



St. Michael's Newsletter

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September Calendar

From the Rector:

Suddenly September has arrived! The activities of summer begin to recede as the rhythm of fall schedules gain momentum. It has been a summer of service at St. Michael's. In July parishioners and friends of St. Michael's participated in the Lobster Luncheon over the July 4 weekend, and later in the month helped with the Kids in Community summer camp for children at St. Stephen's, Lynn. In August St. Michael's supported families in the Family Promise program who stayed two different weeks at the UU Church, Marblehead. (Family Promise is committed to ending homeless on the North Shore one family at a time.) All these efforts engage God's mission at St. Michael's "to love and serve our neighbor in and outside our parish community." Meanwhile, parishioners and visitors also found their way to worship on Sunday and Wednesday mornings at 9:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. respectively. This despite a mix-up of listing the Sunday worship time as 9:30 a.m. in various spots earlier in June!

The schedule now shifts. On Sept. 10 Sunday worship at St. Michael's returns to 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. The Adult Choir and Church School commence on Sunday, Sept. 17, as does Sunday child care. The liturgical celebration (Michaelmas) of the church's namesake, St. Michael, takes place on Sunday, Sept. 24. Groups, committees, gatherings of fellowship reconvene throughout the month. The rhythm of parish life quickens.

Agents of Love, Understanding and Kindness

As it does, again the question arises at St. Michael's, "What is God calling St. Michael's to do and be in this day and age?" Related questions are, "When and what is St. Michael's at its best in carrying forth God's mission?" and "What is your dream or vision for St. Michael's?" This fall the parish will have an opportunity to discuss such questions. This will lead to discovering or re-affirming what St. Michael's "core values" are.

A team of parishioners currently is working the Janet Lombardo, a consultant with the Episcopal Church Foundation, to develop a series such of questions. This is part of a pilot program - a Strategic Thinking process - sponsored by ECF and the Diocese of Massachusetts. St. Michael's is joining with a few other parishes in the Diocese in this pilot program. In October parishioners will have the opportunity to meet and engage with one another in open conversation about hopes and dreams for St. Michael's. The parish has done this before through its cottage meetings in 2005 and in 2012. The goal of this process is to set goals and objectives that the parish's dreams and vision for the coming years may be accomplished. In the process we hope to get to know one another a bit better! Your input and insight will be most important.

Meanwhile, welcome to September. Adjusting our pace and schedules to this new time, may we continue to be strengthened as agents of love, understanding and kindness in our community, and witnesses to the power of God's grace.

—Fr. Andrew

From the Music Director

What a wonderful summer this has been in Marblehead and Salem! I for one am sorry to see the summer end, but I'm also very happy that we will be starting up our music program again.

Choir Rehearsals Begin September 14

Youth Choir and St. Michael's Choir rehearsals will begin on Thursday, September 14th, with the Youth Choir at 5:45 - 6:45 pm and the St. Michael's Choir at 7:30 pm. The St. Michael's Choir will begin singing for the 10 am Eucharist on September 17th, with the Youth Choir making their first Sunday singing on October 15th.

New Choir Members Welcome

We are always looking for young people AND adults interested in joining the program, and if anyone wants to experience the joy of making music to the glory of God, please contact me at the church, telephone 781-631-0657; I'll be happy to speak with you.

Choral Evensong October 1st

Choral Evensong will resume on a monthly basis beginning October 1st.

2017-2018 Concert Series

And, here is the schedule for our concert series for the entire season:

October 15, Sunday, 5 pm - Douglas Major, organist

November 19, Sunday, 5 pm -
Diane Meredith Belcher, organist

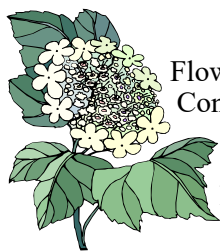
January 20, Saturday, 3 pm -
American Songbook, Round Two!
Sarah Hunter, Katie Hoyer, sopranos,
and Doug Major piano

March 18, Sunday, 5 pm - Brian Jones, organist

May 20, Sunday, 5 pm - Mark Dwyer, organist

I'll be sending the concert flyer out in early September, and I encourage all of you to consider subscribing to the series. Your continued (and much-appreciated!) support makes these concerts possible. Thank you so much!

Happy Labor Day weekend to all!



Altar Flowers

Flowers continue to bloom through the fall. Contact Anne Foster (or the Church Office) if you have flowers in your garden that can be cut for the altar. We particularly love asters—Michaelmas daisies. Thank you!

September 2017 Events

Sunday, September 3

9:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Sunday, September 10

8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I

9:00 am Child Care returns

10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Wednesday, September 13

10:30 am Bible Study resumes

Thursday, September 14

5:45 pm Youth Choir resumes

7:30 pm Adult Choir resumes

Friday, September 15

11:00 am Wisdom Friendship Group

6:00 pm Family Pot Luck Supper

Sunday, September 17

8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I

9:30 am Child Care

9:45 am Church School Welcome & Registration

10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II with returning Adult Choir
Blessing of the Backpacks

Monday, September 18

11:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry resumes

Friday, September 25

11:00 am Wisdom Friendship Group

Sunday, September 24—Michaelmas

8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I

9:30 am Child Care

9:45 am Church School

10:00 am Festal Eucharist, Rite II

Sunday, October 1

8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I

9:30 am Child Care

9:45 am Church School

10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II

1:00 pm Blessing of the Animals

5:00 pm Choral Evensong

Children & Youth - from Eric Fialho

Hello! For those who do not already know me I'm Eric Fialho, the new Director of Christian Education here at St. Michael's. Some of you may remember me as your former seminarian from a couple years ago. I am pleased to say that I have accepted a call to take on this vital ministry. I recently graduated from Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge with a Masters in Divinity, and I am a postulant for holy orders with the Diocese of Massachusetts.

I have a vision for what youth and family ministry can look like at St. Michael's. I think this year will prove to be one of the more exciting and fun years on record. My focus is going to be on prayer and community. Parties have been planned, mission and outreach opportunities for youth and families are being explored, and many new, sometimes strange, and always fun traditions are sure to take root. In addition, I want to incorporate a deeper and more intentional prayer life for the youth of the parish. This year at Church School and Supper Club the attendees will all be given a journal in which they can write their prayers down. Also, each Sunday morning, Church School will begin with a simplified *Book of Common Prayer* Morning Prayer, and each Supper Club night will end with Compline led by the youth.

I'm on the lookout for volunteers! For Church School to run efficiently two volunteers are needed to teach and/or assist in the School rooms each and every Sunday. Parents and grandparents of children are encouraged to help as much as they are able, and would be placed on a rotating schedule. If you are interested in teaching or volunteering at Church School please do not hesitate to contact me. Posters with information about volunteering have been posted at St. Michael's. Please



contact me at my email eric@stmichaels1714.org or by phone at (781) 631-0657 ex:203.

The first day of Church School will be on **Sunday, September 17th**. Church School begins at **9:45 am**. Parents and grandparents are asked to make sure their child is at the Church School rooms about 10 minutes prior to the start of prayer and lessons. Why? A new tradition will take shape, and each Sunday a different child will be able to ring the Church School bell to start the morning!

I am so pleased to be given the opportunity to teach and learn alongside the youth and families of the parish, and I am looking forward to all that the upcoming year will bring.

—Eric Fialho at eric@stmichaels1714.org

Youth helping out at the Lobster Lunch.



Plan Ahead!

- September 10 Return to two service schedule at 8:00 am and 10:00 am.
- September 17 9:30 am Child Care returns
9:45 am Church School begins
Blessing of the Backpacks
- September 24 Michaelmas
- September 26 First Supper Club 6—8 pm
- October 1 Blessing of the Animals at 1 pm on the Summer St. lawn—All animals, stuffed animals, pictures of animals, etc. are welcome.
- T.B.D. Acolyte Training



Fellowship & More

**Wednesday Bible Study
Resumes, September 13**

On Wednesdays at 10:30 am, a group of men and women who delve into the meaning of the collect and readings for the coming Sunday and what they might mean to our daily lives. The discussion is often lively with viewpoints from a variety of parishioners and clergy.

Come join us once, several times or every week!

**'Inquirer's Class' for
Reception into the Episcopal Church**

Fr. Andrew will facilitate an "inquirer's class" for those interested in being officially received into the Episcopal Church from another denomination. The classes will meet this fall at a time to be determined. The "reception" will take place at St. Michael's on Sunday, December 17, at the 10:00 service, with Bishop Gayle Harris. Contact Fr. Andrew if you are interested.

Friday Wisdom & Friendship

The Wisdom and Friendship Group will begin our third season together, meeting on Friday, September 15th at 11:00 am in the Parish Hall. This group is especially appropriate for those who are retired, going through transition, or looking for spiritual friendships. The meetings include a theme for the day, prayer, contemplation and sharing bits of wisdom. The group meets every other Friday. Upcoming dates are: September 15 and 29, and October 13 and 27. New friends are always welcome! Please speak with Anne Davis, Annette Nicolas or Fr. Andrew for more information.

Anne Davis and Annette Nicolas

St. Michael's Thrift Shop

Welcome to the changing of the seasons in our friendly, ecologically centered Thrift Shop. We welcome your donations of spotless, gently used cooking items, serving pieces, dishes, dish towels and bedding in really good condition. And after the summer clean-up, we are looking for Fall clothing (not Winter wear) but clothing suitable for the warm days of early Autumn.

The Thrift Shop is also looking for a light-weight small portable vacuum to be used to keep the Thrift Shop bright and clean.

St. Michael's Thrift Shop operates on the first floor of the Davenport House on the Pleasant St. side of the church. Stop in, see, and purchase our wonderful recycled items. You will be amazed at the excellent value and fine taste of our donors. We offer the best items of any thrift shop. Pass the word and like us on Facebook! St. Michael's Thrift Shop is a significant financial donor to the many ministries offered by St. Michael's.

- Liz Grader, President

Summer 2017 Reaching Out

Summer was not just a time to rest and relax, but a time to reach out and help our neighbors! Thank you, thank you to all who helped out at:

- St. Michael's Lobster Lunch where we raised nearly \$20,000 all to go to local charities and our sister church and school in Haiti;
- At KIC at St. Stephen's, Lynn July 17-21 where we helped provide and organize snacks and read and play games with children;
- At Family Promise at the Marblehead Unitarian-Universalist Church August 6 - 13 and August 27—September 3, helping to take care of homeless families, providing supper and friendship; and
- With our monthly teams at My Brother's Table in Lynn, serving supper on the First Tuesday of the month, and serving lunch at Lifebridge in Salem on the second Saturday of the month.



**Prayer Shawl
Ministry**

When we welcome children in Baptism, St. Michael's gives each a candle and a shawl. The shawls are

knitted by a group formed in January 2012 that meets every Monday from about 11:00 am to 12:30 pm in the Parish Hall.

New members are welcome!

Contact Anne Clark if you would like more information.



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**Sunday Worship Schedule
*Beginning September 10***

8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I
9:30 am Child Care
10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II

September 17:
Adult Choir returns
**Church School Welcome &
Blessing of the Backpacks**

**Sunday, September 24
Michaelmas
St. Michael's Celebration of
St. Michael's & All Angels**

8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I
10:00 am Festal Eucharist, Rite II

St. Michael's Church

Officers: Karin McCarthy, Sr. Warden; Sue Cool, Jr. Warden; Walt 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, Ed Nilsson.

Delegates for Convention: Annette Nicolas, Denise Shea.

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

September 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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	Office Hours Mon. – Fri. 8:30 am – 12:30 pm		Thrift Shop Hours Tuesday – Saturday 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm		Thrift Shop Reopens 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	
13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 3 9:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II	4 <i>Labor Day</i> <i>Office Closed</i>	5 5:00 pm St. Michael's Team at My Brother's Table, Lynn	6 9:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 11:45 am Church Staff 8:00 pm AA	7	8	9 10:30 am - 1:30 pm St. Michael's Team at Lifebridge Co-Captains Valerie Wyckoff & Pam Oppelt
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