

# St . michael 's

## Messenger

March 2007



### **Our Purpose**

*To bring the light, love and joy of  
Jesus Christ into this world – by living the written  
word, sharing the living word, and loving without  
exception.*

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## **Rector's Reflections**

I pray you are observing a holy and life transforming Lent. This season of reflection, and penance should produce within us positive change. It should draw us closer to our God. It should prepare us to celebrate a joy filled season of Easter, during which we will celebrate the resurrection. At least make every effort to attend Sunday services at St. Michaels. Please make an extra effort to attend special services as well. As we worship together, God will help us to make these changes in our lives. At the same time, don't neglect your private and family devotions and other individual Lenten disciplines.

Our Lenten Fish Fries are off to a good start. Thanks to Jack Bidell for his leadership again this year. Thanks again to all who have worked to make them successful. Recently I was talking with several neighbors who couldn't speak highly enough about the quality of our food and hospitality.

Please take time to read the article in this month's MESSENGER about the new ministry being organized at St. Michaels. I am excited to see what fruit it will bear in the future.

Our Evangelism team has begun to meet and is looking closely at some ideas to assure the future ministry of our church. Please keep them in your prayers.

Finally, thank you all for your good wishes for our upcoming wedding. Please pray for us as we make our plans. Reserve June 23<sup>rd</sup> on your calendar. May God's blessings continue to be yours in Christ!



Faithfully, Fr. Wheeler+

## 100 Mile Walk for Canaan House

Canaan House is sponsoring a 100 mile walk fundraiser from Monday, April 9 until Sunday April 16.

We will be leaving St. Michael's about 9:30 am on April 9 after a light breakfast and prayer service. One of our walkers will be approaching you about sponsorship or you can walk any or all of the miles with us. A route is available at the back of the church.

Thus far Remi Navy and Torrey Weekley have committed to trying the entire 100 miles with Shirley Trail and would certainly appreciate your support in the form of a sponsor.

St. Michael's will also be hosting the final dinner and celebration on April 16 at 5:30 pm. Prizes will be awarded and Sarah Tasker will be our keynote speaker.

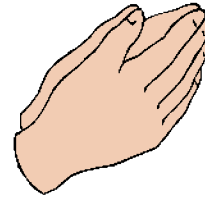


Happy Birthday to

- 5<sup>th</sup> Pat Jarosz
- 6<sup>th</sup> Donna Weekley
- 6<sup>th</sup> Georgia Peden
- 13<sup>th</sup> Bea Bidell
- 16<sup>th</sup> Lee Shatzel
- 21<sup>st</sup> Matthew Eckle
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Loretta Bidell
- 25<sup>th</sup> Peter Casagrande
- 26<sup>th</sup> Jane Robinson
- 27<sup>th</sup> Bob Crump
- 28<sup>th</sup> Peggy Gorczyca

## ADDITIONAL SAFETY TIPS

- Ask law enforcement for a free home security survey.
- Make sure you have sturdy metal or solid wood doors at all entries into your home and that sliding glass and similar doors are properly secured.
- Do not give out personal information over the phone, through the mail, or over the Internet unless you have initiated the contact or know with whom you are dealing.
- If you notice someone following you when you're driving, head for the nearest busy, brightly lighted area. Write down the license number and make and model of the car. Call 911 or your local emergency number.
- Don't leave valuables in view in the car. Leave them in the trunk or, better yet, take them immediately.
- Don't display your cash or any other inviting targets such as pagers, cell phones, hand-held electronic games, or expensive jewelry and clothing.
- As you walk down the street or through the parking garage, walk alertly and assertively. Don't weigh yourself down with too many parcels. Take several loads to the car if necessary.
- When traveling, carry only the credit and ATM cards you absolutely need. Leave the others at home, safely stored.
- Make sure your home is secure when you are traveling—all deadbolts locked, lights left on timers, newspapers stopped, and mail held at the post office or collected by a trusted neighbor who has your travel schedule.



## St. Luke the Physician

### A time to Renew, Refresh & Re-Commit With The Rev. Gary Delmasso

March 23 & 24

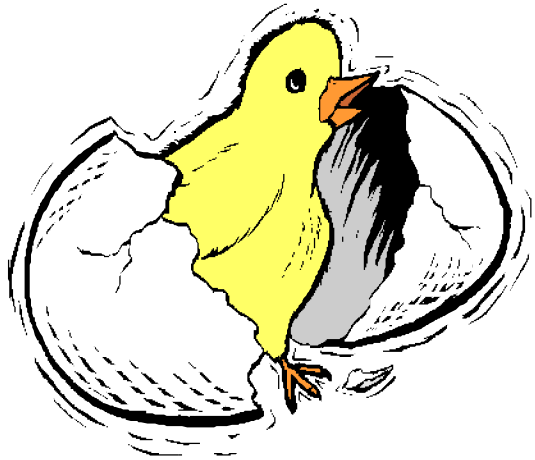
St. Mark's Episcopal Church  
6595 East Quaker St, Orchard Park, NY

Friday, 6:30 pm	Registration
7:00 pm	Praise and Worship
7:30 pm	Teaching #1
8:30 pm	Healing and Closing
Saturday, 8:30 am	Registration
9:00 am	Praise & Worship
9:15 am	Teaching #2
10:15 am	Break
10:45 am	Workshop
12:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm	Praise & Worship
1:15 pm	Workshop
2:15 pm	Break
2:30 pm	Teaching #3
3:15 pm	Break
3:30 pm	Closing Eucharist with Induction And Healing

Cost: \$30.00 which includes lunch on Saturday.  
For more information, please call the Church office  
836-0220.

## Women's Guild

The Women's Guild will meet on Wednesday, March 7, 2007. Following a brown bag lunch they will enjoy a 1 lb. **Bag Auction**. It's always fun to anticipate what you might be getting in that mysterious lumpy bag. Please join us for some fun!



## Favorite Hymns and Anthems

Leading God's people in praise is the "job description" of the Music Ministry at St. Michael's. In order to help the people to do their job of praising, we request input from the congregation, this time for the Easter service and season. The music request form will be yellow this time, so be looking for in as an insert on a Sunday coming soon. There will be opportunity until Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup> to return them in the offering plates, because they are your offering. Fr. Chuck and I will tabulate them and, as at Christmas, make every effort to include them all.

Thank you, Linda Seitz, Minister of Music

## NEW MINISTRY AT ST. MICHAEL

### **Ministering to the needs of Senior**

In keeping with the theme of Safety in our Homes and Communities, Father Wheeler has asked Georgia Peden to set up a data base of information and programs and services available to seniors in this area.

Georgia has asked me to help co-ordinate the materials. So over the next several months, you may be asked to give us some information. We would like to have a file for each member of the parish that will include a contact person, your doctor's name and hospital affiliation, etc. We will keep this information confidential, but this is important if something should happen here at St. Michael's and we needed to call 911. With this information, you would be better taken care of.

The data base will not only have information related to health issue, but will include services available such as: Meals on Wheels, senior activities, transportation and safety tips. As we put this data base together, we will let you know what info we have and will function as a referral source.

Plans are being made for a "Big Event" in the fall. We are hoping to open up the Parish Hall to the community, to make them aware of these services also. We plan to have vendors in with displays of there programs.

