

THE TRUMPET

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

April is shaping up to be a great month for us here at St. Michael's. Besides enjoying the beauty of spring and welcoming back some of our 'snowbirds', Bishop Solak will be here on Saturday, April 20th at 11:00 a.m. to officially install me as the Sixth Rector of St. Michael's. It's been thirty-six years since this has occurred at St. Michael's, so you may not have participated in a service like this before. It is a very special liturgy and doesn't occur very often.

There is a liturgy called "The Celebration of New Ministry" in the Book of Common Prayer on page 559. The Bishop is the celebrant and preacher, and she will read and present me with the Letter of Institution. Rectors have specific canonical status within the diocese and particular responsibilities. The congregation takes part in the Institution, just as we do at a baptism, taking vows to support the ministry of the new rector.

At the Induction part of the service representatives of the congregation present the new rector with a variety of gifts that are symbols of our new ministry together. These include a Bible, a vessel of water, a stole, a book of prayers, oil, keys, a copy of the Canons, and bread and wine. Other gifts are sometimes offered as symbols of other aspects of the new rector's ministry, such as a children's bible, a hymnal, a pectoral cross, or a home communion kit.

The most solemn part of the service is when the new rector kneels in the midst of the church and prays, "O Lord my God, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; yet you have called your servant to stand in your house, and to serve at your altar. To you and to your service I devote myself, body, soul, and spirit. Fill my memory with the record of your mighty works; enlighten my understanding with the light of your Holy Spirit; and may all the desires of my heart and will center in what you would have me do.....". I remember praying this prayer 13 years ago on March 17th at Good Shepherd in Parkersburg, West Virginia. It felt like being ordained to the priesthood again.

"The Letter of Institution" is found on page 557 in the Book of Common Prayer. It contains this paragraph, "Having committed yourself to this work, do not forget the trust of those who have chosen you. Care alike for young and old, strong and weak, rich and poor. By your words, and in your life, proclaim the Gospel. Love and serve Christ's people. Nourish them, and strengthen them to glorify God in this life and in the life to come." I feel privileged that you have called me and given me the opportunity to fulfill these promises, which I will faithfully keep to the best of my ability.

Invitations will soon be going out, so put it on your calendar now, and make plans to attend. A bishop once told me the first time he conducted a Celebration of a New Ministry he felt like he was conducting a wedding. In a way that is what we are doing, standing before God, and taking solemn vows to serve Christ together and love one another.

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After the experience of this joyful yet solemn liturgy, we will gather in the Smith House for a nice catered reception. I look forward to seeing you altogether in one place, early and late service regulars, and snowbirds!

Faithfully,

Marjorie +

Rector

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday, April 7, 2024 ~ Second Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 4:32-35

Psalm 133

Second Reading: 1 John 1:1—2:2

Gospel: John 20:19-31

Sunday, April 14, 2024 ~ Third Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 3:12-19

Psalm 4

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1- 7

Gospel: Luke 24:36b-48

Sunday, April 21, 2024 ~ Fourth Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 4:5-12

Psalm 23

Second Reading: 1 John 3:16-24

Gospel: John 10:11-18

Sunday, April 28, 2024 ~ Fifth Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 8:26-40

Psalm 22:24-30

Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-21

Gospel: John 15:1-8



SCHEDULE FOR APRIL SERVICES

Sunday, April 7, 2024

8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I
10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite II
Children's Offering
Adult Christian Education ~ 9:15 am
Coffee Hour after the 10:30 am service

Wednesday, April 10, 2024 ~ 10 am
Holy Eucharist & Healing Prayer Service

Sunday, April 14, 2024

8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II
Adult Christian Education ~ 9:15 a.m.
Coffee Hour after the 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, April 21, 2024

8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I
10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite II
Adult Christian Education ~ 9:15 am
Coffee Hour after the 10:30 am service

Wednesday, April 24, 2024 ~ 10 am

Holy Eucharist & Healing Prayer Service

Sunday, April 28, 2024

8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I
10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite II
Adult Christian Education ~ 9:15 am
Coffee Hour after the 10:30 am service

SCHEDULE OF SERVERS FOR APRIL

Sunday, April 7th ~ 8 AM

Lay Reader: Jan Carlin
Usher: Joe Frederick

Sunday, April 7th ~ 10:30 AM

Lay Reader: Laura Fisher
Usher: Carl Campbell

Sunday, April 14th ~ 8 AM

Lay Reader: Mary Whittemore
Usher: Ray Speicher

Sunday, April 14th ~ 10:30 AM

Lay Reader: Laura Fisher
Usher: Rex Ashbrook

Saturday, April 20th ~ 11:00 AM ~ Rev. Marjorie Bevan's installation

Lay Readers: *special service participants needed*
Usher: Carl Campbell

Sunday, April 21, 2024 ~ 8 AM

Lay Reader: Joe Moravec
Usher: *still needed*

Sunday, April 21, 2024 ~ 10:30 AM

Lay Reader: Cindy Pompelia
Usher: Mick Pompelia

Sunday, April 28, 2024 ~ 8 AM

Lay Reader: Lisa Frederick
Usher: Joe Frederick

Sunday, April 28, 2024 ~ 10:30 AM

Lay Reader: Pilar Herr
Usher: Andy Herr

A LETTER FROM THE ALTAR GUILD DIRECTOR

Have you considered placing flowers on the Altar?

Sometimes it is the simple things in life that we overlook. When life gets busy, we, at times, take for granted the many blessings that bring great joy to our lives and the lives of others. The altar flowers may just be one of those blessings that brings us joy but we just don't think that much about them unless reminded how important they really are.

Flowers are a beautiful offering to God. They enhance our Sunday worship service and is a wonderful way to remember those loved ones no longer with us or to celebrate life's major events such as birthdays, anniversaries, graduation, baptism and so much more.

It is very easy to add to the beauty of our Altar by giving flowers in memory or in honor of loved ones on a Sunday of your choice, with an acknowledgment printed in that morning's bulletin. Flower remembrances are unavailable during the season of Lent, Advent and Palm Sunday. To give all parishioners the opportunity to choose dates that are most meaningful for them, multiple remembrances may appear in the bulletins on any given Sunday.

The Altar Guild encourages you to consider a gift of flowers to St. Michael's by simply filling out the form which will be available in the Narthex, in the pews or calling the Church office. We thank you in advance for your support.

Cindy Purnell
Altar Guild Director

OPEN ALTAR FLOWER MEMORIAL DATES

The following dates are available to have memorial flowers on the altar at St. Michael's. The cost is \$55.00 payable to St. Michael's of the Valley.



Sunday, April 7th

Sunday, April 28th

Sunday, May 12th

Sunday, May 19th

Call or email the church office to reserve one of the dates if you are interested.



ST. MICHAEL'S HOSTING RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

St. Michael's is hosting the American Red Cross Blood Drive on Thursday, April 11th in the Smith House from 12 noon until 5 PM. By appointment only call the Red Cross @ 1-800-733-2767 to set up an appointment.

ROAD CLEAN-UP

A road clean-up for Route 381 in front of the church has been scheduled for Saturday, April 13th @ 9 AM. Volunteers are needed. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Smith House or you can call the church office and let us know you can help. Volunteers will meet in the parking lot at St. Michael's @ 9 AM on the 13th.



NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Thursday, May 2, 2024 ~ 7:30 AM

This year's National Day of Prayer community breakfast buffet is scheduled for Thursday, May 2, 2024 @ 7:30 AM at the Barn, 1 Springer Road, Ligonier. Rev. Bevans has tickets available in the church office.

The reservation deadline is Wednesday, April 24th. There is no cost for the ticket. A free will offering will be taken the day of the event.



HIRING NURSERY ATTENDANT & ORGANIST CHOIR DIRECTOR

St. Michael's is looking to hire our next Organist/Choir Director and an individual to serve as a nursery attendant on Sunday mornings during the 10:30 AM service and during special services or events.

If you know anyone who might be interested, please have them contact Rev. Marjorie Bevans at the church office.

