

# St. Michael's Newsletter

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**April Calendar** 



#### From the Rector:

"On this day the LORD has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it."

A remarkable thing happened to me one Saturday in late March. I had gone for a walk through the Bird Sanctuary on Marblehead Neck. Near the Flint Street entrance I came across a group of crocuses.

I almost missed them. I was in the rhythm of my walk and lost a bit in the rhythm of my thoughts. I wasn't looking for crocus per se. If anything, I was glad that there was no snow on the ground. But they caught my eye. I stopped to admire them. Then I saw more in the same area. This led to a conscious effort to look for growing buds on trees. There they were, nearly imperceptible. Despite the unseasonable cold and wintry-mix storms of late, spring is in motion. The remarkable thing that happened was the awakening of my consciousness to witness this. Again. Yes, it is plain to see, and yes, spring comes each year at this time. But I feel it was a true gift to be drawn to those crocuses, and a gentle reminder of God's presence about us every minute of every day.

A small, yellow crocus also made its presence known in the Gorman Memorial Garden at St. Michael's (the Atrium garden). It was almost lost among the decaying foliage from the winter cold. Compared to the vast steel dumpster on

Summer Street, the piles of dirt and broken cement from the construction in the lower level of the Parish Hall, it seems almost out of place. But it is there: life arising out of brokenness and dust.

Some days this past month the dust in the Parish Hall and in the hallway outside our church office is palpable. Construction sights can be messy and disruptive. Progress is being made: walls are going up, windows are being cut, and the foundation for the new handicap lift has been excavated and laid outside the kitchen door (and the rectory back-door). There is indeed forward movement and each step in the project brings the refrain, "we will rejoice and be glad in it."



This passage (quoted above) is from Psalm 118, verse 24. It is the psalm appointed for Easter Day. On that day we celebrate the saving power of God in the resurrection of Jesus. As people know, every Sunday is a celebration of the resurrection. I often begin a grace at a Sunday

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#### From the Music Director

#### Evensong, Sunday, April 6 at 5 pm

Please join us for Choral Evensong on Sunday, April 6 at 5 pm, when the St. Michael's Choir will be singing a magnificent set of Evening Canticles by Herbert Howells. He composed over 30 settings of the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis, and this one was written for the King's College Choir in the early 1950's. The Magnificat highlights the upper voices of the choir, and ends with a powerful statement of the Gloria Patri; the Nunc Dimittis features our tenor soloist Greg Kazan.

#### **Music for Holy Week**

The music for Holy Week will include my setting of the Passion According to John, anthems by Kenneth Leighton, Charles Villiers Stanford, and an Easter piece new to our repertoire entitled Sing Ye to the Lord by Edward Bairstow, who was organist at York Minster. The music for Holy Week is always disturbing, but enlightening, yet celebratory and triumphant. Please join us, and remember to thank our hard-working choir members during this busiest of seasons.

- Douglas Major, Music Director

#### Rector's Column—continued

with this passage. It need not be reserved for Sundays, however. God's acts of mercy, compassion, and grace come to us every day. St. Paul writes in the Letter to the Colossians, "Since you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth."

That said, it is often the things of earth and the small details in our lives that help guide us back to the presence of God. There is a both vertical and horizontal movement in this: we symbolically look up, above ourselves, for the divine, but find God's presence as we look out and across to the people in our midst who bear the light of Christ, and to the natural world about us. It is a remarkable thing that a small crocus may point us toward grace. It may be a little harder to see this at work in the construction for a handicap lift. Yet it is there, too: in the skill of the workers, in the expertise of the designers, and in the generosity of parishioners who have made it possible, and in the hope and care of those who will use it.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it. —Fr. Andrew



#### Smile!

We're taking a photo of the whole parish—children and adults of all ages. Join us on Palm Sunday, April 13 at the 10:00 am service.



#### **Tercentenary Year Events**

APRIL 3 THURSDAY

6:30 pm St. Catherine's Guild:

Mary McCarl: Civil War

Home Front-

All are welcome!-see p.6

APRIL 6 SUNDAY

5:00 pm Evensong & Benediction

APRIL 13 PALM SUNDAY

8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I &

Blessing of the Palms

10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II &

Blessing of the Palms, and

First Communion

11:15 am Parish Group Photo

APRIL 17 MAUNDY THURSDAY

7:30 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Foot Washing and Stripping of the Altar

**Prayer Watch Begins** 

APRIL 18 GOOD FRIDAY

**Prayer Watch Continues** 

noon Stations of the Cross

7:30 pm Good Friday Liturgy

APRIL 19 HOLY SATURDAY

7:30 pm The Great Vigil of Easter

APRIL 20 EASTER SUNDAY

8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I

with music

10:00 am Festal Eucharist, Rite II

APRIL 30 TUESDAY

7:30 pm Ed Nilsson:

"Why does St. Michael's Look the Way It Does? English & Dutch Antecedents and Later Transformations"

#### **May Events**

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Submit your Easter flower memorial names by Monday, April 14. Suggested donation—\$20 each. St. Michael's Newsletter April 2014 Page Three

#### **Church School—from Kelley Howells**

In March we began by learning about Lent, we even made a traditional Lenten food; pretzels, to eat and share with the congregation. Also, we have all continued work on our quilt which will be our gift to the parish in honor of the Tercentenary.

Also in March, our younger children in Godly Play learned about the Parable of the Good Shepherd, St. Patrick, and Baptism. Older children in our Weaving God's Promises group have learned about Passover, Exodus from Egypt, the journey to the Promised Land, and Building Israel and the Temple of God.

We have worked to perfect all three verses of our song this month "Hymn to Joy" (Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee). The children sound great, ask your child to perform it for you! We have learned some new "Grace before meals" prayers, and have read and reviewed Psalm 23.

In April, children will be learning about Ezekiel, Jesus and the twelve Apostles, Palm Sunday, Easter, and the Ascension of Jesus.

#### **Volunteers Needed!**

Now is the perfect time to join us as a Church School volunteer if you haven't before. Please consider this worthwhile opportunity to share your gifts, and be part of the children's religious education experience here at St. Michael's. We really need your help!

We have returned to our two classroom format and will need four adult volunteers each week. The Storytellers lead the lesson. The lesson is all set up for you and I will get you a copy in advance. The Activity Leaders help with a craft, which will be all set up for you also. This person also helps setting up snacks and taking care of odds and ends as they come up. Please consider volunteering! Sign up on the St. Michael's Sign-Up Genius or contact Kelley at kelley@stmichaels1714.org.

#### **Supper Club**

In March, Supper Club continued learning about important figures in the Old Testament of the Bible with a study of Solomon.

In April, Supper Club will be meeting on Tuesday April 8th. We will have a lesson on Jesus' death and resurrection.

There will be NO Supper Club on April 22nd due to the school vacation week/

#### **Quilt Making**

Thanks to Sue Cool and Gillian Petty, Church School and Supper Club students are hard at work, making a quilt to give as a gift to St. Michael's Parish in honor of the Tercentenary. We will be concentrating on the quilt as part of our craft at our Church



School sessions. We would like to have as many children represented as possible on what is sure to become a priceless heirloom! Please make sure that your child attends, so that they can see their artwork on the quilt for many years to come.

#### **April Highlights**

**Children's Chapel** \*Location Change\* We will begin the month with a Children's Chapel service on April 6th at 9:30am. Because of construction, we will hold Children's Chapel in the Church School room at the Davenport House as we did in March. Church school will follow.

**Stations of the Cross** A bit different than in years past, we will begin Stations of the Cross at noon but will not be following with lunch. We hope that you can join us!

#### First Communion Class - April

With the sacrament of Baptism, we are each invited to partake in the Eucharistic Feast. Here at St. Michael's we will be offering a special "First Communion" class for elementary school children so that they may deepen their appreciation for the sacrament.

This month Father Andrew and I will meet with children on April 3, and April 10. We will meet from 3:30 pm until 4:30 pm here at St. Michael's Parish Hall.

The celebration of First Communion will be held on Palm Sunday, April 13th at 10 am.

#### **April Church School Dates to Remember**

April Ongoing Sign-ups for Church School Volunteers
April 3 First Communion Class 3:30pm—4:30pm

April 6 Children's Chapel in Davenport at 9:30am!

April 8 Supper Club 6pm—8 pm

April 10 First Communion Group 3:30-4:30 pm

April 13 **Palm Sunday**, celebration of First Communion and Church School

April 18 Good Friday Stations of the Cross at noon

April 20 Easter Sunday—No Church School

April 27 Church School

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#### Steward of the Month—Mary and Collie Williams

Mary Vent Williams is a cradle Episcopalian and Marbleheader. She was baptized at St. Michael's, grew up in the church, and in 1954 she and Collie\* Williams were married in the church by Father Norton, assisted by Collie's uncle, Rev. Harry G. Trefry. They had their reception in the old parish house and this year they celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary. "Three of our cousins married in the same year, Harriet and Bob Diamond, Eleanor and Edward Gleason, and Jane and Elliot Roundy," says Mary. Collie had attended Old North where his father was superinten-

dent of the Sunday school, but after their marriage, he began attending St. Michael's though work commitments did not allow him to attend regularly.

Retired now, they both are regulars at the 8:00 service

"The church was a big part of our lives when the children were young and we used to live within walking distance," she says. "The children and I had the church in common and they often earned perfect attendance pins."

She has been active in many aspects of the church over the years. She has served as secretary to St. Catherine's Guild, to the Parish Aid, and to the Vestry. She is a long standing member of the Altar Guild. "George Westerberg asked me to join the Altar Guild. Nancy Carvill and I were co-directresses at one time," she recalls. "And, Father

## 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.



Johnson and I worked on the Altar Guild manual together." She is a Thrift Shop volunteer and Treasurer, and has worked many a Lobster Luncheon and Christmas fair.

After graduating from Marblehead High School, Collie went on to Tilton School and Wentworth Institute of Technology while Mary went on to Chandler School for Women.

Collie loves the waterfront and was employed by the Marblehead Transportation Company for many years before buying Gilbert and Cole with two part-

ners. Mary began her career by working for the Boston and Maine Railroad. At that time, the trains ran from the Marblehead Depot. She worked directly with the vice-president responsible for the study of the Budd Car which brought an end to the old locomotives." One benefit was that I rode the trains for free," she recalls with a smile. She left when she and Collie began their family, but later returned to work for 3 attorneys in Salem until retirement.

They have three children and three grandchildren. Daughter Beth and her husband live in Marblehead and they had two grown sons. Daughter Susan also lives in town and works at the National Grand Bank while son Will and his wife live in Portland, ME with their daughter Tabitha.

For relaxation, Collie has been very involved in Marblehead Youth Hockey, including coaching. They also raced a Herreshoff 12 ½ at one time. "A very pretty day sailer named Alibi," recalls Mary. They both love travel: Bermuda, the Caribbean islands, Hawaii, Nova Scotia, the Panama Canal with the Carvills as well as trips with the COA. Mary likes to read and knit. "When the children were young, I sewed and did tailoring a lot," she says.

Mary concludes, "St. Michael's is the place that is home, with people we love. We've seen many changes over the years along with the camaraderie and fellowship."

—An article in an ongoing series of profiles of St. Michael's parishioners, by Marilyn Day.

\*Walter Williams does not quite remember how he received his nickname "Collie" but thinks that it came from childhood friends who noted that his curly hair looked like cauliflower!

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#### William Henry Lewis, Rector 1833-1840

"...the interior of this ancient building has undergone a complete change, and is now fitted in a neat and handsome style, and furnished with private liberality, with a good organ; and that, though the expenses have been very great, and the congregation, at the time they were incurred, very small, the burden, has much to their credit, been cheerfully sustained..." - William H. Lewis, in St. Michael's 1834 Parochial Report to the Diocese.

St. Michael's was poised for growth. In that same report, the Rev. Lewis reported that there were 60 communicants and 60 Sunday School attendees. By the time he left in 1840 there were 108 communicants, 150 Sunday School students and teachers.

William Henry Lewis was born in Litchfield, Connecticut in 1803, educated at Pittsfield Academy in Massachusetts, and at the Episcopal College of Connecticut (Cheshire Academy). From there he went to General Theological Seminary in New York for two and half years. He was ordained by Bishop Thomas C. Brownell in Hartford in January 1827. The following July he married Emmeline J. Bartow of New York. Over the next five years, Lewis assisted in Bridgeport (CT), Philadelphia, Walden (NY) and then officiated at St. Paul's, Huntington (CT) and St. George's, Flushing, Long Island (NY). By the time he arrived in Marblehead in October 1833. Lewis was a seasoned minister. He and Emmeline had ten children over the next 21 years. Four were born in Marblehead, including Lydia Hooper Lewis, probably named after Lydia (Blackler) Hooper, wife of John Glover Hooper.

It is from the Rev. Lewis that we first hear of the role of women and their charity at St. Michael's. In 1836 he reported: "About fifty copies of the Christian Witness are also taken, partly through the aid of our Sewing Societies, which have kindly furnished our poorer families with a copy. The plan of Sunday offerings has been adopted and works well." And in 1837: "It is worthy of record, that a Sewing Society which was organized in December, 1831, has continued its regular meetings once a fortnight with scarce an intermission, until the present time. The amount of its earnings during that period is \$811.88, which has been expended for benevolent purposes..." Lewis gave the sermon at the Annual Convention of the Eastern Diocese in 1837, a sermon that was later published.

Emmeline Bartow Lewis came from a long line of devout Episcopalians, and in the fall of 1840, her cousin Edgar John Bartow invited William Henry Lewis to be rector of a growing congregation in Brooklyn, NY. Bartow had bought and converted a Baptist Church building into an Episcopal one called Calvary Church. The building was enlarged as the congregation grew until Bartow

decided to build another larger church, the Church of the Holy Trinity on the Heights. When Lewis was called to Holy Trinity in 1847, much of Calvary followed.

Shortly after his arrival in Brooklyn, Lewis published his first group of sermons. These were followed by 16 more publications published



while at Holy Trinity, including a popular 3 volume set of *Sermons for the Christian Year*.

In February 1860, after 13 years at Holy Trinity, the Rev. Lewis bid farewell to Brooklyn and returned to the area of his childhood. He accepted a call to Christ Church, Watertown, Connecticut, serving as rector until 1874. Lewis died in Watertown in 1877 and his wife Emmeline, in 1882. They are both buried in the family plot at Greenwood Cemetery, Brooklyn, with Edgar J. Bartow nearby. Two of their sons became Episcopal ministers and their eldest daughter Emma (Mrs. D. P. Sanford) became a noted author of children's stories.

In the Historical Sermon Preached by the Rev. John W. Leek, Rector of St. Michael's Church, Marblehead... on St. Michael's Day, September 29th, 1872, Leek notes that "For seven years Mr. Lewis's ministry continued and was highly acceptable to the people and profitable to the church; a large congregation being gathered ... But on his resignation many "fell away," showing that attachment was to the man, the minister and not to Christ."

While Leek may not have thought highly of Lewis' ministry, Leek praises the Sewing Society:

By this effort to alienate the church from its Apostolic faith [Reed's attempt in 1821], the zeal and influence of a most noble band of Christian women was provoked, who, with ceaseless toil and prayers, besought the people here, the churchmen in Boston and the Bishop of the diocese for aid and influence in procuring a clergyman for the parish so rich in precious memories. Their efforts at last prevailed and on the first Sunday in Advent, December, 1831, the Rev. Joseph H. Price officiated. The dear altar was uncovered once more, and the long-neglected Holy Communion was celebrated. ...

These noble christian ladies continued their labors and by organizing in due time the present "Parish Aid Society," have ever since, by their successors, been "helpers of the joy" of the ministers of the parish, and also in the care of the sick and the poor, like those pious women whom St. Paul commended to the church in Rome, "Succorers of Many."

- Frances Stith Nilsson, Historic Church Committee

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#### **Special Tercentenary Events**

## "The Civil War Home Front on the North Shore"

Thursday, April 3 at 6:30 PM



St. Catherine's invites the Parish to hear Mary Rhinelander McCarl talk about the home front during the Civil War. Her talk will include contemporary images from *Harper's Weekly* and the various Marblehead organizations that helped the troops during the Civil War. A favorite speaker in Gloucester,

McCarl's interests and training are in local history and the graphic arts and she is an expert on 18th Century costume. She is the granddaughter of Philip Rhinelander, the Episcopal Bishop of Pennsylvania from 1913 to 1923 and Parish Historian at St. John's, Gloucester.

Guests are welcome to attend the dinner which starts at 6:30 (reservations required) or they can come to the presentation starting at approximately 7:30 pm. Dinner will feature chicken pot pie, salad, coffee/tea, and dessert at \$4.00 per person. Please contact Pam Oppelt if you would like to attend the dinner or attend the lecture only. We look forward to seeing everyone there for an evening of fun and fellowship!

## "Why does St. Michael's look the way it does? English & Dutch Antecedents and Later Transformations"

Wednesday, April 30 at 7:30 p.m.

When St. Michael's was built in 1714 the design was different from other churches built in colonial America. On Wednesday, April 30th at 7:30 pm, Edward Nilsson will discuss what St. Michael's Church looked like upon completion in 1714 and the likely 17th century English and Dutch antecedents for the interior and exterior design of the church. He will also look at New England area churches and architectural and liturgical trends which may have inspired later transformations in the 19th and 20th centuries.

Ed is principal of Nilsson + Siden Associates, Architects & Planners in Salem, co-chair of St. Michael's Property Committee, member of St. Michael's Historic Church Committee and former senior warden.



#### **May Tercentenary Year Events**

MAY 3 SATURDAY

10:00 am Holy Eucharist and Confirmation at

St. Paul's Cathedral, Boston

May 4 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I &

St. Catherine's Guild Corporate

Communion

5:00 pm Marblehead Ministerial Covenant

Service at St. Michael's

May 10 SATURDAY

9:30 am—3:00 pm Diocese of Massachusetts

Parish Historians Society Annual Meeting at St. Michael's

Registration forms in the lobby.

May 11 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

10:00 am Intergenerational Holy Eucharist

Service, Rite II

May 18 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Services using the 1928 Book of Common Prayer

#### Parish Aid Luncheon

Tuesday, April 15 12:00 Noon

Bring a sandwich and join this group for fellowship and dessert.

Parish Aid meets on the third Tuesday of the month.

All are welcome!



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#### St. Michael's Church

Officers: Frances Nilsson, Sr. Warden;

Stephen Clay, Jr. Warden;

Sue Cool, Clerk;

James Dearborn, Treasurer; Karl Renney, Asst. Treasurer.

Vestry: Melissa Amberik, Sarah Bates,

Brian Carlson, Zavier Chickering,

Ellie Doyle, Rory Gaunt, Robert L. Howie, Jr., Karin McCarthy, Jennifer Oliveira.

#### **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; Kelley Howells, Christian Education

Director;

Jane Maihos, Parish Administrator;

Jennifer Hill, Sexton.

#### **Holy Week**

8:00 am Blessing of the Palms & Holy Eucharist, Rite I 10:00 am Blessing of the Palms & Holy Eucharist, Rite II

APRIL 16 HOLY WEDNESDAY

9:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II

APRIL 17 MAUNDY THURSDAY

7:30 pm Holy Eucharist, Foot Washing,

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Stripping of the Altar and Prayer Watch

APRIL 18 GOOD FRIDAY

12:00 noon Stations of the Cross

7:30 pm Solemn Good Friday Liturgy

with sung Passion According to St. John

APRIL 19 HOLY SATURDAY

7:30 pm The Great Vigil, Holy Baptism and

the First Eucharist of Easter

APRIL 20 EASTER SUNDAY, THE DAY OF THE RESURRECTION

8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I with music

10:00 am Festal Eucharist, Rite II

### Saint Michael's Church

## *April 2014*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Parish Office Hours Monday – Friday 8:30 am – 12:30 pm	Thrift Shop Hours Tuesday – Saturday 1:00 – 4:00 pm	4:30 pm – 8:00 pm St. Michael's Team, My Brother's Table, Lynn- contact David Winder to help	9:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am Bible Study 11:45 am Staff Meeting 6:30 pm Lenten Program at St. Michael's No AA Meeting	3:30 pm First Communion Class 4:45 pm Youth Choir 6:30 St. Catherine's Guild with Mary McCarl 7:30 pm Adult Choir	4)	5)
6) 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, 9:30 am Children's Chapel 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 5:00 pm Choral Evensong & Benediction	7) 11:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry	6:00 pm Middle School Supper Club 7:00 pm Wardens' Meeting	9) 9:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am Bible Study 11:45 am Staff Meeting 6:30 pm Lenten Program at Holy Name, Swampscott 8:00 pm AA	3:30 pm First Communion Class 4:45 pm Youth Choir 5:30 pm Confirmation Class 7:30 pm Adult Choir	11)	10:30 am – 1:30 pm St. Michael's Team at Lifebridge, Salem Co-Captains, Ed & Michelle Baille
13) SUNDAY OF THE PASSION PALM SUNDAY 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I & Blessing of the Palms 9:00 am 300 <sup>th</sup> /Historic Church 9:30 am Church School 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II & Blessing of the Palms	14) 11:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry  Easter Memorial names due to church office, \$20 each	12:00 pm Parish Aid 7:00 pm Vestry Meeting	9:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am Bible Study 11:45 am Staff Meeting 8:00 pm AA	17) MAUNDY THURSDAY 11:00 am Team Assembles Easter Bulletins 7:30 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite II, Foot Washing, Stripping of the Altar Prayer Watch begins	Prayer Watch continues  12:00 pm Stations of the Cross 7:30 pm Good Friday Liturgy	9:15 am Holy Saturday Liturgy of the Word  7:30 pm The Great Vigil of Easter
8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I with music No Church School 10:00 am Festal Eucharist, Rite II	21) Patriots' Day Office Closed School Vacation Week	No Middle School Supper Club 4:30 pm – 8:00 pm St. Michael's Team, My Brother's Table, Lynn-extra session	9:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am Bible Study 11:45 am Staff Meeting 8:00 pm AA	NO Youth Choir 7:30 pm Adult Choir	25)	26) 11:00 am Funeral for Donald Seamans, and Parish Hall Reception
27) 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:30 am Church School 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II	28) 11:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry	29)	9:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am Bible Study 11:45 am Staff Meeting 7:30 pm Lecture Series: Edward Nilsson No AA Meeting	Serving at My Brother's Table in Lynn  David Winder is looking for additional team members to join a group from St. Michael's and St. Andrew's serving meals on the first Tuesday of the month. This month there is an extra opportunity on Tuesday, April 22 to try it out. Come at 4:30 pm to help prepare food or at 5:30 to help serve and clean-up. Contact David Winder if you can help.		