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# St. Michael's Newsletter

## From the Rector

I discovered recently that applying caulk to a boat can be very messy. People had warned me about this, but I forged ahead. Earlier this spring I saw that water leaked through the deck of our sailboat after a moderate rain. Leaks on a boat are not a good thing. Even I knew this. I set out to repair the leaky areas motivated by three things: 1) It needed to be done. 2) I wanted to become more knowledgeable about how things work and more adept at repairs on our boat. 3) I had an even stronger desire to keep my expenses down. Fortunately for this project I had the help of an experienced, able and thankfully willing friend. Together we un-bolted, re-sealed, and re-bolted a number of stanchions and chain-plate covers on the deck of the sailboat. I discovered (not surprisingly) that such repairs can take a lot longer to complete than originally planned. Patience and perseverance were the words of the day. A third discovery revealed itself: polysulfide caulk doesn't wash quickly or easily off one's hands. (I suggest not do this work right before you are to officiate at a wedding.) I am pleased to report that the end result is a tight, leak-free boat...at least for the time being. I have a good, solid, and very enjoyable older boat. It is a matter of time before other areas will need to be addressed and updated, thus giving me the opportunity to grow further in knowledge and experience as well.

Ten years ago this June 8 I was ordained to the priesthood in the Episcopal Church. Not long after that I came to St. Michael's as Priest-in-Charge. There have been many experienced, able and

thankfully willing parishioners who have helped maintain, guide and strengthen this parish. There have been many people within and without the parish who have guided and strengthened me as a priest and rector. Parish life, like faith, is an ever growing and evolving process.

In the midst of the ongoing worship and ministry at St. Michael's comes the 300th anniversary of our church building and congregation. Not many churches in the country, Anglican or otherwise, worship in their original 300 year old church. The church was built that people might gather to worship God for strength and guidance through the Anglican expression of Christian faith. The 300th Anniversary is a celebration not just of our building, but of the generations of faithful people who have proclaimed and witnessed the gospel in word and deed. Faith is new each day, and so too our ministry. It evolves and changes to meet the needs and concerns of each generation. There are things to be done, like repairing a leak in church's ceiling, and opportunities present themselves to grow in wisdom and faith in worship and service to others. How wonderful it is to be bearers of this tradition at this current time.

As the program year draws to a close, the seeds to ensure ministry to future generations at St. Michael's will continue to germinate over the summer months. The experience, abilities and thankful willingness of all will enable St. Michael's to continue its course for years to come.

- Fr. Andrew

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### June Calendar

*Happy June  
Birthday to*

**Miranda Connolly  
Emma Hunt  
Kyle Robertson  
Tessa Robertson  
Nicola Russell  
Blake Russell**

## Season's Endings, Summer Beginnings



June brings many end of the season celebrations and the beginnings of summer.

**Bible Study—June 6 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. Bible Study resumes in September.

**St. Catherine's Guild Banquet—June 7, 6:30 pm** at the Corinthian Yacht Club with fellowship and drinks at 5:30 pm.

**Service with the Choir—June 10** is the last Sunday until September with the choir leading our hymns and providing inspiring singing during the offertory and Communion. Join Doug in thanking each member for their dedication.

**Church School Picnic—June 10, at 12:30 pm.** Church School children, teachers and their families in the Parish Hall. Fun, food, games and more!

**Parish Aid Society Corporate Communion, Harbor Cruise and Lunch on Tuesday, June 19, beginning at 10 AM.** Members: RSVP to Martha Gorman with your lunch selection by June 12.

**July—August Sunday Schedule**  
**One Service: 9:00 am Holy Eucharist**  
**with music**

### 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.



### Thank You to our Music Director and Choir

Thank you, Doug Major and all the members of the Choir—Sarah Hunter, Denise Shea, Anna Onishi, Michelle Baillie, Teddy DeCanio, Jan Barnett, Deirdre Robbins, Thomas Smoker, Chris Riegle, Stanley Smith, Jim Ayer, Andrew Harkinson—for beautiful, inspiring music every Sunday. We at St. Michael's are so blessed to have Doug's leadership and talent and your wonderful dedication and voices.

Have a great summer off from Thursday and Sunday rehearsals! We look forward to hearing your voices downstairs among us.

Meanwhile, Doug says to check out the summer musical offerings at:

- [MMM.org](http://MMM.org)—to see what's going on at Methuen Memorial Music Hall
- [stmichaels1714.org](http://stmichaels1714.org)—to see what's up with St. Michael's Church in Marblehead

### Celebrating This Month...

Father Andrew will be on vacation beginning Sunday afternoon, June 17th and returning Saturday, June 30th. While he is away, we are blessed to have several priests in our parish who can celebrate at our Sunday and Wednesday services.

The Rev. Bob Landreth will be celebrant for the Parish Aid Society's Corporate Communion on Tuesday, June 19th. The Rev. Fred Alling will be celebrating Wednesdays, June 20th and 27th at 9:30 a.m. And the Rev. Jess Petty will be celebrating at 8 and 10 am on Sunday, June 24th.

## Church School - 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 the class 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 Re:form curriculum.

### June Highlights

#### Children's Chapel

Everyone is welcome to join with the Church School for this short worship service on Sunday June 3 at 9:30am. Please meet by the altar in the Parish Hall.

#### Church School Parent-Teacher Meeting

Parents and teachers are asked to attend this meeting on Sunday, June 3 at 11:45 am to review the Church School year. We will look at what worked well this year, and ways we can grow next year. This meeting is important for planning next year. We will meet in the Nursery Room following the Church Service. An activity will be provided for the children.

#### End-of-Year Picnic

The Church School families are hosting an indoor picnic to celebrate the program year. Everyone is welcome to join on Sunday, June 10 at 12:40 in the parish hall.



### Diocesan Educators Retreat

This annual retreat is for all those who assist in Christian education. This year, it will be at St. John's in Beverly Farms. Please contact Aileen if you will like to attend on Tuesday June 12 10am-3pm.

### Gratitude

This has been a wonderful Church School year. So many people help make Church School and the Supper Club happen. I would like to express my gratitude to all those who have helped.



#### Godly Play

##### Teaching Team:

Joe Oliveira  
Kristen Clay  
Gillian Petty  
Helen Riegle  
Melissa Amberik  
Elke Backman

##### Special Occasions

Diane Christian  
Tom Connolly  
Milena Connolly  
Julie Gaunt  
Kaki Ianchulev

#### Weaving God's Promise

##### Teaching Team:

Noah Bittermann  
Susan Cool  
Barbara Miller  
Octavia Moniz

##### The Supper Club

Susan Butterworth  
Jacqui Acevedo  
Anne Ayer  
Susan Bragdon  
Betsy Hundhal  
Helen Kaulbach  
Karin McCarthy

## Church School & Youth Schedule

Date	Special Event	Youth	Godly Play	Weaving God's Promises
Sunday, June 3	Children's Chapel @ 9:30 Church School Parent Teacher Meeting @ 11:45		Parable of the Good Shepherd	Stories of David
Sunday, June 10	End of Year Picnic @12:30		The Good Shepherd and World Communion	Daniel
Tuesday, June 12	Diocesan Educators Retreat at St. John's Beverly Farm 10am-3pm	End-of-Year Barbecue at the Russell's (Rain location: Parish Hall)		

## Our Steward of the Month: Jenny Armini

Jenny Armini comes from a long line of Episcopalians; moreover, she and husband Michael were married at the Anglican Cathedral in Bermuda. So, when they looked for a church to join in Marblehead about six years ago, she knew the only option was Episcopalian. She is also a history buff so St. Michael's was a natural choice. "I love worshipping in a space where generations of Episcopalians have worshipped. It adds to the spirituality," she says.

She taught Sunday school early on, but now she serves as a lay Eucharistic minister. "The moment you hand someone the chalice, it is a holy moment. You can see it," she says of serving communion. She also serves on the Vestry and is liaison for the Historic Church Committee.

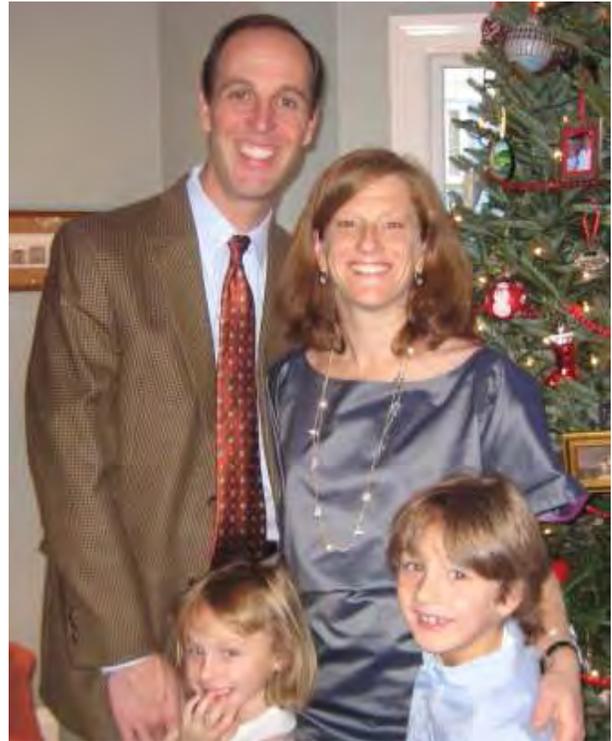
Jenny and Michael have two children. David is eight and in the third grade in Marblehead schools. Sydney is six and attends kindergarten. Jenny's favorite memories of St. Michael's involve her children, for example, when they process on Palm Sunday with their Sunday school class, waving palms and singing. Then there was the Christmas Pageant when David was the angel announcing that a baby was born in the city of "David." And, she loved seeing Sydney playing a sheep, baaing from the altar, a change from a previous role as an angel.

Jenny graduated from the University of Virginia in 1991 and hoped to work on Capitol Hill in Washington, but there were no jobs so she moved to London. "I rode out the recession working at Harrods," she says with a laugh. Upon her return, though, she did work on Capitol Hill for five years for two Congressmen. As senior legislative assistant, she researched, tracked, and wrote about laws on social issues, like immigration, health, and welfare reform. "I got a lot of responsibility early," she says of her work. "I learned to write quickly and in someone else's voice."

### St. Michael's Episcopal Church Marblehead, Massachusetts

**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.



She and Michael, who was the press secretary for the same Congressmen, met there. Later, they moved to Boston where she went to Harvard to earn a Master's in Public Administration. Her writing experience on Capitol Hill was put to use when she became the chief speechwriter for Governor Jane Swift.

Nowadays, Jenny is a freelance speechwriter for university presidents, CEO's, and occasionally, political figures. After she interviews a client to find out what he or she wants, she does additional research. The client reads the speech draft, makes suggestions and then she rewrites. "It is flexible, meaningful, and interesting, and I can still pick up the kids from school. I feel lucky," she says of her work.

Michael is now a senior vice-president of External Affairs at Northeastern University. In his position he works with the media, on government relations, in marketing, and publications. For ten years, Michael held a similar position at Harvard Law School. Both he and Jenny are particularly busy around commencement.

"We don't relax," says Jenny with a smile. However, she does note that Michael runs and is an avid cyclist. "If I relax, I read," says Jenny.

And on Sundays, Jenny says that St. Michael's is the perfect historic place to commune with the Book of Common Prayer.

*This ongoing series highlights good stewards in St. Michael's community. - Marilyn Day*

## St. Michael's Lobster Lunch—Donate! Bake! Promote! Volunteer!

### St. Michael's Heavenly Lobster Lunch

Saturday, June 30, Sunday, July 1st  
& Wednesday, July 4th  
11 AM—3 PM

Historic Church Open House  
11 AM—2 PM

### Special on Independence Day

Bell Ringing at 7:30 AM, Noon & 6 PM  
Organ Concert with Doug Major, 12:30 PM



Yes, in just 4 short weeks St. Michael's will be donning our aprons and hats and dishing out lobster rolls and hot dogs to the throngs of Marblehead and surrounding communities. Lobster salad on a bed of lettuce we expect to increase in popularity. Don't miss this opportunity to dish up Marblehead's favorite food to your friends and neighbors while raising funds for charities.

Sign up sheets will be in the parish hall so keep your eyes peeled or you may miss your chance to get your favorite duty—in the kitchen, in the dining area, selling hats, promoting St. Michael's or baking treats! Donations to defray costs are also welcome.

Have visiting friends and relatives? Sign them up to help or send them off to events and exhibits while you serve your shift. And of course, bring them to lunch!

100% of all net proceeds go to our local charities and to our sister parish and school, St. Thomas, in Arcahaie, 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.

- David Bittermann & Barbara Miller, Co-Chairs

### Help Us "Pitchure" the Tent!

Pitching a tent on the lawn has made all the difference in the success of the Lobster Lunch, boosting attendance and sales. Last year we expanded the covered dining area. Help us prepay for the tent and lobster by making a donation. Be a

- Lobster Sponsor for \$25 or
- Tent Sponsor for \$50 or more.

Check the easel in the Parish Hall as donations come in to raise the tent and fill it with people.

### What? You can't be here? But you can still help!

Donate to help raise the tent.

Bake desserts for us to freeze.

Spread the word! Download and print the poster from the web site and put it up in your car window, workplace and at your favorite shopping place. Tell your friends. Link to us on Facebook.

### Start Baking NOW!

The Lobster Lunch did a tremendous amount of business in the dessert department last year and in spite of all our cookie and squares contributions, we still needed to purchase over 360 additional cookies and two boxes of Rice Krispies® treats.

This year the Lobster Lunch Committee would like our bakers to start baking in June and we will stock pile our desserts in the freezer. Below are the two desserts we need for the Lobster Lunch:

#### Rice Krispies® Treats Recipe

- 3 tablespoons butter or margarine
- 1 package (10 oz., about 40) regular marshmallows  
OR 4 cups miniature marshmallows
- 6 cups Kellogg's® Rice Krispies® cereal

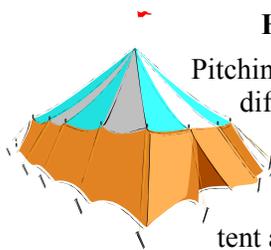
Directions:

1. In large saucepan melt butter over low heat. Add marshmallows and stir until completely melted. Remove from heat.
2. Add Kellogg's® Rice Krispies® cereal. Stir until well coated.
3. Using buttered spatula or wax paper evenly press mixture into 13 x 9 x 2-inch pan coated with cooking spray. Cool. Cut into 2-inch squares.

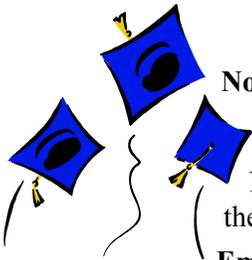
We ask each baker to make a minimum of two batches and to place one square each in a plastic sandwich bag.

#### Nestle® Toll House® Ultimates

Please use Nestle Toll House Ultimate Chocolate Chip Lovers® packages that make 12 big cookies (3½ inches each). They can be found in the refrigerated dairy section of the grocery store. Just break apart the dough and bake as directed. Cool and place each cookie in an individual plastic sandwich bags. Please bake 3 dozen or more cookies.



## St. Michael's Angels



### Congratulations

**Noah Bittermann**, crucifer and acolyte, graduates from Marblehead High School on Sunday, June 3. Noah will be pursuing the sciences at the University of Minnesota.

**Emma Clark**, who has also been an acolyte, graduates from the Cambridge School in Concord, MA and will be attending the University of Virginia.

#### .And Congratulations to our college graduates:

**Evan W. Bragdon** graduated from Connecticut College on Sunday, May 20th. He received a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and a Bachelor of Arts in Government.

**Jacob Barnett** graduated May 6 from Lewis and Clark College, Portland Oregon, with a BA in Psychology and a minor in Art and Art History. He plans to stay in the Portland area at least through the summer while exploring opportunities.



### Thank you, Gardeners

The Church School children with donations and help from Gillian Petty, Melissa Amberik, Octavia Moniz, Helen Riegle, Kristen Clay, Aileen Ryder and others planted and watered annuals and perennials in flower beds in front of the Davenport House and on the Summer Street side. These and others will be signing up to water our plants throughout the summer.

And our secret gardeners along the Parish Hall fence are now known. Last fall Helen Kaulbach and Don Kley-camp planted hostas on the church's side of the fence along their property. And this May they added a variety of flowering plants to our back alley. Take a peak through the Parish Hall windows.

Please contact Sue Cool or Frances Nilsson if you would like to improve a particular flower bed.

Thank you all who are helping to beautify our 1714 grounds!

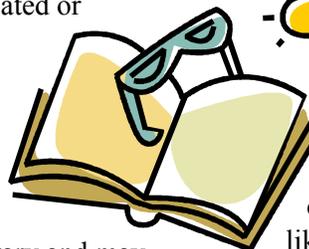


## Summer Reading

As you leave for vacation or if you're staying home, sunning or relaxing in the shade, bring a book from St. Michael's Library and be entertained, educated or inspired.

If you haven't read it, **Five People You Meet In Heaven** by Mitch Albom is one that will do all of these things for you.

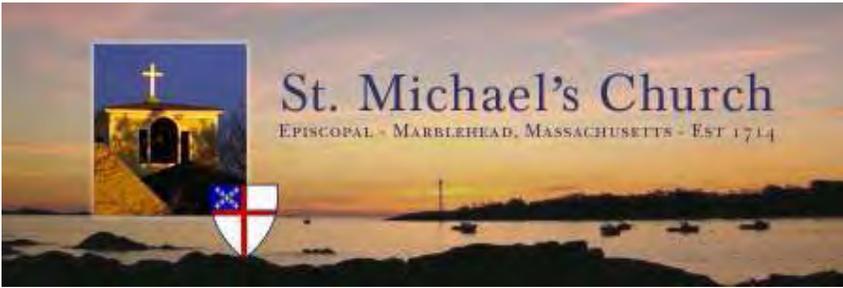
**Belief: readings on the reason for faith** by Francis S. Collins, a top National Institutes of Health scientist, is new to our Library and may strengthen your faith, recently challenged by non-religious scientists.



In the Children's Section there is a beautifully **Illustrated Life of Christ**. Also, **To Treasure Forever** is one of several books, recently donated from Alma Howie's library, which may inspire you. Come in browse, select one of these or any others, sign them out and keep them as long as you like. Enjoy your summer.

- Marty and Fred Alling





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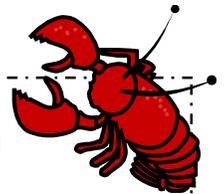
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**Sunday, June 10**

***Second Sunday of Pentecost  
and Last Sunday for  
Choir & Church School***

**8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I  
10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
12:30 pm Church School Family  
Picnic in the Parish Hall**

**Lobster Lunch**



**Saturday, Sunday, Wednesday  
June 30, July 1, July 4  
11:00 am—3 pm**

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

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

**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.*

