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DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST,

It is a little strange to write a newsletter article at the beginning of Holy Week, especially for a newsletter that will be mailed after Easter but before the Bishop’s visit on May 1. It is a time when I have a feeling for what is to come but not the experience itself to reflect on. Luckily, I work with fantastic people who always give me something to think about.

Bob, Gabe and I were talking through the Easter Vigil service this week, putting together the order of service and thinking through how best to include a baptism. We were trying to problem-solve if there is an appropriate time to sprinkle the congregation with water — something we typically do after we renew our baptismal vows. On this occasion, however, we are not using the renewal of vows since we are, in fact, being witnesses to a baptism when we will recite together the baptismal covenant. We concluded that it did not make sense in the context in which we will be celebrating this baptism. Gabe offered the consolation that we would all have the experience of new birth by being witnesses — that our “mirror neurons” would elicit the *feeling* of being baptized.

To begin with, I believe that only Gabe would discuss mirror neurons in a conversation about liturgy; and second, that he is absolutely right. According to The Society for Neuroscience, mirror neurons are a special class of brain cells that fire not only when an individual performs an action, but also when the individual observes someone else make the same movement. In fact, many have come to believe that by our mirror neurons, we understand others not by thinking but by feeling. Mirror neurons appear to let us simulate not just other people’s actions but also the emotions behind those actions. Through our mirror neurons, we are able to experience the meaning of something we witness immediately and effortlessly.

This has provided me with a new way of understanding what we feel as witnesses to significant moments in each others’ lives. As we experience Holy Week, as we celebrate a baptism at our Easter Vigil, as we proclaim Alleluia, as we host our Bishop and welcome new people into the Episcopal Church, we have a wonderful opportunity to be witnesses – not witnesses who simply stand by and watch, but witnesses who allow their mirror neurons to do what they do and enable us to empathize with others.

Faithfully,

The Reverend Christopher Craun, Rector

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YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR...

- + healing for Sheri O'Brien, Gloria Fitzpatrick, Juned McCauley, and Declan Wolf, grandson of Anne North and Kevin Murphy
- + the repose of the soul of **Wayne Halling**, husband of **Jane Halling**
- + the repose of the soul of **Ed Hawley**, brother of **Anna Hawley**
- + **Haelynn Barron**, baptized at the Great Vigil of Easter; and **Brynn Walter** and **Benjamin Johnson**, baptized on Easter Day
- + all those who will be reaffirmed, received or confirmed on May 1: **Gillian Butler**, **Chandler Godin**, **Adrienne Godshalx**, **Nancy Hunt**, **Kelly Kieft**, **Craig Kolins**, **Katie Martel**, **Rich Oberdorfer**, **Charlene Sabin**, **Amy Swartz**, **Christopher Twombly**, **Sundance Wilson-Henry**, **Kelly Zander**, **Efraín Solís**, **Eugenia Cortés**, **Antonio Rojas**, and **Anabertha Martinez** and for their sponsors; and for the sponsors who will themselves be reaffirmed: **Sue Harper**, **Jane Larson**, **Margaret Thiele**, and **Arlene Ullman**
- + the youth of St. Michael's who go before the bishop on May 1 to be confirmed: **Drew Burns**, **Benjamin Johnson**, **Shelby Johnson**, and **August Lindgren-Ruby**; and **Peter Cowal** and **Nate Johnson**, who completed the Confirm not Conform program, and their sponsors.



APRIL HOLY WOMEN, HOLY MEN: THURGOOD MARSHALL

On May 17, we are asked to remember Thurgood Marshall, Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court from 1967 to 1991. As a young man, Marshall was denied admission to the University of Maryland Law School because he was black. Undeterred, he enrolled at Howard University Law School and graduated magna cum laude. His illustrious legal career included arguing for the plaintiffs in many landmark desegregation cases including *Murray v. Pearson*, which required the University of Maryland to admit black students, and *Brown v. Board of Education*, ordering the desegregation of public schools. He was appointed to the highest court in the land by President Johnson and served as a distinguished jurist and advocate for human rights. While in Washington, Justice Marshall was a faithful member of St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, where he was known affectionately as "The Judge." He died of congestive heart failure in 1993. May he rest in peace and rise in glory. (Adapted from Holy Women, Holy Men)

ASSISTANT RECTOR'S CORNER

"Pack nothing. Bring only your determination to serve and your willingness to be free."

As I write during Holy Week, I find that I have been spending time searching for *haggadahs*, the booklets Jews use to lead the celebration of Passover. It turns out there are dozens, even hundreds, of editions — variations on a theme. The *haggadah* has been adapted for children, for vegetarians, for feminists, for gay men and lesbians, for humanists, even for Christians! Though they differ in some of their particulars, their central purpose is the same: to enable the celebration of a festive meal in which we tell the story of God's delivery of the people of Israel from slavery in Egypt; and, in the telling, acknowledge what bondage still afflicts this crooked world today and what freedom flourishes against all odds. Our Easter Vigil draws deeply from our conviction that the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus represents the definitive revelation of God's indomitable will to save, to bring all of us from our slavery and narrow places, through our wildernesses, to new life. Christ is our Passover.

To begin this reflection, I quoted a line from a magnificent poem called *Passover Remembered: A Mandate for Ministry* by Alla René Bozarth. Bozarth was one of the Philadelphia Eleven, the first eleven women ordained to the priesthood in the Episcopal Church in 1974. Though their ordination was irregular because women were not ordained to the priesthood in our church at the time, the 1976 General Convention approved the ordination of women to the priesthood and the episcopate and regularized their orders. Bozarth, her companions, and the bishops who broke ranks and risked censure to ordain them were pioneers who heard a call to go out into uncharted territory at great risk in order to testify to what God was doing in our midst. When our eyes are opened, we see the deep truth of Passover, of the Easter Vigil, played out over and over again. Our faith is in the unshakable trustworthiness of that truth. Our hope is in the courage to live that truth. Our love is what we uncover when we believe and act on that truth.

As you look at your own life, your own family, and the world around you, where do you see bondage and freedom, death and new life?

— The Rev. Gabriel Lamazares

MESSENGER DEADLINE

Messenger articles are due by May 16 for the issue that will be mailed on May 26. Please send them to me at gloria@stmaa.org as an attachment or in the body of the email. If you don't have access to email, you may drop them by the office or mail them.

— Gloria Orellana

2011 VESTRY RETREAT REPORT

Following an evening with a casual dinner and a spirited game of Pictionary (guys vs. gals, the fellas won), the Vestry gathered at the Bishop's Close for an all-day work session. The morning was spent exploring our passions and skills and how we can bring these gifts to leadership roles at St. Michael's. Chris+ shared three projects in which she would like Vestry members to take the leadership this year: the building project; reviewing and reimagining our newcomer process and activities; and the *Adopt-a-Homeless-Family* challenge modeled after the *Imagine LA* project.

Vestry members then matched their passions and gifts to the different projects. The final phase of the retreat was spent in small groups that focused on each of the three projects, with each group identifying specific goals and a timeline for accomplishing the goals. Stay tuned to future Messengers for more communication and information on each of the projects as the different work groups move forward.

— Susie Silva-Strommer, Senior Warden

VESTRY NEWCOMER TASK GROUP

The Vestry Newcomer Task Group, in combination with the St. Michael's Newcomer Committee, invites interested parties to attend a meeting for the purpose of imagining creative ideas for enhancing our newcomer process and activities. We hope to generate new ideas and retool our process so that St. Michael's will remain a vibrant, attractive parish to newcomers. If you have ideas or special talents (e.g., graphic arts, photography, etc.), please join us for a Task Force meeting on May 9 at 6:00 pm at St. Michael's. We look forward to a lively discussion. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Vestry member Orin Bolstad at 503/775-2621 or oncbolstad@comcast.net.

SUNDAY LUNCH SCHEDULE

There are so many special events in the next few weeks that Sunday Lunch is taking a break in favor of the Reception Brigade.

There will be NO Sunday Lunch on April 24, Easter Day; May 1, the Bishop's Visit; or May 8, Mother's Day. To put a more positive spin on it, there WILL be Sunday Lunch on May 15, 22, and 29; and on June 5. After that, we'll be off for the summer and return in September.

— Lucretia Gardner and Terrie Ingram, Sunday Lunch Coordinators

RECENT TRENDS IN END-OF-LIFE CARE: A FORUM AND DISCUSSION

Join us on May 14, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm, for the upcoming Annual Meeting of the Oregon Memorial Society (aka Funeral Consumers Alliance) and hear about recent trends in end-of-life care. We will hold a brief business meeting at the beginning of the meeting to elect new board members and then hear about some alternatives to traditional funerals.

Presenters include Jason Renaud of Compassion & Choices speaking on *Oregon's Death with Dignity Law and our End-of-Life Consultation Program*; Nancy Ward of Sacred Endings speaking on *The Death-Midwife and Family-Conducted Funerals*; and brief illustrated presentations on green and natural burial, showing settings from urban to wilderness.

— Alan McPherron

CHECK OUT THE ST. MICHAEL'S WEBSITE PHOTO GALLERY



Members of St. Michael's at the April Women's Retreat

See www.stmaa.org for lots of recently added photographs. You can access the Photo Gallery from the Site Links at the bottom of the Welcome page. They're in approximately chronological order, from most to least recent, so some of the newly added ones might be a couple of pages back. Included in this latest batch are photos of the Women's Retreat, the Youth Mission Trip, Gabe's ordination, the Sauvie Island bike ride last May, and more photos of the Centennial Gala Dinner. Holy Week and Easter photos will be added soon. To see a photo in a larger format, just double-click on the image.

Thank you to all of our contributing photographers, including Chris Craun, Ann Hargraves, Leslie Kowash, Susan Long, Meg Ruby, Brooks Schaener, Jonathan Schell, and Day Tooley. Also, thank you to J Quanbeck, who adjusts photographs to print correctly in the Messenger.

— Gloria Orellana

WEDNESDAY BROWN-BAG BIBLE STUDY: GREAT FIGURES OF THE NEW TESTAMENT, OR SHE'S BAAACK!

The next six-week session of the noontime Bible Study begins on April 27 and once again features Amy-Jill Levine, Ph.D., this time discussing *Great Figures of the New Testament*. Dr. Levine is a professor of New Testament Studies at Vanderbilt University Divinity School. As a graduate student, she was once prevented from teaching New Testament studies by an administrator who thought it an inappropriate placement for a Jew; he is now gone, but she teaches on! Bible Study participants thoroughly enjoyed her discussions of the Old Testament in previous sessions. This Teaching Company film series looks at specific characters: “who they are, what they do, and how they have been assessed across the centuries by historians and artists, theologians at their desks, and worshipers in the pew.” Each session will include a 30-minute film clip followed by a 30 minutes of discussion. All are welcome to join us from 12:00 to 1:00 pm each Wednesday.

Following are the topics for viewing and discussion:

- May 4 The New Testament
- May 11 John the Baptist
- May 18 The Virgin Mary
- May 25 Joseph, Magi & Shepherds
- June 1 Peter
- June 8 John & James, the Sons of Zebedee

— Anna Zeigler

SHARE YOUR CREATIVE SPIRIT

Ever wanted to write a book? See yourself in print? Put forth tangible evidence of your creative spirit for others to enjoy? Leave a legacy?

Join me in signing up for the Sketchbook Project, a traveling exhibition of sketchbooks. Anyone from anywhere in the world can be part of the Project. Each participant receives a blank sketchbook that will be exhibited on the 2012 tour and cataloged permanently in the Brooklyn Art Library. Pick a theme like *I remember you...In fifty years...Hope... Weather...* and you're on your way.

After last year's success, the 2012 project is kicking off soon. I had a great time creating my 2011 sketchbook *Capture the Flag*. I can't wait to visit Seattle in June to see it in a museum. Next year the tour will come to Portland. If you sign up on the list in the Gallery, we could meet for ideas, encouragement, and laughter. Here's the link to get started: <http://www.arthousecoop.com/projects/sketchbookproject> What are you waiting for?

For more information, contact Susan Long at 503/313-8493 or sketchingthespirit@gmail.com.

THE HOPE GROUP

The inaugural meeting of the Hope Group, a parish support group for those living with chronic illness, will be held on Thursday, May 19, at 7:00 pm in St. Michael's House. In addition to whatever physical challenges it brings, chronic illness is often isolating and lonely. We want to create a space for fellowship, shared information, humor, and a safe place to be honest about our struggles. The exact structure of the group will evolve organically as we meet and find out how we can best support each other. Please just bring yourself, and we will find ways to heal together.

For more information, please contact Phillip Blomberg at psblomberg@hotmail.com or Cathy Searls at searls@comcast.net.

SECOND HALF OF LIFE DISCUSSION GROUP CONTINUES

This gathering is open to both women and men. We offer the opportunity to discuss some of the questions about life as an older adult for which you may not have another forum. The group is respectful and our conversation confidential. We have discussed every thing from bucket lists to what is the best cream for skin that has changed. All topics are safe for discussion, and we welcome friends from inside or outside the parish to join us.

Please join us on the first Saturday of each month (except May 1) in St. Michael's House from 10:00 to 11:30 am.

— Thea Sanchez

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

Once a month, a small group of St. Michael & All Angels parishioners sit in a circle and talk about the caregiving issues in their lives. One has responsibility for an elderly parent, another's spouse has health issues, and yet another must offer care for a friend. They meet to support and encourage one another. This is an opportunity to express the concerns of your heart in a safe and confidential environment with people who are experiencing similar pressures.

The Caregivers Support Group meets the first Sunday of each month. Members of our parish gather at 10:10 am, between the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 am services downstairs in Classroom F. Everyone is welcome. There are no age, gender or marital-status requirements.

Please contact Laurel Hart at 503/313-7729 if you have an interest or would like to ask questions about this gathering. If you would like to be added to the email list for monthly meeting reminders, contact Laurel at redhart@comcast.net.

OUTREACH & JUSTICE MINISTRIES COUNCIL

FORUMS

Two FORUMS in April dealt with Outreach & Justice issues. On April 3, our guests were Andy McQuery of Integrity and the Rev. Tara Wilkins of Welcoming Congregations, talking with us about their organizations. We are already an open and affirming congregation; our inclusion in these organizations would make it easier for those seeking such a parish to join us and would affirm our Christian values of love for everyone.

On April 10, we were joined by Dr. Andrew Seaman, a second-year resident at Providence Portland Medical Center and a member of *Physicians for a National Health Program*. On a daily basis, he sees the damage deferred care creates and considers health care for all a moral issue. His research shows that a single-payer health system that covers everyone would make trips to the emergency room by the uninsured unnecessary, result in better health outcomes, and in the long run be cheaper than our present system. A link to his information is on the St. Michael's website.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Meals on Wheels Hollywood is short two or three drivers every day. There is a need for substitute drivers, those people who could occasionally drive a route on short notice. The delivery hours are from 10:00 am to noon.

Loaves and Fishes Hollywood could also use some help. They would like to see volunteers from more faith communities and could use a liaison who would be willing to visit other churches and seek their involvement. That person could also be a liaison between the center and the churches to facilitate communication and problem-solving.



Ed Rowe and friend at the Hollywood Loaves and Fishes.

There are two big fundraising events for Loaves and Fishes. One is on Valentine's Day, and drivers are needed to drive a Valentine-A-Gram route. The other is near Thanksgiving, and people are needed to ask customers at selected stores to "Donate Dinner" to a senior. If you can help with either of these programs, please contact Amy at amydvalentine@comcast.net.

We had a wonderful guest at our last Outreach and Justice Ministries Council meeting. Esther Harris of **White Shield**

Homes came to us with a request. White Shield Center is a residential treatment facility located in northwest Portland. Girls between the ages of 12 and 18 are placed at White Shield because of family issues, drug and alcohol addiction, abuse, and other problems. While at White Shield, the girls thrive in the safe and structured environment, but they tend to slip through the cracks when they leave and re-enter the environments that brought them to White Shield in the first place

In order to continue to support these young women, White Shield has established a new mentor program to help bridge the gaps for their continued success. LIFT (Life-skills Interventions for Teens) is a program that matches the teens with women in the community who can model healthy relationships and help motivate them to reach goals they have set for themselves. It is a serious and long-term commitment, since part of the process is rebuilding trust in adults lost long ago. There is training and a fairly rigid outline of activities, requiring no money but only your presence and concern for the girls. If this sounds like something you would enjoy, contact Thea Sanchez at rudyhome1@aol.com.

UPCOMING

On May 15, we will be writing letters to Congress on behalf of **Bread for the World's** campaign to direct more of our U.S. foreign aid to feed starving people. The Millennium Development Goals of 2000 are aimed at the elimination of extreme poverty by 2015, yet 16% of the world's people are regularly hungry. Please see the article on page 6 for more information about Bread for the World Sunday.

Pride Northwest will hold its annual **Gay Pride Parade** on Sunday, June 19. This year, St. Michael's will be marching with all other Episcopal churches in the Portland area. At our head will be our bishop, The Rt. Rev. Michael Hanley, who has agreed to march with us. Start dusting off your St. Michael's t-shirts!

— Lynn Baker and Susan Barnett, Co-chairs, Outreach & Justice Ministries

EL PORVENIR WORK DELEGATIONS: AN UPDATE

The work delegation going to Nicaragua this summer is full! Fourteen members of St. Michael's – youth and parents from six of our families – leave on July 9 for 10 days in the Camoapa area of Boaca, a lovely mountainous region east of Managua.

If you missed out on this opportunity, you can still join the January 2012 work delegation. Look for the sign-up sheet in the Gallery or contact Bev Hoeffler at hoefferb@msn.com or 503/238-0534.

BREAD FOR THE WORLD SUNDAY

Sunday, May 15, will be Bread for the World Sunday at St. Michael's. Last spring, you wrote more than 150 letters to members of Congress urging an increase in funding for the earned-income tax credit and the *SNAP* program. This offering of letters helped persuade Congress to vote last December to fund these programs. With 30-40 minutes during coffee hour, you helped make a significant difference in the lives of many poor and working-class families in America.

In this year of contentious debate over our federal budget, Bread for the World is focusing on foreign aid and asking us to urge Congress to increase foreign assistance funding for the world's poor. We are also asking Congress to adopt measures to make that funding more effective in helping break the cycle of poverty, including strengthening agriculture in developing countries and coordinating aid so that its effectiveness is increased.

You may be thinking that this is the wrong year to ask Congress to increase funding for anything, especially foreign assistance. While the chances for success may indeed be slimmer this year, I encourage you to think of it as a timely opportunity to affirm our baptismal concern for the dignity of every human being. Caring for the hungry is still what our broken world most needs at this critical time.

You can find out more at www.bread.org. In the meantime, mark your calendars for Bread for the World Sunday.

— Jim Anderson

RECOVERY MINISTRY: CIRCLE OF FAITH EVENING PRAYER SERVICE ENDS

The evening prayer service held every Monday at 6:00 p.m. has come to a conclusion. Thank you to all who participated and contributed to a remarkable and rewarding experience. What was originally planned for the summer months of 2010 continued for almost a year. The Recovery Ministry would like to recognize the important contributions of The Reverend Chris Craun, The Reverend Caroline Litzenberger, Bob Spiers, Gloria Orellana, Jonna Alexander and Phillip Blomberg. Thank you so very much.

St. Michael & All Angels Recovery Ministry exists to support those who desire a renewal of faith and life through recovery and understanding of drug, alcohol, and other addictions. Through education and trust-building, we work to develop an environment where support, hope, and understanding are available to all.

— Kevin Warren, St. Michael's Recovery Ministry

THANK YOU FOR THE GIFTS FOR EASTER FLOWERS AND BRASS MUSICIANS GIVEN...

In memory of Jane Windish, by Molly and Jeff Albright

In memory of Connor Ausland, by his aunt Joanne Austin

By Felix Bautista

In thanksgiving for my godparents Chuck and Lynn Mason, by Drew Burns

In memory of Ken and Rusty Butler, by Gillian Butler

By Daryl and Kevin Cole

In memory of John and Adele Cole, by Kevin Cole

In memory of Ethel and Walter Mallett, and Hazel and Tom Ingels, by Arlys Fischer

By Migdalia Gonzales

In memory of George Gulick, by Peggy Gulick

By Alice Hardesty

In memory of Ann and Bob Hastedt, by their daughter Priscilla Hastedt

In memory of Cindy Pitman, by Beverly Hoeffler and Carol Beeston

In thanksgiving for Lee and Pat Jenkins,
and in memory of Gordon and Beverley Poirier, by Jim and Valerie Jenkins

In thanksgiving for our grandchildren Sam, Annie, Josephine, Jason, Timmy and Julie, by Penny and Bob Kreinberg

In memory of Roberta D. LaCroix, Nancy Bevins, and Laurrie Bevins, by Paul LaCroix

By Hjalmer Lofstrom

In thanksgiving for my family, by Susan Long

Recordatorio de Ma. De Jesus De Lara R, de Rosa Luevano De Lara

In memory of Billie Crooks, Vi Meyer, and Reta Maddocks, by Christie Maddocks

In thanksgiving for Emily, Mary and Thomas, by Susan and Tom Morris

By Stuart and Gayle Morris

In loving memory of all the saints who made St. Michael's what it is, by Sheri and O'B O'Brien

In thanksgiving for our wonderful family and friends, by Rick and Nancy Parker

In memory of Margaret and Robert Printzenhoff, by Linda Printzenhoff

In thanksgiving for our families, by Sue and J Quanbeck

In thanksgiving for family, by Marion and Jim Robbins

In thanksgiving for the safe return of Nick and Kendra, by Edward Rowe

In memory of my birthmother Helen Suchocki, by Michael Sagun

By Brooks and Wendi Schaener

By Audrey Scroggins

In memory of Caroline Iverson, Frances Searls, and Sam Searls, by Cathy Searls

In memory of John, by Katherine Skelton

In memory of Dan, Mary, and Becky, by Jennie Street

In thanksgiving for the birth of Lily Mei-Ann Symonds and for her big brother, by Mark Symonds and Margaret Wu

In thanksgiving for the catechumenate process, by Margaret Thiele

In thanksgiving for my loving family, by Diane Walker

In memory of Gen Walnum, Carol Weigler and Laura-Jo Holt, by Carol Walnum.

By Gerry and Pat Wilson

A TEAM EFFORT

WOW! Wasn't that just the best?! Everyone had a wonderful time at the Easter Vigil fiesta. Thank you so much for the time and effort you put into making it such a great party! Here are some of my heart thoughts.

We had a great time putting our heads together to innovate, create, play, calculate and produce a festive decor. All the pinning, fluffing, twisting and trips up and down the ladder paid off! Thanks to Lynn Baker, Maxwell Baker-Freid, Maddy Baker-Freid, Sue Harper, Craig Kolins, Penny and Bob Kreinberg, Caroline Litzenberger, Sue Quanbeck, Cathy Searls, and Susie Silva-Strommer and Kristina Strommer.

My tastebuds are still remembering the stupendous meal, masterminded and directed by Armando Cruz and Gary Lawrence with the able assistance of Hjalmer Lofstrom and Kelly Zander. Aiming to please, did you notice there was one authentic *pico de gallo* and (with a nod toward Hjalmer) a much milder Scandinavian version? Where could we have ever found more attentive chefs?!

A gap in my planning was recognizing the effort it takes to get the food from the kitchen onto the table. Thankfully, Kelly stayed through the afternoon to engineer that series of tasks. David Lentz and Ann Hargraves took charge of the beverage table. Servers Lynn Montgomery, Gloria Orellana, and Barb Miller pitched in for the final preparations so the buffet table was beautifully in order when the Vigil was over and guests arrived...phew!

It warmed my heart to see everyone enjoying themselves and each other! In all the scurrying around, I hope you each took a moment or two to notice the fruits of our labor in all the happy, animated faces.

Then the clean-up crew extraordinaire! Thanks to all you "night owls" who stepped up to make those closing moments lighter — both in the amount of work that was divided among several hands and the goofiness that kept things from getting tiresome. There was definitely some hip-swinging at the kitchen sink, even as pots were being scrubbed. I won't catch every name, but I know Juana Andrade, Kevin and Daryl Cole, Joe de Luna and Rosa Luevano, Olegario Cortés and Socorro Rivera, Chris Craun, Lynda Garner, Mary Lou Hennrich, Bev Hoeffler, Gabe Lamazares, Lorenzo Luna and Dora Montes, Jennifer McBratney, Rosemary McGrath, Lynn Montgomery, Martha Perez, and Charlene Sabin were a part of that stalwart bunch. All in all, it was a blast, a fitting way to continue the celebratory service on the holiest of nights.

I appreciate each and every one of you, much more than I can express in this article!

— Kathleen Rose, Receptions Coordinator



FESTIVE RECEPTIONS FOR BISHOP HANLEY'S VISIT

SUNDAY, MAY 1

COFFEE HOUR AFTER THE 9:00 SERVICE

AND SALAD BUFFET AFTER THE 11:00 SERVICE

Can you bring something from your kitchen to share? We need sweet treats for the Coffee Hour and fruit or vegetable salads, desserts or breads for the Salad Buffet.

Contact Kathleen Rose at 503/477-6426 if you need more information.

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME...

Our intrepid softball players begin their spring season this Sunday, May 1. Commish Andy Phelps formed two teams, the Dragonslayers and the Matadores de Dragones. Fans, come out and support your St. Michael's teams! All of the games for the first half of the schedule will be held on Sunday afternoons and evenings at the Delta Park softball complex. Here's the schedule — see you at the field!

May 1 Matadores 4:10 pm; Dragonslayers 8:30 pm

May 8 Matadores v. Dragonslayers 4:10 pm

May 15 Matadores 2:00 pm; Dragonslayers 8:30 pm

May 22 Dragonslayers 3:00 pm; Matadores 8:30 pm

June 5 Matadores 2:00 pm; Dragonslayers 4:10 pm

PORTLAND CHAMBER MUSIC

Many people missed a fascinating gig when the Portland Chamber Music players shook the roof at St. Michael's on March 5. One of the players (a piccolo, perhaps?) couldn't make it, so his/her place was filled by an enormous collection of percussion instruments — drums, of course, but also marimba, xylophone, gong, tinkly things, and loud noisemakers in addition to a piano and clarinet. The music was a mix of jazz, Beatles, Guns 'n Roses, and three pieces by "high art" composers, including Beethoven. It was pretty wild.

Portland Chamber Music returns on May 14 at 7:00 pm. They'll be playing pieces by Brahms and Messiaen and a trio by the late Romantic composer Zemlinsky, as well as arrangements of tunes by Eric Clapton and Boston. This concert will be especially family-friendly. All PCM concerts are free to attend, though they will ask for donations. Don't miss it!

If you are looking for other concert dates, you can find them at www.PortlandChamberMusic.org/calendar.

— Alan McPherron, appreciative audience member

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- MAY 1** **9:00 & 11:00 am & 1:00 pm**
Bishop Hanley here for baptisms,
confirmations, receptions and
reaffirmations
- 10:10 am** **Cake Auction, Nativity**
Hall
- MAY 7** **6:00 pm** **Youth Variety Show &**
Dinner, Parish and Nativity Halls
- MAY 8** **10:10 am** **FORUM: Circle of Trust**
- MAY 14** **2:00 pm** **Funeral Consumers**
Alliance of Oregon, Nativity Hall
- MAY 14** **7:00 pm** **Portland Chamber**
Music concert, Nave
- MAY 15** **10:10 am** **FORUM: Bread for the**
World Sunday - Offering of Letters
- 12:10 pm** **Sunday Lunch returns**

- MAY 21** **5:00 pm** **Family Eucharist and**
potluck, St. Michael's House
- 6:00 pm** **El Porvenir Dinner and**
Auction, Nativity and Parish Halls

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In this time post-Easter and the bishop's visit and pre-Pentecost, please check our lost-and-found areas and collect any items you may have left at St. Michael's. We have lots of nice pots and pans, trays, bowls, etc., in the kitchen and on the lost-and-found shelf in the Gallery. Jackets and coats are hanging in the Nativity Hall.

There are also the usual umbrellas, kids' books, and reading glasses as well as a couple of oddball items, including a cane and a tent! Please take your belongings home before they end up at the local thrift store.