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# St. Michael's Newsletter

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## Happy June

### Birthday to

Abigail Knowlton

Kyle Robertson

Emma Hunt

Miranda Connolly

Blake Russell

Catherine Honos

John Pruett

Tessa Robertson

Callie Naughton

Nicola Russell

## From the Rector—Summer Sabbatical

I am blessed to have the opportunity to take a three-month sabbatical beginning June 1. In biblical terms, every seventh year is to be a "sabbatical year." During this time, the land is to lay fallow and uncultivated. The notion comes from the Sabbath, the weekly day of rest and abstinence from work. As we know too well, we don't always follow this prescription! For all of us, the summer months in particular invite us to find moments of sacred rest.

The Diocese of Massachusetts encourages its clergy to take a three to four month sabbatical leave every five years. Like the Sabbath day, not all follow this prescription, either! This is the first sabbatical I have taken. Those who help plan such leaves note there are four components to it (in no particular order): retreat, rest, travel, and study. If all goes well, I will do all four. At different times over the course of the summer I will be on the coast of Maine on Penobscot Bay, England, Wales and Scotland, and capturing the spirit of the wind under sail in Massachusetts. Study includes a program on Celtic Christianity at St. Deiniol's library, Hawarden, Wales, and a sailing navigation course at the Wooden Boat School, Brooklin, ME. Retreat includes time at the Society of St. John the Evangelist. Rest and travel are interspersed throughout. I am back in the office on September 7.

I am able to take this leave knowing that the St. Michael's is under very capable and steady leadership. Senior Warden

Barbara Miller and Junior Warden David Bittermann and I met regularly over the past months going over the various large and small aspects of parish life; they are both present over the summer should any extraordinary need arise. The Rev's Franklin Huntress and Bob Landreth will take the Sunday and Wednesday services during the summer: Fr. Frank in June and August; Fr. Bob in July. A reminder: there will be one Sunday service in July at 9:00 a.m.!

Sarah and Greg Bates and a core group of others superbly are coordinating the Lobster Luncheon. Jack Attridge, graciously and bravely, is coordinating (along with the wardens, Doug Major, Aileen Ryder, and Liz Grader) the reconfiguration of the Davenport House to receive the Thrift Shop. This is a big project! It includes moving Doug and Aileen's offices to the choir room and church office respectively, the church school to the second floor of the Davenport House, and having the floors sanded and finished, all before the Thrift Shop moves in. In addition to the Lobster Lunch and Thrift Shop move, new and reconstituted committees working on the strategic objections and initiatives are convening with the help of Fran Nilsson, Rob Howie, and the Vestry. It is hard to leave with so much going this summer on!

I extend my thanks to all at St. Michael's who allow me to take this time of rest and renewal. I look forward to seeing everyone on my return in September, and hope that all find moments of sacred rest in the months ahead.

Fr. Andrew

## June Preachers

The Rev. Franklin E. Huntress, Jr., retired, will be celebrating services at St. Michael's on Sundays and Wednesdays in June and August while Father Stoessel is away on sabbatical. Father Huntress has served in churches in Schuylerville, N.Y.; New Bedford and Dorchester, Mass.; Long Bennington, Lincolnshire; and at Chester Cathedral, England. This month he observes the 46th anniversary of his ordination to the ministry.

Father Huntress grew up in Marblehead attending the Church of the Holy Name in Swampscott. He returned to Marblehead when he retired and can usually be found lunchtimes at the Driftwood Restaurant. When not attending programs at St. Michael's, he is often serving at churches around the diocese, attending alumni meetings for the Governors Academy and the Berkeley Divinity School at Yale, or visiting friends in England.

### Guest Preacher Sunday, June 21, 10:00 am Father's Day



The Rev. Canon Christopher Humphries, Precentor to the Chester Cathedral in England, will be preaching at St. Michael's, Marblehead at 10:00 a.m. As the Cathedral's Precentor and Sacrist, he coordinates worship within Chester Cathedral. Canon Humphries trained for the ministry at St. John's College, Nottingham and served at parish churches in Yorkshire before coming to Chester Cathedral.

## From the Music Director - Douglas Major

Another choir season comes to an end – are they going faster or is it must my imagination? We had a great year with both the adult St. Michael Choir and the Children's Choir. The youngsters especially did well, singing on their own twice and 4 times with the adults. Congratulations to all the choir members, and please know you have the thanks of all the people of St. Michael's for your commitment week after week.

### Trinity Sunday June 8 Last Day with Choir & Church School

I also would like to thank all the people who supported the Organ Recital Series and our monthly Evensong services. This is something special that we do for Marblehead – no other church has similar programs here. And, finally, I would like to offer a very special thank you to all who provided refreshments following these afternoon events. We are getting known in our community for having the best receptions in town!

Have a great summer everyone.

## Book Recommendations

For those of you who missed Dick Stowe's wonderful Lenten series on Thomas Merton, someone has donated another copy of his : *The Seven Story Mountain*. This early book is a good introduction to Merton's life and spiritual growth. It is an older book but still it is in much better condition than the one we had and which is currently out on loan.

Another older book by a famous writer, Evelyn Underhill, is titled simply: *Worship*. The London Times Literary Supplement called this work "a masterpiece of the spiritual life" after it was first published in 1936.

A more recent donation, *Grace Eventually*, is a 2007 book by Anne Lamott, an author recently quoted by Fr. Stoessel in one of his sermons. The *New York Times* de-

scribed Anne Lamott as "funny and she tells the truth... laughter and honesty two things we need more of today". And the *New Yorker* said that she "is a cause for celebration" and "miraculous".

These books and other treasures can be discovered in our own St. Michael's Library.

If you have any books you would like to share with other parishioners, leave them off in the library in the small green bin on the shelf or call Marty or Fred Alling at 781-639-9713 to arrange for them to be picked up and sorted.

- Marty and Fred Alling

# Church School - Aileen Ryder

## Classroom Musings

This past month the church school has focused on prayer (with the creation of St. Michael's "Prayer for families" books) and has studied in a special way our great communal celebration—the Holy Eucharist. When we reviewed the story "The Circle of the Eucharist," each child received a copy of the cards used in this story so they too can follow the "circle" of our celebration when attending services.



On Mother's Day our children and youth participated in special ways throughout the entire service. In their excitement for this day the Church School students *asked* to meet before the service so they could practice! At the end of our celebration, one student remarked that having such an active role in the service had made the service seem "shorter than usual." Ah the joy of participation! Our study of the Sacrament continued with the *students* telling the story to their Storytellers. The older students acted out our weekly celebration.

## Entering the Story

One of the main goals of Godly Play is to allow the students time to make the story their own; therefore we allow the children free time to integrate the story into their own spiritual life by a means most meaningful to them. In returning to the story "The Circle of the Eucharist" over and over again and finally inviting the kids to tell the story themselves...they have succeeded in making the story their own. But a weekly class is not enough to keep this special story in the heart:

families need to be involved. Students have received their own copy of the story "The Circle of the Eucharist." This can be reviewed at home in anticipation of Sunday's service. These story cards will also be available here at church so that children may follow along while in church...this reinforcement can help the children join in the great celebration of Eucharist.

## Summer Enrichment

As summer comes, so does the end of the Church School year; yet the Christian Education of our children and youth need not end. We are all formed through weekly worship. Yet vacations, picnics, sailing and so many other summer activities can strain weekly commitments. The Episcopal Church website <http://www.episcopalchurch.org> has many resources for those of us on the go. There is a very handy "Find a Church" application when away from home.

Church School families will receive a summer "Bible Time" calendar similar to the ever-popular Advent calendar. This calendar offers a Scripture text and family activity for each week of the summer. Youth and their families may choose to review the weekly readings, which can be found at <http://www.episcopalchurch.org/lectionary.htm>. Please take time to browse our library and Christian Education Resource center to borrow books, DVDs, or CDs. If you are looking for more summer enrichment ideas, please contact Aileen Ryder or Fr. Andrew.

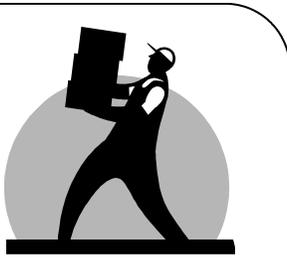
## Calendar

June 7 is our final class for the Church School year; we will hold a special celebration in class.



## Moving

Great changes bring new opportunities this summer. The Church School will be joining the teen room in the upper floor of Davenport House. While preparations are already underway, we will officially start the move following our last day of classes on June 7. All volunteers in this effort will be greatly appreciated.



## Congratulations

The Church School and youth groups have contributed over \$172.00 to our Haiti fund. These monies added to the generous support of all our parishioners has helped us reach our goal of new facilities for the children of St. Thomas School in Archaie, Haiti.



## Appreciation

There are so many how deserve our great thanks for this past year of church school. The many parents who have volunteered in the classrooms as well as those who have offered support behind the scenes. And there are many more, parishioners who have no children in the Church School who are invaluable in its support.

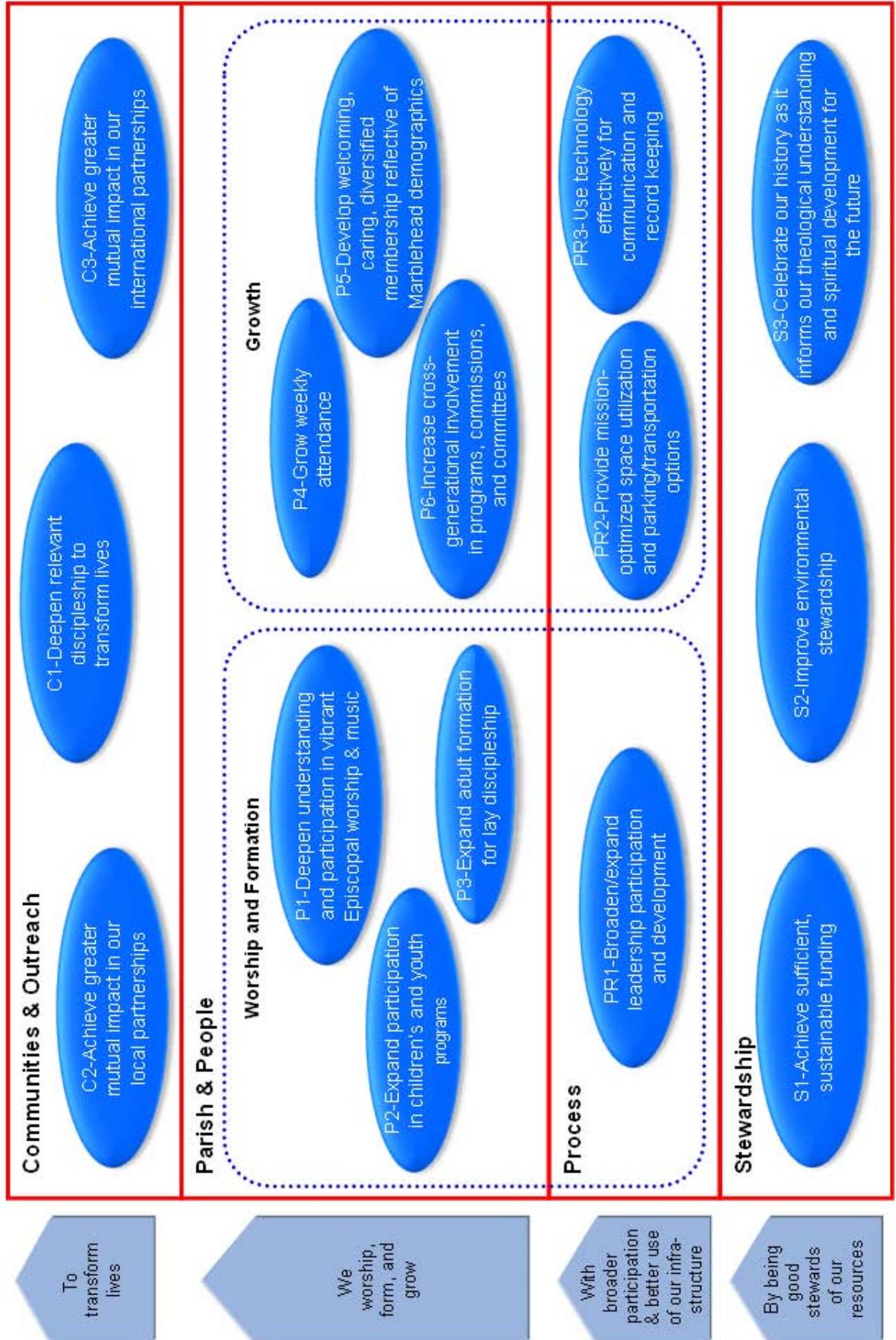
Please accept my sincerest gratitude.



## St. Michael's Episcopal Church—Marblehead, Massachusetts Strategy Map

**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.

*Current as of 4-28-09*



## Strategic Map and Teams

Teams are forming to move forward on different parts of St. Michael's Strategic Plan, all to fulfill our Mission and Vision. Most of the co-chairs have agreed to serve. Below is a list of teams, their objectives, co-chairs and vestry liaison. Would you like to learn more about these teams? Do you have an expertise or skill that will be helpful for a project or initiative? If so, contact the relevant co-chair or Steering Committee co-chairs, David Bittermann and Frances Nilsson, or Senior Warden, Barbara Miller. Or sign-up or drop a note in the box in the parish hall.

Each one of the teams is important to fulfilling our Mission to "seek transformation in God's Grace..." and our Vision "to be a Mission-driven congregation..." On page

four, a Strategic Map shows how we will achieve our Mission and Vision, and how different elements relate to each other. Reading the left-hand arrows from the bottom:

By being good stewards of our resources  
 With broader participation & better use of our infrastructure  
 We worship, form and grow  
 To transform lives.

In short, the map "tells the story" of the strategy. Working together we can succeed.

- Frances Nilsson, Co-Chair, Steering Committee

Team Name	Objectives	Co-Chairs	Vestry Liaison
<b>Outreach</b>	C2-Achieve greater mutual impact in our local partnerships C3-Achieve greater mutual impact in our interna-	Linda Smidt	Linda Smidt Vivian Bennett
<b>Evangelism &amp; Welcoming</b>	C1-Deepen relevant discipleship to transform lives P4-Grow weekly attendance P5-Develop welcoming, caring, diversified membership reflective of Marblehead demographics	James Dearborn	Louise Hunt
<b>Worship &amp; Music</b>	P1-Deepen understanding and participation in vibrant Episcopal worship and music	Tom Weber	Richard Wood
<b>Education</b>	P2-Expand participation in children's and youth discipleship programs P3-Expand adult formation for lay discipleship P6-Increase cross-generational involvement in programs, commissions, and committees	Marilyn Day Tom Connolly	Sue Cool
<b>Communications</b>	PR3-Use technology effectively for communication and record keeping	Frances Nilsson Anna Onishi	Anna Onishi
<b>Leadership Development</b> /Nominating	PR1-Broaden/expand leadership participation and development	Aileen Day Deirdre Robbins	Barbara Miller
<b>Property Management</b>	PR2-Provide mission-optimized space utilization and parking/transportation options	Jack Attridge Edward Nilsson	Jack Attridge
<b>Historic Church</b>	S3-Celebrate our history as it informs our theological understanding and spiritual development for the future	Rob Howie Dana Denault	David Bittermann
<b>Stewardship</b>	S1-Achieve sufficient, sustainable funding	Jeff Barnett	Avery Russell
<b>Steering Committee</b>	Coordinate, monitor, and communicate strategic plan and team progress; adjust as needed.	David Bittermann Frances Nilsson	David Bittermann

## Important Dates

**All Hands on Deck!**  
**For the**  
**Annual St. Michael's Lobster Luncheon**  
**Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>- Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**11 AM – 3PM**

**Daily historic church tours**  
**Organ recital Sunday, noon-1 PM**

Help us make this event the best ever!

You can celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and lend a hand to those in need!

Sign up to work in the kitchen or the serving area.

Bake cookies or brownies

Cash donations also welcome

Remember, 100% of net proceeds go to support outreach!

## Monthly Soup and Dessert Resumes in October!

The Pastoral Care Group thanks all of you who provided soup, desserts, set-up, cleaning and fellowship at our monthly luncheon. We wish you all a delightful summer and look forward to seeing you on Tuesday, October 13, 2009 when we will again have soup, dessert and fellowship at noon.

Pat Spaberg and Sue Cool  
Co-Chairs, Pastoral Care

*If your ship doesn't come in,  
swim out to it.*

## St. Catherine's Guild Annual Banquet Thursday, June 4

This year's banquet is to be held at the Corinthian Yacht Club. Cocktails will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 PM with dinner to follow. Dinner includes dessert, coffee and tea.

## Parish Aid Annual Corporate Communion & Harbor Cruise Tuesday, June 16

The 23rd Annual Cruise and Luncheon for the Parish Aid Society will be held on Tuesday, June 16 at the Boston Yacht Club. Activities will begin with a Corporate Communion at 10 a.m. at the church followed by a Harbor Boat Ride at 11 a.m., courtesy of Mike Mentuck. Members will then return to the Boston Yacht Club for Happy Hour, followed by lunch.

Best wishes for a sunny day, calm seas and much fun!

## Davenport House Changes and the Thrift Shop

Moves and shifts in the Davenport House will begin after June 7th to make room for St. Michael's Thrift Shop. Meanwhile, set aside summer and fall clothing you no longer wear. We will let you know when we are ready to accept donations.

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**Sunday, June 21**  
**Father's Day**  
**10:00 am Holy Eucharist**

**Guest Preacher**

**The Rev. Canon Christopher Humphries**  
**Precentor to the Chester Cathedral**

**Mark your calendar**  
**for the**

**Annual St. Michael's Lobster Luncheon**

**Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>- Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**11AM – 3PM**

**Sign up in the Parish Hall to help with this**  
**event during the Marblehead Festival of**  
**the Arts. All proceeds go to Outreach.**

**St. Michael's Church**

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

**Vestry:** *Jack Attridge, Vivian Bennett, Susan Cool, Louise Hunt, Anna Onishi, Paul Pruett, Avery Russell, Linda Smidt, Richard Wood.*

**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 St. Pierre, Sexton; Donna Hingston, St. Michael's Nursery School.*

# Saint Michael's Church

# June 2009

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

	1)	2) 9:00 am to Noon Marblehead School 3 <sup>rd</sup> Graders to tour historic St. Michael's Church	3) 9:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am Bible Study - Last for the Summer  8:00 pm AA Meeting	4) 4:45 pm Youth Choir Last for the summer 6:30 pm St. Catherine's Guild Corinthian Yacht Club 7:30 pm Adult Choir Last for the summer	5) 9:00 am to Noon Marblehead School 3 <sup>rd</sup> Graders to tour historic St. Michael's Church	6)
7) 1ST SUNDAY OF PENTECOST TRINITY SUNDAY 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:30 am Church School 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II Church School and Choir Recognition Last Sunday for Child Care, Choir & Church School	8)  10:00 am – Noon Piano tuning in Parish Hall	9)	10) 9:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:45 am Devereux House Nursing Home Visitation  8:00 pm AA Meeting	11)	12)	13)
14) 2ND SUNDAY OF PENTECOST 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II	15)	16) Parish Aid Annual Event 10:00 am Corporate Communion 11:00 am Annual Cruise & Luncheon at the Boston Yacht Club	17) 9:30 am Holy Eucharist  8:00 pm AA Meeting	18)  <i>July/August News Letter Deadline</i>	19)	20)
21) 3RD SUNDAY OF PENTECOST Father's Day 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II Guest Preacher: The Rev. Canon Christopher Humphries, Precentor, Chester Cathedral	22)	23)  7:30 pm Vestry Meeting	24) 9:30 am Holy Eucharist  8:00 pm AA Meeting	25)	26)	27)
28) 4TH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II	29)	30)	<i>Father Andrew is on Sabbatical through September 7<sup>th</sup>.</i>			