



St. Michael's Messenger

September 1, 2024



The Rector's Corner

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Michael's,

In the life of our nation, we pause on Monday to remember and celebrate the gift of laboring. The Collect for Labor Day reminds us of two things. First, the toil that each of us endeavors in has an impact on others. Second, that there is a dignity in laboring. I invite us all to meditate on next Monday's Collect.

Almighty God, you have so linked our lives one with another that all we do affects, for good or ill, all other lives: So guide us in the work we do, that we may do it not for self alone, but for the common good; and, as we seek a proper return for our own labor, make us mindful of the rightful aspirations of other workers, and arouse our concern for those who are out of work; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen. (BCP 261)

As Christians, we are called by Jesus to labor on his behalf. He calls us to be, as St. Paul would say, Ambassadors of Christ. I am curious, where have we found ourselves laboring for Christ? Naturally, we think of laboring at church, at home, and at work. But where else have we labored for Jesus? In our quiet times this week, let us be bold and ask Jesus where he would like us to labor for a season. Trust me, he will give each of us direction. Our task is to be faithful in our laboring. Who knows, we might just find ourselves in a new and amazing place surrounded by people hungry for the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Speaking of laboring for Christ, we will bless two Home Communion Kits on Sunday at our 8:30 service. This laboring will help to bring the Sacrament of Christ's Presence into the lives of countless folks to come. (Someone please take a picture on Sunday for our next Messenger, thank you!)

Let's all have a joyful week and I will see y'all on Sunday! Have a safe and joyful Holiday Weekend as well.

Faithfully,
Fr. Dan

Calendar

09/02	<i>Happy Labor Day!</i> Office Closed
09/04	5:15 Choir Practice
09/05	6:30 September ECM Social
09/08	11:30 Finance Meeting
09/11	5:15 Choir Practice
09/15	9:30 DOK Meeting
09/18	5:15 Choir Practice
09/19	6:00 Vestry Meeting
09/21	DOK Event at St. Michael's (ALL DAY)
09/25	5:15 Choir Practice
09/26	6:00 September Meet 'n' Eat
09/29	St. Michael's Feast Day
10/02	5:15 Choir Practice
10/03	6:30 October ECM Social
10/13	11:30 Finance Meeting
10/16	5:15 Choir Practice
10/20	9:30 DOK Meeting



SERVING SUNDAY 09/01/2024

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Daniel A. Wagner
 Organist and Choirmaster: Nancy Owens
 Altar Guild: Kim Frost
 Eucharistic Ministers:
 8:30 Elaine Parnell
 10:30 Ethel Lawler
 Lectors: 8:30 Elaine Parnell
 10:30 Kim Frost
 Acolytes: 8:30 Leisa Achterhoff
 10:30 Tom McCabe
 Greeters: 8:30 John Cleveland
 10:30 Ellie Cook
 Vestry Open-up: Dick Keating
 Vestry Lock-up: Mark Pesnell

REIMBURSEMENT MATTERS: A friendly reminder to all. When anything is purchased for St. Michael's with your personal finances and reimbursement is requested, the following procedure must be done. Ask either the Treasurer, Bob, or Tia for the appropriate form to fill out for the request. Receipts for all purchases must be submitted with the request form. When audited, items like this are looked at closely. Thank You!

SEPTEMBER ECM: Our meeting this month is THIS Thursday, Sept 5. The social will start at 6:30 and dinner is at 7:00. This month's meal is Pizza. Come join us and Fr. Dan for his 1st ECM meeting. We will have good food and great fellowship. The cost of the meal will be split among those attending. Please sign up so we know how much food to prepare.

OFFICE CLOSED: Please remember the office will be closed THIS Monday, September 2, in observance of Labor Day. For pastoral needs in case of an emergency, please call Fr. Dan at 864-430-2221. Have a safe and joyful holiday!

BUBBAQUE: Our 29th annual BubbaQue is scheduled for Saturday, October 26, 2024 at 5 pm here at St. Michael's. This marks the kick off of our Annual Pledge Campaign. We will have more information coming soon.

ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION: The altar flower chart and dedication sheets are posted on the bulletin board. Here's how to sign-up: Put your name on the altar flower chart then on the dedication sheet, write your name and how you want your dedication to read in the bulletin for the date you select. Please remember you need to put your name in both places! Altar flowers are now \$40, Greenery is now \$20 and special request may cost more.

***LADIES BIBLE STUDY:** Plans are to have one after the new year.

*Welcoming all to a relationship with God through
Christ; serving in our community*



ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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ST. MICHAEL'S MEMORIAL COLUMBARIUM

The St. Michael's Memorial Columbarium Committee would like to remind you that you can purchase a niche at any time. The cost per niche is \$500 and will accommodate the cremated remains of two people. Niches will have names and birthdates engraved for those that have purchased the right to use the columbarium. For complete information on this ministry, please see Rick Parnell.



SEPTEMBER

- 1 Jordan Achterhoff
- 4 Cary Burgin
- 17 Sue McClure
- 20 Mason Keating
- 21 Bob Cook
- 22 Yasemin Long
- 24 Dick Keating
- 25 Sarah Mikell
- 29 Bruce Wallace

**May God Bless You on
Your Birthday!**



Pantry Items

bar soap - laundry detergent
oatmeal
grits - rice - Jiffy muffin mix

