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"Good things are happening at St. Michael.

Come and see!"

KEY DATES

July 4



July 22
SAINT MARY
MAGDALENE

July 25
SAINT JAMES THE
APOSTLE

August 6
THE TRANSFIGURATION
OF OUR LORD
JESUS CHRIST

August 15
SAINT MARY THE
VIRGIN

August 24
SAINT BARTHOLOMEW
THE APOSTLE



Can You See Me Now?

— *Jesus*

Gospel tells us the woman touches only the hem of his garment. She has been following Jesus, one among so many in a great crowd of people pressing in upon him from every side. And while others are watching, waiting to see what next wonder and amazement he will perform, *she touches his robe—*

Almost too simple an act — Just one person, believing. Yet, for a long instant, the world ceases its spinning as Jesus stops suddenly a half-step in his tracks, turns facing you and me and asks, **Who touched my robe?**



See how his eyes search the crowd; we are barely breathing; no one speaks. Then, like every present moment, always, time and again, we know he sees no anonymous crowd, instead beholding each of us face to face as if we are with him alone. Sees us in this moment so close, just a breath away, *sees us just as we are—*

This is the instant. You and I are walking down the street, it's a street in a strange world suddenly becoming new, angels stand beside us in the crowd, all of us spinning in infinity, and **we see Jesus, maybe for the first time... offering his robe to you and me.**

— *From the desk of Father Cal*

Vestry Service: A Ministry of Caring

Service on the Vestry is primarily a care ministry. Those who serve are to protect, grow, and care for the overall wellbeing of all who come to worship at St. Michael and All Angels. Conventional the Vestry is responsible for the that is all too often associated the Vestry, while inclusive of prayerful in its intent and parish vision and goals; and where all can be spiritually through Christ.



wisdom adheres to the idea that "business" of the church, an idea with money or finances. The role of financial concerns, is to be actions; align resources with the ensure that the church is a place grounded, nurtured, and inspired

Caring is at the heart of Vestry service.

It is, therefore, with great excitement that we welcome new members to the SMAA Vestry this summer and give thanks to those that have given tremendous service over the years. We have two groups of new members joining the SMAA Vestry: **Dawn Freeman, Neil James, and Sam Oliver** who began **June 2017**; and **Delois Brown, Ama Erefah, Sharral Juggar, and Edith Onyeozili** who will begin their service in **August 2017**. We welcome and thank them for taking on this care ministry of service on the Vestry at St. Michael and All Angels.

A big collective "thank you" to those transitioning off the Vestry in August: **Melanie Martin, Alexis McMillan, Geraldine Roberts, and Kathleen Rodgers**. We applaud their extraordinary commitment and exemplary service as caretakers of St. Michael and All Angels.

Each new member brings unique experience and leadership that will be of great value in moving St. Michael and All Angels solidly into its next 135 years of service to the Tallahassee community, and beyond.

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Upcoming Events

July 4

Church Office Closed

July 5, August 2

Supper Service at
The Kearney Center

July 9-15

Summer Camp-
Session III,
Camp Weed

July 10

Vestry Meeting

July 16

African American
Genealogy Meeting

July 16-22

Summer Camp-
Session IV,
Camp Weed

July 23-27

Summer Camp-
Session V,
Camp Weed

July 29

Breakfast Service at
Grace Mission

August 6

Flip Flop Sunday

September 29

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Around the Parish

CONGRATULATIONS — On May 7, St. Michael honored graduates, from postgraduate to pre-K. Pictured from left: Randolph "TJ" Frazier (Canopy Oaks Elementary); Cassandra Grayson, Ed.D (Northcentral University); Dr. Kathleen Rogers, who gave the address; Daniel Erefah (Richards High School); Abigail Erefah (Fairview Middle School); and in front, Sierra Mongerie (Kinderschool Pre-School). Not present were: Samuel Oliver (Lincoln High School) and Sean Warren (Roberts Elementary). Congratulations! Well done to all our graduates!



MUSIC MINISTRY CHANGES — On June 11, St. Michael recognized our Music Director DL LaSeur with the presentation of a wall hanging (A Fair and Glorious Gift by Martin Luther), and a trophy. For over a decade, DL has been a driving



force in our music ministry. Now, she wants to take a step back in order to spend more time with her growing family and to complete her career at Florida State University. DL is not leaving the flock; she will continue as an assistant organist whenever she is needed. St.

Michael is blessed with other talented musicians: Monique Alleyne, Ivana Kenny Carmola and Chris White, who will continue as leaders in the music ministry.

ST. MICHAEL SERVING OTHERS — Our outreach ministries: **Handbags of Hope** and **Good News Outreach**, continue to do good with the enthusiastic help of many. Dozens of handbags filled with personal items, snacks and inspirational readings have been distributed through Economy Drug Store and The Kearney Center. Jointly with St. John's, we continue to serve supper at The Kearney Center on the first Wednesday of each month. And, collection of non-perishable food for Good News Outreach, which feeds over 100 families each week, is ongoing. At St. Michael, we are blessed to be a blessing to others. Thank you for your support of these vital ministries.

REPORT FROM P.O.S.T. — From June 25-27, AA Elizabeth Humes attended the 30th Anniversary meeting of Parish Office Staff Together (P.O.S.T.). This year's conference theme was: Past * Present * Future. Elizabeth filed this report:

"Bishop Howard gave the welcome address and Canon Aaron Smith led the Holy Eucharist. His message was "How to be a priestly person." He defined a priestly person as: sharing God's word; being caring and courteous; listening without judgment; and committing to personal worship so that you can help others. He reminded us that as administrators we are the first responders of our Parish and should perform in the appropriate manner.

In a discussion, one major factor arose: communication with committees. Everyone agreed that if we are not informed about what is happening in the various committees, we cannot perform our duties with excellence. For example, bulletin insertions, announcements and so forth cannot be handled properly if the information is not provided in a timely manner. In other words, we need you to help us by communicating with us!

I had a wonderful time. Thanks to those who made it possible for me to attend."

FLIP FLOP SUNDAY — For the fifth year, St. Michael will hold the annual Flip Flop Sunday Service and Fellowship at Silver Lake on Sunday, August 6 beginning at 10:00 a.m. The Holy Eucharist will be followed by fellowship that, this year, will include some Jamaican culinary delights in celebration of Jamaica's Independence from Britain on August 6, 1962. Invite your friends to join us in prayer and fellowship.

ST. MICHAEL'S FEAST DAY — Our parish will turn 135 this year on September 29. A committee chaired by Junior Warden Charlie Clark has been formed to suggest and plan commemoration activities. Please phone or text Charlie at (850) 631-0780 if you would like to work on the committee or provide input.