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## Reflections from Father Michael+

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Dear Friends in Christ,

“Happy New Year!” As a teenager, I remember watching Dick Clark’s Rocking New Year’s Eve - especially as the ball dropped from Times Square. While many years have passed since then and Dick Clark has gone to his greater glory, the New Year is still a time to reflect and plan for the upcoming year.

Many of us make “New Year’s” resolutions. At the beginning of a New Year, we can also take this time to develop some “spiritual” resolutions. Here are a few that you might want to consider:

**Read the Bible** - Carve out some time during the week to read from Holy Scriptures. There are plenty of Bible studies available, or you can simply begin to read from one of the books - like the Psalms or Isaiah or First Corinthians.

**Pray every day** - Take some quiet time to pray. Some folks read from the Book of Common Prayer, while others just speak to God with the words that come to them. You can lift family and friends up in prayer - as well as those included on our weekly intercessory prayer list.

**Serve Christ as you serve others** - Find opportunities, like our community meal or volunteering at the Salvation Army or BACM, to serve. Identifying an area of interest for you - like feeding the hungry, tutoring children, or helping those between meaningful employment - will allow you to share your gifts with those in need.

**Extend Christ’s love to others** - Remember those that love you and tell them how special they really are. Write or call those that you love. Let them know that you’re thinking of and praying for them. And extend the love of Christ to others that you might not know.

**Welcome others to Saint Andrew’s!** - Our church is filled with saints, ready to journey with others along The Way. Let’s not keep it a secret! Invite others to our parish. Offer to pick them up. We’ll offer a warm welcome to one and all.

As we begin a New Year, I pray God’s blessings to each and every one of you! May 2022 be a year filled with joy, faith, hope, and good health.

*Yours In Christ,*

*Father Michael+*

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## Service of Lessons and Carols on January 2nd!

On Sunday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, we'll again celebrate the Christmas season with the Service of Nine Lessons & Carols at the 9:00 AM service. The service includes Bible readings and familiar hymns. It's a beautiful service. If you love Christmas carols, we're likely to sing many of your favorites. Please invite your family and friends to the church on that Sunday!

## 8:00 AM and 10:00 Services to Restart on January 9th!

On Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, we will again offer two Sunday services at 8:00 AM (in the chapel) and 10:00 AM (in the church). The earlier service will be a simple said Eucharist. The later service will include music.

## Official Notice - 2022 Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of Saint Andrew's will be held on Sunday, January 23, 2022. On that day, we'll have only 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 14<sup>th</sup>! 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 two vestry members for their loyal service as they complete their term. At the annual meeting, we'll elect two 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 30<sup>th</sup>. 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.

## Wellness Sunday and Healing Eucharist on January 30th

On January 30<sup>th</sup>, we'll again have a Wellness Fair after both services. We've invited nursing, pharmacy, occupational therapy, and physical therapy students to be at the church to provide brief educational sessions and screenings. As many of us start off the new year with resolutions to improve our health, we hope that you'll be there to take part.

# Thank you Pledgers!

Thank you very much to all of those that have submitted their 2022 pledges. As you know, your contributions will be used wisely to advance the mission of Saint Andrew's. If you haven't yet pledged - there's still time! Your faithful giving allows us to offer and expand our ministries and outreach. May God bless you all!

## 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 19<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon.
- + Service of Healing at both Sunday services on February 20<sup>th</sup>.
- + Paczki Sunday on Sunday - February 27<sup>th</sup> - after both services.
- + Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper - Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> (watch for more information)
- + Ash Wednesday is March 2 - 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 Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup>. 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, Mark 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, Dennis Horvath, Christopher Dyne, Pat Bogner, David Miller, Chuck Putnam, Allen & Phyllis Arkett, Kathy Ferdinand, Jim Fidler, John Fidler, Arlene Zackary, Eugene Snyder, Jason Jonatzke, Greta Perry, Cathy Smith, Burdeen, Nikki, Freda, Henry, Chris, Mary Beth, Bev. Ball, Colin, Kevin, Matt Lovett, Pete, Craig Hamm, Tiffany, Joe Balash, Wade, Galen & Linda, Steven Kovachick, Beth Kodysz, Bill Starcher, Gloria Fusco, Anita Fusco Bauman, Terry L., Eric Panzner, Joel, Bernie Hines, Glenn & Debbie, Pat Collier & Family, Allison Janecek, Charles Tripp, Debbie, Catherine, John Boling, Christine, Jeff McKelvey, and Kathy Dana.

**FOR** those who have died and those who mourn their passing especially all those who have lost their lives due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and the recent Natural Disasters.

## 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 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.

My eyes drew back to the word Guidance.

# 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 Friar	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](http://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*

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## Altar Guild:

December 25<sup>th</sup> through January 14<sup>th</sup>— Kathy Dana, Shirley Fister, Anne Horvath, Shirley Muffet

January 15<sup>th</sup> through February 4<sup>th</sup> — Kay Kern, Pat Miller, Sherrie Petrochuk, Joan Rhoades

## Ushers

2 Deidre Bullock

9 Bill Kern

16 Deidre Bullock

21 Bill Kern

30 Deidre Bullock

## Lectors

2 Gib Radanof

9 Deidre Bullock

16 Megan Shaw

21 Deidre Bullock

30 Megan Shaw

## Birthdays

3 Chris Pauley

8 Andrew McLeod

27 Kathy Dana

## Anniversaries

1 Anna & Larry Hardesty

19 Shirley & Joe Muffet

## Altar Flowers

2 Horvath

9 Moyer

16 Muffet

21 OPEN

30 OPEN





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>January 30</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany 8 am Holy Eucharist (Ch) 10 am Holy Eucharist (C) Wellness Sunday			<b>Office Closed January 3</b> <b>Parish Outreach: Bags of Love, Spaghetti Sauce and Macaroni and Cheese</b>			<b>1</b> New Year's Day  The Holy Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ
<b>2</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Christmas Service of Nine Lessons and Carols	<b>3</b> The Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Feast of the Epiphany	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday after Epiphany 8 am Holy Eucharist (Ch) 10 am Holy Eucharist (C) Renewal of Baptismal Vows at both Services	<b>10</b> Archbishop William Laud	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> February Newsletter Deadline	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Potluck Lunch and Great Cathedrals of Europe (12:00 Noon in the Undercroft)
<b>16</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany 8 am Holy Eucharist (Ch) 10 am Holy Eucharist (C)	<b>17</b> Church Office Closed	<b>18</b> Vestry 6pm (parlor) Confession of Saint Peter, Apostle	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Saints Timothy and Titus	<b>22</b> Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
<b>23</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany Annual Meeting (One Service at 9:00 AM)	<b>24</b> Dr. Martin Luther King Day	<b>25</b> Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle	<b>26</b> Saints Timothy and Titus	<b>27</b> Saint John Chrysostom	<b>28</b> Saint Thomas Aquinas	<b>29</b>

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