



St. Michael's Newsletter

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From the Rector

“May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us; prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.”
—*Psalm 90:17*

One Thursday in late October St. Michael's audit committee, chaired by Dana Denault, met with Dick Kershaw, a diocesan representative, for the annual audit of the church's finances. The meeting lasted a number of hours as all financial accounts were reviewed. (Happily everything was found in order!) In the early evening that same day the youth choir met to rehearse, and later in the evening the adult choir did as well to practice and prepare Sunday's services. While the choir rehearsed people gathered at Karin McCarthy's house for a “cottage meeting/listening session” to share their insights, experiences, hopes and dreams for St. Michael's, our current visioning and strategic thinking process. And at the same time, yet a different group of parishioners, including three of our confirmation students, traveled to Clifton Lutheran Church to watch a screening of the movie “Luther”. In their own ways each of these activities furthered St. Michael's mission of “transformation in God's grace”. Of course these are a small sample of a myriad of ways people engage and encounter God's mission at St. Michael's.

November is a month that connects us and looks ahead. On Sunday, November 5 the church celebrates All Saints' Sunday. Here we acknowledge those saints, known and unknown, who have been models, teachers, and inspirers of faith to us and the wider community. They include those who have helped shape our lives in small and large ways. Remembering and formed by them, we add our own imprint to those in this time and this place.

The “cottage meetings” as part of our Strategic Visioning and Thinking process continue this month as well. In case you are unable to attend one of the meetings, we encourage you to go online, or call the church office, for a copy of a five questions you are asked to answer. For instance, question #1 asks, “What brought you to St. Michael's and what keeps you coming back?” Question #3 asks, “Imagine our parish in the future or in 5 years. What does it look like? What are your hopes and dreams?” Your participation is greatly appreciated.

November is a time for stewardship and thanksgiving. Our annual pledge drive is in full swing, pointing to and enabling St. Michael's to continue its mission for the coming year. At the end of the month we celebrate our national holiday, Thanksgiving. Here we recognize the abundances and relationships we enjoy, “all that we

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Worship and Music

There are three musical events this month to put on your calendar.

Choral Evensong and Benediction, Sunday, November 5 at 5 pm

Music will be by Parry, Tallis, and a setting of the Magnificat and Nunc dimittis by Doug Major, featuring our wonderful soloists Sarah Hunter and Katie Hoyer. There is no reception following this service, but come and join us for beautiful choral and organ music.

Youth Choir at 10:00 pm, Sunday, November 12

Sunday, November 12 at 10 am - our Youth Choir once again leads the music for worship, singing music by Heinrich Schutz and a very exciting arrangement of "This little light of mine".

Diane Meredith Belcher Organ Recital

Sunday, November 19 at 5pm

The Concert Series continues with Ms. Diane Meredith Belcher playing a program called "French Fest!" Diane is one of America's finest organists, having won competitions both here and in Europe. A reception follows this recital. Come join us, and bring a friend or two.



—Douglas Major, Music Director

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are, and all that we have." As the preface for Holy Communion begins, "It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth."

No doubt there are many demands on our time, talent and treasure these days. There are indeed challenges and stresses that meet us day in and day out. Still, grace abounds. God is with us. Inwardly and outwardly, in contemplation and in activeness, we step forward to encounter that transformative grace. It bears repeating that we are blessed to be part of a vibrant parish seeking to encounter God in familiar and new ways. Your engagement and your intention make it so.

—Fr. Andrew

November Listening Sessions We need your voice!

Sign up online (see your email for the link), in the Parish Hall Lobby, or contact Sue Cool or the church office.

- ◆ Wednesday, November 1 at 7:00 pm at the Bittermanns in Marblehead
- ◆ Wednesday, November 8 at 7:00 pm at Brian Fizer's in Salem
- ◆ Thursday, November 9 at 7:00 pm at Octavia Moniz's in Marblehead
- ◆ Wednesday, November 15 at 2:00 pm at the Spabergs in Marblehead

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:

James C. Full, age 87, died November 14, 2016
 Samuel Shuler, infant, died January 2, 2017
 Georgiann M. Mason, age 85, died July 4, 2016
 Alexandra "Sandra" Lipsett Wigglesworth, age 77, died January 3, 2017
 Ralph L. Church, age 81, died February 19, 2017
 Frances "Fraffie" Emerson Welch, nearly 80, died March 13, 2017
 Rosamond Briggs Bowden, age 95, died February 14, 2017

Pat Zumstein, age 86, died May 3, 2017
 Johanna (Blank) Apostoloff, age 93, died June 6, 2017
 Jacqueline "Jackie" Gilbert Jackson, age 87, died June 10, 2017
 Jon Robert Agne, age 58, died May 21, 2017
 Robert Taylor Moulton, Jr. age 77, died September 1, 2017
 John F. Gilbert, Jr., age 88, died October 13, 2017

Church School

This past month has been a busy and fun one for youth and family ministry at St. Michael's. The youth from the Church School just finished their first Intergenerational Service of the year. They led prayers, assisted with greeting, ushering, and offering gifts. Our older youth read the lessons and gave the peace. I preached on Paul's Letter to the Thessalonians at this Service, and focused a good deal of my sermon on the youth, their Christian faith lives, and how they can do so much with the knowledge of God they already possess. I want to again thank all of the youth who participated in this Service. It was certainly a Spirit-filled experience for all.

Recently the Supper Club had a Halloween themed evening. They learned about the graveyard and crypt here at St. Michael's. I led the attendees on a candlelit tour through these incredible parts of our Church. We learned and discussed grave stone symbols, epitaphs, death and burial customs of Colonial New England, and delved into superstitions and local folk lore. After the tours we read through some of the Bible's creepiest tales and discussed their possible meanings.

The next evening of Supper Club on November 6th will be host to a cottage meeting for the youth who attend. This will be an opportunity for the youth who attended to speak about St. Michael's and share their own remembrances of and hopes and dreams for their beloved Parish.

Christmas is just around the corner! All youth and their families are encouraged to come to St. Michael's Christmas Tree Lighting on Thursday, November 30th at 7:00 p.m. It will certainly be a fun night for all. The Mitten

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- Nov. 5 All Saints Day
Church School 9:45 am
- Nov. 6: Supper Club 5 pm—7 pm
- Nov. 12: Church School 9:45 am
- Nov. 19: Church School 9:45 am
Youth Choir sings at 10:00 am
- Nov. 26: No Church School
(Thanksgiving Weekend)
- Nov. 30: Tree Lighting & Carols 7 p.m.
Chili in a bag & Cider 6:30 pm
- Dec. 3 Church School 9:45 am
Mitten Tree up
First Christmas pageant rehearsal!!

Tree is going up on December 3rd, and will again be made by the youth from Church School. In addition, Christmas Pageant rehearsals begin on December 3rd at 11:30a.m. Assignments for its many roles will be given out the week before.

Volunteers are still needed to help with lessons, and assist with Church School on Sunday mornings. It is always best if two additional adults are present to help alongside the teacher.

Attendance has been steady and good at Church School, and two classrooms are often needed to teach age appropriate lessons to the youth who are attending. If you would like to volunteer, or know somebody who would like to please contact me at eric@stmichaels1714.org.

—Eric Fialho

Left: Tree Lighting & Carols with chili in a bag & hot cider, December 2016. Photo by Ed Nilsson



Together We're Better—Family Promise

On October 21 a beautiful Saturday morning, a group of 16 Parishioners from St. Michael's met at Lynch Park in Beverly to walk for Family Promise. Nearly 300 people participated in the three mile walk through Beverly and the St. Michael's team of walkers and generous supporters raised over \$1200 for Family Promise.

Family Promise is a national organization that works to end homelessness by partnering with Community Churches to provide temporary housing for families. St. Michael's Community decided last year to work with the North Shore Chapter of Family Promise to help end homelessness.

Under the leadership of Katie Hoyer and Annette Nichols, St. Michael's partnered with the Unitarian Universalist Church this past summer. A volunteer co-



St. Michael's Team raised over \$1200 at the Family Promise Walk to End Homelessness, October 21. Thank you all who participated!

Fellowship and Service

St. Catherine's Guild Thursday, November 2 at 6:30 pm

Who is St. Catherine? The November meeting will feature a presentation by Marilyn Day on our own St. Catherine. Come find out about St. Catherine of Siena for whom the Guild is named.

This delightful opportunity to learn about St. Catherine is open to everyone in the Parish! If you know of anyone who would be interested in joining in on the fun.....well.....St. Catherine's welcomes everyone to share in a night of friendship and great food! For an accurate dinner count, please contact Jenny Oliveira at your as soon as possible.

The November dinner will include Chicken Marbella, green salad and bread, ending with strawberries and angel cake. The dinner committee includes Pat Spaberg, Valerie Wyckoff, Pam Oppelt, Jane McKenna and Diane Mills.

—Marilyn Day, President



St. Catherine of Siena by Giovanni di Paolo. Fogg Art Museum, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA.

Thrift Shop Meeting & Needs

The November Thrift Shop Meeting is scheduled on November 12 at 9:00 am following the 8 am service.

The St. Michael's Thrift Shop welcomes donations! November is the time for Thanksgiving tableware, Christmas decorations and winter clothing.

Quality sells! Please be mindful of what is being donated—we need quality that can be re-sold and have limited space for sorting and storing. Do pre-sort before leaving donations at the Thrift Shop during “Open Hours” or in the Parish Hall basket. Items you feel are questionable may be taken to Goodwill, Salvation Army or other organizations. This will relieve the Thrift Shop having to pay for items to be taken elsewhere. And alas we are unable to accept children's clothing.

Thank you for your support of the Thrift Shop. We truly appreciate your help.

- Liz Grader and the volunteers

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 all the ministries 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

Crafts, Wreaths & Christmas Decorations

We welcome handmade items: Christmas decorations, unusual scarves, hats with flowers, hostess gifts, bulbs in containers, doll clothing, and the imagination & creativity of all ages. What's hot in your neighborhood? Contact Karen McMahan with your ideas and questions.

Wreaths and Greens: We will have simple live wreaths with bows, with presales on November 26. There will be table arrangements as well! Bring in your fine containers, baskets, pine cones, artificial fruit, and other decorative items that 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, Octavia Moniz & others

Rich Uncle Antiques and Collectibles

Already goods are being collected for Marblehead's pop-up Wonder, St. Michael's "Rich Uncle's Antiques and Collectables Shop" at the Christmas Fair.

What's hot? Fur (please no other clothing items); old silver serving pieces; framed prints and paintings, already assembled; dining table decor; small oriental rugs, small tables of classic or unique design; exotic, beautiful Asian artifacts. Please, NO dirty or broken items, electronics or large furniture (we don't have space to store or show). Think of donations as something you might buy for a friend or relative—that you liked! And thank you for your generosity.

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

—Peggy Bittermann, Aileen Day, Jenny Oliveira and Pat Spaberg



Fair Preparation Events

Crafts at St. Michael's

Wednesday, November 1 at 7:00 pm

Chutney Choppers

Saturday, November 4 at 9am—1pm

Wreath & Arrangement Days

Wreaths: Monday, November 20 at 9:30 am

Containers: Monday, November 27 at 6:30 pm

More Crafts, Canning, Baking, Donating

Anytime on your time!

Fair Set-Up

Wednesday, November 30, 5:30 pm

Vendor Set-Up

Friday, December 2, 4:00 pm

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 4 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, November 30
6:30 pm—7:30 pm Chili-in-a-bag & Hot Cider
7:00 pm Tree Lighting & Carols

St. Michael's Heart of Christmas Fair

Friday, December 1
6:00 pm—8:30 pm

Wassail! Wine! Hors d'Oeuvres
& Preview Sale
Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door.
Children ages 2-12 are \$5.



Saturday, December 2
9:00 am—3:00 pm

Hot beverage & more beginning 9am

Lunch 11 am—2pm
Chowder, chili-in-a-bag,
hot dogs & grilled cheese

Sign Up in the Parish Lobby
for shifts & activities.

Sunday, December 10
5:00 pm Advent Lessons & Carols

Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure

End-of-Year Annual Pledge & Capital Campaign Donations

We appreciate all of your generous pledge and capital campaign contributions. Please be sure to write on the check whether it is for annual pledge, including pledge number and year or for capital campaign.

For stock donations please be sure to email or call the office to indicate whether the donation is a pledge or capital campaign donation and to confirm the new transfer instructions. This year we have changed the custodian from ETRADE to Fidelity. Anyone who has previously donated stock and used those instructions must let their custodian know of the updated securities transfer instructions for The Episcopal Church in Marblehead at Fidelity.

You can call the office, email the office at office@stmichaels1714.org or the treasurer at stmichaels1714@gmail.com for wiring information or other questions.

Thank you. - *Diane Christian, Treasurer*

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.

2018 Pledge Drive

Pledge letters have been mailed. If you have not received a letter, please call the Parish Office at 781-631-0657. Forms are also available in the Lobby.

Please send in your pledge as soon as possible so we can plan our 2018 budget. Vestry members will be making proactive calls in November as we want to receive all pledging before the beginning of Advent.

Thank you!

—*Sarah Bates*

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: Karin McCarthy, Sue Cool, Sarah Bates, Kelley Callahan, Justin Hintlian and the Rev. Andrew Stoessel.

**The Annual Meeting is scheduled for
Sunday, January 28, 2018**



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Evensong & Benediction of the
Blessed Sacrament
All Saints Sunday
November 5 at 5:00 p.m.

Join us for choral evensong with
music of Parry, Tallis & Major.

St. Michael's Organ Recital

Sunday, November 19, 5 pm

Diane Meredith Belcher
of St. Thomas, Hanover
"French Fest!"

Reception to follow.

St. Michael's Church

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

Vestry: Sarah Bates, Vivian Bennett, Kelley Callahan, James Dearborn, Brian Fizer, Justin Hintlian, William Miller,
Octavia Moniz, Edward Nilsson.

Delegates for Convention: Annette Nicolas, Denise Shea.

Delegates to the North Shore Deanery: Annette Nicolas, Frances Nilsson, Denise Shea

Staff: The Rev. Andrew J. Stoessel, Rector; Dr. Douglas Major, Music Director; Eric Fialho, Christian Education Director;
Jane Maihos, Parish Administrator; Isaac Martinez, Seminarian; Ernesto Menendez, Sinclair Cleaning Services.

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

November 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			ALL SAINTS DAY 1	2	3	4
	Office Hours Mon. – Fri. 8:30 am – 12:30 pm	Thrift Shop Hours Tues.-Sat. 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	9:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 10:30 am Bible Study 11:45 am Church Staff 7:00 pm Fair crafts 7:00 pm Listening Session 8:00 pm AA (upstairs)	6:15 pm Youth Choir 6:30 pm St. Catherine's Guild 7:30 pm Adult Choir	11:00 am Wisdom-Friendship Group	9 am – 1 pm Chutney Making 8:30 am – 3:30 pm Diocesan Convention at St. Paul's, Boston
ALL SAINTS SUNDAY 5 <i>Daylight savings time ends. Fall back one hour.</i> 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:30 am Child Care 9:45 am Church School 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 12:30 am Confirmation Class 5:00 pm Choral Evensong	6 11:00 am Prayer Shawl 6:00 pm Supper Club & Listening Session	7 5:00 pm Team at My Brother's Table, Lynn	8 9:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 10:30 am Bible Study 11:45 am Church Staff 7:00 pm Listening Session 8:00 pm AA	9 6:15 pm Youth Choir 7:00 pm Listening Session No Adult Choir	10 <i>Office Open</i>	Veterans Day 11 11am-1 pm Team at Lifebridge w/Dana Denault
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