



ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

January Newsletter

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**“Hearts for God
Hands for Service
Love for All”**

<p><i>Bishop</i> The Rt. Rev. Jacob W. Owensby, Ph.D., D.D.</p> <p><i>Rector</i> The Rev. George Gennuso</p> <p><i>Deacon</i> The Rev. Deacon Belle Rollins</p>			<p><i>Sunday Schedule</i> 9 am – Holy Eucharist 10:45 – Angel Food Breakfast</p> <p><i>Weekday Eucharist</i> 10 am – Tuesday 10 am Thursday</p>	
<p><i>Senior Warden</i> Steve Rogge (2017)</p>	<p><i>Vestry Chaplain</i> Londa Price (2016)</p>	<p><i>Vestry Clerk</i> Kay Ferguson (2018)</p>	<p>Martha Herren Sandi McCoy (2016)</p>	<p>Jamie Raborn Stuart Spurlin (2018)</p>
<p><i>Sextons</i> Kitty & Gary Wynn</p> <p><i>Altar Guild Director</i> Ann Wells</p>		<p><i>Organist</i> Mary Crump</p>	<p><i>Treasurer</i> Holli Rachal</p>	<p><i>Flower Guild</i> Rebecca Williams Jennifer Owens Jenny Morrow Mary Michael Mule</p>
<p><i>Food Pantry Coordinator</i> Carole Hampshire</p>		<p><i>Choir Director</i> Roger McCoy</p>	<p><i>Account Manager</i> Patti Noel Office Hours Tues. 9 – 2 pm Sun. 12 am – 4 pm</p>	



January Anniversaries

- Jan. 11 Renee' & Dennis Botts**
- Jan. 19 Matt & Ashley Green**
- Jan. 23 Roger & Sandi McCoy**
- Jan. 26 Suzanne & Brian Corley**

Almighty God, we entrust all who are dear to us to your never-failing care and love, for this life and the life to come, knowing that you are doing for them better things than we can desire or pray for; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (BCP, 830)



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I THINK THAT YOU HAVE SOME SERIOUS FAITH ISSUES

Happy Birthday

Jan. 1	Fred Beckercite	Jan. 20	Jessie Holloway
Jan. 2	L.V. Shipp	Jan. 22	James O'Neal
Jan. 4	Samantha Hackman	Jan. 24	Chris Fernandez
	Barbara Tuma		Slade Moore
	Davis Williams	Jan. 25	Mike Owens
Jan. 5	Matt Green	Jan. 27	Lacee Brown
	Malcolm Leatherman		Liz Conli
Jan. 10	Julia Clarius	Jan. 28	Stuart Spurlin
	Rylan Garrett	Jan. 29	Laura Cooper
Jan.11	Marc Champagne		Brian Corley
Jan. 12	Teri Winans	Jan. 30	Cohen Lee Ellison
Jan. 13	Eva Worsham		Jim Homer
Jan. 19	Paula Lieberman		Jenna Morrow
	Michael Wiley	Jan. 31	Jackie Arnold
Jan. 20	Isabella Allen		April Cintron

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus

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Bridge House

Car Wash

JANUARY 7 & 21

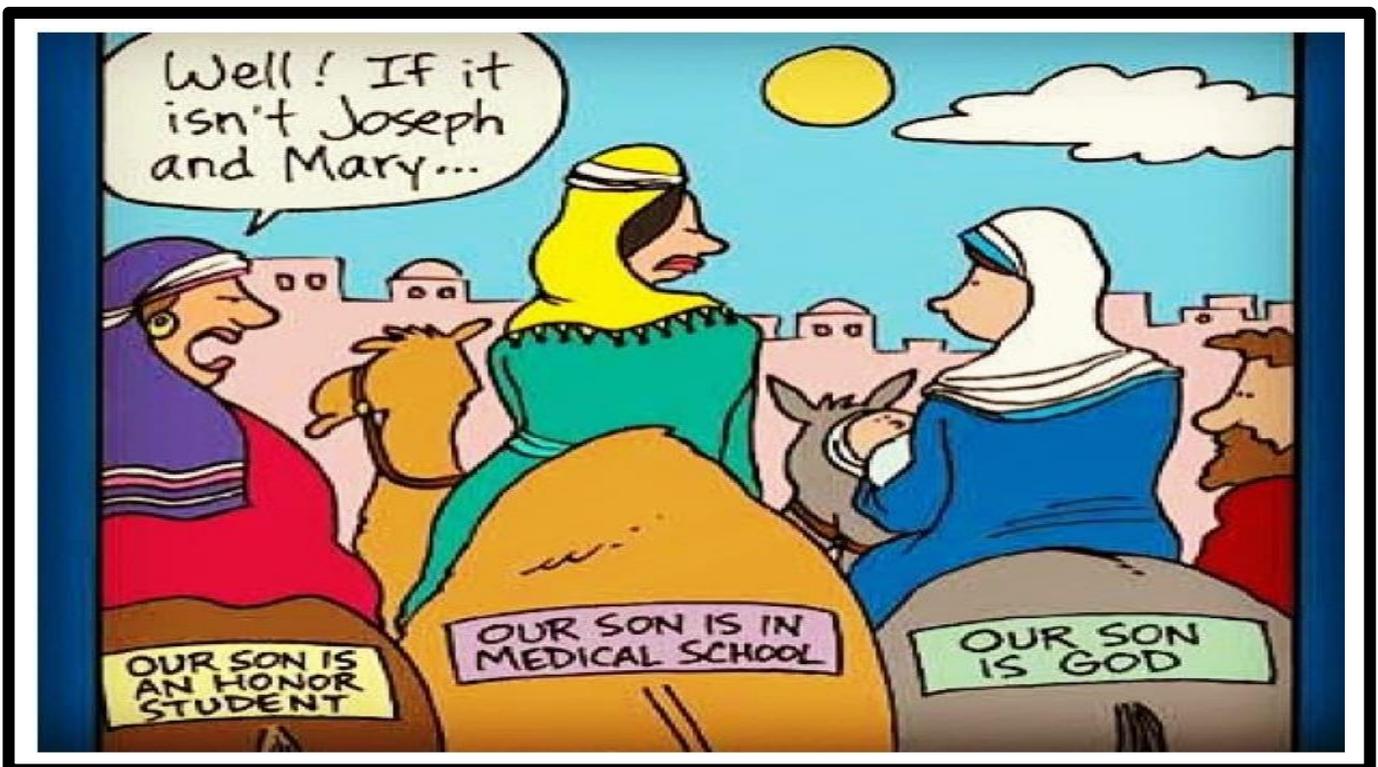
9 AM – 3 PM

St. Michael's 2016/2017 Fall/Spring Lecture Series

“The Church Fathers”

Once again, St. Michael's will be offering a wonderful lecture series beginning in September. The series will focus on the Church Fathers and will be presented by priests & lay leaders from throughout our diocese. Below you will find a breakdown of the presentations. As always, dinner will be served at 6 pm followed by the presentation.

Date	Speaker	Topic
Thursday, January 12	Fr. Joseph Daly Rector: Ascension Lafayette, LA	Athanasius & Jerome
Thursday, February 9	Fr. Bill McBride Retired: Shreveport, LA	Origen
Thursday, March 9	Fr. Christopher Heying Rector: St. Paul's, Abbeville	Basil the Great Gregory of Nazianzus Gregory of Nyssa
Thursday, May 11	Mrs. Mary Deville Lay Leader Trinity Episcopal, Natchitoches, LA	Jerome
Thursday, June 8	Fr. Alston Johnson Dean: St. Mark's Cathedral Shreveport, LA	Augustine



**Our Church Fathers
Lecture Series
Thursday, January 12**

**The Rev. Joseph Daly, Rector of the Church of
the Ascension in Lafayette.**



**Father Daly will
speak on
Athanasius &
Jerome**

Joseph is a native of Nova Scotia and studied in Canada, the United States and the Middle East. He was ordained 2002 in the Diocese of Albany, NY where he served as chaplain at SUNY and theologian-in-residence at Trinity Church, Plattsburgh. He served as rector of Saint Andrews, Douglas, GA before coming to Ascension in 2009.

His wife, Angie, is from St. Martinville, LA where they live on the Bayou Teche with their two sons, Andrew and Aiden. He enjoys traveling, reading, kayaking, and cooking with friends and family.

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry Christmas Message 2016

From Isaiah Chapter 9:

For unto us a child is born,

unto us a Son is given;

and the government shall be upon His shoulder;

and His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,

Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

These words of Isaiah are often seen as words that foretell and foreshadow the coming of Jesus of Nazareth, born of Mary. The truth is, these words befit Him because this child changed the world. This child changes lives. This child changes us. I remember when our oldest daughter was a baby. My wife and I were young. We were footloose and fancy-free. It was just the two of us newlyweds, so if we wanted to go out to eat dinner, we went out to eat dinner. If we decided to go to a movie at the last minute, we just went. We actually felt like we had money back then. And we did have a little bit of discretionary income. We could pretty much do what we wanted to do, within reason, and we didn't have to think too much about the consequences or impact of a spontaneous decision and what we had to do to make that happen.

And then, all of a sudden, this little, innocent human being, a little child, came into our lives, and literally gained control over our entire world. Before we could do anything else we had to think about, "Who's going to keep the baby?" or "Is this a good time for us to go without the baby?" We soon learned that we were not in control of our lives anymore. Even our sleeping patterns became very different. We would stay awake when the baby was awake and we went to sleep when the baby went to sleep. Literally this child began to control our lives and the child didn't even know she was doing it. And then we had a second one she did the exact same thing. And I've since learned that that's what babies do. When they arrive they take over! And their parents begin to develop their lives around this child. To mold their entire lives around this precious needy baby.

Isaiah wrote, "Unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given . . . and His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." This child who was born of Mary changes everything. This child born in a manger, wrapped in swaddling clothes changes how we live. This child born to the sound of angels singing Gloria in excelsis Deo — this child to whom the wise ones came from afar bearing gifts — this child, changed the way the entire world works.

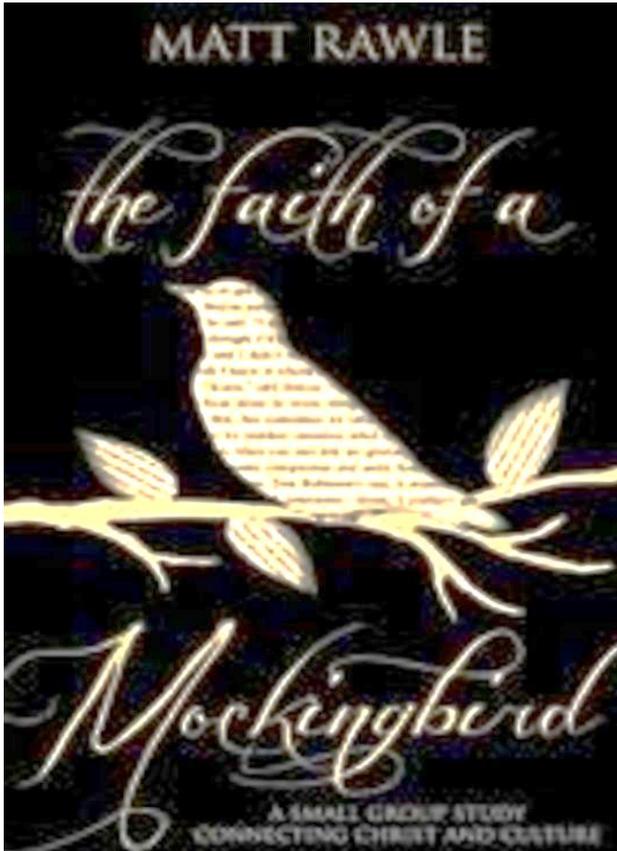
And this Jesus, born into a world torn by strife and hatred and division and pain and poverty, this child is born anew wherever men and women say, "I'll follow Him. I'll follow Him as my Savior. I'll follow Him as my Lord."

When this child grew up, He said His reason for coming, again quoting Isaiah, from the 61st chapter, he said, The spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach Good News to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives, the recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty all those who are oppressed, and to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.

This child, when He grew up, came to show us the way to live lives of love, lives of compassion, lives of goodness, lives of kindness, lives of justice. This child came to show us how to change the world. So this Christmas, make room for him to change us. This Christmas help us change the world. And make a new commitment, to go out from this day, to let this Christmas Day, be the first day of a new world.

God bless you. God keep you. Have a blessed Christmas. A Happy New Year. And go on out and change the world!

January Adult Christian Education



Pastor and author Matt Rawle is on a mission. He sees Christ all around him—in books, movies, TV shows, rock music—and he wants to share what he sees. As Matt says, "God offers the raw ingredients, and 'culture' is whatever we cook up."

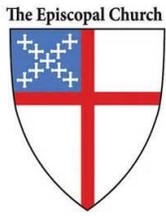
In *The Faith of a Mockingbird*, based on Harper Lee's *To Kill a Mockingbird*, pastor and author Matt Rawle uses Lee's beloved characters to explore Christian faith, theology, and ethics. Join Scout, Atticus Finch, Boo Radley, and Tom Robinson in this four-week study considering God's world and what it all means.

The Faith of a Mockingbird is part of The Pop in Culture Series of Bible studies in which Matt Rawle stirs up a tasty gumbo of insight, humor, and inspiration based on some of your favorite pop culture classics.

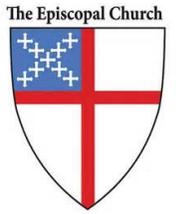
2017 Vestry Retreat

Our vestry will hold their annual spiritual retreat beginning at 6 pm Friday, January 27 through Saturday, January 28th. Please keep your church leaders in your prayers as they strengthen themselves spiritually for our 2017 journey.





Annual Parish Celebration



January 15

**It will not be a party
without you!!!**

**Door
Prizes**

**Great
Fellowship**

**Community
Sing**

**Delicious
Lunch**

**Election of
new
vestry
members**

**Fun and
Laughter**

THIS IS A FAMILY AFFAIR

SHOW UP!!!!