and through that life we are truly blessed. How we define abundance, however, and how we live into and with that abundance can become problematic.

If God created each of us to be like God in the world and blesses us with abundant life through Christ, how then should we choose to live? We can best create a culture of giving in

*"The profound truth is this: God doesn't want our abilities or our giftedness. God doesn't want our achievements or successes. God doesn't want our goodness or our best. God wants us."*

a simple, profound truth: *A good life is one that celebrates abundance without attachment.*

It is easy to talk about blessings when we have the sense about us that we are blessed. When we look at our material world, the world in which we live and in which we have been trained to succeed, by any measure we are very comfortable. But if we aren't intentional about how we live with our material wealth, with our abundance, we can begin to be attached to it. Or even worse, we can be controlled by it.

us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness ...So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them" (Gen. 1:26-27). Interpreted together, the Hebrew words for image (*demûwth*) and likeness (*tselem*) in this passage mean model or resemblance. We were created in the likeness of God, to resemble and model God in the world. We believe that the ultimate and eternal image of God is Jesus Christ, but we also know that we have that God-ness inside us. We are divinely created and that divine core in us can

our community that breaks with the traditional model of responding to requests? We know the old model very well: someone asks you to do something or give something and you choose to do so or not, and how much. This group asked a fundamental question—instead of needing to be prompted to give of ourselves, how can we begin to seek ways to give, to seek ways for our spiritual cups to overflow in this Christian community and in our world?

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# When members of Saint Michael learned the truth about sex trafficking in Dallas, they knew they had to help

Christopher Girata, Contributor

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## PARISH LIFE

*Top Left:* Dallas Morning News article about SMAA's efforts fighting human trafficking

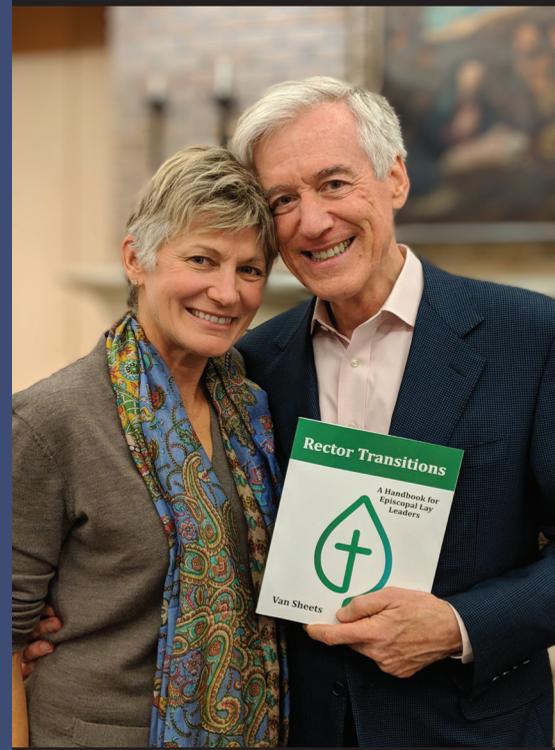
*Top Right:* Ladies from the Rector's Bible Study assembling table favors for the Seniors Thanksgiving Luncheon at Jubilee Park

*Right:* Author Van Sheets with wife Brenda at the book-signing for "Rector Transitions"

*Bottom Right:* Marla & Tony Briggle at the San Gregorio Magno al Celio

*Bottom Left:* 20-year members of the Women's Cancer Support Group who recently celebrated with a Christmas party!

*Left:* Marla Briggle at the Roman Pantheon standing beneath one of the sister pieces of the Via Crucis installed in the Saint Michael narthex



# HOW INTERGENERATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS BENEFIT US ALL PRIME TIMERS AND YOUTH WORKING TOGETHER

by Christi Houser, Youth Task Force Volunteer



*George Bernard Shaw once wrote, "Youth is a wonderful thing, what a crime to waste it on children."*

What if youthful energy wasn't a "waste" but could actually help us all to live longer, reduce depression, increase our sense of well-being, improve overall brain function, as well as increase vascular health? Everyone knows that physical activity is a benefit to the elderly, but getting active within the larger community as well as with young people is of even more value. Sharon Arkin, a psychiatrist at the University of Arizona, runs a clinical program in which Alzheimer's patients engage in communal exercise sessions with college students. She showed that her program stabilizes cognitive decline and improves patients' moods.

Regular interactions between school-aged children and seniors can provide a deeper understanding for everyone involved. Kids can learn about the time before cell phones and the internet, while seniors can learn about the wonders of technology that their generation directly influenced and helped bring about. Historical events learned first-hand from previous generations -- who actually lived and experienced them -- can teach more than any textbook.

Many retirement facilities throughout the U.S. now provide reduced-cost or free housing to college students in exchange for teaching & playing music, technology assistance as well quality time spent in the company of the elder residents. After a year-long partnership, the residents reported a higher level of happiness and satisfaction in their new homes as well as lower rates of depression and feelings of isolation. The college students also report-

ed benefiting from real friendships as well as being mentored by the older residents. These relationships continued, even after their time living in residence ended.

## Finding Purpose in Life

A recent Stanford study showed that when older adults contribute to the well-being of youth, it cultivates a sense of purpose and extends benefits with both age groups. These relationships are important for our society and broaden our social circles. They can help ensure that children and teens receive the kind of attention and mentoring they might often lack, espe-

*"Older people have cool stories. They're interesting because you can relate them to your own life or compare something they did to something you did in a different time."*

-ARTHUR PETERS, AGE 13

cially among vulnerable populations. Time spent together can also fill a void for children who do not have grandparents available to them.

Laura Carstensen, Director of the Stanford Center for Longevity, said, "Contrary to widespread beliefs that older populations consume resources that would otherwise go to youth, there is growing reason to think that older people may be just the resource children need." Carstensen's report found that as people age, their brains actually improve in many ways, including in complex problem solving and emotional skills.

The aging population has "distinctive qualities to meet the needs of youth," she and her co-authors wrote. "Older adults are exceptionally suited to meet these needs in part because they welcome meaningful, productive activity and engagement. They seek -- and need -- purpose in their lives."

For older adults, the report pointed out, they benefit as well, experiencing emotional satisfaction in relationships with young people. One way to achieve such contact is through volunteer service, which is associated with better physical health and cognitive performance for aging people. "Focusing volunteer efforts on young people improve their (young people's) chances of success in life," Carstensen said. "These mutual benefits are perhaps the most compelling reason for programs that connect young and old."

Young adults need a certain level of emotional intelligence to succeed in life, Carstensen said. These are the attitudes, behaviors and strategies required to operate as a productive adult in an increasingly complex and technical world. And the types of skills and experiences that older adults have in abundance due to their life experiences. Parents are also important, but research shows that children who have an older adult mentor, in addition to their parents, greatly benefit.

## Prime Timers and Youth help VNA Meals on Wheels

The SMAA Youth Ministry children and team recently partnered with some of our senior church members to stuff holiday gift bags for VNA Meals on Wheels recipients and Hope Supply Company. It was an amazing way to connect two distinct communities in our church and lighten

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**HAPPY NEW YEAR!** If you're new, or needing to "jump back in", now is the time to re-engage with God's Story as we head further in our year-long journey to read the entire Bible!

One of the great opportunities we have at Saint Michael this program year is everyone reading through the narrative of the Bible, "God's Story," together.

Each Sunday morning at 10 a.m., members and guests of all ages attend an age-appropriate lesson and hear God's plan of salvation unfold. This is a wonderful way for each of us to deepen our faith, and for families to grow together in their faith and understanding of the Bible.

Our current schedule of readings is here:

PROPHETS

**JAN 13 ISAIAH**

Isaiah 3, 6, 13-14, 33, 40, 49, 53  
2 Kings 17-19

**JAN 20 THE KINGDOM FALLS**

Jeremiah 1-2, 4-5, 13-14; 2 Kings 21-25

**JAN 27 DANIEL IN EXILE**

Daniel 1-6; Jeremiah 29-31

**FEB 3 RETURN HOME**

Ezra 1-6; Haggai 1-2; Zechariah 1-8

**FEB 10 ESTHER**

Esther 1-10

JESUS

**FEB 17 BIRTH OF THE KING**

Matthew 1-2; Luke 1-2

**FEB 24 POWER OF GOD/ FOLLOW ME!**

**(Adult Parish Meeting)**

Matthew 3-4, 8; Mark 1-3; Luke 8;  
John 2-4

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# BOY SCOUT TROOP 80 JOINS SAINT MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS

by Doug Trotman, Scoutmaster of Troop 80



**Boy Scout Troop 80 has been active in the Park Cities for more than 70 years.** This past August, we were very excited to move to Saint Michael and All Angels. Troop 80 meets every Tuesday night at 7:30 in the 2nd floor SMAA Youth Center. Boys can join in the 5th grade.

Scouting is a great way for boys to get a head start on key life skills such as self-reliance, planning, and leadership. Boys have fun as they learn to work as part of a team towards a common purpose. Scouting offers boys the opportunity for achievement, recognition and camaraderie in a structured and safe environment.

We are a boy-led troop which means that the scouts determine what activities they would like to do, organize the meetings, and teach useful skills to each other.

At every meeting, we recite the Scout Law, which states: “A Scout is Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean, and Reverent.” I have selected four principles of the Scout Law to illustrate what scouting is like in Troop 80:

 **HELPFUL:** In December, the scouts of Troop 80 did a one-day service project at Bonton Farms, which grows and distributes fruits, vegetables and other nutritious food to underserved communities in south Dallas. Also, each Troop 80 family bought Christmas gifts for children currently in the Texas foster care program. This has been a long-standing tradition.

 **LOYAL:** Every year, to raise money, Troop 80 scouts sell holiday greenery. This year, the boys really put their shoulder to the wheel and exceeded their goal by 40%. The money raised will make it possible to do fun activities and cover costs for deserving scouts who would otherwise not be able to participate in some activities like summer camp. The effort the scouts put into selling greenery demonstrates the value of the program to them. As a result of their success this year, I asked the boys to think about how they would like to celebrate. So, they asked to take on the adults in a head-to-head bowling tournament. I’ll let you know how that goes...!

 **CHEERFUL:** On one memorable campout in a state park near Bastrop, we

hiked with all our gear about three miles through a beautiful Central Texas forest. The scouts set up camp just before a rain storm arrived. Under the rain tarps, the scouts all played card games and the older boys told the younger ones about their adventures from years past. It rained continuously, but we all had a blast. All I remember from that trip was smiles.

 **REVERENT:** One of the things that makes Troop 80 so unique is the ongoing involvement by one of our assistant scoutmasters, Trip Jones, who has been a part of the unit since he earned his Eagle Scout rank in the late 1960s. At every campout and weekly meeting, Trip presents scripture and leads the scouts in song. His continued service and ministry to the unit has made him a favorite among the scouts.

Most of the boys lead very active lives outside of scouting. There are a lot of young athletes in the unit—especially baseball and football. A few years ago, the senior patrol leader was the starting center on the Highland Park Football team. However, a number of boys participate in other activities like cross

country, swimming, tennis, crew, and band. About half the boys go to school in HPISD and the other half attend private schools or are enrolled in DISD.

I have two boys in Troop 80. Scouting has been a wonderful and transformative experience for both of them. William has been the Senior Patrol Leader, went to a National Jamboree (with 35,000 other scouts from around the country), attended a National Youth Leadership Training course, and has been nominated by his fellow scouts to join the Order of the Arrow (the national scouting honor society). Lucas has been the Quartermaster, held other leadership roles and also joined the Order of the Arrow. They are also both acolytes at Saint Michael.

Troop 80 is all about having fun. Over the last three years, the scouts have gone hiking, canoeing, kayaking, rappelling, star gazing, orienteering, shooting, fishing, and skiing. The boys have launched rockets, explored caves, met astronauts, and talked to members of the US Congress and Texas Legislature. Troop 80 scouts also presented the colors at the recent Saint Michael Veterans Day Service.

Looking ahead, in January the troop will go to Space Center Houston, spend the night on the USS Texas, and visit the San Jacinto monument; in February, we will go to the Ft Davis Observatory in West Texas; in March, the scouts will go fly fishing in Oklahoma; in April the boys will go zip lining in East Texas, and in May they will go to a water adventure park in North Dallas. In June, a group of older scouts will go to Philmont (a 125,000-acre scout ranch in New Mexico) while the younger ones to summer camp on Possum Kingdom Lake.

Despite the fact that parent involvement is not required for boys to participate, our troop continues to enjoy strong adult engagement. I continue to be impressed by the commitment many Troop 80 parents have made to give back to scouting as merit badge counselors, assistant scoutmasters, troop committee members and activity leaders.

Over the five years I have been involved with Troop 80, I have watched first-hand as boys turn into fine young men having gained valuable civic and leadership experience among friends. On our website ([www.troop80.org](http://www.troop80.org)) you can find videos, photos and more information. If your son is interested in learning more about scouting, I invite you to reach out to me and attend a meeting.

*Doug Trotman is the Scoutmaster of Troop 80 and has belonged to SMAA for over 9 years. If you would like to learn more about scouting, please contact him at [dtrotman@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dtrotman@sbcglobal.net).*

**"POWERFUL"**

*-THE NEW YORK TIMES*

**SUNDAY 7 P.M.**  
**APRIL 7**

SAINT MICHAEL  
**PRESENTS**  
A Community Concert Series



Hailed "outstanding" by Raymond Mase of the Juilliard School, the Chicago-based Gaudete Brass Quintet has committed itself to presenting serious brass chamber music through compelling concerts, commissioning new works, and adventurous recordings since its founding in 2004. In addition to a rigorous touring schedule, Gaudete regularly embarks upon some of the nation's elite music education programs, including at the Juilliard School and Eastman School of Music. Named after the Latin word for "joy," Gaudete believes that music can powerfully communicate the poignant and the exuberant. Join us for an exciting evening of instrumental chamber music in their Dallas debut concert!

[saintmichael.org/smp](http://saintmichael.org/smp)



Distinguished guests, including our Presidents and First Ladies, government officials, foreign dignitaries, and friends: Jeb, Neil, Marvin, Doro, and I and our families thank you all for being here. I once heard it said of man that the idea is to die young as late as possible. At age 85, a favorite pastime of George H.W. Bush was firing up his boat, the Fidelity, and opening up the three 300 horsepower engines to fly, joyfully fly across the Atlantic with the Secret Service boats straining to keep up. At age 90, George H.W. Bush parachuted out of an aircraft and landed on the grounds of St. Anne's by the Sea in Kennebunkport, Maine, the church where his mom was married and where he worshipped often. Mother liked to say he chose the location just in case the chute didn't open. In his 90s, he took great delight when his closest pal, James A. Baker, smuggled a bottle of Grey Goose vodka into his hospital room. Apparently it paired well with the steak Baker had delivered from Morton's. To his very last days, dad's life was instructive. As he aged he taught us how to grow with dignity, humor and kindness. When the good lord finally called, how to meet him with courage and with the joy of the promise of what lies ahead. One reason dad knew how to die young is that he almost did it, twice. When he was a teenager, a staph infection nearly took his life. A few years later he was alone in the Pacific on a life raft, praying that his rescuers would find him before the enemy did. God answered those prayers. It turned out he had other plans for George H.W. Bush. For dad's part, I think those brushes with death made him cherish the gift of life, and he vowed to live every day to the fullest. Dad was always busy, a man in constant motion, but never too busy to share his love of life with those around him. He taught us to love the outdoors. He loved watching dogs flush a covey. He loved landing the illusive striper. And once confined to a wheelchair, he seemed happiest sitting in his favorite perch on the back porch at Walker's Point contemplating the horizons he saw were bright and hopeful. He was a genuinely optimistic man, and that optimism guided his children and made us who we are. He continually broadened his horizons with daring decisions. He was a patriot. After high school he put college on hold and joined the Navy. I broke out. Like many of his generation, he never talked about his service until his time as a public figure forced his hand. After the shootdown. We learned of the death of his crewmates in Vietnam; he moved his young family from the comforts of the East coast to Odessa, Texas. He and Mom adjusted to life in a new country. In. after all, he was kind and neighborly to the women with whom he, Mom and I shared a bathroom in our small cottage. He was an empathetic man. He valued character over pedigree. He found it in each person and he usually found it. Dad taught us that public service is noble and necessary, that one can serve with integrity and with and family. He strongly believed that it was important to give back to the community and country in which one lived. He was a giver's soul. To us, his was the brightest of a thousand points of light. When he lost, he shouldered the blame. He accepted that failure might us never to be defined by failure. He showed us how setbacks can strengthen. None of his disappointments could compare with one of life's joys. He was a young child. Jeb and I were too young to remember the pain and agony he and Mom felt when our 3-year-old sister died. We only learned later that Dad, a man of quiet faith, prayed for her daily. He was sustained by the love of the Almighty and the real and enduring love of her Mom. Dad always believed that one day he would hug his precious Robin again. He loved to laugh, especially at himself. He could tease and needle but never out of malice. He placed great value on a good joke. That's why he chose Simpson to speak. On e-mail he had a circle of friends with whom he shared or received the latest jokes. His grading system for the quality of the joke was classic George Bush. The rare 7s and 8s were considered huge winners, most of them off-color. George Bush knew how to be a true and loyal friend. He nurtured and honored his many friendships with a generous and giving soul. There exists thousands of handwritten notes encouraging or sympathizing or thanking his friends and acquaintances. He had an enormous capacity to give of himself. Many a person would tell you that Dad became a mentor and a father figure in their life. He listened and he consoled. He was their friend. I think of Don Rhodes, Taylor Blanton, Jim Nantz, Arnold Schwarzenegger, and perhaps the unlikely of all, the man who defeated him, Bill Clinton. My siblings and I refer to the guys in this group as brothers from other mothers. He taught us that a day was not meant to be wasted. He played golf at a legendary pace. I always wonder why he insisted on speed golf; he's a good golfer. He played golf so he could make it to the home beach, to enjoy the rest of the day, to expend his enormous energy, to live it all. He was born with just two eyes. He was a wonderful father, grandfather and great grandfather. He was firm in his principles and supportive as we began to seek our own ways. He encouraged and comforted but never steered. We tested his patience. I know I did. But he always responded with the great gift of unconditional love. I called him. The guy answered the phone, said "I think he can hear you but he hasn't said anything for most of your life. I've been a wonderful father," and the last words he would ever say on Earth were, "I love you too." To us he was close to perfect, but not totally. His short game was lousy. He wasn't exactly Fred Astaire on the dance floor. The man couldn't stomach vegetables, especially broccoli. And by the way, he passed these genetic defects along to us. Finally, every day of his 73 years of marriage, Dad taught us all what it means to be a great husband. He married his sweetheart. He adored her. He laughed and cried with her. He was dedicated to her totally. In his old age dad enjoyed watching police show reruns, the volume on high, all the while holding Mom's hand. After Mom died, Dad was strong, but all he really wanted to do was hold Mom's hand again. Of course Dad taught me another special lesson. He showed me what it means to be a President who serves with integrity, leads with courage and acts with love in his heart for the citizens of our country. When the history books are written, they will say that George H.W. Bush was a great President of the United States, a diplomat of unmatched skill, a Commander in Chief of formidable accomplishment, and a gentleman who executed the duties of his office with dignity and honor. In his inaugural address the 41st President of the United States he said this: "We cannot hope only to leave our children a bigger car, a bigger bank account, we must hope to give them a sense of what it means to be a loyal friend, a loving parent, a citizen who leaves his home, his neighborhood and town better than he found it. What do we want the men and women who work with us to say? That we were more driven to succeed than anyone around us or that we stopped to ask if a sick child had gotten better and stayed a moment there to trade a word of friendship?" Well, Dad, we're going to remember you for exactly that and much more, and we're going to miss you. Your decency, sincerity, and kind soul will stay with us forever. So through our tears, let us know the blessings of knowing and loving you, a great and noble man. The best father a son or daughter could have. And in our grief, let us smile knowing that Dad is hugging Robin and holding Mom's hand again.



## President George Herbert Walker Bush

41st President of the United States of America

June 12, 1924 – November 30, 2018

Thank you for your example.

## WE ARE THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

by Rev. Greg Pickens and Dir. of Communications Steven Haal



“I have never been so proud of my (national) church!”

I doubt there are many times—no matter the denomination—that these words cross the lips of a member. Indeed, any church, at its national level, can be a mixed bag, especially as experienced from the local pews. At times, it can appear the policies and politics that are the daily labor of a national body seem to miss the much simpler commandments of feeding the hungry, ministering to the sick, and clothing the poor—none of which is new to believers who are out in the world doing the work of the Kingdom.

Sometimes I have the same issues with my own Episcopal Church, USA—however, all of this was forgotten as I watched the coverage of the State Funeral of George Herbert Walker Bush at the Washington National Cathedral. Dedicated as *The Cathedral Church of Saint Peter and Saint Paul*, its cornerstone was laid by President Theodore Roosevelt in 1907, and was brought to fruition with the last embellishment, placed as President George H. W. Bush looked on. It is unseemly to boast, but while the structure is commonly called the National Cathedral, *it is in fact an Episcopal Church*. This was very much on display at the State Funeral of our 41st President.

And, while the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry, was a part of the State Funeral (*cover photo*), many knew him from the Royal Wedding a short time ago. There, his message of love moved the world, further casting a new light on the Episcopal Church, alluding to who we are and what we are about. His primary platform, “The Way of Love”, focuses on the Jesus-centered life: pursuing Christ and caring for others. *This is the Episcopal Church.*

I really do believe we have a particular gift, for the world, in our burial service. To be sure, a State Funeral commands a few adjustments and the massive space of the National Cathedral dictates a particular set of logistical waypoints that are different from a funeral at Saint Michael. However, like a funeral here at Saint Michael, the elements of the President’s service were very familiar because of the Book of Common Prayer, which unifies our liturgies the world over.

Beginning with with carefully chosen music, the funeral liturgy offers spoken anthems from scripture: Saint John, Job, and finally from the Apostle Paul. The music and words of the Episcopal Burial Rite bring the comfort and peace that come from scriptural themes. I receive a calmness as I experience this service, wherever it is officiated. I believe it stems from the beauty of those ancient and modern words that seek to lift up all who hear them. It is also the solemn and stately way the volunteers and clergy move together, creating a meaningful moment that is simply balm for the soul of those who are grieving. *This is the Episcopal Church.*

I was never more proud of my church for all the reasons above, but above all, I was proud of the unhurried proclamation of Jesus’ resurrection through the interplay of word, musical note, and remembrance. The Episcopal Church was at its best in celebration of a husband, a father, a public servant, and a president. While some attribute to us, “the denomination of Presidents”, we are the demonination of people pursuing Jesus, from every walk of life. We pursue the way of love. *This is the Episcopal Church; we hope to see you soon.*

# LEADING LADIES

by Ben Leal, CEO Jubilee Park



As Jubilee's CEO, it's not often I get kicked out of a party hosted by Jubilee...

The Mother-Daughter Tea put on by Saint Michael parishioners is an annual—and unquestioned—exception.

One of the hallmarks of Saint Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church is the strength of its women. Since the church first became involved at Jubilee, its women have built strong relationships with the women of Southeast Dallas to affect change on a small scale (like parenting classes and cooking demos) and on a big scale (like planting an education garden and making grants to fund senior citizen enrichment).

Yvonne Granger, long-time president of the United People Neighborhood Association here in the Jubilee neighborhood, attributes much of her leadership development to the opportunities provided by Saint Michael's volunteers.

"They really taught me a lot about how things work, and how to do things right. I was able to introduce them to my family and neighbors, and they introduced us to people who could get things done in our neighborhood," she says. "I think they really were a big part of who I am today. I was involved for a long time and I learned a lot as a leader."

The women of Saint Michael have remained steadfast supporters in every way possible, from board service to baking brownies. They've planned meal deliveries, organized afterschool tutoring, hammered nails, and taught computer skills alongside the women from Jubilee's own neighborhood.

I'm always interested to read studies that show how impactful investment in women can be, but it's even more exciting to see in person here at Jubilee. One of our team's favorite events each year is the Mother Daughter Tea hosted by Saint Michael for the ladies of our neighborhood.



**"They really taught me a lot about how things work, and how to do things right. I was able to introduce them to my family and neighbors, and they introduced us to people who could get things done in our neighborhood..."**

Each year, women from Saint Michael, along with their mothers and daughters, host a tea at Jubilee to celebrate women's empowerment, enjoy fellowship together, and maybe eat a cookie or two (or seven). This event is something our community looks forward to each spring. Some mothers and daughters come in their Easter dresses, complete with hats and gloves, while others do their best just to find time to attend with their girls. For many moms and daughters, this is a rare opportunity to be together without interruption by grandpa, dad, or little brothers. It's

really cute, and an awesome bonding experience.

Volunteers from Saint Michael help serve treats and tea, while everyone participates in a craft or activity. The Chair of the Mother Daughter Tea always does a great job of finding an inspiring speaker to talk about all that women are capable of doing. Many of our afterschool teachers and local leaders make a point of attending with their own daughters, nieces, or granddaughters.

I say all of this as if I'm present for the entire event. The truth is, the first time I came to a Mother Daughter Tea I was assigned to cut sandwiches in the kitchen and then summarily dismissed. Since then, I've found more ways to help, and I invite you to do the same!

This year's Mother Daughter Tea is on Saturday, March 2 at Jubilee Park, chaired by Nicole Girata with help from

Bonner Allen and Victoria Brown. You can jump in to make treats, organize the speaker, conduct craft projects, decorate, host, and more!

To get involved, contact Nicole Girata at [ngirata@gmail.com](mailto:ngirata@gmail.com), Christi Morrow (last year's Mother Daughter Tea chair) at [cmorrow@saintmichael.org](mailto:cmorrow@saintmichael.org) or Evelyn Amaya at [volunteer@jubileecenter.org](mailto:volunteer@jubileecenter.org) We hope to see you soon!

If anyone needs me, I'll be in the kitchen cutting up sandwiches.

# JANUARY-FEBRUARY PARISH CALENDAR

for a full listing of all events & classes, please visit [saintmichael.org](http://saintmichael.org)

## YOUTH

All full details for youth events at [saintmichael.org/youth](http://saintmichael.org/youth)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18-21

### EYC SKI TRIP

Travel with the Twilight Mountain Resort in Silverton, Colorado! This trip is for students currently in grades 6-11.

**FULL!**

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30

### EYC NURSING HOME VISIT

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3

### SUPERBOWL SUNDAY: NO YOUTH GROUP

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13

### EYC BLUE JEAN DRIVE FOR TEENS EVENT

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24

### YOUTH SERVE AT THE GATHERING

12:15 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Led by Lauren Wainwright

We will meet at the church at 12:15 p.m. to head downtown to worship with the homeless community and provide lunch.

## SINGLES IN THE CITY

SUNDAY, JANUARY 20

### SINGLES IN THE CITY TEX MEX BRUNCH

12:15 - 1:30 p.m.

El Fenix Mexican Restaurant  
6811 Northwest Hwy, Dallas, TX  
75225

Join us for good food and lively conversation as we get acquainted and toss

around ideas for future events.

Please RSVP to Charlene York at [charlene.york@gmail.com](mailto:charlene.york@gmail.com), by Friday, January 19th.

## MISSION & OUTREACH

### AUSTIN STREET SHELTER

COOKING

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

5:30-7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall kitchen.

Randy Rekerdres, [randy@rek-ins.com](mailto:randy@rek-ins.com),  
George Baldwin [gbinvest@swbell.net](mailto:gbinvest@swbell.net)

SERVING

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

6 - 8 p.m. at the Austin Street Shelter,  
2929 Hickory Street, Dallas.

Dick and Rita Davis,  
[rrdavis14@aol.com](mailto:rrdavis14@aol.com)

Sign up at

[saintmichael.org/austinstreet](http://saintmichael.org/austinstreet)



The poster features a green background with floral illustrations in pink and white. At the top, it says 'Join Us in a Celebration of Women'. Below that is the Jubilee Park logo, which consists of a house icon with three figures inside, and the text 'Jubilee PARK'. The main title 'Mother Daughter Tea' is written in large, pink, serif font. At the bottom, it provides the date and location: 'Saturday, March 2nd | 12 p.m - 2 p.m. at Jubilee Park & Community Center'.

Celebrate Women's History month at Jubilee Park & Community Center during our annual Mother Daughter Tea!

The day's activities will include lunch, an inspirational speaker, arts and crafts, games, and more.

Volunteers are needed to help with food, decorations, activities, photography, and more!

Hosted by Nicole Girata,  
Bonner Allen, and Victoria Brown

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To join in the fun, please contact  
Nicole Girata at [ngirata@gmail.com](mailto:ngirata@gmail.com) or  
Evelyn Amaya at 214.887.1364 x 259

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

# ANGEL



# CHEF

COOKING COMPETITION

REGISTER A TEAM

8 SMAA COOKING TEAMS (made up of 5 people) will cook for the title of our own top **ANGEL CHEF!**

Join us for a very special cooking challenge between teams of Saint Michael parishioners and clergy! You can participate as a team or come watch as the teams cook and get judged. Viewers will enjoy appetizers, wine, and beer while the teams sweat it out in the kitchen.

**\$500 TEAM REGISTRATION**

REGISTER NOW AT:

[WWW.SAINTMICHAEL.ORG/ANGELCHEF](http://WWW.SAINTMICHAEL.ORG/ANGELCHEF)

MONDAY, MARCH 25, 2019

"3015 at TRINITY GROVES"

3015 GULDEN LN, DALLAS TX 75212

6-9 p.m.

TICKETS: \$50/PERSON *ON SALE NOW*

Similar to "Chopped", and our event 2 years ago at Trinity Groves, the competition baskets of ingredients will NOT be not known to the chef teams until the event begins. One judge position will be auctioned off at the Parish Party!

FULL INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND AT:

[WWW.SAINTMICHAEL.ORG/ANGELCHEF](http://WWW.SAINTMICHAEL.ORG/ANGELCHEF)

ATTEND THE EVENT

*All proceeds from this event go the Women of Saint Michael Gifts Committee, for grants to local non-profits.*

## THE GATHERING

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23**

COOKING

9 - 11 a.m. in the Parish Hall kitchen

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24**

SERVING & WORSHIPING

1 p.m., Thanks-Giving Square

1627 Pacific Avenue, Dallas

Contact Lane and Corey Clark

[laneclark@gmail.com](mailto:laneclark@gmail.com).

## PROJECT MOSES

NEW FRIENDS NEW LIFE MEALS

COOKING

**Jan. 15 & Feb. 19**

5:30-7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall kitchen

SERVING

**Jan. 16, Feb. 20**

5 - 7 p.m. at New Friends New Life,

6060 N. Central Expressway, Suite 250

Sheryl at [sherylwylie@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sherylwylie@sbcglobal.net)

Nancy at [arkodevilla@gmail.com](mailto:arkodevilla@gmail.com)

Volunteer online:

[saintmichael.org/projectmoses](http://saintmichael.org/projectmoses)

## PASTORAL CARE

### PARISH NURSE MINISTRY

**JANUARY 20**, Nutrition and Fitness

**FEBRUARY 17**, Healthy Heart Month

9:30 - 11 a.m.

Nurse's Station, South Entrance

The Saint Michael Parish Nurse Ministry

is made up of professional Registered

Nurses from our parish.

### PRAYER MINISTRY TRAINING

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 27**

*see listing page 33*

### "EVERYTHING YOU ALWAYS WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT CARE OF THE DYING, BUT WERE AFRAID TO ASK"

*Dr. Robert L. Fine, MD, Clinical Dir.,*

*Office of Clinical Ethics & Palliative*

*Care, Baylor Scott & White Health,*

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11**

6:30 p.m.

Coke Activities Room

This educational meeting is open to all

Pastoral Care Ministries and all parish members.

*Sponsored by the Stephen Ministry*

RSVP and questions: Mary Kardell,

[mary.kardell@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mary.kardell@sbcglobal.net)

## FORMATION

### EPISCOPAL CHRISTIANS (EC) FORMERLY A.K.A. "DISCOVERY"

**SUNDAYS IN FEBRUARY**

*Led by Rev. Chris Girata and*

*Rev. Mary Lessmann*

12:15 - 1:30 p.m.

Coke Activities Room

Registration deadline: January 31 at

[saintmichael.org/EC](http://saintmichael.org/EC)

Contact: Hannah Fisher via

[hfisher@saintmichael.org](mailto:hfisher@saintmichael.org)

Learn about  
Episcopal  
Faith Traditions

This class is for those new to Christianity, new to Saint Michael, or members who want to revisit the core features of our belief and practice. EC provides an

overview of our faith and explores what it means to walk as a Christian in the Episcopal tradition. *This class also serves as Confirmation preparation for those who wish to be confirmed.* The weekly topics are as follows:

Our Anglican Heritage, Worship and Sacraments, Bible and Spiritual Formation, What's next? Finding where to engage

*Lunch is available for purchase with registration and pre-order at \$10/person per week. Childcare is available with pre-registration.*

EXPLORE  
YOUR FAITH!

## JOURNEY WEDNESDAYS JANUARY 16 - MARCH 5

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Coke Activities Room

Registration deadline: January 14 via

[saintmichael.org/journey](http://saintmichael.org/journey)

Contact: Hannah Fisher at

[hfisher@saintmichael.org](mailto:hfisher@saintmichael.org)

Did you grow up in the Christian faith but still search for the right words to articulate it? Are you exploring the Christian faith? This course explore sthe basic tenets of the our faith, providing the opportunity for asking the tough questions like *How do we know Jesus lived; who was He? Why did He die? How can we have faith? How to pray, and more!*

Dinner is provided with registration, but a \$10 fee is suggested to cover costs. *Free childcare is available pre-registration.*

To get the most out of this course we encourage all to attend regularly as the lessons build progressively, and also the attend the retreat.

## TRADITIONAL MUSIC

### CHORAL EVENSONG DATES

*The 5:30 p.m. service becomes Choral Evensong:*

**February 3**, Candlemas, observed

## GENERAL ALL-PARISH

### PRIME TIMERS

The Prime Timers gather more mature members, generally ages 65+, although everyone is welcome! Meetings are on the first and third Thursdays of each month. On the third Thursday, the 'P.T. Cruisers' take well-planned trips to interesting area locations.

*Make your reservations for each event with Bonita Frederick at 214-728-6440.*

### IN-HOUSE LUNCHEON EVENT:

**FEB 7**, "The Story Behind the Story", by Steve Stolar.

### THIRD THURSDAY EVENTS:

**FEB 21** Visit the U.S. Mint in Ft. Worth

### SAINT MICHAEL'S FARMERS MARKET OPENING

2019 Season (Season #8)

SATURDAYS

**APRIL 27 - SEPTEMBER 28**

8 a.m. - Noon

North Parking Lot

To volunteer:

[saintmichaelsmarket.com/volunteer](http://saintmichaelsmarket.com/volunteer).

Questions? Tricia Stewart at

[farmersmarket@saintmichael.org](mailto:farmersmarket@saintmichael.org).

*See ad page 29*

SAVE  
THE DATE

### WOMEN OF SAINT MICHAEL

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27

#### Parish Party Art Preview

Advance preview of the artwork that will be available at auction during the Parish Party. Artwork will be set up around the Parlor.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1

### PARISH PARTY

*THE PARTY OF THE YEAR—Get your tickets now! see ad on page 4 & 5*

GET  
TICKETS  
NOW!

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

### Jubilee Mother Daughter Tea

Noon - 2 p.m.

Celebrate Women's History month by honoring the women and girls of Jubilee

Park and Community Center at our annual Mother Daughter Tea!

*Volunteers are needed to help with food donations, set up/clean up, and lunch service. For questions please contact:*

Nicole Girata, [ngirata@gmail.com](mailto:ngirata@gmail.com)

Bonner Allen, [vbonnerallen@gmail.com](mailto:vbonnerallen@gmail.com)

Victoria Brown, [vkbrown10@gmail.com](mailto:vkbrown10@gmail.com)

### ACOLYTE TRAINING

SATURDAYS

**JAN. 12, JAN. 26, FEB. 9, FEB. 23**

*Only one Saturday session required.*

9-10:30 a.m.

The Acolyte Corps of Saint Michael is composed of adults and youth who serve at the altar assisting priests or by participating in the processional traditions of our liturgy.

For more information on joining, contact Dianne Boyd at

[dboyd@saintmichael.org](mailto:dboyd@saintmichael.org) or Tony

Briggle at [tonybriggle@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tonybriggle@sbcglobal.net).

### BAPTISM

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17

9 a.m. & 11 a.m. services

To schedule a baptism please complete the interactive *Schedule My Baptism* form at [saintmichael.org/baptism](http://saintmichael.org/baptism), found at the bottom of the page.

For more information please contact

Dianne Boyd at 214-363-5471

[dboyd@saintmichael.org](mailto:dboyd@saintmichael.org).

### BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS\*

SUNDAY, MARCH 3

10 - 11 a.m.

Bishop Moore Chapel

\*All those scheduling a baptism must complete beforehand the *Baptism Preparation Class*.

# SAINT MICHAEL MISSIONS: HONDURAS



THE IMPACT IS BUILDING ...  
JOIN US FOR DINNER TO LEARN MORE

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27**

6:00 p.m.

Coke Activities Room

Saint Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church

8011 Douglas Avenue, Dallas, TX 75225

Adults are needed to go on mission to Tegucigalpa, the capitol of Honduras, the week of June 24-29, to work with the women of Honduras Threads as they continue their journey toward sustainability. Working with a veteran facilitator, we will teach simple concepts and practical tools to manage their new social enterprise.

We need men and women to make presentations and participate in large and small group activities (training will be provided), as well as individuals to conduct interviews with photography and videography. No Spanish is required.

Please RSVP by February 25: [melanie.mcgill@gmail.com](mailto:melanie.mcgill@gmail.com)

“Christ has no body  
now on earth but yours,  
no hands but yours,  
no feet but yours,  
Yours are the eyes  
through which to look out  
Christ's compassion to the world  
Yours are the feet  
with which he is to go about  
doing good;  
Yours are the hands  
with which he is to bless men now.”  
-Teresa of Ávila



## ABOUT TEGUCIGALPA

Located in the southern-central highland region known as the department of Francisco Morazán, Tegucigalpa was claimed on 29 September 1578 by the Spaniards, becoming the country's capital on October 30, 1880 under President Marco Aurelio Soto. The current Constitution of Honduras, enacted in 1982, names the sister cities of Tegucigalpa and Comayagüela as a Central District to serve as the permanent national capital. And after a failed attempt to create a Central American republic in 1821, Honduras became an individual sovereign nation. On January 30, 1937

The 2013 Honduran census recorded a population of 1,157,509, continuing a trend of population growth in the city since the 2001 census. In 2004, there were 185,577 households with an average of 4.9 members per household.. Both the city's population and metro area are expected to double by 2029.

In 2006, 47.6% of the Central District's population lived in poverty—29.7% lived in moderate poverty and 17.9% in extreme poverty. Life expectancy in the District as of 2004 is 72.1 years. By 2010, 4.9 percent of the population remained illiterate, compared to the national rate of 15.2%.

Tegucigalpa is Honduras' largest and most populous city as well as the nation's political and administrative center and is host to 25 foreign embassies and 16 consulates.

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## PRAYER MINISTRY OFFERS OPPORTUNITY: “Sharing God’s Love Through Prayer”

*an interview between parishioner Ellen Logan and Rev. Bob Johnston*

Praying with others is an honor and a blessing, but many of us are afraid to pray and miss out on this great opportunity. Yet, praying for others is something that can be learned. The prayer ministry group at Saint Michael and all Angels is hosting a training session on Sunday, January 27 from 12:30 to 2 p.m. in the Parlor. The training will be led by The Rev. Bob Johnston and lunch will be served.

Recently, Ellen Logan, who is part of the prayer ministry team at Saint Michael, sat down with Father Bob to interview him on this topic. *A portion of the interview follows:*



**Ellen:** What is prayer ministry?

**Bob:** All ministry is meeting people’s needs with God’s resources. Prayer ministry is asking God—through the Holy Spirit—to do that for the person receiving prayer.



**Ellen:** How did you get started doing this ministry?

**Bob:** I was first asked to do it as part of a retreat shortly before starting the ordination discernment process. I went through some training and started. I found it to be a won-

derful experience. More than anything else, I found the people encountered something of God’s love through it. It is a real privilege to be involved. I later had the opportunity to be exposed to another greater level in a church where I served for a year in England.

**Ellen:** Tell us about that—your time serving in England as it relates to prayer ministry?

**Bob:** I was an intern at Holy Trinity Brompton—HTB as it is called. HTB is about two blocks from Harrods in London. It is this old Anglican church that is full of energy and is overflowing with activity and growth. They have over 2,000 in attendance at worship services each Sunday, and they offer prayer ministry at all the big services. When I arrived there, they immediately asked me to help

with that ministry. While I am lifelong Episcopalian, I had never seen anything like it. People were being changed every week. People were being healed—mind, body, and spirit—through prayer. Admittedly, that is a longer more complicated conversation to have, but let me just say it was amazing.

**Ellen:** What was your favorite experience of prayer while you were there?

**Bob:** It was probably my first week there when I helped at a retreat with 1,200 people in attendance from HTB. An Anglican priest spoke on praying for healing and then did a workshop on that topic. I come from a medical family, and I was extremely skeptical about the whole thing. Yet, as he started

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# FARMER'S MARKET NAMES TRICIA STEWART NEW DIRECTOR

By Marilyn Seeberger



John Ellerman, Chair, and the Farmers Market Operating Committee are pleased to announce the appointment of parishioner Tricia Stewart as our new Market Director. Tricia steps in following the three-year tenure of Nancy Wilbur. Nancy retired at the end of the 2018 market season and after serving as a volunteer greeter and on the Operating Committee for the previous four seasons.

We are pleased to have a person of Tricia's caliber take on this important role and we enthusiastically welcome her on board. Tricia has been 'shadowing' Nancy Wilbur for the entire past market season in preparation for this change in leadership. When searching for a candidate to take this position, Tricia emerged as the ideal candidate to lead the market to its next stage of growth.



Most recently, Tricia served as the 2017-2018 President of the Women of Saint Michael and she modestly allows that she also has held a 'few' other leadership roles at Saint Michael as well as in the Community: for the Highland Park schools, Junior League of Dallas and for her Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority's

Alumnae Association. A graduate of the University of Texas, Tricia's work history includes being the manager and owner of Stewart and Associates, Interior Design Firm. Tricia and former high-school-sweetheart-now-husband of 31 years, Tom, have been long-time fans and volunteers for the Market, usually showing up every Saturday to shop or volunteer. The Stewarts have two adult daughters: Sally and Mary, and son, Jeff is married to Claire. Tricia tells us that she and Tom "love to eat, love to cook and have been coming to the market since it began seven years ago." After completing tenures with other ministries at Saint Michael, "we were looking for something new to do at SMAA". Tricia expressed that "we were thrilled when this opportunity came up."

Many of our long-time parishioners will also recall that Tricia's parents both have served as leaders at Saint Michael with Tricia's mom, Priscilla Bell, serving as President of WOSM and her dad, Bob Bell, serving as Senior Warden of the vestry twice. They certainly set the bar high for Tricia.

Visit the website for more news and headlines about the Saint Michael's Farmers Market. [saintmichaelsmarket.org](http://saintmichaelsmarket.org)

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## FROM THE LOFT

with Music Director and Organist Jonathan Ryan



Have you ever been moved by the unfolding of an event? And perhaps can't quite say how?

There's so much that goes in to event planning beyond the obvious. That's as true for a liturgy as anything else. There are, of course, the expected things in planning a liturgy – the role assignments, rehearsals, the setup, etc. – and they matter. But, for a liturgy to take off, to have a flow, and ultimately go places we didn't expect or couldn't imagine...that requires planning on another level. You might have experienced this here at Saint Michael recently, perhaps unwittingly. Whatever the case, I'd like to look at this more with you. That's because if you're more aware of what's happening in a liturgy, you'll be more engaged and will get more out of it.

Music can impact a liturgy in ways nothing else can. That's why it's such a tremendous means of outreach, engagement, and even, in some churches, internal fighting (*I'm grateful that Saint Michael isn't such a church!*). For our choral services at Saint Michael, Sundays at 9 and 11 a.m., 8 p.m. Choral Compline, and monthly Choral Evensong at 5:30 p.m., we intentionally devote time and energy in planning music to not only match the liturgical season and day, but also work hand-in-hand with the other musical parts to create a liturgical flow.

For example, in the morning services, the key relationship between the prelude and the processional hymn or between the offertory anthem and the presentation hymn make a surprisingly big

difference in the flow of those parts of the service. In fact, we will sometimes transpose hymns and play them in a different (but nearby) key in order to better match what comes before or after it.

Likewise, our organ improvisations are not only intentionally geared towards what is happening in the liturgy at that moment, but relate musically to what happened before or will happen after. This is especially so when we need improvisation to cover the time needed for the offertory or communion. Often, our improvisations after the offertory anthem, communion motet, or communion hymns are meant as an extension of or complement to the musical or theological statement we just heard.

In choosing hymns, there's much more than simply selecting something that is seasonally appropriate or parallels one of the readings. Often, it's something in the text or in the nature of the music that makes it particularly suitable as, for example, the processional, sequence or recessional hymn. For example, some hymn tunes made have a more grand or transcendent musical nature: those are more likely to be placed as processional hymns. As a side note, back in the days when all liturgical music was plainsong (chant), the chant sung at the beginning of the liturgy, called the *introit*, had a specific transcendent character partly from a lack of any kind of rhythm. It's believed that this was the case to evoke a sense of eternity and entering heaven to give worshippers a greater sense of God's presence. Some hymn tunes may somehow have a more horizontal musical character: they are probably more suitable as the sequence hymn (i.e.

the hymn before the gospel reading). Naturally, hymn texts that speak about coming before God, gathering, entering God's presence, hearing God speak, and so forth are usually better placed as the processional hymn at the beginning of the liturgy. We have a number of hymns with eucharistic texts which are naturally sung frequently during communion (or when we have eucharistic readings, such as this past August). However, there are a number of other hymns with more personal texts, such as #383 *Fairest Lord Jesus* or #707 *Take my life and let it be*, that we program during communion because they reflect the intimacy of the communion moment. Likewise, there are hymns with texts focused on Jesus, such as #382 *King of glory, King of peace*, that we choose as communion hymns because of the theological connection with Jesus' presence in the Holy Eucharist. At the 9 a.m. service, we sing multiple communion hymns, and you can be sure that those hymns are chosen to match one another on textual levels and musical levels, such as the relationship of key, tempo, and/or texture.

Choosing choral music is one of my favorite things to do in life! In many ways, an offertory anthem or a communion motet is the music ministry's equivalent of a sermon. In November, many of our choral music selections brought that period of the liturgical year to life with its uncomfortable readings reminding us of the fragility and sometimes dire state of human existence. Further back, you may recall our Maundy Thursday service this past Holy Week. Part of the big impact of that liturgy was the sequence of choral music: from the majesty of the

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# VETERANS DAY



*Saint Michael is blessed to have in our midst such a wonderful group of national servants, as we have in our veterans! The evening was stirring and full of emotion as the Men of Nehemiah spoke, sang and marched for the full house, complete with color guard and rousing congregation singing of our United States of America armed forces songs as our honored veterans took their place in the front! Afterwards, the celebration moved to the garden cloister with a full military brass band and food for all.*

# AROUND THE PARISH



*This group of volunteers meets monthly with our youth ministry team, as they work toward the goals of engaging our youth through outreach, mission trips, Bible study, confirmation, and youth group (EYC) events.*  
 PICTURED FROM LEFT: Elizabeth Gorman, Hays Haney, Pressley Peters, Jason Clements, Dee Dockery, Mike Tanner, Chase Monson, Ann Hardaway, Lauren Wainwright, Holli Royall, Christi Houser, and Kristi Wilson. Not pictured: Elizabeth Selzer (vestry rep.), Heather Marburger, and Wendy Holder



**CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT**  
 A full house for the Wine Gathering party, The Youth Ministry Task Force, New Eagle Scout Luke Gambrell with Youth Ministries Director Lauren Wainwright. Prime Timers working alongside the youth at a wrapping party, Lynne Campbell, Sheryl Wiley and Kay Whelon at the Wine Pull, Youth at the wrapping party, Fun at the Middle School Christmas Party, Lainey Haal regaling a story to Elizabeth Williams, Lynne Campbell and Kay Whelan, outgoing Junior Warden Sally Schupp and Darrel Rice





# SAINT MICHAEL STAFF NEWS



ADAM JONES  
*AVL and Technology Manager*

We're excited to announce that Adam Jones (M.A., CTS) has joined us as the new full-time *AVL & Technology Manager*.

He maintains normal business hours, Monday - Thursday, and Sundays.

Weekdays, Adam is actively taking over all of the digital setup responsibilities that have been previously been cared for by Ross Badgett, and will also be the technology asset manager for church equipment. Sundays he will lead the new Audio-Visual-Lights (AVL) team as the supervisor for church, parish hall and special services.

Since entering the workforce, Jones has been implementing technology solutions for religious and educational institutions such as SMU and DBU. His experience makes him very well-suited to the hustle and bustle of Saint Michael parish events.

As an event coordinator, he has organized guest panels, concerts, and

celebrity appearances, from intimate lectures with best-selling authors to crowded concerts with award-winning musicians. Training includes a current CTS certification as well as licensed training in sound engineering and panel programming.

Jones holds an M.A. in medieval studies from Southern Methodist University, where he wrote an academic thesis on historiography of the Venerable Bede. He's worked as a historical adviser for writers and filmmakers, lectured at academic conferences on monastic practices, and even written a board game or two.

Occasionally getting the itch to travel; he has walked along the top of the Canadian National Tower, toured the battlements of the walls of Toledo, and observed the rare Byzantine rites performed in the Italian Abbey of Grottaferrata.

Adam has been married to Dr. Christine Jones, a Bob Dylan scholar and local singer/songwriter, for 11 years.

*Intergenerational Relationships continued from pg. 10*

the work load for all. Both the children and older members reported that it was a fun and easy way to get together plus having a task to complete made it easier to communicate and served to break down barriers that might exist between the two groups. While youth leaders were a bit worried about how combining the groups would go, in the end the shared activity was a great experience for all and conversations flowed between the two age groups.

Our SMAA volunteer Youth Task force along with our hardworking SMAA youth staff members are constantly looking for new ways to engage our youth within the broader church community and will continue to share our experiences in the monthly Archangel. If you have any ideas for more intergenerational activities please reach out to Lauren Wainwright to submit your thoughts.

Visiting our grandparents is certainly one way for our kids to interact with seniors, but studies increasingly show that true intergenerational partnerships and activities between young people and the elderly, have long-lasting health and emotional rewards for everyone.

Christi Houser  
*SMAA Youth Task Force Volunteer*

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### PURPOSE

Introduce the day's occasion or an idea that unites or clarifies threads in the scripture passages

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### EXCERPT

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ

(Second Sunday after Christmas: p. 214)

### PRIMATE

A bishop who presides over the Anglican Church in a large region, or even in an entire nation. There will be many dioceses, bishops, and occasionally some archbishops under this person's supervision. The person who holds a comparable position in Scotland is called "Primus." In the U.S.A., the equivalent position is called "Presiding Bishop." The current Presiding Bishop is The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry (cover).



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THE WORD OF THE LORD



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THE WORD OF THE LORD

### PART OF SERVICE

Liturgy of the Word

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### PURPOSE

Hear from the stories, teachings, and poetry of scripture, usually both the Hebrew Scriptures and the New Testament

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### EXCERPT

The people sit. One or two Lessons, as appointed, are read, the Reader first saying "A Reading (Lesson) from \_\_\_\_." A citation giving chapter and verse may be added.

(Rite I & II: pp. 325, 357)

## PARISH PARTY WINE GATHERING EVENT!

by Stephanie Mueller, Co-Chair: Wine Pull

The Women of Saint Michael have always thrown fabulous parties, but there was definitely noticeable energy at the Wine Gathering on October 25, at the beautiful home of Christine and Martin Schuepbach.

The Wine Gathering serves as the first event for the biennial WOSM ALL Parish Party. While its formal purpose is to collect donations for the party's Wine Pull, it more importantly serves as the informal introduction to the Parish Party season.



Over 200 guests attended the event. They were treated to a buffet of delicious appetizers and desserts, donated by WOSM parishioners, and coordinated by Pam Quarterman. Through-

out the evening, there were more wine donations than the dedicated volunteers could even handle, but the gracious guests were patient as we logged in all the enticing wine donations. Fan favorite, Leon Farmer, served as bartender and the guests were treated to Andrea, an Intuitive Calligrapher, who determines your personality just by staring into your eyes.

This was the most successful Wine Gathering party yet! Almost 100 bottles of wine were collected and over \$600 in donations to purchase wine were received. It was humbling to experience the generosity of the SMAA members. There were so many fabulous wines donated that this year at the party, there will be a "Top Shelf" section where for double your donation, you're guaranteed a bottle of wine worth more than your double donation!

Plan to attend the All Parish Party on Friday, February 1, at a new, expansive venue: Frontiers of Flight Museum. Emerald City's Limelight Band will be entertaining us on the dance floor while we sip signature drinks sponsored by Tito's Vodka.

As a new member to SMAA, I feel such a kindred spirit to my fellow committee members and to everyone who came and supported the event. The beneficiaries of the funds raised at the Parish Party are community recipients of the WOSM grants. It makes my heart soar to be a part of this group, this Parish, and this community!

## ARE YOU TOO YOUNG TO BE AN USHER?

by Sean Jackson, Usher



Many people think that the Usher Corps is just a group of grumpy old men. Well, we are out to change that perception. Meet the two newest members of the Usher Corp; Blake Jackson and Sam Bowen.

Blake has been an usher-in-training since the age of 8. Sam has just joined his father in the 11 a.m. service, making him the newest member of our group.

Still think ushers are just a group for old men?

Ushers play a vital role in all of our ceremonies but we do not have enough members to fulfill our obligations.

We need your help.

The Usher Corp is actively recruiting women and men to join our ranks.

If you have ever wanted to participate in the worship service or just would like the fellowship of being with your peers, then please contact Gary Wall today at 214-686-6366.

You are never too young to play a role in our services and with your help we can continue to grow our ranks for generations to come.

Sean Jackson  
[sean.jackson@ecordia.com](mailto:sean.jackson@ecordia.com)

## GRANT THEM ETERNAL REST

*May the souls of these faithful departed rest in peace.*

Edward Dahlin

*November 1, Coraline Dablin (daughter) and Michael Weinman (son-in-law)*

Sue Wang Young

*November 1, Susie McDonough (aunt-in-law) and Sandy (uncle-in-law)*

Vincent Davel

*November 2, Noralyn Pickens (daughter) and The Rev. Greg Pickens (son-in-law), Annie (granddaughter)*

Elizabeth Colladay Sword

*November 2, Debbie Fosdick (daughter) and David (son-in-law)*

Gloria Gaffney Hocking

*November 28, Sam Hocking (husband), Monique Black (daughter) Tom Black III (son-in-law), Audrey and Meredith Black (granddaughters), and Margee Hocking (daughter) Nils Senvalds (son-in-law) Evans Senvalds (grandson)*

Terry LeRoy Ramsey

*December 6, Ann Ramsey (daughter)*

John Lingo Schoellkopf

*December 8, Alan Schoellkopf (brother) and Mardie (sister-in-law), and Jan Schoellkopf (sister-in-law) and Alan Schoellkopf, Jr. (nephew) and Andrew Schoellkopf (nephew)*

Vida Joann "Jody" Furnish

*December 9, Dr. Victor Furnish (husband)*

Francine Beggs Dwyer

*December 11, Debbie Ryan (niece)*

Charles Foster Muth, Sr.

*December 17, Paula Godwin Muth (wife), Chuck Muth Jr. (son) and Liz Muth (daughter), Robert Muth (brother), Ellen (sister-in-law) and Sarah Muth (niece)*

Gordon Thomas Miller

*December 22, Mark Miller (son) & Stacy (daughter-in-law)*

## BIRTHS

*We warmly welcome our newest members recently born into our parish family:*

Julia Josephine Wythe

*November 28, Parents: Sally and Rob Wythe, Grandparents: Susan and Gene Johnson, Great Grandparents: Betty and Rob Shiels*

Clark Douglas Angelette

*December 4, Sarah and Stephen Angelette*

Adaline Christina Long

*December 6, Grandparents: Tom McCullough (and Effie, deceased 6/1/18)*

Claire Cartwright Delaney

*December 20, Amanda and Peter Delaney, Grandparents: Mary and Steve Kardell*

Scotlyn Marie Shensky

*December 23, Jacquelyn and Scott Shensky*

Elizabeth Anne Neuhoff

*December 27, Katherine and James Neuhoff; Grandparents: Bettina and Herman Lang, Jr*

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*Radical Abundance continued from pg. 7*

This seems like a gigantic question, one that is almost so large that we can feel paralyzed. We know what it feels like to be energized about our lives, to feel God working in us, and to feel the drive to put that energy into the world. But that feeling can come and go very quickly. Those mountaintop moments are few and far between, and too easily, the weight of our daily lives quashes those high moments. We can begin to think that responding to God, giving of our deepest gifts, is too difficult a task ...but it is actually so very simple.

The profound truth is this: God doesn't want our abilities or our giftedness. God doesn't want our achievements or our successes. God doesn't want our goodness or our best. God wants us. God wants our hearts, our souls, our spirits. God wants us to live lives that resemble and model God's essence in the world and with the abundance and lavish love of Christ.

I'm reminded of these popular song lyrics by one of my favorite bands, Casting Crowns, which says,

*I just looked up today  
and realized how far away  
I am from where You are.*

*You gave me life worth dying for,  
but between the altar and the door  
I bought the lies that promised more.*

*Lord, I know I let You down...  
but freedom's arms are open,  
my chains have all been broken,  
relentless love has called me from the start.  
And all You wanted was my heart.*

As we look toward this new year, I am filled with hopefulness. Hope that we will renew our life together, hope that we will discover new ways of living like Christ in the world, and hope that we will have the courage and conviction to give our hearts to God. When we do, when we begin to live into the generosity of heart that only comes from our deepest connection with God, our lives and our life together will become the instrument of God's peace and love in our communities and in our world. May we be filled with the spirit of Christ, and may our lives overflow into the world with the abundant love of God!

*Chris<sup>+</sup>*

praying, I witnessed things take place that I have never seen. That time stands out because it set the stage for the whole year and left me wondering how many things the Bible mentions that I have ignored just because I have never seen them or because I struggled to believe it could happen. It was a perfect way to break through some of my frozen thoughts about prayer and the Holy Spirit before launching into the year there.

**Ellen:** My read is that you are pretty passionate about prayer ministry. Why are you passionate about it?

**Bob:** I find the most common statement made by people who receive prayer ministry is that they experienced something of God's love through it. To me, that is wonderful and one of the greatest things of any ministry. I want people to experience God's love in all kinds of ways and prayer ministry is a great one. The more we encounter God's love, the more we are changed in good ways.

**Ellen:** You are going to lead the prayer ministry training on January 27. What will it involve?

**Bob:** Let me start by saying no one needs to be afraid about praying with others, and we will start at ground zero. We will talk a little bit about prayer in the New Testament and how it's modeled there. We will then, at a very practical level, talk about the do's and don'ts of prayer ministry. We will also model some. The training is such that, even if you don't ultimately want to engage in helping with prayer ministry at the church, you will walk away better equipped in your own prayer life.

**If you are interested in becoming a member of the prayer ministry or, just as important, in "better equipping your own prayer life", we invite you to join the prayer ministry training:**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 27**

12:30 - 2 p.m.

in the Parlor

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“Gloria in Excelsis” by 20th-century English Herbert Howells (one of the most beloved English cathedral music composers) just after the processional hymn, to the poignancy of the unaccompanied anthem at the foot washing by contemporary composer Nicholas White whose text recalls the words of Jesus giving peace to his disciples as his last gift, to the longing for and eventually envisioning a world of love in the offertory anthem “Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est” (*Where charity and love are, there is God also*) also by a living composer, to the otherworldliness of the Sanctus sung just before the eucharist prayer by late renaissance English composer William Byrd whose passion in that music was perhaps elevated from knowing he couldn’t hear it sung liturgically due to religious persecution, to the bare, single melody plainsong during the stripping of the altar and the exiting procession of the sacrament. All of the choral music for that service was chosen not only to reflect the liturgical moments, but to form a kind of arc. A sequence of aural events in and of itself. And yet, when connected with a service, the choral music and its planned liturgical unfolding equals something greater than the sum of its parts. This is all the more true in such a powerful liturgy as Maundy Thursday with its themes of love, memorial, and betrayal.

Looking ahead, we will have a number of exceptional, intentional liturgical moments with choral music. For example, the next to last Sunday of Epiphany, February 24, will see more lush, warm choral music focusing on God’s love at the 11 a.m. service.

There are plenty of choral pieces that carry those themes. However, the two we’ll hear, are particularly stirring harmonically. Such pieces were chosen because of the more musically strident pieces that surround them, especially on Ash Wednesday (March 6) at 7:30 p.m. and the First Sunday of Lent (March 10) at 11 a.m. The following Sunday, the Last Sunday of Epiphany (March 3) at 11 a.m., which is also the Feast of the Transfiguration, we’ll hear a glorious, energetic “Gloria in Excelsis” in the beginning of the service from a contemporary composer, a vivid depiction of Christ being transfigured and lifted up before Peter, James, and John in the offertory anthem (including sounds from an electronic tape to further the effect!), followed quickly by a Sanctus from the same mass as the Gloria whose music progresses from being quietly enraptured to a grandiose ecstasy – perhaps a fitting reaction to what happens in the offertory anthem. The next Sunday, the First Sunday of Lent (March 10) at 11 a.m., a Kyrie will conclude the opening Great Litany in procession with music that couldn’t be more contrasting in its somber starkness: the *Berliner Messe* by contemporary Estonian composer Arvo Pärt. Our Lenten Choral Evensong on March 31 at 5:30 p.m. will go from modern expressions of prayer in the opening “Preces” by a contemporary composer, to a more turbulent, smoky, and ultimately nearly overwhelming setting of the *Magnificat* and *Nunc Dimittis* canticles by Howells, to one of the most heartfelt settings of the Lord’s Prayer I can think of in the following responses, to concluding with an understated, simple, yet totally captivating anthem “Lord, let me know mine end” from the end of the English

Baroque period to bring us back from the clouds to a sobering Lenten reality. The list can go on! There is so much to experience!

By the way, you can see all upcoming choral music on choir pages of our church website:

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Owen, Meg, and I choose organ music to serve as the Prelude and Postlude before and after the service with equal care. The prelude is the first thing we hear in the service. Its ability to set the tone is significant. This is particularly seen in the different liturgical seasons. The spring’s liturgical seasons of Lent and Easter perhaps give the most vivid examples. As we celebrate Easter not for one day but for an entire season of 40 days, you can be sure that our organ music will reflect the resurrection! Preludes and postludes may also be chosen to tie in with a musical style heard in the service, such as in the choral music.

Whether you think about a hymn, a choir piece, or an organ piece, I hope you will take a moment each time you attend a choral service to contemplate how the music you can see listed in the order of service or the music you will hear as the service happens is tied together with the liturgical day, season, and other musical parts of the service. I pray that insight into our planning and awareness of what happens in the service deepens your prayer, enriches your worship experience, and engages you more fully in the life of this wonderful parish!



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