

St. George's Episcopal Church, Milford

Sept 11, 2025: EBlast



September 11: Mychal Judge and the Saints and Martyrs of 9/11

9/11 Devotional by the Community of St Laika:

Today, St. Laika's remembers Father Mychal Judge, together with all the saints and martyrs of the attack on the Twin Towers in NYC, the attack on the Pentagon, and the passengers on United Airlines flight 93 who crashed their plane in a field in Shanksville, PA, rather than let terrorists use it to strike Washington, D.C. All this occurred on September 11, 2001.

Mychal Judge was a Franciscan priest, and chaplain to the New York Fire Department. In addition to his service to the NYFD, Judge was also well known for ministering to the homeless, the hungry, recovering alcoholics, people with AIDS, the sick, injured, and grieving, immigrants, gays and lesbians and those alienated by the Church and society.

Upon learning that the World Trade Center had been hit by the first of two jetliners on 9/11, Judge rushed to the site, administered the Last Rites to some bodies lying on the streets, and continued offering aid and prayers for the rescuers, the injured and the dead.

Father Judge was killed when the South Tower collapsed and he was struck in the head. He was designated as "Victim 0001" and thereby recognized as the first official victim of the September 11, 2001 attacks, because his was the first body to be recovered and taken to the medical examiner.

The heroic and selfless actions of so many firefighters and other first responders have taken their toll over the years. Many died on that terrible day, of course, but for many others their lives were shortened and complicated by lung disease, cancer, and other slower acting forces. Some were simply innocents, others heroes. All of them rest in God's hands now.

The world has become a darker place in the ensuing years. Terrorism has changed our perceptions of the world, war has proved to be a hollow response. Our own nation is torn over competing views on political realities with little ability to make significant progress. We continue to turn to guns and violence. As we struggle forward, it is good to remember Mychal Judge and the many others, who did not count the cost to themselves of the service they gave to others.

Scripture: Joel 2:3:

Fire devours in front of them, and behind them a flame burns. Before them the land is like the garden of Eden, but after them a desolate wilderness.

Prayer: *Merciful God, you teach us in your Holy Word that you do not willingly afflict or grieve your children. As we remember all who died in the tragedy we call 9/11, remember us in mercy, strengthen us in patience, and comfort us with the memory of your goodness; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

See You Sunday,
Rev. Michelle

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Sunday Sept 14

8:30 am - Holy Eucharist Rite I Celebrant: Rev. Michelle
in the Church & livestreamed

10:15 am - Holy Eucharist Rite II Celebrant: Rev. Michelle
In the church

Wednesday Sept 17

1:00pm Crochet for a Cause

6:30pm Men's Group Meeting

Thursday Sept 18

11:00am - Outreach Meeting

Tuesday Sept 23

6:30pm - Braver Angels Event - "Keeping our Community Strong"

Wednesday Sept 24

7:00pm Worship Committee Meeting

Sunday Sept 28

11:30am - Baby Shower for the Tafels

Tuesday Sept 30

6:30pm - Braver Angels Regular Meeting

Sunday Oct 5

9:00am-12:30pm - Vaccine Clinic

Sunday Oct 19

8:00am-2:30pm - Crossroads Soup Kitchen

One Service only: 8:30am HE Rite I

No 10:15 Worship Service at St. G.

LOK Outing to Dakota Inn Rathskeller Friday Sept 12 - CANCELLED!

We had so much fun last year, we intended to go back for round 2! Unfortunately this has had to be cancelled as too few were able to make it this time. No matter what, there is always next year!

College for Congregational Development Teach-Out Event: Sat Sept 13

From Invitation to Incorporation: Strengthening Our Gathering Practices

Saturday, September 13th, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM at **St. John's in Howell** (note location change)

How can we invite, greet, orient, and incorporate people more intentionally in all that we do, from Sunday worship to small groups and fellowship events?

Join clergy and lay leaders from across our Episcopal and Lutheran communities for a College for Congregational Development (CCD) Teach-Out focused on the Gather stage of the Gather-Transform-Send model.

Explore how to create welcoming experiences

Learn practical strategies

Walk away with a model to shape every kind of gathering

Refreshments provided | FREE to attend

Get registered at www.edomi.org/ccdteachout

Baby Shower for the Tafels - Sunday Sept 28

Come and celebrate our newest tiny member at and after the late service.

Here are some suggestions that would make a nice gift even though Megan assures us we should not feel obligated :) They have a small Amazon registry here:

<https://www.amazon.com/baby-reg/meganbrett-tafel-may-2025-linden/3H54XRRNLVBQ7>

Joyce is collecting donations for gift-centerpieces. Caroline is suggesting children's books instead of cards. They are using Enifamil Reguline formula and Pampers Swaddlers diapers (Size 2 or 3 to save for later) and any kind of wipes. Megan says they have all those clothes and nursery items you can imagine.

Such a wonderful and joyous gathering for our littlest St George's member and to celebrate Brett and Megan. Let's have a great turnout for our young family of 3!

Bound Together Snack Collection

We are collecting snack items for Bound Together in September. Please consider contributing 64oz shelf stable bottles of juice and shelf stable snacks like Goldfish, Granola/breakfast bars (no nuts, but some fruit!), Chips, popcorn (we love baked/popped - and some spicy items will get a cheer), Fruit snacks or Pretzels. Items can be placed in the Blue bin in the Narthex.

Braver Angels Community Event - Tues Sept 23

This is a community meeting trial run, the title is "Keeping our Community Strong", and we are asking people to participate in the dry run and give us feedback on the effectiveness. As participants, they will listen to each other present concerns and ideas about strengths and needs for the community in the context of the recent changes in funding and other actions of the administration. This will be a bipartisan discussion, allowing for expression of diverse points of view in a strictly governed and respectful conversational process. The process will be about 90 minutes. 9/23/25, 6:30 to 8:00 pm, at St George's and we will likely provide some food as well. Please see Steve Vangel with questions and for more information.

Crossroads Soup Kitchen - Oct 19

Mark your calendars, we will be doing our annual service at the Crossroads Soup Kitchen on Sunday Oct 19. In the meantime, we are collecting adult sized warm and outdoor winter clothing, coats, boots etc, to bring with us. Items can be left at the far end of the bathroom hallway. More information and sign-ups to come.

Vaccine Clinic Oct 5 9:30-12:00

There is a lot of craziness in the news right now about vaccines, but they remain as important as ever. We plan to proceed with our vaccine clinic from Kroger this fall as normal. They plan to continue to provide all the traditional vaccines (flu, shingles, pneumonia, tetanus etc) at no cost for those with Medicare or commercial insurance and as of right now they plan to offer the latest COVID vaccine free at least to those 65+ or with risk factors. Don't miss this opportunity to protect yourself and those you love from preventable disease this fall.

Join the Altar Guild

We have had some change over (both people joining and stepping away) on the Altar Guild and we need some more assistance. Being a member of the Altar Guild at St George's is more than just setting the Lord's table... One Saturday a month we meet our partner (for 30-45 min) and begin to connect with the Holy Spirit in a unique and quiet way. It can be



meaningful and purposeful to assist with laying the linens, setting up eucharist elements, placing the vases out for the flowers, ensuring the Gospel is marked for our reading, and filling the candles with oil.

Other various occasions bring some additional tasks but these are often tied with worship. Altar Guild Members also set the altar for funerals, weddings, and baptisms.

All is in the Lord's Service, a gift of our time for the glory of God and for our neighbors. We are currently Caroline L., Felicia I., Megan T. Lisa D. and Nancy P. with Barb B. assisting as she can. Come and talk with us after a celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

You might be inspired to learn more about this deeply special ministry and want to join us. Many hands make the Lord's work light and no burden.

Ongoing Outreach Activities

Below is a list of things we are currently collecting for our ongoing outreach ministries. Check back often to see what we are up to

Non-perishable Juice and Snacks - Bound Together - Blue bin in Narthex - through end of Sept.

Winter & Warm Outdoor Clothing - Crossroads Soup Kitchen - Far back of Hallway - through Oct 17

Dress and other nice clothing - Grace Centers of Hope Resale Shop - Middle of Hallway - through Nov

Small Toiletries - FedUp - Hallway Closest to Office - Ongoing

Non-perishable food - Community Sharing - Green bin in Narthex - Ongoing

Used Grocery Bags - Bins outside by The Dragon - Ongoing

Ongoing Ministries in Action:

-Braver Angels

Monthly meetings are normally held on the last Tuesday of the month working on depolarization. All are welcome. Dinner will be at 6:30 pm, skills practice at 7:00, and planning at 7:30, finishing at 8:00 pm. **NOTE: Next Meeting is on Tuesday, Sept 30**

-Coffee Fellowship

A Sign-up sheet is now available to host coffee fellowship during September & October. This valuable ministry allows us to have a lovely time of food and fellowship together after church and **it won't happen without hosts.** It is quite a simple endeavor requiring only 2-3 items like, pastries, fruit/veggies and/or crackers & cheese and a commitment to help set up and clean-up. Unused food is taken home or given away after. You can do it on your own or with a partner. Please see Mary Lou J. and Joyce S. for more information.

-Crochet for a Cause

Making mats for those in need out of plastic grocery bags. 1st 3rd & 5th Wednesdays from 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. We have a great time! **Next Meetings are September 17 & Oct 1.**

- Cookie Ministry *Supporting the AA groups that meet at our church

Who can help on the **third Friday of each month?** About 50 cookies are needed in total. Please reach out to Dot if you would like to cover **Sept 19** (third Friday.) or once in a while to give the Darcys and the Vangels a break on the other Fridays. You can drop off your cookies the Sunday before or during office hours during the week

-ECW (Episcopal Church Women)

ECW will continue to meet monthly on the 2nd Tuesday. The **next Meeting is Tuesday October 14 at 11:00am in the Fellowship Hall.**

St. George's ECW is a small group of women committed to supporting the many activities of this church. All women members of the church are members of ECW and are encouraged to attend the meetings. Do come along and join us.

-‘Purls of Wisdom’ Knitting/Crochet for Charity

Currently, this group is not meeting. An update will be published should the situation change.

- Healing Prayer

Provides laying on of hands and anointing for healing after worship at 8:30 & during communion at 10:15 service. The next Healing Prayers will be on **September 28 and October 5**. Healing Prayer can be offered at all other services by request.

- LOK - Ladies of the Knight

Tentative Calendar of Events

September 12 - Friday: Dakota Inn Rathskeller evening - **Cancelled**

October 11- Saturday at 3:00pm: Purple Rose Theatre in Chelsea. Tickets \$52.50 to be paid no later than August 10 to Becky Sheridan (Chair)

November 13, Thursday at 11:00am: Pewabic Pottery, Tour & Tile making. Register with Debbie Lesnew by Oct 26

December 13, Saturday at 2:00pm: Annual Christmas Party at Joyce Spletzer's home.

Extemporaneous: Tuesday movies at Emagine.

- Mens' Group

The Men's Group normally meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. All Men are invited to attend.

The **next meeting** is on **Wednesday September 17 at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall**.

Please see Mike F. Sr's upcoming email for more information.

Keeping Your Faith Strong

-Those in Our Prayers

Please pray for our members, community members and friends in search of health, healing, wholeness and solace: *Anne G., Annie F., Art, Barry, Brett & Megan, Brian, Carol R., Caroline, Cheryl, Chuck, David, Denise, Dennis, Fred K. & family, Helen, Janice, Jeanne F, Joan B, John, Joshua, Judi V, Kathy, Katie M, Karen S., Kim, Laurie, Lisa D., Lisa S., Liz, Mark, Mary Lou, Maya, Nancy, Rick & Debbie, Rick, Sharon A., Sue H., Tara,*

Loving God, the comfort of all who sorrow, the strength of all who suffer: accept our prayers, and to those who seek healing, grant the power of your grace, that the weak may be strengthened, sickness turned to health, the dying made whole, and sorrow turned into joy; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen. (Book of Occasional Services pg217)

- Online Daily Office Schedule

Monday-Thursday 10 a.m. Morning Prayer

Fridays, 4 p.m. Evening Prayer

Sundays, 7 p.m. Compline

Do you join our Sunday worship online? A reliable and quick way to find our YouTube services (live or recorded) is from our website's "Watch" page, accessed from the top of the home page by clicking the word "Watch." [Here's a direct link.](#) Want to participate in our Daily Office online? Those are on

Facebook. [Here's the link.](#)

-Sermon Blog

Ever hear something in worship and think, I wish I could look at that again or send it to a friend? Well now you can. Now St George's has a Sermon Blog. Weekly sermons and reflections will be posted here from now on. Rev. Michelle's sermons will appear on Sunday morning, Morning Prayer reflections will usually be up within a couple of days. Feel free to share! [St George's Sermon Blog](#)

-When to contact the Priest:

Please be in touch. I can only pray, help or connect you with resources if I know what is happening. Examples of when to contact the Priest: Birth, Death, Illness, Hospitalization, Difficulty in the Family, You would like to receive sacraments or a Pastoral visit, You have an idea or ministry you would like to discuss. I am usually in the office Wed and either Tues or Thurs 9:30-3. If you see my car in the lot, feel free to pop in. If I don't answer the phone make sure to leave a message or send a text and I will get back to you as soon as I can.

How to contact Rev. Michelle: **Phone/Text:** (734) 646-4064 or **Email:** priest@stgmilford.com

-Forward Day by Day Devotions

The Aug - October Booklets are available to pick up in the Narthex. Let us know if you need one mailed/delivered to your house. The cost is \$2.00 for each booklet. Please reimburse us as you are able in the donation box nearby. I recommend a read! 🐝

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Community Events

Health & Wellness Fair



September 12, 2025

Save the date for
**Highland Activity Centers
annual FREE Health & Wellness Fair!**



209 N John St
Highland MI 48357
248-887-1707
M-F 9am-3pm

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Avoid The Flu!

Get vaccinated here.

Kroger Pharmacies will be offering vaccines including Flu, RSV, Shingles and others. Updated COVID vaccines will be available according to current recommendations. No cost to those with Medicare or health insurance. Bring your ID and health insurance card. Open to the public first come, first serve.

**Sunday,
October 5, 2025
9:30-12:00**

For more info email: priest@stgmilford.org

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