



St. Michael's Newsletter

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From the Rector: Feed My Sheep

On a Tuesday morning the first week in April, Fr. Max Accime and Fr. Jean Fils met Linda Smidt, Marilyn Day and myself at the Montana Hotel in the hills just above Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Fr. Max is the Priest-in-Charge of St. Thomas Church, Arcahaie, Haiti. Fr. Jean Fils is between assignments at the present. We were joined by three other Americans, Fr. John Kelley and his wife Tish, and the Rev. Nancy Bryson, from St. George's Church in The Villages, FL. I'm very pleased to say that Fr. John and St. George's likely will be joining us in partnership with St. Thomas Church. Fr. Max and Fr. Jean Fils met us to take us to Arcahaie where St. Thomas and its school are located. Arcahaie is small fishing village about an hour outside of Port-au-Prince without traffic. Of course, the traffic was horrendous, so the trip took two hours.

An article appearing in the Feb. 1, New Yorker magazine written by Jon Lee Anderson notes, "Haiti remains the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere. Some sixty percent of Haiti's 10 million citizens live in poverty. Nearly half are illiterate, and only one in four has access to a toilet." These are gripping numbers. It seemed to bear out as we drove through the congested streets of Port -au-Prince and later down the highway on our way to Arcahaie.

At St. Thomas, we were greeted by hundreds of school children, the principal and teachers. All should know that the

money St. Michael's raises through the Lobster Lunch does tremendous good. It pays for the teachers' salaries. It pays for hot meals three times a week. 277 people – students and the staff, including Fr. Max – eat that meal each day it is served.

There is water. We saw the latrine you paid for a number of years ago. By Haitian standards it is the standard. By our standards it is something else, but it is a toilet. Again, the money raised and sent does a great deal. Know that our connection is deeply valued and appreciated.

This was an important trip to make. I hope it is not eight years before we make another one.

Aside from visiting St. Thomas we also attended the Haiti Connection Conference at the Montana Hotel. The hotel was well appointed I have to admit. We had hot water, modern plumbing and wonderful food at our disposal as well. There we heard story after story of the work many are doing in Haiti, which broke one's heart and filled it with hope. We saw the faces of caregivers and those being cared for. In this work these roles were often reversed. For in the other we see the face of Jesus, we see the risen Christ. We may not recognize him at first, but on further reflection know his presence to be there.

Jesus says to Peter, "Feed my sheep." As a church we are called to feed the sheep. In doing so, it is likely our broken souls are fed as well.

The Lobster Lunch feeds not just hungry souls in Marblehead during the July 4

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Worship & Music

Evensong & Benediction Sunday, May 1 at 5 pm

Please join us for our final choral Evensong of the season on Sunday, May 1 at 5 pm. The St. Michael's Choir will be singing music by Harold Darke - "O gladsome light" and a setting of the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis by Healey Willan. Organ voluntaries include the beautiful "Adagio" for Louis Vierne's First Symphony for organ, and the baroque composer Dietrich Buxtehude's "Prelude, Fugue and Chaconne".

Rector's Column —continued



Father Andrew, Linda Smidt and Marilyn Day with children at the St. Thomas school in Arcahaie, Haiti.

weekend, but countless others in Massachusetts and Haiti. It is a valued, important endeavor. Half the net proceeds goes to Haiti, the other half to local organizations that care for those in need.

At St. Michael's we currently are having discussions on how the church may help homeless families and children on the North Shore. We are exploring a relationship with Family Promise of the North Shore, an organization that successfully helps homeless families find secure housing. This, too, is important and valued work, close to home.

It is risky business this work and these trips, this seeing the face of Jesus in others. It opens our hearts and makes us vulnerable. It connects us with our own brokenness and our own need. Into this opening the risen Christ appears. His light is there. And he calls, "follow me."

—Fr. Andrew.

Organ Recital John Fenstermaker Sunday, May 15 at 5 pm



On Sunday, May 15, we will have our final Organ Recital of the series, given by John Fenstermaker, currently Organist and Choirmaster at Trinity-by-the-Cove in Naples, Florida. John was for three decades the O/C at the magnificent Grace Cathedral in San Francisco as well as Organist of the San Francisco Symphony. He will be playing the following program:

- Ein feste Burg by Michael Praetorius
- Offertory for Easter Day by Jean Francois Dandrieu
- Bolero de Concert by Lefebure-Wely
- Variations on "Kum Ba Yah" by John Behnke
- Pieces furtives by Jean Guillou
- Variations on "Old Folks at Home" by Dudley Buck, and
- Triumphal March, also by Buck.

I have known John for over forty years, as he was a predecessor of mine (Assistant Organist at Washington National Cathedral)- he is a wonderful player and musician. I do hope you all can join us.

— Doug Major, Music Director



Assisting Homeless Families & Children Forum May 1 at 11:30 AM

At coffee hour following the 10:00 service on Sunday, May 1, Russell Queen, Executive Director of Family Promise of the North Shore, will speak about the work of Family Promise and ways St. Michael's may participate in the program. Family Promise is a non-profit organization offering a successful program helping homeless families find secure housing on the North Shore, one family at a time. Family Promise does this work through the help and participation of churches and synagogues in the area. Kathy Hoyer, who coordinated a Family Promise effort at her church in New Jersey also will be present. This discussion is presented as a follow-up to the well-attended coffee hour presentation several weeks ago on how St. Michael's may engage in assisting homeless families and children. On a later Sunday we hope to have a presentation from The Haven, a non-profit organization based in Lynn, MA, whose mission is to aid homeless teens.

—LDI Team

Church School & Youth

April Happenings

In Church School in April, children enjoyed learning about Jesus' Resurrection, his appearance to his friends, and his Ascension into Heaven. We also began our unit on the life of Saints and Easter People with a lesson on St. Julian of Norwich.

Supper Club

Supper Club had its year-end celebration on Tuesday, April 5th, at Fen Yang House on Atlantic Avenue in Marblehead. We looked back on a terrific year and recognized those who are moving on to our High School service group. We will truly miss our dedicated friends, Macky

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- May 1** Church School 9:45 am
- May 8** Participation in Intergenerational Service
- May 15** Church School 9:45 / Pentecost / Rogation Sunday
- May 22** Church School 9:45
- May 29** No Church School – Memorial Day Weekend
- June 5** Year End Breakfast Celebration, Registration and Volunteer Sign-Up



St. Michael's youth gather for their year-end celebration.

and Miles Renney, Julia Christian, and Julia Sansons! We also welcomed new members who will be joining Supper Club in the fall. We are so excited to begin next year with new members Lily Callahan, Stella Monaco, Sophia Ianchulev, and Harriet Reilly! Thank you so much to Diane Christian for sponsoring our celebration! It was much appreciated.

We would love to welcome any youth in the 6th, 7th, or 8th grade to join Supper Club beginning in September. Please let me know at Kelley@stmichaels1714.org if you would like to be part of our group.

May Highlights

In May, both Church School Groups will continue their study of Saints and Easter People. We will learn about St. Augustine and Mother Teresa of Calcutta. We will also be participating in the many annual spring traditions listed below..

Intergenerational Service – May 10th

The Intergenerational Service will be held on Sunday, May 8th. Children will be given a special role to play in the service. Please email me if you can make the commitment to attend, and I will help your child choose a role and

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Church School continued

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.

Rogation Sunday – May 15th

We plan to celebrate Rogation Sunday with our customary planting of flowers. Please look for our Sign-Up Genius to sign up to donate the flowers or loan gardening tools, or to volunteer to help with the planting on that day.

June 5th -Year End Breakfast Celebration and Registration

On our last day, Sunday June 5th, we will be gathering all church school families for an end of the year breakfast celebration in the Chapter room!

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

By 10 o'clock parents should head into services, while activities and fun continue for the children. Hopefully the weather will be nice and we can enjoy our outdoor space, otherwise we will continue with activities in the Chapter room. Children will join the 10 o'clock service at our usual time.

Please look for a Sign-Up Genius coming soon, to donate foods for our celebration.

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.

****2016-2017 Volunteers Needed****

On June 5th we would like to register at least 5 adults to commit to helping in church school for the next school year. THIS DOES NOT MEAN THAT YOU WOULD BE COMMITTED TO HELPING EVERY WEEK. In fact, during much of the winter we will only need two helpers, so 3 people would have each week "off".

This year there have been 3 very dedicated volunteers who have helped at church school, but some of those volunteers are parents who have children that will be moving on next year, and we will need new people to help. By registering at least 5 people for the year, volunteers can choose ahead of time the weeks that are most convenient for them, and this way I can get any preparatory information to the volunteer ahead of time. In this format no one helper would be overloaded and all would be able to attend full services regularly. Even those who ski on weekends in winter would be able to sign up and volunteer for fall and spring dates. It is also best for the children to have familiarity with their teachers. Also, should a conflict arise, a volunteer could look at our schedule and swap with another church school helper.

You do not need to be a teacher to volunteer! In fact one role each week is that of "Activity Leader". This person does not need to prepare in advance. They simply help greet children, and facilitate our story, craft, and snack time. They are the extra set of hands to set out a snack, or help a child with their gluing, or escort someone to the bathroom, etc.

Lastly, I think that I may be able to speak for those who have volunteered, that it is very rewarding to help St. Michael's church in this way. We have a wonderful group of children and it is inspiring to be part of their spiritual, intellectual, and social growth, and it is also a lot of fun!

Please consider this opportunity to give back to our parish and the children. We will have sign-ups for 2016-2017 Church School volunteers at our June 5th year end celebration and registration day.

-Kelley Howells.

Welles Mortimer Partridge, Rector, 1906—1913



The Rev. Welles M. Partridge with his kite invention. Date unknown. Photo: St. Michael's Archives.

Inventor, minister, mendicant friar—Welles Mortimer Partridge (1872-1952) was born in Brooklyn, New York, the youngest of 7 children. His father George Sidney Partridge died in France in 1875 where he was an agent for a N.Y. company. His mother Helen Derby Catlin was a descendant of Hasket Derby of Salem. After her husband's death she and her sons lived first with her brothers in Brooklyn and later moved to Woodstock, Conn. Welles was educated in schools in New England graduating from the Highland Military Academy in Worcester where he learned the strict discipline that helped him in his later life. In 1892 he enrolled in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology to study electrical engineering. However, Welles felt called to the ministry, perhaps inspired by his older brother The Rt. Rev. Sidney Catlin Partridge, first bishop of Kyoto, Japan.

Welles Partridge left MIT before completing his studies and enrolled in the Berkeley Divinity School, graduating in 1898. Answering a call to assist for a year in Alaska. There he began a passion for prison ministry. He described his year there in "The Church in Alaska: The Work at Sitka" published in *The Spirit of Missions*, Volume 65, 1900. From Alaska, Partridge returned to New England in 1900 where he married Clare Morse and became rector of St. Paul's Church in Peabody, Mass. Here his brother Bishop Partridge received him into the priesthood and their only daughter Dorothy was born. While at St. Paul's Welles Partridge expanded the parish, built a new parish hall, ministered to the poor, and after a cholera epidemic co-founded the North Shore Babies' Hospital. Partridge

also filed his first patent in 1904 for a gas stove, and in 1909, for a water heating device.

In 1906 Partridge was called to St. Michael's. During his term a Weekly Kalendar was started with schedule of services, news and notices. Preparations for a 200th anniversary were begun in 1910 with a "buy a tile" campaign to upgrade the sidewalks and an Anniversary Fund to complete work on the Parish House. The large silver alms basin was donated and later a new silver chalice. Partridge wrote a pamphlet on safes, perhaps when St. Michael's obtained the office safe replaced several years ago. With declining attendance teens 14 and up were "Graduated" from Church School to attend church. Partridge also started a kite festival in town and presented the town with a bust of Tennyson made his brother, noted sculptor William Ordway Partridge. However, the rector had repeated illnesses and resigned in 1913.

Partridge worked as a supply minister at various places including St. John's in Portsmouth, NH. There he served as chaplain to the Navy Prison and with the onset of World War I, began work on a large kite to lift a man up from a boat in order to look for u-boats. A prototype was built, but the war ended before more were made. Again, Partridge worked in several churches serving poorer communities around South Boston. With the 1928 Prayer Book about to be published he inaugurated "the laying on of hands" in several churches for those who were ill. However, his own health was getting worse, and in 1930 he stopped all parish work. It was at this time that Partridge lost his two of his brothers, Sidney and William.

Partridge camped that summer in Connecticut and found that the outdoor life restored his health. Rather than return to parish life, Partridge began a 4-year pilgrimage out west and back, traveling by car with his dog Spot, preaching at prisons, hospitals, camps and cathedrals, and depending on the generosity of others for food and gas. It is not clear what Partridge did on his return, although he often volunteered as chaplain to local regiments, and 'supplied' Sunday services. He died in 1952 and was buried beside his wife in Arlington, Vermont. —Frances Stith Nilsson, Historic Church Committee



FATHER PARTRIDGE
AND HIS
LITTLE DOG "SPOT."

The blackthorn cane in this photo was a gift from Boston Mayor James Curley. Photo postcard from St. Michael's Archives.

May Events

St. Catherine's Guild Corporate Communion Sunday, May 1 at 8:00 am

The officers of St. Catherine's Guild will host a Corporate Communion Breakfast following the 8 o'clock service for members of the Guild and those attending the 8 o'clock church service. St. Catherine's Guild members should try to sit as a group, if possible, and go up to communion as a group.

Also, on Thursday evening June 2nd, St. Catherine's Guild will hold its annual dinner at the Corinthian Yacht Club, Marblehead Neck. Cocktails start at 5:30 pm followed by dinner at 6:30 pm. The cost is \$35.00 per person and this includes tax, gratuity and house charges for entree, salad and dessert, coffee or tea. Members should have received their invitations either at our last meeting in April or by mail. Please make sure you have mailed your check with dinner choice to Linda Smidt, 21 Skinners Path, Marblehead by May 26th. Spouses and guests are welcome. If you have any questions, please call Renee.

- Marilyn Day, President.

The Lobsters Are Coming...! Saturday, July 2—Monday, July 4



It's time to re-hitch to the 'best little Lobster Lunch Committee in town' and attend an organizational meeting on **May 10 at 7:00 pm**. If anyone would like more information or if interested in joining the committee, please email co-chairs Kristin Carlson (Kristin.Simonson@gmail.com) or Ellie Doyle (ellie@doylemarblehead.com). Helping at the Lobster Lunch is a really fun way to enjoy the long weekend while lending a hand to various charities St. Michael's supports!

It should be a fantastic year as the 4th falls on a Saturday and the Marblehead Arts Festival is celebrating its 50th year. Yahoo.....the lobsters are coming!

"100% proceeds go to charity."

Treasurer's Thank You & Reminder

Thank you to all who have been so generous with stock donations in the past and for 2016. It is a great way to make a contribution to St. Michael's for the Capital Campaign, Stewardship pledges as well as our Preservation Foundation.

Please remember to alert the church office of your stock transfer either with a phone call or by sending an email to office@stmichaels1714.org with the stock name, amount and where the contribution is to be made. With checks, please write on the check where you like to apply the contribution. We appreciate your continued generosity to St. Michael's.

—Diane Christian, Treasurer

Thrift Shop Spring/Summer Appeal

The friendly Thrift Shop is in serious need of good looking, fashionable Spring into Summer apparel especially for women. Spring/summer weight sweaters, blouses or tops, pants, and dresses. You name it, we have a need for it. We would also appreciate items suitable for Memorial Day, May 30th. Thank you.

Please drop in
Tuesday through Saturday,
1:00 to 4:00 PM

Volunteers: Don't forget the Thrift Shop meeting on Sunday, May 8 at 9:00 am in the Parish Hall. —Liz Grader, President

26 Pleasant St.
Marblehead, MA 01945



**Sunday May 1
5:00 PM**

Evensong & Benediction

"O gladsome light"

**Sunday, May 15
5:00 PM**

**Organ Recital
with**

John Fenstermaker

Organist & Choirmaster
Trinity-by-the-Cove, Naples, FL

St. Michael's Church

Officers: Stephen Clay, Sr. Warden; Karin McCarthy, Jr. Warden; Sue Cool, Clerk; Diane Christian, Treasurer; Kristin Carlson, Asst. Treasurer.

Vestry: Sarah Bates, Kelley Callahan, Jennifer Davis-Oliveira, Ellie Doyle, Rory Gaunt, Justin Hintlian, Octavia Moniz

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

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May 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>6THSUNDAY OF EASTER 1</p> <p>8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:30 am Child Care 9:45 am Church School 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 11:30 am Speaker: Family Promise 5:00 pm Evensong & Benediction</p>	2	<p>3</p> <p>11:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry</p> <p>3:30 pm Youth Choir 5:00 pm My % U R W Table in Lynn</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am Bible Study 11:45 am Church Staff</p> <p>8:00 pm AA</p>	<p>5</p> <p>ASCENSION DAY</p> <p>7:30 pm Adult Choir</p>	6	7
<p>7THSUNDAY OF EASTER 8</p> <p>8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:00 am Thrift Shop Meeting 9:30 am Child Care 9:45 am Church School 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II & Intergenerational Service</p>	9	<p>10</p> <p>11:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry</p> <p>3:30 pm Youth Choir 7:00 pm Lobster Lunch Planning</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am Bible Study 11:45 am Church Staff</p> <p>8:00 pm AA</p>	<p>12</p> <p>7:30 pm Adult Choir</p>	<p>13</p> <p>11:00 am Wisdom & Friendship</p>	<p>14</p> <p>6 W O L F K D H at Lifebridge Dana Denault Captain</p>
<p>DAY OF PENTECOST 15</p> <p>8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:00 am Historic Church Mtg. 9:30 am Child Care 9:45 pm Rogation Planting 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 5:00 pm Organ Recital: John Fenstermaker</p>	16	<p>17</p> <p>11:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry</p> <p>3:30 pm Youth Choir 7:00 pm Vestry</p>	<p>18</p> <p>9:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am Bible Study No Church Staff</p> <p>8:00 pm AA</p>	<p>19</p> <p>7:30 pm Adult Choir</p>	20	<p>21</p> <p>Newsletter Deadline</p>
<p>TRINITY SUNDAY 22</p> <p>8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:00 am Historic Church 9:30 am Child Care 9:45 am Church School 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II</p>	23	<p>24</p> <p>11:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry</p> <p>3:30 pm Youth Choir</p>	<p>25</p> <p>9:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am Bible Study 11:45 am Church Staff</p> <p>8:00 pm AA</p>	<p>26</p> <p>7:30 pm Adult Choir</p>	<p>27</p> <p>11:00 am Wisdom & Friendship</p>	28
<p>2ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 29</p> <p>8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:30 am Child Care No Church School 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Memorial Day</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>31</p> <p>11:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry</p> <p>3:30 pm Youth Choir</p>			<p>Office Hours Monday ²Friday 8:30 am- 12:30 pm</p>	<p>Thrift Shop Hours Tuesday-Saturday 1pm ²⁴ pm</p>