



St. Michael's Newsletter

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April & May Calendars

From the Rector—The Heartbeat of God

In this column a few years ago I used the expression “sub-nivea”, a term that means “beneath the snow.” It refers to life that percolates under the snow even when it seems the ground is fallow and dormant. After the severe drought of last summer and fall, the snow this year, along with rain, has been a welcomed sight.

Readers of this newsletter may have noticed that our last monthly newsletter was three months ago in December. For a variety of reasons the newsletter has been dormant the past three months. Parish life and parish ministry has continued to percolate and grow. Other modes of communication have been at work to announce events and happenings: the semi-weekly “E-news” and Church School postings, Face Book, St. Catherine's Guild listings, old fashion flyers, and of course word of mouth and verbal announcements. After some discussion on the Vestry, this newsletter will be published approximately every other month. After a fallow period, this newsletter greets you in the richness of Holy Week and the joy of Easter Sunday.

The rhythm of the natural seasons finds harmony with the rhythm of the ecclesial seasons, each with its shift in focus and call for response. We have moved from Advent (expectation, preparation hope), to Christmas (something of God being born), to Epiphany (growing light and revelation) through Lent (deepening understand-



ing of our relationship to God, each other and ourselves), arriving now in Easter (creation, resurrection, renewed life). Though we may have had our own fallow moments at different times during these seasons, much has been happening. God's breath, God's Spirit, God's love has been and continues to be present. We are continually brought into a new time, with new joys and possibilities.

I write this as we conclude our Lenten program with St. Andrew's, “The Science of Climate Change and a Hopeful Response.” Through the various guest speakers and discussions the program touched upon the fact of the warming atmosphere and oceans, the changing environment and our reliance and interconnection with the natural world. It is very much a natural and spiritual step of desire to be in relationship with God and one another to be aware of and mindful of the beauty of the earth and our care of it. The rhythm of the natural world intersects with the rhythm of the liturgical

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Worship & Music for Holy Week and Easter

The music composed for **Holy Week** spans many centuries and cultures, from 13th century Gregorian Chant to 20th century anthems, hymns and organ music:

On **Palm Sunday** at 10 am you will hear Langlais' Les Rameaux from 1980, hymns from the great protestant tradition and choral music by Handel and Goss.

Maundy Thursday Eucharist will be sung by our excellent and hard-working Youth Choir, including chanting Psalm 22 as the altar and church are stripped bare.

On **Good Friday** The Passion According to John will once again tell the story of the trial and crucifixion of Jesus, a musical setting we have heard on this day in recent years.

At the **Easter Vigil** on Saturday and again on **Easter Day**, we will have a Colonial American anthem by William Billings, a celebratory and boisterous work entitled "Easter" sung by the Adult Choir.

I hope our musical offerings create a sense of awe, reverence and thankfulness for our theology and our liturgy.

May 7, Sunday at 5 pm, the Adult Choir will sing its final Choral Evensong of the season, with music by Herbert Sumson and John Ireland, both mid-20th century Anglican favorites.

May 14, the 10 am Eucharist will be led musically by the Youth Choir, along with our Intergenerational Service.

May 21, at 5 pm our final Organ Recital of the 2016-2017 season will feature Mark Laubach, Canon Organist and Choirmaster of St. Stephen's Cathedral, Wilkes-Barre, PA. His program will include works by Bach and others; he is an excellent organist whom I have had the pleasure of knowing since 1980, when he was a young Organ Scholar at the National Cathedral on our staff. I know you will enjoy his playing.

All of us in the music program wish you a blessed Easter and the Great 50 Days celebration.

—Doug Major, Music Director

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seasons. We are invited to find healing and wholeness, strength and solace, guidance and peace in their beats.

May our hearts be lifted by the sight of flowering crocus and the unfolding of spring. May we sense of the heartbeat of God within our hearts, and know that that which was dormant rises again. May we proclaim joyfully, "Alleluia, he is risen!" and know that God lifts us to new life.

- Fr. Andrew

HOLY WEEK 2017

APRIL 9	PALM SUNDAY
8:00 am	Blessing of the Palms and Holy Eucharist, Rite I
10:00 am	Blessing of the Palms and Holy Eucharist, Rite II and First Communion
APRIL 12	WEDNESDAY
9:30 pm	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
APRIL 13	MAUNDY THURSDAY
7:30 pm	Holy Eucharist, Rite II Stripping of the Altar, Begin Prayer Watch
APRIL 14	GOOD FRIDAY
12:00 pm	Prayer Watch Continues Stations of the Cross followed by Simple Lunch for Children, Families & Friends
7:30 pm	Solemn Good Friday Liturgy: Sung Passion of St. John with Eucharist from Reserved Sacrament
APRIL 15	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 16	EASTER DAY, THE SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION
8:00 am	Holy Eucharist, Rite I with music
10:00 am	Festal Eucharist, Rite II with music and choir

Easter Memorial Flowers

If you wish to have an Easter Flower in memory of a loved one, please submit their names(s) **by Friday, April 9th**. The flowers are displayed for Easter and the list of names included in service leaflets for the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday. The suggested donation per listed name is \$20.

Flowers may be taken home following the 10:00 service Easter Sunday. Children are especially invited to take a smaller flower.



Church School & Youth



The Church School made delicious pretzels during Lent—an annual tradition at St. Michael's

A Journey Through Holy Week

When not covered with flour and salt, the Church School has been learning about Holy Week. Each week we have talked about the various steps of Jesus' final week which led Him to the cross.

One Sunday we learned about the Last Supper and how Jesus washed the disciples feet. We also had a sample of the bread and "wine" (aka: grape juice) which Jesus shared with his disciples at this supper. The kids all recognized the words He spoke when He broke the bread and gave the wine!

The Church School's journey has continued through Holy Week as they learned about Jesus' final hours spent in the Garden of Gethsemane, how He was betrayed by Judas, and finally, His painful crucifixion on the cross. This is always a sad and difficult story to hear and to tell, but there is a very happy ending ...

He is Risen!

In the Arts Department

The kids have also been working together on banner. This contains all the symbols of **Holy Week** and will tell the Easter Story when complete. We hope to have this done in time to display in the parish hall on **Palm Sunday!**

Palm Sunday is April 9th



The beginning of Holy Week is always a busy day at St. Michael's. After the procession of the palms, the children will meet back at the Davenport House to make palm crosses. This is lots of fun, but also kind of tricky for



little hands. I could use as many adults as willing, to help out with this. There is a [YouTube tutorial](#) which explains how we do it, and it's very simple once you get the hang of it (honestly). Nothing to be afraid of. I promise!

First Communion

Also on Palm Sunday, our first communion group of six very enthusiastic, inquisitive and sweet little girls/young women, will be celebrating their "first communion" with their families. They have met the past three Thursdays with Father Andrew and I to learn all about the sacrament and why it is so sacred. This past Thursday, they got to make the highly anticipated, VERY special visit to the St. Michael's bell tower! It was my first visit there as well, and I have to say the kids were right ... it IS really cool. The history of the church is almost palpable up there.



Station of the Cross - Good Friday - April 14, 12:00 PM

Father Andrew will hold the Stations of the Cross for children on Good Friday. Although this is geared towards children, it is appropriate for ALL ages and EVERYONE is welcome. It is breathtakingly moving and I highly recommend everyone who is able to attend, to

Church School continues

do so. It always amazes me how much it can continue to stir my emotions year after year. (The same goes for the Maundy Thursday service. Highly endorsed by my favorite 10-year old as being "really awesome" and her "favorite service of the whole year." Need I say more?) .

Following the Stations we usually serve a light LUNCH, however this year it falls on the first day of April vacation. **If you think that you even MIGHT consider attending, please let me know so that we can make some determinations about this.**

—Kelley Callahan.

May Supper Club Dates

Monday, May 1 at 5:30 pm

We welcome Fall 2017 new members.

Tuesday, May 16 at 5:30 pm

Year-End Banquet at Chicago Uno's, Salem

Upcoming Dates to Remember

Sunday, April 9 Palm Sunday

Church School meets in Davenport House at 9:45
Procession of the Palms
Celebration of First Communion
Making Palm Crosses

Thursday, April 13 Maundy Thursday

Maundy Thursday Service and Stripping of the Altar, 7:30 PM (youth choir singing)

Friday, April 14 Good Friday

Stations of the Cross, 12:00 PM
Lunch following (TBD)

Sunday, April 16 Easter Sunday

NO Church School

Fun and Fellowship

St. Michael's Thrift Shop

Spring is here. Think of the Thrift Shop for those last minute Easter baskets, straw, eggs, decorations, placemats and more. And as you dress for spring, set aside those lesser used items for the Thrift Shop. We welcome gently used shirts, jackets, hats, tableware and other spring and summer items!

Don't forget to save your clean paper bags of all sizes for the Thrift Shop. We particularly need small and medium size ones.

The next Thrift Shop meeting will be Sunday, May 14 at 9:00 am in the Parish Hall.

Visit the Thrift Shop's Facebook site, lovingly set up and updated by Ellie Doyle. Thank you, Ellie

www.facebook.com/StMichaelsThriftShopMarblehead/



St. Catherine's Guild

St. Catherine's has had a fun and stimulating winter meetings from our annual Yankee Swap in January to illustrated talks by various speakers. In February, Ed Nilsson spoke about Architecture in Kuwait from pre-oil years to the present and in March Ray Bates reviewed the history of shipwrecks around Cape Ann on the North Shore. Amy McHugh of the Marblehead Water and Sewer Commission is speaking April 6 following our Lenten theme of conservation in our changing climate. We also discussed issues and made plans for pastoral care, new chapter room furnishings and just getting to know each other.

On Sunday, May 7 attendance at the 8:00 am service will swell as members of St. Catherine's come together for our annual Corporate Communion. All are welcome to join us for breakfast afterwards, hosted by Guild officers: President Marilyn Day, Vice-President Jenny Davis-Oliveira, Secretary Jan Smith, and Treasurer Linda Smidt.

On Thursday, June 1 we will end the season with our annual banquet, details to be determined.

Helping St. Michael's Help Others!

First Tuesdays at My Brother's Table in Lynn

Join a group from St. Michael's & St. Andrew's who help the first Tuesday of each month, April 4 and May 2 at 5:30 pm.

Second Saturdays at Lifebridge in Salem

We have 3 different teams that alternate preparing and serving lunch to those in need at Lifebridge in Salem.

Lifebridge is a non-profit organization dedicated to eradicating homelessness and also serving those who are homeless or at a severe economic disadvantage. The St. Michael's coordinators for Saturday, April 8 are Ed and Michelle Baille, and on May 13, Dana Denault. Please contact them if you are interested in participating.

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.



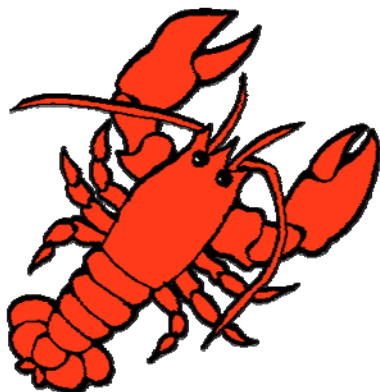
Family Promise in August

Our St. Michael's Family Promise Team is up and running! We had a great turn-out for our March 26th orientation but there's always room for more! If you'd like to be in the loop, please contact Annette Nicolas (annettenicolas@comcast.net) or Katie Hoyer (katie.hoyer@gmail.com). We'll be sending out monthly updates to the people already on our list as we anticipate supporting the Unitarian Universalist Church in August. The UU will be hosting families potentially twice in August and again around the Christmas holidays. In the meantime, there are opportunities to support Family Promise at churches all around the North Shore. As with any occasion of hosting guests, there is much to be done! Many hands make light work and through Family Promise, our hands are joining with our neighbors all across our North Shore community. Thanks, Team! For information about Family Promise, visit www.familypromise.org.

Lobster Lunch Planning

Yes, it's time to start planning our annual Lobster Lunch for held during the Marblehead Festival of Arts, this year, Saturday, July 1st—Tuesday, July 4th. Our first meeting will be **Tuesday, April 25 at 6:30 pm**. The first order of business will be deciding whether to serve 3 days or 4! If anyone would like more information or if interested in joining the committee, please email Ellie Doyle (ellie@doylemarblehead.com). Helping at the Lobster Lunch is a really fun way to enjoy the long weekend while lending a hand to various charities St.

Michael's supports!



**Yahoo.....the
lobsters are coming!
"100% proceeds go to
charity."**

A Note from Our Treasurer Identifying Your Donations!

We appreciate all of your generous pledge and capital campaign contributions. To assist with both the parish's and your record keeping, please be sure to write on the check whether for annual pledge, or for capital campaign.

For stock donations please be sure to email or call the office to indicate whether the donation is a pledge or capital campaign donation.

You can call the office, email the office at office@stmichaels1714.org or the treasurer at stmichaels1714@gmail.com for wiring information or questions. Please note that we are no longer using E*trade account for stock donations. We have changed to a Fidelity Investments account as of April 1, 2017

- Diane Christian, Treasurer



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Holy Week

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9:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II

APRIL 13 MAUNDY THURSDAY

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

APRIL 14 GOOD FRIDAY

12:00 pm Stations of the Cross
followed by Children's Lunch
7:30 pm Solemn Good Friday Liturgy
with sung Passion According to St. John

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10:00 am Festal Eucharist, Rite II with music and choir

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<i>Office Hours Monday - Friday 8:30 am - 12:30 pm</i>	<i>Thrift Shop Hours Tuesday-Saturday 1pm - 4 pm</i>			1 9 am - noon Celtic Quiet Day
5TH SUNDAY IN LENT 2 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:30 am Child Care 9:45 am Church School 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 5:00 pm Evensong & Benediction	3 10:00 am Visiting AA 11:00 am Prayer Shawl 5:30 pm Supper Club	4 5:00 pm St. Michael's Team at My Brother's Table, Lynn	5 9:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am Bible Study 11:45 am Church Staff 6:00 pm Lenten Program at St. Andrew's 8:00 pm AA	6 3:30 pm First Communion Class 4:30 pm Youth Choir 6:30 pm St. Catherine's 7:30 pm Adult Choir	7	8 St. Michael's Team at Lifebridge Ed & Michelle Co-Captains
PALM SUNDAY 9 THE DAY OF THE PASSION 8:00 am Blessing of the Palms Holy Eucharist, Rite I. 9:30 am Child Care - tbd 9:45 am Church School 10:00 am Liturgy of the Palms, Holy Eucharist, Rite II and First Communion	10 10:00 am Visiting AA 11:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry	11	12 9:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am Bible Study 11:45 am Church Staff 8:00 pm AA	13 MAUNDY THURSDAY 11:00 am Bulletin Assembly 7:30 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite II, Foot Washing Stripping of the Altar Prayer Watch Begins	14 GOOD FRIDAY Prayer Watch 12:00 pm Stations of the Cross Lunch t.b.d 7:30 pm Good Friday Liturgy	15 HOLY SATURDAY 9:00 am The Liturgy of the Word 7:30 pm The Great Vigil of Easter
EASTER DAY 16 THE DAY OF THE RESURRECTION 8:00 am Holy Eucharist w/music 9:30 am Child Care No Church School 10:00 am Festal Eucharist, with music & choir	17 Patriot's Day <i>Office Closed</i>	18	19 9:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am Bible Study 11:45 am Church Staff 7:00 pm Vestry Meeting 8:00 pm AA (Parish Hall)	20 No Choir Rehearsals	21 11:00 am Wisdom & Friendship Group	22
2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER 23 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:30 am Child Care 9:45 am Church School 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II John Skelton, Visiting Organist	24 11:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry	25	26 9:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am Bible Study 11:45 am Church Staff 8:00 pm AA	27 4:30 pm Youth Choir 7:30 pm Adult Choir	28	29 9:00 am ECF "Strategic Thinking" Training St. Paul's Cathedral, Boston

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3rd Sunday of Easter April 30 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:30 am Child Care 9:45 am Church School 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II	1 11:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry 5:30 pm Supper Club	2 5:00 pm My Brother's Table in Lynn	3 9:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am Bible Study 11:45 am Church Staff 8:00 pm AA	4 4:30 pm Youth Choir 7:30 pm Adult Choir	5 11:00 am Wisdom & Friendship	6 11:00 am Memorial Service for Frattie Welch
4th SUNDAY OF EASTER 7 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I Guild Corporate Communion & Breakfast-All are welcome 9:30 am Child Care 9:45 am Church School 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 5:00 pm Choral Evensong	8 11:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry	9	10 9:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am Bible Study 11:45 am Church Staff 8:00 pm AA	11 4:30 pm Youth Choir 7:30 pm Adult Choir	12	13 St. Michael's Team at Lifebridge Dana Denault Captain
5th SUNDAY OF EASTER 14 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:00 am Thrift Shop Meeting 9:30 am Child Care 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II & Intergenerational Service	15 11:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry	16 5:30 pm Supper Club end of year dinner Uno's in Salem 7:00 pm Vestry	17 9:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am Bible Study 11:45 am Church Staff 8:00 pm AA	18 7:30 pm Adult Choir	19 9:00 am Bell School Historic Church Tour	20
6th SUNDAY OF EASTER 21 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:00 am Historic Church 9:30 am Child Care 9:45 am Church School 10:00 am Holy Baptism and Holy Eucharist 5:00 pm Organ Recital with Mark Laubach	22 11:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry	23	24 9:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am Bible Study 11:45 am Church Staff 8:00 pm AA	ASCENSION DAY 25 6:00 pm Deanery Assembly at Church of the Ascension, Ipswich 7:30 pm Adult Choir	26 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	27
7th SUNDAY OF EASTER 28 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:30 am Child Care No Church School 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II	29 Memorial Day <i>Office Closed</i>	30	31 9:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am Bible Study 11:45 am Church Staff 8:00 pm AA	<i>Office Hours</i> Monday - Friday 8:30 am - 12:30 pm		<i>Thrift Shop Hours</i> Tuesday-Saturday 1pm - 4 pm