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Reflections from Father Michael+

Dear Friends in Christ,

Happy New Year! As a child, I remember making New Year's resolutions - ideas of what I'd like to change or accomplish in the new year. The reality is that most of us will break our New Year's resolutions before January-2024 comes to an end.

So - instead of making a resolution - I'd like you to consider doing all of the following:

Invite someone to Saint Andrew's - While some respond to newspaper ads or social media posts, the best way to bring people into the church is through a personal invitation. As Bishop Hollingsworth used to say, "Saint Andrew's has helped and fed me over the year. I know that it will touch you too. So, what's a good time to come and pick you up?"

Pray for Saint Andrew's - We look forward to continuing our many ministries in the coming year, along with exploring other new initiatives. For that, we'll need your support. More importantly, we need your prayers!

Take the message of Christ to the world - You can do that by serving others. You can also take Christ's message to the world by how you live. Let your light shine so that others see what it means to be a Christ follower.

As we begin this new year, I wish you every blessing. My prayer is that 2024 is filled with joy, good health, wonder, and happiness.

Yours in Christ,
Michael+

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“Lord, Teach us to Pray” Special Program

Starting on January 7th through February 4th - we'll gather at 8:50 AM in the undercroft. Along with coffee/tea and goodies, we'll gather to review how prayer can change us. We'll review the different types of prayer, how to integrate prayer into our daily lives, and discuss some of our favorite prayers from the Book of Common Prayer. We hope that you can join us!

Official Notice - 2024 Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of Saint Andrew's will be held on Sunday, January 22, 2024. On that day, we'll have only one service of Holy Eucharist at 9:00 AM. Our annual meeting will immediately follow the service in the undercroft. It's an important time to come together as a parish family, learn about the work of the church, and conduct important business. We work to ensure that the meeting lasts no more than 45 minutes. See you there!

Submit your reports for the Annual Meeting!

Please submit your committee or ministry reports to Tsianina no later than Friday, January 12th! She needs extra time to pull-together our reports to prepare the packet for our meeting. If you have any questions, please call Tsianina at (330) 753-9026.

Interested in Serving on Vestry?

This year, we'll recognize outgoing vestry members for their loyal service as they complete their term. At the annual meeting, we'll elect more loyal Saint Andrew's members to serve on the vestry, the board of the church. If you're interested, please speak with Father Michael. He'd be glad to discuss this important ministry in the church and your hopeful service on it.

Epiphany Outreach

During January, we will continue to collect items for BACM - cleaning and laundry supplies, paper items, large size shampoo and conditioner, soaps, feminine products, toothbrushes and toothpaste. Deadline will be Sunday, January 28th. If you're unable to purchase items, please send along a check - put "Epiphany Outreach" - in the memo line. We'll use donated funds to purchase items for BACM.

Planning Ahead - Events in February and March

Please mark your calendars with these important events and services in February and March:

- + Valentine's Day Potluck Lunch on Saturday, February 10th at 12 noon.
- + Paczki Sunday on Sunday - February 11th - after both services.
- + Ash Wednesday is February 24 - service will be at 7:00 pm.

Check out our Facebook Page — and Thanks Robyn!

Be sure to "Like" our Facebook page: Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church of Barberton. And - when you see her - be sure to say "Thanks" to Robyn Williams. Robyn is our administrator of the site. Over the past year, her regular posts have generated quite a buzz. Again, thank you Robyn!

We Three Kings

This year, the Feast of the Epiphany occurs on Saturday, January 6th. The gospel reading on that day recalls the visit of the three wise men to the Baby Jesus. In Greek, the term for wise men is “magi.” Matthew is the only one of the gospels that includes this story (2:1-12).

There is actually no mention of the number - but we have concluded that there were three, given that they offered three gifts to the newborn Savior. From tradition, the three wise men were Melchior (from Persia), Caspar (from India), and Balthazar (from Arabia).

We all know the gifts - gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Gold was an indication of Christ’s kingship on earth, frankincense was a symbol of a deity, and myrrh was a spice symbolizing suffering. Myrrh was also a spice used to embalm. The last gift that would make anyone uncomfortable, but it predicted that this Baby Jesus would someday die sacrificially for us all.

The arrival of the three magi or wise men was prophesied in Psalm 72:11: “May all kings fall down before him.” Clearly, the wise men were led by faith to Jesus. May we all be led to and stay at the feet of Jesus, our Savior. *[Taken from Introduction to the New Testament by daSilva]*





Prayer List

Pray:

FOR all who are plagued by natural or human caused disasters.

FOR all who are unemployed, especially those who have recently lost their jobs.

FOR peace on Earth, brotherhood and reason among mankind.

FOR our military members stationed throughout the world especially Doug Dunwald Jr., Candace Esquivel, Pvt. James George, Sam Radanof, Andrew Kolar, First Lieutenant Jeffrey Canterbury, Christian LoPiccolo.

FOR Christians throughout the world who are persecuted for their beliefs.

THAT all people would come to know the resurrected Jesus as Savior, Lord and God.

FOR our denomination, our parish and our members.

FOR Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, Presiding Bishop, Anne our Bishop and Michael our priest.

FOR all who are troubled in mind, body, or spirit.

FOR all who are in need of healing, especially: Lena Fidler, Bill Hutchinson, Charlotte Hutchinson, Monica Holliday, Judy Gibson, Anne Horvath, Mike M., Kassie Hutchinson, Nancy Hanshaw, Keith Hanshaw, Bob Shaw, Josette M., Pam, Judy Mervine, Robert Boyd, Adaline, Cameron, Brenda, Keith, Loraine, Mitchell, Bob, Beth, Jerry August, Robert, Kathy Maybin, Cathy Smith, Jane G., Kaycee Clark, Connie Seli, Sue Kozlowski, Jerry, Bishop Michael Curry, Becky Yocum, Vicki Smith, Charise Kasper, Mary, John S., Kenny Miller, Mildred Merriman, Nancy Leatherman, Kathy Ferdinand, Ruth Roach, Laura Moore, Patty Kovachick, Jaime W., Mindy, Diane Rahn, Barb, Beth, Marissa, John, Sandy Hutchinson, Tereza Welling, Todd Zeiger, George Muffet, Harrison, Jamison Keller, Tom Shope, Matt Bogner, Doris Beattie, Taylor, Rick Faulman, Linda A. Pat Postek, Jim Barlow, Christopher Davis, The People of Ukraine, Maui and Israel.

FOR those who have died and those who mourn their passing especially Phyllis Arkett, Doris Beattie, Amy Bolden, Johnny Brooks, Mary Louise Broggini and Shani Stutler.

Eucharistic Visitors

Do you know a shut-in? We have a trained group of Eucharistic visitors that are willing and ready to visit Saint Andrew's parish family members that cannot regularly attend services. If you know anyone that would like a visit, please call the church office at (330) 753-9026. Either Father Michael, Deacon Mimi or one of our Eucharistic visitors will develop a schedule to visit this person regularly.

Dancing With God (unknown)

When I meditated on the word Guidance, I kept seeing "dance" at the end of the word.

I remember reading that doing God's will is a lot like dancing. When two people try to lead, nothing feels right.

The movement doesn't flow with the music, and everything is quite uncomfortable and jerky. When one person realizes that, and lets the other lead, both bodies begin to flow with the music. One gives gentle cues, perhaps with a nudge to the back or by pressing lightly in one direction or another. It's as if two become one body, moving beautifully! The dance takes surrender, willingness, and attentiveness from one person and gentle guidance and skill from the other.

Readings for Holy Days in January

On these days, please pause and say a special prayer for their lives and ministries. We also pray that their examples will bless our lives too!

Feast Day	Date	Old Testament	Psalm	Epistle	Gospel
Holy Name	January 1	Numbers 6:22-27	Psalm 8	Galatians 4:4-7	Luke 2:15-21
Feast of the Epiphany	January 6	Isaiah 60:1-6	Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14	Ephesians 3:1-12	Matthew 2:1-12
Confession of Saint Peter, Apostle	January 18	Acts 4:8-13	Psalm 23	1 Peter 5:1-4	Matthew 16:13-19
Blessed Martin Luther	January 20	(none)	Psalm 37:3-6, 32-33	1 Corinthians 2:6-10, 13-16	John 17:18-23
Saint Timothy and Titus	January 24	Isaiah 42:5-9	Psalm 112:1-9	Acts 15:22-26, 30-33, 16:1-5	John 10:1-10
Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle	January 25	Acts 26:9-21	Psalm 67	Galatians 1:11-24	Matthew 10:16-22
Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop	January 27	Jeremiah 1:4-10	Psalm 49:1-8	(none)	Luke 21:12-15
Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and	January 28	Wisdom 7:7-14	Psalm 119:97-104	1 Corinthians 11:23-26	Matthew 13:47-52

New Year's Prayer *from Xavier University Jesuit Resources*

www.xavier.edu/jesuitresource/online-resources/prayer-index/new-years-prayers

As the dawn breaks on a new year, let us give thanks for all we hold dear: our health, our family and our friends.

Let us release our grudges, our anger and our pains, for these are nothing but binding chains. Let us live each day in the most loving ways, the God-conscious way. Let us serve all who are in need, regardless of race, color or creed.

Let us keep God of our own understanding in our hearts and to chant God's name each day. Let us lead the world from darkness to light, from falsehood to truth and from wrong to right.

Let us remember that we are all one, embracing all, discriminating against none.

May your year be filled with peace, prosperity and love. May God's blessings shower upon you and bestow upon each of you a bright, healthy and peaceful new year.

Rev. Marcy Sheremetta

January 2024

Altar Guild:

December 30th through January 19th— Pat Bogner, Donna Radanof, Megan Shaw, Robyn Williams

January 20th through February 9th — Kathy Dana, Shirley Fister, Shirley Muffet

Ushers

7 Ron Boldry

14 Deidre Bullock

21 Bill Kern

28 Ron Boldry

Lectors

7 8 am Gib Radanof

10 am Ron Boldry

14 8 am Gib Radanof

10 am Deidre Bullock

21 9 am Robyn Williams (**Annual Meeting**)

28 8 am Gib Radanof

10 am Megan Shaw

Birthdays

3 Chris Pauley

8 Andrew McLeod

27 Kathy Dana

Anniversaries

1 Anna & Larry Hardesty

19 Shirley & Joe Muffet

Altar Flowers

7 Horvath

14 Arkett Family

21 Muffet

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Feast of the Epiphany
1 st Sunday after Epiphany 8 am Holy Eucharist (Ch) 10 am Holy Eucharist (C)	8	9 Vestry Meeting (6:00 pm) Archbishop William Laud	10 Archbishop William Laud	11	12	13
14 2 nd Sunday after Epiphany 8 am Holy Eucharist (Ch) 10 am Holy Eucharist (C)	15 . Martin Luther King Day	16	17	18 Confession of Saint Peter, Apostle	19	20
21 3 rd Sunday after Epiphany 9 am Holy Eucharist Annual Meeting	22	23	24	25 Conversion of Saint Paul Apostle	26 Saints Timothy and Titus	27 Saint John Chrysostom
28 4 th Sunday after Epiphany 8 am Holy Eucharist (Ch) 10 am Holy Eucharist (C)	29 Saint Thomas Aquinas	30	31			

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