



St. Michael's Newsletter

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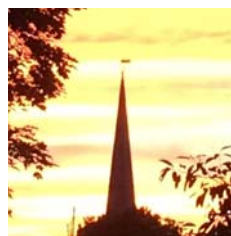
November Calendar

From the Rector:

For in the multitude of your saints you have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses, that we might rejoice in their fellowship, and run with endurance the race that is set before us.

—Proper Preface for All Saints Day

In the evening darkness on Sunday, Nov. 1, the new steeple at St. Michael's will be illuminated for the first time. The lights, supporting hardware and labor to install them have all been made possible by a generous donation from Jean Howe.



Thank you, Jean, for making this possible.

We continue to receive comments from people from within and without the parish what a wonderful addition the steeple is to the design of the church. It is a graceful presence, with one's eyes drawn skyward looking at it. Being a church spire it indicates something of God being sought and experienced. Sought by that lifting of focus heavenward for guidance, comfort and strength; found in spirit of the congregation and visitors below. God's presence comes into focus in the searching and seeking, and in the doing and being. It is found not just heavenward, but within the walls of the church and in the programs and ministries of the parish and its people. Worship, music, education, and works of compassion and justice in the wider community all bring the God and Christ present. The new steeple marks that these things take place.

And now it can be seen at night!

For generations St. Michael's has been blessed with caring and generous parishioners. Many thanks are extended to all who have supported the parish through the annual pledge, capital campaign and bequests. There indeed have been arid times

of economic hardship in the church's history (and in individual lives) when money to support ministries and maintain the building has been scarce. However, even in such times the parish's spirit did not flag. St. Michael's has endured and flourished through an abundance of

God's Spirit in that seeking and searching, doing and being.

We are now at the cusp of a new year with new hopes and possibilities. Our Stewardship (annual pledge) campaign is off and running for 2016. As one parishioner has said in times past and present, God has no hands but our hands. This encompasses our own gracious use of time, talent and treasure to enable the parish to carry forward God's mission in Jesus Christ. We are blessed to part of such a vibrant parish and to add our own threads to the generations past, present and to come as followers and seekers of God and Christ. As we bring God's presence into focus through our ministries and stewardship, we do so surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses encouraging us on.

-Fr. Andrew

From the Music Director

Choral Evensong, Sunday, Nov. 1 at 5 pm

November brings two special musical events to St. Michael's Church. On Sunday November 1st the St. Michael's Choir will sing Choral Evensong at 5 pm, with the canticles sung to a setting by William Byrd. He was one of the great Elizabethan composers, highly favored by QE I, and his setting of the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis is "choral chamber music", with beautiful solos alternating with "full" sections. The anthem is Basil Harwood's setting of the text "O how glorious is the kingdom" a passage about the saints from earth joining the heavenly chorus. Please join us for this beautiful service of prayers and music.

Richard Spicer Organ Recital, Nov. 15 at 5pm



On November 15th at 5 pm, Richard Spicer of Trinity Church, Topsfield will present the next recital in our series. Richard is a specialist in the music of early America in New England, and has travelled the country playing and speaking about this particular area of organ and vocal music. His program will include Buxtehude and Bach with a collection of works from their predecessors and colleagues: Hofhaimer, Frescobaldi, Hassler, Hanff, and Ritter, and except for Bach, most living before St. Michael's was built.

Please join us and bring a friend!

All Saints Day Special, November 1st Youth & Adult Choir at 10 am

One final note: our hard-working Youth Choir will join the St. Michael's Choir on November 1st at 10 am for the All Saints Day Liturgy. They have worked hard to learn new anthems and hymns to augment our Adult Choir for this great festival of the Church Year.

—Douglas Major

November 2015 Events

Sunday, November 1—All Saint's Day

Daylight Savings Time Ends. Fall Back One Hour.

5:00 pm Choral Evensong & Benediction
6:00 pm Steeple Lighting

Thursday, November 5

6:30 pm St. Catherine's Guild

Friday-Saturday, November 13-14

Rededication of St. Paul's Boston &
Diocesan Convention

Sunday, November 15

5:00 pm Organ Recital: Richard Spicer

Sunday, November 22

Thrift Shop Sunday

Tuesday, November 24

7:00 pm Marblehead Interfaith Service of
Thanksgiving at Unitarian-Universalist
Church of Marblehead

Thursday, November 26

Office closed

Friday, November 27

Office closed.

7:00 pm Doug Major & Elisabeth Von Trapp at
Larcom Theater, Beverly

Marblehead Interfaith Service of Thanksgiving

Tuesday, November 24
at 7:00 pm
at

Unitarian-Universalist Church
of Marblehead



A time to give thanks for all our blessings
this 300th year,
and with all our friends across the town.

Church School—from Kelley Howells



Some of our Intergenerational Service Participants October 18, 2015

November News

October just flew by with all of the activities going on here at St. Michael's! We began the month with the annual blessing of the animals with many dogs and one cat in attendance. Father Andrew and our seminarian Eric Fialho blessed each one. We heard the prayer of St. Francis and also reflected on, and prayed for, pets that have passed away.

Intergenerational Service

Our children and youth did a terrific job participating in the Intergenerational service on October 18th. Church School, Supper Club, and Youth Service Group Members, volunteered to take on a variety of roles including roles such as, readers, acolytes, and ushers. Thank you to each participant, and to their families for their support!

Supper Club

We have a very dedicated group of 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students who have been enjoying Supper Club. We have doubled the size of our group this year and are enjoying getting to know each other and making new friends. Back by popular demand is the Supper Club cooking activity. Most recently we made brownies in two teams. Each team had different results but all were delicious, and none were left!

We will meet this month on November 3rd and 16th from 6-8 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Thank you so much

to our volunteer chefs! We can always count on delicious treats and nutritious meals at Supper Club!

Steeple Lighting

On November 1st we plan to light our steeple for the first time! This lighting has been provided by a generous parishioner who will create a new night time sky line for Marblehead. A brief lighting ceremony will take place immediately following the 5 o'clock Evensong service at about 5:45 on the Summer Street lawn. Following the ceremony there will be a reception in the Parish Hall, please join us.

Upcoming in November

Church School students have a lot to look forward to in November! During the month, Godly Play children will be working on a unit about Moses while the Weaving God's Promises group will learn about protecting our Earth. Both groups will also have lessons about the Good Samaritan. Later in the month we will create a craft to sell at the Heart of Christmas Fair, and will have sign-ups to participate in the Pageant that will be held on Christmas Eve.

There will not be Church School on November 29, which is Thanksgiving weekend.

- Kelley Howells

Church School



Supper Club 2015-2016 at their first meeting on October 6, 2015

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- Nov. 1: Nursery Care 9:30 am
Church School 9:45 am
Steeple Lighting following 5 pm Evensong
- Nov. 3: Supper Club 6-8p.m.
- Nov. 9: Nursery Care 9:30 am
Church School 9:45 am
- Nov. 15: Nursery Care 9:30 am
Church School 9:45 am
- Nov. 16: Supper Club 6-8p.m.
- Nov. 22: Nursery Care 9:30 am
Church School 9:30 am
Registration for Christmas Pageant
- Nov. 29: Nursery Care 9:30 am
No Church School (Thanksgiving Weekend)

Blessing of the
Animals on
Sunday,
October 4, 2015



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.

Nominating Committee Seeks Suggestions

The Nominating Committee is considering candidates for leadership positions in the church. Each year at the Annual Meeting of the parish, Saint Michael's elects two wardens, clerk, treasurer, assistant treasurer, 3 Vestry members and 2 delegates to the Diocesan convention.

If you know of a good candidate, or if you are interested yourself, please contact any member of the Nominating Committee: Steve Clay, Karin McCarthy Brian Carlson, Chick Chickering, Rob Howie, Jr., and the Rev. Andrew Stoessel.

**The Annual Meeting is scheduled for
Sunday, January 31, 2016**

St. Michael's Heart of Christmas Fair—Donate—Bake—Volunteer!

Plans are underway for this year's Heart of Christmas Fair. This is our primary fundraiser to benefit the programs of St. Michael's—worship, music, Church School and more. Come join the fun! Donate antiques and collectibles, jewelry, crafts, baked goods, and your time at events!
—Karen McMahan, Charlene Tyler, Frances Nilsson

Crafts, Wreaths & Christmas Decorations

We welcome handmade items: hats with flowers, Christmas decorations, unusual scarves, jewelry, and the imagination & creativity of all ages. What's hot in your neighborhood? Do you have beads—broken necklaces, leftover crafts, please bring in for our craft days. Contact Karen McMahan with your ideas and questions.

Wreaths and Greens: We will have simple live wreaths with bows plus table arrangements and more!

Christmas Flower Bulbs: By popular demand, we will have narcissus bulbs in creative containers. Do you have a container we can use?

Clean Out Your Jewelry Box

Is your jewelry box overflowing with items you don't wear? We can use bracelets, necklaces, rings, earrings for pierced and non-pierced ears and pins. Please shine up any silver pieces to show their worth! If you know the value of a piece let us know so we can price it appropriately.

The Jewelry Table is one of the most popular tables in the Christmas Fair so let's keep up that tradition!!

Please leave jewelry in the Parish Office.

—Linda Smidt, Connie Denault & Octavia Monez

Rich Uncle Antiques and Collectibles

Hidden away in plain sight, or tucked into the back of your closets, cupboards or under the bed are wonderful items that you loved but no longer use or need. Recycle those treasures to delighted new owners.

Paintings or prints of local interest, distinctive pottery, small antique anything, fine china or crystal (please no cracks or chips), shiny silver or gold delights, garden statuary and bird baths, and unique items of charm and distinction provide our best selling inventory. If your contribution is beautiful, unique or functional in perfect working order, we would be delighted to recycle your donation to a good home and directly benefit the programs of St. Michaels. Thank you for your generosity.

Please leave "Rich Uncle" items in the Parish Library.

—Peggy Bittermann, Carole Davidson, Aileen Day,
Jenny Olivera and Pat Spaberg



Fair Preparation Events

Fair Planning—Final Details

Wednesday, November 11 at 6:30 pm

Chutney Choppers

Saturday, November 14 at 9am—2pm

Craft Days

November 17 at 6- 8 pm

November 20 at 1- 3 pm

More Crafts, Canning, Baking, Donating

Anytime on your time!

Fair Set-Up

Wednesday, December 3, 5:30 pm

Vendor Set-Up

Friday, December 5, 4:00 pm

\$40 a table—we're almost full!

Contact Karen McMahan

Sign Up in the Parish Lobby for shifts & activities.

See next page for events & hours

Gourmet Food!

Apple pies and chutney for Thanksgiving and Christmas! The pies are ready, join the Chutney Choppers on Saturday, November 15 between 8:30 am and 1 pm. Bring your favorite chopping knife for great fun. Look for the cart at coffee hour to buy before we run out!

Home Baking for the Fair — breads of all sizes and kinds, biscotti, cookies in packages of 6 or 12, preserves, home canned goods, casseroles, cupcakes instead of cakes, jams & preserves, your favorite chocolate item and more!

Bake Ahead—breads, casseroles, desserts, snack foods! If you are making something for your family, double or triple the recipe and freeze a few batches for the Fair. This can be a loaf of bread (all sizes) a casserole, or dessert that freezes well.

Label what you are bringing including key ingredients or flavors, and particularly indicate "nuts" or "no nuts."

Package your baked goods in a festive way with a bow or a sprig of green to make the ordinary special. Label what you are bringing including key ingredients or flavors, and particularly indicate "nuts" or "no nuts."

Deliver frozen items any time and fresh goods on Thursday or Friday the week of the fair. Pam Oppelt, et al.

The Heart of Christmas Fair—Save the Dates & Volunteer!



Tree Lighting on the Lawn during the Christmas Walk Preview

Thursday, December 3

6 pm—8 pm Chili-in-a-bag & Hot Cider
7:00 pm Tree Lighting & Carols



Saturday, December 5
9:00 am—3:00 pm

Hot beverage & more beginning 9am

Lunch 11am—2pm

Chili-in-a-bag (outside), chowder,
hot dogs, grilled cheese &
limited number of Heavenly Lobster Rolls

Silent Auction ends at 1:30 pm

Sign Up in the Parish Lobby
for shifts & activities.

Sunday, December 6
5:00 pm Lessons & Carols

St. Michael's Heart of Christmas Fair



Friday, December 4
6:00 pm—8:30 pm

Wassail! Hors d'Oeuvres
& Preview Sale

Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door.
Children ages 2-12 are \$5.

St. Catherine's Guild Meeting & Thank You!

Thursday, November 5 at 6:30 pm St. Catherine's Guild

St. Catherine's next meeting will be held on Thursday, Nov. 5th at 6:30 pm. Karen McMahon's team will be serving Chicken Marbella, rice, salad and vegetable with apple crisp and vanilla ice cream for dessert.

The program will be on "De-cluttering, Downsizing and Change" and will be presented by Deirdre Robbins, Anne Davis, Liz Grader and myself. We welcome new members. Anyone interested in attending should contact Jenny Oliveira.

- Pam Oppelt, President

Many Thanks!!

Many thanks to all who helped support and made St. Catherine's Fashion Show such a huge success. St. Catherine's raised over \$4,000 between ticket sales and silent auction items. Our goal was to raise enough money to pay for Fr. Andrew's new white chasuble which will be dedicated in a few weeks. We will now have money left for other "wish list items".

Thanks to our wonderful models, all those who donated food and silent auction items, and all those who worked behind the scenes dressing the models, cleaning up, helping Greg Bates in the kitchen, serving the food and all those who bought tickets and silent auction items. It was wonderful also to have so many of our youth who modeled as well as helped us serve. A very special thank you to Jenny & Joe Oliviera, and daughter Livvy and to Sarah and Greg Bates. This entire event has been in the planning stages for many months with Sarah and Jenny our wonderful fashion show planners.

—Pam Oppelt, President

In Remembrance of All Saints

All Saints Day is a time to remember those saints among us who have passed on.

Those dear to St. Michael's who have died in the last year include:

Diane Raymond Harriman, age 85, died February 5, 2014

Jean Peters Butterworth, died November 3, 2014

Judith Ellen Simonson, age 69, died Thursday, January 15, 2015

Miriam T. "Mid" Hamond, age 89, died January 25, 2015

Elizabeth Sinclair Prescott, age 36, died February 25, 2015

Dennis J. McMahon, age 69, died April 25, 2015

Owen J. McKenna, age 70, died May 30, 2015

Donald Herrick Loveland, age 76, died July 10, 2015

Patricia Corning Jennings, age 88, died August 16, 2015

Phyllis Costello Cammett, age 90, died September 24, 2015

Bruce Harriman, age 90, died October 14, 2015



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Sunday, November 1
Evensong & Benediction
5:00 p.m.

Join us with choral evensong and
the Benediction of the Blessed
Sacrament followed by the inaugural
lighting of our Steeple!
Reception to follow.

St. Michael's
Organ Recital

Sunday, November 15, 5 pm

Richard Spicer
Music Director & Organist
Trinity Church, Topsfield

Reception to follow.

St. Michael's Church

Officers: Stephen Clayon, 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.

Newsletter: Frances Nilsson, Editor; Marcia Koopman, Mailings.

November 2015



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25TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 15 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:30 am Child Care 9:45 am Church School 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 5:00 pm Organ Recital: Richard Spicer	16 6:00 pm Supper Club	17 11:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry 6 – 8 pm Crafts 7:00 pm Vestry	18 9:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 10:30 am Bible Study 8:00 pm AA	19 3:30 pm Youth Choir 7:30 pm Adult Choir	20 11:00 am Wisdom-Friendship Group 1pm – 3 pm Crafts <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	21
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