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# St. Michael's Newsletter

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### July-August Calendars

### Happy July & August Birthdays to

Jessica Ann Attridge  
David Armini  
Maiah Kleykamp  
Noah Bittermann

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—Book of Common Prayer, p. 138*

I've quoted the above passage before to begin this July/August article. My soul seems drawn to it this time of year. Maybe it is because Sue and I frequently take a two-week vacation at the end of June, which we are doing again this year. The words "rest," "quietness," "strength" and "trust" open the door to a state of restoration and renewal. We each need our quiet moments, restful moments – Sabbath rest – to be strengthened for the ministry ahead.

While my pace slows later this month, I am mindful of the many people energetically at work coordinating the Lobster Lunch. There is a tremendous outpouring of spirit in the planning of this event, just as there is a mutually lifting of excitement during the event itself. The Lobster Lunch is a lot of work, but it is empowering, formative, and fun. It combines ministries of fellowship, community

building and importantly, outreach. All the net proceeds are given to organizations that do the work of justice, compassion and education. Yes, it takes many hands! By July 5 Isaiah's words of "rest" and "quietness" will resonate deeply to all involved: the co-chairs, coordinating team and volunteers.

In July and August, with warmer days and gentle breezes, parish life at St. Michael's slows a bit. God's spirit and grace are in the quiet, restful moments. Once again we will shift our Sunday worship for these two months to one service at 9:00. We will alternate every two weeks between the Rite I and Rite II liturgies, providing the opportunity for 8:00ers and 10:00ers to worship together and participate in the other's liturgy. And then we are sent forth into the ease of a summer day, to gardens or boats, beaches or backyard patios. May each find this summer "rest" and "quietness", "strength" and "trust", and the peace of God.

- Fr. Andrew

### July—August Sunday Schedule

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

Weekly Sunday services continue through the summer for those who seek such spiritual nourishment. Please note that on Sundays during July and August and Labor Day weekend the 8:00 and 10:00 services will be brought together for one service at 9:00 a.m. with music. We will alternate every two Sundays between Holy Eucharist, Rite II and Rite I, beginning with Rite II on the first two Sundays in July. See the calendars for specific dates. Holy Eucharist Rite II is also held as usual at 9:30 am on Wednesday except for July 4th.

## Summer Appeal!

### From the Music Director

Here is a second appeal to parents with children who enjoy music. I am hopeful that we can re-establish the Children's Choir in the fall. We would need to have a 45 minute rehearsal once a week, in the afternoon after school at a time that is convenient for all. If you are interested, please contact me at [majordrmus@verizon.net](mailto:majordrmus@verizon.net), let me know your child's name, any musical experience they may have, and their grade in the fall. Girls AND boys, 3rd grade and up who enjoy music are welcome to be a part of this program. I look forward to hearing from all who may be interested.

And for all the adults in the parish, I would like to invite anyone who may be interested in singing in the St. Michael's Adult Choir. Our singers bring a love of music, singing, and serving the Church in a unique way. Our rehearsals are fun, our members are supportive of each other, and I always try to teach as much as I can about the music we are singing, its life in the Anglican choral tradition, and its relevance to the particular liturgical season. Some have said we are too good for mere mortals to join us – NOT TRUE! We are always happy to have new people join us; we'll show you the ropes in a gentle and supportive way. Please consider contacting me if you are interested in joining us; we especially need altos and tenors to complete our ranks.

Have a great summer! .

**WANTED**  
**Choir Members:**  
**Children**  
**Teens**  
**Adults**

- Douglas Major

### Acolytes at St. Michael's: Answering God's Call. Together

Have you seen the Supper Club's film?  
See it online at

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0pqQYxdkkkE>



Or scan this code with your smart phone for a quick link to the site.

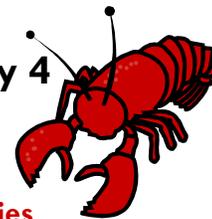
See page 3 for more info and a list of participants.

## St. Michael's Heavenly Lobster Luncheon

**June 30, July 1, July 4**  
**Lunch Is Served:**

11 AM—3 PM

**100% Proceeds to Charities**



Lobster rolls, lobster salad bowl, hot dogs, peanut butter & jelly sandwiches, clam chowder, Marble-head 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

### Independence Day Bell Ringing

(come help!)

7:30AM—8:00 AM

Noon—12:30 PM

6:00 PM—6:30 PM

**Organ Recital: Doug Major**  
12:30 PM

**Volunteer!**  
**But also come and enjoy!**

### 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 James Dearborn.

## Our Steward of the Month: Aileen Ryder

A job brought Aileen Ryder, director of religious education, to St. Michael's and a vocation may take her away, but not yet. After a year of discernment involving vestry endorsement, the writing of her autobiography, a mission statement, and interviews, she will begin a three year postulancy, ending, "God willing and people consenting," in being ordained as a deacon and then six months later as a priest. She says, "I felt called since childhood and even more in high school. It was a big deal to me to claim the call and then to have others discern the call too. And I knew the answer might not be yes from the diocese. Other issues are taken into account."



Applying for postulancy is an arduous process. It begins each year when the diocese holds a day of discernment for the priesthood which perhaps 40 to 50 people attend. Of those who decide to apply only 16 are interviewed and 14 are accepted. No explanations are given if one is not chosen.

Candidates must earn their Master's of Divinity but Aileen already has hers, so she says, "I may have a different experience." She will have to do two parish internships, but they cannot be at St. Michael's or St. Stephen's in Lynn. St. Stephen's sponsored her call to ordination and is where she is a member. Aileen must take a class in Clinical Pastoral Education, and classes for the general ordination examination, which is a national test involving topics such as Anglican history and the Prayer Book.

She has several possibilities for the next three years as well. If she takes an unconventional internship like a chaplaincy at MIT which worships on Wednesdays, she may be able to continue her work as DRE at St. Michael's. Or, she may attend the General Theological Seminary in NYC for a second Master's degree, in spiritual direction, which involves pastoral conversation that leads people to God, one on one. Monasteries had such leaders says Aileen, but now the concept has moved beyond the monastery walls. Such a leader asks the question, "Where do you hear God calling you?" The work is very pastoral Aileen explains.

Aileen came to St. Michael's four years ago. She had taught at an all girls high school, Notre Dame in Worcester, her own alma mater, but she wanted to do parish work and see what it was like. She had taken a job in Acton in education and ministry and found that she enjoyed working with children.

Now, at St. Michael's, she especially enjoys watching the children in Godly Play as they process the stories in their own ways, finding their own wisdom. "I learned to trust

them. Once, after we had discussed the circle of the church year, the children each did their own project with paint or crayons or pipe-cleaners. As I looked at the projects, every one had a circle. They do listen," she remembers.

Aileen and the youth group have just finished a three minute film project with the focus on the acolytes. Again, she found that her trust in them and their inspiration was justified. "Their film connected to the whole parish. I thought, 'Wow, this is good,'" she says.

"I have appreciated the welcome I received here at St. Michael's. The lessons and relationships I gained here, I will take with me," she says.

### Acolytes at St. Michael's: Answering God's Call. Together

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0pqQYxdkkkE>

Written, filmed and edited by Steve Clay and Aileen Ryder. Voices of Noah Bittermann, Tim Clay and Isabella Renney.

The film features in order of appearance: Tucker Atkinson, Isabella Renney, Ryan Clay, Tim Clay, Steve Clay, Griffin Atkinson, Annabelle Ayer, Hansen Hundhal, Jenny Armini, Noah Bittermann, the Rev. Andrew Stoessel, Harry McDonough Jack McDonough, Ed Nilsson, Frances Nilsson, Carole Davidson, Anna Hunt, Emma Hunt, Paige Thiebert, Tatum Amberik, Mallory Amberik, Devon Menzler, Cordt Menzler, and Sydney Armini.

One reason Aileen, who was Roman Catholic, became an Episcopalian is that she attended Weston Jesuit School of Theology in Cambridge where many of her classmates were preparing for the Jesuit priesthood. However, they shared space and classes with the Episcopal Divinity School. "It helped me to see that the church cannot be confined and that this is the best place for me to be. It was a hard decision, but a positive one. When I joined the Episcopal Church, I felt at home," she says. "My belief hasn't changed, just my place of worship."

At the moment, the question, Where do you hear God calling you? is still a bit open for Aileen as she begins her journey to ordination.  
- Marilyn Day

**Update:** Since this article was written, Aileen has decided not to go to NYC, but will continue in the fall as our Director of Christian Education.

# 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.

### The Supper Club

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

**Winter in the Church School** Even with all the winter vacations, we remain active at St. Michael's Church School. Keep an eye out for special Winter-time Church School classes.

**Community Meals** 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.



**Special Activities** There are so many things we would like to share with our children and there isn't always enough time. We will plan special activities on district-wide half days. Look for a tour of the Sacristy, exploration of prayer and other enlightening events.

**Movie Nights** Faith formation can take place through liturgy, class and even movies! This is always a fun night for the kids to grow as a community and learn more about our faith.



### 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. Perhaps you would like to host a special meal or join in a special activity. 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.

### Faith Formation all Summer Long

Although we don't have Church School, your child's spiritual formation is ongoing. Questions abound and the Spirit is always moving. You can continue to support your child's spirituality by attending Sunday services. There are always activity bags and books your child can read. 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 <http://www.lectionarypage.net/>.

### 2012-2013 Highlights

**Open House & Registration** September 9. 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.

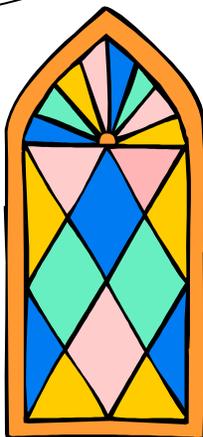
**Blessing of the Backpacks** Children and youth are invited to bring their school bags to Church on Sunday September 9. Fr. Andrew will bless their backpacks and the coming school year.



### Teaching Teams

Teaching Teams were a great success last year. We will continue with Teaching Teams and small orientations for our teachers. This will be scheduled in

late August or Early September.

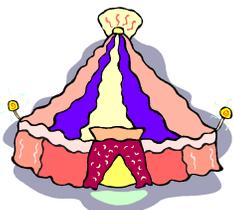


**Michaelmas** All families are welcome to join in our parish-wide celebration.

**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.



**Faith and Fellowship Night at The Circus** Families of all sizes and ages joined a special trip to the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus. The night begins with a special presentation from the National Circus Chaplain. After meeting circus performers we enjoy the show and marvel at all that humanity can do.



## Giving Opportunities

### The Thrift Shop Needs Your Goods!

Summer clothes not fitting? 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.

**Hours: Tuesday—Saturday, 1—4 PM.**



### Marblehead Food Pantry Needs

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

## Hot Meals in Haiti

In 1996 when a group from St. Michael's Church went to Haiti to run a medical mission at their sister church and school in Arcahaie, they found a flourishing school with the children enjoying a hot lunch every day. St. Michael's has been the sole supporter of this Episcopal Church and school, St. Thomas, for 27 years. In the fall of 2008 when Father Andrew and I went for a visit we found the church in deplorable condition and the school population was down but worst of all, the children no longer had a hot lunch program at the school. We knew times were not the best for Haiti as this was after the devastating hurricanes but we were dismayed that the children who often traveled 5-8 miles per day by foot to get to school did not have any food waiting for them at all. For many their only meal was at night when they returned from school! How could any children learn with no food in their system?

Two years ago we started to work on once again having a hot lunch program at St. Thomas school. But the project got delayed because of the devastating earthquake and other priorities took precedent. It seemed all the money we raised was eaten up by restoring the water pump and paying the school teachers. Then last year's Lobster Lunch happened. We had three perfect days and the town came out in force to eat our lobster rolls, drink our chowder and



gobble down our hot dogs. Since all our net proceeds go to charity and half of the money raised goes to support our school and church in Haiti, we were finally able to not only pay the teachers but start our hot lunch program too!

Father Innel, the priest-in-charge at St. Thomas, sent pictures of the children from all the grades enjoying their first hot meal in May. He set up three large boilers (cooking pots) in the rectory kitchen and used the church as a canteen. He writes "on behalf of kids, their parents, staff of St. Thomas School and members of the Church, I thank you." He now can feed over 200 pupils and teachers daily. I think the pictures tell it all.

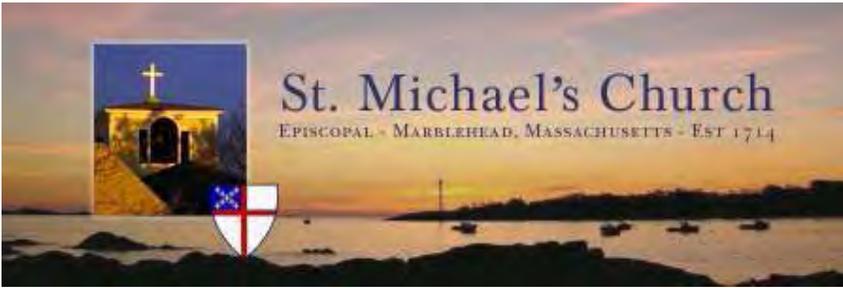
The Outreach Committee thanks all at St. Michael's, the Festival of the Arts, the town of Marblehead, and their family and friends for helping us feed some wonderful kids by supporting our Fourth of July Lobster Lunch event.

- Linda Smidt, Outreach Committee Co-Chair



### 100 more dresses for Haiti

Last year we reported that Margaret Withum was making little sundresses from pillowcases. This year she has made 100 more that will be shipped to Haiti!



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## **July-August Service Schedule**

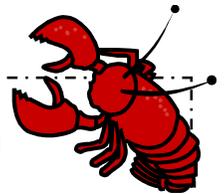
### **Sundays**

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

### **Wednesdays**

**9:30 am Holy Eucharist**

## **Lobster Lunch**



**Saturday, Sunday, Wednesday  
June 30, July 1, July 4  
11 am—3 pm**

**100% Proceeds to Outreach**

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

### **St. Michael's Church**

**Officers:** *David Bittermann, Sr. Warden; Frances Nilsson, Jr. Warden; Sarah Bates, Treasurer; James Dearborn, Asst. Treasurer; Walter Haug, Clerk.*

**Vestry:** *Melissa Amberik, Jenny Armini, Lynn Bragdon, Stephen Clay, Ian Hunter, Karin McCarthy, Joe Oliveira, 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

# July 2012

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

*One Sunday Service  
in July & August  
through September 2nd!*

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

Thrift Shop Hours  
Tuesday – Saturday  
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm



June 30)  
**Festival of Arts Exhibit**  
10:00 am – 5:00 pm  
**Lobster Lunch**  
11:00 am – 3:00 pm  
**Historic Tours**  
11:00 am - 2:00 pm

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<p>22) <b>8<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF PENTECOST</b> 9:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 10:30 am Historic Church</p>	<p>23)</p>	<p>24)</p>	<p>25) 9:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 11:00 am Staff Meeting  8:00 pm AA</p>	<p>26)</p>	<p>27)</p>	<p>28)</p>
<p>29) <b>9<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF PENTECOST</b> 9:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II Guest Celebrant</p>	<p>30)</p>	<p>31)</p>				

# Saint Michael's Church

# August 2012

SUNDAY

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FRIDAY

SATURDAY

**One Sunday Service  
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