



The Red Door

OCTOBER 2026

MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR

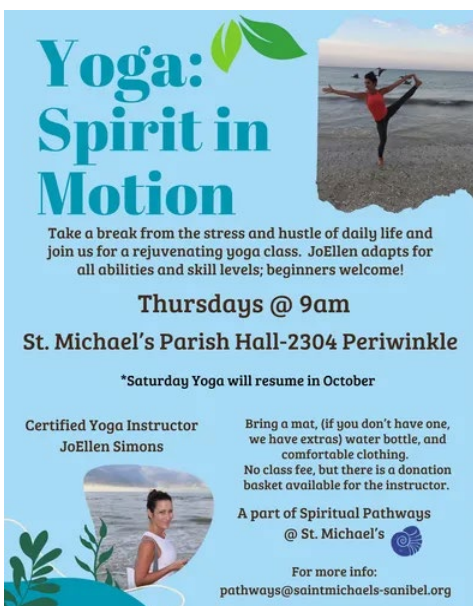
Fall is Upon Us

Fall is upon us and we are looking forward to the return of our “snowbirds” and things really picking up here at St. Michael’s. We have many good things coming up that you can find details about in this edition of the Red Door. Here’s a quick summary: We look forward to the return of our **music director**, Erik Entwistle, and choir’s return for the new season. Many thanks to Mike Baldwin for his faithful service during the summer months. Mike will continue to play for the Saturday service.

- Our wonderful assisting priest Colleen Tully returns for the season as well.
- **Noah’s Ark** reopens for the season on Tuesday the 6th.
- Our annual St. Francis day **Blessing of the Animals** will be “on the go” (like ashes on Ash Wednesday) on Wednesday, October 7th 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Bring your pet, or picture of your pet, to the front of church near the shared use path. We even do “drive up” blessings.
- **Diocesan Convention** is October 9-10 in Punta Gorda. I’m honored to be giving the homily at Morning Prayer this year.
- October 24th is “**Trunk or Treat**” at the Sanibel School.
- We will have a table at the annual Community House **fall social** on October 30th from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.
- We will move to **2 services** on Sunday mornings beginning on November 1st. Note that the service times will be 8:00 and **10:00 a.m.** (not 10:30 as in the past). The **10:00 a.m.** service time will enable us to have different offerings after the service (and still get home in time for lunch!).
- Also, on Sunday November 1st the **Love Sanibel Community Gathering** will take place at the Sanibel Recreation Center from noon – 2:30 p.m.
- Our “Welcome and Welcome Back” **Brat Night** will be Wednesday, November 4th beginning at 5:00 p.m. This is a wonderful opportunity to welcome our snowbirds back and to welcome newer members.

As you can see, lots of things going on! Check out this edition of the Red Door for details about these offerings and many more.

Peace,
Bill+



& Saturdays beginning October 10th



65th Anniversary Series #6: *A Parish Home: Hospitality and Belonging*

A church becomes more than a place of worship when it also becomes a place where people feel known, welcomed, and at home. Over the past 65 years, St. Michael's has been shaped not only by the prayers offered within its walls, but by the relationships formed around tables, in hallways, at coffee hour, during parish events, and in countless moments of simple hospitality.

For many people, belonging begins with something small: a warm greeting at the door, someone remembering a name, an invitation to sit together, or a conversation after worship. Those moments can make all the difference, especially for someone entering a church for the first time.

Hospitality has always been an important part of parish life because welcome is at the heart of the Gospel. Jesus continually made room for

people—those who were searching, questioning, grieving, celebrating, or simply needing a place to belong. As a parish, we are called to do the same.

Through the decades, that welcome has taken many forms at St. Michael's. Fellowship gatherings, parish dinners, newcomers' events, ministry celebrations, coffee hours, special receptions, and informal conversations have all helped create connections. Generations of parishioners have found friendship, support, encouragement, and community here.

As we celebrate St. Michael's 65th anniversary, it is worth remembering that some of the most important moments in our history may never have appeared in a church record or annual report. They are the moments when someone felt seen, when a friendship began, when a meal was shared, or when a person realized, "This is my church home."

That sense of belonging continues to matter today. In a world where many people feel disconnected or isolated, offering genuine welcome is one of the simplest and most meaningful ways we can live out our faith.

When did St. Michael's first begin to feel like home to you? Was there someone who welcomed you, invited you to participate, introduced you to others, or simply made you feel that you belonged?

Hospitality over the Years: More than a church building—a parish home built through welcome, friendship, and belonging across the generations.

1st row left - Mardi Gras Pancake Supper 2025

1st row right - Mardi Gras Pancake Supper 2009

2nd row left - reception, Fr. Madden standing far left, 1970's

2nd row right - opening of The Gathering Place to the community June 2023

3rd row left - the kitchen 2007- the hub of hospitality

3rd row right - The Hubbards & Almas's – hosts of the Brat Dinner

4th row left - shrimp peeling early 2000's

4th row right - Scott Chrysler serving at Mardi Gras Pancake Supper

~ Submitted by Sue Van Oss





CHOIR REHEARSALS RESUME

Friday, October 2 @ noon

Greetings from the music ministry! With fall upon us, the choir will be gathering once again on Fridays at noon in the music room. Our first rehearsal will take place on October 2nd, and we will be back singing in the choir loft on Sundays starting on October 4th. If you enjoy singing, please come and try us out! All are welcome anytime.

You can email me and I will add your name to the choir's email list.

CALL FOR SINGERS – CONCERT FOR PEACE

Saturday, November 21 @ 2:00 p.m.

Please mark your calendars for Saturday, November 21st at 2:00 p.m., when we will be presenting a special “Concert for Peace” in the sanctuary. The entire community will be invited to enjoy music together in the spirit of love, unity, and peace. **Charlie Barnett** will be returning to perform (he gave a wonderful musical presentation for us last year). We are also delighted that **Rabbi Schnitzer** from Temple Bat Yam will be sharing his music with us, and that violinists **Mariia and Danylo Zacharievich** will also be lending their talents.

There will be two choral premieres presented at the concert; Charlie Barnett has just finished his setting of Wendell Berry's poem, “The Peace of Wild Things,” and I have written a piece entitled “Love Never Fails,” based in First Corinthians.

We will be holding separate, weekly choir rehearsals to prepare for the two premieres and other music for the concert featuring the choir. These will take place on Saturdays from 10-11

a.m. in the Music Room, beginning on October 17. All choir members, and anyone who loves to sing, are welcome and encouraged to participate, and we will have singers from the wider community joining us as well.

Whether as a singer or audience member, please plan to join us at the Concert for Peace if you are able!~ **Erik Entwistle**
Director of Music



Concert for Peace

Saturday, November 21 2 p.m.
St. Michael & All Angels Church
2304 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel

Performers:

Charlie Barnett- Composer, Instrumentalist & Singer
Rabbi Sunny Schnitzer of Bat Yam Temple of the Islands
Mariia and Danylov Zacharievich- Violinists
Anne-Marie Bouché & Charlene Gulbrandsen- Soloists
Mike Baldwin- Organist
St. Michael's Chorus with Guests
Erik Entwistle- Pianist & Music Director

 Sharing music together in the spirit
of love, peace and unity
All are welcome - please join us!

Donations at the door accepted for Doctors Without Borders,
whose mission is to deliver emergency medical aid to people
in crisis, with humanitarian projects in more than 70 countries.

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:

<https://zoom.us/j/93045997623>

ZOOM Meeting ID#: 930 4599 7623
or contact Susan in the church office.

Blessing of the Animals

Wednesday, October 7th

Front Courtyard of St. Michael's,
2304 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel

4:00 to 4:15 p.m. | Brief outdoor service

4:15 to 6:00 p.m. | Individual blessings

One of the most joyful afternoons on our calendar returns this October. In the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi, whose feast day falls on October 4, we gather in the front courtyard to give thanks for the animals who share our lives and to ask God's blessing on them.

The afternoon begins with a short 15-minute outdoor service at 4:00 p.m. followed by individual blessings until 6:00 p.m. Drive, bike, or walk up to the red tent. There is no need to stay the whole time, and no need to get out of the car if that's easier for you and your pet.

Bring your dog, your cat, your bird, your turtle, or whoever else counts as family at your house. If your animal does better at home, bring a photo instead. If you want a beloved stuffed animal blessed, bring that too. Every one of them is welcome here.

Pet medals will be available, and there will be treats for humans and animals alike.

This is one of our favorite ways to open our doors to the wider island. Neighbors who have never been inside our church have found their way to our doors with a leash in hand, and that is exactly the point. Invite a friend, invite a neighbor, and come be part of it.

Blessing of the Animals is part of St. Michael's Spiritual Pathways. Learn more at saintmichaels-sanibel.org.

Blessing of the Animals

Wednesday October 7

Front Courtyard of St. Michael's
2304 Periwinkle, Sanibel

4-4:15pm Brief outdoor service

4:15-6pm Individual Blessing of animals

Drive, bike or walk up to the red tent with your pet, a photo of your pet or a stuffed animal to have them blessed; receive a pet medal and enjoy treats for humans and animals! All are welcome!



Part of St. Michael's
Spiritual Pathways
saintmichaels-sanibel.org



Messy CHURCH

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE!

October Messy Church

Sunday, October 18
5-6:30 p.m.

Pumpkin Carving • Light-Themed Activities
Dinner Included • All Are Welcome!

St. Michael & All Angels
2304 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel

From Your Parish Nurse, Wendy

As Fall approaches, it is a good time to think about protecting ourselves, our families, and our church community from respiratory illnesses. Vaccination continues to be an important tool for reducing the risk of serious illness from influenza (flu) and COVID-19.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that everyone 6 months of age and older, with rare exceptions, receive a flu vaccine each season. The CDC describes influenza as “a potentially serious disease” that can lead to hospitalization and, in some cases, death. The 2026–2027 flu vaccines have been updated to better match the influenza viruses expected to circulate this season.



People have been asking, “When should you get your flu shot?” The CDC says that “September and October are generally good times” for most people to be vaccinated, with vaccination ideally completed by the end of October. Older adults are generally advised not to get vaccinated too early, such as July or August, because protection can decrease over time. However, vaccination can still be given later in the season while flu viruses are circulating and vaccine is available.

For adults 65 and older, flu vaccination is particularly important. The CDC notes that this age group bears “the greatest burden of severe flu disease” during most flu seasons.

For those 65 and older, higher-dose, recombinant, or adjuvanted flu vaccines are preferentially recommended when available.

There is also updated guidance for COVID-19 vaccination for 2026–2027. The CDC states that a current-season COVID-19 vaccine is recommended for all adults 18 years and older. For adults 65 and older, the current guidance recommends two doses of the 2026–2027 vaccine, generally six months apart, although the minimum interval can be shorter in certain circumstances. Recommendations can differ according to age, previous vaccination, and immune status.

Before receiving either vaccine, talk with your healthcare provider or pharmacist about your individual health needs and vaccination history. Taking this simple step can help us care for our own health while also helping protect those around us during the respiratory-virus season.

If you have any thoughts or questions please 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 Wendy Warner, Parish Nurse in the Church Office or by email at nurse@saintmichaels-sanibel.org

Walking the Pathway of Gratitude: The United Thank Offering

As we explore our **Spiritual Pathways** this year, we are reminded that gratitude illuminates every step of our faith journey. As we approach Thanksgiving, we will have the opportunity to turn our daily blessings into global hope through the **United Thank Offering (UTO)**.

A Legacy of Innovation, Generosity, and Granting

The United Thank Offering began in 1883 when women of the church gathered a thank offering to fund innovative missions and ministries in The Episcopal Church and Anglican Communion that church budgets could not cover.

Today, UTO rests on three core pillars:

Gratitude, Generosity, and Granting.

- **Gratitude** is the daily act of recognizing God's good gifts. Even during challenging times, pausing to acknowledge our blessings nurtures joy, resilience, and a deeper sense of God's presence.
- **Generosity** comes from a thankful heart. UTO believes that when we connect gratitude with giving, we help cultivate a kinder world.
- **Granting** puts that love into action. Since 1883, UTO has awarded over \$143,235,000 through 5,428 grants across the globe. Last year UTO received \$930,777.82 and was able to grant 25 applicants. 100% of every gift received goes directly toward funding world-changing initiatives. To see the complete list of awardees please check out <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/source/uto-united-thank-offering/2026-uto-grants-announced/>

Integrating UTO into Your Spiritual Pathway

This season, consider incorporating the simple practice of UTO into your daily spiritual routine:

1. Notice the good things that happen each day along your path.
2. Give thanks to God for your blessings
3. Make an offering for each blessing using a UTO Blue Box or envelope. Through UTO, your personal blessings become life-changing blessings for others.

To learn more about UTO and its global mission, visit www.unitedthankoffering.com

Watch Your Mail: A mailing will be sent to your home the week of October 21st, which will include your UTO contribution envelope.



Participate in our Ingathering at St. Michael's on Saturday, November 7th and Sunday, November 8th during services.

~ **Susie Wilson**
ECW, UTO Chairperson

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 the church office.

Prayer List

Please Remember in Your Prayers

Parishioners:

Chris Salerno	Jon Gustafson
Dick Salerno	Jonathan Dean
Doug Lind	John Pryor
Lois Haywood	Carol Chaveas
Alan Kelmereitt	Margi Shilay
Don Rolley	Sherry Kanzius
Susan Lord	Roger Foote
Kristen Beltz	Martha Vaules
Margery Almas	

Family of Parishioners:

Banks Harrison	Linda Fuller
Sandy Sullivan	Susan Hodder
Debbie Colehower	Nancy Miller
JB Ryan	Judith Reid
Even Parker	

Friends of Parishioners:

Denise S	Robin Jones
Brenda Norris	Kara K
Diana Horton	Brian Troast

Spiritual Pathways: A New Season of Sacred Discovery

As we begin our second season of Spiritual Pathways at St. Michael's, we are filled with anticipation for what lies ahead. This new season brings revisions, new offerings, and new opportunities to gather, learn, serve, pray, and grow together. Most of all, we look forward with open hearts to see what God will do in and among us through the many pathways offered this year.

The vision of Spiritual Pathways is simple yet meaningful: **experiencing God's love together to grow in faith and hope, discover inner peace, and live with purpose.** Our mission is lived out through **prayer, service, learning, care, and worship.** Through these experiences, we offer pathways that awaken the heart, engage the body, and deepen our connection with God's love as we walk together on life's journey of sacred discovery.

We recognize that each person's spiritual journey is unique. That is why Spiritual Pathways offers many different ways to connect, grow, and experience God. Some may find a pathway that speaks directly to their hearts, while others may weave in and out of several pathways as their needs, interests, and seasons of life change. There is no single way to walk this journey, and there is room for everyone.

We invite you to explore Spiritual Pathways this season—to try something new, participate in something familiar, or simply come and see where a particular pathway may lead. Come with an open heart and discover what God might be doing in your own life as you learn, participate, and grow alongside others. **We walk together, trusting that every step can become part of a sacred journey of discovery.**

Watch the Friday Brief and Red Door Newsletters for information on Spiritual Pathways throughout the year.

~ Doreen Bolhuis
Spiritual Pathways Coordinator

Outreach Corner Pine Manor

Pine Manor is a low-income neighborhood in South Ft. Myers where about 4000 people eke out a living with the help of the Pine Manor Improvement Association. The population is about 75% Hispanic, 15% African American and 10% White. The majority do not speak English nor have computer skills. One full-time staff member, **Shari Clark**, is there to help the residents find their way through a maze of assistance programs for food, shelter, medical care, education, jobs, etc.

On any weekday you will find 8-10 parents with their children in the waiting room ready to get help from Shari, or to pick up some food or diapers from the food bank. You might also see a dozen or so of the neighborhood's 1700 kids in the activity room for the after-school program.

Pine Manor is blessed to have St Michael's as a major supporter. This year \$20,000 from the Ark and \$10,000 from the Outreach Committee helped make for a break-even year, particularly critical this year due to a major federal grant awarded in 2024 being cancelled.

A number of volunteers and other donors helped make it a year of progress. The most visible progress has been the restoration of the main building. Led by Association President **Stan Nelson**, organized and coordinated by United Way, and thanks to the major volunteer efforts and donations from Home Depot and The Southwest Florida Women in Construction, the main building has had a major facelift both inside and out. Volunteer chefs, **Chuck Sterrett, Jerry Davenport, Paul McCarthy** and **Mark Bolhuis** grilled burgers for the volunteers on workdays



Home Depot Volunteers restoring interior



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In other good news, two new programs have been launched this year to help people improve their lives. With about 500 pre-kindergarten kids, most of whom are Spanish-only households, a voluntary pre-kindergarten education effort has been started to give them a chance at a good grade school experience. The adults have also started English as a Second Language (ESL) classes in partnership with the SW Florida Literacy Council, a breakthrough to be built upon. There has been some bad news also. ICE has become very aggressive in the neighborhood, having deported a number of residents, and fear is causing many to stay in their homes. So, while interest in English classes is strong, attendance is not. We hope and pray the mass deportation push will moderate.

All in all, it has been a good year for Pine Manor, thanks to our supporters, especially St. Michael's Outreach and Noah's Ark. Many thanks to all who have contributed to making Pine Manor a safe and caring neighborhood.

~ **Ralph Clark,**
Outreach Ministry, Pine Manor Liaison

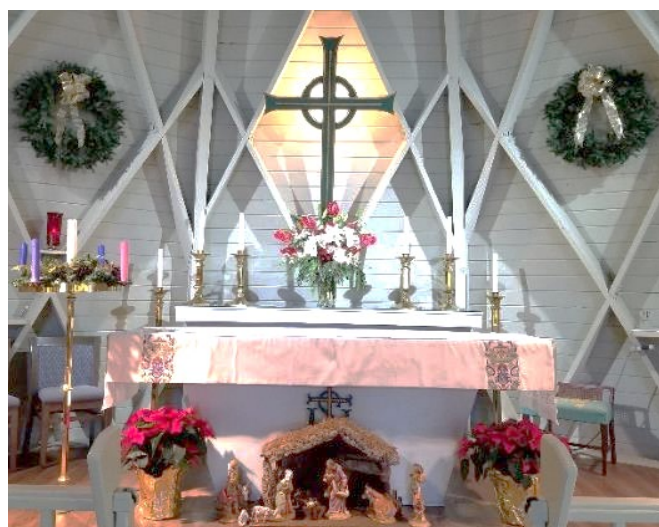
Flower Guild Ministry

If you enjoy flowers and floral arranging, consider joining the Flower Guild. We prepare the altar arrangements from November through May.

Members are typically scheduled about once every six weeks, making this a manageable commitment. Flowers and greenery may come from your yard, a florist, or a local market.

Arrangements should be on the altar by 3:00 p.m. on Saturdays. We are happy to provide ideas, guidance, or hands-on assistance whenever needed.

At Christmas, we decorate the church with trees, wreaths and poinsettias and would love your help. The trees & wreaths are conveniently stored at the church.



We would be delighted to welcome you to the Flower Guild and help you learn the basics at our floral-arranging demonstration planned for late October. To learn more, call 239-464-9798.

Cheers, **Lee Williams,**
Flower Guild Chairperson

Out in the Community:

St. Michael's This October

October is a busy month on Sanibel, and St. Michael & All Angels will be right in the middle of it. Three community events this month give us the chance to meet our neighbors where they already gather, share what we offer, and simply have fun together. Here's where you'll find us.

Pink Out Picnic Health & Wellness Expo

Thursday, October 22 | 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Sanibel Comm. House, 2173 Periwinkle Way

We'll host a table at this year's Pink Out Picnic, showcasing our Parish Nurse ministry with **Wendy Warner, RN** and our Spiritual Pathways programs. Yoga instructor **JoEllen Simons** will be on hand to talk about our classes and the contemplative practices that make up the five pathways. If you've been curious about Spiritual Pathways or wondered what our Parish Nurse can do for you and your family, stop by, wear pink, and say hello.

St. Michael's will be having a table; showcasing our Parish Nurse and our Spiritual Pathways programs; including our Yoga instructor Joellen Simons

PINK OUT PICNIC

Oct 22nd

HEALTH & WELLNESS EXPO

11:30AM-1:30PM

SANIBEL COMMUNITY HOUSE
2173 PERIWINKLE WAY

Let's Pink Out!

Trunk or Treat

Saturday, October 24 | 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Sanibel School parking lot, 3840 San-Cap Road
(Rain date: Sunday, October 25)

The Sanibel School PTA's annual Trunk or Treat is a new free, family-friendly event for kids. There will be a trunk decorating contest, hot dogs and drinks, and a Kona Ice truck. St. Michael's will have a decorated vehicle in the lineup, so come find us.

We need candy! St. Michael's is an official drop-off spot for candy and trinket donations. A collection bin is in the parish office, and donations are welcome any time during office hours. Please drop off early so we have time to get everything sorted before the event.

Donations of candy will gratefully be accepted for this fun event for the school kids. St. Michael's will have a vehicle at the event & we are a drop off spot for general candy/trinket donations- a bin is located in the parish office. Thanks!

THE SANIBEL SCHOOL PTA PRESENTS...

SAT OCT 24 2PM-4PM

CANDY FREE ADMISSION KONA ICE TRUCK TRUNK DECORATING CONTEST FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY! HOT DOGS AND DRINKS

Limited Space Available! Car/Trunk Participants Must Register No Later Than 10/16

Can't Participate In Person? Candy Donations Accepted At:

REGISTER NOW! (QR code)

Rain Date: Sunday, October 25th

Sanibel Recreation Center, The Sanibel School, St. Michael's All Angels Office

Sanibel School Parking Lot-3840 Sanibel Captiva Road

Annual Fall Festival

Thursday, October 30 | 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

The Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way
The Sanibel Community Association's Fall Festival, sponsored by Kiwanis, wraps up the month with games, cider, refreshments, giveaways, a photo spot, face painting, a costume contest, and plenty of candy. St.

Michael's will be hosting a craft table, so bring the kids and grandkids, join in the fun, and lend a hand if you can.



How can you help?

Donate candy or small trinkets to the bin in the parish office. Volunteer for an hour at one of our tables. Or simply show up, wear a costume, and be a friendly face representing St. Michael's. Being present in the life of this island is one of the most natural ways we live out our welcome, and every one of these events is better with more of us there.



Questions or ready to volunteer? Contact **Sue Van Oss**, Director of Communications, Community Engagement and Formation communications@saintmichaels-sanibel.org.

The Episcopal Church Women of St. Michael & All Angels

The ECW Leadership Board is currently finalizing programs, commitments, and events for our 2026-2027 season.

Noah's Ark volunteers have been working since the middle of September preparing for the opening day of sales on October 6th.

Our first General Meeting is scheduled for November 9th with luncheon at 12:30 p.m. followed by a program at 1:00 p.m. Sanibel Businesswomen will be presented by Sarah Jacobson (Bubbly Latitude), Rebeca Binkowski (Mackintosh Books + Paper) and Kate Sergeant (On Island).

Hope to see you all then. Take care,
Terry Baldwin, *President ECW*



**Tuesday, October 13th & 27th
at 8:30 a.m.**

Men's Fellowship returns to meeting twice per month beginning in October. We will meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month, beginning at 8:30 a.m. in the Church Library and via Zoom.

On **October 13** we will discuss mental health care - our personal experiences, experiences of family members and friends; and what is good or seems lacking regarding mental health care options.

Our **October 27** meeting is being planned by Chuck Sterrett. Specific topic will be made known in mid-October.

Regardless of topics or discussion leader - coffee and pastries are always present at our meetings.

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

Love Sanibel Back 2026 Wraps Up with Our Biggest Community Gathering Yet

Another year of Love Sanibel Back comes to a close this fall, and we're finishing the way we always do: together, on the island we love.

Love Sanibel Community Gathering

Sunday, November 1st | Noon to 2:30 p.m.

The Sanibel Recreation Department

3880 Sanibel-Captiva Road

Free and open to everyone

A new home for the gathering

This year we're moving to the Sanibel Recreation Center, and we could not be more pleased. The space gives us room to spread out, more parking, and a comfortable setting for families to stay a while. Our deep thanks go to the City of Sanibel for their generous support in making the Rec Center available to us. It's a gift to the whole island, and a reflection of the partnership between the city and the community organizations that serve here.



The poster features a sunburst logo with the text "LOVE Sanibel BACK" in red and blue. Below it, the text "Community Gathering" is in large blue letters, followed by "Sunday November 1 noon-2:30pm" in red and "Sanibel Recreation Center" in red. A blue banner reads "Come together for a celebration of our beloved island!". Below that, it lists "Food/Ice Cream Music Door Prizes" and "NEW: Art Show by Sanibel School students Photo Booth Community booths". It also mentions a "1pm Program featuring Sanibel School Seahorse Chorale, Mayor Mike Miller and others" and is "Hosted by St. Michael & All Angels Church". At the bottom, it says "FREE event thanks to our generous sponsors:" followed by logos for the Charitable Foundation of the Islands, Florida Trust Wealth Management, Bank of The Islands, Breakaway, Pinocchio's, and Bailey's.

New this year: "What I Love About Sanibel" student art show

The gathering will feature an art show created by Sanibel School students, with each piece showing what they love most about this island. Sea turtles and shorebirds, bike paths and beaches, family and friends and the places that make Sanibel home. If you want to be reminded why this island is worth loving back, come see it through the eyes of our kids. Please take a few minutes to walk the exhibit and tell the young artists what you think of their work.

What else to expect

Food and ice cream, live music, door prizes, a photo booth, and community booths from organizations across Sanibel and Captiva. At 1:00 p.m., a short program will feature the **Sanibel School Seahorse Chorale**, **Mayor Mike Miller**, and other island voices. This gathering is free thanks to the generosity of our sponsors: A Bit of Bailey's, Pinocchio's Original Italian Ice Cream, the City of Sanibel, the Charitable Foundation of the Islands, Florida Trust Wealth Management, BreakAway Vacation Properties, Periwinkle Park, and Bank of the Islands. Bring your family, bring a neighbor, and come celebrate our love for each other and our island.

Thank you

Love Sanibel Back began as a simple idea: that a parish can be a good neighbor by showing up for the businesses and people who make this place what it is. This year that meant weekly themes, new community events like the wildly successful Shell Stroll, and ways for our off-island friends to take part from wherever they are. Thank you to everyone who shared a post, shopped local, volunteered, or simply told a neighbor about it.

This year we tried to track the impact Love Sanibel Back has by surveying the businesses that participated and the results show 84% of the participating businesses had an excellent or very good experience, 16% rated it good with no responses below that. 81% of the businesses reported LSB having a positive effect on their business this summer. We are most proud of the

fact that the top response to the question what did you specifically notice as a result of participating in LSB was an increased sense of community, followed by greater connections with other businesses and organizations, increased foot traffic, and increased awareness/visibility of the business, all of which build long lasting community resilience.

If you'd like to volunteer at the November 1st event, please contact Sue Van Oss.

Safeguarding God's Children

New & Recertification On-line Training

Safeguarding Online™ is an internet-based training program developed by Praesidium and provided by the Church Pension Group. Safeguarding Online can be accessed at any time, from anywhere. The program presently consists of six modules. Each module offers easy to understand, step-by-step instruction and ends with a brief quiz.

Certification and recertification are active for five years and **both are now available to take online.**

If you are not sure of your certification expiration or if you need one, **please contact Susan in the Church Office** at parishsecretary@saintmichaels-sanibel.org or (239) 472-2173.

Hurricane season isn't over. Stay prepared.

Important Numbers & Websites TO HAVE DURING HURRICANE EVACUATION

Emergency Fire and Police - 911
American Red Cross Lee County - 239-278-3401 or
1-866-GET-INFO (Spanish -239-278-5234)
US Coast Guard Station Ft. Myers Beach - 239-463-
5754 / www.uscg.mil
Community Housing Resources (CHR) - 239-472-1189
FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency)
800-621-FEMA / 800-621-3362
FISH OF SANCAP - 239-472-4775 or 239-472-0404
24hr Service
FL Highway Patrol - 239-278-7100 / 239-344-1730
Hurricane info. Hotline – Sanibel 1-800-933-6093
Lee Co. Emergency Management - 239- 533-0622
Lee Co. County Sheriff's Office - 239-477-1000 (non-
emergency)
Lee County Electrical Cooperative (LCEC) - 239-995-
2121 or 239-656-2300
National Weather Service - 813-645-2506 ~ Tampa
Bay
Sanibel City Offices - 239-472-3700
Sanibel Fire Department - 239-472-5525
Sanibel Police Department - 239-472-3111
Island Water Authority - 239-472-1502
United Way - 211

IMPORTANT WEB SITES TO HAVE DURING HURRICANE EVACUATION

American Red Cross, Lee County - www.redcross.org
(Florida's Southern Gulf Chapter)
City of Sanibel - www.MySanibel.com
US Coast Guard - www.uscg.mil
FEMA - www.FEMA.gov
FISH OF SANCAP - www.fishofsancap.org or
info@fishofsancap.org
FL Emergency Management - www.FloridaDisaster.org
Fort Myers News Press - www.news-press.com
Hurricane Tracking - www.nhc.noaa.gov
Lee County Emergency Management –
www.leegov.com/publicsafety/emergencymanagement
United Way - www.unitedwaylee.org
National Weather Service - www.weather.gov

[www.saintmichaels-sanibel.org/tropical-
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IT'S TIME TO CELEBRATE:

**WELCOME BACK SNOWBIRDS &
WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!**



**WEDNESDAY NOV. 4 5PM
ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH HALL**

JOIN IN THE FUN OF THIS ANNUAL TRADITION -
GRILLED BRATS, BUNS, FIXINGS, BEVERAGES,
PLATES, AND SILVERWARE PROVIDED.
BRING A SIDE OR DESSERT IF YOU ARE ABLE.

Coming Up				
Service of Holy Eucharist & Social Hour	Every Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Sanctuary	
Service of Holy Eucharist & Coffee Hour	Every Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Sanctuary	
Church Staff Meeting	Every Other Tuesday	1:30 p.m.	Thomas Madden Room	
Sanibel Scouts	Every (1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd) Tuesday	5:00 p.m.	Parish Hall	
Yoga Class	Every Thursday & Saturday (10/10)	9:00 a.m.	Parish Hall	
Bible Study w/ the Rector	Every Thursday	10:00 a.m.	ZOOM	
Choir Rehearsal	Every Friday	12:00 p.m.	Music Room	
AA Meeting	Every Friday	7:30 p.m.	Parish Hall	
Volunteer Day at EveryDay Café	Mon. October 5	9:00 a.m.	CCMI Soup Kitchen	
Opening Day at Noah's Ark Thrift	Tues. October 6	10:00 a.m.	Noah's Ark Thrift Shop	
Blessing of the Animals	Wed. October 7	4:00 p.m.	Front Courtyard	
Outreach Ministry (hybrid)	Thurs. October 10	1:00 p.m.	T Madden Rm / ZOOM	
Annual Diocesan Convention	Fri.-Sat. October 9-10	Charlotte Harbor Conv. Ctr, Punta Gorda		
ECW Board Meeting	Mon. October 12	10:00 a.m.	T. Madden Room	
Men's Fellowship (hybrid)	Tues. October 13	8:30 a.m.	Library/ZOOM	
Pastoral Care Ministry	Wed. October 14	10:00 a.m.	ZOOM	
Memorial Service for Peggy Hupfeldt	Wed. October 14	11:00 a.m.	St. Michael & All Angels	
Vestry Meeting (hybrid)	Thurs. October 15	1:00 p.m.	T Madden Room	
Volunteer Day at Misión Peniel	Mon. October 16	9:00 a.m.	Immokalee, FL	
Messy Church	Sun. October 18	5:00 p.m.	Parish Hall	
Digital Ministry	Tues. October 20	2:00 p.m.	ZOOM	
ZONTA of Sanibel	Wed. October 21	8:00 a.m.	Parish Hall	
Pink Out Picnic: Health & Wellness Expo	Thurs. October 22	11:30 a.m.	Sanibel Community House	
Memorial Service for Ralph Korn	Sat. October 24	2:00 p.m.	St. Michael & All Angels	
Sanibel School PTA: Trunk or Treat	Sat. October 24	2:00 p.m.	Sanibel School Parking lot	
Noah's Ark Volunteer Luncheon	Mon. October 26	11:00 a.m.	Parish Hall	
Men's Fellowship (hybrid)	Tues. October 28	8:30 a.m.	Library / ZOOM	
Annual Fall Festival	Fri. October 30	4:00 p.m.	Sanibel Community House	
SAVE THE DATES				
Two services on Sunday begin – Sunday, November 1 st (8:00 & 10:00 note)				
Daylight Saving Time ends – Sunday, November 1 st (Set clocks back 1 hour Saturday evening)				
Love Sanibel Community Gathering	Sun. November 1	12:00-2:30 p.m.	Sanibel Rec. Center	
Memorial Service for Phill Urion	Sat. November 7	2:00 p.m.	St. Michael & All Angels	
Welcome Newcomers & Welcome Back Snowbirds Brats Potluck Supper	Wed. November 4	5:00 p.m.	Parish Hall	



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Saturday, October 31st for November 1st

Worship & Fellowship

- **Saturday at 5:00 p.m.** – Holy Eucharist, followed by Social Hour
- ***Sunday at 9:30 a.m.** – Holy Eucharist, followed by Coffee Hour
Livestreamed at www.vimeo.com/smaasanibel
(*With Sunday Shuttle pickup at Shell Point)

Thursday 10:00 a.m. Bible Study on ZOOM

----- **Beginning Sunday, November 1st** -----

- **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 10:00 a.m.** – Holy Eucharist, followed by Coffee Hour
(*With Sunday Shuttle pickup at ShellPoint)

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

Beginning October 6: Tuesdays & Fridays
10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
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