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# St. Michael's Newsletter

## From the Rector—Once again into “Ordinary” time

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### June Calendar

Thrift Shop  
Open Mondays  
beginning June 7!

### Happy June Birthday to

Miranda Connolly  
Catherine Honos  
Emma Hunt  
Abigail Knowlton  
John Pruett  
Kyle Robertson  
Tessa Robertson  
Nicola Russell  
Blake Russell

According to the author of Luke/Acts, on the Day of Pentecost, the twelve apostles (Matthias had replaced Judas at this point) were gathered in Jerusalem. They were there to celebrate the Jewish festival of Pentecost, but there also per the instructions of Jesus to wait for the promise of the Holy Spirit. The Book of Acts tells us that the promise was fulfilled in a big way: “Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.” (Acts 2:3-4) From this they set out sharing their stories and message to those who sought the saving help of God. “And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were saved by God.” (Acts 2:47) They were sent forth with a new understanding of their call and their mission, even if they were unsure of where it was leading them.

We are at that time when the “program year” is winding down. In particular, high school and college seniors are graduating, and graduate students are completing their academic degrees. While “tongues of fire” might not rest upon them as they are handed their diplomas, there still exists a spirit of accomplishment for years of study completed and excitement - some-

times nervous excitement - at what lays ahead. Routines are adjusted and new patterns emerge; new experiences await.

We are that time of the year when boats are going in the water, too, and people are feeling the spirit of God as the wind fills sails. Alertness and adjustments are key to capture the wind and stay on course.

The Church calendar leads us into a new time as well - the season after Pentecost. This is often referred to as “ordinary time.” This season extends through the summer and fall months to beginning of Advent (Nov. 28 this year). “Ordinary time” provides the opportunity to draw in the significance of the life, death, resurrection and ascension of Christ and the flow of the Holy Spirit. Or, in other words, how the power of God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit are at work in us and the world around us. As such, extra-ordinary things can and usually do happen in ordinary time! We need only to think of the Lobster Lunch at St. Michael's to see this!

In the summer months to come, may each of us find the extraordinary power of God in all we encounter. May it fill us, protect us, and propel us to renewal and joy.  
- Fr. Andrew

### July—August Sunday Schedule

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

Due to the success of the single Sunday service last July 2009, the Vestry has voted to have only one service on Sundays in July and August. It's a wonderful opportunity for folks of the 8 and 10 am services to get to know each other!

## Season's Endings, Summer Beginnings

June brings many end of the season celebrations and the beginnings of summer with looks to the fall.

**St. Catherine's Guild Banquet—June 3, 6:30 pm** at the Corinthian Yacht Club with fellowship and drinks at 5:30 pm. Contact Lesley Tracy or Renee Conly if you have questions.

**Soup & Dessert**—will resume in October.

**Bible Study—June 2 and 9 at 10:30 am.** Take this opportunity to discuss the next Sunday's readings with a variety of laity and clergy. Everyone has a different prism.

**Nursery School—June 10-11.** Sadly our St. Michael's Nursery School is closing after many years serving Marblehead children. 'Thank You's & more soon!

**Service with the Choir—June 13** is the last Sunday until September with the choir leading our hymns and providing inspiring singing during the offertory and Communion. Join Doug in thinking each member for their dedication.

**Parish Picnic—June 13, at 12:30 pm.**

Join Church School children, teachers and their families at Devereux Beach after Church. Everyone is invited! Bring a dish to share.



**Parish Aid Corporate Communion, Harbor Cruise and Lunch on Tuesday, June 22 at 10 AM.**

RSVP to Martha Gorman with your lunch selection by June 15.



### Fill Your Pantry Bags—Needs Continue

Don't forget to bring your donations for the Marblehead Food Pantry to church. There is a bin just inside the parish hall door for nonperishable food donations. Items needed include: canned fruits & vegetables, dry pasta, PB&J, spaghetti sauce, canned tuna, powdered milk, toiletries, etc.

Also, we are looking for a few individuals who can make weekly trips to the Pantry (located at Star of the Sea Community Center) to deliver the food. Food Pantry hours are Tues. 9:00 AM – 12 noon and Thurs. 12:30–3:00 and 6:00–7:00 PM. A sign-up sheet for deliveries is in the parish hall.



### Thank You from the Music Director:

As we come to the end of another program season here at St. Michael's, I would like to take this opportunity to offer thanks to those people who have given of their time, talent and resources to support the Music Program:

The St. Michael's Choir - Sarah Hunter, Denise Shea, Anna Onishi, Jan Barnett, Deirdre Robbins, Michele Liu, Chris Riegle, Stan Smith, Jim Ayer, Gordon Spaberg, Thomas Smoker.

The many people who host our Organ Recital and Evensong receptions.

And finally, to all the people of St. Michael's Church who are constantly encouraging, supportive, and enthusiastic about our music-making together. You sing the hymns and service music so beautifully each week, that I am always reminded of just how deeply we all cherish our Anglican musical heritage.

Wishing you all a blessed, restful, adventurous summer.

- Douglas Major, Music Director

**Think Lobster Rolls!!!!**  
**July 3rd, 4th, 5th**  
**11 AM—3 PM**



Yes in just 6 short weeks St. Michael's will be donning their Heavenly Lobster aprons and hats and dishing out lobster rolls and hot dogs to the throngs of Marblehead and surrounding communities. This is a big social event for many and we have always done St. Michael's proud with our excellent fare and spirit of community as a parish.

The sign up sheets will be appearing soon in the parish hall so keep your eyes peeled or you may miss your chance to get your favorite duty!

100% of all net proceeds go to our local charities and to our sister parish and school, St. Thomas, in Archaie, Haiti. This is an excellent opportunity to remind the town of the generous hearts of the parishioners of St. Michael's and that we still know how to throw a fabulous lobster lunch too.

- Barbara Miller & Linda Smidt, CoChairs

## Church School - Aileen Ryder



### Rogation Celebration

On May 16, the Church School celebrated Rogation Sunday. The children participated in God's creation by planting flowers on the Church grounds. It is powerful to watch them explore the soil, water, flowers and

worms! Hearing the story of Creation and joining in a procession with the whole church community helps bring this all together as a celebration of God's work. Yet the lesson doesn't end on Rogation Sunday! Like all living things, flowers need continued care. The Church School families have been invited to water the flowers throughout the summer. Everyone in the parish is welcome to join in this ministry. Please contact Sue Cool to be involved.

### Haiti

The Church school has been invited to join in a pen pal project with St. Thomas School. The children began the project by drawing a picture of their favorite place in Marblehead... pictures included flowers, homes and families. Sunday, I discovered just how revolutionary it is to write an actual letter, not an email and not a text. This will prove to be an interesting project! We are collecting letters now through June 13.

Our penny drive continues through June 13. Please encourage your children to bring their loose change or contribute from their "piggy banks."

### Penny Drive



*Please bring, your pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters and bills to Church School.*

**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.

### June Events

Our program year is coming to an end with many events to celebrate the year.

- On June 6, we have a Church School parent-teacher meeting during coffee hour. We will explore our successes from this past year and look forward to growth in the coming year.
- The Middle School Youth have a special field trip planned with St. Andrew's Youth Group on June 6. We will be playing mini-golf at Castle Creek Adventure Land
- Current 5th graders are invited to join the Supper Club on June 7. Our current members have planned a special meeting to welcome you to the Supper Club.
- **All parishioners are invited to a Church Family Picnic on June 13.** Help us celebrate the year with an afternoon of sun and fun at the beach. We have a pavilion reserved at Devereux Beach. Please bring a dish to share with the Church Family.



## Church School & Youth Schedule

Date	Special Event	Middle School Youth	Godly Play I	Godly Play II
Sunday, June 6	Church School Parent Teacher Meeting 11:45 am	Field trip with St. Andrew's Youth 4pm at Castle Creek Adventure Land	The Good Shepherd and World Communion with Sue Cool and Joe Oliveira	The Holy Trinity with Kate Renney and Anne Ayer
Monday, June 7		Supper Club: Growing current 5th graders are invited		
Sunday, June 13	Family Picnic at Devereux Beach 12:30pm		Paul's Discovery with Sue Cool and Joe Oliveira	The Good Shepherd and World Communion with Kate Renney and Karin McCarthy

## St. Michael's Angels



### Congratulations

**Sarah Bittermann**, one of our acolytes, graduates with honors from Marblehead High School on Sunday, June 6. Sarah has been a winning athlete on their track team and will be attending the University of Massachusetts,

Amherst. But watch for her this July as she leads efforts at St. Michael's Lobster Luncheon.

**Elizabeth Clark** graduates from the Middlesex School in Concord and will be attending the University of Chicago in the fall. Eliza has served as an acolyte as well.

**Edward Nilsson** received the President's Award for "outstanding dedication and service to the Episcopal Divinity School, with gratitude for your service over four decades in caring for the EDS campus with an architect's keen eye, for preparing and reviewing campus sketches and designs while overseeing renovations, providing leadership on the Buildings and Grounds Committee, and offering valued counsel to all those associated with EDS."

### St. Michael's Garden Club?!

In our ongoing effort to maintain and beautify our property, Sue Cool and Fran Nilsson are inviting interested parishioners to help plant, water, prune, and care for our various gardens. We are setting up a regular morning to gather for weeding and other regular maintenance. The Church School families are also setting up a watering schedule. Please speak with Sue or Fran if you would like to help with our gardening efforts.



We also work closely with our landscaper, Bob Stork, on lawn and hedge care and with the Property Committee. If you see something amiss or needing tender care on the St. Michael's grounds, please speak to Sue, Fran, Jack Attridge or Fr. Andrew so they notify the proper person.

—Sue Cool and Frances Nilsson

## Outreach Sends Representatives to Sisters of St. Margaret Convent

On May 1, 2010 Father Andrew Stoessel, Linda Smidt, Martha Gorman, Pam Oppelt, Katherine Barr, and David and Aileen Day attended a program at the Sisters of St. Margaret Convent in Roxbury. The program was called "Staying on in the Ruins-How a group of Sisters stayed on after the cameras left" — a story about what went on in Haiti after the earthquake. The presentation was done by Sister Claire Marie, SSM, Sister Marjorie Raphael, SSM and others.

We arrived at 12 Noon and attended an Order of Service for Noonday. It was a lovely service of music and prayer in a beautiful, peaceful chapel. After the service we enjoyed a bountiful luncheon of delicious home made Haitian food. After lunch we all had a tour of the convent, a wonderful building with magnificent views of the city.

The presentation was scheduled for after the tour. What an inspiration it was for us to hear the sisters talk about their experience during and after the earthquake. Sister Marjorie Raphael talked about being on the 2nd floor of the convent when the building started to shake. She told of the sisters holding hands to maneuver the stairs of the convent that were already crumbling while they were descending to the 1st floor, what it was like for the sisters to see their world collapse around them. The sisters prepared a power point presentation "Beautiful Haiti...Along the road from Port-au-Prince to Leogane" in

which one saw the beauty as well as the devastation that the earthquake caused. Then the Sister's gave us a first hand account of the work they do in Haiti. After the talk we were all so impressed by the Sisters that the Outreach Committee has decided to extend an invitation to the Sisters to come to St. Michael's and share their experiences with our parish. - Aileen Day



Katherine Barr, Aileen & David Day, Martha Gorman, Linda Smidt, Pam Oppelt and Father Stoessel with Sister Marion Margaret during their visit at St. Margaret's Convent. Sister Marion Margaret grew up in Marblehead where she was known as Mollie Carey.

## Stewardship Gift Planning

*This ongoing series of articles and communications to help all at St. Michael's better understand Stewardship and as well as our financial status. See also our Steward of the Month honoring those among us who demonstrate how we can apply our time, talents and money to God's work.*

St. Michael's first trust came from Thomas Evans who died in 1861 and is memorialized in our St. Michael's window. Since then many, many others have left bequests, small and large that have been used to grow our endowment and pay for general or specific expenses of the church. For example, Orlando and Sarah Davenport left \$100,000 that expanded our endowment 10 fold in 1923. Harold D. Hodgkinson left \$100,000 in 1979 for the restoration and preservation of St. Michael's historic building and documents. In 2009 the Parish Aid Society received \$29,000 from the estate of Ruth Holbrook and used it to update the Parish House kitchen. These are only a very few examples. Whether \$500, \$5000 or more, all gifts greatly provide for the well-being of the church!

Today there are many tax-beneficial options for planned giving that are not just options for the wealthy. You can make a gift through:

- a bequest in your will;
- a gift of special assets, such as real estate or appreciated securities;
- a life income gift; such as a pooled income fund, charitable gift annuity, charitable remainder trust; or
- by naming St. Michael's as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy, IRA or other retirement account.

You can find good information on these options and more at the Episcopal Church Foundation's web site -

- [www.episcopalchurch.org/tools-and-programs/fundraising-tools/planned-giving/plann](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/tools-and-programs/fundraising-tools/planned-giving/plann)
- and their companion site [www.EpiscopalGifts.org](http://www.EpiscopalGifts.org)

For more information specific to St. Michael's consult a member of the Stewardship Committee—Avery Russell, Karl Renney, Larry Robbins, Jeff Barnett, or Vestry liaison Harriett Magee.

Many folks want to serve God  
But only as advisers.

## Our Steward of the Month: Gordon Spaberg

Since he and his family joined St. Michael's about 1974 when George Westerberg was rector, Gordon has been involved in just about everything at church. He was on the Vestry three times and served as Junior, then Senior Warden. He has been a trustee of the Murray House for 27 years, has served on Building and Grounds, Worship and Music, and Stewardship Committees.

Perhaps his greatest dedication has been to St. Michael's Choir. He joined when music director Tom Holland had just overseen the installation of the Fisk organ. One of his many memories of singing great music at church was *Love Through the Ages*, a multi-age concert in the Parish Hall directed by Barbara Bruns. As a mechanical and electrical engineer for General Electric in Lynn, he remembers trying to resolve work and travel conflicts so he could be at choir rehearsals each week.

Outreach has also been a priority for Gordon. He and his wife Pat have volunteered in Salem at Crombie Street, now Lifebridge, since the 1980s. Gordon credits Aileen and David Day with getting Pat and him involved in Haiti through one of the trips. Soon he may be volunteering as a math tutor for Esperanza Academy in Lawrence.

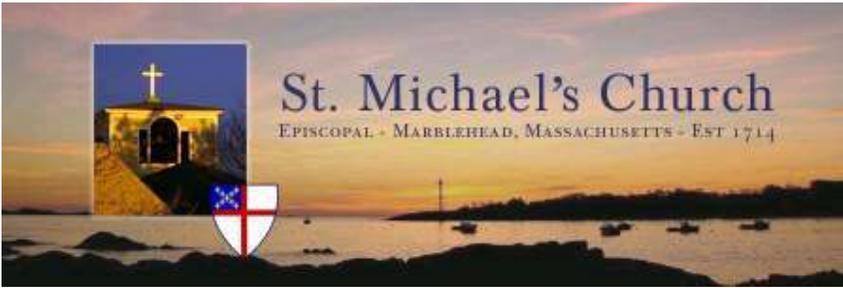
Although he grew up in Polson, Montana (as a Methodist), family records and his interest in genealogy show that

his ancestors came from Maine, Rhode Island, and Boston. In fact, one, Solomon Lombard, arrived in 1633 and went to Harvard College. Through him, Gordon was eligible to join the Sons of the American Revolution and, along with David Day, is now a member of its Color Guard.. See them in uniform this July 4th as they march the Marblehead streets to ring St. Michael's bell.



Gordon is now officially retired after 43 full-time years with GE and another 10 of half-time work. (He also ran a boat chartering company in the summer for many years.) He has time for Explorers, a Salem State series of courses for seniors. He says, "The Denaults got Pat and me interested. Now I can take all the courses, like opera and memoir writing, I couldn't take in engineering college." He and Pat have one daughter, Erica, who lives in New York City and who follows in her father's footsteps by being on the vestry of St. Michael's at 99th and Amsterdam. They have three grandsons, Nicholas 11, and twins Zachary and Robert who are almost five.

- Marilyn Day



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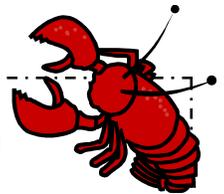
**Sunday, June 13**

**8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I**  
**10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II**  
**Last Sunday for**  
**Choir & Church School**

**12:30 PM Parish Picnic**  
**at Devereux Beach Pavilion**  
**Bring a dish to share!**



**Lobster Lunch**



**Saturday, Sunday, Monday**  
**July 3, 4, 5**  
**11:00 am—3 pm**

**Volunteer Now!**  
**Sign-Up in the Parish Hall**

**Remember: All Net Proceeds**  
**Fund Our Outreach Program**

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

# Saint Michael's Church

# June 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Parish Office Hours Monday - Friday 8:30 am – 12:30 pm</p> <p>Thrift Shop Summer Hours Monday – Saturday 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm</p>		<p>1) 9:00 am – 12:15 pm Marblehead Third Graders history tour of St. Michael's</p> <p>My Brother's Table St. Michael's / St. Andrew's Team</p>	<p>2) 9:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am Bible Study - 11:45 am Office Staff</p> <p>8:00 pm AA</p>	<p>3) St. Catherine's Guild 5:30 Fellowship 6:30 Dinner at Corinthian Yacht Club</p> <p>7:30 pm Adult Choir</p>	<p>4) 9:00 am Polarity Exercise</p> <p>9:00 am – 12:15 pm Marblehead Third Graders history tour of St. Michael's</p>	<p>5)</p>
<p>6) 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF PENTECOST</p> <p>8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:30 am Church School 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 11:45 am Church School Parents</p> <p>4:00 pm Middle School Youth Field Trip with St. Andrew's</p>	<p>7) <i>Thrift Shop opens Mon.- Sat. for the summer.</i></p> <p>6:00 pm Middle School Supper Club <i>Last meeting until September.</i></p>	<p>8)</p> <p>7:30 pm Warden's</p>	<p>9) 9:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am Bible Study <i>Last meeting 'til Sept.</i> 10:45 am Devereux House Visitation 11:45 am Office Staff 8:00 pm AA</p>	<p>10) <i>Last Nursery School 2-Day Program</i></p> <p>7:30 pm Adult Choir</p>	<p>11) <i>Last Nursery School 3-Day Program</i> 9:00 am Polarity Exercise</p>	<p>12) 11:00 am – 1:00 pm St. Michael's Team at Lifebridge</p>
<p>13) 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF PENTECOST</p> <p><i>Last day of Church School and Last Choir Sunday for Summer</i> 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:30 am Church School 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 12:30 pm Parish Picnic at the Devereux Beach Pavilion</p>	<p>14)</p>	<p>15)</p> <p>7:30 pm Vestry</p>	<p>16) 9:30 am Holy Eucharist 11:45 am Office Staff</p> <p>8:00 pm AA</p>	<p>17)</p>	<p>18) 9:00 am Polarity Exercise</p> <p><i>July/August Newsletter Deadline</i></p>	<p>19)</p>
<p>20) 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF PENTECOST</p> <p><b>Father's Day</b> 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II</p>	<p>21)</p>	<p>22) 10:00 am Parish Aid Corporate Communion 11:00 am Parish Aid Annual Cruise, Lunch at Boston Yacht Club</p>	<p>23) 9:30 am Holy Eucharist 11:45 am Office Staff</p> <p>8:00 pm AA</p>	<p>24)</p>	<p>25) 9:00 am Polarity Exercise</p>	<p>26) 12:00 pm Albers-Winder Wedding 2:30 pm time approx. Festival of the Arts drop off of stands etc.</p>
<p>27) 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF PENTECOST</p> <p>8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II</p>	<p>28) <i>Marblehead Festival of the Arts – Art Set-Up Begins</i></p>	<p>29)</p>	<p>30) 9:30 am Holy Eucharist 11:45 am Office Staff</p> <p>8:00 pm AA</p>	<p>Replenish the</p> 		<p><b>Lobster Lunch July 3-5 11 am – 3 pm</b></p> <p><b>Sign Up Now!</b></p>