



St. Michael's Episcopal Church
Grosse Pointe Woods, MI

Weekly Newsletter
January 7th, 2017



New Year's Blessing

O God of ancient blessing,
your servant Mary pondered in her heart
the treasured words spoken about her Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Bless us, as we gather in his name,
and prepare our hearts to receive his Spirit,
that our tongues may confess him Lord,
every day of this new year,
and for ever and ever. Amen

-Blessings and Prayers for Home and Family

Prayer for Those Who Migrate*

Mary knew the weariness of the journey;
to Bethlehem, to Egypt, back to Nazareth.
She knew the weariness, the fear, the longing for
home, the need to continue moving, moving,
the longing for journey's end,
the longing for at least a semblance of a home.

To Mary we entrust the mothers, the fathers, the
children who today are holy families
migrating in hope, in fear, in longing, for peace, for
some security, for something like a home.
May they find their journey's end as we open
ourselves to their stories,
their need, their spirits;
we ask for mercy for all migrants
and for our communities
who are challenged to welcome them,
to hold up hope for a new beginning.

-Jane Deren, Education for Justice

*January 14 is World Day of Migrants and Refugees



Bishop Wendell Gibbs, Jr. Pastoral Visit
June 24, 2018

Bishop Wendell Gibbs, Jr. will be making his
pastoral visit to St. Michael's on June 24th of this
year. Making pastoral visits to our churches is one
of his chief responsibilities as our bishop. During
his visit he will be able to perform the following
liturgical services in addition to the
Eucharist: Baptism, Confirmation, Reception into
the Episcopal Church, and renewal of Baptismal
Vows.

If you would like to be included in any of the
above additional services (Baptism, Confirmation,
Reception into the Episcopal Church, and renewal
of Baptismal Vows) please talk with The Reverend
Peck as soon as possible. There will be classes for
those who are to be Confirmed or Received into
the Church.

Mark your calendars, as the bishop is eager to
meet with members of the congregation. He
wrote: "My hope is that the visit can be relaxed in
tone but focused in purpose." St. Michael's is
blessed to be hosting the bishop's visit this year.

Welcome to Women's Christmas!

Celebrated on Epiphany (January 6) in Ireland and elsewhere, Women's Christmas offers an opportunity at the end of the holiday season to celebrate with friends and to gather ourselves before diving into the responsibilities of the new year. This day invites us to pause, to rest, to reflect. In this spirit, Jan Richardson creates retreats that you are welcome to FREE download and use, at no cost, either by yourself or with others. Blessings on your Women's Christmas!

Just released!

Women's Christmas Retreat 2018

For more information go to and click the link to download "The Path We Make by Dreaming" as a PDF.

<http://sanctuaryofwomen.com/womenschristmas.html>

Craft Day

Saturday January 13th, 9 am – 1pm

Come and share what you are working on, all crafts are welcome (quilting, crochet, knitting, sewing, etc.) Some people work on charity projects (Prayer Shawls, Octopus' for Premies, quilts, hats, etc.) and others bring their own projects. If you have any questions, contact Barbara Barringer: 586-778-2311

St. Michaels Book Group

Saturday February 3rd 10-11:30 am

The Lounge

Our book for discussion will be Open Heart by Elie Wiesel. Wiesel, a Holocaust survivor, winner of the Nobel Peace Prize, and bestselling author, reflects back on the entirety of his life as he faces emergency heart surgery at the age of 82. This is a "profoundly intimate summing up of a life so far, from one of the most cherished moral voices of our time." Open Heart is available at Barnes and Noble and through Amazon.com. Everyone is welcome at St. Michael's Book Group - Yes, even if you have never attended this or any book group before! Questions: Contact Richard Simonds or Elaine Backhurst

Getaway to the DIA

Thursday February 15th 12- 3:15 pm

Sign up by Jan. 28th in Yeoman Hall for a fieldtrip to see the special exhibit Monet: Framing Art

- 12pm Bus Pickup
- 1pm estimated arrival
- 2:30 Cookie Reception
- 3:15 Departure

If you are not a member, the cost is \$8.00. Please take note that this program does *not* include lunch.

Thrift Shop

The Little Thrift Shop is back to their regular schedule, opening the 4th Sunday of each month.

Message from Stewardship

If you have not received a pledge card, please stop in the office and request one. You can also see or call me and I will make sure you receive one.

Please consider donating money to help defer the costs of our pledging envelopes.

If you have something to contribute to the Weekly Newsletter, please email your info. by *MONDAY* to: stmichaelsgpw@gmail.com

Upcoming Events - Save the Date!

Jan. 8	Coffee Hour
Jan. 9	ECW Board Meeting Only
Jan. 9	Finance Meeting
Jan. 9	Property Meeting
Jan. 10	Prayer Works
Jan. 10	Outreach Meeting
Jan. 11	Coffee talk at Farbella
Jan. 13	Craft Day
Jan. 16	Vestry Meeting
Jan. 17	Prayer Works
Jan. 18	Coffee talk at Farbella
Jan. 22	St. Teresa Guild Meeting
Jan. 23	St. Elizabeth Guild Meeting
Jan. 24	Prayer Works
Jan. 25	Coffee Talk at Farbella
Jan. 28	Annual Meeting
Jan. 31	Prayer Works

Assisting at our Services Interim Rector The Rev. Maryjane Peck

8:00 AM Service code: + is sub

8:00 AM	January 7	January 14	January 21	January 28	February 4
Acolyte	J. Zink	J. Zink	J. Zink	W. Rogers	J. Zink
Altar Guild	E. Backhurst K. McLeod D. Pegg M. Maiuri	E. Backhurst K. McLeod D. Pegg M. Maiuri	E. Backhurst K. McLeod D. Pegg M. Maiuri	E. Backhurst K. McLeod D. Pegg M. Maiuri	E. Backhurst K. McLeod D. Pegg M. Maiuri
LEM	J. Zink	D. Lockhart	L. Schmitt-Matzen	D. Lockhart	J. Zink
Lector	G. Gilezan +C. MacDonald	Dianne Pegg	G. McQueen	Dianne Pegg	G. Gilezan +C. MacDonald
Ushers	D. Schmitt-Matzen L. Schmitt-Matzen	P. Gibson D. Backhurst	W. Rogers A. Grayr	D. Pegg D. Pegg	P. Gibson D. Backhurst
Vestry Rep	L. Schmitt-Matzen		J. Pattee		

10:30 Service code: + is sub

10:30 am	January 7	January 14	January 21	January 28	February 4
Acolytes	T. Pappas	T. Pappas	T. Pappas	T. Pappas	T. Pappas
Altar Guild	J. Graham K. Johnson	L. Wood P. Wood	M. Isenberg G. Davenport	E. Backhurst	J. Graham K. Johnson
LEM	J. Zink D. Lockhart	K. Groschner J. Zink	D. Lockhart M. Miller	C. MacDonald B. Davenport	D. Lockhart J. Zink
Counters	L. S-Matzen M. Krawczek	D. Scrace J. Pattee	K. O'Connor K. Groeschner	G. McQueen D. Lockhart	J. Graham B. Pappas
Greeters	E. Garzel M. Isenberg	B. Sheehy J. Sheehy	D. Zmyslowski K. Zmyslowski	B. Thompson J. Thompson	J. Graham K. Johnson
Lector	J. Zink	E. Garzel	M. Krawczyk	F. Twiddy	K. Groschner
Prayers	M. Krawczyk	L. Gaskin	J. Zink	B. Payton	F. Twiddy
Ushers	P. Dyble C. Skaff J. Saunders N. Saunders	N. Hahn K. Hahn E. Garzel B. Greening	D. Scrace J. Graham P. Groschner K. Johnson G. Peller	D. Zmyslowski S. Graham J. Sheehy B. Sheehy F. Stringer	B. Payton J. Payton J. Zink G. Morketter
Vestry Rep	D. Lockhart	B. Barringer	K. Groschner	D. Scrace	D. Lockhart

Prayer List

Mike Bamford	Deacon John Fitzgerald	Ruth & Beverly Hatcher	Dottie Steiger
Barbara Bangs	Star Gilezan	Jack Huckins	Angelique Stringer
Sterling Berry	Peter Gilezan	Don Kalso	Frederick Stringer
Ed Binder	Jan Graham	Jack Manko	James Sutton
Mary Cohen	Sally Graham	Dianne Pegg	Deacon Jack Trembath
Genny Davenport	Vic Harper	Scott Simon	Bill Veit

*I am the True Vine
Abide in me...
He who abides in me,
and I in him,
brings forth much fruit.
Abide in my Love.
John 15:1-9*



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