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# St. Michael's Newsletter

## From the Rector

“O God, you will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are fixed on you; for in returning and rest we shall be saved; in quietness and trust shall be our strength.”  
*Isaiah 26:3; 30:15*

Those with a keen eye will note that once again the July/August newsletter begins with these words from Isaiah. These verses appear in the *Book of Common Prayer*, page 138, in the daily devotion “At Noon.” Usually by noon we are fully engaged in the daily work and activity of our lives. Hours have been put in, and more hours are to come. For now, it is time for a break. Isaiah encourages people to be mindful of the presence of God and to rest, if only momentarily.

The same can be said as the days turn to weeks and months and a year. With blessings for the work and activities of our lives, God call us to Sabbath rest as well. The summer season beckons. School is out. Various programs have concluded. The days are long. The air is warm. Vacations, or at least a slightly slower pace, are in sight. Again Isaiah

reminds people to be mindful of the presence of God. The words of encouragement to turn (or rather, return) to this presence are “peace”, “rest”, “quietness”, “trust.” Here people will find strength and renewal for the work and activities ahead. I am mindful that I write these words prior to the Lobster Lunch over the July 4 weekend – not a time of rest for the parishioners of St. Michael’s, and especially the coordinators of this year’s luncheon! One of the great offerings of St. Michael’s to the wider community, the generous and enthusiastic work of all involved in the Lobster Lunch is critical to our outreach efforts as well. We are called to service, yes, and then to Sabbath rest!

May these months of July and August be an enjoyable, peaceful, and restful time in the presence of God.

- Fr. Andrew

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#### July-August Calendars

### Happy July & August Birthdays to

Jessica Ann Attridge  
Brenna Hamilton  
David Armini  
Maiah Kleykamp  
Noah Bittermann  
Madeleine Capshaw  
William Pruett

### July—August Sunday Schedule

#### One Service: 9:00 am Holy Eucharist with Music

Though attendance tends to drop during the summer months, Sunday services still continue for those who seek such spiritual nourishment. Please note that on Sundays during July and August the 8:00 and 10:00 services will be brought together for one service at 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I will be celebrated the first two Sundays of July and August, and Rite II the other Sundays. - Fr. Andrew

## St. Michael's Lobster Lunch—a Community Event

### From the Music Director

During the second week of June, the St. Michael's Choir and I spent three long evenings in the church making a recording of our (and your!) favorite anthems and hymns. The Choir did excellent work, adapting to the very different demands of a recording session as compared to singing for a church service - I was very proud of all of them. The recording will be ready sometime in the fall - watch this space for more information.



### July 4th Organ Concert and Quiz

Please join me on Monday, July 4 at 12:30 pm in the Church for our annual July 4th Concert, which this year will feature works by Charlie Parker, William Albright and my suite of pieces based on locations on Cape Ann, called *Cape Ann Portraits*.

We'll have our quiz again - NAME THAT TUNE - and the person with the most correct will win two lobster rolls. Admission is free, so please plan on attending and bring a friend. You'll hear some things that you wouldn't normally hear in a church service! Happy Summer to all.

- Douglas Major

### St. Michael's Lobster Lunch— an ECF Vital Practice

“What's Your Claim to Fame?” is the question in the Vital Posts blog on June 30, 2011. Nancy Davidge, editor of ecfvp.org and Marblehead resident, cites St. Michael's Lobster Luncheon and St. Andrew's rummage sales as examples of how churches can be known in their communities. Ecfvp—Vital Practices for Leading Congregations is an Episcopal Church Foundation service helping people of faith to respond to the changing needs of the Church and is best known for its Vestry Papers. The blog post can be seen at <http://www.ecfvp.org/posts/whats-your-claim-to-fame-3/>.

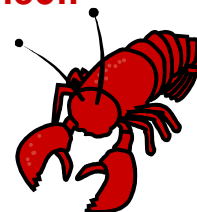
The lobster luncheon is on Nancy's must do list. We hope it is on yours as well.

### St. Michael's Heavenly Lobster Luncheon

July 2nd, 3rd, 4th  
Lunch Is Served:

11 AM—3 PM

100% Proceeds to Charities



Lobster rolls, lobster salad, hot dogs, peanut butter & jelly sandwiches, clam chowder, Marblehead salad, cookies, watermelon, and beverages including our wonderful iced tea.

Plus Heavenly & Doggone Meal Deals!

### Historic Church Tours

11 AM— 2 PM

### And on July 4th

### Organ Recital: Doug Major

12:30 PM

### Independence Day Bell Ringing

7:30AM—8:30 AM

Noon—12:30 PM (come help!)

6:00 PM—6:30 PM

**Volunteer!**

**But also come and enjoy!**

Live simply.  
Love generously.  
Care deeply.  
Speak kindly.  
Leave the rest to God.

## Church School & Youth—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. We will meet again September 11.

### The Supper Club

A gathering of Middle School Youth on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month at 6pm. We will meet again in September. Youth may stay connected through our Facebook page.

### 2011-2012 Highlights

**Open House & Registration** September 11. We will begin our Church School year together with an open house. This is a great opportunity to invite friends and neighbors to our Church School.

**Blessing of the Backpacks** Children and youth are invited to bring their school bags to Church on Sunday September 11. Fr. Andrew will bless their backpacks and their coming school year.



**Teacher Orientation** Next year we will have "teaching teams" for the Church School. We will arrange dates for orientation sessions with each group.

**Michaelmas** All families are welcome to join in our parish-wide celebration.

**National Children's Sabbath, Christmas Pageant, Mother's Day** These three Sundays are big days for our children and youth. They all take special leadership roles in our worship.

**One-Room Church School** During the winter months our children come together in one class. This allows our children to reach across their age differences and see themselves as a whole community. It also lightens the work load of our teachers. For those who would like to be involved, but can't commit to the entire year, this is a great opportunity to be involved.

**Potlucks** We have all enjoyed the family potlucks. At these events we not only share food and companionship, our children have the opportunity to play together creating their own strong community ties. If you would like to help host a potluck please contact Aileen.



**Craft Days** We prepare for Christmas and the fair with a special craft day. This past year we added another celebration for Easter. Let's make this a continuing tradition. These craft days are celebrations for children, youth and their parents.



**Movie Nights** Faith formation can take place through liturgy, class and even movies!

### Getting Involved

There are many ways to be involved with the young people of our congregation. Church School teachers share their faith with children. Training is offered for all volunteers; you don't need to be a teacher or a theologian to teach in the Church School! The Supper Club would be happy to have additional cooks and chaperones. Please contact Aileen if you would like to be involved.

### Safe Church

Summer is a great time to complete the online safe church training. Contact Aileen for more information.

### Summer Growth



We know summer is a great time for growing, one only needs to look at the summer flowers to see this truth. Yet we can somehow lose our focus on spiritual growth. We get busy with camps, vacations, barbecues, etc. Although there is no Church School during the summer, children are always welcome. Our activity bags have been updated for the summer months and we always have books, movies and CDs that our children are welcome to borrow.

If you can't make it to Church on Sunday maybe you can locate one of Sunday's readings in your child's Bible. The readings for the coming Sunday are listed in the bulletin each week, or check out <http://www.lectionarypage.net/>. You may want to consider turning your vacation travels into a pilgrimage: include a visit to a sacred site. Even a trip to the beach can turn into an opportunity for spiritual growth. Wonder with your child at the glory of God's creation. Say a prayer of praise such as Psalm 100 or "Thank you, O God, for all your gifts of creation. AMEN!" Caring for the environment is another great way to express gratitude. Encourage your child to clean up the beach, park or wherever you may be, as an act of prayer.



## Mark Your Calendar

### A Serendipitous Find

During the summers in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, Marblehead filled with residents from Boston and elsewhere who stayed in "cottages" on Marblehead Neck, Peach's Point and in hotels along the shore of Marblehead Harbor. Some of these summer residents were actually 'Headers' born in Marblehead, but then running businesses in Boston and living in Back Bay most of the year. And many summer residents attended St. Michael's and gave generously to support its activities. The Rev. John Egbert's listing of donations for the 1888 renovations and 1893 Parish House many names of Boston and Cambridge residents.

A 100 year-old invitation was discovered recently in Boston. A St. Michael's parishioner found it when she was perusing the duplicate book sale shelf at the library and looked through a 1972 copy of *Marblehead: The Spirit of '76 Lives Here*. Slipped within the pages was an invitation to a Lawn Festival given the "The Summer League of Old St. Michael's." So far, we have not found information of this organization in St. Michael's Archives, but suspect that it may have been an organization of summer resident parishioners. Have you heard of this group?

- Frances Nilsson  
Historic Church Committee

### Let's celebrate this 100 year old event!

**Sunday, August 21**  
**A Summer Lawn Party**  
**For All Ages**

But how? We haven't worked out the details yet. Let us know what you would like to do to eat, meet, greet and have some fun! Ice cream anyone?

Watch for details in a later email, on the web, and in the church bulletin. Contact Frances Nilsson if you have ideas or questions.



Image on the back of the invitation.

### Michaelmas Celebrations

**Friday, September 23, 2011**

**All-Parish**  
**Pot Luck Supper**

**Sunday, September 25, 2011**

**Michaelmas**  
**Festal Eucharist**



Russian icon of St. Michael  
<http://www.icon-art.ru/icons/icon59.php>



*A 1911 summer invitation: You and your friends are cordially invited / To attend a Lawn Festival / At "Gray Rocks" / Marblehead Neck, near the "Churn" given by / "The Summer League of Old St. Michael's" / On the afternoon of Tuesday, August 22, 1911 / from Three to Six o'clock / Special Music by the Salem Cadet Orchestra / Afternoon Tea, Light Refreshments / and Entertainment / Subscription 50 cents.*

## Stewardship Opportunities

### 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.**

### 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.

## Our Stewards of the Month: David and Peggy Bittermann

Peggy and David both grew up in church-going families, though not Episcopalian. They drifted away from church attendance during the college years, but in 1990 they began to visit churches looking for a church home. They liked the historical church, the liturgy, and the music of St. Michael's even though they were new to it. They found both the church and Father Westerberg welcoming. David says, "Early on some one told us that we had to come to coffee because it was part of the liturgy, too." And Peggy says, "I liked the Peace especially, when we all say hello to each other." She remembers that going up to the altar for Communion was a new experience and a big step for her.



*David & Peggy at an organ recital reception, November 2010.*

Ever since, they have been active members. Peggy has served a term on the Vestry and is co-chair of the Outreach Committee. She does Hostess and Oblations and is a member of St. Catherine's Guild. David remembers that Dorothy Miles asked him to be on the Historic Church Commission when they first joined St. Michael's, a position he really likes. "I feel best surrounded by things older than I am. It helps us figure out where we fit in," he says. Currently he co-chairs the Lobster Luncheon with Linda Smidt. He is also Senior Warden, sexton, and on the Property Committee.

They both have special memories of St. Michael's. David remembers his first Michaelmas and Peggy remembers one Christmas Pageant when all the tiny children were dressed as angels—their son Noah wasn't even walking yet—and they sat on the steps of the pulpit.

Peggy is a CPA and a consultant who works with a variety of companies as an insource CFO and comptroller. David is an architect by training who is now Chief of Design and Preservation Planning in the National Park Service, Northeast Regional Office. The regional office oversees 140 parks so David travels a lot, from Maine to Vir-

ginia. His favorite projects include the Tucker Wharf building, the Longfellow House in Cambridge, and Governor's Island in New York.

They have two children. Sarah will be a sophomore this fall at UMASS Amherst where she studies linguistics along with French, Spanish, and computer science. She finds time to be on the UMASS track team as well. Noah is a senior at MHS this fall. He likes science, runs cross-country and track as well as plays the piano.

What do they do to relax? Peggy laughs, "We never relax!" David says, "I am always working on the house—a life-time project." Peggy adds, "We are slowly but surely working our way through each room." Nevertheless, she does find time to knit, cook, and garden. David adds, "I used to ski with the kids."

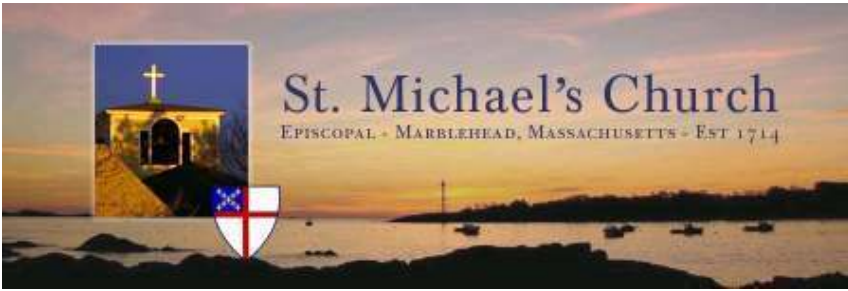
David especially likes one thing about their Harris street home. "Because I travel so much, it is nice on a Sunday to be so close to the church."

- Marilyn Day



### 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.



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## July-August Service Schedule

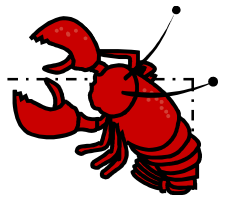
### Sundays

**One Service Only**  
**9:00 am Holy Eucharist**  
**with music**

### Wednesdays

**9:30 am Holy Eucharist**

## Lobster Lunch



**Saturday, Sunday, Monday**  
**July 2, 3, 4**  
**11 am—3 pm**

**100% Proceeds to Outreach**

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

### 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; Ron Warburton, Sexton.*

# Saint Michael's Church

# July 2011

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

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

*Note: One Sunday Service  
in July & August!*

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

**June 30)**  
*Tent Set-Up*

Festival of Arts Exhibit  
7:45 pm – 9:00 pm

1) <b>Festival of Arts Exhibit</b> 10:00 am – 5:00 pm	2) <b>Festival of Arts Exhibit</b> 10:00 am – 5:00 pm <b>Lobster Luncheon</b> 11:00 am – 3:00 pm <b>Historic Tours</b> 11:00 am - 2:00 pm
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3) <b>3RD SUNDAY OF PENTECOST</b> 9:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I <b>Festival of Arts Exhibit</b> 10:00 am – 5:00 pm <b>Lobster Luncheon</b> 11:00 am – 3:00 pm <b>Historic Tours</b> 11:00 am - 2:00 pm	4) <b>Independence Day</b> <i>Office Closed</i> <b>Festival of Arts Exhibit</b> 10:00 am – 5:00 pm <b>Lobster Luncheon</b> 11:00 am – 3:00 pm <b>Historic Tours</b> 11:00 am - 2:00 pm 12:00 pm <b>Bell Ringing</b> 12:30 pm <b>Organ Concert</b> – Doug Major	5) <i>Tent Taken Down</i> <i>Arts Exhibits removed</i>  5:00 pm My Brother's Table-St. Michael's / St. Andrew's Team	6) 9:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:45 am Staff Meeting  8:00 pm AA (Downstairs)	7)	8)	9) 11:00 am – 1:00 pm St. Michael's Team at Lifebridge  1:00 pm Priscilla Hartnett Memorial Service and Reception
10) <b>4TH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST</b> 9:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I	11)	12)	13) 9:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:45 am Staff Meeting  8:00 pm AA	14)	15)	16)
17) <b>5TH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST</b> 9:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 10:30 am Liaisons & Chairs meet	18) <i>July 17 –25</i> <i>Father Andrew</i> <i>will be on vacaton</i>	19)	20) 9:30 am Holy Eucharist No Staff Meeting  8:00 pm AA	21)	22)	23)
24) <b>6TH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST</b> 9:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 10:30 am Historic Church	25)	26)	27) 9:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:45 am Staff Meeting  8:00 pm AA	28)	29)	30)
31) <b>7TH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST</b> 9:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II with Holy Baptism - Camille Gardner Wilson						

# Saint Michael's Church

# August 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Parish Office Hours Monday - Friday 8:30 am – 12:30 pm</p> <p><i>Note: One Sunday Service in July &amp; August!</i></p>	1)	2) 5:30 pm My Brother's Table, Lynn - St. Michael's/ St. Andrew's Team	3) 9:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:45 am Office Staff  8:00 pm AA	4)	5)	6) 2:00 pm Wedding - Meredith Miller & Kevin Thompson  <i>Aug 6 – Aug 20 (after wedding) Douglas Major on vacation</i>
7) <b>8TH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST</b> 9:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I	8)	9)	10) 9:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:45 am Office Staff  5:30 pm Gratix/Woller Wedding at Crocker Park 8:00 pm AA	11	12)	13) 11:00 am – 1:00 pm St. Michael's Team at Lifebridge
14) <b>9TH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST</b> 9:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I	15)	16) 7:30 pm Vestry	17) 9:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:45 am Office Staff  8:00 pm AA	18)	19)	20)
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