

12-18-11

**St. Michael's Episcopal Church  
The Fourth Sunday of Advent  
Holy Eucharist - Rite Two**

**Hymns** (10am Service Only)

**Processional Hymn:**

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First Lesson: . . . . .	(Insert)
Psalm . . . . .	(Insert)
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**Hymn before the Gospel:**

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**Book of Common Prayer**

**Recessional Hymn:**

*Music at the 8 a.m. service is performed by Anne Barkley*


*Music at the 10 a.m. service is performed by Lisa Longe*

**WELCOME** this morning 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.

**8am Service Hymns performed by Anne Barkley:** Hymns today include:

- Preludes: # 436 "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates "
- # 382 "King Of Glory, King Of Peace"
- # 64 "O Heavenly word, eternal Light"
- Offertory: # 81 "Lo, How a Rose e'er blooming"
- Communion: # "Ave' Maria" by: Schubert
- Postludes: # "Jubilate Deo" by: "Michael Praetorius"

*"C" denotes: Celebration Hymnal*

 **Altar Flowers:** If you are interested in contributing towards Christmas Poinsettias, greens and decorations for the season of Christmas please see the forms on the bulletin board in the narthex. Your contributions may be given in thanksgiving or in honor or memory of a loved one and will be published in the Christmas bulletins. Thank you!

Weekly Calendar of Events:

- Sunday 12/18 8:00 am Holy Eucharist
- 9:00 am Christian Education (Adult, Senior & Middle-H.S.)
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist  
Christian Education (Children)
- The Annual Greening Of The Church**
- 11:30 am **A Celebration for Father Neal & Lisa Longe**  
**The African Team Ministries** (last day)
- 1:30 pm Holy Eucharist @ Colonie Manor
- 1:30 pm Holy Eucharist @ Rosewood Gardens
- 3:00 pm Knitting Group @ Carol's Home
- Mon.. - Fri. 8:00 am Morning Prayer Monday - Friday
- Wed. 12/21 6:00 pm Communion Service with Healing Prayer
- 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 Service**
- Sunday 12/25 10:00 am **Christmas Day Service: (No 8:00 a.m. service)**
- Sunday 01/01 10:00am **Holy Eucharist: (No Christian Ed or 8:00 a.m. service)**

**AFRICAN TEAM MINISTRIES - COMES TO ST. MICHAEL'S:** More than 3 million Kenyans are facing malnutrition, starvation and even death due to the worst drought and famine in 60 years. For each \$10 purchase you make, it will provide 100 oatmeal meals and 150 servings of soup to hungry people in the drought and famine areas of Kenya. If you'd like to help us provide this gift of nutritious food please visit the store we will host **in the Parish Hall on 12/11 through 12/18**

 **Where are you with your pledges? We are collecting them now!**

**COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP HOUR** today is hosted by Reginald & Trudy Thomas-Smith! Thank you for your generosity and hard work! *If you would like to volunteer to host coffee hour there are a couple of openings beginning next Sunday! Please see the Coffee Hour Sign-up form on the Narthex Bulletin Board!*



**THE ANNUAL GREENING OF THE CHURCH**

will be held **today** immediately following the 10:00 a.m. service. Please mark your calendars and consider joining us to beautify St. Michael's for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Altar Guild Members:** Please save this date on your calendars as your help will be greatly appreciated! Ruth & April

**PLEASE JOIN US at 11:30 a.m. today!**

**FOR A FAREWELL RECEPTION**

**For Fr. Neal & Lisa, Maria & Noah Longe.  
we will miss them greatly!**

**St. Michael's is an Episcopal Parish  
in Communion with  
The Episcopal Diocese of Albany**

The Rt. Rev'd. William H. Love	.....	Bishop
The Rt. Rev'd. Daniel Herzog	.....	Bishop, Retired
The Rt. Rev'd. David Ball	.....	Bishop, Retired
The Rev'd. Steve A. Hart	.....	Rector
The Rev'd. Neal Longe	.....	Assisting Priest
Linda A. Addison	.....	Parish Administrator
David Malcolm	.....	Senior Warden
Carol MacNaughton	.....	Junior Warden
Diane Bartholdi	.....	Asst. Treasurer
Marcia Allen	.....	Clerk of the Vestry
.....	.....	Church Organist
Anne C. Barkley	.....	Church Flautist
Barb Ayers	.....	Intern

WARDENS & VESTRY:

Wardens: David Malcolm, Sr. Warden (12/31/11)  
Carol MacNaughton- Jr. Warden (12/31/11)

Assistant 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	

Prayer Ministers: If you need prayers, Prayer Ministers are available during communion and after the service at the back of the church.

Prayer request Forms are located on the Narthex bulletin board to better address your prayer needs. Prayer requests will be listed for one month, unless otherwise requested.

Prayer Wall: Please feel free to write your prayers and insert them into the prayer wall on the altar where they will be prayed over daily.

# St. Michael's Episcopal Church

December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011



## The Fourth Sunday of Advent



### The Annual Greening of The Church



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☛ **New:** Fr. Hart's e-mail: [Rev.stevehart@gmail.com](mailto:Rev.stevehart@gmail.com) ☛ **New**

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## ST. MICHAEL'S PRAYER LIST

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray today for Rowan, Archbishop of Canterbury, Katharine, our Presiding Bishop, Bill, our Bishop, Dan and David, our Retired Bishops, Steve and Neal, our Priests;

### Please pray for these

#### Members of St. Michael's

Josh Unverhau Beryl Scrafford Eleanor Withers  
Joan Lord Leona Tripp Lois Hardie  
Helen Wozniak Kim Holland Arlene Anderson  
Matt Wozniak Katherine Korotisch  
Annettee Peer

Fr. Hart and Fr. Neal's Families  
The People of Colonie Manor  
The People of Rosewood Gardens  
The Daughter's of the King

**And for Our Stephen Ministers:** Tim Condon,  
Connie DuVerney, Sue Sulzman, Marcia Allen,  
Barb Ayers, Carol MacNaughton and for  
Sharon Triolo and Karen Malcolm.

#### and for these Friends:

Rachel (Sister of Anne Barkley)  
Raymond Amico (Karyn Dziezynski's Dad)  
Anthony Ridolfo, Elizabeth F. (Carol R.)  
John Collins (The Trant's)  
Sandy Cipollo's Mom  
Laura S. (April Austin)  
Jane & Richard (Fr. Hart)

**And We Pray for** our Partner Churches: St. Mark's, Hoosick Falls; Rev'd. Lorrie Lyons, St. Luke's, Mechanicville, Rev'd. John Hopkins, Rev'd. Lynne Curtis, the Sister's of St. Mary

**And we pray for** Torre & Jean Bissell, Bp. Mike & Linda Chapman, Fr. Bob & Margaret Haskell, Fr. Nigel & Lynn Mumford, Michael & Christine Hales, Fr. Bruce & Shay Mason, Rev'd. Tyler & Audrey Slade.

**St. Michael's Birthdays:** Connie DuVerney

**St. Michael's Anniversaries:** Reginald & Trudy Thomas-Smith

**The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:**

**18** *The Rev'd Alan Tatlock*

**19** *The Lonely in the Christmas Season*

*The Rev'd Joel MacCollam*

**20** *Hospitality in our Churches this Christmas Season*

**21** *The Rev'd Colin Belton*

**22** *The Rev'd John Perry*

**23** *Blessing on the Altar Guilds across the Diocese*

**24** *The Rev'd Donald Latham*

#### ... our Friends (cont'd.):

Sara Stein's Family  
Regina and Sue (Diane Bartholdi)  
Renee Oliver (Mother of Kim Holland)  
Keith Ferguson (Mark Pasko)  
Betty & Family (Ruth Krapf)  
Carlo Trichilo (John K.)  
Gary Norton (Fr. Hart, Tim & April)  
Jen, Brian & Family (Tim & April)  
Augie & Marie Addario  
Pat Cole  
Viola Barkley (Peg & Wes Barkley)  
Philip Di Pace (Laura Rechnitzer)  
Florida Jean (Erich Kaminsky)  
Helen (Rev'd. Steve Hart)  
Susan Stewart  
The Family & Friends of Beverly C. Miller

#### R.I.P. Beverly C. Miller

#### Please pray for our soldiers, their families:

Jacob & Ellissia Almaguer (Carol Ridolfo)  
P.F.C. Ryan Safford (Donna Newell-Cooper)  
Christopher Love USAF (Bishop Love)  
Brian Reith, USAF

**Don't Forget To "GOODSHOP"** whenever you shop online! Please make every gift count! More than 1,600 top stores (Amazon, Toys R Us, Best Buy, Apple, Gap, etc.) will donate a percentage of every sale to us. Just go to GoodShop.com, designate us as the cause you support: "**St. Michael's Episcopal Church - Colonie**" and then go on shopping. You pay nothing extra - and may even save money as GoodShop lists coupons and free shipping offers. There's no easier way to support us this holiday season! Please spread the word!

**OUTREACH ANGEL TREE:** The Outreach Ministry this Christmas is supporting a Dad and his 13 year old son, who has multiple special needs.

To help make their Christmas bright Please:

1. Select a gift tag from The Angel Tree;
2. Buy and wrap the suggested gift;
3. Attach the tag to the wrapped gift; and
4. **Return** your wrapped gift (under the tree)



#### **TODAY IS THE DEADLINE!**

Please remember to keep the family in your prayers

God Bless and Thank you for your generosity!

*The Outreach Committee*

**YOUTH NEWS:** We are beginning to plan Mission Trips for 2012 Trips!

#### **Seeking Volunteers: Can you help?**

**ALTAR GUILD** is seeking new members to help prepare the Altar for the 10:00 a.m. services. If you are interested in helping or learning more about the ministry, please contact Ruth Krapf at 869-7913 or the Church Office at 869-6417

**KNITTING GROUP:** Meetings are held at Carol's house on Sunday afternoon's from 3-4:30 PM. Contact Carol MacNaughton at 526-2598 if you need a ride.

**PLEASE JOIN US at 11:30 a.m. today!**

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## THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### COLLECT

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen..

### FIRST LESSON: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you."

But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

### The Song of Mary *Magnificat* Luke 1:46-55

My soul doth magnify the Lord,\* and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior,  
For he hath regarded\* the lowliness of his handmaiden.

For behold from henceforth\* all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is Mighty hath magnified me,\* and— holy is his Name.

And His mercy is on them that fear him \* throughout all generations.

He hath showed strength with his arm;\*

He hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat,\*

and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things,\*

and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel,\*

as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:\*

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## SECOND READING: Romans 16:25-27

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith-- to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

### THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE: Luke 1:26-38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.