



# St. Michael's Messenger

June/July 2009

A Family Growing in Christ

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## Worship Schedule

Holy Eucharists  
*Sunday*  
 8:00 a.m. • 10:15 a.m.  
 6:00 p.m.  
*Wednesday*  
 10:00 a.m.  
*Friday*  
 7:00 a.m.

Noonday Prayers  
*Monday – Thursday*  
 12:15 p.m.

## Mission Statement

Our mission is to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus through service, worship, education, evangelism, pastoral care and stewardship. The Holy Eucharist, the worship commanded by Jesus Himself and celebrated in continuity through the ages, forms the center of our worship and spiritual life. It provides the strength for us to embrace all persons to become a family in Christ at St. Michael's.

## FROM THE RECTOR

Several years ago the French painter Andre Girard was attending the opening of a chapel he had decorated. A woman approached him and said, "Mr. Girard, I do not like your crucifixion. It is so unpleasant." "Madame," Girard replied, "it was an unpleasant occasion."

As Christians we are sometimes uncomfortable with unpleasantness. We prefer, for example, to dwell on the nice things Jesus said: "You are worth more than many sparrows;" "Do not be afraid, little flock;" or "Peace be with you." We gloss over the things that Jesus said that aren't quite so pleasing: "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me;" "Behold I am sending you out like sheep in the midst of wolves;" and "I have come to set a man against his father, a daughter against her mother."

Unpleasantness, of course, is a fact of life. We find it even in Jesus' "nicest" parables. Before the good Samaritan came along and ministered so lovingly to the man lying on the side of the road, a group of hoodlums had first robbed the man, beaten him to a pulp, and left him for dead. Before the prodigal son was welcomed back into his father's outstretched arms, he had insulted his father, squandered away a fortune, and wallowed in the mud with pigs.

Sometimes we Christians even downplay the crucifixion. I remember a few years ago when there was a movement to remove Jesus' body from the cross, or, at least, replace the twisted, dead and broken body of our Lord with a

triumphantly risen one. Yes, Jesus is risen. Yes, he will never die again. But the fact remains that Jesus was raised only after he had passed through the agony of the cross. As someone once wrote: "a spirituality not intimately nailed to Calvary is a Christian mirage."

The gift of the Holy Spirit that keeps our spirituality nailed to Calvary is called Fortitude. It is the gift that enables us to endure and/or work through the many things that cause us pain and suffering - ill health, fears of all kinds, misunderstandings, failure, selfishness, loneliness, discouragement, and of course death. Our faith does not remove these suffering but it helps us through them. You see, faith is not the way around pain, it is the way through pain. Faith doesn't get rid of the opposition, it invites it over for dinner. Faith doesn't give you the solution but it does force you to find it.

Our model for Fortitude is, of course, our Lord on the Cross. But when we reflect on the crucifixion, it is important to look beneath the sufferings Jesus endured and see the love that made his endurance possible. What are the crosses we are bearing now? How is my faith helping us to endure and/or work through these sufferings? May God give each of us the grace and love so that we will endure with and in hope!

Roger J. Hamilton+

## PARISH FAMILY NEWS

### Burial

*Joseph Theodore Russell*  
May 15, 2009

*James Knox Rush*  
May 16, 2009



Who is that new person serving at the Altar each week at 8 and 10:15?

Let me introduce to you Deacon Amanda Wilson. Amanda, who was just recently Ordained to the Transitional Diaconate, has been assigned by the Bishop to serve an internship here at St. Michael's. While she is here she will not only be assisting with our Sunday worship but also working with me at least one day a week studying the Liturgy of the Church.

Amanda was born in England and currently serves as a Supervising Chaplain in Behavioral Health for Orlando Health Systems. Please welcome Amanda to our midst as she serves with us for the next several months.

~ *Father Hamilton*

## THANK YOU!

Dear St. Michael's Family,

My family joins me in heartfelt thanks for all the prayers, cards, visits, gifts to the Outreach Fund, and other expressions of sympathy on the death of my husband, Jim.

We are grateful for the love and support of Father Hamilton, Reverend Danielle, and Deacon Happy. St. Michael's meant a lot to Jim and we are thankful to God for you all.

~*Ann Rush*

## FROM YOUR VESTRY

Monthly Financial report - April 30, 2009

Total Income to Date \$248,623.95

Total Expenses to Date \$268,890.50

Balance (deficit) \$(20,266.55)

Where we should be \$(20,660.42)  
according to the budget

St. Michael's efforts to serve God are possible only through the generous support of all our parishioners, and the expenses we incur in those efforts do not diminish during the summer. Please remember that we continue to rely on and need your support throughout the year.

As you make plans for this summer, we hope you will keep your pledge and giving current so we can maintain our ministries without interruption. Thank you for all you do.

~ *Chip Webb*, Senior Warden

## ARMED FORCES PRAYER LIST

We are in the process of updating the prayer list of military personnel. If you have placed someone on the list in the past, please let us know his/her current status. If you would like to add someone, please call the Church Office (407-843-8448) and give us the name and branch of service.

Note: We are thankful for Michael Smith's safe return home.

## SUPPER CLUB

We are still in need of homes for our Supper Clubs. If you are able to bless this ministry with your home, please call the Church Office at 407-843-8448. Supper Club provides all adults in the parish an opportunity to get to know each other in a casual atmosphere for a night of good food, fun, and Christian fellowship.



## MUSIC DEPARTMENT

### The 08-09 Music Department Year Draws To A Close

We have been gradually winding down since the beginning of May. Our final Sunday with robed choirs will be on Sunday, June 14.

We will resume our normal activities the week of Monday, August 31, with all groups resuming rehearsals that week, and the choirs back in robes on Sunday, September 6.

### Summer Choir

Summer Choir will be a little different this year. In previous years we have met for 30 minutes or so on Wednesday evenings during the months of June and August [July is taken completely off - Sundays as well], and at 9:45 a.m. on Sunday mornings. We have then sung one choir item for the Offertory at the 10:15 services in June & August.

This summer, we will meet on SUNDAYS

ONLY, and only on those Sundays that have a choir anthem, running through the music at 9:45 a.m. in the choir room. Summer Choir Sundays this summer are: June 21, and August 2, 16, 23, and 30.

### Join The Youth Choir

Openings available for the 09-10 Year Contact Andrew this month to set up a time to come in and chat about your 2nd Grad through 6th Grade child[ren] becoming a part of this rewarding, challenging, and powerful ministry.

Association of Anglican Musicians Conference in Los Angeles... June 28-July 3 Andrew will be attending the AAM National Conference at the end of June. Much new music is being presented, workshops with topics of interest that can be incorporated into the workings of our Music Department, worship services each day, and several concerts with world renowned organists, choirs, and orchestras.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

St. Michael's Vacation Bible School will be held on June 22nd–June 26th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Theme: Crocodile Dock "Where Fearless Kids Shine God's Light"

Register online at [www.groupvbs.com/webtoybox/myvbs/jesus](http://www.groupvbs.com/webtoybox/myvbs/jesus)

Our preschool program is now full! Anyone who wishes to be put on the waiting list can call or email me. Our elementary program is almost full!

### P.A.L.S. Program and Nursery

The P.A.L.S. program (children ages 3 (potty-trained) - kindergarten) and the Nursery (ages 3 and under) will remain available through the summer months. P.A.L.S. will meet in Room 104 of Rowe Hall and will be staffed by parent volunteers. The P.A.L.S. parents will bring the children back to the Narthex during the Peace.

### Summer Activities

Please check your emails and Sunday bulletins for summertime activities! We tentatively have a day at Kelly Park scheduled for July 25<sup>th</sup>. Information will be forthcoming.

Church school will resume on September 20<sup>th</sup>.

~ Tiffany Stieger

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## HONOR YOUR FATHER ON FATHER'S DAY—June 21st

### 10 Ways To Be A Better Father

1. Love your children's mother.
2. Spend time with your children.
3. Earn the right to be heard.
4. Discipline with a gentle spirit.
5. Be a role model.
6. Be a teacher.
7. Eat together as a family.
8. Read to your children.
9. Show affection.
10. Realize that a father's job is never done.

### GREETERS

If you enjoy meeting new people and welcoming them into our parish community, we need you. Come on board and welcome people to coffee hour. We were all newcomers once and know how nice it is when others reach out to make us feel at home. A good welcome is essential. It has been discovered that visitors take an average of 4 minutes to decide whether or not they will return. (We never get a second chance to make a first impression.) Please call the Church Office (407-843-8448).

*Do not neglect to show hospitality  
to strangers,  
for thereby some have entertained  
Angels without knowing it. Hebrews 13:2*

### Columbarium Niches

In the early days of Christianity, it was traditional for the earthly remains of parishioners to rest in their church. Our church offers burial in this sacred tradition. The Resurrection Chapel, located behind the Chapel, contains St. Michael's Columbarium. Niches for entombing cremains in the Columbarium are available. Each niche has a bronze name plate with the name and dates of the birth and death inscribed. Columbarium niches may be purchased in advance. If you would like more information, please contact Father Hamilton at the Church Office.

### SPONSORSHIP OF FLOWERS

The beautiful flowers that adorn our altar Sunday after Sunday are a great benefit to our worship. They represent to us the Resurrection of our Lord and provide grace and beauty to His House. We still have a lot of open Sundays...

July 12, August 2 and 16  
October 4, 18, 25

Please call the church office if you wish to sponsor flowers.

### Women's Bible Study In July

"Anointed, Transformed, Redeemed:  
A Study of David"

By Beth Moore, Priscilla Shirer, and Kay Arthur

This study will be offered on Monday nights, 7:00 p.m. in the Choir Room, beginning July 27 through September 14. Kim Bignon is the facilitator.

These authors' messages are divided into three segments, two lessons each. Each segment focuses on the life of David at a different stage of his life: as a young man (by Priscilla Shirer), as a middle-aged man (by Beth Moore), and as a man facing the final third of his life (by Kay Arthur). You'll laugh with them, cry with them, and learn to love God with them.

### Birthdays And Anniversaries

Are we including your birthday and anniversary in the Messenger? If not it is only because we have no record of your special days. We do want to remember you at the altar and enable others to uphold you in their prayers.

E-mail [melanie@stmichaelschurch.com](mailto:melanie@stmichaelschurch.com) or  
call the Church Office.

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*George Washington's Prayer for His Country*

The Rev. Roger J. Hamilton, *Rector*  
The Rev. Dr. F. Vernon Quigley, *Rector Emeritus*  
The Rev. Daniëlle D. Morris, *Assistant*  
The Rev. Reid McCormick, *Associate*  
The Rev. Happy L. Gafford, *Deacon*  
Andrew J. Walker, *Director of Music*  
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Tiffany Stieger, *Director of Children's Ministry*  
Betsey Vaughn, *Director of Pre-School*  
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Adapted from George Washington's Circular to the States written from his headquarters as Commander-in-Chief at Newburgh, New York, on June 8, 1783. This circular was directed to the Governors and States of the new nation; his reference to them has been replaced by the words "United States." Otherwise the words and spelling are those of George Washington.

*I now make it my earnest prayer,*  
that God would have the United States in His holy Protection, that He would incline the Hearts of the Citizens to cultivate a Spirit of Subordination and Obedience to Government, to entertain a Brotherly Affection and Love for one another, for their fellow Citizens of the United States at large, and particularly for their Brethren who have served in the Fields, and final, that He would most graciously be pleased to dispose us all to do Justice, to love Mercy and to demean ourselves with that Charity, Humility, and Pacific Temper of Mind, which were the Characteristicks of the Divine Author of our blessed Religion, and without an humble Imitation of whose Example in these things, we can never hope to be a happy Nation. *Amen.*

*George Washington*  
*June 8, 1783*

### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES

The family of St. Michael's extends congratulations and prayers of thanksgiving and continued support to our graduates.

#### High School

Lucy Gosselin  
Bishop Moore Catholic High School, attending University of Florida, Gainesville

Alexandra Houston  
Lake Highland Preparatory School, attending Reed College, Portland, Oregon

John Kennedy  
William R. Boone High School, attending Florida State University, Tallahassee

Katie Murphy  
Edgewater High School, attending Loyola University Maryland, Baltimore

Adam Pock  
Edgewater High School, attending Florida State University, Tallahassee

Palmer Yergey, Jr.  
Lake Highland Preparatory School, attending Auburn University, Auburn, Alabama

#### College

Katie Arnheim – Bachelor of Arts in Education, University of Georgia, Athens

T. Parker Cook— Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering, Florida State University, Tallahassee

Jordan Cook Evans— Master of Business Administration, University of Florida, Gainesville

Joseph Fuqua— Master of Business Administration, University of California, Los Angeles

Stefanie Garner— Bachelor of Arts in Education, University of Florida, Gainesville

Alexandra Walker Holway— Master of Arts in Education, University of Florida, Gainesville

Rachel Jones – Technical Certificate in Massage Therapy, Everest University, Orlando

Kirsten Leedy— Bachelor of Arts in Political Science - University of Florida, Gainesville

Whitney Maughan McKnight— Master of Arts in Education, Columbia Teachers College, New York

Anna Soike McPherson— Master of Business Administration, Crummer School of Business, Rollins College, Winter Park

Janet Trubey – Master of Arts in Education with a specialty in Gifted Education, Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, North Carolina

Jillian Walker— Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Studies, New College, Sarasota

### YOU ARE NEEDED!

Summertime is a time of rest, recreation, and rejuvenation of our bodies and spirits...yet the homeless and hungry remain with us. Due to the shortage of volunteers in the summer, The Gathering needs your help:

#### Monday

9:00 a.m. Picking up "day old" food from Publix and Albertson's

9:30 a.m. Sorting food in the Kitchen

#### Tuesday

9:00 a.m. Preparing and cooking food in the kitchen

6:15 p.m. Loading the van with food

6:45 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.— Serving the food to the homeless men, women and children at The Coalition for the Homeless.

#### Note from Bill Owen

We especially need help with serving the food at The Coalition on Tuesdays, June 16, 23, and 30.

Please call the Church Office (407-843-8448).



## YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

### To the parish

Do you need some odds and ends jobs to accomplish over the summer? Why not hire-a-student? Write a description of what you are looking for and pin it up outside the youth/young adult room. Don't forget your contact information. Students, do you use the summer for a chance to earn some greenbacks? Give a description of the type of work you are looking for and pin it up.

### For youth & young adults

#### Big Events

Watch for information for our big events this summer. We're planning our annual *tube run down the Ichetucknee* on June 9<sup>th</sup>, *plus* going to the movies, and anything else Mike's big ol' brain can think about doing. Watch for e-mails and the church bulletins for details! Check us out on Facebook at St. Michael's EYC or St. Michael's Young Adults.

#### Bowling

Look for information in the mail for our Father/Son Bowling Event, to be held on Saturday, June 20.

#### 5th Tuesday Club

Serving dinner at the Coalition for the Homeless is the way the 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday Club honors our Lord by helping those who are less fortunate. Our summer date is June 30<sup>th</sup>. Bring your own hat to wear (Health Department requirement), or you'll be supplied one. Meet either at 6:15 p.m. at St. Michael's to help load the van, or at 6:30 p.m. there to unload and serve. We usually finish around 8:00 p.m.

Students of all ages can earn community service hours, but we all can earn a smile from Heaven for doing this!

### Young Adults

(out of high school through 24)

QUEST - Our Wednesday night Bible study starts June 3<sup>rd</sup>. We begin with refreshments at Starbucks at 7:30 p.m. before congregating in the youth/young adult room for our six-week discussion on how to strengthen our worship experience, both at St. Michael's and for the Church.

Chrysalis Journey is the young adult equivalent of Cursillo, a 3-day spiritual renewal time spent with other young adults in worship, prayer, fellowship, creative expression, recreation, singing, and discussion. The ladies weekend is July 17-19, and the guys weekend is July 31-August 2. Contact Mike for more details if you are interested.

### Students

EYC moves to Wednesday nights for the summer starting June 10, 5:30-7:00 p.m. with pizza, pizzazz, and the Prince of Peace.

If anyone wants to go see a movie, go play some golf, go to the beach, watch videos or play games, in the words of Tone Loc, "Let's do it!" Call me! Get me out of the office! I dare you, in fact, I double-dog dare you!

For the low-down on these and other youth/young adult events, contact Mike at (407) 843-8448, ext. 228, or e-mail: [mike@stmichaelschurch.com](mailto:mike@stmichaelschurch.com)

## PRE-SCHOOL

### Summer Camp

There are still a few spots available for our Summer Camp in the Pre-School. The students will "travel" to our Great States of America during the weeks of June 1- 4, June 8-11, and June 15 -18 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Please contact the Pre-School office, 407-843-8448 ext 245, for more information.

The Pre-School will be closed during the month of July. If you need to contact someone in the School, please email [betseyvaughn@msn.com](mailto:betseyvaughn@msn.com) or 407-843-8448 ext 245.

School resumes Tuesday, August 25<sup>th</sup>.

-Betsey Vaughn

### June Birthdays

1 Novie Greene 3 Renee Blanton 4 Dick Basden, Courtney Cox, Bob Gosselin 5 Tori Farina, Paul Overstreet 6 Jody Maughan 7 Candace Horton, Graham Pittenger 8 Michael Dreisbach, Nathaniel Wilson 9 Elizabeth Blackmore, Ashton Brinson, Kendall Stearns 10 Chad Holway 11 Felicia Manly, Davis Pittenger 12 Mary Helen Macgregor, Cody Carpenter 13 Trippe Cheek, Winnifred Huder 14 David Corso, Grant Ferraro 15 Kevin McGuire, Charley Webb 16 Scott Barnhart, Grace Newbold 17 Jack Demetree, Matthew McKnight 18 Jack Calo, Chris Maughan, Evelyn Thur, Jay Yasuda 19 Rick Gierok, James Provencher 20 Timothy Lampman, Trey McPherson, Jean Mosher, Anna Tschetter, Kenneth Walker 21 Steven Anderson, Aimee Bilbro, Joe Kilsheimer, Lawrence Motzel, Russell Overstreet, Beth Wollam 22 Evelyn Sutton 23 Lily Corso 24 Kathy Davis, Matt Hackler, Evans Hood, Julie Jezek, Palmer Yergey, Joan Zink 25 Chase Brinson, John Houston, Peter Jaberg, Kylie Luff 26 Joe Barbaro, Joseph Bryan, Abby Hatcher, Scott Heffner, Kenneth James 27 Parker Cook, Mark DiDea, John Motzel, Will Motzel, Tiffany Stieger 28 Caroline Kennedy, Dori Madison, Layne Winkelsas 29 Lizzie Tracy 30 Leigh Ann Blackmore, Ed Boyd, Ann Krohn

### June Anniversaries

7 Dick & Lavelle Basden, Dyar & Emily McComb, Warren & Mariah Morris 9 Jim & Penny Galbraith 10 Jay & Denise McGirt 11 George & Happy Gafford 14 Bo & Tara Clayton, Robert & Samantha Payne 16 Rex & Jan McPherson, John & Millie Nowell, Adam & Elizabeth Zipper 18 John & Mary Webb 21 Chuck & Natalie Collins 22 William & Carolyn Boltin 23 Brian & Terrie Laufer 26 Josh & Julia Bouldin 27 Bob & Lisa Lacey 30 Ed & Katie Boyd, Jim & Linda Midkiff, Len & Marilyn Williams

### July Birthdays

1 Lisa Brinson, Lola Ring 3 Medea Harris, John Mullin 4 Tine Gay, Chad Hutyra 5 Mary Ann Simms, Kate Wollam 6 Trudi Bissinger, Doug Blackmore, Missy Winslow 8 James Ferraro, Phil Igou, Corinna Swayze 9 Lee Bryan, Rachael Bryan, John Denton, Tammi Eubank, David Evans, Melanie Ferraro, Amy Tauriello 10 Kobe Eichelberger, Loren Jones, Christopher Leffler, Becky Millitzer 11 Denise McGirt, Abby Ann Telan, Allison Turnbull 12 Wendy Motzel, Mary Katherine Morris, Natalie Winslow-Richardson 13 Robin Jones, Kay Shuman 14 Joshua Glackin, Chris Lacey, William Searl, Cameron Smith 15 Addie Barnhart, Emma Jaberg, Jake Jaberg 16 Alison Barron, Betty Ross Bennett, Amy Erisman 17 Austin Caruso, Kelly Conrad, Niki Nash, Amelia Williams 18 Virginia Horton, Nancy Sargent, Butch Tew 19 Duke Hatcher, Mariah Morris, Emily Ann Russell 20 Mary Boone, Robyn Oigarden 21 Robert Payne 22 Garrett Hovarter, Avery Searl, Will Shuman 23 Bob Allguire, Patti Baker, Walter Carpenter, Jr., Harry Straight 24 Mary Jane Evans 25 Susan Chapin, Brendon Smith 26 Dewey Lichty 27 Lyn Van Horn, Molly McCormick 28 Keely Winkelsas 29 Laura Spigener, Bryan Winkelsas 30 Tracy Cheek, Sara Houston 31 Susan Clayton, Buell Duncan, Kendra Eichelberger

### July Anniversaries

3 Gary & Cathy Kerns, Gene & Jay Yasuda 4 Brendon & Jeannette Smith 6 Jon & Niki Nash 8 Earl & Hildred Pendleton 11 Jan & Millie Everitt 12 George & Luci Hart 20 Jason & Rhevelle Parris 21 Don & Mary Boone 22 Trippe & Tracy Cheek 26 Paul & Ellen Demetree 27 David & Cindy Michels 29 Ron & Mary Lu Nelson 31 Craig & Jody Maughan