

The Red Door

APRIL 2026



MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR

The Bishop is Coming

Mark your calendar now! Bishop Scharf will be with us on Tuesday, May 26th at 4:30 pm for confirmations and receptions. I hope you are able to attend, as this is a very special celebration for those being confirmed or received and for us as a parish community. I would love to see a full church.

If you were not confirmed as a young adult, or if you were confirmed in another denomination and would like to be received into The Episcopal Church, please let us know.

“Confirmation is the rite in which we express a mature commitment to Christ and receive strength from the Holy Spirit through prayer and the laying on of hands by a bishop.” (The Book of Common Prayer *Catechism* p. 860). Reception by a bishop is for those who were confirmed in another denomination and would like to be received into the Episcopal branch of Christ’s church.

In preparation for confirmation and reception, Coleen and I will be offering “Episcopal 101” sessions on three Sundays this month: April 12, 19 and 26. We’ll meet in the library from 9:15 to 10:10 am. We’ll cover 2 topics each session:

April 12: Sacraments and Spiritual Practices

April 19: Worship and the Bible

April 26: History and Polity (church governance)

There will be lots of time for questions. All are welcome to attend these sessions if you are curious or have questions! Please RSVP to me or to the parish office so we know how many to expect.

Also, a reminder of our Holy Week services coming up:

Maundy Thursday, April 2nd at 5:00 pm includes washing of feet and stripping of the altar.

Good Friday, April 3rd at noon includes the reading of the Passion, solemn collects and communion.

Easter Vigil, Saturday April 4th at 5:00 pm features fire, the Exultet, stories from the scriptures and the first Alleluias of Easter.

Easter Sunday, April 5th services are at 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 am with an Easter egg hunt at 10:45.

Happy Easter! Bill+

Holy Week & Easter Services
St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church
2304 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel
Love all. Love always.

Maundy Thursday Service April 2 5pm*
Remembering Jesus’ Last Supper

Good Friday Service April 3 Noon*
Reading of the Passion & prayers

Easter Vigil Service Saturday April 4 5pm*
Resurrection Eve told through symbol & story

Easter Sunday Services April 5:
7:30am* 9:30am* 11:30am
Children’s chapel during the 9:30am service
10:45am Easter Egg Hunt - meet outside on front deck

Celebrating Jesus’ Resurrection

All are welcome to receive communion at the Lord’s Table

*also livestreamed

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**Sometime in early May
we will be switching
to the Summer schedule
of 9:30 a.m. on Sundays.**

**5:00 service remains the
same on Saturdays.**

Curious About the Episcopal Church?

Come to Episcopal 101, a three-part series for those who are interested in learning more about the Episcopal Church. Whether you are brand new, exploring or would simply enjoy a refresher, these sessions are for you. We'll explore Episcopal beliefs, history, spiritual practices, and what and why we do what we do in worship, with plenty of time for questions.

Bishop Scharf will be coming in May to offer confirmation and/or reception into the Episcopal Church for anyone who is interested. These sessions are great preparation for that.

Sundays, April 12, 19, and 26

9:15–10:10 a.m.

St. Michael's Library

All are welcome.

Please RSVP to rector@saintmichaels-sanibel.org so we know how many will be coming or if you have any questions.

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SUNDAY APRIL 5
EASTER SUNDAY
EGG HUNT

10:45AM

BETWEEN THE 9:30AM AND 11:30AM SERVICES
 MEET ON THE FRONT PORCH OF CHURCH

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH
2304 PERIWINKLE, SANIBEL

EASTER SERVICES: 7:30AM 9:30AM 11:30AM



Sunday April 19
5-6:30 pm

St. Michael's Church
 2304 Periwinkle, Sanibel

**SPECIAL THIS MONTH: PETTING ZOO INCLUDING
 PONY RIDES, GOATS AND BUNNIES!!!**

We are all one human family, each with different gifts, and meant to accept each other in love. Our theme is based on the book *This Zoo Is Not For You* and the platypus who at first isn't accepted until all the other animals make a shocking discovery!

Plus fun animal crafts, games, storytelling and songs!
 Free dinner included.

Fun for families! Invite your friends!



This Zoo Is
 Not
 For You!



SAVE THE DATE

The City of Sanibel
 Invites You to Hop Over To

**Sanibel Island's
 GREAT SPRING
 EGG HUNT**

**St. Michael's is a partner
 and will have a craft table!**

Hoppin' Good Fun for Everyone

**Saturday, April
 4th, 2026** **10:00 AM to 12:00 PM**
 Sanibel Ballfields

Meet the Easter Bunny | Face Painting | Games and Prizes!

www.mysanibel.com 239-472-0345

65th Anniversary Series

Month 1: “Where it Began”

*65 Years of Worship, Welcome and Witness:
Our First Service — March 31, 1961*

On **March 31, 1961**, St. Michael’s held its **first service** in the **nearly completed church**, with **Fr. Thomas Madden—our first Vicar and Rector—presiding**. Imagine the anticipation of that day: a new spiritual home taking shape, neighbors gathering, prayers rising in a space not yet fully finished, but already set apart for the worship of God.

But Episcopal services had actually started three years earlier, on February 6, 1958 Fr. Madden held the first Episcopal service on the island on a Wednesday. In March 1958 the fledging Episcopal congregation began meeting at Casa Marina, a café at the ferry dock that was owned by Ernest Kinzie, who also operated the ferry company. Casa Marina served as a café and place for ferry goers to wait without getting eaten alive by mosquitos, but Mr. Kinzie decided to abandon it due to a leaking roof. The first baptism on the island was May 28, 1958, of 14-month-old Merrell Rushworth; the first “baptism in a beer parlor.” Fr. Madden bought folding chairs and purchased a small organ for \$15. The Women’s Guild contributed hymnals and prayer books.

The decision to build was made and the groundbreaking was held on September 4, 1960, but only 6 days later, Hurricane Donna raged through Sanibel with significant damage, including destroying Casa Marina. Parishioners Evelyn Pearson and Betty Sears offered their Nutmeg House restaurant as a temporary home, serving customers immediately at the end of services each Sunday morning, until the almost complete sanctuary was officially opened on Palm Sunday, 1961.

This anniversary year is an invitation to remember with gratitude and to step forward with hope. The same God who met the congregation that day continues to meet us

now—strengthening our worship, deepening our fellowship, and sending us out to love and serve.

Help us tell the story: Do you have photos from the early years (or a favorite St. Michael’s memory)? Please contact or send Sue Van Oss them to communications@saintmichaels-sanibel.org.

Throughout the year, we’ll be sharing “Then & Now” moments as we celebrate 65 years of faith on Sanibel.

Some information taken from “Madden's Way” by George Farrow and “Alleluia: Stories of an Island and a Church” by Don Adams.





Bible Study with the Rector Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. via ZOOM



Join the Rector – The Rev. Bill Van Oss – as he leads a lectionary-based Bible study using the scripture readings for the coming Sunday. Join meeting at:

ZOOM Meeting ID#: 829 7038 4775
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82970384775>
or contact Susan in the church office.

The Madden-Workman Education Fund

The Madden-Workman Education Fund was originally established to honor Father Thomas Madden and was re-established in 2007 to support our students/young people preparing to further their education beyond high school by providing support with financial assistance.

Two years ago, the name was changed to include **Judy Workman** who was instrumental in its re-establishment in 2007 and continued success until the present time.

The Madden-Workman Education Fund Committee annually reviews applications from the students. Many of these parishioners have been active participants in various St. Michael's activities.

Each year funds come from the Easter Open Plate offerings and the ECW donation. However, this year's successful \$50,000 matching gift allows the Fund to be more generous.

Guidelines for application and application forms are available in the church office. For additional information and questions, please contact **Betsy McCullough** or Susan Gonzalez in the church office. Deadline for applications is April 30th.



Next Gathering Monday, April 13 |
3:00 p.m.

The next gathering of the **Spirituality in later Life** reflection group will meet at The Cove in the Estuary at Shell Point. No RSVP required. Each of the monthly sessions stands on its own and you don't have to have read the book to participate. If you haven't come yet, now is the time to check it out! These monthly gatherings are not focused on the practical "to-do list" of later years—important as those things are. Instead, our time together centers on spiritual growth and personal transformation as we age: noticing the ways God is still shaping us, honoring the wisdom we carry, and claiming more fully the personhood God continues to reveal in later life. We are using Joyce Rupp's beautiful reflections, *The Years of Ripening*, as a companion for our journey.

Messy Church – April 19

Next month's **Messy Church** will be a bit different as we welcome Christina's Critters from LaBelle to St. Michael's who is bringing an outdoor petting zoo and a pony that the kids can ride on Sunday, April 19 from 5-6:30pm. It's part of our monthly theme based on the children's book *This Zoo is Not for You* about a platypus who visits a zoo and is rejected by the animals during a series of interviews because he doesn't fit their specific criteria (e.g., not eating bamboo, not being colorful enough). After he leaves, the animals regret their unkindness and discover he had invited them to a party, leading to a lesson about acceptance and friendship.

This promises to be a fun, faith-filled event so if you have grandchildren in town, this would be a great opportunity to bring them to St. Michael's and experience Messy Church.

From Your Parish Nurse, Wendy

Each year on April 7, the world observes World Health Day, a global health awareness event led by the World Health Organization. This date marks the founding of the organization in 1948 and serves as an opportunity to highlight important health concerns affecting people everywhere.



The WHO reminds us that “health is a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity.” This powerful definition broadens our understanding of health, encouraging us to care not only for our bodies but also for our emotional and social well-being.

Each year, World Health Day focuses on a specific theme. In recent campaigns, the WHO has emphasized the importance of early care and community support, noting that “the health of mothers and babies is the foundation of healthy families and communities.” This reflects a global need for compassion, access to care, and support for the most vulnerable.

Organizations like the Mayo Clinic emphasize the importance of prevention in daily life. According to Mayo Clinic, “lifestyle choices are key to preventing many chronic diseases,” highlighting the value of healthy habits such as balanced nutrition, regular physical activity, and adequate rest.

World Health Day also reminds us that health is a shared responsibility. The WHO stresses that “universal health coverage means that all people have access to the health services they need, when and where they need them, without financial hardship.” This vision calls us to be mindful of those who lack access to care and to respond with compassion and generosity.

As we reflect on April 7, we are encouraged to take simple but meaningful steps—checking in

on a neighbor, supporting healthcare workers, or making healthier choices in our own lives. These small acts can have a lasting impact.

May this World Health Day remind us that health is both a gift and a responsibility. By caring for ourselves and others, we take part in building stronger, healthier, and more loving communities.

Please know, for any questions or future topic suggestion feel free to email me at: nurse@saintmichaels-sanibel.org



If you are looking for a CPR Class, Let me know and I will find a class that fits your needs and schedule.

Contact Parish Nurse Wendy Warner in the Church Office or by email at nurse@saintmichaels-sanibel.org



Prayer Shawl Ministry

The St. Michael’s Prayer Shawl & Quilt Ministry over the past several years has provided comfort to hundreds of parishioners and friends dealing with illness, grief, or other life challenges, and joy to parents/grandparents welcoming new life.

Thanks to the generous spirit of so many knitters, crocheters, and quilters, we have a good collection of prayer shawls & quilts, and mini shawls, ready to be given to parishioners, family, or friends, as needs arise. If you’d like to request a prayer shawl or quilt for anyone, please contact Parish Nurse Wendy Warner or Susan Gonzalez at the Church Office. *New shawls and quilts are always welcomed.*

Power Players - Community Impact Award Ceremony Friday, April 10th

On Friday, April 10th at the Bell Tower Hilton, St. Michael's will be honored as one of three finalists for the **Faith Based Impact Award** from the Community Foundation of SWFL "honoring churches that serve as anchors of hope by providing essential services, mobilizing volunteers, and transforming lives through faith-driven action and outreach." You can read more here:

www.charitablecommunity.org/powerplayerscommunityimpact2026

The event is sold out but will be televised throughout the state. We are humbled and grateful to be recognized on this level for our work in our community. It is an honor shared with all of you, who represent the spirit of hospitality, generosity and compassion that has been a hallmark of St. Michael's since its beginning.

Flower Guild Update

The Flower Guild will wrap up another successful season of ministry. We will stop doing the flowers, beginning May 1. However, Floral Artistry will continue to bring an arrangement every weekend. We pay for this service over the summer until November 1, when we will begin to do the altar flowers again.

Thank you for your comments and encouragement during season.

~ Lee Williams, *Chair*

Next Vestry Meeting

April 16th @ 1:00 p.m.

In-Person in the Thomas Madden Rm.

Notes From Noah's Ark

Noah's Ark Thrift Shop will be closed on Good Friday, April 3rd as well as Saturday, April 4th in observation of the Easter holiday. They will resume regular Tuesday and Friday hours, 10am-1pm on Tuesday, April 7th for the month of April. Beginning Tuesday, May 5th, the store will only be open one day a week, on Tuesdays for May, June and July.

Also we will be having a special event in April so mark your calendars now!

FINE JEWELRY & DESIGNER HANDBAGS SALE

APRIL 14 10AM-1PM

Noah's Ark Thrift Shop
2304 Periwinkle, Sanibel

Join us for a special shopping event featuring an exceptional selection of fine jewelry and designer handbags. Discover beautiful pieces, timeless styles, and one-of-a-kind finds at thrift shop prices. Whether you're looking for a unique gift or a little something special for you, this is an event you won't want to miss.

Shop early for the best selection!



Altar Guild Ministry

We are looking for more volunteers to help prepare the altar for the Eucharist that is celebrated at each service. No previous experience is necessary!! This is an open invitation for men and women. Please contact Fr. Bill or Susan Gonzalez in the Church Office if you are interested or would like more information.





Women of St. Michael's Invite all Women to April Special Events

Women of St. Michael's Invite all to Our April 13 Special Event

The St. Michael's women's group, known as the Episcopal Church Women (ECW), invites all women and men to be in the Parish Hall at 12:30 on April 13 for lunch and a special program. On April 13, we wrap up the ECW season with the commissioning of new officers committed to servant-leadership and having our final lunch and program until November 2026.

The program is a special treat. John Lai of the Sanibel-Captiva Chamber of Commerce is especially knowledgeable about local developments and can help us understand how our community is changing.

At St. Michael's, the ECW delights in providing hospitality, educational programs, and other events for church and community. We volunteer our time, have fun, and collectively donate substantial contributions to the community for good works - as women of St. Michael's have done for decades. Proceeds from Noah's Ark provide a key source of funding for good works. We are happy to have been part of a successful comeback year at the Ark, made possible by the many women and men who volunteered. Those efforts resulted in a banner year for grants—16 local organizations received grants from 2025 Ark proceeds.

The April meeting is my last as ECW President, a position in which I've had the privilege to serve for the last 2 years.

We continue in the way of love.

Barbara Manard, ECW President 2024-2026.

~ **Barbara Manard**, ECW President.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP



**ANNE-MARIE
WILDMAN**

**TUESDAY
APRIL 14 8:30AM
PARISH LIBRARY**

On April 14, we are pleased to welcome Anne-Marie Wildman, Executive Director of the Ding Darling Wildlife Society who will be talking about wildlife recovery and water quality impact on the refuge.

All men are invited to join in person for coffee and breakfast treats in the parish library or via zoom
via zoom, ID: #820 0070 2322
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82000702322>

Men's Fellowship ~ Meeting ID #820 0070 2322
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82000702322>

Yoga: Spirit in Motion



Take a break from the stress and hustle of daily life and join us for a rejuvenating yoga class. JoEllen adapts for all abilities and skill levels; beginners welcome!

Thursdays @ 9am

Saturdays @ 9am

St. Michael's Parish Hall-2304 Periwinkle

Certified Yoga Instructor
JoEllen Simons

Bring a mat, (if you don't have one, we will have extras) water bottle, and comfortable clothing. No class fee, but there is a donation basket available for the instructor.

A part of Spiritual Pathways
@ St. Michael's



For more info:
pathways@saintmichaels-sanibel.org



Dominican Republic Mission Trip

~ Jerry Davenport

Two years ago, a St. Michael's Dominican Republic Pilgrimage Team experienced a very rewarding and successful trip exploring the culture, building relationships, and gathering information for a possible work mission in the future. Those dreams came true in February of 2026 as a St. Michael's Team of seven joined with five from the Diocese of Northern Michigan to help move Santo Hombre de Jesus Church in Catalina along to completion. Although the Dominican Republic shares the island of Hispaniola with turbulent Haiti, the greatest danger seemed to be the very abundant motorbikes and vehicles of many types, each looking to gain advantage over the other.



Our blended team soon settled into the patterns of a third-world nation and began to look past trash, heat, eating and drinking precautions, and much poverty to the wonderful smiles and inner beauty of our new Dominican friends. The Diocese of the Dominican Republic and the Dominican Development Group were wonderful hosts, providing us with good housing, food and transportation, and affording us a wide variety of experiences.

Our task during the week we were there consisted mostly of painting a 25 by 50-foot new concrete church, but also grounds cleanup and preparation for landscaping. Our days were challenging as we primed and painted the church with 12-foot ceilings three times. Thank goodness for younger folks who could get up to the higher points. Each day we were received with warm smiles, hugs and much appreciation that we had traveled a great distance to share our lives and skills.



Once again **Janet Bendall's** prayer dolls were a big hit, bringing many smiles to the children. We were fortunate to attend two worship services and to interact with Bishop Moises Quezada Mota, being blessed at one of the services. And by this time our strenuous days were causing us to drag a bit, and we very much needed that blessing.



It was so wonderful to see the church that two years ago was just a concrete slab with a tin roof and open sides replaced with this beautiful new structure. Since we left, there has been much progress toward completion, with the consecration scheduled soon. As always we felt so blessed to have been given this opportunity to share our lives with so many beautiful, deep-spirited people, where the spirit is infectious and the love abundant.

Outreach Opportunities

April 2025

April and May offers some opportunities to join Saint Michael's folks and serve others in the community. The Outreach Ministry has already financially given to Misión Peniel, Pine Manor, All Souls Episcopal, and Gladiolus Food Pantry. Your church Pledge allows this support to occur. Other opportunities to serve include:

- **Misión Peniel May 8 in Immokalee:** The group goes on the church bus, leaving the church at noon. The drive is 1½ hours. When there we pack produce and canned food into bags. At 2 p.m. the distribution begins. We serve between 300-400 farm workers and their families. The distribution ends around 5:30.

<https://www.misionpeniel.com/>

- **Fort Myers Food Cooperative:** A St. Michael's group goes to this community food kitchen the first Monday of the month, April 6 and May 4. Arrive at 9:00 a.m. and help with food preparation for a free lunch served to the community. Work finishes at about 1:00 p.m.

<https://communitycooperative.com>

- **Gladiolus Food Pantry:** St. Michael's does not have a set day to volunteer at Gladiolus Food Pantry; however, food and monetary donations are always needed. All 'Snowbirds' are encouraged to bring food items they will not be using this season to the donation box for transport to the Pantry, and any year-round residents who are interested in volunteering are encouraged to contact Miriam and offer to help out as some of her volunteers will be heading north.

<https://gladiolusfoodpantry.org>



Our lodging was located just a few miles away, sitting adjacent to San Matias Church and School, and our hosts were amazing. We interacted with both the church and school, and will in the coming year sponsor four students with scholarships from our Outreach Ministry. We look forward to the possibility of returning to assist in whatever way we can and have been invited to the consecration.



Blessings to all for your prayers and good wishes as we shared our lives and worked with these wonderful partners in love and faith.



Scams: What Older Adults Need to Watch for Right Now

Scams targeting older adults continue to rise, and many are designed to create fear, urgency, and confusion. Common scams include people pretending to be from your bank, Social Security, Amazon or other retail company, the Postal service or even a family member in trouble. Others may promise investment opportunities, ask for gift cards, or claim you must move your money to a “safe” account.

A good rule to remember is this: **slow down and verify**. Do not click links in unexpected emails or texts. Never give out passwords, one-time passcodes, or banking information to someone who contacted you first. If something feels urgent or suspicious, hang up and call the organization or loved one directly using a phone number you know is real.

Most importantly, do not be embarrassed if you are targeted. These scams are designed to fool caring and trustworthy people. Staying informed is one of the best ways to protect yourself and others. If you think you may have encountered a scam, tell a trusted family member, friend, or advisor right away.

5 Red Flags of a Scam

Watch for these warning signs:

Urgency

You are told to act immediately or face serious consequences.

Secrecy

You are asked not to tell family members, friends, or your bank.

Unusual Payment Requests

You are told to pay with gift cards, wire transfers, cryptocurrency, or cash.

Requests for Personal Information

Someone asks for passwords, one-time codes, account numbers, or Social Security information.

Fear or Pressure Tactics

The caller or message tries to scare, threaten, or confuse you into acting quickly.

Remember:

When in doubt, slow down, hang up, and verify.

If you ever have any doubts or questions about a phone call, email or text you receive, please feel free to call the church office or reach out to Sue Van Oss, communications@saintmichaels-sanibel.org.

Prayer List Update

Many of the names on Prayer List have been removed since we are unable to follow up on how the person is doing. Please if you would like a person to be added back on, call or email Wendy, the Parish Nurse at nurse@saintmichaels-sanibel.org or call Susan at church office.

Prayer List

Please Remember in Your Prayers all those on in need of healing, comfort and strength.



Ministry of Lector Reading & Prayers of the People

We're looking for new folks to join our team of **Lectors and Prayer of the People Readers** — at one of our weekend services.

You don't need any special experience — just a willingness to share your voice and your faith. We'll walk you through everything you need to know, and you can sign up for whichever service time fits your schedule best. If you are interested, please contact **Susie Wilson**

Love Sanibel Back 2026 is Here!

Buy Local • Spread Joy • Give Back



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Summer on Sanibel has its own rhythm—quieter roads, slower mornings, and the kind of space that invites us to notice what really matters. It's also a season when many island businesses and nonprofits feel the impact of fewer visitors. That's why we're bringing back a community favorite with fresh energy for a new year:

Love Sanibel Back 2026 will be launching June 1st with a special kickoff event and the entire program will be revealed next month.

At its heart, Love Sanibel Back is simple: we support the people and places that make this island feel like home. Whether you live here year-round, visit seasonally, or care about Sanibel from afar, there are easy ways to participate.

Buy Local

We will highlight local businesses and nonprofits and encourage a “buy local” moment—coffee with a friend, dinner at a favorite spot, a gift from a local shop, a treasure found while thrifting, or a service you've been meaning to try. Small choices, made together, make a real difference for our local economy.

Spread Joy

Joy is contagious—and it's something we can practice. Love Sanibel Back 2026 will include weekly themes and simple “spread joy ideas” that help us connect: write a thank-you note to someone who serves our community, invite a neighbor to join you at a local business, share a sunset photo and a memory that reminds you why you love this island. We'll provide prompts you can use, and you choose what fits your week.

Give Back

Sanibel is resilient because we show up for one another. This year's initiative will include clear opportunities to support local nonprofits and neighbors in need—through a featured giving drive to benefit F.I.S.H. and CHR. When we give back, we strengthen the whole fabric of island life.

How to Join In

Watch for details on three amazing community events throughout the summer; a Kick Off Sunset Happy Hour on the rooftop of Shalimar Resort June 1st, a Sip, Surprise and Create Event hosted by MacIntosh Books + Paper and Rachel Pierce Art Gallery/Home by Rachel Pierce on June 25th and A Shell Stroll hosted by Bubbly Latitude and St. Michael's around our neighborhood on July 13th.

Participate in a weekly spread joy opportunity—do one thing or do them all!

Share your experience and encourage others (look for our posts and tag along)

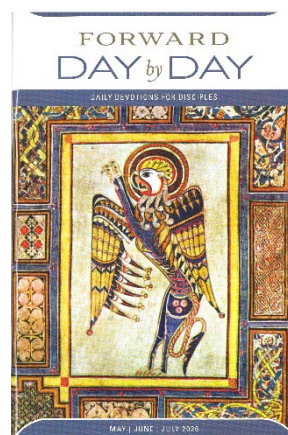
Invite a friend, neighbor, or visiting family member to join you.

As we launch Love Sanibel Back 2026, let's make this a season marked by generosity, connection, and steady support for the people who keep Sanibel thriving.

Buy Local • Spread Joy • Give Back

Because loving Sanibel back is something we do—together.

(Look for more details next month.)



Next quarter's is available.

Please contact Susan if you'd like one mailed to you.

(Large print available)

Thank you from Sanibel School National Junior Honor Society Members.

We received a handwritten note and pictures from the middle schoolers after they returned from their Leadership Conference in Washington DC. The conference connected inspiring student leaders from across the country and offered them hands-on sessions and powerful speakers to help them grow their leadership skills and bring ideas on how to lead real change back to Sanibel. They also got to experience several tours of Washington DC; the first time several of them had been to our nation's capitol. Thank you to the Men's Fellowship group at St. Michael's for working with the middle schoolers on this fundraiser and to all who attended.





Water and the Word 2026

Registration is now open!

Theme: For Jesus' Sake May 1-2, 2026
DaySpring Episcopal Conference Center

This year's theme, "For Jesus' Sake," invites us to reflect on why we serve, how we lead, and where Christ is calling the Church in this moment.

New for 2026, the conference schedule includes five workshops led by nationally recognized workshop leaders, each offered twice on Saturday, along with expanded time for worship, prayer, and connection as a spiritual community.

Join Bishop Doug Scharf, Bishop Phyllis Spiegel, Bishop Brian Prior, Liturgical Folk, and nationally recognized workshop leaders for a meaningful weekend of learning and renewal.

Learn more and register at

www.waterandtheword.org/retreat

Conference Speakers			
 Bishop Doug Scharf Conference Co-Leader	 Bishop Phyllis Spiegel Conference Co-Leader	 Bishop Brian Prior Chaplain/Developing Leaders	 Liturgical Folk Music Worship Leaders
 Wendy Claire Barrie Forming Disciples	 Padre Alberto Cutié Embracing Differences	 Michelle Heyne Congregation Vitality	 Fr. Christian Anderson Transforming Communities

Water and the Word Conference

MAY 1 & 2, 2026
waterandtheword.org

Coming Up

Service of Holy Eucharist & Social Hour	Every Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Sanctuary
Service of Holy Eucharist & Coffee Hour	Every Sunday	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Sanctuary
Santiva Islanders – Coffee & Conversation	Every Monday	10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Library
Church Staff Meeting	Every Tuesday	1:30 p.m.	Thomas Madden Room
“Love First” After School Program	Every Wednesday	2:15-5:00 p.m.	Parishi Hall
Santiva Islanders – Bridge	Every Thursday	1:00-3:30 p.m.	Library
Santiva Islanders – Mahjong	Every Thursday	1:00-3:30 p.m.	Parish Hall
Bible Study w/ the Rector	Every Thursday	10:00 a.m.	ZOOM
Yoga Class	Every Thurs. & Sat.	9:00 a.m.	Parish Hall
Evening Prayer (Compline)	Every Thursday	6:00 p.m.	ZOOM
Choir Rehearsal	Every Friday	12:00 p.m.	Music Room
AA Meeting	Every Friday	7:30 p.m.	Parish Hall
ZONTA	Wed. April 1	8:00 a.m.	Parish Hall
Digital Ministry	Thurs. April 2	1:00 p.m.	ZOOM
Maundy Thursday Service	Thurs. April 2	5:00 p.m.	
Good Friday Service	Fri. April 3	12:00 p.m.	
Easter Vigil Service	Sat. April 4	5:00 p.m.	
Easter Sunday Services	Sun. April 5	7:30 a.m. • 9:30 a.m. • 11:30 a.m.	
Easter Egg Hunt	Sun. April 5	10:45 a.m.	Meet on Front Porch
Church Office Closed	Mon. April 6		
Volunteer Day at Everyday Café	Mon. April 6	9:00 a.m.	CCM Soup Kitchen
Pastoral Care Ministry	Wed. April 8	10:00 a.m.	ZOOM
Outreach Ministry (hybrid)	Thurs. April 9	1:00 p.m.	T Madden Rm / ZOOM
Community Impact Award Ceremony	Fri. April 10	6:00 p.m.	Bell Tower Hilton
Episcopal 101 – session 1	Sun. April 12	9:15 a.m.	Church Library
ECW Board Meeting	Mon. April 13	11:00 a.m.	T. Madden Room
ECW Lunch and Program	Mon. April 13	12:30 p.m.	Parish Hall
SG: Later Life Discussion Group	Mon. April 13	3:00 p.m.	The Cove in the Estuary @ SP
Sanibel Bike Club Social	Mon. April 13	5:00 p.m.	Parish Hall
Men’s Fellowship	Tues. April 14	8:30 a.m.	Library / ZOOM
Santiva Islander’s Social	Tues. April 14	5:00 p.m.	Parish Hall
ZONTA	Wed. April 15	8:00 a.m.	Parish Hall
Vestry Meeting (hybrid)	Thurs. April 16	1:00 p.m.	T. Madden Room
Memorial Service for John Mason	Fri. April 17	2:00 p.m.	St. Michael’s
Memorial Service for Susan Elam	Sat. April 18	1:00 p.m.	St. Michael’s
Episcopal 101 – session 2	Sun. April 19	9:15 a.m.	Church Library
Messy Church	Sun. April 19	5:00 p.m.	Parish Hall
Christian Formation	Mon. April 20	11:00 a.m.	ZOOM
Memorial Service for Nancy Maupin	Fri. April 24	11:00 a.m.	St. Michael’s
Episcopal 101 – session 3	Sun. April 26	9:15 a.m.	Church Library
Men’s Fellowship	Tues. April 28	8:30 a.m.	Library / ZOOM



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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Easter Vigil Service
Saturday, April 4
*** 5:00 p.m.**

Easter Sunday Services
Sunday, April 5
*** 7:30 a.m. • * 9:30 a.m. • 11:30 a.m.**

**livestreamed*



Worship & Fellowship

- **Saturday at 5:00 p.m.** – Holy Eucharist, followed by Social Hour.
- **Sunday at 8:00 a.m.** – Holy Eucharist, followed by Coffee Hour
- ***Sunday at 10:30 a.m.** – Holy Eucharist, followed by Coffee Hour

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(*With Sunday Shuttle pickup at ShellPoint)

Sunday	5:00 p.m.	Messy Church –April 19 th
Wednesday	11:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study on ZOOM
	6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer (Compline) on ZOOM

----- Noah's Ark Thrift Shop -----

Tuesdays, Fridays and 1st Saturday of the Month
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

CLOSED: Good Friday and Saturday following
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