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St. Michael's Newsletter

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Happy September Birthdays to

Lavinia Oliveira
Sarah Comeau
Paige Thibert
Joshua Robertson
Madison Howie
Emma Clark

From the Rector—Prayers of Countless Generations

Sitting quietly in St. Michael's church a number of years ago, the presence of the prayers of countless generations in the church was palpable. The walls did not start glowing, nor did other-worldly beings alight before my eyes. Yet this innate awareness of the prayers of congregations and individuals, of lay and ordained, of long-established members and visiting folk, filled the air. It made me appreciate more deeply the sacredness of the church space. Perhaps others have had such moments at St. Michael's.

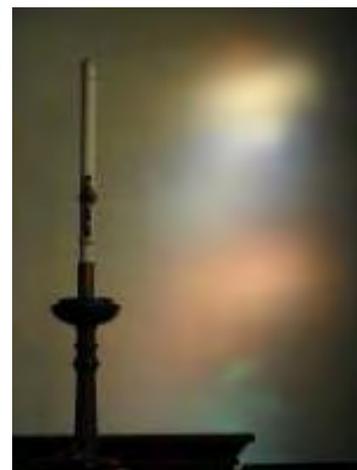
Of course, each Sunday or Wednesday such prayers are added to the divine fabric now. Not just Sundays or Wednesdays, but I believe this building of sacredness and prayer happens with every visit in the church, whether part of a liturgical service or an unspoken prayer. There is much that goes on in these church walls that we can't fully explain – perhaps at the core is an invitation to open one's heart and mind to God's presence. And then we are sent "out" again, hopefully strengthened in hope and grace.

We might proceed directly to the Parish Hall, where much happens, too. People connect, fellowship is enhanced, and community is built. People are fed, sometimes quite literally! From here we are sent "out" again, nourished, renewed. Perhaps you have had such an experience.

This fall St. Michael's starts forth to celebrate and acknowledge its 300 years of parish community: prayers offered and received, service to the wider community, inviting and building hope and grace. Each member and visitor to St. Michael's is part of this celebration, just as each member and visitor is part of the fabric that ensures future generations the opportunity to experience and foster divine hope and grace. All are invited.

There is an abundant spirit within these church walls and parish "campus." As we transition from summer to fall and into the program year, may this generous outpouring be received, and given in return.

- Fr. Andrew



Celebrate with St. Michael's

Fall Is Here and Our 300th Celebration Is Beginning!

Mark Your Calendar:

Wednesday, September 11

10:30 AM Bible Study resumes

Thursday, September 12

4:45 PM Youth Choir Practice begins

7:30 PM Adult Choir Practice resumes

Sunday, September 15

9:30 AM Church School Registration

9:30 AM Nursery resumes

10:00 AM Holy Eucharist with Blessing of Backpacks
and Adult Choir

Sunday, September 22

5:00 PM Organ Recital with Doug Major

Sunday, September 29 Michaelmas

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist

10:00 AM Holy Baptism and Eucharist

4:00 PM Marblehead Ministerial Association

Covenant Service at Grace Community Church

Wednesday, October 2

Evening Campaign Visitor Training

Thursday, October 3

6:30 PM St. Catherine's Guild "Craft Night"

Sunday, October 6

5:00 PM Monthly Evensong resumes

From the Music Director

Here's hoping you all had a wonderful and restful summer. I enjoyed three weeks in Europe, playing organs in Paris, Salzburg, Como, Italy and Aschaffenburg, Germany. I don't know which was better, the food (!) or the organs I visited.

Adult and Youth Choirs Rehearse Sept. 12

The St. Michael's Adult Choir will begin rehearsing on Thursday, September 12th at 7:30 pm and sing on Sunday the 15th.

I am expecting a couple of new members, but all are welcome to join us in the Choir.

The Youth Choir will also begin rehearsals on Thursday the 12th at 4:45 pm. If you would like to participate in the choir program or know someone who would, please contact me at the church.

Welcome back, everyone!

Organ Recital Series Begins Sept. 22

September 22 at 5 pm, I will kick off our organ recital series, playing music by Bach, Clerambault, Sowerby and others. I'll be sending out a brochure shortly with the full schedule of organ recitals, and I thank you in advance for your support..

—Doug Major, Music Director

Onward! Upward! Outward!

Leslie Pendleton of the Episcopal Church Foundation presented a report in July on the capital campaign feasibility study held last spring. Documents are posted on the church web site. Shortly after, the Vestry met to discuss the findings. In August the Wardens sent parishioners a letter outlining the Vestry's endorsement of a capital campaign beginning this fall in support of St. Michael's 300th Anniversary. Copies of the letter are in the foyer outside the Parish Hall. The projects to be funded include much needed and recognized renovations/improvements to the Parish hall, universal access from Summer St., and repairs/enhancements to the Historic Church including the ceiling, stained glass windows, bell tower and addition of a steeple. Sarah Bates and Barbara Miller are co-chairing the Campaign.

The official launch of our 300th anniversary and the Campaign will be Saturday, October 19 at the Corinthian Yacht Club with Bishop Gayle Harris. This is an event for all parishioners!

**Saturday, October 19, Evening
All-Parish Tercentenary &
Capital Campaign
Kick-Off at the
Corinthian Yacht Club
for all parishioners**

Special Services

We will honor 300 years of Anglican liturgy and music with a series of historical services, giving a fascinating glimpse into services of the 18th, 19th and 20th century.

Sunday, November 17, 2013

1662 Book of Common Prayer in the 18th C.

Sunday, February 16, 2014

1789 Book of Common Prayer

Sunday, May 18, 2014

1928 Book of Common Prayer

These services will lead up to our Tercentenary service on **September 28, 2014** (note date change).



Church School & Youth

Church School

Church School meets Sunday mornings at 9:30am in the Davenport House.

Students in pre-K – 2nd grade use Godly Play.

Students in grades 2-5 use Weaving God's Promise

Middle School Supper Club

Meets on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month at 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall.

Welcome back Church School students & families!!

We hope you have all had a refreshing summer! As the school year begins anew, so too does Church School at St. Michael's. We wanted to give you an update on Church School and remind you of a few important dates.

We will be coordinating Church School in house, at least at the beginning of the fall season. Despite extensive advertising, St. Michael's has yet to hire a Church School Director. The search continues! That said, Sue Cool, Melissa Amberik, Gillian Petty and Octovai Moniz have divided up some of the administrative coordination and scheduling. Aileen Ryder graciously scheduled the 2013-2014 year before she left St. Michael's, which is an enormous help to us. We will continue to offer Godly Play for students in pre-K through 2nd grade, and Weaving God's

Promises for students in 2nd through 5th grades. If you aren't sure which program your child should be in, we will be happy to discuss it with you.

Due to the long first September weekend for the Marblehead and Swampscott Public Schools, the first day of Church School is Sunday, September 15. Church School will begin at 9:30. A Church School registration form will be sent to you which you may bring completed on the first day. You are welcome to arrive a few minutes early to fill out a form (we will have some extra blank forms on hand), and/or speak with any of us at the Davenport House. As is always the case, if you know any families who may be considering attending St. Michael's, this is a perfect time to start! The more, the merrier.

If you would like to teach or help in other ways this fall, please contact Sue Cool or Fr. Andrew. Your expertise and enthusiasm is most appreciated!

—Fr. Andrew



Blessing of Backpacks Sunday, Sept. 15

As our younger generations start a new school year, Fr. Andrew shares a special blessing during the Sunday, Sept. 15 10:00 service. Children and youth are encouraged to bring their school materials and backpacks to Church School, and then into the church. Children and youth who are not attending Church School may bring their bags with them into the Church Service.

Benjamin Bosworth Smith, Deacon, Rector 1817—1819

Bishop Griswold was still watching out for St. Michael's when he sent our 12th rector, Joseph Andrus, (Andrews) south for missionary work. Benjamin B. Smith (1794–1884) had joined Griswold's Episcopal Church in Bristol, RI while a student at Brown University. After his graduation in 1816 he continued his studies with Griswold and was ordained deacon in Bristol on April 23, 1817. It is likely that Griswold sent Smith up to Marblehead shortly after to lead services and preach. That July 1817 St. Michael's Vestry invited Smith to become "their settled minister." Only after much consultation did Smith agree to stay and only through Easter 1818 at which time he would consider a permanent post.

St. Michael's warden John Tedder and vestryman Dr. John Drury renewed their invitation to Smith the following

Spring and he accepted but with the provision that his salary increase by his 3rd year. On June 4th, 1818 Smith married his cousin Elizabeth Bosworth in Bristol, RI, and on June 24 at St. Michael's, Marblehead, he was ordained priest. One of his earliest acts as a priest was to perform the marriage of John Hooper and Lydia Blackler, the couple who would be instrumental in restoring St. Michael's in 1833. But 1819 was not a time of growth.

It was during Smith's tenure that St. Michael's bell cracked again. The bell was recast by Paul Revere and Sons, but at a major expense to the parish. The Vestry was not able to pay Smith as agreed.

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In fact he had to borrow to pay for fuel over the winter. In July 1819 Smith resigned and headed to Virginia's Eastern Shore. Over the next 11 years Smith served in four different parishes in Virginia, Vermont and Philadelphia before settling at Christ Church, Lexington, Kentucky in 1830. The Episcopal Church was strengthening nationwide now and in 1832, at age 38, the Rev. Benjamin B. Smith was made the first Bishop of Kentucky. Four bishops were consecrated that day, the last day of General Convention, by 7 of the 9 Episcopal Church bishops.

Many new parishes were established in Kentucky during Smith's tenure. To fill the pulpits of these new parishes, Smith established and led Kentucky's Episcopal Theological Seminary. After a trip to Europe, Smith made drawings and models that were used in designing new parish churches. Could Smith have made the 1818 drawing that gives us our most detailed view of St. Michael's at the beginning of its second century?

As the most senior bishop at the time, Smith became the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church in 1868. He served in that position until his own death on May 31, 1884. —*Frances Stith Nilsson, Historic Church Committee*



St. Michael's Church
A Copy of a Drawing Dated 1818

St. Catherine's Craft and Fair Prep Night, October 3rd

When we gather for our first St. Catherine's Guild meeting of this year in October, we will be 2 short months away from the Christmas Fair. We feel it is the perfect time to showcase ideas and opportunities for all of us to be involved and contribute to its success. The Fair is one of the times during the year when we open our doors and welcome in the Marblehead Community. We are fortunate to have the following St. Catherine's Guild members as our speakers. They will help us to get excited and inspired for the best fair ever!

Who knew:

Valerie Wyckoff will demonstrate owl making. She will share the secret of how she created the beautiful felt owls she donated to the fair last year. If you did not see them it is because they were sold out before many of us could get the money out of our purse to buy one. Valerie also has remnants of fabric from Marblehead hand prints. She will be demonstrating how to make potholders with a printed saying that is a very special to us at St. Michael's (stay tuned for more at the meeting).

Cook, Can and Bake:

For the cooks among us, Pam Oppelt will give us a chance to fulfill our culinary fantasies. Do you like to chop? Do you like to roll pie crust dough? Do you like to cook fruit with fragrant spices? Do you like to lift large pots with boiling liquid? Well, maybe a day of baking apple pies or cooking chutney is in the cards for you. Of



course if you envision baking in the privacy of your own kitchen you can still have a go at it. Pam will outline all the fun associated with the famous "baked goods table". Of course, don't wait for Pam! Preserve some of the wonderful crops from your garden, farmers market or CSA.

The Royal Crown Jewels:

Maybe not quite but close enough for many of the delighted customers that look forward to our jewelry table every year. Linda Smidt will explain how she and Connie Denault continue to awe and excite all of their customers with their beautiful presentation. Keep in mind the items they sell are our donations. What would they like to see from us? What can we do to help them?

Got Antiques?

Every year people line up on Friday evening so they will be the first to see the treasures in Antiques and Collectables. We have customers who come back every year saying ours is the best fair. Last year someone said we have the Neimann Marcus of Church Fairs. We have a legacy to uphold and we do it well. Peggy Bittermann will talk about her experience heading up this section, what she has learned about donating and how we can support this fidelity.

More Ideas?

Come share your ideas of items we can add to our wares.

—*Aileen Day, Guild President*

What Is An Anglican? - from Susan Butterworth

Please welcome our own parishioner Susan Butterworth who will be serving in a new capacity at St. Michael's, as an intern working on her Field Experience for her Master of Divinity degree at the Episcopal Divinity School. Susan will be sharing some of her knowledge in occasional newsletter articles and blog posts.

What is the difference between an Episcopalian and an Anglican?

The Anglican Church has its roots in the Church of England. Before the American Revolution, the Anglican Church had a presence in colonial America. St. Michael's Church, founded in 1714 by a group of colonial sea captains who yearned to practice the religion of their English youth in their new home, was a part of this Anglican presence. But after the War of Independence, the American Anglican clergy refused to swear allegiance to the King of England as required by the Church of England and so the Episcopal Church was formed in the new United States. Today there are Anglican churches all over the world. The Anglican Communion is the worldwide gathering of Anglican and Episcopal churches. As members of the Episcopal Church, we are both Episcopalian and Anglican.

How is the Anglican Church organized? What is the role of the Archbishop of Canterbury?

The structure of the Anglican Church is based in the local diocese and province rather than in a central authority. Local churches are gathered around a bishop in a diocese, and the dioceses are gathered into national or regional Churches usually called Provinces. The Episcopal Church (in the United States) is a Province of the worldwide Anglican Communion. Each national church, such as the Anglican Church in Nigeria or Canada, is an independent province. In practice, each province has considerable autonomy.

The Episcopal Church, as a province, has a presiding bishop, who is currently The Most Rev. Dr. Katharine Jefferts Schori. The General Convention is the governing body of the Episcopal Church. The Convention meets every three years and has the authority to amend the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church; authorize liturgical texts and amend the Book of Common Prayer; and adopt communions and covenants with other churches.

The Archbishop of Canterbury is seen as the spiritual leader of the Anglican Communion. He is known as the "primus inter pares" – first among equals – of the other primates (chief archbishops and presiding bishops) of the various Provinces. The Archbishop of Canterbury is the President of the Anglican Consultative Council, chairs meetings of the Primates, and hosts the Lambeth Confer-



ence of bishops every ten years. He is highly respected and represents the tradition of the Anglican Church, but has no doctrinal or legal authority over any province other than the Province of All England.

What do Anglicans and Episcopalians believe?

A good starting point for answering this question is a four-point expression of Anglican and Episcopal identity called the Chi-

cago-Lambeth Quadrilateral. We affirm:

- The Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as the revealed Word of God.
- The Nicene Creed as the sufficient statement of the Christian Faith.
- The two Sacraments — Baptism and the Supper of the Lord — ministered with unfailing use of Christ's words of institution and of the elements ordained by Him.
- The Historic Episcopate, locally adapted in the methods of its administration to the varying needs of the nations and peoples called of God into the unity of His Church.

Thus our faith is centered in Jesus Christ and the Holy Trinity, in the Bible and the Sacraments. The Historic Episcopate is the succession of bishops from the time of the early church, reaching back to Christ's commissioning of the apostles and forward to carry out the mission of the Church. The phrases "locally adapted" and "the varying needs of the nations" allow for the diversity of faith and practice that characterizes the Anglican Church around the world.

While there is certainly pluralism with Anglicanism just as there is within most faith traditions, most Anglicans would claim their identity in a shared tradition of liturgy and common prayer. Our liturgy is centered on the Font, the Word, and the Table: Baptism, Scripture and the Eucharist. The Book of Common Prayer is an important part of our ethos, the means by which clergy and laity join together in our corporate, liturgical and sacramental life.

We strive to love our neighbors and respect the dignity of every living person. This is the mission that we are called to in Christ. Our commitment to mission has been articulated in these Five Marks of Mission.

~ To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom

~ To teach, baptize and nurture new believers

~ To respond to human need by loving service

~ To seek to transform unjust structures of society

~ To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth.

Fellowship & Formation

Bible Study Resumes

On Wednesday, September 11 at 10:30 am, Bible Study resumes its weekly review of readings for the following Sunday. Drop in any week and try it out. Meets in the Parish Hall.



St. Michael's Thrift Shop Fall Goods (& Helpers) Welcomed!

Take those fall items you did not use last year to the Thrift Shop! Clothes, linens and housewares—clean and in good condition—can be left in the designated bin in the parish hall or brought to the Thrift Shop during open hours: Tuesday-Saturday, 1 pm—4 pm.

Our Stewards of the Month: Carri and Victor Wild

Neither Carri nor Victor Wild is a cradle Episcopalian. Victor became an Episcopalian in the 1970's. He says, "When I came of age, the Episcopal ritual and ceremony along with the open mindedness seemed the right fit. Our common faith still allows individual questions." Later when he moved here from Tucson in the 80's, he joined St. Michael's. With a Catholic and Presbyterian background, Carri was a member of St. Peter's in Cambridge and she says, "When I met Victor and began coming to Marblehead, I started to attend church here."

The history, the music, and high service of St. Michael's especially appeal to Victor. While Carri also finds the liturgy beautiful and the choir outstanding, she adds, "You can't beat the location for us!"

Their favorite memories at St. Michael's are their wedding and Carri's confirmation. "My coming out in the church," she says of her confirmation. However, on Michaelmas, there will be another special memory: Their son Logan's baptism, which will make him a cradle Episcopalian.

Over the years, Victor has served on the Vestry, has been Junior and Senior Warden, chaired a Capital Fund Drive, and is a Lay Eucharistic Minister. He has been a Sunday school teacher, served on two search committees for a new minister, and was on the Board of the Davenport House. He recalls with a smile, "More than once I have been mocked for participating in a St. Catherine's fashion show, as a rabbi one time and another time as a woman!" Beyond the parish, he served on the Board of the *Episcopal Times*, the award winning newsletter, whose demise he regrets.



Victor, Logan & Carri Wild with Harley.

Carri enjoys being a lector and working on the Lobster Luncheon and the Christmas Fair. "I served briefly on the Steering Committee but work kept me from attending meetings regularly."

Carri is a software engineer/manager. Presently her project is managing the software program for the Massachusetts Teachers retirement benefits. However, she is also "a full-time mommy" for Logan who was born on March 18th this year. And, she is looking forward to being involved with the Sunday school program as Logan grows up.

Victor is an Assistant US attorney, Department of Justice, in the Economic Crimes Unit which prosecutes major crimes in mortgage fraud, ID theft, taxes, and securities. Governor Bill Weld hired him in 1984 away from

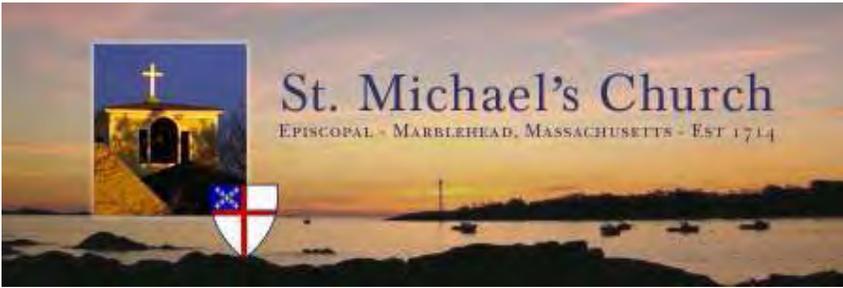
Tucson where he was the chief state prosecutor. "In Tucson, I oversaw about 45 attorneys who prosecuted everything from juvenile crimes to capital cases."

In her free time, Carri likes yoga, hiking, and walking their dog, Harley, a Portuguese water dog. Victor likes to spend time with the family and they both say that, pre-Logan, they used to read a lot. Nevertheless, Victor recommends the book *Why Does the World Exist*, which reviews scientific and philosophical attempts to answer the ultimate question: why is there something instead of nothing.

In addition to son Logan, Victor has a daughter Rachel who is a sixth and seventh grade teacher in Florida. She and husband Jeff had a daughter, Isabelle, in October 2012, making Isabelle five months older than her uncle Logan.

In closing Victor says, "We take real joy and pride in being members of St. Michael's."

—part of an ongoing series by Marilyn Day



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Weekly Schedule beginning September 11

Sundays

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I

9:30 AM Church School

9:30 AM Nursery Care

10:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II

**5:00 Evensong, first Sunday of the
month**

Wednesdays

9:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II

10:30 AM Bible Study

Thursdays

4:30 PM Youth Choir Practice

7:30 PM Adult Choir Practice

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, Jenny Armini, Sarah Bates, Brian Carlson, Xavier Chickering, Rory Gaunt, Robert L. Howie, Jr.,
Karin McCarthy.

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; Jane Maihos, Parish Administrator;
Jennifer Hill, Sexton.

Saint Michael's Church

September 2013

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

<p>1) 15TH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II</p>	<p>2) Labor Day Office Closed</p>	<p>3) 11:00 am Staff Meeting 5:00 pm St. Michael's Team to My Brother's Table, Lynn</p>	<p>4) 9:30 am Holy Eucharist 7:30 pm Property Committee Meeting (downstairs) 8:00 pm AA</p>			
<p>8) 16TH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II</p>	<p>9) 11:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry</p>	<p>10) 11:00 am Staff Meeting 7:30 pm Wardens Meeting</p>	<p>11) 9:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am Bible Study 11:45 am Staff Meeting 7:30 pm Property Committee Meeting (downstairs) 8:00 pm AA</p>	<p>12) 4:45 pm Youth Choir 7:30 pm Adult Choir</p>	<p>13) 5:30 pm Wedding Rehearsal</p>	<p>14) 11:00 am – 2:00 pm St. Michael's Team at Lifebridge, Salem Co-Capt. Pam Oppelt & Valerie Wyckoff 2:00 pm Hunt Wedding</p>
<p>15) 17TH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:00 am 300th & Historic Church 9:00 am Thrift Shop Meeting 9:30 am Church School begins 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II Blessing of Backpacks & returning Adult Choir</p>	<p>16) 11:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry</p>	<p>17) Diocesan Annual Clergy Day Noon Parish Aid 7:30 pm Vestry Meeting</p>	<p>18) 9:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am Bible Study (downstairs) 11:00 am Memorial Service for Jane DeWolfe 8:00 pm AA</p>	<p>19) <i>Newsletter Deadline</i> 4:45 pm Youth Choir 7:30 pm Adult Choir</p>		<p>21) 11:00 am Acolyte Training</p>
<p>22) 18TH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:30 am Church School 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 5:00 pm Organ Recital, Douglas Major Performing</p>	<p>23) 11:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry</p>	<p>24) 11:00 am Staff Meeting 6:30 pm Marblehead Festival of the Arts Annual Meeting</p>	<p>25) 9:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am Bible Study 11:45 am Staff Meeting 8:00 pm AA</p>	<p>26) 4:45 pm Youth Choir 7:30 pm Adult Choir</p>		
<p>29) FEAST OF SAINT MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS - MICHAELMAS 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:30 am Church School 10:00 am Holy Baptism and Eucharist 4:00 pm Marblehead Ministerial Association Covenant Service at Grace Community Church</p>	<p>30) 11:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry</p>	<p>Parish Office Hours Monday - Friday 8:30 am – 12:30 pm</p> <p>Thrift Shop Hours Tuesday – Saturday 1:00 – 4:00 pm</p>				