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RECTOR'S REFLECTIONS

Have you been enjoying a good summer? A summer spent enjoying God's blessings? I hope so! I am amazed at the ways in which our Lord has moved in our midst, showing forth his love for His people. As I planned for my wedding in June, I felt not only the love of my fiancé but also of God's love and care for both of us. Thank you all for your support and good wishes.

We are in the midst of planning for an exciting fall at St Michael's. In September we will be welcoming seminarians from Trinity Seminary. Accompanied by their professor Fr. Macdonald, they will help us present a day of exhibits and seminars to the community sharing information for senior citizens and caretakers.

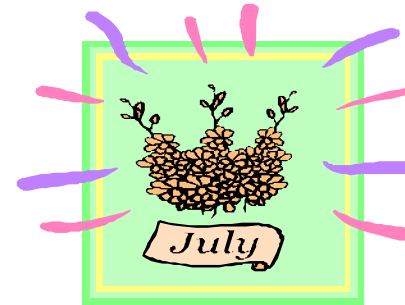
Beginning on September 8th, we will meet together for donuts and coffee to learn about various aspects of our faith. In September we will learn about "the hidden treasures in the Book of Common Prayer."

Sunday School, midweek services and choir will resume as well in September

Two weeks ago, I included in my homily a request that you observe a reverent silence in church before the service. This time enables us to spend time in prayer and "space" to hear God's voice. What a joy it was to "hear" a blessed and holy silence before church. Thank you for your efforts in this area.

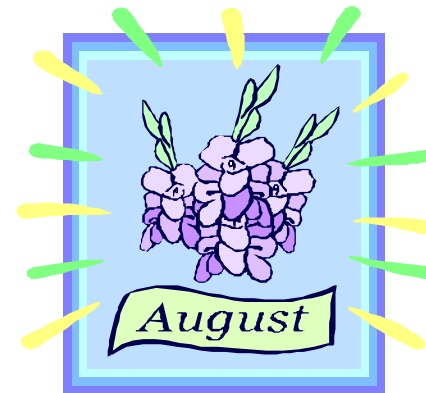
Finally, do continue to enjoy the rest of this all too short summer season. May our Lord Jesus Christ bless and keep you, may He make His face to shine upon you and grant you His peace. Amen

Fr. Wheeler+



Happy Belated Anniversary

Joan & Brian Webster
Kelly & Glenn Mogavero
Gladys & Harold Meacham



Happy Anniversary

17th Marge & Bill Blarr
19th Carol & Bob Weekley

Happy Belated Birthday

Charles Gardinier II
Marion Wohlford
Marge Lang
Ruth Hutchinson
Norman Hambridge
Andy Herd
Marge Preston
Judy Eckle
Dick Moghabghab
Shirley Szen

Happy Birthday

1st Mike Ham
Kelly Mogavero
7th Debbie DiLiberto
Alice Frueh
12th Tim Meacham
17th Joan Webster
18th Sue Ann Dier
19th Gloria Gibson
20th Bill Blarr
22nd Dave Noonan
23rd Carol Shatzel
26th Shirley Gardinier
29th Mildred Sanes
31st Carol Teschemacher

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

- Doors open at 10:00 am with vendors in place, and there will be seminars on various topics throughout the day. The doors will close at 3:00 pm. Exhibitors will be:
 - Meals on Wheels
 - Hospice
 - Erie County Department of Senior Services
 - Elder Law
 - Police / Fire Departments
- There will be coffee and homemade cookies all day, and lunch may be purchased at a modest price.
- Catered Dinner at 6:00 pm (Cost is \$10.00) and everyone is welcome. The Keynote speaker will be The Rev. Canon John Macdonald, Director of the Stanway Institute for World Mission and Evangelism and Ass't. Prof. of Mission and Evangelism at Trinity School for Ministry.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

- There will be the regular schedule of morning services, and one of the Seminarians will be preaching.
- Following the 10:30 service, there will be a luncheon before Father Macdonald and his students head back to Pennsylvania.

This is a huge undertaking for St. Michael's, but it is our hope that this event will bring this church family closer together and all working for the same purpose – to put St. Michael and All Angels Church on the map, so to speak. Hopefully when people know that we are here they will feel like joining in worship and fellowship with us.

WOMEN'S GUILD

While we have no formal meeting during the summer, our Guild members have had get-togethers at various restaurants. Our August lunch was at the Italian Village on Wehrle Dr. At that time we reserved December 12th as the date for our annual Christmas Luncheon.

In September, the Guild will meet as usual on the first Wednesday (Sept 5th). A luncheon will be provided, so that no one will need to bring a sandwich. Of course, if you have dietary problems, you might wish to inquire as to the menu with Georgia Peden or Virginia Bradley. At this meeting we will discuss the program for the year. We will be continuing our practice of filling the boxes for children at Christmas. Some of us have completed ours. Also we will be collecting our yearly dues.

Please mark your calendar and come prepared with suggestions and Renewed vigor.

Sincerely, Virginia Bradley

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Regular Sunday school programs will begin on Sunday, **September 9th**. A hot dog roast will follow the 10:30 am service. Hope to see many smiling faces return and maybe some new ones.

CHIOR

The St. Michael's choir will sing again starting on Sunday, September 9th under the direction of our Music Minister, Linda Seitz. It will be nice to hear their voices at the 10:30 am services. Additional voices are always welcome.

HEALING SERVICE & BIBLE STUDY

The regular Wednesday morning Holy Eucharist with healing will begin again on September 19th at 9:30 am. The Bible Study will follow the service.

SOMETHING NEW!

Don't know what to do on a Saturday morning?

Enjoy having coffee and donuts with a friend?

Just feel like some Christian fellowship?

If you said yes to any of these questions – then

**Join Father Wheeler for coffee and donuts
Saturday, September 8th at 9:30 am
In the Parish Hall**

The topic of discussion will be:

“The Book of Common Prayer”

Please mark your calendar for the 1st Saturday of the month (due to the Labor Day weekend, we will meet on the second Saturday), and join with your church family for coffee and sweets; with a different topic for discussion each month.

HELP NEEDED!

By now, I'm sure you have all heard about the “**THE EVENT**”. The Evangelism Team and others have been working very hard to make this event a success, but they need your help – everybody can do something for the event. The Team needs prayers (lots of prayers), people to put up posters, help with the various activities that weekend (yes St. Michael's does it up big – a 3 day event), donate door prizes, spread the word, and bring your friends.

There are sign-up sheets posted in the narthex and if you are not sure what you can do, please talk to someone on the Team, or Father Wheeler, or just call the office.

The idea of “The Event” began with the formation of the Evangelism Team – how to make St. Michael's a presence in this community. With the help of The Rev. John Macdonald and several of his seminary students from Trinity School of Ministry near Pittsburgh, the inspiration for a 3 day event began. In the next newsletter there will be more information about Father Macdonald, his students, and his work in the field of Evangelism and Mission.

Schedule of Activities

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

- Sometime in the afternoon Father Macdonald and followers will arrive. Some of our parishioners have graciously offered to house our guests.
- **Pot Luck Dinner at 6:00 pm.** Please bring a dish to pass, put a smile on your face and join in fellowship and get to know the seminarians. There will be various table discussions and the evening will close with Compline.