

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR . . .

- + healing for Larry Jessup, Lola Lawson, Laura Lien, Roberta Dunham, Agnes Mackie, and Gayle Morris
- + the repose of the soul of Paula Silva, who died on December 25, and for her daughter Susie Silva-Strommer and son-in-law and granddaughter Geoff and Kristina Strommer in their sorrow
- + the repose of the soul of Margaret St. Lawrence, who died on December 27, and for her sister Gloria Fitzpatrick in her sorrow.
- + thanksgiving for Dylan Popoca, baptized at the 1:00 liturgy on Christmas Day
- + all those in our community who are in need of extra comfort this Christmas season



KATIE REITEL

I started attending St. Michael's about two years ago, and since then a lot has happened. I participated in the Catechumenate process, played softball, volunteered my time with the Saturday Lunch, and recently began ushering once a month.

I have attended churches before but haven't been really involved. For a long time, I couldn't find a church that didn't use God or faith to in some way condone the injustices experienced by so many in our communities and around the world. But St. Michael's is *different*.



At St. Michael's, I want to participate because I hear from the pulpit and see from church activities that love for God and love for people are inseparable. I am so thankful to have found a church where I feel comfortable participating, and I hope that by serving on Vestry I can give back to St. Michael's by ensuring that it remains the community that drew me in.

I am supported in this by my husband Matt (marriage is something else that has happened in the past two years) and our two cats. I am currently a student at PSU, and I will be graduating in June with a Master's in social work and public health. When I have free time, I can be found reading, watching movies, or hanging out with friends playing board games or crafting.

YOUR CANDIDATES FOR VESTRY

ANN HARGRAVES

I hold a Master's degree in Counseling Psychology from Lewis & Clark and have worked as a behavioral coach and as student support in the Beaverton and Hillsboro school districts.



I am currently developing my own practice/business as a collaborator with educators, parents, and children to create greater success in school and family settings.

In the past, I have served St. Michael's in a variety of ways, both as a volunteer and as paid staff.

I was honored to serve on the Vestry from 1999

to 2001, first as Junior and then as Senior Warden. It was a pleasure to serve as the Associate for Youth Ministry from 2002 to 2007; and, most recently, I served as Co-chair of the Rector Search Committee. At this time, I am happy to be back involved with the Ministry to Families and Children through support and participation in Liturgy of the Word and childcare.

Thank you for being the kind, inclusive, generous community that is St. Michael's. I love the community of St. Michael's and all that it stands for both in its own parish identity and as part of the Episcopal Church!

If elected, I will bring my experience and passion from and for our community to the work and ministry of the Vestry, with God's help.

MARIAMARTA LEE

I have been a member of St. Michael's since 2004 with my children, Hanna and Benno. My areas of involvement have been Sunday Lunch (2004-2006) and *Escuela Dominical* (Liturgy of the Word/Sunday School). Outside of St. Michael's, I have extensive experience as a medical interpreter for the county as well as translation and interpreting experience with the New Mexico Poison Control Center and the University of New Mexico Press.

I receive great enjoyment from participating in *Escuela Dominical* because it allows me to introduce The Word to the children through play with artistic ideas and design. My goal is to make art available to the children and help them become active participants in the process. I want the children to believe that they can create: *Sí, se puede*. I think this works in a positive way on their self-esteem. I try to think "outside the box" when it comes to my Sunday School activities.

I want to participate in the Vestry because I enjoy being of service at St. Michael's. Being on the Vestry will allow me the opportunity to act as a bridge between the Hispanic and Anglo communities. I can help ease communication and alleviate any fears or misunderstandings.

KATHY BANG

For many years, I was involved in the neighborhood association and served on an advisory committee for the Hollywood Town Center Plan. In the course of these activities, I met several members of St. Michael's and was impressed at the interest these parishioners took in the surrounding community. So when I began searching for a church community, St. Michael's was my first choice.

As a member of St. Michael's for the past twelve years, I have participated in many classes and workshops as well as assisting with receptions and other special events. My ongoing ministry commitments include the Altar Guild and the Daybreak Homeless Shelter, both of which I have served for more than ten years. I participated in the first work brigade to Nicaragua in 2001 and enjoyed it so much that I did it again with my husband, Terry, in 2010. I believe my most important contribution was to the

Profile Committee in our search for a new rector. Our group prepared a detailed pamphlet that described our congregation and defined the qualities we were seeking in our next rector.



St. Michael's has been an important part of my life. I am grateful for the wonderful people in this parish who have enriched my life with their support and friendship. But equally important is the way St. Michael's has challenged me to think about new ideas, to care about people beyond my immediate world, and to actively support these values. I like the way our church has kept issues of social justice in the forefront.

I have degrees in both education and architecture. Teaching strengthened my people skills, but architecture is my true vocation. I work at the City of Portland as a plans examiner, reviewing building plans and assisting the architectural community in the permit process.

I am honored to be considered for Vestry. I take the commitment to these new duties seriously and will strive to serve the church and the congregation to the best of my abilities.

OSCAR GUTIERREZ

I was born and raised in Cacaopera, El Salvador. I moved to the U.S. in 2003 and lived in New Jersey for six years. About two years ago, I moved to Portland. I joined St. Michael's two years ago and soon after was received into the church by the bishop. I have been active in the ministries of crucifer and Eucharistic Minister during the 1:00 pm misa.

I have a strong faith in God. I enjoy learning new things and feel that serving on Vestry will give me the opportunity to learn more about and to serve St. Michael's. I believe that being a member of the Vestry will also give me the opportunity to represent the Spanish-speaking community and to work toward greater unity between the Spanish- and English-speaking members of our church.

I enjoy life with my family and friends, going out and playing sports, or just watching a movie or listening to music and dancing. I like to meet new people. I'm outgoing and a funny person, and I love to have people around me who are happy.



ELIZABETH ROUFFY

I am a native Portlander, although I have lived in England, Los Angeles and Alaska. I am the proud wife of Stephen and mom of two sweetheart daughters Libby (age 10) and Cordelia (age 7). I have been a grateful member of St. Michael's since 2003. I was welcomed into the St. Michael's community after my daughter Libby's baptism.

Prior to that time, I was convinced that I could just 'think' my way into a spiritual life. I shopped for faith the way I might go about buying a car; and somewhere along the way I forgot to feel, until I was brought into being at St. Michael's. I have always felt safe here and have found a great deal of solace and support among the members (of all ages) of this dynamic community. My entire family across three generations has found a home at this parish.



For me, it is vital to give more than I receive. As a teacher of grades 4-8 for 18 years, I have gravitated toward ministry with our younger parishioners. I have been honored to put voice to scripture regularly as a lector. I would appreciate the chance to apply my listening, speaking and 'people' skills to work on your Vestry. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.