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2019-2020

Saint Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church

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*"Love one another as
I have loved you."*

— John 15:12

Strengthening Community through Relationships

2019-2020 SPEAKER SERIES

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2019, 11:30 AM – PARISH HALL

Protector of Presidents

Kathleen Flatley, Ursuline grad and former U.S. Secret Service Agent

Did you imagine that bodyguards were always tall, muscular men like in a Hollywood movie? Kathleen Flatley can take down that stereotype - and anyone who threatens her clients - with a fresh perspective on her profession as a security agent and consultant. A 1976 Ursuline graduate, Kathleen spent 31 years in the Secret Service protecting everyone from former First Ladies Hillary Clinton and Michelle Obama to Pope John Paul II. Kathleen will share highlights of her impressive and fascinating career.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2019, 11:30 AM – PARISH HALL

We Are All Homeless – The Signs of Humanity Project and Documentary

Willie Baronet, Co-Director/Producer and

the Stan Richards Professor of Creative Advertising at SMU

In 1993, Willie Baronet started buying homeless signs as a way to deal with his discomfort at ignoring people on the streets. In 2008, that project became "We Are All Homeless." This led to a 2016 documentary called "Signs of Humanity," which chronicled his journey with three filmmakers across the country buying signs and interviewing people along the way. The documentary deals with the interrelated themes of home, homelessness, compassion, and humanity. Willie will discuss the impact of his work and what all of us can learn from his experiences.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2019, 11:30 AM – PARISH HALL

A Pilgrim's Journey

Nancy Mead, Vice President of the Friends of the Anglican Pilgrim Centre of Santiago

Each year, thousands of people from all over the world walk the Camino de Santiago. What compels people to go on pilgrimages? Nancy Mead can speak from her own experience. Married to an Episcopal priest for 46 years, Nancy took up trekking at the age of 50. She has walked five different routes of the El Camino as well as the Via Francigena from Canterbury to Rome. In all, she has walked nearly 7,000 miles. Nancy will share her thoughts on pilgrimages and will discuss efforts to create an Anglican Pilgrim Centre in Santiago de Compostela, Spain.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2020, 7:00 PM – MAIN CHURCH

Texas 2036 Update

Tom Luce, Founder and Chairman, and Margaret Spellings, President and CEO

In 2036, Texas will celebrate its bicentennial. What will Texas look like in 2036? Will Texas still lead the country in economic growth? How do we prepare our state for the challenges ahead, such as population growth, rising health care costs, pollution, and the depletion of natural resources? Tom Luce founded Texas 2036 to frame these challenges and look for solutions. Come hear an update on the state of our State, moderated by J. Puckett.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2020, 11:00 AM – 7000 PARK LANE

Annual Spring Luncheon

The Satellite Sisters

Julie, Liz, Sheila, Monica, and Lian Dolan are the Satellite Sisters. These real-life sisters believe that a sense of connection is what gives meaning to our lives. The Satellite Sisters first had a radio show and website in 2000 and then became podcast pioneers with a devoted national fan base as well as best-selling authors. Come welcome Julie, Liz, and Lian back to Dallas as they share their witty and affectionate style of interacting and connecting with each other. At 2:00, stop by the Exchange for a book signing with the Satellite Sisters.

Women of Saint Michael Purpose Statement:

To be the extension of Christ's Kingdom by uniting the women of the parish in a program of worship, study, service, and fellowship; leading them into service for the Church, in the parish, the community, the diocese, the nation, and the world.

President's Message



Dear Friends,

Welcome to an exciting year for the Women of Saint Michael (WOSM). I am honored to serve as the President of this group of talented, dynamic, and caring women. Our programming and events center around John 15:12, **Love thy neighbor as I have loved you**, encouraging us to reflect on how we care for one another as well as for those in our broader community.

Our theme, **"Strengthening Community through Relationships"**, lies at the heart of WOSM. In our large parish home, finding

ways to connect is essential to feeling a part of the community. My hope is that you will find a place to get involved in a way that will enrich your life and deepen your faith and relationship with God.

Please plan to join us for an engaging luncheon series planned by Judy Conner and described on the front of this newsletter. Consider becoming a **Season Ticket Subscriber**, which includes the luncheons in September, October, and November, as well as the Annual Spring Luncheon in May. We invite you to be a luncheon underwriter or to make an additional gift in honor or in memory of a friend or loved one. Underwriting helps make possible this wide array of events and speakers, and we are grateful for the generosity of our underwriters.

Mark your calendars for the **Mardi Gras Party** on Friday, February 21. Our co-chairs for the event, Monique Black, Mary Adair Dockery, Zoe Hart, Kaysie Montgomery, and Bliss Smith, are planning an exciting evening of community celebration. You won't want to miss this event!

Be sure to remember **St. Michael's Woman's Exchange** whenever you need invitations or stationery, a gift for a wedding or other special occasion, or of course beautiful gift-wrapping. Consider volunteering at the Exchange and be a part of the talented team of dedicated women whose professionalism and warmth make the Exchange so successful. Profits from the Exchange combined with other funds raised by the WOSM, including the Parish Party, allowed the Gifts Committee to allocate \$400,000 in grants to 71 nonprofits in Dallas and beyond in 2019. Over the last 60 years, we have distributed over \$9.7 million in grants.

As you think about how to get involved at St. Michael and All Angels, perhaps you will **seek to deepen your spiritual connections** by attending the Advent retreat in December, the Lenten retreat in March, or by participating in one of Mary Lessmann's Bible studies (Monday evenings or Tuesday afternoons) or Chris Girata's Wednesday morning Bible study.

Opportunities to get involved abound - maybe you'd like to help with the Mardi Gras Party in February, the annual Mother/Daughter Tea at the Jubilee Community Center in March, or the annual Day of Service at Jubilee in April. As you read the newsletter, note some of the other places where **volunteers are always welcomed**: serve as an usher on Sundays, join the Altar Guild, bake for Saint Mary's Guild, drive Meals on Wheels, help serve human trafficking victims through Project Moses. We're also working on a new initiative for women who work outside the home to grow the WOSM footprint. These are just a few ideas; there is much room for personal, spiritual, and intellectual growth in this wonderful church of ours.

My special thanks go to Jenny Lichty for producing this newsletter, as well as to other members of the WOSM board for your hard work. I appreciate each of you and am grateful for your friendship.

It takes all of us working together to help Saint Michael and All Angels be the welcoming church home that it is. Please contact me and I'll help you find a place to be involved that meets your interests. Remember too that **every woman who is a member of our parish is a member of the Women of Saint Michael**; our community is stronger when all of us share our gifts to make this a better place.

Faithfully,
Allison Bovard
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<https://www.saintmichael.org/women/>

Chaplain's Letter



Friends,

Our theme for the Women of Saint Michael (WOSM) this year is **'Strengthening Community through Relationships.'** For almost 75 years, WOSM has lived into this truth. The relationships that the WOSM have formed over these years – reinforced by all the milestones of and circumstances of life – have formed the backbone of our community and, in the process, have strengthened our entire congregation. More than this, WOSM lives out this theme through relationships outside the group – with the children and families of Jubilee Park, with the volunteers and customers of Saint Michael's Woman's Exchange, and with the leadership and beneficiaries of the dozens of agencies funded by WOSM grants who continue to do such great work in our community.

Our fantastic program schedule for this year will give us a chance to reflect on this theme even further. Whether it's a former Secret Service agent who served our community by protecting our elected officials at the highest level, or bringing attention to the issue of homelessness that affects our community in increasing numbers, or being inspired by those who choose to make spiritual pilgrimages along ancient ways where thousands have traveled before, or caring for the next generation through intentional planning around education, growth, and management of resources – all of our programs invite us to value the good of the community over our individual desires.

Dovetailing beautifully with our theme, our scripture passage for this year is "Love one another as I have loved you" (John 15:12). Jesus calls us out of our self-focus and self-protection to be among and care for one another. In this, God's love and grace are most clearly revealed. May we, once again, witness to God's love for his people by enthusiastically embracing the ministry before us, offering it all to God's glory. God's promise is that he will use our offerings to bless us and our communities.

As we begin another program year, may our work draw us closer to God and one another, and may we find ourselves strengthened by our commitment to God's purposes for this community.

Peace,
The Rev. Mary Lessmann
Chaplain

Chaplain's Bible Study

The Rev. Mary Lessmann has two Bible Study offerings.

Women – Word – Work
2nd and 4th Mondays of each Month,
Year-Round, 7:00 – 8:15 PM

We meet in the Chapel Conference Room. Books are chosen by the group, and you're encouraged to drop in when you can; there is no preparation.

Ladies' Bible Study
Tuesdays, 3:00 – 4:00 PM

We meet in the Coke Activities Room. Debbie Hayhurst will lead the fall Bible Study starting on Tuesday, September 10. The book will be "When Christians Get it Wrong" by Adam Hamilton and will be available in the Book Shop or on Amazon. The Rev. Mary Lessmann will resume her leadership of the class on January 7, 2020.

VNA Meals on Wheels

St. Michael's parishioners deliver nutritious, freshly prepared hot meals to 4,000 Dallas County residents who are homebound and unable to access resources such as food banks and grocery stores. SMAA volunteers drive 16 weekly routes during the year, delivering meals and social support that clients need to continue living independently. Parishioners also donate and wrap toiletry items for the holiday gift project and participate in special holiday meal deliveries. Our VNA Meals on Wheels ministry leaders are Ruthie Garrett, Janie Richard, and Byrd Teague. We need and welcome new volunteers. Please contact Christi Morrow at cmorrow@saintmichael.org.

St. Mary's Guild

St. Mary's Guild provides opportunities for hospitality, service, and fellowship. Members provide home-baked goodies and/or staff the "Yield to Temptation" table in the South Entrance one Sunday morning a month from September through May, where they greet parishioners and visitors. Last year, St. Mary's Guild split \$6,000 in proceeds – raised at 75 cents a purchase – between Family Outreach Dallas and Hopeful Solutions, charities that empower homeless mothers and strengthen children and families. The bake sale teams get together twice a year for a festive meal and fellowship. It's a great way to get involved, especially if your available volunteer time is limited. Co-presidents are Shannon Callewart and Sandra Hughes. Contact stmarysguild@yahoo.com or scallewart@tx.rr.com.

Jubilee Park Mother Daughter Tea

Saturday, March 7, 2020 Noon to 2:00 PM

Celebrate Women's History Month by celebrating the women and girls of Jubilee Park and Community Center at our annual Mother-Daughter Tea. The event's activities will include lunch, an inspirational speaker, arts & crafts, and more. Volunteers are needed to help with food donations, set up, luncheon service, and clean up. Please contact Diana Newton at mdiana@me.com or 214-923-3434 if you are interested in donating your time to this special event. This is a wonderful occasion to bring your mom, daughter, or any special woman in your life and volunteer at Jubilee together.

Day of Service at Jubilee Park

Friday, April 3, 2020 9:00 AM to Noon

Please come share in a day of impact and fellowship at the fourth annual Day of Service at Jubilee Park and Community Center. This event provides a unique opportunity to connect with friends while learning more about ongoing needs and service opportunities at Jubilee. All are welcome, and there are many opportunities to serve! Volunteers can choose to read to children at OM Roberts Elementary, lead preschool activities at David's Place, rock babies at Jeanie's place, lead senior bingo, or help garden to beautify the campus. Tours of the Community Center will also be available.

For more information or to sign up to volunteer, please contact Nicole Girata at ngirata@gmail.com. A formal sign-up will also be made available in the spring. We hope to see you there!

Rector's Bible Study

Wednesdays at 10:30 AM

The Rev. Dr. Christopher Girata will lead a Bible Study every Wednesday at 10:30 AM in the Saint Michael Chapel beginning Wednesday, September 19. This year, we will be studying Genesis. The companion books, *Genesis for Everyone* (Part 1 and Part 2) by John Goldingay, are available for purchase in the Saint Michael Book Shop.

WOSM Gifts Committee

For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.

Matthew 25:35-36

During the last 60 years, the WOSM has returned more than \$9.7 million to Dallas County and beyond through its fundraising activities and profits from the St. Michael's Woman's Exchange. **In 2019, the WOSM Gifts Committee allocated \$400,000 to 71 agencies.**

Beneficiaries of the 2019 WOSM Gifts Committee

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| 2nd Saturday CDC | Interfaith Family Services |
| Aberg Center for Literacy | Irving Cares |
| Access and Information Network | Jonathan's Place |
| Achieve | Jubilee Park & Community Center |
| AIDS Services of Dallas | Legacy Counseling Center |
| Alley's House | LIFT |
| Association for Independent Living | Mosaic Family Services |
| Attitudes and Attire | Network of Community Ministries |
| Austin Street Center | New Friends New Life |
| AVANCE | North Dallas Shared Ministries |
| Behind Every Door | North Texas Food Bank |
| Brighter Tomorrows | Oak Cliff Empowered |
| Brother Bill's Helping Hand | One Man's Treasure |
| Bryan's House | Open Door Multilingual Preschool |
| Catch Up and Read | Our Friends Place |
| CitySquare | OurCalling |
| Cornerstone Crossroads Academy | Project Transformation North Texas |
| Creativity for Peace | Promise House |
| Crossroads Community Services | Rainbow Days |
| Dallas CASA | Restored Hope Ministries |
| Dallas Christian Women's Job Corps | Services of Hope |
| Dwell With Dignity | Shared Housing Center |
| East Dallas Community Organization | SMAA Austin Street Cooks |
| Exodus Ministries | SMAA Tela, Honduras, Mission Trip |
| Family Compass | St. Philip's School & Community Center |
| The Family Place | Turtle Creek Recovery Center |
| Focus on Teens | Under 1 Roof |
| Gateway of Grace | The Well Community |
| Genesis Women's Shelter | Visiting Nurses Association |
| Heart House | Wesley-Rankin Community Center |
| Honduras Threads | White Rock Center of Hope |
| Hope Supply Co. | Wilkinson Center |
| Housing Crisis Center | Youth Believing in Change |
| Human Rights Initiative of North Texas, Inc. | Youth with Faces |
| Hunger Busters | |
| In the City for Good | |
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For more information, contact WOSM Gifts Committee Chair, Judy Cole, at judycole2012@gmail.com



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Advent Retreat

**Saturday, November 30, 2019 9:00 AM to Noon
Coke Room**

Led by The Rev. Dr. Julia Gatta

[http://theology.sewanee.edu/seminary/facultystaff/
current-faculty/gatta-phd.html](http://theology.sewanee.edu/seminary/facultystaff/current-faculty/gatta-phd.html)

Please join us for a meaningful morning of preparing our hearts
for the Advent season!

Lenten Retreat

**Saturday, March 28, 2020 9:00 AM to Noon
Saint Michael Chapel**

Led by Br. Luke Ditewig, SSJE

<https://www.ssje.org/author/br-luke-ditewig/>

An SMAA favorite, retreats led by the brothers from SSJE;
come join us!

Ushers

Why Are There So Few Women Ushers?

Women play an important role throughout Saint Michael. But there
is one place where they are not well represented - the Usher Corps.

Gary Wall, Head Usher of Saint Michael, wants to change this, and he
needs your help. The Usher Corps is actively recruiting new members
and **would like you to join**. Ushers play a vital role in our worship
service and are often the first impression guests and parishioners
receive at Church.

If you want to play a role in our worship service and help demonstrate
the best of what Saint Michael stands for, please contact Gary Wall at
214-686-6366 or via email at gmwall1@prodigy.net.

Project Moses

Project Moses is a mission founded by parishioners to highlight the
hard truths of human trafficking and share the Light of Christ with its
survivors. To support the mission, three areas of concentration have
been established: formation/education, advocacy, and outreach.
Scheduled for 2019 are:

- Partnering with New Friends New Life, a local organization
providing services for trafficking victims, we provide meals for
trafficking survivors and additional resources.
- Organizing a bus excursion to known Dallas trafficking areas led
by DPS officers. – Timing is TBD
- Hosting monthly meetings for church members to learn more
and get involved.

Ministry leaders: Terry Demler: tsdemler@gmail.com and Mark
Demler: mdemler@gmail.com

Altar Guild

Working together to set the Lord's Table is a spiritual practice that
fosters a strong, meaningful bond of friendship and support among
the members of the Altar Guild. We are organized into teams of 15-17
women who serve on a rotating basis every five weeks, and we are
looking for new members. Our membership is open to anyone who is
willing to be trained in the proper procedures in preparing the worship
services for Holy Eucharist.

Please call Debbie Shuey at 214-789-5015 if you are interested in
joining our fun group!