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EPISCOPAL CHURCH



THE RECTOR'S REFLECTIONS

Do you remember making or receiving a collect phone call? Collect calls are also referred to as a reverse call charge in other parts of the world. In a collect call someone would call you. The operator would get on the line, tell you who was calling and ask if you were willing to accept the charges. If you answered in the affirmative, the call was put through and you were billed according to the length of the conversation.

Like a collect phone call, we have prayers referred to as "Collects" in our Anglican liturgy. We are calling on God with a request. God is accepting the charges and is ready to listen.

Heartfelt spontaneous prayers of our own creation are deeply meaningful but at times it is helpful to have the guidance of a written prayer to help us get started. Our Collects can do just that.

Every Sunday near the beginning of the service for Holy Eucharist, we pray what is called the Collect of the Day. The Collect of the Day is prayed aloud by the priest and silently by the congregation. The Collect varies each Sunday to fit the lectionary readings. Prayer Book scholar, Marion Hatchett wrote "the first of the variable prayers, the opening prayer, was later designated the "collect," a word which may signify the summing up of the prayers of the individuals who have been called to pray. Or it may designate the prayer said at the collecting of the people at the start of the Mass." Every Collect usually has three parts: a preamble, a petition, and a conclusion.

Our Book of Common Prayer has some beautiful collects (see pages 211-261). One of my favorites is the collect we prayed late last month on January 20th.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

I love this collect because of the bright light imagery found in its description of Jesus, a comparison also made in scripture. The collect describes Jesus; he is the light of the world. We see the world in a new light knowing who Jesus

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SERVICE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

Holy Eucharist:

8:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

5:00 p.m.

Christian Education

9:15 a.m.

Adult and Youth

WEDNESDAY

11:00 a.m.

Lectionary Study

Holy Eucharist:

Noon

**Chapel of the
Risen Christ**

The Rt. Rev. Jacob Owensby, Bishop

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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Sunday, Feb 24

FOLDING DATE

Wednesday, Feb. 27

is and Jesus lights the path of salvation for us. After describing who Jesus is, we ask God to light us up too! By inwardly digesting Holy Scripture and the sacraments, we are asking God to let us shine with Christ's glory. After we are ignited and illuminated with Christ's glory through scripture and sacraments the collect calls us into action. "That he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth."

We are called to nothing less than knowing, worshipping, and obeying God through Jesus Christ. This is the work of discipleship and it is the work of our whole lives.

Know. Worship. Obey. How can we know Jesus more intimately? How can we worship God more faithfully and authentically? How can we obey God's will in a more devoted way?

A bright idea would be to keep asking those three questions. If we do, we may just find ourselves illumined by Word and Sacraments and shining with the radiance of Christ's glory.

Shine on and Godspeed,

Fr. Seth+

Core Godly Play Training

Training Schedule

Friday, March 8, 3p - 9p

Saturday, March 9, 8:30a - 5:30p

Sunday, March 10, 12p - 5:30p

Subject: Godly Play Training in March

I am SOOOO excited to announce that St. Michael & All Angels will be hosting a Godly Play Training at our church March 8, 9 and 10. Please visit the link below to see times.

<https://trailblz.info/GodlyPlay/EventComplete.aspx?eventid=242>

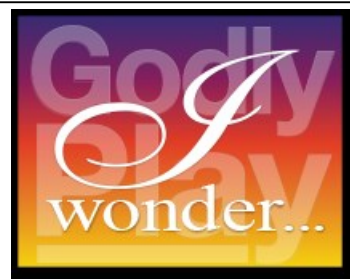
To register make sure you use code **gracioushosts** for the scholarship available for St. Michael's members.

I know a weekend seems like a big commitment, but you will learn so much more than how to share stories with the children in our church. The Godly Play practice is also a way to explore your own spirituality and how you can share Christ's love through intention and action in your life. I have been to two trainings and it is as much a retreat for yourself as it is learning a new way to teach and connect with others in our church. I guarantee your spiritual life will deepen and you will see things in a new light. I always say I would have been a better parent if I would have gone through Godly Play training before kids. The children participating in our Godly Play program can tell you personally what the program means to them in their life. If you have questions, please call me or visit our classroom on Sunday mornings at 9:30.

St. Michael's is sponsoring individuals for the training but we do ask that everyone contribute \$50 towards the meal expenses for the weekend. The cost will be \$250 for members of other churches or schools. The scholarships are only available for our parishioners.

Please prayerfully consider joining us on March 8th. Children are priorities in our home and they must be a priority in our church as we raise Christian children who will then go out to do Christ's work in the world.

Blessings, *Amy Donald*



LENTEN PROGRAM



Join us!!! We will hold an evening **Living Well Through Lent** study program followed by soup & salad during Lent. The program will begin Wednesday, March 13 at 5:30 pm. Participation and food sign up lists will be posted in the Narthex in late February.

Please contact Deacon Meg with any questions.
337-842-0769 or meghlovejoy@gmail.com

CHILDREN ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE

I love it when our congregation's kids take part in our services—when they lector, acolyte, sing, play an instrument or represent angels or little lambs in the Christmas pageant.

It's like watching my own children all over again. I think about how that participation affected them: they learned about the church itself; they were given a chance for meaningful service; they were able to "perform" in front of a forgiving and encouraging "audience" and with that they developed confidence in themselves.

Although schedules nowadays are so complicated that we parents can hardly keep track of our children, please encourage them to participate at St. Michael's. They will benefit; the church will benefit; and years from now you, too, will have a tear in your eye as you watch that **next** generation take **its** place at the nativity scene, singing "Away in a Manger."

Prayerfully, *Harriet Green*

Phone 513-2393



Birthdays of the Month

- 2 Sarah Brummett
- 4 Marianne White
- 6 Mary Brooks Donald
- 9 Mae Donald
- Leda Lofaso
- 10 Susie Leneck
- 11 Carmen Anderson
- 21 Linda Smith
- 22 Jim Vanchiere
- Larry Newingham
- 23 Taylor Smith
- 24 Hannah Williams
- 27 Paul White
- 28 Thomas Ford

*Blessings be on you
and let faith guide
your heart all year.*

Happy Birthday!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



HAITI!!!! MEXICO!!!! PANAMA!!!!

The St. Michael and All Angels' Shoebox Gifts have gone to these countries. If you've received word about any other countries, please let us know. Continue to pray for OCC - the children receiving the shoeboxes, their families, ministry partners, churches hosting Outreach events, Gospel presenters, National Leadership Teams, etc. Handy little bookmark/prayer cards are in the Narthex; please take one and pray year round; there's always something going on somewhere in OCC!

Please join the St. Michael's OCC Team on Tuesday, February 12 at 1 pm in the Parish Hall, following the ECW gathering. We always have fun as we plan, organize, and pray for the 2019 St. Michael's OCC Project. All are welcome!

There will be an OCC Area Event on Saturday, March 9 from 10am-Noon. Please mark your calendar and watch for more details!

Call or text us anytime; we are always willing to share about this unique and wonderful Christian Ministry to millions of children in more than 100 countries.

Clara Heard 337-529-6607

George Heard 337-529-6606

Spring Tea

Ladies
Save the Date

April 27, 2019

Watch for details



SUMMER CAMP SCHEDULE

submitted by Bill Shearman 439-5050

Registration for the 2019 six summer camping sessions at **Camp Hardtner** are open. Hardtner is a coeducational summer program operated by the Western Diocese of the Episcopal Church.

Campers do not need to be an Episcopalian to attend Hardtner; persons of all faiths are welcome. The camp is located about 30 miles northeast of Alexandria just outside of Pollock.

The camp features swimming, arts & crafts, canoeing, fishing, nature hiking and a host of other activities.

- The first session, First Camp, will be May 31- June 2 and is open to youngsters entering grades 2 or 3. Those campers must be accompanied by at least one parent. The campers will stay in cabins with counselors while the parents will stay in their own cabins. The cost for First Camp is \$200 per person.
- Senior Camp is open to grades 11 and 12 and high school graduates and will be June 5 – 12. The cost is \$675.
- Primary Camp is open to students entering grades 4 or 5 and will be June 16 – 21. The cost is \$475 per camper.
- Junior High Camp is open to campers entering grades 6, 7 or 8 and will be June 25 – July 1. The cost is \$575 per camper.
- Middle High Camp is open to campers entering grades 9, 10 or 11 and will be July 7 – 13. The cost is \$575 per camper.
- The last camping session, Camp Able, is open to campers 9 or over with special needs. The dates are July 17 – 21 and the cost is \$400. Camp Able is limited to the first 40 persons who enroll. Typically, Camp Able utilizes the talents of 50 volunteers who pay \$50 to assist in the program as well as the summer permanent staff

There are scholarships available on a limited basis.

To register or volunteer for Camp Hardtner sessions, please go to www.camphardtner.org For more information, contact Camp Hardtner at (318) 765-3794.

I'm in for 10! A New Year's Spiritual Challenge



Would you expect to be in top physical condition if you never or seldom exercised? Belong to a gym but you never go there? Maybe you only go to the gym once a week? Once a week isn't enough to experience meaningful results. The same is true with your spiritual health. Belong to a church but never go there? Only pray once a week?

Commit to a daily practice of prayer and scripture reading. Ten minutes of daily prayer and ten minutes of daily scripture reading are what you need to get in tip-top spiritual shape. Then don't forget to join in weekly sacramental worship with your faith family, each and every week.

Try something new this year. Go in for 10. Commit to 10 minutes of prayer and 10 minutes of scripture reading every day!

I want to go "In for 10" but how?

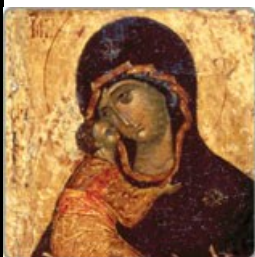
There are many different ways to commit to praying and reading scripture every day. Here are a few ideas:

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- Pray the Daily Office services or Morning or Evening Prayer either from your prayer book or on your phone. Mission St. Clare offers online and audio daily prayer with the assigned scripture supplied. Go to: <http://www.missionstclare.com/english/spoken/spoken.html> and click on the Daily Office service you prefer. Follow along with your prayer book or just listen.
- Biblegateway.com offers multiple daily reading programs that can be accessed wherever you are on your phone. Go to: <https://www.biblegateway.com/reading-plans/>
- Not tech savvy? Crack open an old fashioned bible. Read it for ten minutes. Repeat every day. Use a modern day translation like The Message.
- Practice Centering Prayer, Lectio Divina, or just spend time talking to God.
- Use Forward Day by Day's meditations and daily scripture readings

ICONS

An anonymous donor recently gifted a series of icons for St. Michael's parish hall. Learn more about icons as we explore their use as prayer tools.



Icons are very popular today. Look at the toolbar on a computer. Each little symbol means something—volume control, Internet connection, media player, and so on. Each one represents a greater object, such as a program or process, and gives the user a quick link to that object.

Religious icons are similar in that they are also symbols or representations of a greater “object,” but in this case, the “object” is a person: Christ or one of the saints in heaven. Icons are like quick links in that they give us a kind of symbolic snapshot of holy persons who are in heaven. More than that, religious icons are a form of prayer. When you look at an icon, it is meant to make you aware that you are in the presence of God. Icons, then, are not just art with a religious theme; rather, they are sacred art because they bring the viewer to the sacred.

Icons have been called windows to heaven or doorways to the sacred. When you are standing in front of an icon, it is as if you are looking through a window into the heavenly world of the mystery. But this is a two-way window. As you look through the window, you are also being seen with the eyes of love by those in the icon. It's like you become a part of the mystery that the icon seeks to express.

Look for St. Michael's new icons to arrive later this month.

SENIORS OF ST MICHAELS

by Nancy Cook

On Feb. 26 at 6pm, SOS is hosting a talk by John and Lisa Foret on 'Balance and Strength for Mature People'.

All adults at St. Michael's are welcome, as well as friends from the community.

A main dish will be provided. Bring a side dish or dessert if you can -- but if you can not, come anyway! There's always plenty of food.

**Please Join Us
ECW MEETING
Tuesday, Feb. 12
Noon - 1 p.m.
Brown Bag Lunch**

SUNDAY ADULT FORMATION

Come join us on Sundays at 9:15 am in the Library.

February 3 Your Untold Story: Tales of A Child of God (Reimagining Jesus) Book Study

February 10 Your Untold Story: Tales of A Child of God (Retelling Your Story) Book Study

February 17 Your Untold Story: Tales of A Child of God (Family, Friends, and Other Strangers) Book Study

February 24 Your Untold Story: Tales of A Child of God (The Sense of An Ending) Book Study

LECTIONARY READINGS

Find the Liturgical Calendar online at www.lectionarypage.net

	February 3 4th Sunday after Epiphany	February 10 5th Sunday after Epiphany	February 17 6th Sunday after Epiphany	February 24 7th Sunday after Epiphany
READINGS	<u>Jeremiah 1:4-10</u> <u>1 Corinthians 13:1-13</u> <u>Luke 4:21-30</u> <u>Psalm 71:1-6</u>	<u>Isaiah 6:1-8, [9-13]</u> <u>1 Corinthians 15:1-11</u> <u>Luke 5:1-11</u> <u>Psalm 138</u>	<u>Jeremiah 17:5-10</u> <u>1 Corinthians 15:12-20</u> <u>Luke 6:17-26</u> <u>Psalm 1</u>	<u>Genesis 45:3-11, 15</u> <u>1 Corinthians 15:35-38,42-50</u> <u>Luke 6:27-38</u> <u>Psalm 37:1-12, 41-42</u>

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

LECTOR 8:00 am 10:30 am	or H. Williams Gail Batchelor	Ellie Lemoine Clara Heard	John Poche Su Osagie	Harriet Green Sarah Brummett
EUCH MINISTER 8:00 am 10:30 am 5:00 pm	Paul White D. Self/K. Smith M. Lovejoy/J. Eastwood	M. Lovejoy/P. Burgess C. Fontenot/M. Lovejoy Jeff Schweitzer	Marianne White D. Self/B. Shearman Eastwood	H. Rowzie/M. Lovejoy M. Lovejoy/White Martha Briley
ALTAR GUILD	Betty Kitt Kathy Venable Faye Cook Tommie Schweitzer Jackie Digiglia	Patti Smith Dawn Leger Cindy Crowe Marian Williams Sarah Brummett	Leda Lofaso Harriet Green Wilma Moore Wanda Alexander Kristi Remy	Betty Kitt Theresa George Faye Cook Tommie Schweitzer Heather Vincent
BREAKFAST TEAMS	Scramblers	Bacon Makers	Biscuit Boys	Pancakers
ALTAR FLOWERS	M. White	Jo Mac herson	Bill Shearman	Bill Shearman

Calendar dates are available. Please sign up. Suggested donation is \$65.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 10am Rose-wood Petroula+ 11:30-1pm Canterbury	2
3 8am Holy Euch 9:15am Sunday School 10:30 Holy Euch 5pm Holy Euch	4 Noon Healing House 6pm OSL meeting	5	6 7am Men's Bible Study 11am Lectionary Bible Study 12pm Holy Euch 6:30pm Choir	7 5:30pm Mission Trip Meeting	8 11:30-1pm Canterbury	9
10 8am Holy Euch 9:15am Sunday School 10:30 Holy Euch 5pm Holy Euch	11	12 Noon ECW 1pm OCC workshop 5:30 Vestry	13 11am Lectionary Bible Study 12pm Holy Euch 6:30pm Choir	14	15 10am Rose-wood / Ellie L. 11:30-1pm Canterbury	16
17 8am Holy Euch 9:15am Sunday School 10:30 Holy Euch 5pm Holy Euch	18 <i>President's Day</i>	19	20 7am Men's Bible Study 11am Lectionary Bible Study 12pm Holy Euch 6:30pm Choir	21 6:30pm Healing House	22 11:30-1pm Canterbury	23
24 8am Holy Euch 9:15am Sunday School 10:30 Holy Euch 5pm Holy Euch	25	26 6pm SOS	27 Fold the Herald 11am Lectionary Bible Study 12pm Holy Euch 6:30pm Choir	28		

SCHEDULE OF YOUTH EVENTS

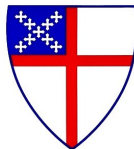
February 3	6:00-8:00	Asian Cooking Class	(birthdays for 3 members)
February 10	6:00-8:00	Valentines Dinner	(Olive Garden, Prien Lake Rd.)
February 17	6:00-7:30	Dr. William Groves, Testimonial	(tentative)
February 24	6:00-7:30	Teaching	(pizza)

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Invited by the Pastor - 6%

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Please join us on God's Mission in the Dominican Republic.

There will be a meeting on Thursday, February 7th at 5:30 in St. Michael's parish hall for those interested in going on the Dominican Republic mission trip.

TRIP DATE: June 8 - 15 **COST:** \$2,200 includes airfare, lodging, meals, and mission supplies.

Teams will be finishing work on the 2nd floor (electrical, plumbing, and painting) of the San Timoteo Church. Teams stay at the Paul & Luke Morrow Center in Santana, Baní. Meals are prepared and served at the Morrow Center.

Please attend the meeting for additional Information.

Website:
www.dominicandevlopmentgroup.org