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St. Michael's Newsletter

From the Rector –Tender Compassion for Summer Months

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July-August Calendars

Happy July & August Birthdays to

Jessica Ann Attridge
 Brenna Hamilton
 David Armini
 Marah Kleykamp
 Riley Elizabeth Bowen
 Noah Bittermann
 Madeleine Capshaw
 William Pruett

“In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us.” (Luke 1:78)

Ahhh. Summer beckons. As the daylight hours grew longer in June and the warmer weather arrived, the above words from Zechariah resonated with me.

June has been a month of transition. Per usual the program year drew to close. Sunday Nursery Care, Church School, the Choir had their final classes and sang their final anthems for a well deserved summer break. The St. Michael's Nursery School also closed. Its last days were poignant. As you know, the St. Michael's Nursery School will not reopen in the fall.

Donna Hingston, Executive Director and Lead Teacher for the nursery faithfully and gently guided the school and its many students over the last ten years. Donna will be in and out over the summer to help organize the books, toys, puzzles and games, and hundreds of large and small items.

The decision to close the nursery school was not an easy one. There is grief in its coming to an end. However, the “tender compassion of God” is present.

May it rest with Donna and the many teachers, parents, and children who have participated in the school.

In mid-June the parish experienced the sudden and unexpected death of our sexton, Ron St. Pierre. Ron was a tireless and conscientious worker. It was my honor to officiate his graveside service at Waterside Cemetery. The “tender compassion of God” was present at that heart-felt gathering.

Meanwhile, the Lobster Lunch nears; St. Michael's partnership with the St. Peter's, Salem, Youth summer program (SPY) is on the horizon; summer worship hours are going into effect; and various meetings to plan for the fall are scheduled. And we thought it was suppose to slow down in the summer!

During these summer hours, may the tender compassion of God and the dawn from on high break upon you. May you find rest and restoration in these warmer days.

- Fr. Andrew

July—August Sunday Schedule

One Service: 9:00 am Holy Eucharist with Music

It was so successful last year, we're having a single Sunday service for two months this year. It's a wonderful opportunity for folks of the 8 and 10 AM services to get to know one another. We also strongly encourage everyone to invite friends, acquaintances, and neighbors to join us for this single Sunday worship service. This is a great chance for newcomers to be introduced to St. Michael's warm and welcoming spiritual community.

2010-2011 Organ Recitals & Choral Evensongs

I hope that you are all enjoying a relaxing summertime with family and friends. For next season, we have a fine line-up of artists who will be joining me for our Organ Recital Series. Please mark your calendars now so you won't miss a single one!

Sunday, Oct. 17 at 5 pm - Douglas Major
 Sunday, Nov. 21 at 5 pm - William C. Crane,
 Portland, Oregon

Friday, Feb. 18 at 7:30 pm - Maxine Thevenot,
 St. John's Cathedral, Albuquerque, New Mexico

Sunday, Mar. 20 at 5 pm - Peter Krasinski, Boston, MA
 Sunday, May 15 at 5 pm - Barbara Bruns, Andover, MA

Choral Evensong will continue on the first Sunday of each month, beginning October 3. Please join us for these wonderful musical events at St. Michael's, and remember, the only way we can grow as a community is to invite others to join us.

Have a great summer!

—Doug Major, Music Director

Save the Date – September 24, 2010

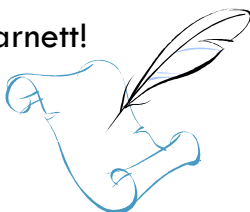
Michaelmas All-Parish Pot Luck Supper



In connection with the celebration of the Feast of Saint Michael we are planning a pot luck supper for Friday, September 24. Please save the date for what promises to be a convivial evening of fellowship and good food. More details will follow as the event approaches.

Congratulations to Rebekah Barnett!

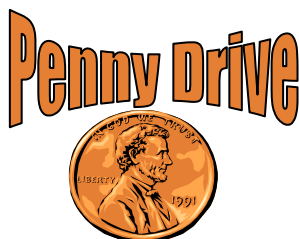
Rebekah attended the New England Young Writer's Conference this past May at the Middlebury College's Bread Loaf Campus.



Church School & Youth—Aileen Ryder

Church School and Haiti

Fr. Kesner Ajax, the facilitator of church partnerships for the Diocese of Haiti, was in Massachusetts recently to meet with representatives from partnering churches. The Church School is happy to report St. Michael's was able to hand him \$108.51 raised by our children for St. Thomas in Arcahaie, Haiti. Fr. Ajax will also be bringing pen-pal letters from our Church School to St. Thomas' School. Our students wrote letters, drew pictures of home and sent photos to the students of St. Thomas school. We look forward to the responses from St. Thomas.



*Thanks to the children,
 who raised \$108.51*

Looking forward

At the Church School meeting in June parents and teachers discussed what their hopes for next year. We will continue to work with the Godly Play curriculum, while exploring supplements to the curriculum for students in Godly Play II. We will also continue with community building activities, such as the picnic, movie night, and pot luck.

Special thanks to Noah Bitterman who has worked with the Church School on outreach projects.

Special thanks to Lily and Cordelia Roberts who have helped watch and entertain the children at various events throughout the year; most recently watching the children during a Church School meeting.

Church School

Godly Play classes for students pre-K through 5th grade meet Sundays at 9:30am.

The Supper Club

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

High School Youth

Stay connected through our Facebook page.

Please watch the fall schedule for dates.

It is important for teachers to understand the curriculum and how we use it here at St. Michael's; therefore, there will be teacher training sessions September 19. Please take time to consider being a teacher in the Church School—you don't have to have children in the church school to be involved!

Mark your calendar

Sunday September 12— Start of Church School year

Sunday September 19— Teacher training

Summer Helpings for Your Neighbor



St. Michael's gets ready for our annual Lobster Luncheon.

The Lobster Lunch still has openings for kitchen and dining area volunteers. Although we especially need kitchen chefs on the afternoons of Sunday July 4 and Monday July 5, and dining area help on the mornings and afternoons on Sunday July 4 and Monday July 5, there are several other positions open for adults, youth and middle / high schoolers. Sign-up for a fun morning or afternoon working toward our parish outreach goals! Also, bakers, don't forget to sign-up to make brownies or cookies (especially needed for July 4 and 5)!

St. Michael's

Heavenly Lobster Luncheon

July 3rd, 4th, 5th

11 AM—3 PM

100% Proceeds to Charities

Lobster rolls, hot dogs, peanut butter & jelly sandwiches, clam chowder, Marblehead salad, watermelon, brownies & cookies, and beverages including our wonderful iced tea. Plus Heavenly & Doggone Meal Deals!

Historic Church Tours

11 AM— 2 PM

Organ Recital: Doug Major

July 4th, 12:30 PM

Independence Day

Bell Ringing

7:30AM—8:30 AM

Noon—12:30 PM

6:00 PM—6:30 PM

Volunteer! But also come and enjoy!

Our Partnership with SPY at St. Peter's/San Pedro's Salem – July 20-22



We have been invited to partner with St. Peter's/San Pedro's in Salem with their summer program, called "SPY: Saint Peter's Youth Summer Program." This program has helped to foster an enriching, safe, and positive summer experience for the working, impoverished members of the St. Peter's/San Pedro's community for the past two summers. Most families are immigrant families that cannot afford summer programs or are unaware of the possibilities. SPY is committed to offering healthy choices to their children and youth. In addition to the 3 days a week that SPY meets, the program is also works with community organizations for youth.

SPY increases the esteem and strengthens the positive identities of teens at risk. The program affirms the gifts and talents of youth through spiritual formation and leadership development offerings, enhancing interpersonal communication with experiential learning projects in the community. SPY enables youth to develop conflict management skills and acquire job-readiness through partnership with the Salem Family Self Sufficiency Center. Finally, fun is an important part of SPY's mission!

We will be partners in this project for July 20, 21 & 22. We are invited to serve as St. Michael's Companions who will be present throughout the camp day (10am-2pm), and help serve meals prepared by St. Michael's chefs. We will take the youth of St. Peter's/ San Pedro's on a field trip (possibly a visit to Marblehead and St. Michael's!). Please join us for this cultural exchange. There are so many ways you can be involved, even if you can't be present during the day. You may contact Aileen (drear@stmichaels1714.org) for more information.

**As a partner
we will host
a field trip and
provide meals—
you can help!**

—Aileen

Other Summer Outreach Activities at St. Michael's

Thank you!

Check out the bulletin board for thank you notes from the Marblehead Food Pantry, Esperanza Academy, ER&D and more!



Marblehead Food Pantry Needs

Goods are needed throughout the summer: peanut butter & jelly, canned fruits & vegetables, soups, dry pasta, spaghetti sauce, canned tuna, powdered milk, toiletries, cleaners, etc. There is a bin just inside the parish hall door for non-perishable food donations.



Parishioner Harriett Magee and Mhd'er Margaret Smist prepare lunch at Lifebridge, formerly known as Salem Mission. Three St. Michael's teams prepare lunch on the second Saturday of each month.

Peace starts with a smile — ☺

Visit to Esperanza Academy

On Friday, April 30 Gordon Spaberg drove Renee Conly, Marilyn Day, Val Wyckoff and Pat Spaberg to the Esperanza Academy in Lawrence.

We met with Sarah Turner, Director of Development and delivered a large container of paper and school supplies donated by St. Michael's parishioners, along with a donation of office supplies from Deirdre Robbins and a full carton of computer paper donated by Bill and Renee Conly. We also presented a check for \$1,200.00, the proceeds from the Esperanza Dinner Dance held in February. This was warmly and enthusiastically received! Packages of paper went to the math department as soon as they came out of the cartons. There was a definite need and appreciation for the supplies

Three delightful, poised and friendly students escorted the group around the Esperanza School. Their enthusiasm for their school and pride in being students was a pleasure to see. They are very comfortable in their space. We felt pleased to be a part of the support network for Esperanza.

Marilyn Day, recently retired member of Marblehead High School's English Department, just gave two classes on reading Chinese, Japanese and Korean literature at Esperanza since our visit April 30 for their literature week. Marilyn was also able to donate a few books to the department. She said it was a closer look at how it all

works at Esperanza and the girls were enthusiastic.

There are two goals we hope to work towards. One, we hope we can refill St. Michael's Donation Box located in the parish hall and have another group of interested parishioners return it to Esperanza in September and experience the school themselves. Two, The Esperanza School's major fund raiser Auction and dinner will be held on Saturday, November 6, this year at the Andover Country Club. This is a new location. Save the date, if you are able. Please speak to any member of the Esperanza Group if you have questions, or if you want to join the team.

- Pat Spaberg



Rene Conly and Marilyn Day with students at Esperanza Academy.

Stewardship Opportunities

Summer Improvements

At its May meeting the Vestry approved several projects:

- Painting of selected sides of the church & rectory;
- Episcopal Church sign replacements—the Summer & Pleasant Street poles moved slightly, metal signs replaced, and additional information signs added; and
- Narthex improvements—a Haitian cross will replace the Rector board (future location tbd), the welcoming shelf moved to the center, additional lighting and more.

Designated funds are being used, but donations welcome. Questions? Contact Junior Warden David Bittermann.

The Thrift Shop Needs More Goods!

Make room in your closet and donate those clothes you no longer wear! Clothes, linens and housewares—clean and in good condition—can be left in the designated bin in the parish hall or bring to the Thrift Shop.

Summer Hours: Monday—Saturday, 1—4 PM.

Our Stewards of the Month: Sarah, Ian & Scotia Hunter

Seven years ago Sarah was hired to sing soprano in the choir and as Ian says, “I tagged along.” However, he soon found the sense of community at St. Michael's that he believes is most important in a church home. They recall the support they felt when after their daughter Scotia's baptism, they invited everyone at the service back to their house and many came to welcome Scotia at the beginning of her church life.

Sarah loves the choir, working with Doug Major and with people like the late Jack O'Brien. One memorable time was at an organ recital by Nick White when she premiered a song cycle he had composed. She encourages anyone who can read music to give the choir a try. “They will enjoy it,” she says. Beyond the choir, she volunteers at Lifebridge, the Lobster Luncheon, and at receptions. With two-year old Scotia, she and Ian are becoming more and more aware of the church school activities. “We're still on the fringes!” says Sarah.

Ian is currently on the Vestry as liaison for the Property Management Committee. “I do the usual and am happy to serve where I can,” he says. “St. Michael's has something for everyone, a place to for all interests.”

During the week, Sarah is the assistant head of the music library at Boston University and Ian is in the financial department of Harpoon Brewery. But, he also knows the world of music: Ian and Sarah met at music school where he too earned a degree in music.

Pledge Reminder

You may be on vacation but church work continues!
Please keep your pledge up to date.

Or consider automatic payments. Forms are available from Assistant Treasurer Larry Robbins.

St. Michael's Garden Club

Many hands make work light—and much more fun! Join us on Thursday mornings, July 15 & 29 and August 12 and 26 as we maintain St. Michael's gardens and plan perennial plantings for the fall.

Do you have extra perennials that might work well at St. Michael's? We are particularly looking for perennial flowers that can be cut for the altar.

Thank you to the Church School families for watering the gardens this summer!

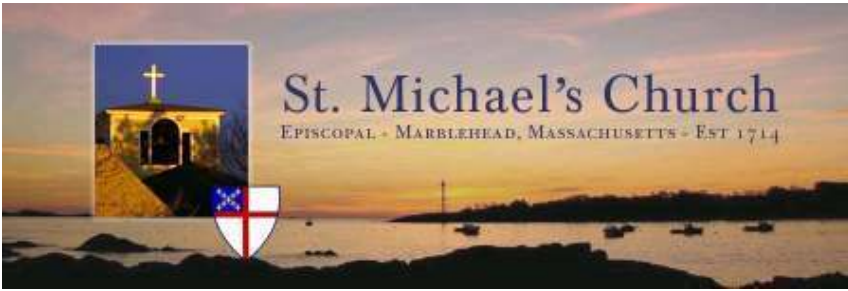


Outside of work, they are an active outdoor family: sailing, hiking, the beach. Ian volunteers for Friendship of Salem, a reproduction 1797 Salem merchant ship. “And there is lots of home improvement,” Ian adds. Both Sarah and Ian measure their success by making the most of each day, living in the moment.

Their one wish for St. Michael's is that more people of their generation come to church regularly to give their children a foundation for life. They see the church school growth as a hopeful sign. They would also like other couples to know the special moments of church like sitting the Maundy Thursday vigil together.

“I hope everyone knows what a blessing it is to belong to such a community as St. Michael's,” Sarah says.

- Marilyn Day



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July-August Service Schedule

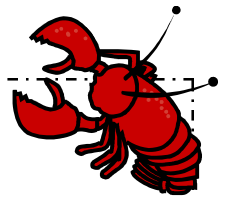
Sundays

One Service Only
9:00 am Holy Eucharist
with music

Wednesdays

9:30 am Holy Eucharist

Lobster Lunch



Saturday, Sunday, Monday
July 3, 4, 5
11 am—3 pm

100% Proceeds to Outreach

Organ Recital with Doug Major
Music of American Composers
Sunday, July 4th, 12:30 pm

St. Michael's Church

Officers: *Barbara Miller, Sr. Warden; David Bittermann, Jr. Warden; Sarah Bates, Treasurer; Laurence Robbins, Asst. Treasurer; Walter Haug, Clerk.*

Vestry: *Susan Cool, Ian Hunter, Louise Hunt, Harriett Magee, Joe Oliveira, Anna Onishi, Avery Russell, Linda Smidt, Thomas Weber.*

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.*

Saint Michael's Church

July 2010

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

Parish Office
Hours
Monday - Friday
8:30 am – 12:30 pm

Thrift Shop
Summer Hours
Monday – Saturday
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

					1) Festival of the Arts Exhibit in Parish Hall	2) 9:00 am Polarity Exercise downstairs All-Day Set-up for Annual Lobster Lunch Festival of the Arts Exhibit in Parish Hall	3) 11:00 am – 3:00 pm Annual Lobster Lunch Festival of the Arts Exhibit in Parish Hall
4) 6 TH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST 7:30 am Bell Ringing 9:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II <i>(one Sunday service for summer)</i> 11:00 am – 3:00 pm Annual Lobster Luncheon Noon Bell Ringing 12:30 pm Organ Recital 6:00 pm Bell Ringing Festival of the Arts Exhibit in Parish Hall	5) 11:00 am – 3:00 pm Annual Lobster Luncheon Festival of the Arts Exhibit in Parish Hall.	6) <i>Tent Taken Down Arts Exhibits removed</i> 5:00 pm My Brother's Table - St. Michael's / St. Andrew's Team 7:30 pm Property Committee	7) 9:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am Office Staff 8:00 pm AA	8)	9) NO Polarity Exercise	10) 11:00 am – 1:00 pm St. Michael's Team at Lifebridge	
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Saint Michael's Church

August 2010

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