



St. Michael's Newsletter

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From the Rector

Often in this column at this time of the year I have reported and reflected on seeing the first signs of spring such as crocus arising in the Gorman Memorial atrium garden. No such sightings as yet, for snow still blankets the ground from the record amounts this past winter. The good news is that the snow is receding! The statue of St. Michael in the garden is fully uncovered, and the bench, too. The tops of the azaleas are emerging, flattened and even broken in spots. They will need careful attention and pruning after a "long cold lonely winter," to quote the late George Harrison. Outside my office window sparrows have are returning to hedges nearby, and the occasional cardinal can be heard in the distance. New life, renewal and hope abound. "Here comes the sun," the song goes on. "And I say it's all right."

The liturgical seasons of the church move us from the focus of Lent through the richness – and sorrow – of Holy Week and Christ's passion – to the joy of Easter. Christ's resurrection brought restored life and a renewed calling to the first Christian communities. Though the context of our time may be different, we share in this restoration and renewal as well. Here at St. Michael's we have enjoyed a year of celebration and reflection of the parish's 300 years of serving God and neighbor. As we live into the next 300 years, and more specifically the next

year to five years, we are invited to let arise how we best serve God in Marblehead and areas near and far as "Easter people."



Later this month on April 12, and perhaps on additional Sundays, a "ministry fair" will take place after. It will be chance to share the different ways of deepening spiritual life and service. On Sunday, April 19, the Rev. Holly Hartman, a deacon in the Diocese, will speak at coffee hour about Global Mission and our partnership in Haiti. The Vestry is also considering ways of inviting all in the parish community to reflect on renewing St. Michael's mission and vision. (Such suggestions will be shared as they emerge!)

These offerings come in the joy of the Easter season. It is a time of hope, growth and emergence in the light of a new day. The Lord is risen indeed, and we are lifted with him!

—Fr. Andrew.

Worship & Music

Music for Holy Week

A blessed Holy Week and Easter to you all! This is the most fulfilling and moving experience for our choirs of the whole liturgical year. From the glorious entry into Jerusalem of Jesus through to his resurrection on Easter Sunday morning, the music of Holy Week and Easter spans five centuries of sacred music.

Medieval plainsong and 17th century hymnody complement the Palm Sunday and Maundy Thursday services, with additional music by Bach and Handel. Tim Clay will be our Cantor for Psalm 22 at the Stripping of the Altar on Maundy Thursday, and the entire Youth Choir will lead the music. Good Friday brings us the choral setting of the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to John, in a musical setting of mine.

The Easter Vigil on Saturday is, of course, the culmination of the week, with the Exsultet sung by Sarah Hunter and the St. Michael's Choir singing music by John Rutter and a magnificent piece by Ralph Vaughan Williams, sung by Gregory Kazan. The Sunday of the Resurrection is celebrated with grand organ music by Vierne and Mulet.

So our Choir can be with their families and friends on Easter Sunday afternoon, there is no Evensong on April 5th.

— Doug Major, Music Director



Why we like to sing!

An Overview of the centuries-long tradition of Congregational Singing in the Anglican Church

Dr. Douglas Major

April 28, 2015 at 7:30 PM

This hour-long presentation will explore the great tradition of communal song in the Church, and will include opportunities for the attendees to sing some favorite hymns as well as experience some unknown gems from times past.

Open to all.

HOLY WEEK 2015

- MARCH 29 PALM SUNDAY**
 8:00 am Blessing of the Palms & Holy Eucharist, Rite I
 10:00 am Blessing of the Palms & Holy Eucharist, Rite II and First Communion
- APRIL 1 WEDNESDAY**
 9:30 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite II
- APRIL 2 MAUNDY THURSDAY**
 7:30 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite II
 Stripping of the Altar,
 Begin Prayer Watch
- APRIL 3 GOOD FRIDAY**
 12:30 pm Prayer Watch Continues
 Simple Lunch for Children,
 Families & Friends
 1:15 pm Stations of the Cross
 7:30 pm Solemn Good Friday Liturgy:
 Sung Passion of St. John
 with Eucharist from
 Reserved Sacrament
- APRIL 4 HOLY SATURDAY**
 9:00 am Holy Saturday Liturgy
 (brief liturgy of the Word)
 7:30 pm The Great Vigil,
 Renewal of Baptismal Vows,
 and First Eucharist of Easter
- APRIL 5 EASTER SUNDAY**
 8:00 am Feast of the Resurrection—
 Holy Eucharist, Rite I
 10:00 am Feast of the Resurrection—
 Holy Eucharist, Rite II
- No Evensong this April*

April 12 Guest Celebrant & Preacher The Rev. Francis (Frank) Fornaro

The Rev. Frank Fornaro has served at churches in Bedford and Dorchester, Massachusetts, as a mentor to fellow priests as Dean of the Alewife Deanery and at CREDO, as Interim Director of Theological Field Education at the Episcopal Divinity School (EDS) and was just named Interim EDS Dean. His first career was as a teacher and administrator in the Boston Public Schools. Fornaro holds a BS in Education, an MEd in Administration and Organization, and an MDiv from EDS with concentration in Pastoral Theology.

Church School & Youth



St. Michael, slowly reappearing in the Gorman Memorial Garden, a sure sign of spring. Photos: Kelley Howells

Church School in March

Looking back we have had a very busy month! We began with Children's Chapel, officiated by our Seminarian, Eric Fialho and we gathered donations to give to our guest speaker, Sister Linda Bessom, for distribution to those served by the Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless. We ended the month with a beautiful celebration of Palm Sunday, which included the First Holy Communion of four of our Church School members on March 29th.

In March we also learned about the season of Lent, St. Patrick, the Last Supper, and the Mystery of Easter. We had fun making our traditional Lenten pretzels and weaving palm crosses.



Church School and Nursery Children watch the Children's Classic "Davy and Goliath" while they wait for Lenten Pretzels to bake.

First Communion Class

Father Andrew and I enjoyed meeting with our First Communion group each Thursday afternoon in March. We had a focus on the Last Supper as we learned about the Eucharist. We had fun and learned through exploring the

items in our Church and Sacristy. Ask a First Communion Group Member to name the items used on the altar, they can tell you many of the terms we use. The children also had a chance to share a snack each week reminiscent of the Eucharist, hear a bible story, and participate in a craft. A highlight was exploring St. Michael's Bell Tower and seeing our Paul Revere bell. All of our preparation culminated with a beautiful First Communion shared with our Families and Parish community on March 29th.

April Highlights

In April we will continue Holy week on Maundy Thursday, April 2nd, with a Service at 7:30pm featuring our Youth Choir! We hope that you can be there.

Stations of the Cross—We invite all parishioners to a light lunch on Good Friday, April 3rd, beginning at 12:30. After lunch, at about 1:15, we will gather in the church for Stations of the Cross. Children in Marblehead Public Schools will have a half day on that day, we would love to have you join us after you pick them up at school.

We will continue Holy Week observances with the Easter Vigil on April 4th at 7:30 and Easter Sunday services on April 5th at 8am and 10am.

There will be no Church School on Easter Sunday, April 5th, or on Sunday April 19th due to School vacation week.

Supper Club News

Supper Club will be having its year-end celebration on Monday, April 6th, at 6pm at Fen Yang House on Atlantic Avenue in Marblehead. All students entering grades 6, 7, or 8 in the fall are welcome. Please join us as we celebrate with food, fellowship, and fun. We will look back on a terrific year, recognize those who are moving on, and welcome the new members who will be joining Supper Club in the fall. Please RSVP to Kelley at Kelley@stmichaels1714.org if you are able to come.

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Church School continued and Parish Outreach

Outreach

Rev. Holly Hartman, a Diocesan appointed deacon for global mission partnerships, will speak to us here at St. Michael's on Sunday, April 19th after the 10 service. Holly has just returned from a partnership trip to Haiti and has a lot to share with us. She will also speak about the Mission Tithe Matching Grant program offered by the diocese.

300th Anniversary Special Worship Service

On Sunday, April 26th we will be holding the last in our series of "historic" church services. We have greatly enjoyed seeing what services here at St. Michael's looked like through the centuries, and now we look to the future!

We will be holding our "4th Century" Worship Service, looking ahead to the future at 10am on April 26th. We will borrow from what progressive services look like in other places, and will use conjecture and imagination to create our image of the church service of the future!

As with past Historic Services, older children in our Weaving God's Promises group may choose to either participate in Church School as usual on that day, or attend the service in its entirety.

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!

Please consider volunteering, and sign up on the St. Michael's Sign-Up Genius or contact Kelley at kelley@stmichaels1714.org

-Kelley Howells.

Upcoming Dates to Remember Ongoing—Church School Volunteers Sign-up

HOLY WEEK

- March 29 Palm Sunday, Church School 9:30, and First Holy Communion
- April 2 Maundy Thursday Service 7:30pm -Youth Choir to Sing
- April 3 Good Friday, 12:30pm light lunch-RSVP kelley@stmichaels1714.org, 1:15pm Stations of the Cross; 7:30pm service
- April 4 Easter Vigil 7:30pm
- April 5 Easter Sunday - No Church School 9:30am Child Care

- April 6 Supper Club Celebration
- April 12 Church School 9:30
- April 19 No Church School (School Vacation Week) Rev. Holly Hartman to speak at coffee hour
- April 26 Church School 9:30 "4th Century Worship Service" 10 am (What a future Church Service might look like.)
- May 3 Children's Chapel, Church School 9:30

Congratulations

Congratulations to Madison Howie, a senior at Marblehead High School who was recently recognized at Viking Skating Club's "British Invasion Show" for 14 years of figure skating. Madison, who won several gold medals in competitive performances at Salem State University, served for several years as a mentor to young ice skaters. Madison was accepted early into Fordham University in New York.

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.

John Bours Richmond, Rector, 1851-1859



The Rev. J. B. Richmond in his early ministry. Portrait donated to St. Michael's by his great grandson Richmond Perley. Date and artist unknown. Photo: E. Nilsson

Like his great-uncle The Rev. Peter Bours (St. Michael's Rector, 1753-1762) John Bours Richmond was loved where ever he served. Born in 1814 to Elizabeth Bours and Perez Otis Richmond, he was raised in Rhode Island and graduated from Trinity College, Hartford in 1840. J. B. Richmond then moved to Virginia to attend the Theological Seminary in Virginia while serving as rector of Christ Church, Lancaster (a beautiful rural brick church built in 1732 in the form of a Greek cross, still containing its original pews and pulpit). About this time he also married Harriet Eveline Cooper and his family grew.

Upon his graduation from seminary in 1843, Bishop William Meade ordained Richmond deacon, and later priest. The Richmonds stayed in Virginia until 1847 when they decided to return to New England. In January 1848 Richmond became the first rector of Christ Church, Swansea, Mass., which had just completed its church building. It was fall 1851 when St. Michael's called The Rev. Richmond as their rector, offering a salary of \$700 per year.

One of the first actions of the Vestry after his arrival was to "ascertain the cost of raising some of the pews" and in summer of 1852 worship services were held in the hall of the Society of the Rechabites. In his parochial report Richmond described "The walls have been beautifully frescoed, and the wood work has been newly grained in imitation of old English oak, and the pillars painted in imitation of Sienna marble. The whole reflects great credit upon messrs. John and William Bartol, of this town, who performed the work." The

bishop also notes that the tomb of the Rev. Peter Bours had been repaired. In the following two years the church was shingled, a furnace erected and gas extended to the Lecture Room (1844 Parish Hall).

Richmond gives credit to "the Ladies of the Parish, with their accustomed zeal and liberality, prepared at a very short notice for a sale of useful and fancy articles, which though held in the parlor of a private dwelling resulted in securing about \$500." And in 1856 "In addition to the old Sewing Circle, ... a new society has been formed of the younger members of the parish, which is now in good working condition. The Rector is happy to acknowledge from this society, a present of a very beautiful surplice and scarf." Richmond also notes the addition of lectures on the 1st and 3rd Sunday evenings in November and in Lent when the Lecture Room is overflowing. But all is not well. Vestry minutes record the passing of St. Michael's benefactor John Glover Hooper, Esquire, at the end of 1854 and the loss of Harriet Richmond in September 1856. Then there is the economic Panic of 1857. In 1858 Richmond accepts a position in Brockport, NY, but the Vestry persuades Richmond to stay. In September 1858 Richmond marries Deborah Hawks Roundey Quiner, daughter of Benjamin and Ruth Roundey, all now in Medford, but born in Marblehead. Richmond ends his 1858 parochial report with "May our watchword ever be, 'Upward' and 'Onward.'" In May 1859 after a review of the budget, the Vestry votes to reduce Richmond's salary to \$600 a year. In the 1859 parochial report Richmond describes the problem: "While there has been much to encourage, still there is a loss to the Parish in the removals by death, and from town, during the past few years, of those who once rendered efficient service in the support of religious worship..."

The Richmonds moved to the newly formed St. John's Church, Kewanee, Illinois in Dec. 1859. His bishop noted that Richmond preached in his surplice and the chancel was decorated with flowers—"clear evangelical teaching may exist with the dovelike spirit of a holy conservatism." The Panic of 1857 and the Civil War affected Illinois as well, and Richmond became ill and resigned. Around 1863 he moved back to Massachusetts and to serve at Trinity Church in Melrose. Around this time Richmond wrote the earliest known history of St. Michael's for the *Christian Witness and Church Advocate*. St. Thomas in Dover, NH soon called Richmond in 1868 where he thrived until he retired in 1876. Richmond Street in Dover is named for him. Richmond supplied in various area parishes as needed, until the family moved to Medford, MA. There Richmond served as Assistant minister at Grace Church, 1878-1884, remaining in Medford until his death in 1906. - Frances Stith Nilsson



The Rev. Richmond in 1886.

April 2015



Holy Week

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
PALM SUNDAY 29 8:00 am Blessing of the Palms and Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:30 am Church School 9:30 am Child Care 10:00 am Blessing of the Palms and Holy Eucharist, Rite II	30 11:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry	31	1 9:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 10:30 am Bible Study 11:45 am Church Staff 7:30 pm Adult Choir 8:00 pm AA	MAUNDY THURSDAY 2 11:00 am Bulletin Assembly 6:30 pm Youth Choir 7:30 pm Holy Eucharist Rite II, Foot Washing, Stripping of the Altar, Prayer Watch Begins	GOOD FRIDAY 3 12:30 pm Lunch 1:15 pm Stations of the Cross 7:30 pm Good Friday Liturgy	HOLY SATURDAY 4 9:00 am Liturgy of the Word 7:30 pm Easter Vigil
EASTER SUNDAY 5 DAY OF RESURRECTION 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I No Church School 9:30 am Child Care 10:00 am Festal Eucharist, Rite II No Choral Evensong	6 11:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:00 pm Supper Club Celebration	7	8 9:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 10:30 am Bible Study 11:45 am Church Staff 8:00 pm AA	9 8:30 am Wardens 4:45 pm Youth Choir 6:30 pm 7:30 pm Adult Choir	10	11 10:00 am St. Michael's Team at Lifebridge Ed & Michelle Bailie Co-Captains
2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER 12 <i>Guest Celebrant:</i> <i>The Rev. Frank Fornaro</i> 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:30 am Church School 9:30 am Child Care 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 11:15 am Ministry Fair	13 11 am Prayer Shawl Ministry	14 7:00 pm Vestry	15 9:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 10:30 am Bible Study 11:45 am Church Staff 8:00 pm AA	16 4:45 pm Youth Choir 7:30 pm Adult Choir	17 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	18
3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER 19 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:30 am Church School 9:30 am Child Care 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 11:30 am The Rev. Holly Hartman on Mission & Haiti	20 <i>Patriot's Day</i> <i>Office Closed</i>	21 Noon Parish Aid	22 9:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 10:30 am Bible Study 11:45 am Church Staff 8:00 pm AA	23 No Youth Choir 7:30 pm Adult Choir	24	25 Annual Parish Historians Meeting Christ Church, Quincy All are welcome.
4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER 26 <i>4th Century Worship Services</i> 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:30 am Church School 9:30 am Child Care 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II	27 11:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry	28 7:30 pm Doug Major "Why We Like to Sing"	29 9:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 10:30 am Bible Study 11:45 am Church Staff 8:00 pm AA	30 4:45 pm Youth Choir 7:30 pm Adult Choir		

April Speakers

Sunday, April 19 at 11:30 pm The Rev. Holly Hartman on Mission Trips



The Rev. Holly Hartman, a Diocesan appointed deacon for global mission partnerships, will be the guest of the Outreach Committee after the 10am service on April 19th. Holly will speak about the Mission Tithe Matching Grant program offered by the diocese and about organizing youth trips to Haiti.

We encourage everyone who is interested in further discussion of a youth or youth/adult trip to our school and church in Haiti to please attend.

Linda Smidt, Outreach Committee.

Note: Information on the Diocesan Global Mission initiatives, parish partnerships and Holly can be found at www.diomass.org/content/global-mission and <http://speaker.gemn.org/the-rev-holly-hartman/>

Bette Hunt at St. Catherine's Guild Thursday, April 9 at 6:30 pm

St. Catherine's Guild will hold its next dinner meeting on Thursday, April 9th at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall.

Bette Hunt, Marblehead Town Historian, will be our guest speaker and will be talking about old organizations in Marblehead. Bette is always a treat to hear as she is both humorous and very knowledgeable about Marblehead's history. Members of St. Michaels (both men and women) who would like to attend are welcome to come either for the dinner and the talk, or to the talk only. Bette's talk will begin at approximately 7:30.

Please let Aileen Day, chairperson for this event, know if you will be attending either the dinner or the talk by calling or emailing her at 781/631-6327 or aileenlucyday@yahoo.com. The cost of dinner is \$4.00. April 9th's meal will consist of chili, corn bread, salad and dessert. Members also give \$5.00 donation towards supporting a child in Haiti.

- Pam Oppelt, President.

Stewards of the Month: Justin, Paige, Brooke & Holly Hintlian

The Hintlian family started attending St. Michael's about five years ago. The girls, Brooke and Holly, were growing up and Justin's mother suggested it was time that they try St. Michael's where his wife Paige's mother, Judy Krasker, attended. Justin says, "We went once and we felt at home from the start." In fact, his mother so likes the service and Father Andy that she wishes she lived close enough to attend herself, he says.

In addition to the welcoming parishioners, the church school is a draw for them. "Kelly is wonderful," says Justin. The highlight of the year for the family is the Christmas pageant and they host the cast party for all the participants.

One of their special memories of church was the baptism of the girls several years ago. "It was a wonderful day with all the family here together," he remembers.

Justin was just elected to the Vestry. And, he and wife Paige enjoy helping out with the Lobster Luncheon and the Christmas Fair.



In his professional life, Justin manages the day to day operations of the Superior Nut Company, which manufactures peanut and nut products. Paige is an attorney who is now a full-time mom for Brooke who is nine and in the third grade, and Holly who is six and in kindergarten at the Tower School. Brooke likes gymnastics and skiing, while Holly enjoys golf which she started at three years old with her grandfather.

As a family, they ski at Waterville Valley in the winter where Justin has skied since he was a boy." My parents are there too and my mother loves to ski with the kids," he says. Come the summer they enjoy their power boat.

The family is looking forward to March 29th when Brooke will have her first communion.

- Marilyn Day, for an ongoing series of profiles of St. Michael's parishioners



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 Robert L. Howie, Jr., Justin Hintlian,
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 Dr. Douglas Major, Music Director;
 Kelley Howells, Christian Education
 Director;
 Jane Maihos, Parish Administrator;
 Jennifer Hill, Sexton.

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