



# St. Michael's Messenger

January 12, 2025



## The Rector's Corner

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Michael's,

This week has marked a return to normalcy, if you will, for me. The office is back open. Our Wed. Healing Service restarted yesterday. The men will gather tonight for their monthly time together. Since it is the new year, it is time for our Annual Parish Meeting. That will happen this Sunday at 9:30 AM. We will elect new Wardens and Vestry Members, new Delegates and Alternates for Diocesan Convention, and we will consider amending our Bylaws concerning the Treasurer position. For more information about our Meeting, you will find it in today's Messenger.

On the Feast of the Epiphany, we celebrated the Magi finally making it to Jesus and to present him with their kingly gifts (gold, frankincense, and myrrh). You might have seen some Christians "chalking" their homes (listing the year and saying a prayer for peace to be upon the home, and the inhabitants, for the new year). This tradition goes back to our Roman Catholic brothers and sisters. During the Season after Epiphany (from now until Ash Wednesday and Lent), it is appropriate to have house blessings. The Episcopal Church has a rite – as found in our Book of Occasional Services (Click here – it's page 200). The blessings are quite flexible. We can make one blessing, go room to room, and even have Holy Communion. If you are interested in having your home blessed, please reach out to me. It would be an honor and joy to do so.

Former President Jimmy Carter's State Funeral took place today at 10 AM. If you missed it, you can watch it on National Cathedral's website – Click here. (Penning these words on Wednesday, I am wondering if it will be a Rite I or Rite II service?)

Finally, the media has been buzzing with talk of snow or some type of wintry experience. This is supposed to happen sometime Friday (afternoon to evening and into the overnight). However, there is much "wobble room" with the forecasting. I feel certain the weather will be good for Sunday.

However, if something changes, please check our website ([www.stmec.org](http://www.stmec.org)) or your inbox or local media. I pray it will be a "southern snow event," in that we get a day of beautiful snow and then it peaceably leaves us in short order. Do keep an eye to the sky and do be safe.

I'll see y'all on Sunday, at 8:30 and 10:30 AM for worship, and at 9:30 AM for our Annual Meeting.

Faithfully,  
Fr. Dan

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING:** St. Michael's annual congregational meeting will be **THIS** Sunday, January 12th. The meeting will be between services at 9:30 AM. We encourage everyone to attend this important part of our parish life.

**CHURCH CALENDARS 2025:** Episcopal Calendars are available for purchase - only \$3 each. We have a limited number of them, so be sure to get yours today. They are on the greeters table in the Narthex with an envelope to put your money in.

**COFFEE HOUR HOSTS FOR 2025:** The sign-up sheet the first part of next year is on the parish hall bulletin board. Please consider serving in this wonderful ministry. Hosting is easy and makes a big contribution to welcoming guests and enhancing our parish fellowship. If you have any questions about serving, call the office at 864.859.6296.

**A FRIENDLY REMINDER:** We ask that you refrain from taking any food or drinks into the Sanctuary. Thank you for your cooperation.

**WARMTH & COMFORT FOR THE ELDERLY:** The DOK is also helping with a project for the elderly in our county. If you have any new travel size toiletries to contribute, please place them in the basket on the table in the Narthex. Project end date is NEXT SUNDAY. Thank you for your participation.

**ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS FOR 2025:** The Altar flower chart and dedication sheet is on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall. The sheets are posted on the parish hall bulletin board. 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.



## Baptism of the Lord



01/12	9:30	Annual Parish Meeting
01/12	11:30	Finance Meeting
01/15	11:00	Midweek Healing Service
01/15	4:30	Choir Practice
01/18	9:00	Vestry Retreat
01/19	9:30	DOK Meeting
01/22	11:00	Midweek Healing Service
01/22	4:30	Choir Practice
01/23	6:00	January Meet 'N' Eat
01/26	9:30	Altar Guild Training



## winter word scramble

DIRECTIONS: CORRECTLY UNSCRAMBLE THE WORDS. MOST CORRECT WINS!

1. ETNWRI \_\_\_\_\_
2. SNWO \_\_\_\_\_
3. LDOC \_\_\_\_\_
4. EFEREZ \_\_\_\_\_
5. BDECEREM \_\_\_\_\_
6. JUYARAN \_\_\_\_\_
7. AFEBRYRU \_\_\_\_\_
8. SWNMANO \_\_\_\_\_
9. FIERCELPA \_\_\_\_\_
10. SGVLOE \_\_\_\_\_
11. ELDS \_\_\_\_\_
12. CTAJEK \_\_\_\_\_
13. WLSEOAFNK \_\_\_\_\_
14. ARSFC \_\_\_\_\_
15. OTBSO \_\_\_\_\_



## JANUARY

2	Mark Pesnell
6	Kim Frost
8	Kathy Zaleski
15	Scott Keating
19	Jeri King
20	Anita Valentin
22	Deborah Dunlap
26	Drayton Robbins

*May God Bless You  
On Your Birthday!!*

## SERVING SUNDAY 01/12/25

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Daniel A. Wagner

Organist and Choirmaster: Nancy Owens

Altar Guild: Anita Valentin

Eucharistic Ministers:

8:30 Sarah Mikell

10:30 Mark Pesnell

Lectors: 8:30 Jay Achterhoff

10:30 Tony Burns

Acolytes: 8:30 Leisa Achterhoff

10:30 Verger: Tom McCabe

Crucifer: Ethan Carroll

Torch Bearers: Summer Robbins

Kim Pesnell

Banner: Robert Borowski

Greeters: 8:30 Robbie Lake

10:30 Salvina Cascio-Brewer

Vestry Open-up Church: Robbie Lake

Vestry Lock-up Church: Ellie Cook