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St. Michael's Newsletter

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Birthday to

Benjamin G. Clark

Theo G. Bachelder

Tucker D. Atkinson

Clive Connolly

From the Rector

Making my way home from the Swampscott "T" station the morning of Dec. 22, I noticed a number of cars parked at Preston Beach. This is the beach at the town line of Marblehead-Swampscott. Dawn was breaking; the sun was just rising. Glancing briefly toward the ocean there was a group of people gathered in the circle of pillars. They were celebrating the winter solstice. The shortest day had passed. The dawn heralds a time of increased light, if only in increments, and through this, hope for a new year.

I was in a hurry to get home so I didn't stop. Yet it came to me that Advent begins a new year for the church, and how the readings of Advent all point to a new time of God's reign. Christmas then celebrates that new time in remembering Jesus' birth – God's self-giving of love and hope for humankind. Now, as the twelve days of Christmas draw to a close and the calendar year changes to 2012, we are invited to grow in awareness – spiritually and otherwise – through manifes-

tation of Jesus' light to the world. The season of Epiphany invites us to see God's light in and around us. We are very much part of that dawning of new light.

Back at Christmas, the infant Jesus almost didn't make it to the manger! At the 5:00 Christmas Eve service I normally ask one of the young children to carry the small ceramic infant Jesus from the altar to the crèche. In the excitement of this year's Christmas pageant, I forgot! Thankfully, two of our acolytes, Rose Clark and

Isabella Renney, saw the infant on the altar. At the end of the service, they quietly laid him in the manger. Looking back, I can say that the light of Christ is carried by all – often quietly, sometimes unbeknownst by many – even when we forget ourselves!

May Christ be manifested in you this season of Epiphany. May the new year herald peace, prosperity and health. May God be with you.

- Fr. Andrew

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**Annual Meeting Jan. 29, 2012
after the 9:30 a.m. Worship Service**
There will be only one service on January 29 at 9:30 a.m.

From the Music Director

A Happy and healthy New Year to you all!

Please join me in thanking the Choir and our soloists for their beautiful singing during the Christmas season. Special thanks also go out to John Skelton, organist, who so skillfully and graciously filled in for me during the Advent season.

My experience playing a concert tour with Elizabeth Von Trapp and the Empire Brass Quintet during December was a rewarding and musically exciting time. We played 18 concerts in a 24 day period, performing in Madison Wisconsin, Orono, Maine and 14 other locations in between. The full houses in the concert halls and the wonderfully receptive audiences were just enough to make getting up at 4 am to catch a flight to the next city a bearable experience! The most rewarding concert of all

took place in Wilkes-Barre, PA, about 25 miles from my hometown of Berwick. The concert was in the Kirby Center for the Performing Arts, originally the Comerford Theater, built in 1934. My grandfather, C. E. Fetterman, was a staff architect for the theater chain, and was the lead architect on this project. His picture hangs in the theater lobby – needless to say, it was a great thrill for me to play in “grandpa’s” theater.

Dates to add to your calendar:

Evensong— Sunday February 5th at 5 pm

Organ Recital—Sunday February 19 at 5 pm
Rosalind Mohnson, organist

- Douglas Major, Music Director

Dates, Deadlines & Communication



St. Catherine's Guild Annual Yankee Swap Thursday, January 5th at 6:30 pm

The Guild will meet at 6:30 pm on Thursday, January 5th for our annual Yankee swap. Bring a wrapped gift—a re-gifted item, a fun item, but definitely inexpensive—and see which gift is swapped the most!

Nominating Committee Seeks Suggestions

The Nominating Committee is considering candidates for leadership positions in the church. Each year at the Annual Meeting of the parish, St. Michael's elects two wardens, clerk, treasurer, assistant treasurer, 3 Vestry members and 2 delegates to the Diocesan convention.

If you know of a good candidate, or if you are interested yourself, please contact any member of the Nominating Committee: David Bittermann, Frances Nilsson, Avery Russell and the Rev. Andrew Stoessel.

**The Annual Meeting is scheduled for
Sunday, January 29, 2012.**

Annual Reports Due January 13th

Committee/Commission Chairs—Please turn in your annual report for 2011 to Jane Maihos by Friday, January 13, 2012. The early date facilitates combining, copying and collation. The annual meeting will be held on Sunday, January 29th, 2012.

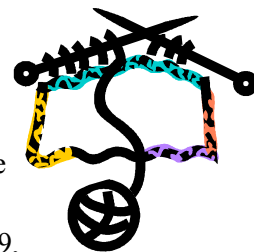
Also, please send reports electronically, preferably single-spaced in Times New Roman 12-point font. This year we hope to combine reports into one document to save paper and enable automatic pagination.

Prayer shawl Ministry

A new ministry is forming at St. Michael's combining the care and love of knitting with mindful prayer and meditation to create shawls to be given to those in need of comfort.

The first meeting is Monday, Jan. 9, 11:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Prior knitting experience is not required!

A sign up sheet is located in the foyer. Please contact Anne Clark at 781-631-0002 with questions.



Parish Aid Luncheon

Tuesday,
January 17
12:00 Noon

Church School - Aileen Ryder

Church School

Church School meets Sunday mornings at 9:30 am. Students in pre-K-1st grade use Godly Play. Weaving God's Promises is for students in grades 2-5.

The Supper Club

A gathering of Middle School Youth on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month at 6pm.

High School Youth

Lunch on the last Sunday of the month.

January Highlights

One-Room Church School During the months of January & February all the children of the Church School will explore the stories of Jesus' ministry together in a One-Room Church School.

Youth Field Trip Middle School & High School Youth are invited to a special youth-oriented service at St. John's Church in Saugus. This Eucharistic service features the music of U2. We will meet at St. Michael's Church at 6:30pm. Permission slips are needed to attend.

Family Potluck Dinner & Movie Everyone is welcome to join the Church School Families at this potluck dinner. We will also be screening a family-friendly movie.

Dinner & A Movie

January 22 all Families (with and without children) are invited to join us for a potluck dinner. We will also be

screening a movie. This proved a great hit last year... our younger parishioners were entertained while the grown ups had more time to socialize with one another. Please watch your inbox and the parish hall for more information and to sign up to bring a dish.

Lessons in Sharing

Parents have spoken of wishing to share with their children a sense of charity and giving. In hopes to teach that lesson, we have provided the children with offering envelopes.

Last fall the Church School had a special unit on stewardship. While preparing for that unit I came across a helpful phrase for discussing stewardship of financial resources with children: "Share, Save, Spend."

As a child, I learned to "Save & Spend." Whenever I received money, whether as a gift or as payment for work, I would first choose an amount to save before making a purchase. And that lesson has stuck with me—my first step with each paycheck is to save.

However, the third part of the slogan was just not something I learned. Sure I learned to share my toys, my talents, my time, but my money was always *mine*. I would of course put a dollar or two in the collection basket, but that money was only in my possession for the time it took to pass from my parent's wallet into the basket. Only now am I learning to share my financial resources with the same generosity I have in other matters. Through these offering envelopes, the children of St. Michael's will learn that *all* our resources, money included, are meant to be shared.

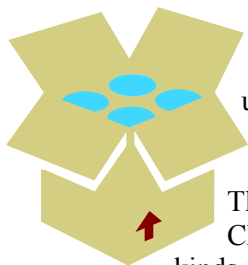
Church School & Youth Schedule

Date	Special Event	Youth	Weaving God's Promises
Sunday, January 1	New Year's Day		No Church School
Friday, January 6	Youth Field Trip	U2charist @ St. John's in Saugus. Meet @ 6:30	
Sunday, January 8			Jesus Shows His Powers in Cana and at the Temple
Tuesday, January 10		Supper Club: "Does God Still Create Stuff Today?"	
Sunday, January 15			The Woman at the Well Spreads the Word
Sunday, January 22	Family Potluck Dinner & Movie Night @ 5pm		People See Signs and Miracles
Tuesday, January 24		Supper Club: "Who Wrote the Bible, God or Humans?"	
Sunday, January 29			Who Does Jesus Say He Is?

More News

Thrift Shop Winter Hours

Tuesday—Friday, 1—4 PM



Are you tired of your Christmas decorations? Do you have some you never use? Well, don't stow them away for another year! Donate items in good condition to the Thrift Shop. The Thrift Shop will store them to sell next Christmas. Seasonal decorations of all kinds are a popular item at the Thrift Shop.

Congratulations!

St. Michael's parishioners Doris Bartlett, Helen Egan, and Martha Gorham, plus several others were named honorary board members of the Marblehead Female Humane Society at their annual meeting in November 2011. The MFHS, founded in 1816 to provide assistance to those in need. Lee Weed serves as its current directress.

Stewards of the Month—Doris Bartlett

Doris Bartlett was baptized at St. Michael's by Fr. Lyman Rollins when she was five, an event which she recalls well. However, the record was somehow lost so one day Father Andrew re-baptized her and now her baptism is officially in the annals of St. Michael's.

She attended Sunday School and remembers the song the children used to sing when the class ended:

Our Sunday School is over,
 Our Sunday School is over,
 And we are going home.
 Good-by, good-by.
 Be always kind and true

In the summer after the Sunday School classes ended, the children would take a trip to Salem Willows or Canobie Lake. As she grew older, she was confirmed and attended Sunday School through high school. Years later, she taught Sunday School and today she would love to see more children in Sunday School.

One of her favorite memories took place in the old Parish Hall which had an altar and a sanctuary. She and her girl friend Dorothy Prescott were in a play in which she played an old man with a cane and heavy coat. "None of us knew our lines as well as we should have," she says. The play did not go well, but the audience still clapped and called for the director who, thoroughly embarrassed, had hidden under the altar.

She and her husband Charles, who passed away 18 years ago, were married at St. Michael's on December 1, 1935. "We had no money so we sent no invitations, just told people and my mother made a few sandwiches for



those who might come back to the house," Doris says. Nonetheless, the church was filled, even the choir loft. One reason they had no money was that they had bought a house. Charles had pointed out the house and proposed by saying, "How would you like to live there?" Charles later was the superintendent of the town cemeteries.

For many years Doris had the Bide-a-Wee Restaurant in the summers. Her bread was famous and after she sold the restaurant, she would make 35 loaves of her bread for the Christmas Fair. They sold for five dollars each, a price Doris laughs and calls "highway robbery." The label on the bread had a poem she wrote:

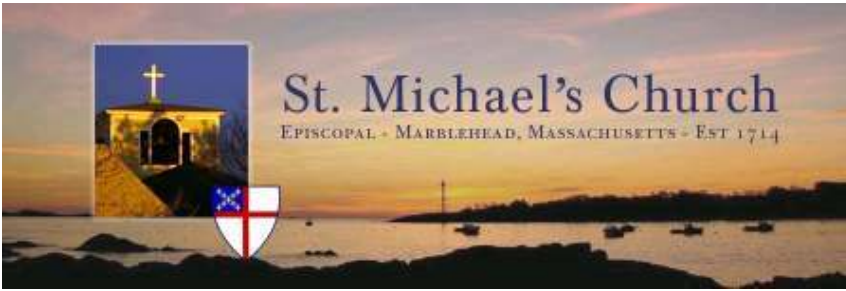
I baked this bread the other day,
 I sliced and froze it right away.
 If you take and toast a slice,
 It will taste really nice.

Though she no longer makes bread, having given the mixer and recipe to a grandson who likes to cook, "Doris Bartlett's Bread" is now made by Valerie Wyckoff for the fair using her loaf pans and recipe .

Doris and her late husband had three children: two daughters, Lee Weed and Sue Byors, and a son, Woody, who passed away from a heart attack.

Turning 99 at the end of December, Doris says, "I manage. I take the bitter with the sweet and try to be thankful." And she attends St. Michael's just as she always has.

- Marilyn Day



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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.

Parish-Wide Annual Meeting Sunday, January 29, 2012

Parish Hall

Following the 9:30 a.m. worship service.

There will be only one service
on January 29 at 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School begins at 9:00 a.m.

St. Michael's Church

Officers: David Bittermann, Sr. Warden; Frances Nilsson, Jr. Warden; Sarah Bates, Treasurer; Laurence Robbins, Asst. Treasurer; Walter Haug, Clerk.

Vestry: Jenny Armini, Stephen Clay, Susan Cool, Ian Hunter, Harriett Magee, Joe Oliveira, Avery Russell, Thomas Weber, Victor Wild.

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; Aileen Ryder, Church School Director, Jane Maihos, Parish Administrator; Jennifer Hill, Sexton.

Saint Michael's Church

January 2012

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

<p>1) THE HOLY NAME OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II The Rev. Daniel Weir, Celebrant & Preacher. <i>One service only.</i> <i>NO Children's Chapel, Church School or Choral Evensong</i></p>	<p>2) New Year's Holiday <i>Office closed</i></p>	<p>3) 5:00 pm St. Michael's Team, My Brothers' Table in Lynn 7:30 pm Property Mgt.</p>	<p>4) 9:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am Bible Study 11:45 am Staff Meeting 8:00 pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>5) 6:30 pm Saint Catherine's Guild 7:30 pm Adult Choir</p>	<p>6) THE EPIPHANY 6:30 pm Youth meet at church for 7:30 pm U2charist, St. John's Church, Saugus</p>	<p>7) 11:00 am Wardens</p>
<p>8) EPIPHANY 1 THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:30 am Church School 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II</p>	<p>9) 11:00 am – 12:30 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry <i>Jan. 9 through Jan 16</i> <i>Father Andrew on vacation</i></p>	<p>10) 6:00 pm Middle School Supper Club</p>	<p>11) 9:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am Bible Study 11:45 am Staff Meeting 8:00 pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>12) 7:30 pm Adult Choir</p>	<p>13) Annual Reports Due for all Ministries. <i>Send electronically, single spaced, Times New Roman, 12 font</i></p>	<p>14) 11:00 am St. Michael's Team, Lifebridge, Salem</p>
<p>15) EPIPHANY 2 The Rev. Daniel Weir, Celebrant & Preacher. 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:30 am One Room Church School 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II</p>	<p>16) Martin Luther King, Jr., Day <i>Office closed</i></p>	<p>17) 12:00 pm Parish Aid 7:30 pm Vestry Meets</p>	<p>18) 9:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am Bible Study 11:45 am Staff Meeting 8:00 pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>19) 11:00 am Assemble Annual Reports 7:30 pm Adult Choir</p>	<p>20)</p>	<p>21)</p>
<p>22) EPIPHANY 3 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:30 am Church School 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 5:00 pm Parish Potluck Supper & Movie</p>	<p>23) 11:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry</p>	<p>24) 6:00 pm Middle School Supper Club</p>	<p>25) 9:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am Bible Study 11:45 am Staff Meeting 8:00 pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>26) 7:30 pm Adult Choir</p>	<p>27)</p>	<p>28)</p>
<p>29) EPIPHANY 4 9:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II, <i>One Service only</i> 9:30 am Church School 11:00 am Annual Parish Meeting</p>	<p>30)</p>	<p>31) 6:30 pm North Shore Deanery, Christ Church, Hamilton</p>	<p>Parish Office Hours Monday – Friday 8:30 am – 12:30 pm</p> <p>Thrift Shop Hours Tuesday – Saturday 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.</p>			