



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
ON SANIBEL ISLAND

Diocesan
Convention
Report
9:15
October 21st

Outreach
Awareness
Event
October 28th

Pastoral Care
"Pink Weekend"
October 27th & 28th

The Red Door

MID-OCTOBER 2007

News of the people and ministries of Saint Michael and All Angels Church, Sanibel Island, Florida

*Proclaim the Gospel,
be prepared in season and out of season...*

Take the time to read this newsletter and its inserts, please – and you will discover a wealth of opportunities for our nurture and for ministry.

Ministry commissions and Vestry committees are at work, and the Vestry meets in a Retreat soon to take stock of where we are and where our Lord is calling us, as individuals, as leaders, and as a community of faith.

Weekly Wednesday evening worship resumes on All Saints' Eve. At a special Eucharist on All Saints' Day, Thursday, November 1, as well as on All Saints' Sunday, we remember those departed in the last year and give thanks for the saints in our midst.

One of those saints is Nancy Santeusanio, who for a number of years has Chaired or Co-Chaired our Worship Commission. She is retiring from that post but continues to work closely in leadership with those persons vested in the Chancel at weekend worship: deacons and priests, Licensed Eucharistic Ministers, and Acolytes. We give thanks for her admirable service!

In other news:

Sunday Forum begins in November; details inside.

The Rector has been elected to the Board of Regents of the Episcopal university in this country: The University of the South (Sewanee). He also Chairs the Visiting Committee to the School of Theology. Our new Bishop has appointed him to the Congregational Development Committee in our diocese. These positions help him fulfill a priest's obligations to the larger church and inform his work in the parish. Father Fishburne is spending a great deal of time in pastoral ministries here and has begun work on the Bible Study he will offer beginning in January on the Gospel of John.

A new team of parishioners is thinking of ways we as a church can lower our energy bills, increase recycling, and be better citizens of Sanibel – and so be better managers and stewards of our resources here at the church.

Another team is in conversation with interested parties in the Periwinkle Way West "Town Center" concept in our neighborhood. We are mostly listening at this stage of an open process – again, as good neighbors.

Most of all, we keep worship at the heart of all we do together, and we welcome back each week those who have been away. As you return, know that we're glad to see you again. Please let the Parish Office know you're back! One way is to sign the register at the door before worship, or to fill out a pew card.

As we approach our Fiftieth Anniversary as a congregation we give thanks for our founders – and we welcome seekers and new members!

Worship is at the heart of all we do

We invite you to worship with us:

- **Saturday at 5** – A “Come as you are Eucharist” and a Reception following.
- **Sunday at 8** – A traditional Eucharist with hymns, followed by Coffee Hour.
- **Sunday at 10:30** – Choral Eucharist, followed by Coffee Hour.*

(*With Sunday Overseas Shuttle pickup at Woodlands and then at SPV Island)

Wednesdays 9 a.m. Eucharist with prayers for healing
Wednesday Evening Worship 6 p.m. begins weekly, October 31st.

Announcements

All Saints’ Eve: Join us at 6 o’clock for worship to be led by the Wednesday Worship Group in the Chapel of the Angels.

All Saints’ Day – a special Eucharist at 9 a.m. in the Chapel on Thursday, November 1, and ...

All Saints’ Sunday – We remember those who go before us. Let us know the names of those who have died since last All Saints’ Day and we will remember them in our prayers. (Call Susan at 239 472-2173). On All Saints’ Weekend we also start a fresh prayer list for the year.

November Covered Dish Supper on Wednesday, November 7th at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall will be a **Brats and Beer** evening hosted by Wisconsin natives Donna and Jerry Hubbard in memory of Mary Jane “Mac” Hollopeter. The Hubbard’s will be assisted by Mary Lou and Bob Flynn and Margery and Lee Almas. As they did last year, the hosts will supply the brats and beer leaving the appropriate side dishes, appetizers and desserts for everyone else to contribute. Plan to attend this wonderful fall “Welcome Back” event.

Men’s Fellowship has been meeting all summer and recently has been discussing Pascal’s “Pensees.” We moved to a twice monthly schedule, second and fourth Tuesdays, and have found that schedule to work well. We plan to continue on that schedule and look forward to the return of the snowbird members. Beginning November 13th we will start a new study which is still being researched. See you at 7:30 a.m.

E.C.W. Program Schedule

Date	Time	Event
Nov. 5	1:00	Board Meeting
Nov. 12	12:30	Lunch & Program: The Rev. Donald Fishburne: “Sanibel in 2107”
Dec. 3	1:00	Board Meeting
Dec. 10	12:30	Lunch & Program: Students from Children’s Center of the Islands with Songs of the Season
Jan. 7	1:00	Board Meeting
Jan. 14	12:30	Lunch & Program: Carol Ann Wilkenson: Agape Flights
Feb. 4	1:00	Board Meeting
Feb. 11	12:30	Lunch & Style Show: Fashions from Noah’s Ark
March 3	1:00	Board Meeting
March 10	12:30	Lunch & Program: “Encore, Encore” Staring Rusty Brown with scenes from the lives of Mina Edison, Anne Morrow Lindbergh, Katharine Hepburn and Clara Barton.
April 7	1:00	Board Meeting
April 14	12:30	Lunch & Program: Final meeting of the season with Installation of Officers



United Thank Offering
Please note **United Thank Offering (UTO)**
Ingathering Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 17th-18th.

Grief Support Group

Saint Michael and All Angels may start a support group for parishioners who have recently or not so recently experienced a death in their family or circle of friends. This will be a time for listening or sharing.

If you have an interest please call Parish Nurse Roberta Heller at 472-2173 ext. 3.

Noah’s Ark Thrift Shop ...

...is open Monday through Friday and the 1st Saturday of the month, 9:30-12:30. Noah’s Ark donates its profits to charities on island, in the county, nation and internationally.

Visit www.saintmichaels-sanibel.org for the latest updates. Information on Hurricanes, Parish Retreat, Celtic Music and Spirituality Weekend, etc., can now be viewed. Missed a *Red Door*? Download past issues at the click of a button.

Outreach Awareness Sunday

Sunday, October 28, 2007

9:15 – 10:15 a.m.

Parish Hall

Needs and Opportunities for Outreach in Southwest Florida

Featured Speaker: Carol McLaughlin, Chief Program Officer
Southwest Florida Community Foundation

As Chief Program Officer, Carol McLaughlin administers and oversees the granting of over \$5 million a year to non-profit agencies, and also works closely with non-profit agencies as a resource consultant in areas of budgeting, board development, and strategic planning. She is very knowledgeable about the human service needs in our area, and the agencies that are working to meet them.

Additional Speakers:

Penny Chrysler, ECW Co-President:
Outreach by the ECW

Dick Jacker, Outreach Commission Chair:
Outreach through:

- ✚ the Parish Budget
- ✚ the Matthew 25 Special Needs Outreach Fund
- ✚ the Matthew 25 Outreach Endowment

There will be time for questions and discussion during the hour. The speakers will also be available at the Coffee Hour following the 10:30 service to talk about your interests and concerns.

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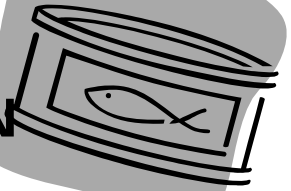
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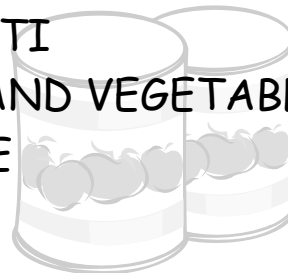


Food Banks in Fort Myers are depleted!

It's difficult to imagine, but many families are going hungry. Increased unemployment due to problems in the housing industry mean growing numbers of construction workers are out of work and unable to feed their families. This has resulted in skyrocketing demands for food from food area food banks. **You can help.** Bring any non-perishable to church on any weekend in the next month. Place in the **red** tubs outside the red doors. Checks made out to Saint Michael's and marked "Food Drive", are acceptable in addition to canned goods.

Listed are recommended items:

- ✓ CANNED MEATS LIKE HAM AND TUNA
 - ✓ RICE
 - ✓ CANNED BEANS
 - ✓ PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY
 - ✓ CANNED SPAGHETTI
 - ✓ CANNED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES
 - ✓ PASTA AND SAUCE
 - ✓ CEREAL
 - ✓ SOUP
 - ✓ HYGIENE KITS (SHAMPOO, TOOTHPASTE, SOAP)
- and more...



**THE OUTREACH COMMISSION WILL DELIVER TO CCMI.
THANK YOU!**

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month



Support the Southwest Florida Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure by wearing something "pink" to Church on Saturday, October 27 and Sunday, October 28. Show your support, honor survivors and celebrate their courage, and remember those who lost their battle with breast cancer.

Coming in November...

CPR Training for Saint Michael's Parishioners

CPR will be taught on **Thursday, November 8 from 1-4 PM** at the Sanibel Fire Station. Fee is \$20.00, which includes the manual. If you are interested, please call Roberta or Susan by November 1st.



FLU Shots Available

The VNA will be giving **flu shots on Wednesday, November 14 from 1:30 -3:30 PM** at the church. The cost for this year's vaccine is \$30.00. **Pneumonia vaccine** is also available for \$40. Bring your Medicare card!

Highlights

September Vestry Meeting

- The Treasurer's Report: 2008 budget requests are due in by the Commission heads by the end of October.
- The Rector's Report began with a special thanks to Sr. Warden John Pryor, Fr. Hayden Crawford, staff members and the Vestry during his absence. A thank you also to the Church for the gift of \$2,000 toward sabbatical expenses.
- The Rector shared thoughts from his sabbatical and thoughts for today and tomorrow – "This parish faces wonderful opportunities and challenges in the future in Pastoral Care, Education, Outreach and other areas."
- Saint Michael's 50th Anniversary Celebration begins in 2008 and includes Bishop Dabney Smith's visit on March 2nd.
- The Interim Rector's report reflects Fr. Crawford's day-to-day pastoral calls and visits, as well as ministries to Honduras.
- The Sr. Warden's report touches on the 2008 Consortium of Endowed Episcopal Parishes (CEEP) Annual Conference, Feb 21-23; as well as The Sanibel Town Center Plan.
- The Pastoral Care Commission reports that plans are being made for "Pink Weekend" for Oct. 27-28.
- There is an urgent need for additional bus drivers for Sunday mornings.
- Parish Nurse Roberta Heller has scheduled a CPR course on Nov. 8; Flu shots will be given here on Nov. 14.
- The Outreach Commission hosts Outreach Awareness Sunday on October 28th.
- Stewardship Commission: The Planned Giving group met August 20 and they are preparing for 2008.
- The Annual Giving group is tying in the 50th Anniversary with the theme of the year's campaign.
- Christian Education Commission: An updated Christian Ed brochure is in the next *Red Door*.
- Awareness Retreat – filled, registration has been reopened for an expanded Retreat!
- A flyer with more information and registration for the Celtic Spirituality Weekend will be in next *Red Door*.
- The Bible and Brahms' Study begins Friday, October 26th.
- Worship Commission reports the retirement of Chair Nancy Santeusano, however, she will continue to work with the LEM's and Acolytes.
- The Rector asks on behalf of Worship Commission the Vestry's approval of Christine Steege and Jerry Steege being licensed for Eucharistic Ministry. Approved.
- ECW reports that Noah's Ark had a very successful summer.
- ECW's first general meeting is November 12.
- Men's Ministry meets twice a month; discussions and participation have been outstanding.
- Clergy Wellness Ministry Team meet in November and quarterly. The Team looks to expand their parameter and work with the Parish Nurse as well as looking into Staff Wellness.
- Finance Committee will be meeting soon to review budget. Compensation Committee will also be meeting soon.
- Dick Kimball reminds parishioners to name Saint Michael's in their estate plan.
- Motion made of Acclamation to John Pryor for job well done by Dick Jacker; Second by K.K. Bigelow; Approved.

Coffee, Caring, and Conversation on Sundays:

The Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion



9:20 until 10:15 in
the Parish Hall



At Saint Michael's in this decade we have established an environment in which caring conversation is valued, diversity celebrated, and opinions respected. We have conversations, not arguments, about things that are important to us. We strive to speak the truth in love. We'll approach these contemporary issues from intellectual, pastoral, and doctrinal perspectives.

Join us in a conversational setting in which we prayerfully and carefully open ourselves – and the newspapers – to each other. The Rector, Vestry Member Dick Jacker, and other clergy and lay leaders facilitate the conversations each Sunday morning, as the early Coffee Hour closes, until time to prepare for worship at 10:30.

On Sunday, October 21, we'll hear from our parish's Delegates and Alternates to our Diocesan Convention the day before – the first meeting of Convention with our new Diocesan Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Dabney Smith, D. Min.

Join us Sunday at 9:20 in the Parish Hall.

Saint Michael's Parish Retreat

"LIVING AS A CHRISTIAN IN A DIVERSE WORLD"

Wednesday, Feb. 13th to Friday, Feb. 15th 2008 at DaySpring Episcopal Conference Center. **Leaders:** The Rev. Canon Bruce Duncan, MBE, St. Michael's Theologian-in-Residence, The Rev. Nadim Nassar, President of Trinity Foundation for Christianity and Culture, London; and Stephen L. Taber, M.P.A., J.D., M.A., Awareness CourseTM, Certified Instructor.

This Retreat is designed to educate, and to enhance the lives of Christians in an increasingly multi-faith and multi-cultural world. It promotes the understanding of what it means to hold fast to the principles of the Christian faith while appreciating and respecting other world religions. It provides an opportunity for learning and spiritual growth.

This two and a half day retreat will include addresses, discussion as well as worship and fellowship and times for individual rest and reflection. We are fortunate to have two experienced leaders to guide us through this weekend. **Please call Susan in the Parish Office weekday mornings for more information and to register – now! (239) 472-2173.**

LIMITED ENROLLMENT

Register Now!

SAINT MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CHURCH
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Welcomes Celtic Theologian J. Philip Newell
for a weekend of

Celtic Music and Spirituality
January 4th – 6th 2008



The New Birthing of Christ for Today

Friday evening, January 4th, 6 p.m.

Coffee and dessert, followed by a talk, and meditative music
\$10

Saturday, January 5th, 9 a.m.

Talks interspersed with times of quiet and music.
Followed by soup and sandwiches at 12:30 p.m.
\$10

Saturday Evening, January 5th, 6:30 p.m.

Ceilidh (a party!) – song and dance led by the musicians
in the Sanibel Community House*; buffet meal included
\$25

Sunday January 6th, The Feast of the Epiphany

Philip will preach at the weekend services,
Saturday – 5 p.m., Sunday – 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
and speak at the Sunday forum at 9:15 a.m., when his topic will be
‘A Celtic perspective on unity and diversity’

Sunday Evening, January 6th at 6 p.m.: A Celtic Mass for Peace

To be held in Peace Lutheran Church, 15840 McGregor Blvd, Fort Myers*, 437-2599

* All meetings are held in the Parish Hall unless otherwise noted.

Through out the weekend, we shall be reflecting upon new insights gained from the ancient wisdom of the Celtic Church, and how these can speak to the contemporary Church, and to the world today.

The Christianity of the Celts included:

- An evangelical love for the Bible;
- A depth of spiritual life and stillness;
- A radical commitment to caring for the whole creation;
- A strong belief in the transforming power of the Holy Spirit;
- An awareness of God's presence, deep within and all around

Philip Newell is a poet, a scholar and a teacher. Formerly warden of Iona Abbey in the western Isles of Scotland, he is currently Writer Theologian for the Scottish Cathedral of the Isles as well as Companion Theologian for the American Spirituality Centre of Casa del Sol in New Mexico. He is internationally acclaimed for his work in the field of Celtic Spirituality, including his best known titles *Listening for the Heart-beat of God* and his poetic book of prayer *Sounds of the Eternal*.

Philip will be joined by six musicians when he visits Saint Michael's Church in January. These are the musicians who accompanied his CD *Sounds of the Eternal*. They also played at the Scottish premiere of the Celtic Mass for Peace in St Giles Cathedral, Edinburgh, last November. Their instruments include violin, guitar, piano, percussion, clarinet, and the clarsach (Scottish harp).

Bookings for the weekend are now open.

You can book for all, or some, of the events. Sunday events do not need to be booked.

Numbers for the Ceilidh will need to be limited;

EARLY BOOKING IS RECOMMENDED!



Mail this form to: Susan Gonzalez, Parish Secretary

Saint Michael's Church, 2304 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, FL 33957

Make checks payable to: St. Michael and All Angels Church (Celtic Weekend)

Date	Time	Venue	Cost per Ticket	Number of Tickets	Total Cost
Friday, January 4 th	6 – 9 p.m.	Saint Michael's Parish Hall	\$10		\$
Saturday, January 5 th	9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Saint Michael's Parish Hall	\$10		\$
Saturday, January 5 th	6:30 – 9:30 p.m.	Sanibel Community House	\$25		\$
Amount enclosed					\$

Please print:

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone #: _____

Sowing Tears, Reaping Joy The Bible and Brahms' Requiem

'Sowing tears, Reaping joy' is an exploration of what the Bible has to say about grief and hope in a Christian context. It features some of the most magnificent passages on those themes from both the Old and New Testaments. While it would be perfectly possible to study the Bible without Brahms, we think you will find the Requiem a rich resource. In fact, the music may unlock the Bible's tenderness and passion in a way you have never experienced before.

You do not need to be an expert on either the Bible or Brahms to participate in this course. You need only a genuine interest in learning more about the Bible, and an openness to exploring your own thoughts and feelings about grief and Christian hope.

Join The Rev. Liz Farrow, Christine Steege and Lee Williams as they lead this 7 session Bible Study beginning Friday, October 26th at 10:00 a.m. and meeting each Friday until December 14th, excluding November 23rd in the Parlor. You will find it helpful to read through the notes for session one in the study guide before the first meeting.

Register by phone (239) 472-2173 or by e-mail parishsecretary@saintmichaels-sanibel.org by Oct. 22. Study Guides are available in the Church Office at the time of registration or at the first session for \$20.

Holidays are doubly blessed when shared!

If you are alone or new to the area and would enjoy being with others for Thanksgiving, please contact Susan at the Church Office (239) 472-2173 or call Christine Steege (239) 267-0573.

Have you seen...?

Our church is celebrating its Fiftieth Anniversary in the next year. As part of this event, history of the parish is being written using letters, vestry minutes, interviews and other documents. Several years ago a scrapbook was created and was kept in the office; it had a lot of information and photographs that would be invaluable now. We have not been able to locate this scrapbook, so if you borrowed it or know where it is, please call the Church Office at 472-2173.

If you have any information, photos or stories that would be of interest, please contact Dory Rooker at 454-7143 or doryrooker@aol.com.

The next *Red Door* will be printed October 31st.
Deadline for news is October 24th.

Supper's for Six groups are forming

What is *Supper's for Six*? A fun and tasty way to get to know your fellow parishioners at Saint Michael's.

How does it work? Everyone who signs up to participate will be part of a group of six (6) or eight (8) people. Three or four times during the year between January and sometime in the Spring, two people will host the other four or six at a simple supper in their home.

Each group will consist of couples and individuals – perhaps two or three couples and two individuals. Please note – this is **not** just for couples. We hope all members of Saint Michael's will want to be a part of this pleasant, easy way to meet other parishioners.

Remember, the suppers are to be simple. We have found that "pitch-ins" make hosting much simpler. Each group works this out for itself. The gatherings are about fellowship and new friends, not about gourmet cooking.

There will be a *Suppers for Six* kickoff event with wine and hors d'oeuvres in December. We will send you a card with details.

If you are interested please do one of the following to let us know:

- ✓ Sign-up on the sheet provided in the Parish Hall.
- ✓ Fill out the form below and place it in the offering plate.
- ✓ Fill out form below and take it to the Church Office.
- ✓ Fill out form below and fax it to the Church Office at (239) 395-1670.
- ✓ E-mail the information to the Parish Secretary at parishsecretary@saintmichaels-sanibel.org.
- ✓ Or simply mail the completed form to the Church Office at 2304 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, FL 33957.

Mardi & Wayne Ponader, Chairs – *Suppers for Six*

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Please return this form to the Parish Secretary

Name(s): _____

Florida Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Group Size (circle one): 6 8

Dates you will be in Florida: _____

Church Service you usually attend: _____

The Sound of a Bell

Notes from the Director of Music about a unique instrument

What does the sound of a bell say to you? When you hear the distinctive tones of a bell, what do you think?

LISTEN... The very earliest bells were signals. “The sheep are moving” (so Spirit, our cat, has a bell on his collar) — “it’s midnight” (Big Ben in London tells us so) — “the meeting is starting now” (and Betsy Schuman rings a small cast table bell) — “it’s time for worship” (we hear the daily Angelus at 6:00 o’clock, or the Westminster Quarters on Saturdays and Sundays) — “the Host is consecrated” (and our Sanctus bell signals this solemn moment for the community). *Bells do speak to us of important things.*

REMEMBER... Bells have a fascinating history. Early bells in Europe and America were cast in bronze, to last across centuries rather than for decades or years or months. The time frame of a cast bell’s existence is longer than that of a computer, or a political appointment, or a concrete bridge. The five bells above Saint Michael’s will outlast me, and the tower, and perhaps even the island itself. *Bells do speak to us of eternal things.*

ACT! Bells may peal, or toll, or chime, or simply ring. The language of bells is non-verbal. They can communicate what words cannot, and can intensify our actions. Bells **peal** – and we rejoice at a new marriage or for a life now in Christ. Bells **toll** – and we begin The Burial of the Dead office in solemnity. Bells **chime** – and we move on to the next activity. Bells **ring** – so we put out the fire, or answer the phone, or hurry from the parking lot because we are late. *Bells do speak to us about our actions.*

What does a bell say? When you hear a bell, listen... and remember... and act!

*(For a more complete discussion, see the on-line edition of **The Red Door**)*



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