

## Announcements

**Diapers for Doorways:** In honor of Mothers Day and through 16 June, we are collecting diapers for Doorways (women and children fleeing domestic violence.) Any sizes are needed but they currently have some expectant moms, so newborn and size 1 would be a plus. Diapers can be left at the back of the church or outside the Parish Office. Thank you!

**Easter Neighborhood Experiments:** For the last year, seven parishioners have been meeting regularly to thoughtfully observe how our congregation engages the larger community. We've wondered together about all God is up to, and how we might partner with God in meaningful ways beyond the walls of our sanctuary. While we certainly don't have all the answers, we would like to invite everyone at St. Michael's into this process of listening, praying, and hopeful discernment. Join members of the Experimental Taskforce as we seek to engage our neighborhood throughout the Easter season. Taskforce members will guide participants through Bible Study and different elements of discernment, seeking to see our neighborhood with fresh eyes. Please contact the experimental leaders below with questions or for more information. More dates and times to be published soon!

Experiments with Lisa Harkins and Gerry Oosterholt: Walk for 20 minutes.

Thursday, 30 May – meet at Westover Library at 7:00 PM

Sunday, 2 June – meet at Westover Library at 4:00 PM

Experiments for Families with Children with Pauline Kusiak.

Sunday, 2 June – meet at Westover Park at 9:00 AM

**Bible Challenge (and Beyond)** is starting their next book and invites anyone interested to join us. We will be reading "Bad Girls of the Bible" by Liz Curtis Higgs. We meet from 1:30-3:30 on Thursdays in the library.

**Book Group:** The book group will meet at 12:30 PM on Friday, 24 May in the church library. Please note that this is a change from our regularly scheduled meeting date. We will discuss Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption by Bryan Stevenson. So bring a bagged lunch and please join us for our discussion of this inspiring and powerful book.

### **XYZ Lunch: Robert Frost Remembered—Poet and Family Man:**

Join us, **Thursday, 6 June**, for a potluck lunch in the parish hall. Pretzels and punch at noon. Lunch at 12:30. Our program, in the sanctuary, will feature Dr. Lesley Francis, granddaughter of poet Robert Frost, whom she knew well into adulthood. Dr. Francis has lectured and published extensively about her grandfather and chairs the annual Frost Symposium. She will share personal reminiscences and offer insights into his poetry. All are welcome, especially seniors. Contact: Evelyn Bence.

**A-SPAN Shelter:** We need three volunteers for Friday, 7 June, to serve meals to 40 – 50 people at the Shelter between 5:30 and 7:30 PM. Questions? Contact Linda Kelleher ([lindaykelleher@gmail.com](mailto:lindaykelleher@gmail.com)).

**Sacred Threads Exhibition** - The biennial "Sacred Threads" exhibition of quilts and fiber works by artists throughout the U.S. is scheduled this summer from 18 July to 22 July. It will be held at Floris United Methodist Church in Herndon, Va. The show's theme is "Eye Contact: creating a connection". Work on that theme is placed in categories described as "life journeys": Joy, Grief, Inspiration, Spirituality, Healing, Peace. No particular religion or theology is emphasized; rather, all the work conveys spirituality, healing, and inspirational messages. The cost is \$10 general admission; \$8 for groups of 8 or more. I am coordinating with Brenda Cox of Lomax A.M.E. Zion Church to arrange an outing to the exhibition on Thursday, 18 July. The plan will be to leave from St. Michael's at 10:30 a.m., travel to and see the show, have lunch together at a nearby restaurant, and return to St. Michael's before 5:00 p.m. If you want to see the exhibition as part of a St. Michael's-Lomax group, please let me know by **Friday, 31 May**. Brenda will be arranging for transportation for the group. For additional exhibit information, go to: [www.sacredthreadsquilts.com](http://www.sacredthreadsquilts.com). ~ Maureen Doallas

**Inova Blood Drive at St. Michael's:** On Saturday 15 June 2019, Inova Blood Donor Services will be on site in the Parish Hall from 9 AM until 2 PM. Arranged in honor of Kim Sutter, this is an opportunity to support our greater local community. Details about the drive, including a link to make an appointment, will be coming in the Guardian. Questions? Contact Dan Ruff at [dan.ruff@gmail.com](mailto:dan.ruff@gmail.com). Donors are encouraged to park on Jefferson Street and enter the church through the Jefferson Street door to avoid a large party and limited parking on Ivanhoe Street.

**Education for Ministry:** Education for Ministry (EfM) is a four-year program of study designed to create knowledge and confidence in the laity. The four years cover: a year of Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament), a year of Christian Scriptures (New Testament), a year learning about church history, and a year of highlights of philosophy and theology. EfM groups are comprised of participants in all four years of study. Our multi-year engagement allows us to explore ideas and issues from many points of view. We move from book report to discussion of important and underlying issues that parallel each year's study focus. Each week also contains fellowship over a meal, theological reflection, and worship. For more information, contact Beth Cavey, [caveyelizabeth@gmail.com](mailto:caveyelizabeth@gmail.com)

**Coffee Hour:** Please note in the current Guardian important information concerning our coffee hours. We request parishioners sign-up, as they are able, for at least 3-4 slots through to Advent. The Guardian article, as well as the St. Michael's Fellowship webpage, has links for further information and for signing up electronically. A printed copy of the most recent Guardian along with the Coffee Hour Guidelines is posted on the Bulletin Board in the passageway between the Parish Hall and Classrooms. A printed copy of the sign-up sheet is available during coffee hour. Please contact Dan Plafcan or Michele Casciano with any questions. Coffee Hour Sign Up is at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040b48aeab22a02-stmichaels2>

**Saint Michael's Shrine Mont Weekend - September 13-15, 2019:** Our Shrine Mont weekend is a great time for all ages! Come join fellow parishioners for an opportunity to unplug, unwind, and commune with our Creator in a serene and inspiring outdoor setting. This year, we will endeavor to seek God through the arts. How do the arts—music, drawing, painting, theater—unlock our creative spirit and faith? Registration is open now! This year, please endeavor to return your information by June 15th, so we may give Shrine Mont an accurate count for the weekend. Additional information is available in the Guardian and by asking any member of the Shrine Mont steering committee: Caroline Haynes, Linda Kelleher, T.J. Burnside Clapp, or Tom Sheldon.

### Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are to the glory of God.

### This Week at St. Michael's

Sun., May 19 (Easter V)	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist II
(Youth Sunday)	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist II
	10:45 AM	Nursing Home Service at Regency
Mon., May 20		Office closed
Tue., May 21	7:30 PM	Vestry
Wed., May 22	7:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Thu., May 23	1:30 PM	Bible Challenge and Beyond(ers)
Fri., May 24	12:30 PM	Book Group
	1:30 PM	Friday Bridge Group
	8:30 PM	Al-Anon
Sat., May 25	10:00 AM	Yoga
Sun., May 26 (Easter VI)	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist II
	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist II
	10:00 AM	Children's Chapel
	10:45 AM	Nursing Home Service at Regency

### Those Serving Today

Lectors	10:00 AM	Annabelle Monahan, Tayt Korejwo
Lay Eucharistic Ministers	10:00 AM	Evelyn Bence, Linda Denson, and Youth Assistants
Acolytes	10:00 AM	Rick Hightower, Ryan Sullivan, Corbin Monahan
Ushers	10:00 AM	Tim Matlack, Cindy Matlack, and Youth Assistants
Welcoming Ministry	10:00 AM	Roberta Thibodaux and Youth Assistants
Altar Guild		Linda Denson
Nursing Home Ministry		Dean Scribner, Betsy McGuirk, Mary Falkey
Counters		Barb Adams, Janet Hansen

## **Readings for Next Sunday**

Acts 16:9-15 • Psalm 67  
Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5 • John 5:1-9

### **St. Michael's Vestry**

Class of 2020 Michele Casciano Penny Jones, Dan Plafcan (*Sr. Warden*),  
Molly White  
Class of 2021 Barb Adams, Tim Matlack (*Jr. Warden*), Denny  
Saulman  
Class of 2022 Caroline Haynes, Wendy Ikezawa (*Register*), Eric  
Samuel