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St. Michael's Newsletter

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From the Rector

“Describe your perfect day in July.” This was the question posed to three 8th graders meeting for their first confirmation class on a rainy, raw evening in late February. Aileen Ryder and I also participated in this exercise. Each of us wrote our answers in silence. The question was asked as an ice-breaker (no pun intended, given these winter months) as a way to get to know each other better. What I hadn't anticipated was that this became a spiritual exercise. Common themes emerged as we shared our ideal summer day: being with friends and family; being on, in or near water whether at the beach, the harbor or elsewhere; sharing a meal. Ice cream factored in numerous times, too.

Those themes are present in our spiritual lives as well. Our faith draws us into community; it offers a foundation to experience comfort, joy, peace; we are invited to a place at the table, reserved for us, to hear and meditate on God's word and sacrament, and from which we are sent out again. This confirmation class is a small but no less important component of the larger church. Our gathering that dank February evening and our shared images of warm, bright summer days instilled a sense of hope for those days to come. Our spirits were lifted and strengthened!



In the Lenten program on the “emergent church”, with members of St. Michael's and St. Andrew's, we've noted how the centrality of “church” in society has shifted in recent years. However, the yearning for community, a longing for peace, and a desire for inclusion is ever present. Our gathering in our respective houses of worship provides the means to nourish and strengthen our faith, and to bring into reality these deep desires.

In this season of Lent the church (you and I) walks with Jesus to the cross. He makes this journey meeting challenges and anxieties head on, steadfast in service to and trust in God's presence. The journey is not easy going; his passion and crucifixion await. Yet it is grounded in hope. Just as the daylight hours grow longer and buds begin to appear, so too is the promised hope of Easter Day. The environment will bear a much different look in the months to come, hopefully warmer and greener. Through gathering, reflection and prayer, through shared meals and sacraments, our parish community bears fruit, too. It is present in our confirmation class, even talking about summer days! God is present in the midst of all our transitions. Christ leads us through them, pointing us again and again to the hope of the kingdom.

- Fr. Andrew

*Happy March
Birthday to
Anna Hunt*

**Spring back one hour
Saturday evening, March 9
for daylight savings time!**

From the Music Director

**Evensong and
Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
Sunday, March 3, 5:00 PM**

The month of March brings us again to Choral Evensong on Sunday, March 3 at 5 pm. The Choir will sing a beautiful set of canticles by Thomas Tallis, and Wesley's "Wash me thoroughly", one of his finest anthems for Lent.

On Sunday March 17, at 4 pm Richard Watson, trumpeter, and I will be playing a concert at the Unitarian Church in Newburyport. Our program will include music from our latest recording entitled "Hope". I invite all our Marblehead friends to make a Sunday outing and come here us play.

Holy Week music will feature my setting of "Hosanna! Ride on in majesty" on Palm Sunday, March 24, and on Easter Day, March 31, the Choir will sing a wonderful anthem by American composer Horatio Parker titled "Light's Glittering Morn Bedecks the Sky".

Our plans continue for re-establishing a Children's Choir - I have heard from several parents and we are trying to find a time that works for all.

. - Douglas Major, Music Director

Holy Week

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Family Lenten Program Continues

"Our Faith in a Changing Time"

- March 6th at St. Michael's
- March 13st at St. Andrew's
- March 28th at St. Michael's

Wednesdays 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Sign-up in the Parish Hall Lobby to bring soup, mac 'n cheese or salad one week.



Children and adults of St. Michael's and St. Andrew's are invited to come together on Wednesday evenings during Lent for a light supper at 6:30 pm. At 7:00 Aileen Ryder with Shauna LeBlanc of St. Andrew's will lead a program for children on "prayer without ceasing." The adult program is considering the "emerging church" movement using the book **The Great Emergence: How Christianity Is Changing and Why** by Phyllis Tickle. You don't have to read the book for this discussion!



**Easter Memorial
Flower List**

If you would like Easter flowers in memory of a loved one, please submit names by Friday, March 17th.

The flowers are displayed for Easter and the list of names is included in the Easter Vigil and Easter Day bulletins.

The suggested donation cost per listed name is \$17. Easter flowers are included as part of perpetuity remembrance; however, with the costs increasing substantially a donation to the flower fund would be greatly appreciated.

- Anne Foster, Altar Guild Director

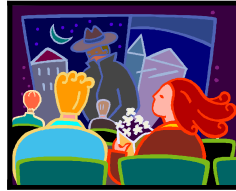
Church School - Aileen Ryder

March Highlights

Children's Chapel Sunday March 3 at 9:30am. Meet Fr. Andrew in the Nursery room. Everyone is welcome to join in this worship service. Students will begin Church School following Chapel.

Return to 2-Rooms In March we will return to two classrooms.

Lenten Program for Children Following the simple dinner, the children will have their own program "Pray without Ceasing:" while the adults discuss their reading.



Movie Night Friday March 15. All children are invited for a movie showing in the parish hall 6-8pm. Children are welcome to come in PJs, bring pillows and blankets.



Good Friday Stations of the Cross

March 29, we will have a story of Jesus' passion, at 11:30am. Join us in the chapel for the Stations of the Cross at noon. We will follow this with a light lunch.



Church School Calendar

Date	Special Event	Supper Club	Godly Play	Weaving God's Promises
Sunday, March 3			The Faces of Easter I & II	Come to God's Table: Parables of Invitation and Welcome
Wednesday, March 6	Lenten Program with Dinner : "Pray without Ceasing: 101 Ways to Pray." 6:30-8:00 pm			
Sunday, March 10			The Faces of Easter III & IV	A Son and His Father: The Parable of the Prodigal Son
Tuesday, March 12	A Passover Sedar			
Wednesday, March 13	Lenten Program with Dinner : "Pray without Ceasing: 101 Ways to Pray." 6:30-8:00 pm			
Friday, March 15	Children's Movie Night 6-8 pm			
Sunday, March 17			The Faces of Easter V & VI	Jesus' Last Meal
Wednesday, March 20	Lenten Program with Dinner : "Pray without Ceasing: 101 Ways to Pray." 6:30-8:00 pm			
Sunday, March 24	Palm Sunday Procession during service		The Faces of Easter VII	Jesus Forgives His Enemies
Tuesday, March 26	Jesus' Last Supper and the Paschal Sacrifice			
Wednesday, March 27	Lenten Program with Dinner : "Pray without Ceasing: 101 Ways to Pray." 6:30-8:00 pm			
Friday, March 29	Story of Jesus' Passion 11:30, Stations of the Cross 12pm, Simple Luncheon 12:45			
Sunday, March 31	Easter			No Church School

William Harris, Rector 1791—1802

St. Michael's did not have to look far when the Rev. T. Fitch Oliver resigned as rector in 1791. William Harris had come to Marblehead in January 1789 as preceptor of the Marblehead Academy and half the Academy trustees were also on the Vestry at St. Michael's. Like his distant cousin Oliver (both were descended from William Pyncheon, founder of Springfield where Harris grew up, son of Daniel and Sarah (Church) Harris), Harris had graduated from Harvard and briefly preached as a Congregational minister. But ill health led Harris to Salem to study medicine under Dr. Edward Augustus Holyoke.

Soon after beginning his teaching career, Harvard awarded Harris a Master of Arts.

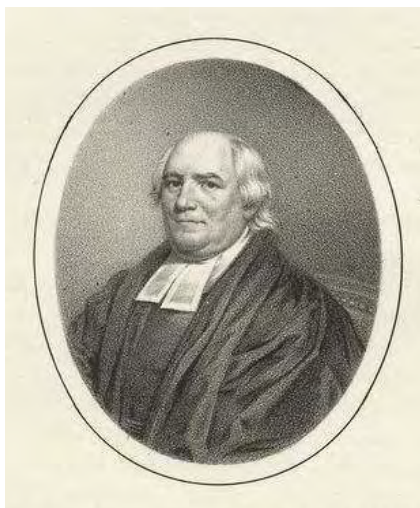
"The exercises were concluded by an elegant valedictory Oration, in Latin, by Mr. HARRIS." - *Massachusetts Centinel*, 18 July 1789

According to Batchelder's *History of the Eastern Diocese*, Oliver introduced Harris to Robert Hooker's *Laws of Ecclesiastical Polity* (1594-97), a key work defending Anglicanism against Puritanism and Roman Catholicism and establishing the basis for Anglican theology, balancing on scripture, reason and tradition. Harris was persuaded to become an Episcopalian. Harris preached at St. Michael's several times the summer of 1791 and on August 29th the Vestry voted to invite him as rector once he was ordained.

Harris took a leave from Marblehead Academy in the fall of 1791 and went to New York. On October 16th he was ordained deacon at Trinity Church by Bishop Samuel Provoost, and the following Sunday as priest in St. George's Chapel there. With the two salaries he could now begin a family. On his return to Massachusetts, the Rev. Harris married Martha Clark, the daughter of the Rev.

Jonas Clark of Lexington. According to the Rev. William Bentley of Salem, Harris invited his Congregational father-in-law and brother-in-law to preach occasionally at St. Michael's. Bentley too would sometimes attend services.

The Rev. Harris soon took an interest in St. Michael's records. The Vestry wrote earlier rectors for missing books and pages. In 1792 the Massachusetts General Court issued a charter for the



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Academy; in 1799 a charter for St. Michael's. At this time the Rev. Harris took on more administrative roles as moderator at meetings, and recording Clerk 1799–1801. Even so, we do not have a record of baptisms, marriages and burials during his term.

Balancing family, academy administration, and ministry to his church was not easy. His family also took in academy student boarders. The pressure took its toll and in 1794 he lost his temper while disciplining a student and future judge. The student, Joseph Story recorded the incident in his Autobiography. Harris later apologized. While a dark spot in his career, Harris was remembered here and in New York with high regard.

Funds were still strained for the parish in these post-Revolutionary times. In 1793 the Vestry voted to take down the steeple, "being rotten." Harris resigned in January 1802 to accept a better position in New York. In their acceptance, the Vestry wrote:

"We lament the occasion, which...deprives us of your good instructions, of your pious & amiable example. ...We have long admired the diligence & fidelity, with which those duties have been fulfilled....Sir, you have been for many years an enlightened instructor, a sincere friend, a pious & faithful guide, to us and our Children...."

Harris accepted a position as rector of St. Mark's-in-the-Bouwerie, New York where he also established a classical school. In 1811 he was elected President of Columbia College succeeding the founder Bishop Benjamin Moore. That year Harris received the degree of S.T.D. from both Harvard and Columbia. He continued as rector of St. Mark's until 1816 when he took on additional duties at Columbia as Provost. The Rev. William Harris died 18 October 1829 after a long illness.—*Frances Nilsson, Historic Church Comm.*

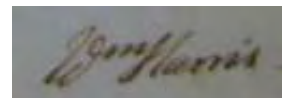
Publications by the Rev. William Harris

A Collection of Lessons and Hymns, from the Holy Scriptures; Together with Forms of Prayer. Published for the academy at Marblehead, 1792.

Sermon at the funeral of Mrs. Martha Roads, Sept. 26, 1792.

A sermon delivered at Trinity Church in Boston : before the annual convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Massachusetts, on Tuesday the 28th of May, 1799.

Signature from Harris' letter accepting his call to St. Michael's.



Alms box made by Harris.

An Engagement!



At the annual meeting in January we learned of the engagement of our Church School Director Aileen Ryder and Anthony DiBenedetto. Aileen and Anthony met in high school in Worcester and were friends in college. Thanks to Facebook they reconnected.

Anthony is Assistant Principal at Wachusett Regional High School in Holden, Mass. He has a bachelor's degree from Assumption College, and a masters in educational leadership and administration.

Of course, Aileen is our church school and youth director and a postulant for priesthood in the Diocese of Massachusetts. She received her bachelor's degree at Fairfield University and her Master in Divinity at the Weston Jesuit School of Theology, now the BC School of Theology and Ministry. While nothing is official until the bishop gives his full approval...but an October 26 wedding at St. Michael's is planned.

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.

Steward of the Month—Milly Loomis

About ten years ago, when Milly moved from the northwest corner of Connecticut to Marblehead, she did a little church shopping. She chose St. Michael's. "The congregation was friendly and the service had a warm feeling," she says.

She has been active in the church ever since. Her service has included being on the Vestry and the Altar Guild. She now serves on the Evangelism and Welcoming Committee and is a member of St. Catherine's Guild. She is also a regular Thrift Shop volunteer. "And like everyone else, I work on the Lobster Luncheon," she adds.

Her favorite activities at St. Michael's are Evensong and the organ recitals. "I enjoy the choir, too," she notes.

Currently Milly attends Bible Study. "I grew up Catholic and never cracked a Bible," she says, "so I enjoy the study because, come Sunday, I understand the readings more fully."

When she lived in Connecticut, she worked as a secretary and a teacher's aide, so in retirement, she is happy to be near enough to enjoy her three children and seven grandchildren, who range in age from 30 to 13 years old.

Her daughter Sheridan who has two children lives in Nahant while daughter Kathryn lives in Manchester and has three children. Her son Henry lives in Wenham and has two children. "My children are good to me and watching the grandchildren grow is a joy," she says.



What does she like to do for relaxation? "Eat!" she says with a laugh. "I love to go out to eat." After many years of rushing home to get dinner for her family, Milly says it took her a while to get out of the habit, but now she prefers a meal out to cooking for herself.

"I am looking forward to St. Michael's 300th anniversary and to helping with the plans for the celebration," she says. "I love everything about St. Michael's and Father Andrew makes everyone feel comfortable."

- Marilyn Day

This is an ongoing series profiling parishioners who contribute their time, talent and treasure at St. Michael's.

Serving Our Neighbors



My Brother's Table Needs You

My Brothers Table is located at 98 Willow Street in Lynn, MA 01901. Current team members are David Winder, Valerie Wyckoff, Eve Roberts and George & Lee Jacoby.

Servers go from 4:30 pm to 7:15 pm on the first Tuesday of every month. Duties each time involve preparation of buttered bread, salads, desserts, milk, juice, coffee. Serving duties including dish washing & cleaning up are assigned by the dining room manager.

A full time cook & helpers will have prepared the meal of the day already so there is no cooking involved.

Our St. Michael's group is small (5 at the most) which is why we are looking to grow. St Andrew's of Marblehead is our partner group and usually brings 8 to 12 people from their youth group with adults each time. Ideally we would grow to an equal size group so that we could be a more equal partner. As it is, we are sometimes only one or two and MBT has to assign a third group from somewhere else to supplement our numbers and then there are sometimes too many.

Contact David Winder if you would like to help.

Cancelled due to snow storm!

St. Catherine's Guild

Thursday, March 7, 6:30 p.m.

Parishioner Octavia Moniz will be talking about home health care and the many options available today as we face the different medical issues in our lives. Octavia is Clinical Director at Partners Health Care at Home overseeing 8 clinical teams



Parish Aid Luncheon

Tuesday, March 20
12:00 Noon



Thrift Shop March Sale 50% Off

on winter merchandise
to make room for spring!

And we're looking for spring & Easter donations: baskets from smallest to bigger and biggest, along with color grass and silk spring flowers. And of course, spring clothing for men and women. Please leave items in the Parish Hall. Or drop them off at the Thrift Shop, Tuesday-Saturday, 1-4 pm.

We're also need volunteers for Wednesdays and the second and third Saturdays. Two people working in pairs have the most fun!



Our Apologies for the February Newsletter

Oops!

The print edition of the February Newsletter was late, and then 'lost' at the printers. Our sincere apologies to those who missed events early in the month. Copies of the February edition are available online and in the Parish Lobby.

Those who receive the mailed print edition will receive an insert in their March Newsletter with some of the February articles. The full newsletter is also posted on the bulletin board, and always available at the web site.

Fill Up a Basket for the Marblehead Food Pantry!

Bring in an Easter basket of non-perishable foods and more—pasta, canned goods, cereals, baking staples, peanut butter, soap, detergent, and other goods.

Let's fill up the bins in the Parish Hall for those in need.





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Aileen Ryder, Church School Director;
Jane Maihos, Parish Administrator;
Jennifer Hill, Sexton.

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Saint Michael's Church

March 2013

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Office Hours <i>Mon. – Fri.</i> 8:30 am – 12:00 pm		Thrift Shop Hours <i>Tues. – Sat.</i> 1:00 – 4:00 pm			1)	2)
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