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St. Michael's Newsletter

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June Calendar

Thrift Shop
Open Mondays
beginning June 6!

Happy June Birthday to

Miranda Connolly
Catherine Honos
Emma Hunt
Abigail Knowlton
Kyle Robertson
Tessa Robertson
Nicola Russell
Blake Russell

From the Rector—

"Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you. When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit.'"—John 20:21)

"Peace be with you." These are the first words the risen Christ speaks to the disciples according to the gospel of John. The setting is a locked room in Jerusalem. The disciple's emotions are running high with fear, confusion and grief. "Peace be with you," Jesus repeats. He infuses them with divine spirit, grounding and sending them forth.

On Sunday, June 12, the Church celebrates the Day of Pentecost, the feast celebrating the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples on the 50th day after Jesus' resurrection. Though the account in John's gospel has the disciples receiving the spirit a week after Jesus' resurrection, the Church uses the time table recorded by the author of Luke/Acts. The disciples are gathered for the Pentecost celebration in Jerusalem (50 days after Passover), when – as promised by Jesus – the Holy Spirit comes to them. It appears as "divided tongues of fire" with a loud roar of a rushing wind. This is indeed a different scenario than that in John. Yet each bear an infusion and empowerment within the disciples, and set them forth in ministry and mission.

God's Holy Spirit has been much in evidence at St. Michael's over this past year. Sustaining work in stewardship,

evangelism, Christian formation, worship and music has enhanced our parish life, and we trust the community around us. Discussions about capital improvements and celebration of our 300th anniversary have begun in earnest. The Spirit is at work in planning of the Lobster Lunch (and much in evidence over the July 4th weekend!).



Now, as the program year begins to wind down, the Spirit calls St. Michael's into the slightly slower pace of July and August (post Lobster Lunch!). We will move again to one service at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday's for the months of

July and August, alternating every two weeks between Rite I and Rite II. The choir will take a well-deserved rest, as will church school teachers. Our acolyte corps will thin out, particularly as we bid farewell to two stellar (and tall) acolytes - Rebekah Barnett and Tyson Miller - who graduate from high school this June and head to college next fall.

Yet as our eyes turn toward gardens, sails, or vacation travels, the Spirit gently works toward events and planning for next year. Mindful of the need of Sabbath rest to continue the work we are called to do, may we breathe in God's Spirit and hear Jesus' words, "Peace be with you."

- Fr. Andrew

Season's Endings, Summer Beginnings



June brings many end of the season celebrations and the beginnings of summer.

St. Catherine's Guild Banquet—June 2, 6:30 pm at the Corinthian Yacht Club with fellowship and drinks at 5:30 pm.

Bible Study—June 1 and 8 at 10:30 am. Take this opportunity to discuss the next Sunday's readings with a variety of laity and clergy. Everyone has a different prism. Bible Study resumes in September.

Service with the Choir—June 12 is the last Sunday until September with the choir leading our hymns and providing inspiring singing during the offertory and Communion. Join Doug in thinking each member for their dedication.

Church School Picnic—June 12, at 12:30 pm. Church School children, teachers and their families in the Parish Hall. Fun, food, games and more!

Parish Aid Society Corporate Communion, Harbor Cruise and Lunch on Tuesday, June 22, beginning at 10 AM. Members: RSVP to Martha Gorman with your lunch selection by June 15.

July—August Sunday Schedule
One Service: 9:00 am Holy Eucharist
with music

Fill Your Pantry Bags—Needs Continue

Don't forget to bring your donations for the Marblehead Food Pantry to church. There is a bin just inside the parish hall door for nonperishable food donations. Items needed include: canned fruits & vegetables, dry pasta, PB&J, spaghetti sauce, canned tuna, powdered milk, toiletries, etc.

Also, we are looking for a few individuals who can make weekly trips to the Pantry (located at Star of the Sea Community Center) to deliver the food. Food Pantry hours are Tues. 9:00 AM – 12 noon and Thurs. 12:30–3:00 and 6:00–7:00 PM. A sign-up sheet for deliveries is in the parish hall.

Thank You from the Music Director:

As June 12 is the last Sunday the St. Michael's Choir will sing this season, I would like to thank the members of the Choir—Sarah Hunter, Denise Shea, Anna Onishi, Michele Baillie, Teddy DeCanio, Jan Barnett, Deirdre Robbins, Thomas Smoker, Chris Riegle, Stan Smith, Jim Ayer, Andrew Harkinson—for their outstanding work this season. They have all contributed greatly to our worship experience, and all of us in the parish owe them our gratitude and thanks.

Well done, Choir! Have a great summer, everyone, and enjoy some quality time with family and friends.
 - Douglas Major, Music Director

Think Lobster Rolls!!!!
Or How about Lobster Salad!
July 2nd, 3rd, 4th
11 AM—3 PM



Historic Church Tours
 11 AM—2 PM

Special on Independence Day
 Bell Ringing at 7 AM, Noon & 6 PM
 Organ Concert with Doug Major, 12:30 PM

Yes in just 4 short weeks St. Michael's will be donning our Heavenly Lobster aprons and hats and dishing out lobster rolls and hot dogs to the throngs of Marblehead and surrounding communities. New this year will be a lobster salad on a bed of lettuce. This is a big social event for many and we have always done St. Michael's proud with our excellent fare and parish spirit of community.

Sign up sheets will be appearing soon in the parish hall so keep your eyes peeled or you may miss your chance to get your favorite duty—in the kitchen, in the dining area, or baking treats! Donations to defray costs are also welcome.

100% of all net proceeds go to our local charities and to our sister parish and school, St. Thomas, in Arcahaie, Haiti. This is an excellent opportunity to remind the town of the generous hearts of the parishioners of St. Michael's and that we still know how to throw a fabulous lobster lunch too.

- David Bittermann & Linda Smidt, Co-Chairs

Church School - Aileen Ryder

Church School

Church School meets Sunday mornings at 9:30 am. Students in pre-K-2nd grade use Godly Play. Weaving God's Promises is the class for students in grades 2-5.

The Supper Club

A gathering of Middle School Youth on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month at 6pm Youth may stay connected through our Facebook page.

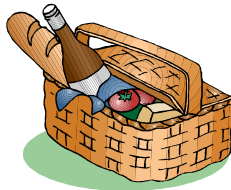
June Highlights

Church School Meeting Sunday June 5th at 11:45 downstairs. We will review this past year and plan for next.

Pentecost Eve Voices United! Saturday June 11. This vigil service is open to everyone. It will take place at 7pm at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul. Would you like to join our youth trip? We will leave St. Michael's at 6pm.

End of the Year Picnic Sunday, June 12th at 12:30 pm in the parish hall.

This pot-luck picnic includes games for the kids. You can sign up in the parish hall or SignUp Genius.



Graduations and Promotions



This June we have three youth graduating from High School: Rebekah Barnett, Bryce Russell, and Tyson Miller. Congratulations and may the Holy Spirit guide your future endeavors.

We also have graduations, or promotions, within our Church School and youth programs. Griffin Atkinson and Blake Russell have completed Church School and will be

moving into the Supper Club. Four of our current Supper Club members will be moving on to join the ranks of High School Youth: Conrad Kleykamp, Harry McDonough, Jack McDonough and Nicola Russell. The Supper Club has made special preparations to celebrate these promotions.

Fulfilling our Baptismal Covenant

In the Baptismal Covenant we promise to "proclaim by word and example the Good News" and to "seek and serve Christ in all persons." Our Church School and Supper Club volunteers fulfill this promise with special care to our youngest members. It is their dedication that keeps our Church School and Youth programs alive.

Church School Teachers:

Jenny Armini
Elke Backman
Noah Bittermann
Diane Christian
Kristen Clay
Susan Cool
Kaki Ianchulev
Barbara Miller
Joe Oliveira
Gillian Petty
Kate Renney
Helen Riegle
Amy Robertson
Avery Russell

Supper Club Cooks & Chaperones

Susan Bragdon
Carl Hyam
Helen Kaulback
Karin McCarthy
Kate Renney
Avery Russell
Laura Tamagno



The summer is a great time for children and youth volunteers to complete Safe Church Training. This can be done online. Please contact Aileen for details.

Church School & Youth Schedule

Date	Special Event	Middle School Youth	Godly Play	Weaving God's Promises
Sunday, June 5	Church School meeting 11:45		Parable of the Sower with Sue Cool & Gillian Petty	Red Book, Blue Book: The Books We Use in Church
Saturday, June 11	Pentecost Eve Voices United! 7pm at the Cathedral	Meet at 6pm to attend Pentecost Eve at the Cathedral		
Sunday, June 12	End of the Year Picnic 12:30 in Parish Hall		The Mystery of Pentecost with Kristen Clay & Gillian Petty	Come, Holy Spirit: The Holy Spirit at Pentecost with Diane Christian
Tuesday, June 14		Supper Club: Looking Ahead		

Stewardship Gift Planning

This is an ongoing series of articles and communications to help us better understand Stewardship at St. Michael's. See also Our Steward of the Month honoring those among us who demonstrate how we can apply our time, talents and money to God's work.

St. Michael's first trust came from Thomas Evans who died in 1861 and is memorialized in our St. Michael's window. Since then many, many others have left bequests, small and large that have been used to grow our endowment and pay for general or specific expenses of the church. For example, Orlando and Sarah Davenport left \$100,000 expanding our endowment 10 fold in 1923. Harold D. Hodgkinson left \$100,000 in 1979 for the restoration and preservation of St. Michael's historic building and documents. In 2009 the Parish Aid Society received \$29,000 from the estate of Ruth Holbrook and used it to update the Parish House kitchen. These are only a very few examples. In the last 10 years we have received 7 bequests ranging from \$2000 to \$34,000. Whether \$500, \$5000 or more, all gifts greatly provide for the well-being of the church!

Today there are many tax-beneficial options for planned giving that are not just options for the wealthy. You can make a gift through:

- a bequest in your will;
- a gift of special assets, such as real estate or appreciated securities;
- a life income gift; such as a pooled income fund, charitable gift annuity, charitable remainder trust; or
- by naming St. Michael's as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy, IRA or other retirement account.

You can find good information on these options and more at the Episcopal Church Foundation's web site -

- www.episcopalchurch.org/tools-and-programs/fundraising-tools/planned-giving/plann
- and their companion site www.EpiscopalGifts.org

For more information specific to St. Michael's consult a member of the Stewardship Committee—Avery Russell, Karl Renney, Larry Robbins, Jeff Barnett, or Vestry liaison Harriett Magee.

Our Steward of the Month: Dana Denault



In 1964 Dana and his young family moved to Marblehead and lived so close to St. Michael's that it was natural to switch from Grace Church in Salem. And, he has been active at St. Michael's ever since.

Dana taught Sunday school, served on the Vestry several times, served on the Music and Worship Commission, and has been chair of the Historic Church Committee for five years. He is also chair of the Audit Committee which meets annually in the fall. He is a member of the Bell Bunch, has been a lector and now substitutes when needed. He also has been sexton and usher. He said, "I tried the choir, but I just couldn't make the rehearsals."

"Outreach is also important to my wife Connie and me. We have been involved with Lifebridge for many years," he says.

History and the history of St. Michael's have always appealed to Dana. At this time of year, he loves to talk to the elementary students when they visit the church on their annual history of Marblehead tour. Each third grade comes for a visit and Dana is their tour guide. "They ask such interesting questions," he says. Afterward he lets each one

ring the bell. And, he just received the John Stucke Volunteer Appreciation Award by the Marblehead Museum & Historical Society for his work opening the GAR museum.

Retired now, he was a college admissions director at Emerson College and Curry College. He was also the associate dean of admissions for the University of Denver for the Northeast. "I spent about four weeks each year on campus," he says.

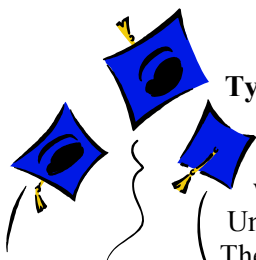
A 1959 graduate of Boston University, he then spent four years as a Naval Intelligence officer and afterwards worked as a civilian in the Investigative arm of Naval Intelligence.

Currently, he and Connie are kept busy visiting their children and grandchildren spread across the country. Dana has two sons, Dana who just moved back to town from California with wife Nina and their two children, and Charlie who lives in San Jose, CA with wife Bea. His daughter Becky lives in Worcester with her son Harrison. Connie's son Ben lives in Arizona, her daughter Sarah and husband live in New Jersey with their four children while her son Sam lives in Pittsburgh with his wife Melissa.

"St. Michael's has been very important to me over the years. Connie and I met there," he says. "And Father Emerson married us at his private chapel in Maine in 1987."

- Marilyn Day

St. Michael's Angels



Congratulations

Tyson Miller, thurifer and acolyte, will graduate from Marblehead High School on Sunday, June 5. Tyson will be attending the Ohio Northern University with a focus on International Theatre Production.

Rebekah Barnet, crucifer and acolyte, graduates from the Pingree School in South Hamilton and will be attending Colorado College in Colorado Springs.

Bryce Russell is graduating from Bishop's College School in Quebec this June. He is going to Carleton University in Ottawa next fall in the aerospace engineering program.

And Congratulations to our college graduates:

Emily Bates from Ohio Wesleyan with a major in Art, **John R. R. Howie** from Boston College with a major in economics and Chinese, and **Melissa Miller** from Evergreen State College in Olympia, Washington with a major in art and minor in psychology. John Howie spent a semester in Peking University and will be working as an analyst for J.P. Morgan in Manhattan.



Welcome Our Confirmands!

Pictured at Christ Church, South Hamilton, are Church School Director Aileen Ryder, Paige Thibert, Emma Hunt, Anna Hunt, Bishop Tom Shaw, Nicola Russell (wearing the Bishop's miter), Jack McDonough, Conrad Kleykamp, Harry McDonough and Chase Moulton.

Good judgment comes from experience,
and a lotta that comes from bad judgment.

Summer Reading

St. Michael's library has recently received a number of book donations. You might find among these one or more for your education, inspiration, and enjoyment these summer months when many activities slow down a bit. Here are a few treasures waiting to be discovered:

Pilgrim Souls: A Collection of Spiritual Autobiographies.

This is a marvelous anthology of the spiritual lives of over sixty famous and not so famous spiritual pilgrims, including: John Bunyan, David Livingston, Dag Hammarskjold, St. Theresa of Avila, Annie Dillard, T.S. Eliot, and Madeleine L'Engle, who also wrote the introduction to this fascinating group of spiritual pilgrims.

Unaccustomed Earth. This is a collection of eight short stories by the Pulitzer Prize winning author, Jhumpa Lahiri. This small book has had rave reviews including *The New York Times Book Review* "Best Book of the Year Award."

Reading the Bible Again for the First Time by Marcus J. Bord. An accessible book, "almost entirely devoid of scholarly jargon but filled with scholarly insight"- *Christian Science Monitor*.

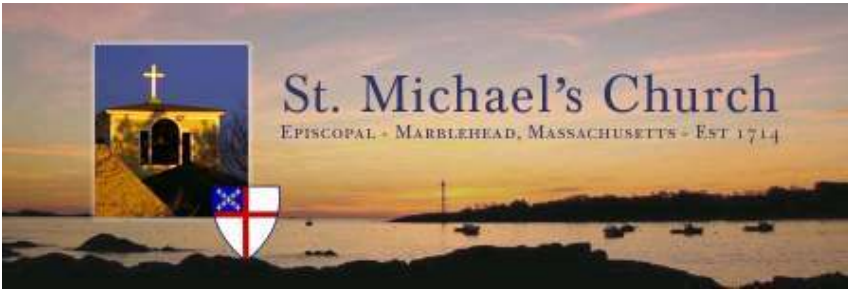
Also recently received were five Thomas Merton books, including *No Man Is an Island* and *New Seeds of Contemplation*, described by *The New Republic* as "destined to go down as one of the great classics of our century".



- Marty and Fred Alling

Congratulation to Liz Winstanley
on the publishing of her book
*Pathways to the Zodiac:
Decoding Its Origins and History.*

"Why was the zodiac formed, and by whom? The deities of the ancient world made an indelible impact upon the lives of the various tribes who wandered throughout Mesopotamia and Europe. Their beliefs and rituals have been handed down through the centuries."



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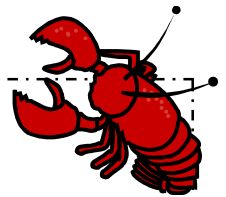
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Sunday, June 12

8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I
10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II

***Last Sunday for
Choir & Church School***

Lobster Lunch



Saturday, Sunday, Monday
July 2, 3, 4
11:00 am—3 pm

Volunteer Now!
Sign-Up in the Parish Hall

**Remember: All Net Proceeds
Fund Our Outreach Program**

St. Michael's Church

Officers: *David Bittermann, Sr. Warden; Frances Nilsson, Jr. Warden; Sarah Bates, Treasurer; Laurence Robbins, Asst. Treasurer; Walter Haug, Clerk.*

Vestry: *Jenny Armini, Stephen Clay, Susan Cool, Ian Hunter, Harriett Magee, Joe Oliveira, Avery Russell, Thomas Weber, Victor Wild.*

Delegates for Convention: *Jan Barnett, Denise Shea.* **Deanery Delegates:** *Jan Barnett, Frances Nilsson, Denise Shea*

Staff: *The Rev. Andrew J. Stoessel, Rector; Dr. Douglas Major, Music Director; Aileen Ryder, Church School Director, Jane Maihos, Parish Administrator; Ron Warburton, Sexton.*

Saint Michael's Church

June 2011

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

Parish Office Hours
Monday - Friday
8:30 am – 12:30 pm

Thrift Shop Summer Hours
Monday – Saturday
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

			1) 9:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am Bible Study 11:45 am Staff Meeting 8:00 pm AA Meeting	2) 6:00 pm St. Catherine's Annual Guild Dinner at Corinthian Yacht Club 7:30 pm Adult Choir	3)	4)
5) 7 TH SUNDAY OF EASTER 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:30 am Church School 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 11:45 am Church School Parents Meeting	6) <i>Thrift Shop opens Mon.- Sat. for the summer.</i>	7) 5:30 pm St. Michael's Team to My Brothers' Table, Lynn 7:30 pm Wardens	8) 9:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am Bible Study (last for the summer) 11:45 am Staff Meeting 8:00 pm AA Meeting	9) 9:00 am Coffin School Walking Tour of Historic St. Michael's 7:30 pm Adult Choir (last for the summer)	10)	11) 11:00 am St. Michael's Team at Lifebridge
12) THE DAY OF PENTECOST (WHITSUNDAY) <i>Last day of Church School and Last Choir Sunday for Summer</i> 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:30 am Church School 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 12:30 pm Church School Picnic in the Parish Hall	13) <i>Sunday Afternoon June 12th thru Monday, June 27th Father Andrew Away on Vacation 7:00 – 10:00 pm St. Michael's Choir Recording Session</i>	14) 6:00 pm Middle School Supper Club (last for the summer) 7:00 – 10:00 pm St. Michael's Choir Recording Session	15) 9:30 am Holy Eucharist NO Staff Meeting 7:00 – 10:00 pm St. Michael's Choir Recording Session 8:00 pm AA Meeting	16)	17)	18)
19) TRINITY SUNDAY Father's Day 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:00 am Historic Church 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II	20)	21) 10:00 am Parish Aid Corporate Communion 11:00 am Parish Aid Annual Cruise, Lunch at Boston Yacht Club	22) 9:30 am Holy Eucharist No Staff Meeting 7:30 pm Evangelism & Welcoming 8:00 pm AA Meeting	23)	24)	25)
26) 2 ND SUNDAY OF PENTECOST 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II	27) <i>Monday, June 27 - Thursday, June 30 Marblehead Festival of the Arts – Art Set-Up</i>	28) 7:30 pm Vestry Meeting	29) 9:30 am Holy Eucharist 11:45 am Staff Meeting 8:00 pm AA Meeting Downstairs	30) <i>Set-up and Preparations for St. Michael's Annual Lobster Luncheon</i>	St. Michael's Lobster Lunch Saturday, July 2- Monday, July 4 11 am – 3 pm Sign Up Now!	