

THE MESSENGER

St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church

May 2011 at St. Michael's

Sunday, May 1st
9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Second Sunday of Easter
Holy Eucharist

Sunday, May 8th
9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Pancake breakfast in Parish Hall from 9:15 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.
Mother's Day Cake Walk at 9 a.m. coffee hour

Third Sunday of Easter
Holy Eucharist

Sunday, May 15th
9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Fourth Sunday of Easter
Holy Eucharist

Sunday, May 22nd
9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Fifth Sunday of Easter
Holy Eucharist

Sunday, May 29th
9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Sixth Sunday of Easter
Holy Eucharist

FROM THE RECTOR

The Rev. Dr. Pamela Redding

I was just starting to fall asleep when I heard my 3 year old daughter call from her bed, "Mom." It had been a busy day and there she was in the dark with eyes wide open and she said to me, "I am all wound-up! I can't calm down." Of course that is what I had asked her to do when I tucked her in. Sometimes calming down after a busy time is hard to do, and sometimes we do not really want to calm down. That is where I find myself this Easter Season - all wound-up - but in a good way.

We are all wound-up at St. Michael's these days and I think it is because we have spent so much time being energized by the Holy Spirit through sacraments. In the last week 4 people were baptized and two confirmed. We welcomed **Jinna Watt, Jennifer Mangum, Gwen O'Connor** and **Jude Hennessey** into our life in Christ and traveled with **Keith Coppage** and **Tom Svejda** to Grace Cathedral where they officially became Episcopalians. Lent and Holy Week were a full experience and Easter amazing with a very full church. Easter Week was busy clear through Saturday. To the unsuspecting public we probably have a conspicuous glow that comes from being so amazingly happy as a congregation.

This May we also share in anticipation as five of our young adults are graduating from high school. **Abby Campbell, Mia Pricco, Clancy Darcy, Alexa Attia** and **Camille Condit**. We are so proud of you and congratulations! We look forward to sharing your bright futures with you. I am so thankful to each of you for taking part in each activity here at St. Michael's and for supporting each other. Easter Season is one long celebration clear up to Pentecost in the middle of June. Amazingly enough, on Pentecost Sunday we are already expecting to have more baptisms with another confirmation service in June. If we missed you on Easter or someone in your family wants to be baptized, let me know and we will begin preparations.

May is always a busy time inside the church and outside our doors in the world of mission. Let's enjoy this time of excitement as long as we can.

Alleluia Christ is risen!
The Lord is risen indeed!

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St. Julia's Guild

The ladies of St. Julia's Guild wish to thank the many parishioners, members & families of **Grant Street Players** and the family and friends of St. Julia's who turned out to help us with our yearly bake sale! The help we received certainly exceeded our expectations! Tables were lined up all along the west wall of the parish house laden with some beautiful cakes, pies, lots of cup cakes, cookies and more! In addition to the bake sale, a raffle was held with items donated by **Denny Foley, Lorena Tasin** and **Alice McMillan**, all of which helped St. Julia's earn over \$600.00!

St. Julia's will donate a large part of our earnings to the church to be used to refurbish the pre-school fence and to enable the church to help pay our annual assessment to the Diocese. You helped make the sale successful.

We would like to invite you to become a part of St. Julia's Guild, to enjoy our fellowship and special projects. Bring a sandwich and join us on **Wednesday, May 11th at noon** in the parish hall. All are welcome!

Thank you and God's peace,

Alice McMillan, President

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The St. Michael's Men's Group

The next meeting of the Men's Group is **Wednesday evening, May 11th in the Parish Hall at 6:30 p.m.** Bring some food to share and join us for a time of fellowship and service.

Music Notes from Joyce Pricco

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

We are now in Easter week and what a wonderful Holy Week we had. Some of our musical and dramatic highlights were:

- dramatic reading of the Passion on Palm Sunday
- a dance by our wonderful kids on Palm Sunday
- duet by Janice Anelli and Bonnie Robertson Cahill on Palm Sunday
- dramatic reading of the Passion by Jerry and Bonnie Cahill on Good Friday
- Hallelujah Chorus on Easter Sunday following four baptisms

Maundy Thursday was a serene Instructed Eucharist as a service to end the confirmation classes and Good Friday noonday was also a contemplative Stations of the Cross service. If you did not get a chance to enjoy Holy Week, I encourage you to try it next year.

CONFIRMATION AT GRACE CATHEDRAL

As many of you know, **Keith Coppage** and **Tom Svejda** were both confirmed on Saturday, April 30, 2011 at Grace Cathedral. It was an uplifting experience for those of us who went to see not only Keith and Tom, but many confirmands, and people who were received and reaffirmed into the Episcopal Church. God bless you Keith and Tom on your journey with Christ!

More from Joyce Pricco

FR. MAC'S STECK PIANO

Once again, I would like to thank all the people who donated to the Piano Fund on behalf of Wanda Stanley. And, I am happy to announce when our piano tuner, Ron Russell, came to tune the piano before Easter Sunday, he commented the piano actually went sharp, not flat. The reason he gave me is since the humidifier had been installed, it is doing a good job of creating more moisture for the wood which is swelling the soundboard arch and increases tension on the strings which makes it go sharp. He said the piano will sound better as it recovers and said we did a good thing by getting the humidifier in the nick of time. This is great news and will keep the piano in good shape.

I hope you all have beautiful warm, spring days before we hit our hot time of the year.

Blessings,
Joyce

Don't Miss the Pancake Breakfast! SUNDAY May 8th

The Men's Group will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast in the Parish Hall from 9:15 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Come between services for food and fellowship and skip cooking at home for only \$5.00/adult, \$3.00/child.

News from St. Michael's Preschool

National Teacher Appreciation week is May 2nd-6th

Mother's Day Pot Luck Luncheon

Friday, May 13th from 12Noon-1PM School will close after luncheon.

School will be closed on Monday, May 30th in honor of Memorial Day

The children will bring their bikes to school on **Thursday, May 26th** for a **Trike -A-Thon**, to help support St. Jude Child's Research Hospital.

We are still looking for a volunteer to clean the preschool yard, and mow the small patch of grass on the yard once a month.

St. Michael's Preschool Summer Program

All children welcome between the ages of 4-6 years old, including those who have participated in prior years.

We have exciting adventures planned throughout the summer. Weekly field trips, arts and crafts and fun activities geared toward this age group.

We are a non-profit Christian Preschool who has been serving this community for over 30 years. We are open from 6:15am-6pm, Monday.- Friday. We offer a flexible summer schedule. Our teachers are well qualified, and are dedicated to our program.

For more information about our summer program call Pamela Mendoza, Director at (925)685-8862 or email at stmma-preschool@sbcglobal.net

CAKE WALK THIS SUNDAY!

This Sunday we will have an **old fashioned Cake Walk** at St. Michael's starting at 10:25am-10:50am. While you are consuming a delicious pancake breakfast, take a break, take a walk and win a cake!

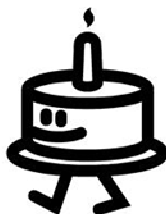
We are asking for donations in the form of a cake, a plate of cupcakes or cookies. If you can donate, please reply to me and let me know what you can bring - I can come and pick the item up at your home on Friday afternoon/evening or Saturday during the day. For those of you that don't bake, purchased items from a local grocery store will be accepted (and the price tag removed).

We want the children to be able to participate so that is why we are having it at the first coffee hour instead of the second one. We are planning to have four rounds of walks with four desserts given away at each walk. We will need 16 dessert items (at least), if we get more we can have more desserts per walk. So, I will await your reply - it is a lot of fun if you have never participated in a Cake Walk before.

Why a Cake Walk, you might ask? It is a chance to win a baked item for Mom (or a friend) and to start the Mother's Day fun. There will be a special Mother's Day Cake. All proceeds go to St. Michael's General Fund.

Geri Quilici

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WEEKLY AT ST. MICHAEL'S

Mondays—Fridays, 6:15 am—6:00 pm
St. Michael's Preschool

Tuesday

7:30 p.m. **Traditional Choir Rehearsal**

Wednesday

10:30 a.m. **Eucharist** (in Chapel)

6:30 p.m. **Contemporary Choir Rehearsal**

Thursday

12:00 noon **Al-Anon**

SUNDAY SERVICES

9:00 a.m. Contemporary Service

11:00 a.m. Traditional Service

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