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St. Michael's Newsletter

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*Happy April
Birthday to*

Isabella Renney

William Thor Hundahl

Hannah Atkinson

Kelsey Pruett

John C. Capshaw, III

Rose H. Clark

Timothy Clay

From the Rector

The week prior to Holy Week I had the opportunity to meet with a young couple regarding their upcoming marriage, speak with another couple (whose marriage ceremony I officiated a few years ago) about the baptism of their recently born son, and meet with a family and loved one regarding the burial service of their father and beloved companion. Each one of these encounters touched on a new life, new creation, and a new way of being. Each one was filled with the presence of God. This is especially true with the burial service, a solemn time indeed, which finds its meaning in the Easter celebration and Christ's resurrection.

While these conversations were going on, the world and the nation was full of news. New challenges to rebuild and restore Haiti and parts of Chile from the devastation from earthquakes were reported. The rancor in congress was reaching new heights over the passage of the historic health care legislation. Heavy rain brought swollen rivers and flooding in some parts of Massachusetts, with reports of more rain on the way. These

headlines are a fraction of what we hear and read and watch.

Such news was secondary during my conversations about baptism, marriage, and burial. I was reminded that in the cycles of life, amidst all the news and information, and tension and anxieties that stir in us, God breaks in. God is present to offer us hope and salvation.

Jesus walked humbly into Jerusalem, knowing the suffering, rejection and even death that were to come. He knew the power of forgiveness, compassion, and love of God, too. It strengthened Him and brought Him to resurrected life. And for

those who believed in Him, they also were brought into new life, a new creation, and a new way of being.

In this Easter season, as creation is renewing itself, may we know the power of Christ's resurrection. May God be present in our lives. May St. Michael's continue to be a source of nourishment, comfort and guidance in God's love through all our life transitions.

- Fr. Andrew



Email Newsletter subscribers will be receiving their notices this month through our new Constant Contact service. The service allows us to send emails to you safely. A link on our new web site allows any interested person to subscribe to our email notices, while a link in our email message allows one to unsubscribe.

From the Music Director

The music for Holy Week is rich and varied, and in our American Anglican tradition we draw hymns, anthems and organ music from a wide variety of sources. Especially meaningful to many of our congregation are the hymns "My song is love unknown" with words by the 17th century poet and theologian Samuel Crossman and music by John Ireland; "When I survey the wondrous cross" by the great 18th century hymn-writer Isaac Watts; and

"O sacred head, sore wounded" also known as the Passion chorale, which comes to us from the Lutheran tradition.

As in the past, on Good Friday the Choir will sing a setting of the Passion according to St. John. When the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible was adopted by the Episcopal Church in 1990, the Bishop of Washington asked me to compose a setting that would utilize this version of the Gospel.

The Easter Vigil brings us the wonderful "Exsultet" to open the service, an ancient liturgical hymn of praise reserved for this night only. And of course through all the services, we enjoy singing the proper (meaning, "assigned") psalms for each liturgy.

The Sunday of the Resurrection, being the most important day in the Christian year, has inspired musicians and composers for two thousand years. The Choir will sing a spirited and energetic setting of "Christ the Lord is risen today" by the contemporary British composer John Rutter.

Please join us for the great services of Holy Week, and sing heartily on the hymns and responses! May all of you have a blessed Holy Week and Easter.

- Douglas Major, Music Director



EASTER TRIDUUM

APRIL 1 MAUNDY THURSDAY

7:30 pm Holy Eucharist, Foot Washing,
Stripping of the Altar and Prayer Watch

APRIL 2 GOOD FRIDAY

12:00 noon Stations of the Cross for children & families
followed by children's luncheon
7:30 pm Solemn Good Friday Liturgy with sung
passion according to St. John and
Eucharist from the Reserved Sacrament

APRIL 3 HOLY SATURDAY

9:30 am Holy Saturday Liturgy
(a brief liturgy of the Word)
7:30 pm The Great Vigil, the First Eucharist of Easter
and Holy Baptism

APRIL 4 EASTER DAY, FEAST OF THE RESURRECTION

8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I
10:00 am Festal Eucharist, Rite II
No Evensong

Organ Recital: Eric Anderson Sunday, April 18, 5:00 pm

Eric Anderson is Director of Music and Organist at Saint John the Evangelist Church in Swampscott, Massachusetts, and Staff Organist at the Pelland Pipe Organ Company of Derry, New Hampshire. He previously served as Director of Music at Our Lady, Star of the Sea in Marblehead. His organ study was under Robert K. Love, with improvisation master classes under Messrs. Naji Hakim, Basilique du Sacre-Coeur, Paris, while a Medieval Philosophy student at Saint John's Seminary, Boston. He is a member of the American Guild of Organists, the Organ Historical Society, the Virgil Fox Society, and the New England Edsel Owners Club. Eric, along with his wife Nicole, daughter Keira, and recalcitrant feline Pius, make their home in Marblehead.

Come hear this local favorite on our Fisk Organ! His program will include works by Bach, Mendelssohn, Guilmant, and others.

A Memorial Service and Celebration of Thanksgiving for the Life of

Jack O'Brien

**Section Leader in St. Michael's Choir
for 35 years**

Saturday, April 10

3:00 pm



Church School - Aileen Ryder

Easter with Church School and Youth

As we enter Easter we see the joy of new life all around us both in the Church School and Youth Groups. Noah Bitterman led the youth groups and Church School in a special project with the outreach committee. I'm sure you have seen these great Marblehead Food Pantry shopping bags. If you don't have one already, please pick one up in the parish hall. The bags have lists of the food desired by Food Pantry, please remember our hungry neighbors when you do your food shopping. Bring your donations to the church, leave them in the bin and keep the decorated bag to remind you to shop again.



Spread Easter hope to our Marblehead neighbors!

Penny Drive



Please bring, your pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters and bills to Church School each Sunday.

The Church School's connection with the outreach committee continues with HAITI DAY on April 11. Thanks to Linda Smidt and Fr. Andrew the children will be introduced to the lives of Haitian children. This day will kick-off a pen-pal project with the student's of St. Thomas in Arcahaie. We con-

Special thanks to: Noah Bitterman, the youth and the children for their creation of Marblehead Food Pantry Bags.

Church School

Godly Play classes for students pre-K through 5th grade meet Sundays at 9:30am.

The Supper Club

A gathering of Middle School Youth on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month at 6pm

High School Youth

Stay connected through our Facebook page.

tinue our penny drive for Haiti...keep in mind that each penny donated supports life in Haiti.



Our Easter celebration will continue with two movie nights. On Friday April 9, the youth are invited to a night of fun and film in the parish hall. We will watch "Bend it Like Beckham" and discuss lessons for our own lives. On Saturday April 10, the children will gather to watch *The Prince of Egypt*, an animated film of the Exodus.

Recently, the youth have been invited to join with a new town-wide interfaith youth group organizing around the issue of hunger. More information will be forthcoming as this group develops. The Supper Club continues to meet and bring new art to life. Please enjoy their displays in the parish hall.; explanations accompany the art projects.



Church School & Youth Schedule

Date	Special Event	Middle School Youth	Godly Play I	Godly Play II
Friday, April 2	Stations of the Cross 12pm			
Sunday, April 4	Easter		No Class	No Class
Friday, April 9	Youth Movie Night	Youth only 6:30-9pm		
Saturday, April 10	Movie Night		Children of all-ages	6:00-8:00 pm
Sunday, April 11	Children's Chapel		HAITI DAY: Fr. Andrew	And Linda Smidt
Tuesday, April 13		Supper Club 6pm		
Sunday, April 18	April Vacation		No Class	No Class
Sunday, April 25	One-Room Church School		Special Easter season class	Aileen Ryder
Tuesday, April 27		Supper Club 6pm		

Dorothy Fogg Miles, 1916-2010

A Burial Service in Celebration of Thanksgiving for the life of Dorothy Fogg Miles will be on Monday, April 5 at 11:00 am at St. Michael's. Dorothy Fogg was baptized by the Rev. Lyman Rollins at St. Michael's on April 8, 1916, a week after her birthday. She grew up in Marblehead attending church school at St. Michael's, married, had 2 sons who also attended St. Michael's, and taught at Marblehead High School where she introduced an innovation curriculum.

But after her retirement from teaching, Dorothy blossomed as an historian and author. As she served on the Vestry 1973-1976 she researched and wrote the first edition of **Church of Our Fathers: The Story of Old St. Michael's Church**, just in time for American Bicentennial festivities and a celebration of Samuel Roads in April 1976. Dorothy then began to research the builder of her home on Pleasant Street, John Glover Hooper, and his family. This led to several more books: **The Revival of a Marblehead Mansion** in 1978; an expanded **Church of Our Fathers**, 1984, with particular emphasis on the role of women at St. Michael's; **The Wizard of Orne Hill and Other Tales of Old Marblehead**, 1985; **Dreams of Glory: A Family Saga** (a fictional account of John G. Hooper), 1989; and **The Marblehead Hoopers: A Family of Merchant Kings and their Marblehead Mansions**, 1999.



In 1988 Dorothy was elected Junior Warden at St. Michael's, just in time to begin planning St. Michael's 225th anniversary celebration. In 1990 she was then elected Senior Warden for 2 more years. Her goal as warden was to bring the parish together in harmony. When Dorothy's term was completed, she easily slipped into the role of Church Historian. In this role she researched and reported in 1992 on Ezekial Russell, memorialized in our Woman of Samaria window, and in 1993, on the "Stewardship of the Bours-Richmond Family, 1753—1993," when the portrait of the Rev. John Bours Richmond was received and restored.

In Dorothy's research of John G. Hooper she brought to light his key role in saving and renovating our building in 1833. In 1996-1997 she led the celebration of his life with the installation of a plaque at St. Michael's and at the Hooper cemetery on Harris Street. She and David Bittermann reviewed the many changes in St. Michael's building over its history followed by a procession to Hooper cemetery.

Look for newspaper articles, her books and photographs on display in the Parish Lobby, including a photo of Dorothy in the 1920s with the St. Michael's church school.

- Frances Stith Nilsson, Historic Church Committee

**St. Michael's Publications
Available in the Parish Office**
*Proceeds help fund the preservation of
St. Michael's records and artifacts.*

Church of Our Fathers:
The Story of Old St. Michael's Church,
by Dorothy F. Miles, 1984—\$5.00

Stained Glass Windows of St. Michael's Episcopal Church, Marblehead, Massachusetts,
by Frances Stith Nilsson, with color photos,
2009—\$7.50

**St. Michael's Episcopal Church:
Parish Directory 2009**
no charge

Steps Toward 2014

Direct Payment (ACH Debit) Option for Pledge Payments

Would you like your pledge payments to St. Michaels Church to be withdrawn from your checking or savings account automatically? If so, stop by the office and fill out a direct payment authorization agreement. The amount you specify will be withdrawn on the 5th of each month (or the first business day following the 5th). It is easy and eliminates the need to write checks or pay with cash. Start your payment with the June cycle by completing an authorization agreement before April 27th.

- *The Stewardship Committee: Jeff Barnett, Karl Renney, Larry Robbins (Asst. Treasurer), Avery Russell (Chair).*

Library News

Two former *New York Times* top best-sellers have recently been donated to St. Michael's library:

The Shack by William Paul Young. It has sold over three million copies. Eugene Patterson has said: "This book has the potential to do for our generation what John Bunyan's 'Pilgrim's Progress' did for his."

The Five People You Meet in Heaven by Mitch Albom. *Publishers' Weekly* described it as "A splendid collection....a group of impressive entertainment written with warmth and style."

Also you may enjoy reading an older book called:

Angels and Other Strangers by Katherine Paterson. *Booklist* said of it: "Nine heart-warming stories, each illustrating an aspect of love." This one is still waiting to be read. All three are available on the "Fiction" shelf (books with pink stickers) of our library.



St. Michael's Episcopal Church Marblehead, Massachusetts

Our Mission is to seek transformation in God's grace by worshipping God in prayer, song, and study; loving and serving our neighbor in and outside our parish Community; and being good stewards of God's creation.

Our Vision is to be a Mission-driven Episcopal congregation that by 2014 will be widely recognized as a vibrant, open, and inviting community, known for liturgically-centered worship and music, for lifelong learning, for pastoral presence and service to communities near and far, for good stewardship of our resources, and for celebration of our legacy as an historic church.

Handicapped Parking Space Now Available

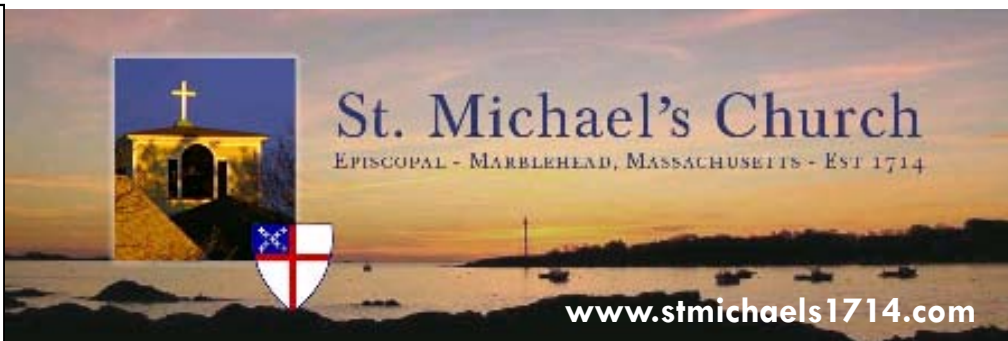
A permanent handicapped parking space is now available on Pleasant St. across from the Murray House. Edward Nilsson and the Property Management team worked with the Town of Marblehead over the winter to determine the safest location near our entrance ramp to St. Michael's. A sign has now been installed and the pavement will be marked later this spring. The space is not dedicated to St. Michael's folks but will be available for vehicles with proper handicap identification. The 2-hour restriction does not apply to this space, according to the Town Manager.



The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control—*Galatians 5:22-23*

Have you seen our new web site?

Our sincere thanks to Chris Riegler for all his beautiful design work and ongoing maintenance with inspiration from Helen Riegler and Thomas Sterling and select photos from Rowland Williams.



Important Dates



**St. Catherine's Guild
presents:
A Night at the Opera
Thursday, April 8 at 6:30PM
with Tom Connolly
and Sarah Hunter**

Come hear the drama of Mozart's opera as St. Michael's own Tom Connolly, Suffolk University, introduces us to the passionate lover and villain Don Giovanni. Our own Sarah Hunter will sing an aria. Dinner for St. Catherine's members is \$4.00, guests are invited for a cost of \$5.00.

Spring Is Here! Come Join Us:

Soup and Dessert

Tuesday, April 13,
12:00 Noon

Parish Aid Luncheon

Tuesday, April 20,
12:00 Noon

Parishioner Profile: Valerie Wyckoff



Valerie Wyckoff's 41 years at St. Michael's began when she and her husband Daryl moved here in late 1968 from California. She says, "We needed a house, a preschool, and a church." At the time the Wyckoff family joined St. Michael's, George Westerberg, was beginning his tenure as minister. Over the years, there have been many activities, friendships and changes for Valerie.

Valerie is currently busy with the Altar Guild and St. Catherine's Guild, the Historic Committee, and the Churchyard Subcommittee, but she has also served on the Vestry twice, worked on the newsletter when it was done with a stencil and then again later when it was cut-and-paste. She and Skip Philips used to chair the Decorations Committee for the Christmas Fair when people would meet weekly to make items. Then there was The Fish, a consignment craft shop in the Davenport House, which Ann Attridge and she ran in the summers. It even had a tea room. She and Ann also sewed and embroidered Advent vestments which after many years of service at St. Michael's have gone to a church in Newfoundland. For four years, she participated in the Education for Ministry (EFM). Through such commitments at St. Michael's, she met many of her best friends.

Just Bag It for the Food Pantry!

We still have a few beautiful paper bags decorated by our Church School Children for Marblehead Food Pantry donations. Take a decorated paper bag home and bring it back filled with Food Pantry items to leave in the Food Pantry bin. RECYCLE by taking the bag home again and refilling it! The decorated bags are located in the Parish Hall.
- Local Outreach Team

Esperanza Visit & Wish List

Sign-up in the parish hall for any of items on the Esperanza Academy's wish list that you would like to donate. We are planning a trip to the Academy on Friday, April 30 from 10 am—2 pm. We will bring these supplies with us for a donation from St. Michael's Church. Clearly mark Esperanza on the item and leave in the Esperanza bin by April 25th. Thank you —*the Esperanza Committee*.

And over the years she has seen the change of generations in her family and her friends' families. (Her husband Daryl, who served on the Vestry with an interest in both adult and children's education, passed away in 1985.) Her own two daughters, Michele and Abigail, grew up in the church and some of her favorite memories are of the Christmas pageants with her daughters and their friends, who have become the next generation. Now she enjoys bringing her four grandsons, a third generation, to church when they visit. She recommends a book by a rabbi and therapist, Edwin Friedman, *Generation to Generation* which discusses such changes in a church or temple from the religious leader's viewpoint.

All her life, Valerie has valued creativity. "All I have to do to feel optimistic about the human race is to see beautiful creations in art or in crafts," she says. A librarian at one time, she later studied book-binding at the North Bennet Street School and took courses at Montserrat College of Art. She was the book conservator for the Museum of Fine Arts. Thirty years ago, she was a potter with her own wheel and kiln and she is now taking up ceramics again--she says it is a humbling experience returning to those skills.

All in all, she says that despite a few bumps in the road, she has been lucky to have good family and friends in her life as well as to have had choices along the way.

- Marilyn Day

Part of an ongoing series of parishioner profiles.

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Easter Triduum

- APRIL 1 MAUNDY THURSDAY**
7:30 pm Holy Eucharist, Foot Washing,
Stripping of the Altar and Watch
- APRIL 2 GOOD FRIDAY**
12:00 noon Stations of the Cross & Children's Luncheon
7:30 pm Solemn Liturgy: Sung St. John's Passion with
Eucharist from the Reserved Sacrament
- APRIL 3 HOLY SATURDAY**
9:30 am Holy Saturday Liturgy of the Word
7:30 pm The Great Vigil of Easter and Holy Baptism
- APRIL 4 EASTER DAY, FEAST OF THE RESURRECTION**
8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I
10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II *No Evensong*

Organ Recital

Sunday, April 18
5:00 pm

Eric Anderson
Music Director & Organist
St. John the Evangelist
Swampscott

On the C.B. Fisk Organ
at St. Michael's Church

St. Michael's Church

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

Vestry: *Susan Cool, Ian Hunter, Louise Hunt, Harriett Magee, Joe Oliviera, Anna Onishi, Avery Russell, Linda Smidt, Thomas Weber.*

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 St. Pierre, Sexton; Donna Hingston, St. Michael's Nursery School.*

Saint Michael's Church

April 2010

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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4) EASTER DAY OF THE RESURECTION 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I NO Church School 10:00 am Festal Eucharist, Rite II <i>No Evensong</i>	5) 11:00 am Funeral Dorothy Miles	6) 5:00 pm My Brothers Table--St. Michael's/ St. Andrew's team 7:30 pm Property	7) 9:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am Bible Study 11:45 am Office Staff 8:00 pm AA	8) 6:30 St. Catherine's <i>Night at the Opera</i> 7:30 pm Adult Choir	9) 9:00 am Polarity Exercise Class 6:30-9:00 pm Youth Only Movie Night	10) 11:00 am – 1:00 pm Lifebridge, Salem - St. Michael's Team 3:00 pm Funeral: Jack O'Brien 6:00 – 8:00 pm Movie Night-all children
11) 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:30 am Church School-Haiti Day 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 11:30 am Communications	12)	13) 12:00 pm Soup & Dessert 6:00 pm Middle School Supper Club 7:30 pm Wardens	14) 9:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am Bible Study 11:45 am Office Staff 8:00 pm AA	15) 7:30 pm Adult Choir	16) 9:00 am Polarity Exercise Class	17)
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