

# SAINT MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## THE MESSENGER

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Dear Faithful Parishioners,

Prologue from *A Hidden Wholeness* by Parker Palmer

*There was a time when farmers on the Great Plains, at the first sign of a blizzard, would run a rope from the back door out to the barn. They all knew stories of people who had wandered off and been frozen to death, having lost sight of home in a whiteout while still in their own backyards.*

*Today we live in a blizzard of another sort. It swirls around us as economic injustice, ecological ruin, physical and spiritual violence, and their inevitable outcome: war. It swirls within us as fear and frenzy, greed and deceit, and indifference to the sufferings of others. We all know stories of people who have wandered off into this madness and been separated from their own souls, losing their moral bearings and even their mortal lives...*

*It is easy to believe that the soul — that life-giving core of human self, with its hunger for truth and justice, love and forgiveness — has lost all power to guide our lives. But the soul’s order can never be destroyed. It may be obscured by the whiteout. We may forget, or deny, that its guidance is close at hand. And yet we are still in the soul’s backyard, with chance after chance to regain our bearings.*

In a couple of weeks, we will enter the season of Lent. There will be various opportunities as individuals and as a community for us to examine the ways in which we have been caught up in blizzards. There will also be various paths for us to find our way home. I invite you to take part in this journey. Whether it is through prayer, worship, study, fellowship, or solitude, be mindful of the blizzards in your life and be open to new possibilities that tie you back to the life and love of Christ.

This edition of the Messenger includes information about our Lenten offerings. Gabe and I will be co-leading a study using the book *The Sunflower* by Simon Weisenthal. Scott Tuomi is working with members of the choir to offer Compline every Sunday night during Lent. Gabe will walk the Stations of the Cross every Friday night using a bilingual service. And there will be a noontime Bible Study every Wednesday. Every opportunity is unique, and every opportunity is open to all.

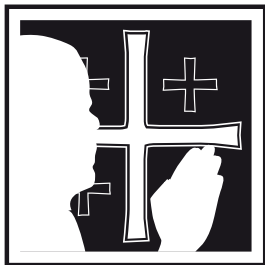
Faithfully,

The Reverend Christopher Craun, Rector

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## Your Prayers Are Asked For...

- + Healing for Jessie Frazier, Gloria Fitzpatrick, Felicity Strommer, Lucretia Gardner, Lin Robertson, Glenn Eaton, and John Stevenson
- + the repose of the soul of Mary Walker Sabin, mother of Elizabeth Rouffy
- + the repose of the soul of John Printzenhoff, father of Linda Printzenhoff
- + the repose of the soul of Connor Ausland, nephew of Joanne Austin
- + all those who mourn loved ones



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## Ride Ministry

The St. Michael's community includes a number of people who, for a variety of reasons, have trouble getting to Sunday services on their own. Other members of the community can greatly simplify their lives by giving them a ride to church on Sunday mornings. And both of you can make a new friend! If you are willing to coordinate or participate in a shared ride ministry, please indicate your interest to one of the clergy. We'll do our best to match people up by neighborhood, so no one's going too far out of their way.

— Gabe Lamazares

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## March Holy Women, Holy Men: Geoffrey Anketell Studdert Kennedy

On March 8, we are asked to remember G.A. Studdert Kennedy, who was born in Leeds in 1883 and ordained a priest in the Church of England around the turn of the 20th century. After the first World War broke out, he volunteered to serve as a military chaplain to soldiers on the Western Front and witnessed many of the horrors of that war. Along with his spiritual counsel and comfort, Studdert Kennedy was famous for handing out Woodbine cigarettes, which earned him the nickname "Woodbine Willie." He emerged from the Great War a committed pacifist and Christian socialist and published many volumes of poetry and prose that inspired figures as diverse as Desmond Tutu and Jürgen Moltmann. He died in 1929. *May he rest in peace and rise in glory.* (Adapted from *Holy Women, Holy Men*)

## Assistant Rector's Corner

I know it seems counter-intuitive, but Lent is one of my favorite seasons of the church year. Invariably, I find that settling into the practices and disciplines of the season helps me prune the wild growths of the old year to focus on the simplicity and fruitfulness of our common life in Christ. But I always start the season with the same question: What will I give up *this* year?

I have seen many Lents come and go, so I've given up everything from soda and sweets to meat and Facebook! Sometimes the fasting helps me distinguish my needs from my wants and refocus my attention on other things that matter, like intimacy with God and my neighbor. But often, I've also found that a season of principled deprivation encourages the growth of pride and leads to a binge after the Easter Vigil. Surely, that can't be the point of our observance.

So, this year, I'm trying a new discipline. Maybe you'd like to try it with me. In the spirit of St. Ignatius Loyola's *Spiritual Exercises*, I will commit to writing a brief *examen* at the end of each day. The *examen* is a period of prayer in which I remind myself of God's loving presence and guidance, thoughtfully review the moments of my day, and ask myself two questions: "For what moment today am I most grateful?" and "For what moment today am I least grateful?" Another way to phrase the questions is: "When was I most open to give and receive love today?" and "When was I most closed to giving and receiving love today?"

By keeping track of these movements of the Spirit and being mindful of my own inner landscape and how God may be working with me to bring me to greater joy and flourishing, over time I hope to find myself consoled and challenged, my mission clarified, and my relationship with God strengthened. For a great introduction to the *examen*, I recommend a book called *Sleeping with Bread: Holding What Gives You Life* by Dennis Linn, Sheilda Fabricant Linn, and Matthew Linn. Whatever Lenten discipline you chose, I pray the season will bring us all to an encounter with the Living Christ who walks with us and made the way of the cross to be the way of life.

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## New Location for Men's Breakfast

After much consideration, the Men's Breakfast group has decided to make the move from Sam's to an alternate location, one that also offers a varied menu, good value, ambiance, accessibility and capacity — and welcomes attendees under the age of 21. The group is now gathering at the Village Inn, located at 1621 NE 10<sup>th</sup> Ave., between Broadway and Weidler. Please join us on the first Saturday of each month at 8:00 am.

## Lenten Offerings

“I invite you therefore in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God’s holy Word.” The clergy and staff of St.



Michael’s warmly invite you to participate in any or all of the following to enhance and deepen your observance of Lent.

### As We Forgive: Lenten Book Study of Simon Wiesenthal’s *The Sunflower*

Jesus taught us to pray, “Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.” What does it mean to forgive? And how do we forgive when the offense is so great it can hardly be comprehended? We will discuss these and similar questions in our Lenten Book Study on Simon Wiesenthal’s *The Sunflower*, facilitated by Chris Craun and Gabe Lamazares.

From the dust cover: “While imprisoned in a Nazi concentration camp, Simon Wiesenthal was taken one day from his work detail to the bedside of a dying member of the SS. Haunted by the crimes in which he had participated, the soldier wanted to confess to — and obtain absolution from — a Jew. Faced with the choice between compassion and justice, silence and truth, Wiesenthal said nothing. But even years after the war had ended, he wondered: Had he done the right thing? What would you have done in his place? In this important book, 53 distinguished men and women respond to Wiesenthal’s questions. They are theologians, political leaders, writers, jurists, psychiatrists, human rights activists, Holocaust survivors, and victims of attempted genocide in Bosnia, Cambodia, and China. Their responses, as varied as their experiences of the world, remind us that Wiesenthal’s questions are not limited to events of the past... *The Sunflower* will challenge you to define your beliefs about justice, compassion, and human responsibility.”

We’ll meet for five Tuesdays starting March 15 at 6:30 pm in Nativity Hall for a simple soup supper followed by conversation and reflection. A sign-up sheet is on a clipboard in the Gallery. Please join us!

### Stations of the Cross

Fridays are designated in the Prayer Book as days for special acts of discipline and devotion, especially in Lent. In that spirit, we’ll gather on Friday evenings beginning March 18 at 6:30 pm in the Nave for Stations of the Cross, a brief, contemplative service symbolically walking The Way of the Cross with Christ. The service will be in English and Spanish.

### Compline

Lent is a great time to make room for silence and restful contemplation in busy lives. To that end, every Sunday during Lent at 8:00 pm, the choir will be leading a chanted

Compline service with a special hymn or anthem each week. Compline is the church’s “bedtime” prayer. Historically the last monastic prayer service of the day, this short, meditative service consists of set prayers helping the soul settle into night in the presence of God.

— Chris Craun and Gabe Lamazares

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## Lenten Bible Study

Are you looking for a way to deepen your Lenten journey? Come join us as we take a closer look at the readings for each Sunday in Lent. This Lectionary-based Bible study will be led by both our rector Chris Craun and Assistant Rector Gabe Lamazares. The group will meet in the Parish Hall from noon to 1:00 pm on the five Wednesdays between Ash Wednesday and Holy Week (March 16, 23, and 30, and April 6 and 13).

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## Book Group Focuses on Faith and Healing

On March 3, 2011, the St. Michael’s Book Group will gather to discuss *A Whole New Life: An Illness and a Healing* by Reynolds Price. One of the finest American writers of our time, Price writes in this autobiography about his diagnosis with spinal cancer, surgery, treatment, and subsequent paralysis. This book-group meeting was originally planned for January 20 but postponed for scheduling reasons. We’ll meet at 7:00 pm in St. Michael’s House for a lively discussion. If you don’t already have a book, there are two still available in the parish office for \$10 each.

— Gabe Lamazares

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## Flip for Jesus!

We are seeking volunteers to help on the afternoon and evening of Shrove Tuesday (March 8th) for St. Michael’s traditional Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. If you can help with set-up, cooking, serving, or clean-up, your time would be greatly appreciated. Sign-up sheets are in the Gallery.

— Susie Silva-Strommer, Senior Warden

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## Newcomer Reception

Have you become part of the St. Michael’s community in the past few years but never been welcomed or received in any formal way? If so, we want to officially welcome you into our parish family during one of the morning liturgies on Sunday, March 6. Please contact Gabe if you’d like to be included in this warm and inspiring liturgy of incorporation.

## Sacred Space: a Women's Retreat on April 1-2, 2011

We invite you to come and consider, value, and create sacred space in your life. Sacred space can mean more than buildings which are set apart for gatherings and special liturgies and rituals. It can be found anywhere and at any time by a shift in awareness.

During the retreat, we will be using music, conversation, rituals, guided meditation and collage to enhance our understanding of sacred space, and how to create and become aware of internal and external places and experiences.

We will be at Menucha, a beautiful sanctuary in the Columbia Gorge and one that is dedicated to providing an environment for encouraging spiritual discovery.

The retreat will be led by Chris Craun and Susan Long, and space is limited. The cost for the retreat, including one night's stay and three meals, is \$75. Scholarship funds are available. The retreat will begin at 5:00 pm on Friday night, April 1, with dinner served at 7:00 pm to allow for latecomers.

If you have any questions regarding the retreat, please contact Susan at 503/223-7793 or Chris Craun at 503/284-7141 or [chrisc@stmaa.org](mailto:chrisc@stmaa.org). Look for the sign-up sheet in the Gallery.

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## Outreach & Justice Council News



Suggest a project for this parish and stand back! We'd like to extend a big thank-you to all who brought tools for use at the Tool Library at the MLK Worker Center. It took two trips in the pickup truck to transport them all, and the men who helped unload were impressed with the variety of

tools donated and grateful that they will be available for use on jobsites. If you have extra tools and didn't get a chance to bring them to St. Michael's for the ingathering, please contact Lynn at [lm.rl.baker@comcast.net](mailto:lm.rl.baker@comcast.net).

In other O & J news, a fashion show, featuring prom, bridal, and formalwear, is being held at Grace Community Church in Gresham on March 12. All proceeds from this show, and all sales at the Adorned To Grace bridal shop — which is run entirely by volunteers — go to Door To Grace, a shelter for young women victimized by human trafficking. If you are looking for formalwear or have items that you won't be wearing again to donate, consider Adorned in Grace. More information can be found on their website: <http://adornedin-grace.blogspot.com>.

— Lynn Baker, Outreach & Justice Council Co-Coordinator

## Upcoming EPF Peace Flix: EVERY WAR HAS TWO LOSERS

On March 4, 2011, Episcopal Peace Fellowship will present this outstanding film, which tells poet William Stafford's story of challenging the assertion that war leads to lasting peace. Narrated by Debra Winger, the film includes comments by Robert Bly, Deepak Chopra, Michael Meade, Huston Smith and others. Copies of the DVD will be available for purchase.

Please join us for a potluck supper at 6:30. The film will begin at 7:00 pm, and we encourage you to bring a peace-themed poem to share with the group afterwards.

For more information, please contact Lucretia Gardner at [gardnerpoet@yahoo.com](mailto:gardnerpoet@yahoo.com), or Marla McGarry-Lawrence at EPFOregon or at 503/803-0028.

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## Love has no Borders

Oregon New Sanctuary Movement is holding their celebration dinner and auction on March 10 from 6:30-8:30 pm. The evening will be a fundraiser for ONSM, which meets on a monthly basis at St. Michael's and is dedicated to working for immigration reform and actively addressing the needs of immigrants to this country. It will be held at Ascension Catholic Church, 7507 SE Yamhill in Portland. The guest speaker will be The Rev. Daniel Romero, author, consultant, and volunteer immigration attorney. Tickets are \$35. If you are interested in attending, or for more information, please contact parishioner Elaine Walsh at [walshins321@aol.com](mailto:walshins321@aol.com). For more general information about ONSM, you can send an email to [portlandsanctuary@gmail.com](mailto:portlandsanctuary@gmail.com), or check their website at [www.oregonsanctuary.org](http://www.oregonsanctuary.org).

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## Informe de la Comunidad Latina

January and February have been a joyful time for the Misa community. We gathered with the whole parish and visitors from all over the country for Gabe's ordination to the priesthood on January 8 and rejoiced to share his first Sunday presiding at the Eucharist the following day. At the end of January, the Misa community participated in the Annual Meeting and was glad to participate in the election of a spectacular slate of folks to the Vestry, among them Misa stalwart Martha Pérez. We have also rejoiced in the arrival of several new households. We are still growing! Please join us any Sunday at 1:00 pm to share fellowship and get to know this wonderful community.



# El Porvenir

*Dedicated to sustainable development in Nicaragua*

## Youth & Families Invited to Join Clean-Water Trip to Nicaragua this Summer

I invite your family to consider joining the summer 2011 St. Michael's El Porvenir Clean Water delegation. This 10-day trip (July 9-18) is expressly designed for youth/young adults and their parents who will help bring clean water and sanitation to a small village where none existed before. This is an incredible opportunity to "do good" in the world, to get to know people from another culture, and to invest in your family and church community.

If you are in high school or college, or a parent of one of our youth, think about joining your friends on this trip. This July 9-18 trip is similar to one August and I joined two years ago. Youth and their families will help villagers build washing stations (laundry and shower facilities and dry wells) with access to clean water from simple pumps. "What surprised me most was seeing how normal living with bad water was for many people, and how they got sick and couldn't do anything about it," said August. El Porvenir (which means "The Future" in Spanish) has a 20-year record of bringing clean water to more than 100,000 rural Nicaraguans. Their stringent criteria require every participating community to be motivated and committed to protecting their clean-water supply.

Nicaragua is a beautiful country, and her people are very family-oriented, friendly, and graciously hospitable. "It was very cool to see the culture. There was a colonial city called Granada with huge, really old churches. And I liked swimming in a lake in an extinct volcano," said August.

The experience of working with and getting to know the folks in the San Lorenzo community was formational. "Everyone we met seemed happy, even though sometimes things were quite difficult for them," August added. I asked August what his favorite part of the trip was. He replied, "Feeling as though I and our group had done something to help the people of San Lorenzo. That felt really good."

If you have any questions about our experience, please contact Meg Ruby or August at [linruby@teleport.com](mailto:linruby@teleport.com). To reserve a spot, or if you have questions about the trip (costs, scholarships, eligibility, etc), please contact Bev Hoeffler at [hoefferb@msn.com](mailto:hoefferb@msn.com) or 503/238-0534. The deadline for signing up is March 1, 2011.

— Meg Ruby and August Lindgren-Ruby

## Joyful News March 2011

**At St. Michael's, we love children, and we give thanks for the opportunity to walk side by side with families and children on their spiritual journey.** Every week, St. Michael's joyfully welcomes children to fully participate in the life and worship of the parish. Childcare and Children's Liturgy of the Word are provided for children at the 9:00 and 11:00 liturgies on Sunday mornings, with Godly Play and Sunday School classes offered throughout the school year. And because Christian formation happens in so many ways (not just in the classroom!), families are encouraged to help their children take part in the variety of events sponsored through the parish and our diocesan family.

**February 19: Family Worship Service on Saturday, 5:00 pm in the Nativity Hall.** Potluck Feast to follow! This celebration of Holy Eucharist is designed to be accessible for families with young children. Please come and join this growing circle of friends who sing, pray, dance and give thanks for all the goodness of God's creation.



**February 26: Saints Alive! Children's Day at the Cathedral on Saturday, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.** Join Bishop Michael Hanley and lots of friends from around the diocese as we gather to celebrate the

incredible lives of holy women and holy men throughout our church history. Music, art, story and games make this a day children in kindergarten through fifth grade won't want to miss! Parents, grandparents, Sunday School teachers and clergy are strongly urged to take part in this wonderful Christian Formation event. Registration is \$5 per student, and lunch is included. For more information about registration, please contact Leslie Sackett, Associate for Children and Family Ministries

**February 27: Pizza Club for 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> graders from 5-7 pm.** Great fun, food and friends!

**March 8: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper!** Bring the whole family for delicious pancakes and a touch of Mardi Gras as we celebrate "Fat Tuesday" in preparation for the season of Lent. Dinner served from 5:00 – 7:00 pm.

**March 9: Ash Wednesday services at 10:30 am and 7:00 pm.** Childcare provided at both services.

**March 19: Family Worship Service - Saturday, 5:00 pm in the Nativity Hall.** Potluck feast to follow!

**March 30: Joyful Noise Arts Center begins its Spring Term.** Wednesdays, 3:30 – 5:00 pm for students in the first through fifth grades. Tuition is \$50 per ten-week term. New-comers welcome!

## Thank you to our Weekday Gang!

Helping to keep St. Michael's running smoothly takes more hands than those of the church staff. We are blessed with a wonderful group of volunteers who work between Sundays to assist us with communications and operations. As we begin a new year, it's an excellent time to recognize and thank this remarkable group for their gifts of time and talent.



Letty Phillips and Pat Wilson continue to help out in the main office with all sorts of tasks. They help with reception duties such as answering the phone and opening the door for parishioners and visitors. They assist with mailings, copying and miscellaneous projects and generally do what is needed to keep things running smoothly. In addition, Pat acts as parish registrar, keeping the service register up-to-date with attendance figures and service details and recording information in various parish registers and records. Letty has been our chief proofreader, helped out with many computer tasks, and taken care of the music-copyright usage reporting.

The MOW/WOWs (Men and Women on Wednesday) are vital to our weekday and weekend operations here. St. Michael's would be a cold, dark place full of leaky faucets, peeling paint, and overflowing recycling bins if it weren't for this group. Mitch Oglesby and Jack Harper are the fearless co-leaders of this group and are ably assisted by many others who come to help as they are able, including Kevin Cole, Richard Hartman, Jim Livingston, David Long, Chuck Mason, Jim Robbins, Brooks Schaener, and Gerry Wilson. This group maintains the outside of the church as well. They pick up trash, clean windows, paint trim, pull weeds, prune, rake, mow, and haul yard debris.

In addition, Kevin Warren has been a godsend to us this year. He has handled a multitude of tasks, ranging from overseeing the finance-office remodel project to taking our bulk mailings to the downtown post office. Pat Wilson is here every Wednesday morning to tidy up the kitchen and pantry and provide treats for the MOWs and staff, if we're lucky. She's recently been joined by a dynamite new WOW member, Jean Morrison. We continue to miss Cindy Pitman, who was with us on Wednesdays for many years. Jim Robbins is our shopper extraordinaire. He braves Costco and other stores and picks up the kitchen and pantry supplies used by many parish groups. Paul LaCroix is our master gardener, responsible for the colorful flowers that appear seasonally in the courtyard.

Each week, a team of two volunteers comes to count and record the Sunday offerings. This critical job is handled with discretion and great attention to confidentiality and detail by Maureen Davison, Lynn Mason, Mitch Oglesby, Barbara Porterfield, Jim Robbins, Gerry Wilson, and Pat Wilson. We'll miss Jack Harper and Bob Ullman, who have resigned

from this ministry, and we welcome Kate Skelton as our newest counter. Janet Kneeland handles all the mailings of giving statements, an especially huge task in January.

Claire Adams, June Gravengaard, Arlys Fischer, Nancy Hunt, Juned McCauley, Letty Phillips, Barbara Porterfield, Jerry Vannice, Diane Walker and Gerri Wise are the members of the St. Michael's mailing crew. Each month they assemble the Messenger and prepare it for bulk mailing, and they help out with other mailings as well – sometimes as many as three or four in a month. Thank you, also, to those volunteers who have come on a rotating basis to collate and staple the Sunday bulletins. We're especially thankful for Mickey Harnage's leadership of this group – otherwise known as the BATs, or Bulletin Assembly Team – which includes Catherine Bolstad, Kathy Cloninger, Roberta Dunham, Sue Harper, Nancy Hunt, Michelle Irons, Alan McPherron, Virginia Malone, Sheri O'Brien, Barbara Porterfield, Cathy Searls, Ann Smith and Arlene Ullman. They would love for you to join them in the fun on Friday mornings!

This is an amazing cast of helpers, and we join the rest of the staff and the entire parish in saying: THANK YOU! All of these groups welcome new volunteers, so please contact us in the parish office at [office@stmaa.org](mailto:office@stmaa.org) or 503/284-7141 if you're interested.

—Gloria Orellana and Bob Spiers

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## Meet your 2011 Vestry Members

The following members of St. Michael's comprise your 2011 Vestry. These folks are your representatives, so please feel free to contact any of them if you have any concerns, questions, or ideas.

Orin Bolstad  
Bev Hoeffler  
Christine Lentz  
Lorenzo Luna  
Christie Maddocks  
Chuck Mason  
Martha Pérez  
Andy Phelps  
Bob Tongue

Wendi Schaener, Junior Warden  
Kevin Warren, Junior Warden  
Susie Silva-Strommer, Senior Warden

### Messenger Deadline

Messenger articles are due by March 8. Please send them to me at [glorio@stmaa.org](mailto:glorio@stmaa.org) as an attachment or in the body of the email. If you don't have access to email, you may drop them by the office or mail them.

— Gloria Orellana

## Pizza Club Continues!



Ready for another one? All 3<sup>rd</sup>- to 5<sup>th</sup>-graders are invited to join Assistant Rector Gabe Lamazares and Youth Minister David Berkson for another night of games and pizza. Meet us at St. Michael's House at 5:00 pm on Sunday, February 27. Please contact the office at 503/284-7141 to RSVP or if you have questions.

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## Seeking Delegates to Diocesan Convention

Would you like to represent St. Michael's year at the 2011 Diocese of Oregon Annual Convention? In 2011, St. Michael's will send seven delegates to the Annual Convention in November, including five delegates and two alternates. Any St. Michael's member in good standing is eligible to be a convention delegate. A delegate represents St. Michael's at the convention. In addition to voting on the diocesan annual budget and electing representatives to the various governing bodies, delegates vote on a variety of new resolutions as well as changes to existing policy. Such resolutions could include voting on policies regarding such issues as same-gender blessings, Haitian relief, and environmental stewardship. In addition, delegates are charged with the responsibility of voting on any changes to the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese such as reformulating the assessments paid annually by each congregation.

The Annual Convention begins on the evening on November 10 and continues through the afternoon of November 12, and it will be held in Salem this year. Due to a variety of commitments on the evenings of November 10 and 11, delegates may choose to stay overnight in Salem. Each delegate will be responsible for covering the cost of their overnight lodging, though some limited assistance will be available. Convention meals will be paid for by St. Michael's.

In addition to making a commitment to participating at Convention, all delegates and alternates are asked to attend the Metro East Convocation meetings. The Convocation meetings are an important part of a delegate's role, allowing them to be fully informed and prepared to best represent the St. Michael's community at the Annual Convention. The first Convocation meeting will be held here at St. Michael's on March 6 from 3:00-5:00 pm. There will be three additional Convocation meetings in preparation for the convention. Typically, there is a meeting in June and two in the fall, each lasting approximately two hours.

If you are interested in being considered as a delegate at this year's convention, please contact Chris Craun at [chrisc@stmaa.org](mailto:chrisc@stmaa.org) or 503/284-7141 *no later than Wednesday, February 23*. The Vestry will vote during their February 24 meeting to select who, from all interested parties, will represent St. Michael's at the convention.

— Susie Silva-Strommer, Senior Warden

## Check out Portland Chamber Music

Portland Chamber Music will present another of its interactive, educational, and family-friendly concerts on Saturday, March 5, at 7:00 pm. The concert will last about an hour and will include two cello pieces by Oregon composer Bloch and French composer Faure, a clarinet *Fantasia* by N. Gade, a *Theme and Variation* by Beethoven, and selected pieces by the Beatles and Guns 'n' Roses. The concert is free, and donations are gratefully received.

The aim of this new non-profit is to make chamber music available and accessible to all through by-donation performances and low-cost lessons. PCM believes that live musical performance must find ways to survive tight economic times, and that "everyone needs beauty in their lives." To learn more, please see their website at [www.portlandchambermusic.org](http://www.portlandchambermusic.org).

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## Recovery Ministry

Please join us on Saturday, March 19, 2011, at 9:00 am in the Nativity Hall for a meeting of the Recovery Ministry. We will discuss the invitation to attend Recovery Sunday at St. Matthew's on Sunday, April 3, 2011, at 10:00 am. We will also plan our offerings to the community for this spring and summer. All are welcome to join and participate.

*St. Michael & All Angels Recovery Ministry exists to support those who desire a renewal of faith and life through recovery and understanding of drug, alcohol, and other addictions. Through education and trust-building, we work to develop an environment where support, hope, and understanding are available to all.*

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## Save the Date: Youth Variety & Dinner Night, Saturday, May 7

Come one, come all: singers, musicians, dancers, jugglers and improvisers! If you're between 6th and 12th grades, you won't want to miss the opportunity to perform in the major youth fundraising event of the year. And if you're a friend of Youth Ministries, you won't want to miss this chance to do your part and help keep a good thing going. The St. Michael's Youth Group depends on your support, and our Variety/ Dinner night has become a fun-filled tradition that sustains our mission trips, First Friday outings, Christian formation endeavors and annual retreats. Tickets go on sale Easter Day, so mark your calendars now. *Youth interested in performing should contact David Berkson immediately at [stmaayouth@stmaa.org](mailto:stmaayouth@stmaa.org) or at 503/708-9031.*

— David Berkson, Associate for Ministry with Youth

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- FEB. 26            9:00 am    Children's Day at Trinity  
                          Cathedral
- FEB. 27 & MAR. 6 10:10 am    FORUM: Viewing of the  
                          documentary *The Lazarus Effect* and  
                          AIDS discussion
- MAR. 4            6:00 pm    Episcopal Peace  
                          Fellowship's Peace Flix, Nativity Hall
- MAR. 5            7:00 pm    Portland Chamber Music,  
                          free concert in Nave
- MAR. 8            5:00 pm    Shrove Tuesday Pancake  
                          Supper
- MAR. 9            10:30 am & 7:00 pm Ash  
                          Wednesday services with imposition  
                          of ashes
- MAR. 13          10:10      FORUM: Episcopal Relief  
                          and Development

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# Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper



**March 8 - 5 to 7 pm**

**Menu: pancakes, ham and applesauce; coffee, milk and OJ**

**Adults: \$ 5.00**

**Child/Senior: \$ 3.00**

**Family: \$13.00**

Bring your Mardi Gras spirit to the annual Shrove Tuesday pancake supper on March 8, from 5:00 to 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Prepare for the Lenten season at this traditional last "fat" meal before Ash Wednesday. Music and children's activities will add to the fun. If you would like to volunteer, please sign up in the Gallery.