



St. Michael's Newsletter

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From the Rector: Why Prayer?

“O Lord...Direct my will, teach me to pray, pray yourself in me.” -Metropolitan Philaret of Moscow, 19th C.

Lent starts early this year. Ash Wednesday falls on February 10. At St. Michaels, we will have two services of Imposition of Ashes with Holy Eucharist, at 9:30 a.m and 7:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday sets us on our 40 day Lenten disciplines and journeys. As is the common practice, we offer a Lenten program. The program will meet Wednesday evenings, beginning on Feb. 17, from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Between 6:30 – 7:00 a light supper is served and time is offered for fellowship. The “program” then follows from 7:00 – 8:00. This year we will talk about prayer.

Why prayer? Prayer is a key component of our relationship with God. We practice it in a variety of ways: corporately and privately; silently and aloud; speaking and singing; in rest and in activity; in church and in the world. The list goes on. It is at the heart of faith and a community of faith. Yet, we wonder if we are going about the right way, if we are doing it right, or feeling a twinge of guilt that we don't pray enough. St. Paul writes in 1 Thessalonians: “Rejoice, always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” (1 Th. 3:16-18) For many, getting to church on a Sunday morning is the best they can do practice prayer. Therefore how are we to pray without ceasing? Other words of St. Paul

from St. Paul bring some compassion to our practice: “The Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words.” (Romans 8:26)

Our Lenten program will use as a guide the book, “The Practice of Prayer,” by Margaret Guenther. The book can be ordered online or through one of our local bookstores. We will read the book together. But like a book on basketball, say, that talks about how one plays basketball, an important thing to do is actually dribble, shoot and pass a basketball! In our Lenten program we will touch on various types and aspects of prayer and have time for practice.



This spring St. Michael's is participating in a process of discernment and discovery through a program call the Leadership Development Initiative (LDI). The process is grounded a practice of contemplative prayer. The team members have found their lives enriched by contemplative prayer, even as the practice has been brand new to many. None are experts or authorities in it, and contemplative prayer may or not resonate with you! That said, prayer is part of what we do as Christians and people of faith. We offer this program to deepen our practice of prayer and understanding of it. Try it on for Lent! As the prayer above says, “Teach me to pray, pray yourself in me.”

Fr. Andrew

Worship & Music

Evensong & Benediction Sunday, February 7 at 5:00 pm

There are two musical events during the month of February. We begin with Choral Evensong on February 7th at 5 pm, with choral music by Ralph Vaughan Williams and Charles Villiers Stanford. Stanford's setting of the Evening Canticles (Magnificat and Nunc dimittis) in G features solo soprano Sarah Hunter and solo tenor Gregory Kazan. Please join us for this service of music and readings and sung prayers; there is no reception afterward so we may all enjoy the Super Bowl game, even though the Patriots are not playing.

Organ Recital, Sunday, February 21



On February 21st at 5 pm we continue our organ recital series with Jacob Street playing music by Lübeck, Stanford, Max Reger, Nicolas de Grigny and the great Passacaglia and Fugue in C Minor by J.S. Bach.

Organist and harpsichordist Jacob Street performs extensively throughout New England as a solo recitalist and continuo player. A graduate of Holy Cross College and Oberlin Conservatory, Mr. Street is currently pursuing a Master's in organ at Yale University's Institute of Sacred Music, where he was the 2015 recipient of the prestigious Robert Baker scholarship. He has studied organ with John Skelton, James David Christie, Olivier Latry, Arvid Gast, and Thomas Murray, as well as harpsichord with Webb Wiggins, Michael Fuerst, and Arthur Haas. From 2013-2014 he studied as a Fulbright Scholar in Lübeck, Germany, taking lessons on the many historical instruments there and giving recitals throughout northern Germany.

Mr. Street has been a prizewinner in multiple competitions, including the Prize for the Interpretation of French Music in Biarritz, France; Second Prize in the International Buxtehude Organ Competition in Lübeck, Germany; and, most recently, the Prix de la ville d'Angers in the Jean-Louis Florentz International Organ Competition. He has performed across Europe and North America, including in Tallinn, Estonia; Toronto, Ontario; and in concert with the Boston Symphony Orchestra.

Please join us to hear this very talented and energetic young performer. A reception follows the concert.

— Doug Major, Music Director

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



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper Tuesday, February 9 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 townfolk 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.

Lenten Preparations

February 9 12:00 noon.	Shrove Tuesday Parish Aid & Friends Soup & Dessert—just come
February 10 9:30 am 10:30 am 7:30 pm	ASH WEDNESDAY Holy Eucharist, Rite II and Imposition of Ashes Bible Study Holy Eucharist, Rite II and Imposition of Ashes
February 17 6:30 pm	Wednesday Soup and Lenten Program
February 24 6:30 pm	Wednesday Soup and Lenten Program

Church School & Youth



Some Church School members enjoy making crafts at the Davenport House.

Church School Outreach—Souper Bowl of Caring

While planning Super Bowl celebrations please keep in mind those less fortunate by donating to the “Souperbowl of Caring”.

The “Souperbowl of Caring” Fundraiser is a nationally organized effort in which funds are raised for a local charity of our choice. Our children here at St. Michael's have participated 7 times over the last 10 years and have raised a total of over \$2,400 and nearly 500 food items. Last year was a great year, when we raised over \$400 and 280 food items for the Marblehead Food Pantry. Can we break our own record this year? Let's try!

To contribute to this endeavor, just drop off unexpired non-perishables to our food pantry box, or make a cash donation to our soup pot on “Souperbowl” Sunday, February 7, 2016.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Once again this year we will be commemorating Shrove Tuesday and marking the beginning of Lent, with a pancake supper on Tuesday, February 9th from 5-7 p.m. here in the parish hall. This supper is open to all. Tickets are \$6 per person with a \$20 family maximum. All profits from the supper go to benefit the Lucian Ladd fund. Tickets may be purchased in advance from the office; week-

days between 8:30 and 12:30, or at the door. Please contact Steve Clay at sbc@bullpenmedia.com if you can assist us in any way with the Pancake supper.

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, February 10th we will have the Imposition of Ashes and Eucharist at the 9:30am and 7:30pm services.

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 it 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 not yet received communion, as well as give a deeper meaning for those who are already receiving.

Father Andrew and I will meet with children on February 25th, March 3rd, March 10th, and March 17th. We will meet from 3:30pm until 4:30pm here at St. Michael's parish hall. The celebration of First Communion will be on Palm Sunday, March 20th.



Church School, Fellowship & More

Church School continued

Please assist us in our planning by signing up today.
[Please sign up for this class at either](mailto:revajs@stmichaels1714.org)
revajs@stmichaels1714.org or
kelly@stmichaels1714.org.

Confirmation Class

This year confirmation within our Deanery will be taking place on September 24th. Here at St. Michael's we will be offering a course in preparation for confirmation with sessions during April, May and September. This course will be available to students in the 8th grade and up. If you have any questions about this program or would like to sign up please contact Father Andrew at revajs@stmichaels1714.org.

-Kelley Howells.

Church School/Youth Dates to Remember

- Ongoing—First Communion Sign-up
- Ongoing—Confirmation Class Sign-up
- Sunday Child Care at 9:30 am
- February 7, 2016: Nursery Care, Church School, "SuperBowl of Caring"
- February 8, 2016: Supper Club
- February 9, 2016: Shrove Tuesday pancake supper
- February 14, 2016: Nursery Care, No Church School (February vacation)
- February 21, 2016: Nursery Care, Church School
- February 23, 2016: Supper Club
- February 25, 2016: First Communion Class
- February 28, 2016: Nursery Care, Church School
- March 3, 2016: First Communion Class
- March 6, 2016: Nursery Care, Church School
- March 7, 2016: Supper Club
- March 10, 2016: First Communion Class
- March 13, 2016: Nursery Care, Church School
- March 17, 2016: First Communion Class
- March 20, 2016: First Communion at the 10 o'clock Palm Sunday Service
- March 27, 2016: Easter Sunday

Charles L. Wells—Addendum Officiating Clergyman, 1913-1915

Last month we profiled The Rev. Dr. Charles L. Wells, Acting Rector, 1893-1894, and later founding Dean of the School of Theology at the University of the South.

Gene Arnould on Samuel Chamberlain at St. Catherine's Guild Thursday, February 4 at 6:30 pm All Are Invited Please RSVP for Dinner

St. Catherine's Guild will meet on Thursday, February 4th at 6:30 p.m. The guest speaker will be Gene Arnould of Arnould Gallery who will give a talk on the prints of Samuel Chamberlain. Chamberlain is known to many as the photographer for a series of books on New England towns, landscapes and interiors, including *Old Marblehead: A Camera Impression*, published in 1940 with a second edition in 1975. Chamberlain and his wife were also Marblehead residents and St. Michael's parishioners. His prints are less well know, so don't miss this treat!

Dinner is \$4.00 per person. All women attending St. Catherine's for the first time are welcome for dinner as the Guild's guest. Dinner will consist of lasagna, salad, bread, with ice cream and berries for dessert. Please contact Jennifer Oliveira if you would like to join us for dinner and talk.

- Marilyn Day, President

Thrift Shop Winter Sale

St. Michael's Fabulous Thrift Shop Winter Apparel Sale will run February 2nd until the 29th. All Men's and Women's clothing will be half price. Look for the RED "X". Valentine's Day and Chinese New Year gifts are available with ridiculously reasonable prices, but not half price.

While the Shop is in the midst of it's clearance sale, please save your wonderful Winter clothing donations until November. Think Spring! Lighter weight outer wear is needed along with any fabulous items suitable for EASTER (March 27) and Spring.

The next Volunteer meeting is February 14 at 9AM in the Parish Hall. Please join us. Thank you.

— Pat Spaberg

We noted that Wells gave the historical address at the Bicentennial Celebration in 1914, but failed to note that he was St. Michael's Acting Clergyman at the time, from September 1913 until spring 1915 when The Rev. Lyman Rollins was called.

— F.S.N.



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February 7, 2016, 5 PM
Sunday Evensong and
Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

February 10, 2016

Ash Wednesday

9:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II

7:30 PM Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Both services with Imposition of Ashes.

February 21, 2016, 5 PM

Organ Recital

Jacob Street

Performing Works of
Lübeck, Stanford, Max Reger,
Nicolas de Grigny & Bach

St. Michael's Episcopal Church

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

Vestry: Sarah Bates, Kelley Callahan, Jennifer Davis-Oliveira, Ellie Doyle, Brian Fizer, Rory Gaunt, Justin Hintlian, William Miller, Octavia Moniz

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 11:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry 3:30 pm Youth Choir 5:00 pm MyBrother's Table in Lynn	3 9:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 10:30 am Bible Study 11:45 am Church Staff 8:00 pm AA	4 6:30 pm St. Catherine's 7:30 pm Adult Choir	5	6
LAST SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY 7 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:30 am Child Care 9:45 am Church School 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II Souper Bowl of Caring 5:00 pm Evensong & Benediction	8 11:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:00 pm Supper Club	SHROVE TUESDAY 9 11:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry 3:30 pm Youth Choir Shrove Tuesday Pancakes 5 pm – 7 pm	ASH WEDNESDAY 10 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	11 7:30 pm Adult Choir	12	13 St. Michael's Team at Lifebridge Dana Denault Captain 3 pm Forum St. John's Beverly
1ST SUNDAY IN LENT 14 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:00 am Thrift Shop No Church School 9:30 am Child Care 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II	Presidents 15 Day Office Closed	16 11:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry No Youth Choir	17 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	18 7:30 pm Adult Choir	19 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	20
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