



St. Michael's Newsletter

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From the Rector: Lent - Deconstruction and Construction

“I wonder what is above us?”

In the Gospel of John, a prominent, devout man named Nicodemus searches Jesus out and visits him. I like to think that Nicodemus meets with Jesus not just to learn more about him, but because he has a genuine interest in deepening his own relationship with God in his community of faith. His conversation with Jesus includes a comment from Jesus about “being born from above.” Though not recorded in the gospel, I can imagine Nicodemus asking, “I wonder what is above us?” It is a question steeped with spiritual and philosophical dimensions, a good question for Lent.

It is also a good question to ask when one is tearing down walls on the lower level of the Parish Hall. Kelley Howells was sitting at her desk in the church office in late February listening (one can't really ignore it) to the sound of a jack-hammer breaking up the downstairs cement floor and the thumping of hammers breaking apart the sheetrock in the walls. In the midst of this cacophony the question arose from one of the workers, “I wonder what is above us?” Fortunately, the floor under Kelley's desk remained intact, and no drills, hammers, or screwdrivers appeared beneath her feet.

Lent and St. Michael's renovation plans have coincided this year. Both offer a



time of deconstruction and construction, of stripping down in order to build something new. Lent is a forty-day long season inspired by Jesus' forty-day long period in the wilderness prior to the onset of his public ministry recorded in the gospels. The wilderness and the desert can be a dangerous place, but it is also place where one encounters God. We need not be in physical wilderness to find God, and my guess is that each person has encountered his or her own wilderness experiences in their lives. The downstairs of the parish hall is a bit wilderness right now: dry, dusty and stripped down. For safety sake, it remains off limits to parishioners. Out of its current state, however, will come a new, fresh and giving space. Our Lenten practices are offered to do the same in our relationship with God and this community of faith. We have great trust in the plans and workers carry out the tasks downstairs. As people of faith, we have great trust in God as well, who sees us through our wilderness experiences, and builds in us a temple of God's glory.

Fr. Andrew

Ash Wednesday, March 5

9:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II and Imposition of Ashes

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From the Music Director

Evensong, Sunday, March 2 at 5 pm

Please join us for Choral Evensong and Benediction this Sunday, March 2, at 5 pm when the Choir will sing Evening Canticles by Herbert Sumsion and Ralph Vaughan Williams' lovely anthem "O how amiable are thy dwellings". The organ music will include the beautiful "Benedictus" by Max Reger, and a contemplative work by Boston's own, Everett Titcomb.

Organ Recital with Nancy Granert, Sunday, March 16 at 5 pm

On Sunday March 16 at 5 pm, our 300th Anniversary Recital Series continues with Nancy Granert as our visiting organist. Nancy Granert is the organist at Boston's Emmanuel Church and Central Reform Temple of Boston. She served as Associate Organist and Choirmaster at Harvard, first with John Ferris, and then with Murray Somerville. During that time the Harvard University Choir released 5 CDs on which she is heard as accompanist and in solo works. She is still serving the church as its financial director. Ms. Granert received her education at Oberlin College, studying organ with Garth Peacock and harpsichord with David Boe and William Porter. She received her Master of Music degree from the New England Conservatory of Music, under Yuko Hayashi. Her program will include works by Bach, Carson Cooman, Erik Satie, Robert Schumann and Dietrich Buxtehude.



- Douglas Major, Music Director

Tercentenary Year Events

- MARCH 2 SUNDAY**
5:00 pm Evensong & Benediction
- MARCH 4 SHROVE TUESDAY**
5:00 pm Pancake Supper for the Lucian Ladd Fund for Children
- MARCH 5 ASH WEDNESDAY**
9:30 am & 7:30 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite II & Imposition of Ashes
- MARCH 6 THURSDAY**
6:30 pm St. Catherine's Guild: Bette Hunt Reminiscences
All are welcome!-see p.6
- MARCH 11 TUESDAY**
7:30 pm Bob Booth on "Who Filled the Pews at St. Michael's 1714-1750?"
- MARCH 16 SUNDAY**
5:00 pm Organ Recital: Nancy Granert
- MARCH 29 SATURDAY**
2pm-5pm St. Catherine's Guild Appraisal Day
- APRIL 3 THURSDAY**
6:30 pm St. Catherine's Guild Mary McCarl: Civil War Home Front—
All are welcome!-see p.6

Lenten Beginnings

**The Parish & Greater Community
Are Invited to St. Michael's**

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

**Tuesday, March 4
5:00—7:00 p.m.**

Proceeds benefit the Lucian Ladd Fund for children.

Tickets: Adults—\$5

Children under 12—\$3

Donations to defray expenses are welcome.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper is family event which started as households cleared their kitchens of meat and eggs in preparation for Lenten fasting. Today it is a fun event for all ages, for townfolk and parishioners alike, and run by the men of St. Michael's. They welcome new recruits and donations to defray expenses.



Proceeds from the pancake supper benefit the Lucian Ladd Fund started in the 1960s in memory of Lucian Ladd, a young choir boy who died of leukemia, shown in this 1957 photo. The Fund is used to assist children and youth in need, and to thank our graduating acolytes.

Tercentenary Talks

Wednesday Lenten Discussions

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

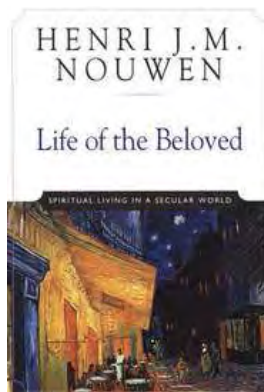
March 12 at Holy Name, Swampscott

March 19 at St. Michael's

March 26 at Holy Name, Swampscott

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April 2 at Holy Name, Swampscott



Adults of St. Michael's and Church of the Holy Name in Swampscott are invited to come together on Wednesday evenings during Lent for a light supper at 6:30 pm followed by a Lenten discussion of Henri J. M. Nouwen's book *Life of the Beloved: Spiritual Living in a Secular World*.

Sign-up in the Parish Hall Lobby to bring a vegetarian soup, salad, bread, or dessert one week, or to help with chowder, set up or clean up.

Church School—from Kelley Howells

Church School in March

We kicked off February by working on our annual St. Michael's "Souper Bowl of Caring". On behalf of St. Michael's, the youth of our parish collected canned goods and money to donate locally to the Marblehead Food Pantry. This year was our best yet, raising \$422 and collecting 47 food items to donate.

Church School has been using a one-room school house model, and will until the beginning of Lent, as we learn about the life of Jesus. In the past few weeks, we have learned about Jesus healing the sick.

We have also worked to learn a new song this month "Hymn to Joy" (Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee). The children sound great, ask your child to perform it for you! We have learned some new "Grace before meals" prayers, and have read and talked about Psalm 23 also.

In March, children will be learning about Lent, the Parable of the Good Shepherd, Passover and the Exodus from Egypt, Baptism, and the Communion of Saints.

Volunteers Needed!

In March we will return to two church school classrooms and will need double the teachers. It isn't hard, please give it a try if you haven't already! We will need four adults each week. The Storytellers lead the lesson. The lesson is all set up for you and I will get you a copy in advance. The Activity Leaders help with a craft, which will be all set up for you also. This person also helps setting up snacks and taking care of odds and ends as they come up. Please consider volunteering! Sign up on the St. Michael's Sign-Up Genius or contact Kelley at kelly@stmichaels1714.org

Now is the perfect time to join us as a Church School volunteer if you haven't before. Please consider this

worthwhile opportunity to share your gifts, and be part of the children's religious education experience here at St. Michael's. We really need your help!

Quilt Making

Thanks to Sue Cool and Gillian Petty, Church School children are hard at work, making a quilt to give as a gift to St. Michael's Parish in honor of the Tercentenary. We will be concentrating on the quilt as part of our craft at our Church School sessions. We



would like to have as many children represented as possible on what is sure to become a priceless heirloom! Please make sure that your child attends, so that they can see their artwork on the quilt for many years to come.

March Highlights

Children's Chapel *Location Change* We will begin the month with a Children's Chapel service on March 2nd at 9:30am. Because of construction, we will hold Children's Chapel in the Church School room at the Davenport House. Church school will follow.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper Once again this year we will be commemorating Shrove Tuesday and marking the beginning of Lent, with a pancake supper on March 4, 2014. This supper is open to all. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children under 12 and go to benefit the Lucian Ladd fund. Tickets may be purchased in advance from the office; weekdays between 8:30 and 12:30, or at the door.

Church School continued

Ash Wednesday Imposition of Ashes at the 9:30 am and 7:30 pm Holy Eucharist services.

First Communion Class – March and April

With the sacrament of Baptism, we are each invited to partake in the Eucharistic Feast. Here at St. Michael's we will be offering a special "First Communion" class for elementary school children so that they may deepen their appreciation for the sacrament.

This class will be geared toward children in grade 2 and up, but may also be appropriate for some first graders. This class is not a requirement for the sacrament, rather it is an invitation. It is for children who have not yet received communion, as well as a review for those who are already receiving.

Father Andrew and I will meet with children on March 13, March 20, March 27, April 3, and April 10. We will meet from 3:30 pm until 4:30 pm here at St. Michael's Parish Hall.

The celebration of First Communion will be held on Palm Sunday, April 13th at 10 am.

Please sign up for this class at either revajs@stmichaels1714.org or kelley@stmichaels1714.org

March Church School Dates to Remember

March Ongoing Sign-ups for

- First Communion Class
- Church School volunteers

March 2 Children's Chapel-in Davenport!

March 4 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

March 5 Imposition of Ashes, 9:30 am & 7:30 pm

March 13 First Communion Group 3:30-4:30 pm

March 20 First Communion Group 3:30-4:30 pm

March 25 Middle School Supper Club

March 27 First Communion Group 3:30-4:30 pm

Steward of the Month—Ellie Doyle

Ellie Doyle has attended St. Michael's for three or four years; however, she says, "I feel very at home, as if I have been attending for a long time." She was raised Episcopalian so when she came to town, she tried various churches. One seemed a bit too low and one seemed a bit too high.

"But, I liked Fr. Andrew, I loved the architecture of the church, and the music was so beautiful," she says about her final choice. After she joined, she took the confirmation classes with other adults and young people and then was reaffirmed in her faith by the Bishop.

The Episcopal church is a familiar place because Ellie grew up in Hingham active in her church youth group. She sang in the choir and was an acolyte. As a teen, she was the youth representative to choose a new rector. Moreover, a close family friend decided to become an Episcopal priest and then became assistant vicar at Old North in Boston, Paul Revere's church. "She is like my second mother," says Ellie.

Ellie is a member of St. Catherine's Guild, makes pies and chutney with Pam Oppelt, and helps at the Christmas Fair. And she is starting a new chapter at St. Michael's, serving on the Vestry. "I will be more involved and I look forward to getting to know people better," she says.

Currently she works in town at Hestia Creations, a cus-

tom giftware company. "My background is in IT, but I wear a lot of hats: special media, marketing, and technology," she says.

She loves sailing, sailboats, and "anything on the water." She worked as a sail maker for some years before she moved to Marblehead. She has been on the board of the Mass Bay Sailing Association, a local volunteer organization that, as part of the national group, organizes adult and youth sailboat races, and supports the sport of sailing. "The sport of sailing has been good to me and I've made so many friends so I try to give back," she comments. In fact, she was married on board a 12 meter Heritage with her "second mother," the priest, officiating.

Ellie mentions the church signs that welcome people to a town and point the way to the Episcopal church. "It doesn't matter who you are, we just put the welcome out there and then all we need to do is be nice to people."

—An article in an ongoing series of profiles of St. Michael's parishioners, by Marilyn Day.



Special Tercentenary Events

Bette Hunt's Reminiscences

Thursday, March 6 at 6:30 PM

All Parishioners are invited to

St. Catherine's Guild Dinner & Talk

RSVP to Deirdre Robbins by Tuesday, March 4

St. Catherine's is extending an invitation to all parishioners who wish to attend (male and female) to our dinner and to hear our guest speaker Bette Hunt. Bette is Marblehead's town historian and she will take everyone down memory lane with her remembrances of growing up in Marblehead.

Dinner will consist of a tomato-based fish stew with carrots, celery, potatoes, white fish and seasonings, corn bread, salad and bread pudding. A \$4.00 donation is requested for anyone attending the dinner. Donations are also collected for Haiti.

Please let Deirdre Robbins know if you can attend by Tuesday, March 4th, by phone or email. We look forward to seeing everyone there for an evening of fun and fellowship!

In April Mary Rhineland McCarl of Gloucester will be talking about the Civil War Homefront on the North Shore. The St. Catherine's dinner and talk on Thursday, April 3 will be open to parishioners as well. Contact Pam Oppelt if you have questions.

Bob Booth: "Who Filled the Pews?"

Tuesday, March 11 at 7:30 PM

On Tuesday, March 11, Robert Booth, author of the award-winning *Death of an Empire: The Rise and Murderous Fall of Salem, America's Richest City* will discuss St. Michael's first parishioners, a minority in a community that favored membership in the First or Second Congregational Churches. The lecture will answer two important questions: Who were the people who chose to belong to the newest, poorest and smallest congregation in Marblehead? Why did they join St. Michael's, and what was their standing in a depressed fishing community that was evolving into a wealthy seaport? Everyone is invited!



Antiques Appraisal Event What's it Worth?

Sponsored by St. Catherine's Guild

Saturday, March 29th - 1 to 5 PM

St. Michael's Parish Hall

Kaminski Auctions will be in the Parish Hall to appraise your "treasures."

Bring your fine art, Asian antiques, jewelry, silver, porcelain, glass, etc.

\$10.00 for one item;
\$25 for three items
for a verbal appraisal

All proceeds to benefit
St. Michael's 300th celebration

Refreshments will be served.

RSVP please by email to:
office@stmichaels1714.org
or by mail to
St. Michael's Church
26 Pleasant St.
Marblehead

George C. V. Eastman and Bishop Griswold

Since 1813 Bishop Alexander Viets Griswold had been sending curates for fieldwork at St. Michael's: Lot Jones, John P. K. Henshaw, Joseph R. Andrus, Benjamin B. Smith, and Thomas S. W. Mott. In 1830 Bishop Griswold became Rector of St. Peter's in Salem. Salem was a more central location in the Eastern Diocese covering all of New England except Connecticut. It also enabled the Bishop to keep a closer eye on St. Michael's in Marblehead. There had been no official Rector at St. Michael's from 1827 to 1831 when Griswold sent Joseph Price to officiate.

On June 20th 1832 at St. Michael's, Bishop Griswold ordained another deacon, the Rev. George Clinton Van Vechten Eastman. Shortly after, the Proprietors of St. Michael's invited "the Rev. Mr. Eastman to Preach for us for a time and if acceptable on both sides to invite him to become our Pastor." (Vestry Records 1799-1833 transcription, p. 129)

Eastman was born July 22, 1807 in Bristol, Vermont and graduated from Middlebury College in 1829. One source says that he trained under the Rt. Rev. B. T. Onderdonk, Bishop of New York and Eastman did matriculate briefly at the recently opened General Theological Seminary. But he returned to New England and the Eastern Diocese for ordination.

Eastman came to St. Michael's at a momentous time. On December 31, 1832, the Vestry "Voted to choose a committee of two persons to inquire of a carpenter what the expenses would be to lay a new Floor & Step pews in the Church and Galleries and also to procure a plan in which they are to be executed & to report it at the adjournment... that John Hooper Esq and S. R. Gerry be the committee." At a Parish meeting two weeks later. It was voted to obtain a "relinquishment in Writing from the present Proprietors [the current pew owners] and to open a

subscription for the new slips as contemplated." The box pews were to be replaced with slip pews. Repairs began shortly after in March 1833. Services were held in the Marblehead Academy building just a block away on Pleasant St. The Church was entering a new phase.



*Alexander Viets Griswold,
Bishop of the Eastern Diocese,
1811-1843, Rector of St. Peter's,
Salem, 1830-1835, and Presiding
Bishop of the Episcopal Church,
1836-1843.*

Eastman missed the reopening service at St. Michael's. The Rev. William Potter of Quincy presided at the service. That July 1833 Eastman submitted his resignation from St. Michael's having been ordained priest a short time before.

Eastman moved to Connecticut serving a few years in Bristol and then in Saybrook, where Eastman also tutored students such as future landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted. He then became head of a private boys school in Litchfield. During this time he often officiated at Episcopal churches in area towns, a pattern that prevailed much of his life in various locations. After 11 years in Litchfield Eastman moved to Rochester, NH to head a school and act as missionary to area churches. He stayed there only a few years before moving on to Maine, New Brunswick, then back to the States in Guilford, Vermont and Troy, NY. Besides a brief foray as Chaplain at Patapsco Female Institute in Maryland in 1854, Eastman alternated between locations in the Dioceses of Western New York and Vermont until after a short time in Pittsburg, Kansas, he moved to Benton Falls, Michigan in 1884. There at age 77 Eastman became rector of Holy Trinity Mission serving there until his retirement in 1891. Apparently Eastman enjoyed being a missionary priest serving in small but growing towns. Many noted his hard work and ability to adjust to changing situations. Eastman had only a few years in retirement, dying in Michigan in 1896 but buried with his family in Burlington, Vermont.

- Frances Stith Nilsson, Historic Church Committee

Thrift Shop Winter Sale

March is the time for our winter clearance sale with most winter items available at half price—great chance to replace those lost and worn out hats and scarves. Spread the word! It's also a fun month to celebrate all things green—St. Patrick's Day, spring and preparations for Easter. Please check your closets for donations.

Can you volunteer at the Thrift Shop on Saturday mornings, 10 am—1 pm? Adding those hours will help us increase sales for St. Michael's ministries. Contact Jacqui Williams or Liz Grader if you can help.



Parish Aid Luncheon

**Tuesday, March 18
12:00 Noon**

Bring a sandwich and join this group for fellowship and dessert. Parish Aid meets on the third Tuesday of the month.
All are welcome!



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**Tuesday, March 11
7:30 PM**

Bob Booth
**"Who Filled the Pews at
St. Michael's 1714-1750?"**



**Sunday, March 16
5:00 PM**

**Organ Recital
Nancy Granert**

**Music of Buxtehude, Schumann, Satie,
Woodman, Cooman and 2 Bachs**

St. Michael's Church

Officers: Frances Nilsson, Sr. Warden; Stephen Clay, Jr. Warden; Sue Cool, Clerk; James Dearborn, Treasurer;
Karl Renney, Asst. Treasurer.

Vestry: Melissa Amberik, Sarah Bates, Brian Carlson, Xavier Chickering, Ellie Doyle, Rory Gaunt, Robert L. Howie, Jr.,
Karin McCarthy, Jennifer Oliveira.

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; Kelley Howells, Christian Education
Director; Jane Maihos, Parish Administrator; Jennifer Hill, Sexton.

Saint Michael's Church

March 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Parish Office Hours Monday – Friday 8:30 am – 12:30 pm	Thrift Shop Hours Tuesday – Saturday 1:00 – 4:00 pm					1)
2) LAST SUNDAY OF PENTECOST 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:30 am Children's Chapel 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 5:00 pm Choral Evensong & Benediction	3) 11:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry	4) SHROVE TUESDAY 5:00 pm St. Michael's Team, My Brother's Table, Lynn 5:00 – 7:00 pm Pancake Supper for Lucian Ladd Fund	5) ASH WEDNESDAY 9:30 am Holy Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes 10:30 am Bible Study 11:45 am Staff Meeting 7:30 pm Holy Eucharist Imposition of Ashes 8:00 pm AA	6) 4:45 pm Youth Choir 6:30 St. Catherine's Guild with Bette Hunt 7:30 pm Adult Choir	7)	8) Turn Clocks Ahead One Hour @ Bedtime 10:30 am – 1:00 pm St. Michael's Team at Lifebridge, Salem Co-Captains, Pam Oppelt, Valerie Wyckoff
9) 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT <i>Daylight Savings Time Begins</i> 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, 9:00 am Tercentenary & Historic Church Meeting 9:30 am Church School 10:00 am Holy Eucharist,	10) 11:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry	11) 6:00 pm Wardens Meeting 7:30 pm Lecture Series: Robert Booth	12) 9:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am Bible Study 11:45 am Staff Meeting 6:30 – 8:00 pm Lenten Program at Holy Name, Swampscott 8:00 pm AA	13) 3:30 pm First Communion Class 4:45 pm Youth Choir 5:30 pm Confirmation Class 7:30 pm Adult Choir	14)	15)
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