



St. Michael's Newsletter

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From the Rector:

O Lord, how manifold are your works!
 In wisdom you have made them all;
 the earth is full of your creatures.
 You send forth your spirit,
 and they are created;
 And so you renew the face of the earth.
Psalm 104:25, 31

We are quickly approaching the end of the “program year” at St. Michael’s. Sunday June 7 is the last day for Church School and the presence of the Adult Choir in our morning worship. Sunday mornings and Sunday worship will take on a slightly different pattern. Beginning in July and extending through August we will switch to one Sunday service at 9:00 a.m. All this requires a slight adjustment to what is customary for most of the year. There is a renewing aspect in this shift, with God’s Spirit stirring and present in something new. The Spirit of God is still present, and our intention of openness to that spirit is still asked.

Looking back a year ago to this time, we can see the physical fruits of renewal and renovation. This time last year the universal ramp was nearing its installation, the lower parish hall was being finished, the lift was not installed, and the bell tower was steeple-less. These items are now

complete, and some seem as if they have been a part of the fabric for years.

Two more additions have been added in the meantime, both generous gifts of St. Catherine’s Guild, the long-standing women’s group within the St. Michael’s parish community. The first is modern in nature and common means of communication: a new digital monitor, hanging in the foyer. The monitor, when turned on, displays important visuals and information reflecting the life and ministries of St. Michael’s. The second is historic in nature, and a visual, wordless means of communication: three stained glass windows newly



grouped and framed together.

These three windows, along with two others now on display hanging in the foyer, were part of the old Parish Hall built in 1893. They have been in storage in recent years in the Davenport Attic. Artisan woodworker Harry Foster generously applied his skills building the exquisite frame. LED lights illuminate the windows, creating an inspiring display. The overall look is a rich gothic style, fitting for the windows. The windows will be hung in the lower level chapter room, providing an elegant quality to the room, and connecting it spiritually with the rest of the building.

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From the Music Director—Thank You St. Michael's Choirs (and Doug too)!

On behalf of the congregation, I wish to thank heartily the members of St. Michael's Choir for their weekly musical leadership in our worship services. They are a dedicated and hard-working group who give 4 - 6 hours every week rehearsing and singing, and they bring skill and enthusiasm to our communal life. Well done, this Tercentenary Year! They will be recognized, along with the Church School leaders, on Sunday, June 7 at the conclusion of the 10 AM Eucharist when we will all have an opportunity to thank them.

Thanks and praise also go to the Youth Choir, who sang so beautifully on Maundy Thursday, and will sing Choral Evensong this Sunday, June 7 at 5 pm. Our young singers will be joined by a small group from St. John's Episcopal Church in Gloucester, whose director is our good friend and colleague Mark Nelson. Please join us for this service and note - there is no Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at this Evensong.

I would like to thank all of you who attended "Why we like to sing" my address given back in April. I very much enjoyed the enthusiasm in the audience and your warm reception.

One more thank you - you have embraced the "St. Michael's Service" which I composed for the parish, and it is a joy to hear you sing the three parts of the service every Sunday! (Have you considered joining the Choir? We are always looking for good voices, especially tenors and basses.....)

A Happy Summer to All!

- Douglas Major, Music Director

Rector's Column - continued

(Harry Foster also framed the two other stained glass windows that now hang in the windows to the Gorman Atrium Garden. Pam Oppelt and Charlene Tyler donated the funds for their restoration.) These refurbished windows and the new digital monitor in their own right inspire openness to God's spirit at work. We thank St. Catherine's Guild for these gifts.

As we transition into the summer months, may God's renewing, creative spirit be with each of us in our own ways. May we give thanks for the same creative spirit that brought forth so much this past year.

—Fr. Andrew

Editor's Note: Read more about the 1893 windows in the *April 2011 Newsletter*.

Summer Schedule

June 7 2ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I
- 9:30 am Child Care—last of the season, resumes September 16th
- 9:30 am Church School Breakfast Celebration in the Chapter Room
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II—our last Sunday with the Adult Choir

5:00 pm Choral Evensong with the Youth Choirs of St. John's Gloucester & St. Michael's

June 14 3RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II

June 21 4TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II

June 28 5TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II

July-August Sunday Services

July 5—August 30
9:00 am Holy Eucharist

St. Michael's Lobster Lunch

July 3-5 FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY
See page 6 for how you can help!

Altar Flowers

One of the gifts of spring and summer are the wonderful flowers in our gardens and on our altar.



Contact Anne Foster (or the Church Office) if you have flowers in your garden that can be cut for the altar. Thank you!

Church School—from Kelley Howells



Some of the St. Michael's children and youth that participated in the Intergenerational Service on May 10th.

Church School in May

In May, we learned about Jesus' time on earth after the resurrection and his ascension into heaven. We also learned about the books of the Bible and the Ten Commandments. We participated in Children's Chapel at the beginning of the month with Father Andrew and our Seminarian Eric Fialho. On Mother's Day, May 10th, twenty of our children and youth did a tremendous job serving in the Intergenerational Service. We participated in Rogation Sunday on May 17th by planting flowers and beautifying our parish grounds. Thank you to all who donated flowers and plants and to all who helped with the planting!



Church School members celebrated Rogation Sunday on May 17th planting flowers around the Davenport House.



Our Youth Service Group sets up meals for the guests at Lifebridge in Salem.

High School Youth Service Group

On May 18th our High School Youth Service Group gathered once again at LifeBridge in Salem to work to serve the hungry and homeless population there. Thanks go to the McCarthy/Atkinson Family for their donation of all of the food. The guests were very appreciative of the tasty supper and thanked our group for all of their hard work.

June Highlights

June 7th - End of the year Family Breakfast Celebration and 2015-2016 Registration

We will be gathering all Church School and Nursery families for our second annual end of the year breakfast celebration at 9:30 on our last day June 7th!

Please look for our sign-up genius, to sign up for donations to the breakfast.

We plan for parents and children to arrive to the Chapter Room by 9:30 and for all to enjoy some breakfast treats while parents fill out registration forms for the fall to get a jump on next year's program.

By 10 o'clock parents should head into services, while activities and fun continue for the children in our outside space, weather permitting. Children will join the 10 o'clock service at our usual time.

Youth Choir Special Performance – June 7th 5 o'clock

Please join us here at St. Michael's Church at 5 o'clock on Sunday, June 7th, for a special evening performance of our Youth Choir.

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Church School—continued

June Dates to Remember

- June 7 9:30 am Last Church School, End of the year celebration breakfast, and 2015-2016 Registration
Youth Choir Special Performance at 5 o'clock Evensong
- July 1-5 Festival of Arts Exhibits open here in St. Michael's Parish Hall.
- July 2 Tables and covers to be set up in tent for lobster luncheon. Look for more information coming soon about how you can help with chair dusting and set up.
- July 3-5 Lobster Luncheon and continuation of Festival of Arts Exhibits
- July 5 Begin summer service schedule. One Sunday service at 9:00am (instead of 8 o'clock and 10 o'clock).

They will be joined by the Youth Choir from St. John's Church in Gloucester for an evening of beautiful music and song. All are welcome.

Watering Brigade

The work to beautify our grounds continues, as we will need help keeping all of our newly planted flowers well watered over the summer. This summer our Watering Brigade will be led by Kelley Callahan. Thank you Kelley! Please let her know if you are able to sign up to water for a week (or more!) this summer.



Some of the St. Michael's children and youth that participated in the Intergenerational Service on May 10th.



On Rogation Sunday after the 10 am service, Father Andrew blessed the plantings, and the gardeners!

Photos by Kelley Howells.

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.

William Reed Woodbridge, Rector 1867-1871

It took nearly 2 years and several rejections for St. Michael's Vestry to find a replacement for the Rev. Edwin B. Chase. Then William R. Woodbridge, with family ties to St. Michael's, accepted their call in October 1867. Woodbridge may be St. Michael's only rector born in Marblehead!

William Reed Woodbridge was born in Marblehead to the well-known educator William Channing Woodbridge and Lucy Ann Reed. Lucy Ann was the daughter of Benjamin Tyler Reed II and Rebecca Blackler, the oldest daughter of William Blackler. Her uncle was William Reed, the person who tried to change St. Michael's charter to be a Congregational church.

W.R. Woodbridge spent his early years with his parents traveling in Europe as his father researched teaching methods for his textbooks on geography. When Woodbridge was only 6 years old, his mother died, and in 1845 his father died. Young Woodbridge and his younger sister Lucy went to live with their uncle Benjamin Tyler Reed III, Reed's wife Elizabeth Hooper Reed and their son, and Reed's sister Rebecca in Lynn, Mass. Young Woodbridge prepared for college at Boston Latin School and then went to Yale where he studied chemistry.

In 1856 Woodbridge took a job as clerk for a coal mine in Jessup, PA followed by a clerkship at an iron furnace in Port Henry, NY. It was at this time that he met his wife Emily Ann Frances Weatherly. They were married by Woodbridge's Yale classmate and Congregational minister, the Rev. Charles Ray Palmer, D.D., in October 1860. In October 1862 Woodbridge entered the Episcopal seminary in Gambier Ohio (later known as Bexley Hall). While his father came from a long line of Congregational ministers going back to the founding of Yale, Wm. R. Woodbridge may have been heavily influenced by his mother's family: his uncle B. T. Reed III who founded the Episcopal Theological School in Cambridge in 1867, and Reed's mother-in-law, Mrs. Eunice Hooper, benefactress of St. Michael's whom the Vestry honored at her death in December 1866. Woodbridge was ordained a deacon in June 1865, serving in Vergennes, Vermont and received as a priest in July 1866. In November 1867 he came to Marblehead as Rector.

One of the first actions of the Vestry after Woodbridge's arrival was to begin the process of changing the bylaws and charter to conform to diocesan recommendations. Proprietors and pew owners were contacted to re-



linquish their pews and all church members were solicited for subscriptions to pay off the church debt. The 1869 parochial report announced:

Since last Trinity Sunday the Parish have used the so-called "envelope system" to provide for the support of the Church, every adult member of the congregation contributing a regular sum each Sunday in Church.

Like all ministers Woodbridge ran into resistance when he tried to change the order of the services. In February 1870 the Vestry voted to request that the Rector: "change the present order of service, and return to the old order of morning and evening prayer. Viz, at 10½ clock A.M. and 2½ clock P.M." No major changes were made to the church building during

his tenure, but Miss Eunice Hooper asked permission to have the large communion cup made into the 2 small chalices that were used in our Tercentenary historical services, and the Ladies of the Parish Aid Society provided a new carpet for the chancel.

In March 1871 Woodbridge submitted his resignation "on account of his ill health to take effect Easter Monday April 10, 1871." However during his recuperation he completed a major project we continue to use today. Woodbridge compiled indexes to St. Michael's sacramental records—baptisms, marriages, burials, confirmations and communicants—1715-1870, and his Parish Notes on each of St. Michael's rectors with statistics and major Vestry actions, again from 1715-1870. For himself he wrote: "He records Baptisms 12, Marriages 8, Burials 26, Confirmations 3."

Woodbridge returned to Port Henry, NY and his wife's family during recuperation, and soon held Episcopal services there and in several surrounding towns, establishing mission churches. Woodbridge took charge of Christ Church, in Morristown, NY, but then tried his hand as assistant editor of the Essex County Republican with a brief stint as a private secretary.

William R. Woodbridge died in Cooperstown, NY in March 1911.—*Frances Nilsson, Historic Church Comm.*



The 1869 chalices, 1764 paten and 1745 flagon in our Tercentenary historical services.

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

St. Michael's Heavenly Lobster Lunch

**Friday, July 3rd
through Sunday, July 5th
11 AM—3 PM**

**Historic Church Open House
11 AM—2 PM**

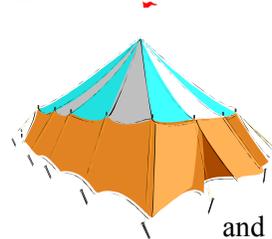
Special Events

Saturday, July 4th—Independence Day

Bell Ringing at 7:30 AM, Noon & 6 PM

Sunday, July 5th at Noon

Organ Recital & Contest with Doug Major



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

Donate to help raise the tent.

Bake cookies 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.

Help "Pitch" the Tent!

Pitching a tent on the lawn has made all the difference in the success of the Lobster Lunch, boosting attendance and sales. Help us prepay for the tent by making a donation. Be a sponsor for \$25, \$50 or more.

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 are in the parish hall so sign up now 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. *CoChairs: Linda Smidt, Kristin Carlson*

Lobster Lunch Planning

The next meeting will be Thursday, June 11th at 7:00 pm. The Lobster Lunch is a TEAM effort that turns this 3-day event into a great Lobster Lunch with all our proceeds for Outreach: for St. Thomas Arcahaie, Haiti, food pantries and soup kitchens and more. Contact Linda Smidt or Kristin Carlson if you would like to help with planning. We usually hold 3 planning meetings through May and June.

Start Baking NOW!

Once again the Lobster Lunch Committee asks the very generous bakers of St. Michael's to supply the cookies for this year's 4-day event. Last year we asked the parishioners to start baking cookies in June and it turned out to be an overwhelming success. We will be baking two types of cookies but no rice krispie squares (they do not hold up in the heat).

Market Basket has a brand of cookie dough called Take n' Bake and you can find this in their produce section near the eggs. The two types of cookies are: Chocolate Chip and Oatmeal Raisin. You can also use the Nestle Toll House cookie dough for the chocolate chip cookies.

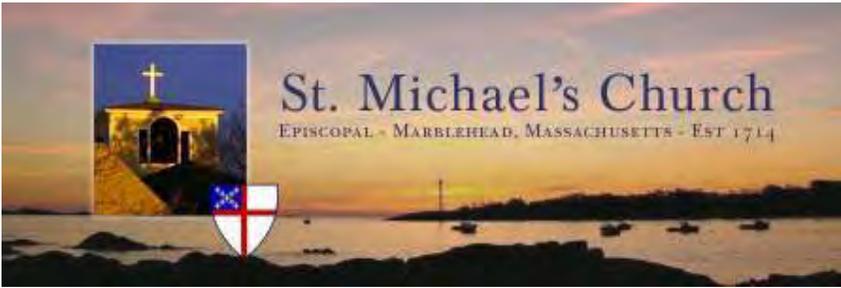
Each package makes 24 cookies. Put two cookies in one baggie and then put one or two dozen of these baggies in a larger zip lock freezer bag and mark on the outside the quantity and the type. This will help us with the count and type.

You can start baking now and bring to St. Michael's to place in the freezer.



The Thrift Shop needs your help too!

Bring in your summer items that no longer fit and those summer housewares you're not using. Recycle and benefit those in need and the church too!



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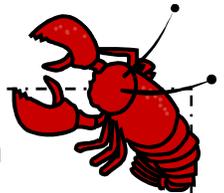
Sunday, June 7

Last Sunday for Choirs & Church School

8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I
9:30 am Church School Breakfast
10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II
with Adult Choir

5:00 pm Choral Evensong with
Youth Choirs of St. Michael's &
St. John's, Gloucester

Lobster Lunch



Friday—Sunday
July 3—July 5
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: Stephen Clay, Sr. Warden; Karin McCarthy, Jr. Warden; Sue Cool, Clerk; James Dearborn, Treasurer; Diane Christian, Asst. Treasurer.

Vestry: Sarah Bates, Kelley Callahan, Brian Carlson, Zavier Chickering, Ellie Doyle, Rory Gaunt, Justin Hintlian, Robert L. Howie, Jr., Jennifer Oliveira.

Delegates for Convention: Brian Fizer, Denise Shea. **Deanery Delegates:** Brian Fizer, Frances Nilsson, Denise Shea

Staff: The Rev. Andrew J. Stoessel, Rector; Dr. Douglas Major, Music Director; Kelley Howells, Christian Education Director; Jane Maihos, Parish Administrator; Jennifer Hill, Sexton.

June 2015



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | 1 | 2 5:00 pm St. Michael's Team at My Brother's Table, Lynn | 3 9:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 10:30 am Bible Study 11:45 am Church Staff 8:00 pm AA | 4 4:45 pm Youth Choir 5:30 St. Catherine's Guild at CYC 7:30 pm Adult Choir | 5 10:00 am Memorial Service for Owen McKenna & Collation | 6 10:30 am Ordination of Aileen Ryder DiBenedetto & others, Emmanuel Church, Boston |
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| 3RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 14 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II | 15 | 16 | 17 9:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 11:45 am Church Staff 8:00 pm AA | 18 | 19 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i> | 20 |
| 4TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 21 Guest Celebrant 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II | 22 | 23 7:00 pm Vestry | 24 9:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 11:45 am Church Staff 8:00 pm AA | 25 | 26 | 27 9 am – 3 pm Marblehead Festival of the Arts Exhibit Set-Up |
| 5TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 28 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II | 29 | 30 | July 1 <i>Tent Set-Up</i> 9:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 11:45 am Church Staff 6-8 pm Arts Festival Awards 8:00 pm AA | 2 Festival of Arts Exhibit 2pm-7pm 5 pm Lobster Lunch Set-Up | 3 Festival of Arts Exhibit 10 am-5 pm Lobster Lunch & Open House 11am – 3 pm | Independence Day 4 Bell Ringing 7:30 am, noon, 6 pm Festival of Arts Exhibit 10 am-5 pm Lobster Lunch & Open House 11am – 3 pm |