



St. Michael's Newsletter

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From the Rector: We Prepare and Discern

As I write this, just prior to St. Michael's Annual Meeting in January, the New England coast is experiencing its first significant snow fall of the season. Weather reports point to a potential separate and larger Nor'easter following a few days later. Not long ago, one weatherman commented that February was shaping up to be a cold month. So we prepare for cold and snow, whether it arrives or not.



Newly elected Sr. Warden Steve Clay writes in his Annual Report of looking ahead. The parish has celebrated in wonderful fashion its 300th Anniversary, marked by a successful capital campaign and renovations to the campus to enhance St. Michael's ministry to the Marblehead community and beyond. There are more events to come – for instance a Sunday liturgy that incorporates new modes and prayers of worship that could be “of the future” at St. Michael's. That said, as Steve writes, what lies ahead?

St. Michael's is blessed with an active and generous Vestry. The same is said for the parish as a whole. The Vestry will be engaging in a morning long retreat

to begin the process of what, where and how St. Michael's may focus its efforts in the coming years. It is an opportunistic time, and a joyous time, in the aftermath of a very full 300th year. The years to come are full of promise and hope. Ed Nilsson often refers to the St. Michael's church building as a “working monument.” The

original 18th century frame still supports the church building, but as evidenced by the new steeple, it is re-enforced with new, modern materials and technologies. Such is the call of God in Christ in our society and culture today. It is different than our parents' generation (no matter how young or old one's parents are today), but God yearns for our restoration and reconciliation no less now than then. So we build on what we know, and re-enforce those things that need re-enforcing, and alter those things that need altering.

We prepare and discern. In anticipation of Nor-easters, in the quiet of a snow-fall, in the sweep of a snow shovel digging out, always and everywhere, the light of God is with us.

—Fr. Andrew.

Ash Wednesday, February 18

9:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II and Imposition of Ashes

7:30 PM Holy Eucharist Rite II and Imposition of Ashes

Worship & Music

Evensong & Benediction Sunday, February 1 at 5:00 pm

Please join us for Choral Evensong on February 1 at 5 pm - a great way to have a little calm before the Super-Bowl game. We'll be singing canticles by Stanford - the beautiful setting in G Major which features Sarah Hunter and Greg Kazan as soloists. The anthem is a wonderful S.S. Wesley composition entitled "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ" and is an early Victorian gem of the choral literature.

— Doug Major, Music Director



Why We Like to Sing:
an Overview of the Centuries-Long
Tradition of Congregational Singing
in the Anglican Church

Tuesday, February 17 at 7:30 PM
Dr. Douglas Major

Our Tercentenary Lecture Series continues with this hour-long presentation by our Director of Music, Dr. Douglas Major. Dr. Major 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. There is no charge for this event.



Let's Break Our Record!

St. Michael's youth will be collecting for the Marblehead Food Pantry on "Souperbowl" Sunday, February 1, 2015. Fill a bag with unexpired non-perishables for our food pantry box, or make a cash donation to our soup pot. Last year the youth collected \$422 and 47 items. Let's break this record!

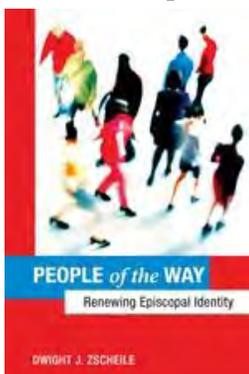
Lenten Preparations

February 17
12:00 noon. **Shrove Tuesday**
Parish Aid & Friends
Soup & Dessert—just come

February 18
9:30 am **Ash Wednesday**
Holy Eucharist, Rite II and
Imposition of Ashes
10:30 am Bible Study
7:30 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite II and
Imposition of Ashes

February 25
6:30 pm **Wednesday**
Soup and Lenten Program begins

Come on Wednesday evenings for a light supper as we discuss Dwight Zscheile's book *People of the Way: Renewing Episcopal Identity*. What does it mean to be an Episcopalian? How do we reach out to others beyond our doors? If you would like a copy of the book, please notify Father Andrew or the church office.



**The Parish & Greater Community
Are Invited to St. Michael's**



**Shrove Tuesday
Pancake Supper
Tuesday, February 17
5:00—7:00 p.m.**

Tickets: \$6 per child or adult
or \$20 per family

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper is a family event which started as households cleared their kitchens of meat and eggs in preparation for Lenten fasting. Today it is a fun event for all ages, for townsfolk and parishioners alike, and run by the men of St. Michael's. Proceeds from the pancake supper benefit the Lucian Ladd Fund started in the 1960s in memory of a young choir boy who died of leukemia. The Fund is used to assist children and youth. Donations are welcome.

Church School & Youth



Some Church School members enjoy a snack together.

Church School in January

Church School has been using a one-room school house model, and will until the beginning of Lent, as we learn about the life of some "Easter People". These are people who although not considered "Saints," have lived their lives pursuing justice and freedom with the help of God. Some of these Easter people include, Harriet Tubman, Martin Luther King Jr., Amelia Bloomer, and John Newton. We have also worked to learn a new song this month, "Amazing Grace", written by John Newton, a former slave trader who had an epiphany and dedicated the remainder of his life to God.

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

Church School Outreach

Also in January, we began working on our annual St. Michael's "Souper Bowl of Caring". This is a national effort. So many Americans celebrate the Super Bowl with abundant food, this gives us the opportunity to remember that not everyone has that luxury.



Upcoming Dates to Remember

- Ongoing—First Communion Sign-up
- Ongoing—Confirmation Class Sign-up
- Feb. 1 "Souper Bowl of Caring" fundraiser
Children's Chapel & Church School 9:30 am
- Feb. 9 Supper Club at 6 pm
- Feb. 15 No Church School (School Vacation Week)
- Feb. 24 Supper Club at 6 pm
- Sunday Child Care at 9:30 am

On behalf of St. Michael's, the youth of our parish will collect canned goods and money on February 1st to donate locally to the Marblehead Food Pantry. Thank you so much for all of your donations! Totals received will be announced soon.

February Highlights

We will begin the month with a Children's Chapel service on February 1st at 9:30 am featuring a visit from our Seminarian Eric Fialho who will act as officiant. Church school will follow.

On Sunday February 15th, there will be no church school, as many of our families travel for the February School vacation.

First Communion Class

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 class will be geared toward children in grade 2 and up, but may also be appropriate for some first graders. This class is not a requirement for the sacrament, rather it is an invitation. It is for children who have already been receiving communion, as well as those who have not yet done so.

Father Andrew and I will meet with children on dates to be announced soon, and will celebrate First Communion on Palm Sunday, March 29th at 10 am.

Please sign up for this class at by emailing either Father Andrew at revajs@stmichaels1714.org or Kelley Howells at kelley@stmichaels1714.org.

-Kelley Howells.

Outreach—Marblehead Food Pantry

Each week 55—65 people come to the Marblehead Food Pantry. In 2014 over 180 households used the Pantry. Over 100 turkeys and hams were given out at Thanksgiving. In the affluent town of Marblehead there are people in need. All items available at the Pantry are donated or bought with donations.

St. Michael's families regularly bring non-perishables to the church and leave them in the designated container in the Parish Hall. Occasionally there are special appeals such as the Souper Bowl of Caring or at Christmas when 2 families went shopping for the pantry Christmas dinners. Members of the Outreach committee rotate taking items to the Pantry during the week using special bags with our Tercentenary logo. Sometimes the bags are returned to us with the next delivery. The Pantry is getting to know us!

Thank you so much for your continuing donations.



Janet Parker, Executive Director at the Marblehead Food Pantry. From MHTV video at <http://vimeo.com/111884767>

Annual Meeting Highlights—It Takes a Whole Church

St. Michael's 301st Annual Meeting was called to order at on Sunday morning, January 25th with The Rev. Andrew Stoessel presiding. Highlights of the meeting included the election of new officers and Vestry members, recognition of outgoing Vestry and others, Stewardship and Capital Campaign reports, plus the reading of a new poem on St. Michael's.

Parish officers for the coming year are Stephen Clay, Sr. Warden; Karin McCarthy, Jr. Warden; Sue Cool, Clerk; James Dearborn, Treasurer; and Diane Christian, Asst. Treasurer. Sarah Bates, Kelley Callahan and Justin Hintlian were elected to the Vestry for 3 years. Father Andrew honored Melissa Amberick, Asst. Treasurer Karl Renney, and Frances Nilsson, Sr. Warden, for their Vestry service as they step off the Vestry, as well as Sarah Bates who completed a 1-year term, and Karin McCarthy who completed a 3-year term but continue in coming year. Also honored at the meeting were Ed Nilsson for his tireless hours overseeing St. Michael's renovations this last year as well as Rob Howie, Jr. for his vision and leadership for our Tercentenary Celebration. In presenting his report, Rob recited a new Tercentenary poem on St. Michael's in the rhythms of H.L. Bursleson's 1914 poem..

As outgoing Sr. Warden, Frances Nilsson thanked the many individuals who each in their varying capacities, helped us accomplish all that we have over the last 5 years. She apologizes if she left anyone out.

Chick Chickering provided an update on Stewardship. We have reached our goal with 122 pledges for \$221,000, but it should be noted that we are still scheduled to withdraw \$70,000 in principal from the endowment.

**What a Year!
Pick Up the 2014
Report & Read.
New Parish Directories
Are Available Also.**

Sarah Bates thanked parishioners for their outstanding generosity exceeding our initial goal. As will all projects, unforeseen circumstances have arisen. Consequently, the campaign remains open with \$40,000 more to raise.

Stephen Clay, Sr. Warden, encourages all to read the reports of various groups. What activity are you interested in? A series of ministry fairs will be held this spring so you can ask questions and learn more.

New St. Michael's

Three centuries, dear House of God,
Thy timbers, framed nearby the sea,
To young and old, rich and poor
Have given shelter lovingly.

Still in and out, through welcome doors,
The generations come and go,
Baptism, marriage, and eternal rest
Blessing on each you do bestow.

With prayer and song and liturgy
Gather your children, feed your sheep;
And guard, in their churchyard graves,
All of those who round thee sleep.

In the years ahead protect your flock
Transform us in God's grace above
And send us forth to do His will
In faith and hope, and love.

- Robert L Howie, Jr.

Stewards of the Month: Betsy and Carl Hyam

Betsy Hyam says, "I was baptized, attended Sunday school, was confirmed, and later Carl and I were married by Fr. Norton." Carl attended Sunday school with friends as a child, sampling churches, and then attended an Episcopal boarding school where he says, "I got the habit." So, when he met Betsy, he began to attend St. Michael's. After their marriage, his father-in-law suggested, "You have to help out." So he did, by working on the stewardship campaign.



And the helping out has continued.

They both have taught Sunday school and Betsy is a member of St. Catherine's Guild. She remembers when Alma Howie, Dorothy Miles, Priscilla Bevins, and Charlotte Sterling were beginning the Fair Preview night dinners. "You might like to do this," they said to her. "I learned so much from them. We went Charlotte's house and learned to do soups, salads, breads, and desserts. It was fabulous to get together to make the food," Betsy recalls. She used to host the breakfasts for the 8:00 service.

Carl is a lector, an usher, and part of the Bell Bunch. "I've done everything but Altar Guild," he says. That includes the Property Management Committee, the Finance Commission, Music and Worship, the Audit Committee, the Vestry several times, Junior and Senior Warden, and he was involved in the recruiting of Doug Major and Fr. Andrew. One of his favorite activities is being in the kitchen

for the Lobster Luncheon while Betsy prefers to work in the tent. "I love the sense of community, the people, being a part of it all," he says. Both he and Betsy have volunteered at Lifebridge for 20 years with the Spabergs and the Denaults.

In their work lives, Betsy has worked 25 years as an interpreter at the House of Seven Gables. She loves it because she meets people from all over the world and she is constantly learning. Carl has done many things in investments, real estate, and property owner-

ship and management. He has also been the financial officer for various non-profits.

They have two children: Todd who lives in Rhode Island and Amy who lives in Marblehead. Todd was in banking but he is currently studying for teaching. Amy works for CW Hood.

The Hyams like to sail in the summer and ski in the winter in Maine. They have a sail boat built in the 60's on which they take day trips. In fact, their first date was on Carl's boat. "We had a blind date and just went on from there," says Betsy.

They like to attend Evensong and host when they can. Betsy says, "I love it. The hymns and prayers give me peace and comfort."

- Marilyn Day

Nicholas Power Tillinghast, Rector 1847

In 1847 Marblehead was still struggling after the devastation of the fishing fleet in 1846. The Rev. Moses P. Stickney had resigned and the Rev. N. Power Tillinghast (1817-1869) stepped in, but only for a very short time.

Nicholas Power Tillinghast was born in Providence, RI on March 3, 1817, the son of Rebecca Power and lawyer Joseph Leonard Tillinghast. After graduating from Brown University in 1837 he went to Society Hill, SC to tutor a nephew. It was there that he felt a call to the ministry enrolling in the Virginia Theological Seminary 1839-1842. On October 7th, 1842 Virginia Bishop William Meade ordained Tillinghast a deacon, and priest not too long afterwards. Tillinghast served as assistant rector at the Monumental Church in Richmond, Virginia, before returning to Society Hill in 1843 to found Trinity Church.

Unfortunately, after 2 years, Tillinghast became ill. An 18 month trip to Europe helped restore his health and he returned to the States. He then worked as a supply priest,

first in Washington, D.C. and from there to Marblehead and on to Philadelphia, perhaps to be near his sisters Mary Ann (Mrs. Truxton D. Beale) or Rebecca (Mrs. Charles Willing). In 1848 St. John's Church in Georgetown, District of Columbia called him to be their rector and it was there that he had a most successful ministry for nearly 20 years.

In May 1864 Tillinghast was in a carriage accident in Groton, Connecticut which led to the amputation of a leg. With his health severely compromised he regretfully resigned in 1866. For the next several years he again supplied pulpits Washington and Philadelphia until his death in August 7, 1869. The Bishop of Pennsylvania described him as "a man of warm, loving heart, earnest and faithful, and of more than ordinary ability and usefulness." Tillinghast has one publication, *A Thanksgiving Sermon* (1865).

—Frances S. Nilsson, Historic Church Committee



February 2015

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 4TH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY Guest Celebrant: The Rev. Jess Petty 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:30 am Children's Chapel 9:30 am Child Care 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II Souper Bowl of Caring 5:00 pm Evensong & Benediction | 2 11:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry | 3 5:00 pm My Brother's Table in Lynn 6:00 pm Marblehead Garden Club | 4 9:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 10:30 am Bible Study 11:45 am Church Staff 8:00 pm AA | 5 8:30 am Wardens 4:45 pm Youth Choir 6:30 pm St. Catherine's -postponed 7:30 pm Adult Choir | 6 | 7 |
| 5TH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:30 am Church School 9:30 am Child Care 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II | 9 11:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:00 pm Supper Club | 10 7:30 pm Doug Major: Why We Like to Sing - postponed | 11 9:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 10:30 am Bible Study 8:00 pm AA | 12 4:45 pm Youth Choir 7:30 pm Adult Choir | 13 | 14 St. Michael's Team at Lifebridge Dana Bennett Captain |
| LAST SUNDAY IN EPIPHANY Guest Celebrant: The Rev. Daniel Weir 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:00 am Historic Church No Church School 9:30 am Child Care 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II | 16 Presidents Day Office Closed | SHROVE TUESDAY 17 Parish Aid & Friends 12 pm noon Shrove Tuesday Pancakes 5 pm - 7 pm | ASH WEDNESDAY 18 9:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II with Imposition of Ashes 10:30 am Bible Study 11:45 am Church Staff 7:30 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite II with Imposition of Ashes 8:00 pm AA | 19 No Youth Choir 7:30 pm Adult Choir | 20 Newsletter Deadline | 21 |
| 1ST SUNDAY IN LENT George Washington's Birthday Bell Ringing: 7:30am, noon, 6 pm 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:30 am Church School 9:30 am Child Care 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II | 23 11:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry | 24 6:00 pm Supper Club 7:00 pm Vestry Office Hours Mon. - Fri. 8:30 am - 12:30 am | 25 9:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 10:30 am Bible Study 11:45 am Church Staff 6:30 pm Soup/Lenten Program 8:00 pm AA | 26 4:45 pm Youth Choir 7:30 pm Adult Choir | 27 | 28 |

Thrift Shop Hours
 Tuesday-Saturday
 1 pm - 4 pm

Welcome Eric Fialho

Please welcome Eric Fialho who will be at St. Michael's for this year as a field education student from the Episcopal Divinity School. Born and raised on the North Shore, Eric recently graduated from Salem State University with a BA in history. He has worked in the public history field for the last several years at historic sites in Salem and Boston.

This past fall Eric entered into Episcopal Divinity School and is currently working towards attaining his Master

of Divinity. At this time, Eric is an aspirant in the midst of discernment and formation seeking ordination with the Diocese of Massachusetts. His sponsoring parish is Grace Church in Salem.

A confirmed Anglophile, Eric loves all things British, in particular but not limited to, Father Brown episodes and ghost stories by M.R. James.

One of Eric's first duties will be leading Church School Chapel on Sunday, February 1st.



February Gatherings

Walt Haug at St. Catherine's Guild Thursday, February 5th at 6:30 pm

St. Catherine's Guild will hold their next dinner meeting on Thursday, February 5th at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Walter Haug will be our guest speaker and will talk to us about the history of Glover's Regiment.

Guests (both male and female) are invited to attend, but are requested to contact Liz Grader, Chairman, and make a reservation by Feb. 3rd at 781/631-9398. Guests can attend dinner for a cost of \$4.00 per person, or attend the lecture only (at approximately 7:30 p.m.). Dinner will consist of meat and vegetable lasagna, salad, garlic bread, with ice cream, hot fudge sauce and strawberries for dessert.

- Pam Oppelt, President.

**POSTPONED
UNTIL MARCH 5**



Walt Haug (right), member of Glover's Regiment, and David Day, member of the Sons of the American Revolution, prepare for the July 4th noon-time march to ring St. Michael's bell for Independence Day. Photo by Crystal Nilsson.

Parish Aid Society & Friends Weather Permitting All Are Welcome—Members & Not!

Shrove Tuesday, February 17 at noon
St. Michael's Parish Hall
Please bring a sandwich and yourself!
We will provide a cup of soup, dessert,
tea and coffee.

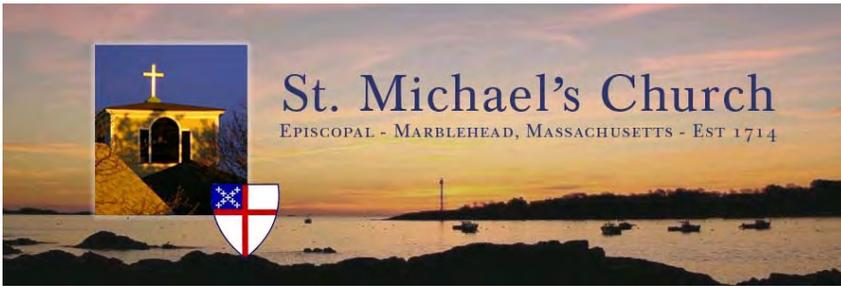
All are welcome to participate in an informal lunch and fellowship on the third Tuesday of the month.

* New directories are in the Parish Hall Lobby.

Ringling for Washington's Birthday

July the 4th is not the only day that Marblehead's Selectmen ask the churches of Marblehead to ring their bells. St. Michael's Bell Bunch will also be ringing our Paul Revere Bell on Washington's birthday. On Sunday, February 22nd, the bells will be rung at 7:30 am—8:00 am, noon—12:30 pm, and 6:00 pm—6:30 pm. Helpers are welcome.





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February 1, 2015, 5 PM
Sunday Evensong and
Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

February 18, 2015

Ash Wednesday

9:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II

7:30 PM Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Both services with Imposition of Ashes.

POSTPONED
UNTIL SPRING
February 10, 2015
7:30 PM
Dr. Douglas Major

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Officers: Stephen Clay, Sr. Warden; Karin McCarthy, Jr. Warden; Sue Cool, Clerk; James Dearborn, Treasurer;
Diane Christian, Asst. Treasurer.

Vestry: Sarah Bates, Kelley Callahan, Brian Carlson, Zavier Chickering, Jennifer Davis-Oliveira, Ellie Doyle, Rory Gaunt,
Justin Hintlian, Robert L. Howie, Jr.

Delegates for Convention: Brian Fizer, Denise Shea. **Deanery Delegates:** Brian Fizer, 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.