

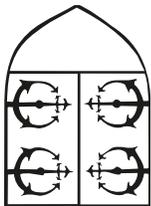
# SAINT MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## THE MESSENGER

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### DEAR FAITHFUL PARISHIONERS,

*Accompany us then on this vigil  
And you will know what it is to dream!  
You will then know how marvelous it is to live  
Threatened with Resurrection!  
To dream awake  
To keep watch asleep,  
To live while dying  
And to already know oneself resurrected.*



— Julia Esquivel

Happy Easter Season! I would like to take this opportunity to thank the entire St. Michael's community for making our Holy Week and Easter celebrations so rich by your presence, by your hospitality, by your prayerfulness, and by your intentional witness. I was truly awed by the experience.

The celebrations continue, first with our World-Famous Cake Auction, followed by the Fifth Annual Youth Variety Night, followed by Bishop Hanley's April 29 visit with us. Throw in a Broadway Night extravaganza and a little Pentecost, and we have a typical month the St. Michael's way! Throughout these celebrations, I will be inviting you to participate in small-group gatherings with me and members of our Vestry. These gatherings will provide opportunities to talk about the diversity of gifts in our community and reflect on how marvelous it is to 'live threatened with Resurrection.'

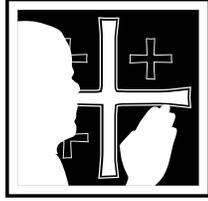
Faithfully,

The Rev. Christopher Craun

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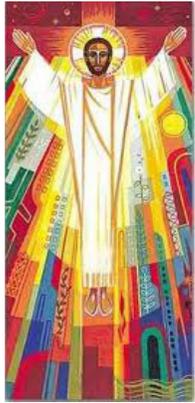
## YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR . . .

- + healing for June Gravengaard, Gloria Fitzpatrick, Michelle Irons, Tilly Little, and Brian Tierney
- + in thanksgiving for Hans Carter, Kyle Pelletier, and Johnathan Rogers, who were baptized at the Easter Vigil
- + our candidates, who are preparing for confirmation, reception or reaffirmation before Bishop Hanley on April 29
- + all those who continue to struggle with unemployment or underemployment



## JESUS IS RISEN! THE LORD IS RISEN INDEED!

What does living into the Resurrection look like? The Circle of Trust group invites you to a four-week gathering entitled *Bread for the Post-Easter Journey*. Over bread, cheese, and



fruit, we will read and reflect on select writings by John Kater (*Jesus My Mentor*), Mary Oliver, Wendell Berry, and Parker J. Palmer. We will meet in St. Michael's House from 7:00-8:30 pm on four Thursdays: April 26, and May 3, 10, and 17. A signup sheet will be available in the Gallery. For more information, contact Dan Bagwell at 503/278-1549 or danbag@msn.com.

— Meg Ruby for the Circle of Trust

## THE COLUMBARIUM

Newer members of our parish may not be aware of our Columbarium. It is a ministry of the parish to parishioners and members of their families. Its purpose is to provide a resting spot for the ashes of persons whose remains have been cremated. It is located in the vestibule between the Nave and the parish building on the north wall. If you would like additional information, a brochure with details is available on the information table in the Gallery, and/or you may contact me at [gerryandmargaret@q.com](mailto:gerryandmargaret@q.com).



— Gerry Wilson

## MESSENGER DEADLINE

The next Messenger will be mailed on May 17, and the deadline for articles is May 7. Please send materials to [glorio@stmaa.org](mailto:glorio@stmaa.org).

## ASSISTANT RECTOR'S CORNER

As part of our work exploring what it might mean to welcome immigrants as an integral part of our mission as a congregation, it's interesting and edifying to research the arrival of our own families to the United States. Only those of Native American ancestry can claim not to have immigrated from somewhere else (and genetic anthropologists tell us even Native Americans came across the Bering Land Bridge during the last Ice Age!). So what's your family's immigration story?

My grandparents (save one who was one generation removed from this pattern)

came from villages in rural Northwestern Spain, in the region of Galicia. In these communities, farming and animal husbandry were the norm. One of my grandfathers was also



an artisan—a shoemaker—in addition to his work as a farmer. Beginning in the mid-nineteenth century, workers from poor areas of Spain began to board ships to work as temporary migrant labor in the New World—in Cuba and Argentina, primarily. They worked as domestic workers and unskilled laborers. My grandparents and great-grandparents, both men and women, were part of this migrant labor pool. They would go for a few years, save their wages, and return to Spain to invest in keeping land and family. Eventually, some of them stayed in their new countries. My father's parents stayed in Cuba where he was born. My mother was born during one of her parents' stays in Cuba before returning to Spain.

Meanwhile, the wide world turned. They did their best to stay out of the way of two World Wars and the Spanish Civil War. When American soldiers came back from the Korean War, Puerto Rican veterans on the G.I. Bill were sent to Spanish medical faculties to be trained as doctors. My aunt met one of them, married him, moved to Puerto Rico, and became a U.S. citizen. She sponsored my mother for residency, and together they sponsored their parents. My mother became a citizen in 1967. I was born in San Juan, Puerto Rico, the first member of my family who could claim American citizenship by place of birth rather than naturalization.

Learning about our own immigration stories is a rich source of knowledge about history, economics, family dynamics, and, yes, faith. From the emergence of human beings from Africa two million years ago to Abraham's long journeys to the exodus of the people of Israel from slavery into freedom to the Oregon Trail and Ellis Island, migration is part of the human story—and God is most certainly present on the way. What's your story of migration, and how does it reflect the hopes and fears of your ancestors? How did they experience God's presence in their journeys and as strangers in a new place?

## OUTREACH & JUSTICE MINISTRIES

If you are wondering about the future of Occupy Portland in our city, come to the Forum on May 6. We are hosting a group from Occupy Portland, who will speak to us about what they do and why they do it. It should be a lively and informative discussion about how some Portlanders confront what they see as injustice.

### BREAD FOR THE WORLD

On Sunday, May 20, you can make your voice heard about our country's priorities. You will be invited to write letters to your senators and representatives urging them to support programs that provide food and other basic needs to poor people in the U.S. and around the world. These programs are again being threatened by budget-cutting efforts in Washington. Bread for the World will guide our efforts to create a *Circle of Protection* around these essential programs, and you can have an effective role simply by writing a letter or sending an email. After the 9:00 and 11:00 am and 1:00 pm services, you'll receive all the guidance and materials you need to make that happen. What a privilege it is to be working from a position of plenty for those who have so little.

— Jim Anderson

### PORCHLIGHT/STREETLIGHT MINISTRY WELCOME ABOARD!

We would like to offer a big welcome and thank-you to Meg Ruby and August Lindgren-Ruby for agreeing to coordinate the Porchlight/Streetlight Ministry at St. Michael's and enabling us to continue to bring meals to the street youth who go there for food and assistance. And a very big thanks as well to Joy Young, who led this ministry for many years.

On the third Sunday of each month, St. Michael's volunteers gather nutritious meals to be delivered to homeless youth staying in shelters run by Janus Youth Services—the Porchlight and Streetlight Shelters. The Streetlight Shelter provides short-term housing for 30 homeless youth, ages 13 to 20, who work with a case manager to exit street life. The Porchlight Shelter provides emergency housing for youth who are new to the streets or in immediate need of shelter and aid. This shelter serves over 500 youth every year by providing a safe place to sleep, nourishing meals, and hygiene facilities. How can you help? It's as easy as 1-2-3.

- 1) Sign up for the Porchlight Meal Ministry. You will receive a gentle e-reminder or call from Meg Ruby or August Lindgren-Ruby five days before the meals are gathered. This will happen at 11:00 am on the third Sunday of each month. Contribute when you can, and together we can make a big difference.
- 2) Make or buy healthful meals such as lasagna, ravioli or spaghetti, fried or baked chicken (18 pieces), meatloaf, sloppy joes, nachos or tacos, hearty soups, casseroles, fresh or ready-to-serve vegetables. Note: 11 x 13

recyclable or disposable trays/containers work best.  
3) Place your 'Porchlight'-labeled donation on the kitchen counter or in the fridge at St. Michael's.

The food we donate is not usually consumed immediately but is stored in the Porchlight pantry and freezer. Porchlight does not have any funding for food and relies solely on generous donations such as ours. Their larder is not extensive. Visit the Janus Youth Programs at [www.janusyouth.org](http://www.janusyouth.org), or contact Meg or August at [linruby@teleport.com](mailto:linruby@teleport.com).

— Lynn Baker, Co-coordinator of O&J Ministries

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## FORUM FOLLOW-UP

We want to thank you so much for inviting us to share about our *Feed Congo Kids* program at the Forum on March 18. Your support will go toward purchasing equipment and providing training so the local hospital staff in Kapanga can make their own fortified peanut-based supplement and successfully administer this program themselves to malnourished children. You can learn more about this from Rody's website: [www.rodyrowe.com](http://www.rodyrowe.com). Click on "new Congo blog" to read current entries. Your tax-deductible donations can be made payable to *Our Family in Africa*; please write "Feed Congo Kids" on the memo line. We leave mid-May and look forward to a possible invitation for a return visit to tell you about our trip!

— Rody and Alice Rowe and Christine Lentz

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## IWC? ASK US!

Members of St. Michael's have been continuing the journey towards becoming an Immigrant Welcoming Congregation (IWC) through the Oregon New Sanctuary Movement (ONSM). As part of the Lenten offerings, we met four Sunday evenings in March with Gabe Lamazares to explore the experience and politics of immigration through film. Our next steps involve broadening the conversation to include parishioners who have expressed interest in immigration issues.



We see ourselves on a road from mercy towards justice, working to create relationships of solidarity and mutuality with immigrants and their families in our community. Consistent with this goal, we would like to invite everyone who is interested to join us and members of other faith communities for the ONSM-sponsored Mother's Day vigil in Tacoma on Saturday, May 12. We will leave at 9:00 am and return by 5:00 pm. If you are interested in learning more about the vigil or about becoming an Immigrant Welcoming Congregation, please talk with the folks at St. Michael's who are wearing an "IWC. Ask me!" button or email Bev Hoeffler at [hoeffler@msn.com](mailto:hoeffler@msn.com).

— Gillian Butler





## 2012 CAKE AUCTION

The 2012 Annual Cake Auction, held on Sunday, April 15, was a big success again this year. The focus for the proceeds from this year's Cake Auction is two-fold. Facilities improvement and beautification are part of our charter, so we'll be



upgrading the east garden area (observable from the Parish Hall windows.) We'll do landscaping, planting with native species, and adding a gravel path and drip irrigation.

In addition, the leaded windows in the doors between the Narthex and the Nave need

repair and restoration. Protection from future damage will be accomplished by installing full-coverage, clear Lexan panels.

—Mitch Oglesby, Co-coordinator, Men on Wednesday

P.S. And, during the Cake Auction, Rector Chris Craun and Carrie Struss announced their engagement! The wedding date is set for September 28, 2012.



## EL PORVENIR POTLUCK

St. Michael & All Angels and Fremont United Methodist Church will hold a joint El Porvenir potluck dinner at 6:00 pm on May 8 in the Parish Hall. EP has coordinated sustain-



able development projects in Nicaragua with St. Michael's for many years.

Fremont Methodist sent its

first brigade this spring. Jo Buescher, EP's Delegations Coordinator, will be joining us as a special guest. EP has reserved July 2013 and January 2014 as potential brigade dates for us. We will share joys and accomplishments and look for areas of cooperation going forward. Activities could include joint fundraisers, joint brigades and the like.

Please contact Ron Geason at 503/319-5886 or [rwgeason@comcast.net](mailto:rwgeason@comcast.net) for more information or to indicate if you'll be bringing a salad, entrée or dessert. Soft drinks will be provided. We hope you'll join us!

— Ron Geason



Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 12, and come support the St. Michael's Music Program. Tickets will go on sale after April 21.

## MEN'S RETREAT

All men are invited and welcome to participate in the Men's Retreat taking place on May 18-20. Our retreat facilitator will be The Rev. Gary Young, Episcopal priest, who has led past retreats. We will gather at a retreat center near Silver Falls State Park in Silverton, Oregon. Among the highlights will be a zipline and a coffee barista. The cost will be \$120.00 for two nights and four meals, and there are scholarship funds available. A signup sheet will be available soon in the Gallery. For more information, please contact Hjalmer at [lenabl6769@gmail.com](mailto:lenabl6769@gmail.com) or Gabe at [gabel@stmaa.org](mailto:gabel@stmaa.org). This is a great opportunity to gather with other men from St. Michael's to build community, deepen our faith, and have fun!

— Hjalmer Lofstrom and Gabe Lamazares

## IN APPRECIATION

Thank you to all who came to help "spruce up" St. Michael's for Holy Week. Over 25 folks spent the morning of Saturday, March 17, washing windows, spreading mulch, and accomplishing other general landscaping and cleaning tasks. In addition, thank you to Olegario Cortes and Carmelo Eugenio, who came on April 2 to clean the carpets in the most heavily used areas of the church building. Look for some great photos in the next Messenger!

— Mitch Oglesby

## SMALL-GROUP GATHERINGS

The leadership of St. Michael's wants to actively listen to you and the Holy Spirit as we think about shaping our lives together and *how marvelous it is to live threatened with resurrection*. Please be part of the dialogue and the vision, and sign up for a gathering hosted by a family from St. Michael's and your Rector. Space in homes is limited to 20 people. Or come to a gathering held at the church—no RSVP needed. Signup sheets are available in the Gallery, or call or email the office at 503/284-7141 or [glorioa@stmaa.org](mailto:glorioa@stmaa.org).

### VARIOUS DATES AND TIMES ARE AVAILABLE:

**Friday, April 27**, 6:00-8:00 pm,  
hosted by Susie Silva-Strommer

**Sunday, April 29**, 3:00-5:00 pm,  
hosted by Jeanne and David Pace

**Saturday, May 5**, 9:00-11:00 am,  
hosted by Nancy and Rick Parker

**TBA**, hosted by Mick Seidl

In the Parish Hall:

**Thursday, May 10**, 6:00-8:00 pm

**Wednesday, May 16**, 12:00-2:00 pm

**Tuesday, May 22**, 6:00-8:00 pm

— Rector Chris Craun and Senior Warden Susie Silva-Strommer

## YOUTH NEWS

Someone told me recently that Easter is their New Year's. I was skeptical, thinking, "How could a big colorful bunny and a tragically beautiful story of the Passion bring the same joy and excitement as fireworks and beginning a new year?" So I asked, and she explained her reasoning. As it turns out, it's simple—it's not just about beginning a new year, but beginning a new life.

Easter is the miracle gifting us humans with grace and the religious assurance that it will be okay. Easter sprouts out of the season of Lent as the cherry blossoms in spring shake the cold elegance of winter trees. Lent may too often be known for its lack of chocolate consumption, or the added practice of flossing. However, underneath these "resolutions," Lent is a season to ask ourselves, "Who do I want to be this year?" in preparation for the miraculous awakening of nature in spring and the awakening of the spirit in Easter.

I am beginning to understand the relationship with Easter as a New Year's celebration—a celebration of relationship through self-examination as the dormancy of winter stirs into new life, a life beginning with the grace to be forgiven and a fresh heart to love and be loved.

So I, too, ask myself, "Who do I want to be this year?" I want to feel God as close as the breath in my lungs. I want my words and actions to reflect the love I find in that breath and to have the courage to share that with others. In April, this takes the form of celebrating the talents of the youth in our community at the **Youth Variety Night: *The Big Easy***. *The Big Easy*, named after the city of New Orleans, takes place Saturday, April 21, from 6:00-8:00 pm. I am excited to be involved in the planning of this amazing service and discovery journey happening in June with our high school mission-trippers. Additionally, we are celebrating our human capacity for joy with some serious F.U.N. at this month's **First Friday event on April 13 with some Laser tag!**

My "office hours" are a time to spend with me doing homework, spiritual reflection, or simply hanging out. If you have something you want to talk about or a subject you need some extra tutoring in, these hours are available upon request, so please feel free to email me at [adrienne.godschalx@gmail.com](mailto:adrienne.godschalx@gmail.com) to set up a time and place. I am looking forward to it!

I encourage you, youth and adults, to reflect upon who you want to be this year as we celebrate new beginnings this Easter. To my always wonderful youth of St. Michael's, I would love to hear your thoughts and ideas about who you choose to be this year.

Happy New Year's!

— Adrienne Godschalx,  
Interim Associate for Youth Ministries

## THE BIG EASY!



Tickets are going fast for the 4<sup>th</sup> (or is it 5<sup>th</sup>?) Annual Youth Dinner and Variety Night, happening on Saturday, April 21, from 6:00-8:00 pm. For the "dinner" segment of this evening, the youth (and their trusty assistants, i.e., parents) will be cooking up and serving scrumptious Cajun-style cuisine; and the "variety" will be served up by these same talented St. Michael's youth, led by David Berkson. All proceeds from this occasion will go towards helping the youth fund their mission trip to New Orleans in June. Tickets are \$10-\$50 sliding scale and are available on Sundays in the Gallery or from the church office during the week.

— Adrienne Godschalx

## THANK YOU!

We wish to express our most sincere appreciation to all of our many, many volunteers whose hard work, time, and effort helped to make this 2012 Holy Week so special. From the BATS to the Altar Guild to the many lectors and special readers; from those who helped plan, cook, serve, clean up after, or bring food for our



many receptions; from all the liturgical ministers to choir members to child-care providers to office volunteers—thank you all! St. Michael's simply would not be the same place without you.

— Chris Craun and the staff of St. Michael's

## IN MULIERIBUS CONCERT

All are invited to the final concert of In Mulieribus' fifth season. Anna Song, conductor, and this eight-member female vocal ensemble present the choral concert *Sister of Wisdom: Hildegard Von Bingen in Song*. Hildegard von Bingen was a 12<sup>th</sup> century abbess, visionary, artist, composer, and philosopher, whose music and poetry remain as strikingly original today as they were in her own time.

The concert will take place at St. Stephen's Catholic Church, 1112 SE 41<sup>st</sup> Avenue, on Sunday, April 29, at 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$12-\$20. For more information, see their website at [www.inmulieribus.org](http://www.inmulieribus.org).

— Ann Wetherall

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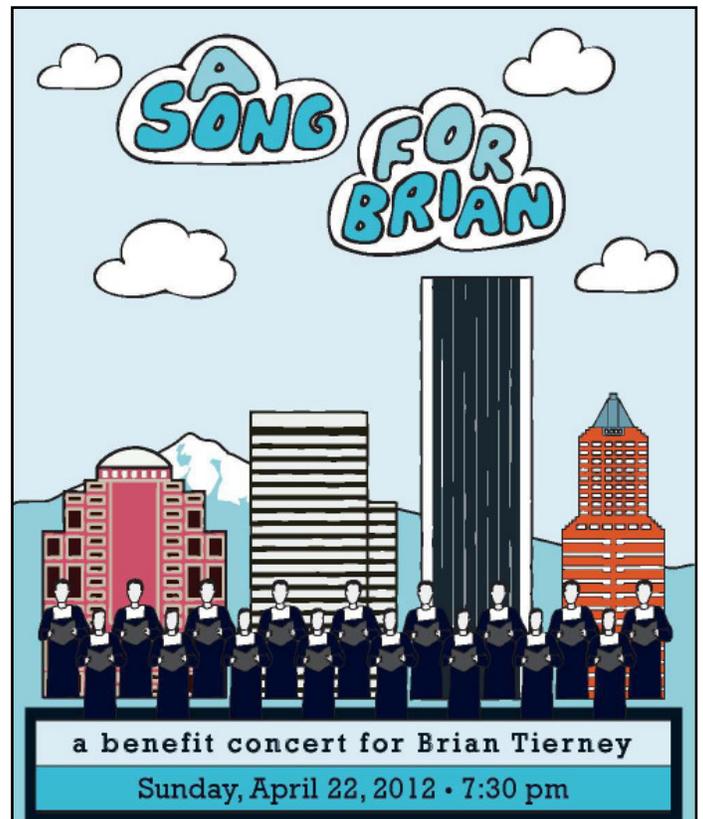
**CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS**

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| APR. 13 | 7:00 pm  | Youth First Friday            |
| APR. 15 | 10:10 am | Cake Auction                  |
| APR. 21 | 6:00 pm  | Youth Variety Night           |
| APR. 22 | 10:10 pm | FORUM: New City Initiative    |
| APR. 28 |          | Family Worship                |
| APR. 29 |          | Bishop's Visitation           |
| MAY 6   |          | FORUM: Occupy Portland Update |
| MAY 12  |          | Broadway Night                |
| MAY 14  |          | Taizé Prayers                 |
| MAY 19  |          | Family Worship                |
| MAY 22  |          | Bread for the World Sunday    |

**CHECK THE WEBSITE AND BULLETINS FOR  
DETAILS OF UPCOMING EVENTS AND SERVICES:**

**WWW.STMAA.ORG.**

**MORE INFORMATION IS ALSO AVAILABLE ON THE  
KIOSK UPSTAIRS IN THE GALLERY.**



Concert taking place at All Saints Church, 3847 NE Glisan.  
Tickets available at [www.friendsofbc.com](http://www.friendsofbc.com) or at the door.  
\$20 suggested donation.