

Announcements

Backpack Blessing, Today Sunday, September 8th: ...and lunch boxes, and teacher bags! During the 10 AM service we will wonder with the children about how we are “Blessed to be a Blessing,” and how the new school year presents us with opportunities not only to grow in our knowledge, but in our faith. We will mark this secular transition by physically blessing these bags and their carriers for this upcoming season.

Children's Chapel Orientation, Today Sunday, September 8th: Following the 10 AM service, all parents of children (kindergarten-second grade) planning to attend Children's Chapel are invited to attend an orientation in the Chapel.

Save the Date for Ordination: God willing, at 10 AM on Saturday, September 21, Crystal Hardin our seminarian from last summer will be ordained to the Sacred Order of Priests at Christ Church, Georgetown.

Flower Workshop, September 28, 9:30 AM to noon.: Mary Wright Baylor of the National Cathedral Flower Guild will spend an autumn morning with us reflecting on how the bounty of God's creation can enhance our worship and life as a community. In a fun, interactive, hands on workshop, we will arrange Sunday's flowers for St. Michael's feast day and talk about some wonderful spiritual wisdom that we gain through flower arranging together. No prior experience needed, open to adults and interested teens with an adult present, and supplies provided at no cost. Also, no negative judgement made. And no future altar flower arranging commitment required, but that opportunity exists if you desire! Just come to let the joy and balance in nature seep into your life. It's God's glory for you! RSVP to Linda Denson at imdenson@gmail.com by Wednesday, September 25.

A-SPAN Shelter: We need three volunteers for Friday, October 4, to serve meals to 40 – 50 people at the Shelter between 5:30 and 7:30 PM. Questions? Contact Linda Kelleher (lindaykelleher@gmail.com).

We're having a party! When? Sat., Oct. 5, 11 AM to 3 PM. Where? On the church lawn (or inside if it rains). St. Michael's block party will offer fun for all ages: BBQ, beer, bounce house, music, children's activities, and more. Inova Blood Services will be on site for those who are interested in donating. Invite your friends and neighbors to come on over! We need your help to make this a success. Volunteers can sign up to work a shift at the party or bake goodies (brownies, mini-muffins or cookies). Sign-up sheets are in the parish hall. Questions: contact Helen Hines, hlhines51@yahoo.com or (703) 516-0547.

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Hurricane Relief: Episcopal Relief & Development is working closely with dioceses in the path of Hurricane Dorian. You can help provide affected communities with immediate and long-term support. Please contribute to our Hurricane Relief Fund at support.episcopalrelief.org/hurricane-relief.

Ministers of Worship: We are seeking individuals who are interested in serving as leaders in a variety of capacities during our Sunday morning worship services. Opportunities include greeting, ushering, reading scripture, singing in the choir, serving on Altar Guild, serving on Flower guild, serving as Lay Eucharistic Minister, and acolyte. Please join us for a brief meeting to learn more on Sunday, October 6th following either worship service, or email The Rev. Beth Franklin to learn more.

Parish Directory: With the start of fall it is time to update our Parish Directory. A copy of the latest draft Directory is in the Parish Hall. Please mark up that copy with any needed additions/changes. We'll plan on releasing a new Directory sometime in October. If you want to add (or change) your family picture, just send a photo in .jpg format to Wil in the Parish Office (parishoffice@stmichaelsarlington.org)

“The Quilted Word”: Creative maker Terry Peckarsky is exhibiting a selection of her art quilts in our Parish Hall through October 10. A reception for Terry will be held at 4:00 PM on **Sunday, September 22**. Note: A printed exhibition booklet will be available for \$12. Information is available in the blue binder near the Parish Hall stairs.

Lutheran Social Services of the National Capital Area is in need of furniture and household items for refugees: There is an immediate need for a kitchen/dining table and four chairs and an ongoing need for new or like-new sheet sets, towels, toiletries, kitchen items, cleaning supplies, bicycles, dressers, couches, kitchen/dining tables and chairs. To donate any of these items contact Mira Mendick mendickm@lssnca.org or donations@lssnca.org. Maureen Doallas

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