



St. Michael's Newsletter

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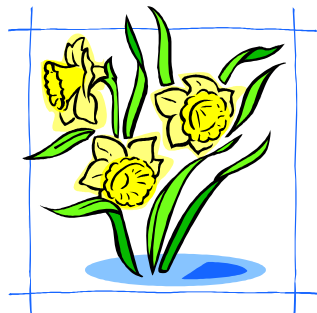
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From the Rector: Christ Is Risen. We Have Life in Him.

Daffodils! Finally! It was not until the last days of April that a full stock of daffodils displayed to me their bright faces. I was on Cape Cod driving to an annual Clergy Conference at the Ocean Edge Resort in Brewster. A kind citizen had planted a small field of bulbs on their property. At the end of April, their work was rewarded. The daffodil's bright bloom helped lift and dispel the cold dampness of an overcast, grey and windy day with the temperature in the mid-40's. Risen life. Alleluia.

Spring seems late this year. Like the two disciples on their way to Emmaus, to whom the revelation of the risen Christ gradually becomes clearer to them, the emergence of spring seemingly has been a bit more gradual. I imagine the later than normal chilly weather has had a hand. Yet Mother Nature has been at work. The glory of new life dawns before us. Such transitions sometimes take time, and sometimes the new life is revealed to us and in us in stages. Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus. Or even the downstairs renovations of the Parish Hall!

At our Clergy Conference we had a chance to celebrate with Bishop Tom Shaw's leadership as diocesan bishop over the past nearly twenty-years. Bishop Shaw ordained me to the priesthood on June 8, 2002. Needless to say, I'm eternally thankful for that ordination. The reality of his

retirement, and not to mention the sadness of his brain cancer, hit me a few months ago. The coming months and years will be a time of transition for our diocese. Our new bishop-elect, Alan Gates, is well poised to guide the diocese during this time and beyond. Bishop-elect Gates was present at our Clergy Conference as well, and we had a chance to meet and hear from him. His consecration as diocesan bishop will take place on Saturday, Sept. 13. He, too, is in a time of transition, saying goodbye to his parish in Cleveland over the next month before moving to Massachusetts in mid to late June.

To help bear witness to the life of our diocese as well as St. Michael's, a red "remembrance" book has been given to St. Michael's, and to each parish, for parishioners to write their thoughts, prayers and thanksgivings for Bishop Shaw. The book is placed on the table outside the library. It will be delivered to him in June.

Bishop Shaw introduced me to the painting "The Resurrection" by Piero della Francesca. I wrote about it in my Easter letter last month. In the painting, the risen Christ has a foot on his sepulcher, stepping triumphantly from death to life. Soldiers sleep at the base of the sepulcher, soon to transition themselves to wakefulness and a new day. Bishop Shaw once advised during a stressful and divisive time in the life of the Anglican Communion to keep the

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From the Music Director

**Evensong and Covenant Exchange
Sunday, May 4 at 5 PM**

Each year the Covenant of the Marblehead Ministerial Association is passed from one house of worship to another. The Covenant was formed twenty-fives years ago in the aftermath of graffiti sprayed on the walls of the Temple Emmanu-El and the Jewish Community Center. Members of churches and synagogues across Marblehead immediately came together in support of the Temple community and against such acts of bigotry. A Covenant was developed and signed by leaders of houses of worship, Christian and Jewish, across Marblehead. This year the Covenant comes from Grace Community Church across Pleasant Street to St. Michael's.

The music for the evening will include the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis by Henry Purcell, written 325 years ago in London by the Organist of Westminster Abbey; the anthem is by St. Michael's Music Director Douglas Major entitled "Sing to the Lord a new song" composed in 1989, 25 years ago. Organ music will include "Rhosymedre" by Vaughan Williams and the Fugue in G Minor by J. S. Bach. A reception follows the service.

Organ Plus! Sunday, May 18 at 5 PM

We end our 2013-2014 season with 20th century music for organ AND stringed instruments. Bill Crane on the organ, Justin Kagan on cello, and Neal Kass on violin will perform works by Faure, Beach, Pinkham, and Alain. There will also be Baroque organ works by Buxtehude and J.S. Bach. Don't miss the beautiful sounds of organ, violin and cello in our wonderful acoustic space. A \$10 donation at the door is suggested, and a reception will follow with an opportunity to meet the artists.

- Douglas Major, Music Director

Rector's Column—continued

teaching, ministry and power of the risen Christ always before us. By doing so, all will okay, all will be revealed.

"You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore." (Psalm 16:11) Christ is risen. We have life in him. Alleluia.

**1928 Morning Prayer at Sunday, May 18
at 8 AM and 10 AM**

Up until the 1978 Book of Common Prayer, it was customary to have Morning Prayer most Sundays at the mid-morning service and Holy Communion only once or twice a month. On Sunday, May 18, we will hold our third "historical" service celebrating our 300th anniversary. The 8:00 and 10:00 services on May 18 will be services of Morning Prayer following the liturgy of the 1928 Book of Common Prayer. The 8:00 service is a said service; the 10:00 service will include music. Please mark your calendars!

—Fr. Andrew



Tercentenary Year Events

- MAY 3 SATURDAY
10:30 am **Holy Eucharist and Confirmation at St. Stephen's, Lynn**
- MAY 4 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
8:00 am **Holy Eucharist, Rite I & St. Catherine's Guild Corporate Communion**
5:00 pm **Choral Evensong and Marblehead Ministerial Covenant Exchange at St. Michael's**
- May 10 SATURDAY
9:30 am—3:00 pm **Diocese of Massachusetts Parish Historians Society Annual Meeting at St. Michael's**
- May 11 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
10:00 am **Intergenerational Holy Eucharist Service, Rite II**
- May 18 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Morning Prayer at 8 am and 10 am according to the 1928 Book of Common Prayer
5:00 pm **"Organ Plus" Recital with Bill Crane and others**
- May 24-26 MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND
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- June 7 SATURDAY
9:00 am—4:00 pm
Building a Handsome Church Peabody Essex Museum
Sign-Up Forms Online & in Lobby

Church School—from Kelley Howells

In April, children learned about Jesus and the twelve Apostles, Palm Sunday, The Last Supper, Easter, and the Ascension of Jesus.

In May, we will be learning about Pentecost, and Paul spreading the Good News. We will also participate in the Intergenerational Service, will attend the 1928 Historical Service, and will hopefully participate in Rogation Sunday by planting flowers, if the construction materials outside will allow!



Our nine First Communion recipients.

First Communion Class

With the sacrament of Baptism, we are each invited to partake in the Eucharistic Feast. Here at St. Michael's we offered a special "First Communion" class during March and April for elementary school children so that they could deepen their appreciation for the sacrament. We had a thoughtful and engaged group of nine children who participated each week and celebrated their First Communion on Palm Sunday, April 13th. We appreciate this wonderful group of students and their dedicated parents!

Supper Club

In May, Supper Club will meet on May 13th and May 27th, when we will be learning about Jesus' sacrifice for us on the Cross, and will learn about the Prophet Elijah. We are still looking for two volunteers to help out at the May 27th meeting. We will need one adult to bring a snack, drinks, and dessert, and we will need one other person to make and serve the main meal. If you can help please let me know at Kelley@stmichaels1714.org.

Quilt Making

Thanks to Sue Cool and Gillian Petty, Church School and Supper Club students are hard at work, making a quilt to give as a gift to St. Michael's Parish in honor of the Tercentenary.



We have gotten more than half of our "squares" completed. The children have been thinking about the various aspects, and events at church that are meaningful to them. They have created paper cut outs that represent their vision, and Gillian Petty has transferred their design to cloth. Then with her tremendous talent, she has sewn it together creating gorgeous designs. We are getting very excited to share our hard work with the Parish!

May Highlights

Children's Chapel *Location Change* We will begin the month with a Children's Chapel service on May 4th 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.

Intergenerational Service – May 11th The Intergenerational Service will be held on Sunday, May 11th. Children will be given a special role to play in the service. Please email me at kelley@stmichaels1714.org if you can make the commitment to attend, and I will help your child choose a role and prepare for the service. On that day we will not meet at the Davenport House. Instead we will meet in the Parish Hall just before 10 am to go over any logistics or last minute details.



Our confirmands will be providing the sermon at the May 11th Intergenerational Service. Hannah Bragdon, Annabelle Ayer, Isabella Renney, Tucker Atkinson, Griffin Atkinson and Blake Russell are shown here with Fr. Andrew at their May 5, 2014 confirmation at St. Stephen's, Lynn.

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1928 Historic Service – May 18th

Once again as part of the celebration of our Tercentenary, we will be treated to a Historic Service. This time the service will be based on the 1928 Book of Common Prayer. Younger children in the Godly Play group will come to the Davenport House at 9:30 and will join the service at the usual time. Older children in the Weaving God's Promises Group have the choice to either attend Church School as usual, or attend the special Historic Service in full.

Rogation Sunday – May 18th

We plan to celebrate Rogation Sunday with our customary planting of flowers, however we will also need to be very flexible about this plan and adjust to the logistics presented on the day during this period of construction.



Will we be able to plant on that day, or won't we? Stay tuned! We do hope to at least plant on the Davenport side of the church.

Volunteers Needed!

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!

May Church School Dates to Remember

May	Ongoing Sign-ups for Church School Volunteers
May 4	Children's Chapel in Davenport at 9:30am!
May 11	Participation in Intergenerational Service
May 13	Supper Club 6pm—8 pm
May 18	1928 Book of Common Prayer Historical Service / Church School / Rogation Sunday
May 25	Church School
May 27	Supper Club 6 pm—8 pm

John Palmer Robinson, Rector 1840–1842

When the Rev. William H. Lewis resigned in September 1840, the Vestry of St. Michael's received a recommendation from the Rev. Dr. John S. Stone at St. Paul's Church, Boston. Shortly after, the Vestry called the Rev. John Palmer Robinson, formerly of Maryland.

John Palmer Robinson (c.1807-1872) was born in Philadelphia and at the age of 20 ordained deacon by Bishop William White. Being so young, Robinson assisted the bishop and provided missionary work establishing new churches: St. James, Zanesville, Ohio, 1831-1832; Trinity Church, Stafford, Genesee County, NY, 1833-1834; and Sherwood Forest and St. John's in Baltimore County, Maryland, 1835-1836. While in New York he was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Benjamin Onderdonk. In 1836 he received a call to be rector at St. Paul's Church in Queen Anne's County, Maryland. For the first time he stayed in one place for more than a year, until called to Massachusetts. On November 1, 1840, Robinson took charge of St. Michael's.

The Rev. Robinson did not remain long. In March 1842 the Vestry wrote Robinson about rumors that he was leaving St. Michael's. Robinson's next position was as Rector at Christ Church in Quincy. Yet, it may have been in Marblehead that the roots of his eventual calling took hold with his joining the Marblehead Seaman's Friend Society. Robinson had been doing missionary work since ordination starting new parishes from Ohio to

New York and Maryland. While in Quincy, on July 16, 1843, he led the first public service with the Book of Common Prayer to be held in Dorchester, Massachusetts. In 1844 he left Christ Church to be "missionary to the seaman in the port of Boston" including those at the Marine Hospital in Chelsea. In February 1845 Robinson established the Episcopal Chapel for Seamen in a former Methodist chapel on Ann Street in Boston's North End. About 1853 a building on Richmond St. was purchased and refurbished to become the Free Church of St. Mary for Seamen. The Church flourished under Robinson's care. Seamen of all nationalities came to the Chapel and Free Church where free Bibles and prayer books in all languages were distributed.

Robinson also joined the Free Masons. Many sailors joined the Masons providing them with a fraternal group and credentials in ports across the world. Robinson rose through the ranks and served as chaplain.

The Rev. Robinson, who often signed his parochial reports, J. Palmer Robinson, remained at St. Mary's until his death on January 19, 1872. His work with sailors was continued by his son-in-law, the Rev. Joshua Rindge Peirce who had ministered to seamen and families at St. John's in Gloucester, serving as St. John's first priest.

- Frances Stith Nilsson, Historic Church Committee

Onward! Upward! Outward! - a Capital Campaign Update

We have exciting news to share! As a result of a recent and generous anonymous donation, we have now exceeded our stretch goal of \$600,000! Progress on the remodeling of the lower level of the parish hall and universal access is on schedule. Thanks to the oversight of our Property Committee, costs are being contained.



However, as with any renovation project unforeseen but necessary expenses arise. As progress continues on our projects, our campaign fundraising efforts continue. We are hoping to reach those who have not yet donated and are

reaching out to newcomers as well. Every dollar counts! If you have already donated, we wish again to express our deep appreciation. If you have not yet donated and still would like to participate you may pick up a pledge card in the church office or simply go to the website www.stmichaels2014.org, click on capital campaign and scroll to the

bottom to donate via PayPal.

Questions can be directed to info@stmichaels1714.org.

*Barbara Miller and Sarah Bates
Campaign Co-Chairs*

Stewards of the Month—Gillian and Jess Petty

Gillian and Jess came to St. Michael's about four years ago. Gillian says, "My mother's church in England is from the 11th century so the history of St. Michael's felt comfortable and I liked the idea of so many people, over the years, having sat in the pews." And they can walk to church, adds Jess.

Gillian is active in the Sunday school which their grand-daughter Harriet attends and Jess, a retired Episcopal priest, takes on services when Father Andrew is away. They both enjoy helping with receptions, concerts, and Evensong, as well as with the Lobster Luncheon and the Christmas fair. Gillian's doll clothes are favorites at the fair and she is most helpful with the Church School quilt project.

The Pettys have seen quite a bit of the world. Jess and Gillian met in El Salvador where Jess was a priest. Gillian is English, but born in Argentina because her father worked in international banks. At eleven she was sent home to school in England. And then at 21 she came to visit her father in El Salvador where he was working. The couple met, married and then lived in El Salvador and later Panama where Jess was Dean of the Cathedral in Panama City. "We used to walk along the Panama Canal and suddenly a giant ship would loom up beside us," says Jess. They were in Panama when the Canal was transferred to Panama's control.

When they returned to Ohio where Jess grew up, Gillian worked for independent bookstores there until they went to Florida where Jess did interim ministry for 10 years until he retired in 2001. Gillian also worked for Barnes and Noble.



They have four grown children, two adopted from El Salvador. Their eldest is Mila who is married and lives in Ohio, then Joseph who lives with his wife and son, Oliver, 8, in Reading, Sarah who lives with her husband and two daughters Harriet and Lucy, in Swampscott, and Benjamin, a singer, who lives in Nashville, TN and sings there in St. George's Church.

In their free time, Gillian is taking horseback riding lessons, to revive her school days skill in riding. She also volunteers at Windrush Farm which offers therapeutic riding. Another volunteer activity is with the Friends of Abbot Public Library, helping with the sorting of books for their sales. Jess likes to cook and read. He also likes to travel while his wife says, "I like to putter away at home." His last trip was by train from London to Budapest last summer with an added cruise on the Danube. "My parents were Hungarian so I wanted to see the country for myself," he says. And they both enjoy spending time with their grandchildren.

- Marilyn Day

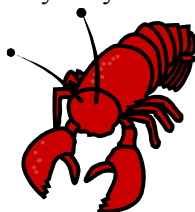
More Tercentenary Year Events

St. Catherine's Guild May Corporate Communion and June Banquet

On Sunday May 4th St. Catherine's join together at the 8:00 am Holy Eucharist to celebrate their annual Corporate Communion. Officers will host breakfast for all after the service.

Guild members are reminded to RSVP for the Guild's annual dinner at the Corinthian Yacht Club on Thursday, June 5th. Members' spouses or guests are also invited to attend. Cocktails start at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:30 pm. Please respond to Linda Smidt by May 26th. Forms for dinner are in the lobby.

Lobster Lunch Planning Tuesday, May 13 at 6:30 pm



It's time to don our lobster claws and halos to begin planning our 42nd annual Lobster Lunch during the Marblehead Festival of Arts. Our first organizational meeting will be Tuesday, May 13th at 6:30 pm with pizza and wine. This 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 if you would like to help with planning. We usually hold 3 planning meetings through May and June.

St. Michael's Tercentenary Exhibit at the Old Town House Memorial Day Weekend

"St. Michael's Marblehead: 300 Years Serving a New England Community" will open May 24-26 at the Old Town House in Marblehead. On display will be 3 towers chronicling the history of St. Michael's 1714-2014 with additional objects on display related to Memorial Day. Hours are Saturday, 11 am-5 pm; Sunday, 1 pm-4 pm; Monday, noon-4 pm. We will have 2-3 people at the exhibit during open hours. Contact Dana Denault if you can volunteer.



The Church of Rev. Lyman Rollins during WWI.



Summer Tercentenary Year Events

June 7 SATURDAY

9:00 am—4:00 pm

Building a Handsome Church Peabody Essex Museum

Don't miss this symposium with 5 of the best historians and scholars of colonial Anglican Church architecture and culture, focusing on St. Michael's and its relationship to Marblehead and other colonial and European churches.

Sign-Up at www.stmichaels2014.org or use forms in the Parish Hall lobby.

Reserve your seat today!

June 13-14 SATURDAY & SUNDAY

**St. Michael's Church: 300 Years
Serving a New England Community
An Exhibit at the
Marblehead Town House
with a new tower and objects on display**

July 4- 6 FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY

**St. Michael's Lobster Lunch
Mark your calendar!!**

Parish Aid Luncheon

Tuesday, May 20
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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Sunday, May 18

**Services
according to the
1928 Book of Common Prayer**

8:00 AM Morning Prayer
10:00 AM Morning Prayer with music



**Sunday, May 18 at 5 PM
Organ Plus!**

Bill Crane at the organ
Justin Kagan on cello
Neal Kass on violin
Performing works of
Fauré, Beach, Pinkham, and Alain with
Baroque organ works of
Buxtehude and J. S. Bach

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.

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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

May 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) 4:45 pm Youth Choir 5:30 pm Confirmation Class 7:30 pm Adult Choir	2)	3) 10:30 am Confirmation, St. Stephen's, Lynn
4) 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I & St. Catherine's Corporate Communion 9:30 am Children's Chapel 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 5:00 pm Choral Evensong & Interfaith Covenant Exchange	5) 11:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry	6) 5:00 pm St. Michael's Team, My Brothers Table, Lynn	7) 9:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am Bible Study 11:45 am Staff Meeting 8:00 pm AA	8) 4:45 pm Youth Choir 7:30 pm Adult Choir	9)	10) 9:30 am – 3:00 pm Parish Historians Society Annual Meeting 10:30 am St. Michael's Team at Lifebridge, Salem
11) 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER Mothers Day 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:30 am Church School 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II Intergenerational Service	12) 11:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry	13) 6:00 pm Middle School Supper Club 6:30 pm Lobster Lunch planning	14) 9:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am Bible Study 11:45 am Staff Meeting 7:00 pm Wardens 8:00 pm AA	15) 4:45 pm Youth Choir 7:30 pm Adult Choir	16)	17)
18) 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER ROGATION SUNDAY 1928 Book of Common Prayer Services 8:00 am Morning Prayer 9:00 am 300th/Historic Church 9:30 am Church School 10:00 am Morning Prayer 5:00 pm Organ Plus! Bill Crane Justin Kagan and Neal Kass	19) 11:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry	20) 12:00 pm Parish Aid 7:00 pm Vestry Meeting	21) 9:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am Bible Study 11:45 am Staff Meeting 8:00 pm AA	22) 9:00 am Coffin School Walking Tour with Dana Denault 4:45 pm Youth Choir 7:30 pm Adult Choir	23) 9:00 am Bell School Walking Tour with Dana Denault	24) St. Michael's Exhibit "300 Years Serving a New England Community" 11 am – 5 pm at the Town House
25) 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:00 am Thrift Shop Meeting 9:30 am Church School 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II with Baptisms noon-4 pm St. Michael's Exhibit at the Town House	26) Memorial Day Office Closed St. Michael's Exhibit noon – 4 pm at the Town House	27) 6:00 pm Middle School Supper Club	28) 9:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am Bible Study 11:45 am Staff Meeting 8:00 pm AA	29) 4:45 pm Youth Choir 7:30 pm Adult Choir	30)	31)