

Mission & Outreach Committee

The Mission & Outreach Committee has committed funds for the following organizations:

Canaan House	\$600.00
Teen MOPS	500.00
St. Aloysius Food Pantry	300.00
Calvary Community Chapel	200.00
Youth for Christ	300.00
Discretionary Fund	<u>500.00</u>
	\$2400.00

The Chairman, Dave Noonan, said that if and when need comes to the committee's attention they will consider additional funding on a case by case basis.

FROM THE EDITOR

I would like to wish all of you a very Blessed and Happy Easter. Remember that Christmas was only 89 days ago – go easy on the jelly beans and chocolate bunnies!!!!

My office hours may vary slightly this month, I am moving. I have work around friends who have offered to help. I should have my sanity back by April and things will get back to *normal*?

Thanks for your patience and understanding,

Karen Sundin, aka Secretary

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Messenger

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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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Carol Weekley, Sr. Warden; and Mike Ham, Jr. Warden

Sharon Schlossin; John Neubert; Dave Noonan; Jack Bidell; Bob
Weekley and Bruce Von Hasseln
Sarah DiLiberto, Clerk

This month we begin a new feature, spotlighting the good work being done by organizations and committees at St. Michael's. Unpaid, often unheralded, members of these groups regularly contribute to the life of our parish. They deserve our thanks and need our regular prayers. This month we recognize the work done by our **VESTRY**.

At one time the vestry referred to a room or closet in which church vestments were kept. Today we refer to this room as the vesting room. In today's church the term vestry refers to a group of men and women who are empowered to carry on church business during the year. Elected by the congregation at each annual meeting, vestry members serve, generally, for a term of three years. A Senior and Junior Warden are also elected and serve as warden for a period of one year. At St. Michael's, the vestry meets as a body on the second Tuesday of each month. These meetings are open to all parishioners and you are invited to attend a meeting at anytime. Wardens generally advise the priest and have responsibilities for the oversight of certain areas of church life. Vestry members likewise serve as liaisons with certain committees and organizations within the church. For example, our Mission & Outreach team is overseen by Dave Noonan. The finances, building & grounds, worship, and spiritual life committees are overseen and enabled by vestry members in partnership with our priest.

Our vestry members work faithfully and diligently to discharge the responsibilities entrusted to them. Please keep them in your prayers. If you have a concern or question contact them. This year we are proud to have Carol Weekley and Mike Ham as our wardens. The Vestry members for 2008 are: Dave Noonan, Bob Weekley, Bruce Von Hasseln, Sharon Schlossin, Jack Bidell and John Neubert and the clerk is Sarah DiLiberto.

SPECIAL OCCASIONS IN MARCH



March 1st
The Anniversary of The Rev Shirley Trail's
Ordination to the Diaconate

RECTOR'S REFLECTIONS

I hope this edition of the MESSANGER finds you experiencing a holy lent. We sometimes forget that the church designed this season as an opportunity for us to take stock of our spiritual condition and to experience true repentance and lasting changes in our lives.

One of the most famous "gangster movie" of the 20th century was THE GODFATHER trilogy. The second sequel finds Godfather Michael Corleone in conversation with a parish priest. After a life of greed and murder Michael comes to the conclusion that his profession as a gangster just may not be measuring up with his profession as a practicing Christian. He went to Mass frequently and received the sacraments. There ensued a discussion of the effect of one's faith on his life. The priest was clear that one's faith should govern how one lived their daily lives, lamenting that (the effect of) "our religion is thousands of miles wide and just a few inches deep in the lives of our people.

During this season, I would encourage you to spend time alone with God, asking Him to help you make a spiritual inventory of your life, to help you make needed changes and to give you the strength to live out your profession in a world that needs your unique witness. May you shine forth the light of Christ this and every season of this year.

Faithfully

Fr. Wheeler

Upcoming Events

Saturday, March 1st 9:30 am
Coffee & Donuts with Father Chuck – topic: Church History

Sunday, March 2nd following the 10:30 am service
Men's Club Meeting

Wednesday, March 5th 12:00 noon
Women's Guild Meeting

Saturday, March 15th 9:30 am
Altar Guild Meeting

Sunday, March 16th following the 10:30 am service
Evangelism Team Meeting (starting in March, the team will meet the 3rd Sunday of the month following the second service.)

Tuesday, March 18th 6:30 pm
Judge's Row Block Club Meeting in the Parish Hall

Thursday, March 20th 7:00 pm
Maundy Thursday Service and Stripping of the Altar

Friday, March 21st 12:00 noon & 7:00 pm
Good Friday Service (Stations of the Cross)

Sunday, March 23rd **EASTER** regular service times

Sunday, March 30th Combined service 9:30 am
Breakfast to follow (\$5.00 donations)

Saturday, April 5th 9:30 am
Coffee & Donuts with Father Chuck – topic: Church History

WOMEN'S GUILD

The Women's Guild will meet on **Wednesday, March 5th**. Members are asked to bring their wedding pictures. It will be fun for us to guess who the bride or bride and groom might be, because, of course, there might be a few changes in our appearance. There will be a prize for the most correct guesses. Come and join in the fun. Lunch will be provided (choice of tuna noodle casserole or mac & cheese).

JUDGE'S ROW BLOCK CLUB

Last month Father Wheeler was approached by a neighbor on Burke Drive. He asked Father if it would be possible for the Judge's Row Block Club to have a meeting at St. Michael's. Was this a answer to a prayer – putting St. Michael's out into the community?

Father agreed and the meeting was held Thursday, February 21st at 6:30 pm. It is the editor understands that the block club had not been meeting for some time and there were trying to reorganize and be a real presence in the neighborhood again. The meeting was well attended (over 35 people, including Mayor Brown's driver [also a resident of the area] and New York State Senator Antoine Thompson.

As always, St. Michael's extended hospitality to the club and served refreshments. The next scheduled meeting for the Block Club is Tuesday, March 18th.

