

St. Michael's Episcopal Church
Holy Eucharist - Rite 2
5 pm Christmas Eve



**The Christ Candle was given by Leona Tripp
in memory of Bobby Tripp;**

Plants and Altar flowers were given by:

- * Susan Sulzman;
- * Diane Bartholdi in loving memory of loved ones, especially her loving Mom, Sophie, and her dear friends Peg, Joe and Jane;
- * Fr. Steve Hart & Family in thanksgiving for the people of St. Michael's;
- * Leona Tripp - In memory of Bob Tripp, Bobby, her Mother & Father and her brothers and sister;
- * Beryl Scrafford - In memory of Brad Scrafford & Doris Johnson;
- * Walter & Norma Unverhau - In memory of Emily Donaldson Leitch, & Joseph Blackie Leitch & Magdalena P. Binschoff & Richard P. Binschoff Noomas, grandparents & great grandmother Anna Margaret Englert;
- * Louise Ford-In memory of her Father, Amos, her Mother Christine and her Sister Frances Coleman
- * Antoinette Peer ;
- * Laura Rechnitzer - In memory of Betty & Richard Tasciotti (Mom & Dad);
- * Bob & Ruth Krapf - In memory of loved ones;
- * Peg & Wes Barkley - In memory of family and friends;
- * Doris Caulfield - In memory of Warren Caulfield, Rowland, Irene and Robert Simmonds;
- * Sharon Triolo - In memory of Michael Triolo;
- * Dene' Matchett, Denise & Caitlin Corbett - In loving memory of Nancy Matchett;
- * Dave & Kathy DiSisto - In memory of loved ones;
- * The Trant Family - In memory of Dorothy Trant;
- * Carol Ridolfo- In memory of her parents Howard & Bernice Van Der Volgen and of her Sister Joyce Maynard;
- * Janet Lindemann - In loving memory of cherished loved ones;
- * Fred Buse- In memory of Renee Buse;
- * Susan Buse- In memory of Dr. Myron B. Franks;

Hymns	Book of Common Prayer
<i>Processional Hymn:</i>	<i>"O Come All Ye Faithful"</i>
.....	<i>"Angels We Have Heard On High"</i>
Opening Acclamation	355
Collect of the day	<i>(Insert)</i>
First Lesson:	<i>(Insert)</i>
Psalm	<i>(Insert)</i>
Second Lesson:	<i>(Insert)</i>
<i>Hymn before the Gospel:</i>	<i>"Angels, From The Realms of Glory"</i>
Gospel:	<i>(Insert)</i>
Sermon	Rev'd Steve A. Hart
Nicene Creed	358
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*Music for Christmas Eve is performed
by Lisa Longe, Anne Barkley, and Jonathan Smith*

WELCOME today to all visitors and newcomers. Please make yourself known to us and sign our guest book before you leave. All persons baptized in the name of the Trinity, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, are welcome to come to the communion rail to share the Body and Blood of Christ. It is the custom in this Parish to receive the bread in one's hands and to help guide the chalice to one's lips. A Lay Eucharistic Minister will dip the wafer in the wine if you wish.

*** Please pick up your 2012 contribution envelopes
under the "Angel Tree" in the Narthex**

There are many who are new to St. Michael's and have been issued envelopes for the first time, please check to see if you have been issued booklets. If you don't find your name and would like envelopes, please write your name on the list and booklets will be issued. Thank you!

A special thank you to Ruth Krapf for the work you do throughout the year coordinating our Altar Flowers; Memorial Ministry & the Altar Guild!
We are blessed to have you!

And a very special thank you to all members of the Altar Guild for the beautiful work you all did on our altar this season and throughout the year, and welcome to all new members of our altar guild, thank you for volunteering for this special ministry!

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Weekly Calendar of Events:

Saturday 12/24 10:30 am Christmas Eve Service at Colonie Manor
5:00 pm Christmas Eve Christ Mass
Saturday 12/24 10:30 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Mass
Sunday 12/25 10:00 am Christmas Day Service *
Thurs. 12/29 6:00 pm Youth Christmas Party
Friday 12/30 4 pm-7 pm Women's Group Christmas Party
Sunday 01/01 10:00am Holy Eucharist *New Year's Day *

***Important Note:** there is no 8am service on Christmas Day or New Years Day
also No Christian Ed. or Coffee Hour

The Knitting Ministry will meet only on New Years Day.

The Annual Parish Meeting is scheduled for 01/22/12.

All Ministry Leaders are asked to please bring a one page report to summarize the events in your ministry this past year. *A copy for the Clerk of the Vestry would be greatly appreciated!*

Wardens & Vestry Elections:

It's time to plan for the upcoming Vestry & Warden Election which will take place at the **Annual Parish Meeting on 01/22/12**. As usual, the meeting will commence during the 10 am service and continue to completion, after the service, upstairs in Dwyer Hall. Nominees are required to meet all qualifications outlined below:

1. A member in good standing, At least 18 Years of age.
2. Baptized members of St. Michael's
3. Regular attendants at parish worship
4. Contributors of record to the financial support of the Parish

Wardens: * David Malcolm, Senior Warden
* Carol MacNaughton, Junior Warden
Asst. Treasurer: Diane Bartholdi
Clerk of the Vestry: Marcia Allen

Vestry:	(12/31/11)	(12/31/12)	(12/31/13)
	*Mary Pasko	Trudy Thomas-Smith	Marcia Allen
	*Karyn Dziezynski	Sharon Triolo	Rich Ribet
	*Fred Buse	Kathy DiSisto	

** denotes term expiration on December 31, 2011*

An Invitation From Ryan Haig:

"Youth Group Christmas Party"

Thursday Dec. 29th 6 PM at St. Michael's Parish Hall

All youth are welcome, just bring a Yankee Swap gift and a cheerful attitude!

(Also Christmas-y Desserts would not be turned away!)

*** Important Notice:** All contributions must be received by 12-30-2011 in order to be credited to the 2011 tax year.

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COLLECT

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness--
on them light has shined.
You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.
For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.
For all the boots of the tramping warriors
and all the garments rolled in blood
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.
For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
His authority shall grow continually,
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.
He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onward and forevermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

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- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The LORD has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

6 Sing to the LORD with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.

7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the LORD.

8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.

9 Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
when he comes to judge the earth.

10 In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.

SECOND READING: Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE: Luke 2:1-14(15-20)

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see-- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"