



St. Michael's Messenger

March 23, 2025



The Rector's Corner

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Michael's,

One role of being a priest is to provide Pastoral Care to folks. A great definition for Pastoral Care is "the care and support that clergy provide to their congregants. The seven functions of pastoral care are to nurture, encourage, counsel, teach, lead, equip, and witness." (source: <https://ministryanswers.com/christian-beliefs/what-are-the-7-functions-of-pastoral-care/>)

Being the priest in community means being attuned with the needs of those in the parish and then responding, including asking others to assist. I am thankful for the rise of Lay Eucharistic Ministers (Elaine Parnell, Robert and Anita Pinkston, Deborah Dunlap, and Bob and Ellie Cook). Plus, there are several folks who will let me know of concerns I should be aware of (and often, I am not). As I tell the Vestry in every monthly report to them, "IF you know of someone ill/home bound/hospitalized, please let me know. I may not know about the situation. Seminary does not teach clergy to be clairvoyant." Plus, a big thanks to our DOK who pray for me and pray for many folks who are in difficult spiritual, financial, or health situations.

I would like to encourage everyone to pray and reach out (via a letter, phone call, or even a visit) to our home bound folks, but especially these dear souls.

I am happy to report that Sue McClure is home following a fall in her apartment and subsequent rehab. She looks forward to Oliver joining her once more. Sue will be thrilled to receive a note of love and support.

I am happy to report that Nancy Owens is on the mend, following breaking her left hand and subsequent surgery. Why not send her a note of love and support? She is happy to receive visitors, but do call ahead.

Carol Dohm continues to convalesce at her new apartment in Central, following her car wreck, several surgeries, and rehabilitation. Let us all keep her in our prayers. A note of love and support will go a long way. Please call ahead for any visits. She has good days and challenging days.

Joan Cornine was hospitalized two weeks ago and is now at Foothills Retirement for rehabilitation. She would like visitors, but please do call ahead. Feel free to send her a note of love and support too.

Also, in the area of encouragement and equipping, it was a real joy to commission Ethan C. as our candidate for Happening (March 21-23) and Sheree C. as our candidate for Cursillo (March 27-March 30). Cursillo and Happening are spiritual renewal events for adults and youth, respectfully. Please hold them both in prayer.

Have a great week everyone. I pray we will have "normal weather" and that everyone is now on Day Light Savings Time, so we can all gather as the Body of Christ on Sunday at 8:30 and 10:30.

God's Peace,
Fr. Dan

LENTEN SEASON: Please remember that alleluias are omitted from the Liturgy during the Lenten Season, as this is a pertinent time and our worship is muted. After we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord, we will return to including alleluias in our Worship.

LENT WORSHIP: As we are in Lent, our worship style will change. The aim of is to enhance our Lenten experience and use as much of the Prayer Book as possible within a year.

LENTEN STUDY: We will have a video and discussion of the upcoming Gospel lessons during Lent. As an experiment, we will have our 11 AM Healing Service and class following that service. At 5:30 PM, we will have brief worship and then the same class for those who are unable to make it earlier in the day. Come and try these worship and education opportunities.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: While Stations of the Cross have been done on Good Friday only, this year we will offer them each Friday in Lent in the Church at 5 PM. This is a quiet, though powerful, spiritual discipline. We will have Stations on Good Friday also.

MARCH MEET 'N' EAT: We will meet **THIS** Thursday, March 27 at 6 PM at Merrell's Pizza in the Doodle Station in Easley (101 NE Main St). Sign-up on the Parish Hall bulletin board.

APRIL ECM: will be a Fish Fry on Thursday, April 3 at 6:30 PM Social 7:00 PM meal. Please sign up in the Parish Hall, so we know how much food to prepare. Invite someone who hasn't been to a meeting.

ECW SPRING HIGH TEA: Our 5th Annual Spring High Tea will be held Saturday, April 12th from 12:00 to 2:00 in the Parish Hall. Dress in your Sunday best, Hats preferred but not required. All women are invited for tea, food, door prize, lots of fun and fellowship. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. To purchase your \$10.00 ticket, or if you have any questions, please see Ellie.



MARCH

- 2 Neeraj Sharma
- 6 Rebecca Borowski
- 8 Robbie Lake
- 9 John Cleveland
- 10 Justin Keating
- Betsy Smith
- 12 Cheryl Borowski
- 15 Barbara Marcy
- 20 Elaine Parnell
- 26 Thomas McCabe
- 27 Mary Beth Stroud
- 30 Myrna Pulley

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

CALENDAR

03/22	10:00	DOK Quiet
03/26	11:00	Mid-week Healing Service & Class
03/26	4:30	Choir Practice
03/26	5:30	Mid-Week Service & Class
03/27	6:00	March Meet 'n' Eat
03/28	5:00	Stations of the Cross
04/02	11:00	Mid-week Healing Service & Class
04/02	4:30	Choir Practice
04/02	5:30	Mid-Week Service & Class
04/03	6:30	April ECM Social
04/11	5:00	Stations of the Cross
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04/12	12:00	ECW Spring High Tea

ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



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EASTER FLOWERS: If you would like to dedicate a flower, please turn a form into the office no later than 4/13. The amount for a flower is \$25 and can be placed in the offering plate or turned into the office. Checks need to indicate Easter flower in the subject line.

SERVING SUNDAY 03/23/25

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Daniel A. Wagner

Organist and Choirmaster: Nancy Owens

Altar Guild: Kim Frost

Eucharistic Ministers:

8:30 Robert Pinkston

10:30 Mark Pesnell

Lectors: 8:30 Jeri King

10:30 Mike Pulley

Acolytes: 8:30 John Dickey

10:30 Robert Borowski

Greeters: 8:30 Teri Swann

10:30 Anita Valentin

Vestry Open-up Church: Wardens & Fr. Dan Wagner

Vestry Lock-up Church: Prissy Golas