

Christ has no body now on earth but yours, no hands but yours, no feet but yours. Yours are the eyes through which Christ's compassion is to look out on this earth, yours are the feet with which he is to go about doing good, and yours are the hands with which he is to bless us now.

Teresa of Avila, 1515-1582



Senior Warden's Corner

As you all should know by now, Jane and David will be leaving us for another interim assignment. He will be going to Trinity Church in Newport to guide them as he has so wonderfully done with us. This should come as no surprise to anyone. His interim work with us is complete. He has prepared us well over the last 40 months (!!!) and we all will miss them both dearly. Though his last official Sunday with us is August 3rd, he will return to celebrate the Eucharist with us at the Chicken BBQ on Sunday, September 7th, at Mount Hope Farm. Please come and bid Jane and David farewell.

To carry us through the next few months and rather than rely on different supply clergy after David leaves, the Vestry unanimously approved Paul Twelves joining us as our interim priest on a part-time basis through the end of 2008. Paul will join us starting on Thursday, August 28th and will continue to be supported by our Priest Associates. Paul is a retired Episcopal priest who lives in Bristol and who has done extensive interim work around the country as well as in Rhode Island for many years. We will be well served through Paul's wealth of knowledge and extensive experience. Please join me in welcoming Paul as our interim priest.

Our Search continues. Though our Committee has done a marvelous job in all their efforts, they needed to take a break during the summer and recommit themselves to the search process. During the last 10 or so months, they have interviewed several top-notch candidates. Saint Michael's Church just did not seem to meet the needs of these candidates at the moment. Everyone must understand there are more churches and parishes that need good priests than priests to go around...it is a "priest's market". The Search Committee will be starting up again under a full head of steam after Labor Day. Under Jackie Barrows' leadership, they have committed them-

selves to meet twice per week to review the resumes of applicants and conduct interviews and, with our continued prayers and support, hope to have a candidate in this next round. Give them your encouragement and support as they perform this most difficult of tasks.

And finally, in a couple of my Wings' articles, I had discussed a group meeting as the Stewardship Steering Committee. At our June meeting, we have discerned and adopted a new focus and name. That is "Parish Development". We created a vision statement that was adopted by the Vestry at its June meeting. The Vision of Parish Development is:

***"Building a welcoming church community,
Eucharistically centered, that embraces family
and pastoral relationships...open doors,
open hearts. "***

Many highly interested volunteers have come forth to join us at our July 15th meeting. If you don't know Louisa Jones, seek her out. Louisa and her husband have recently joined Saint Michael's from her parish in Virginia. Yet, she brings her talents and experiences with parish development with her from Ware Episcopal Church. In order for us to development and enhance Saint Michael's Church, we must embrace the desire to share our parish life with others. We must "play to our strengths". There are a handful of things we do well. And that is what we must concentrate on going forward. But, also people are the best messengers of the strengths of our Parish. It is not advertising or waiting for something to happen. It is the power of our personal communications among family, friends, and neighbors that will cause us to develop and grow. More will be said about this in the future. For any who are interested in Parish Development, our next meeting is Tuesday evening at 7pm, August 12th, in the Tildesley Building. Please come.

I hope to see everyone at the Chicken BBQ on September 7th to wish Jane and David a fond farewell.



BARBEQUE

ST. MICHAEL'S ANNUAL CHICKEN BARBEQUE

Holy Eucharist - 12:00 noon
Barbeque - 1:00 pm

When: Sunday, September 7, 2008
Where: Cove Cabin, Mt. Hope Farm

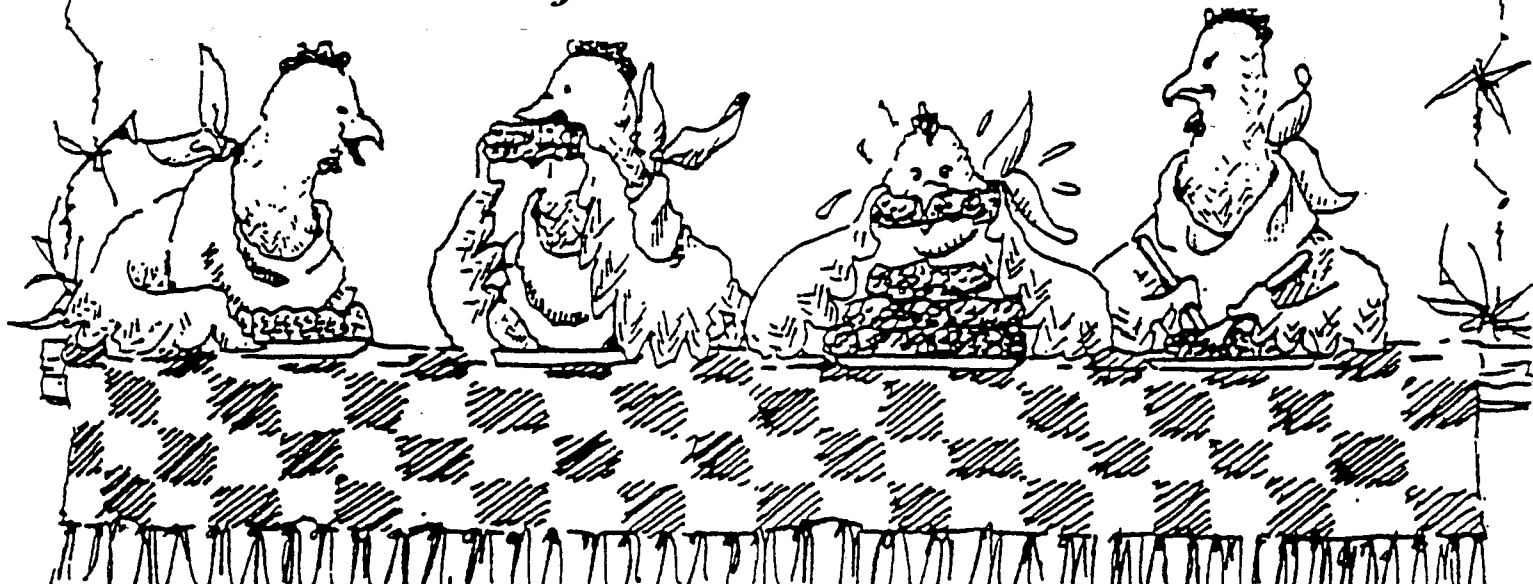
Cost: Adults \$ 12.00 Children \$ 5.00
Under 5 - FREE

MENU:

Half chicken, sweet corn, potato salad, tomatoes, strawberry shortcake, beverage.
Hotdogs available for kids.

All tickets must be purchased by Sunday, August 30 so we are able to purchase the chickens. Tickets may be purchased after any of the services on Sunday, beginning August 3, or in the church office during the week. It is imperative that we get an accurate count as soon as possible!!!

***PLEASE COME AND JOIN US IN WISHING
DAVID AND JANE DOBBINS A FOND FAREWELL***



PARISH NEWS

Schedule of Supply Clergy for the Month of August

- Sunday, August 3
 - 8am and 10am-David Dobbins
 - 6pm-The Rev. Hebert Bolles
- Sunday, August 10
 - 8am and 10am - The Rev. Dan Burke
 - 6pm- The Rev. Cecilia Perry
- Sunday, August 17
 - 8am, 10am and 6pm-The Rev. Cecilia Perry
- Sunday, August 24
 - 8am and 10am - The Rev. Gordon Stenning
 - 6pm-The Rev. Cecilia Perry
- Sunday, August 31
 - 8am and 10am -The Rev. Paul Twelves
 - 6pm-The Rev. Cecilia Perry
- Wednesday morning 7am Eucharists
 - The Rev. Cecilia Perry

If anyone is in need of Pastoral Care please contact The Rev. Cecilia Perry at 253-8620 or Anne McCarthy through the church office, 253-7717.



From Our Faith Community Nurse

by Anne McCarthy

We are once again in a transition time. We are losing our Interim Pastor, yet we know he will be gaining a new experience and challenge.

Perhaps, I, like you will need to step back from anxiety, grief, loss, pain and see the time ahead for us as a time in which we may regress temporarily only to go forward and progress in our development as a faith community.

We are already in the midst of doing just that under the able leadership of our Senior Warden, John Reskusich and his Parish Development Team. We now have a vision and it is attributable to this group’s work --and it is good!

John Kennedy’s quote reminds us “*that in the end God’s work must truly be our own.*”

The development team needs our support and prayers. Ultimately, the encouraging words of St. Paul, “all things work together for good...” will be borne out.

Peace and Blessings.

??...INQUIRER’S CLASSES...??

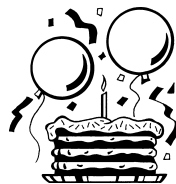
A study group and class for Inquirers is being formed at St. Michael's to begin in September. It will be led by the Rev. Cecilia Perry and the Rev. Ned Gammons. The purpose of the series of classes is to provide general knowledge of the worldwide Anglican Communion and specific information of our part of the Anglican Communion, the Episcopal Church in the United States.

The sequence of classes will present a brief review of the teaching of the Christian faith as taught through the Episcopal Church, including sessions on the Book of Common Prayer, the Bible, Church history, and worship,

including an instructed Eucharist. Assigned readings in handout material and video presentations will provide material for discussion and question and answer periods. This information will prepare participants to be received or confirmed in the Episcopal Church. Studies will include reading material from Seedlings, Inc., and from presentations on video prepared by the National Episcopal Church.

For more information, please check announcements in the Sunday bulletin. If interested, please leave your name with the clergy or with the church office.

PARISH NEWS



Birthdays & Anniversaries This Month!

If your name is not listed and you would like it to be, please contact the church office and give us the appropriate date, either wedding anniversary or birthday.

Birthdays

Paul Cote	08/01	Courtney Sevigny	08/15
Afiya Samuel	08/02	Susan Church	08/17
Brenda Cardullo	08/03	Lindsay Ayers	08/17
Susan Nash	08/08	Conor Handley	08/18
Cecilia Perry	08/09	Elaine Reed	08/19
Thomas Cardullo	08/09	Christopher Lewis	08/20
Meredith Cassick	08/11	Mae Lial	08/22
Anne Lohr	08/11	Richard Usher	08/24
John Whitney	08/12	John Corbishley	08/24
Scott Lial	08/12	Linda Knapman	08/25
Albert Crabtree	08/15	Liza Mesagno	08/27
Carol Willauer	08/15	Mariel Manchester	08/30
		Andrew Lewis	08/30

Wedding Anniversaries

Anne and Franklyn Lohr	08/22
Paul and Lynel Cote	08/24
Carolyn and Thomas Breslin	08/25
Karen and Michael Santolupo	08/27
Enzly and Lisbeth Ramsay	08/31



Our Nursing Home Ministry

August 3, Sunday	2:00 pm
St. Elizabeth's Manor, Bristol	
Celebrant: The Rev. Mark DeWolf	
August 5, Tuesday	11:00am
Silver Creek Nursing Home, Bristol	
August 12, Tuesday	10:00am
St. Elizabeth's Manor, Bristol	
August 19, Tuesday	3:00pm
Grace Barker Nursing Home, Warren	
August 26, Tuesday	10:30am
Haven Health, Warren	
Celebrant: The Rev. Cecilia Perry	

Summer Thoughts

by Marcia Bickford Torrey

When our daughters were small, we often rented a weathered shingled cottage on a picturesque beach on the Cape. The walls were unplastered, the floors were bare and the windows were covered with salt. On sunny days we lived on the beach, Our children built great sand castles embellished with seashell doors and windows. My husband and I conversed with parents of other small children. At night we cooked hotdogs and burgers and watched the great fiery ball sink on the horizon. I don't think we ever paid more than forty dollars for a week of unequalled joy.

My memories of my childhood summers have been the inspiration for a good many of my articles, in particular, ones that have appeared in the Vineyard Gazette. The Vineyard had yet to be discovered by the in-crowd. The summer visitors were more often than not, relatives of the natives. The beaches were uncrowded and you were free to roam at will. There were no fences, no signs telling you to keep out.

My mother and I summered in grandma's upstairs rooms. The downstairs was large, with ceilings nine feet tall. I learned several years ago, that it had been at one time, the Courthouse. The upstairs was unplastered and smelled like old wood, with a little camphor thrown in from the poke hole under the eaves where the family discards were stored. Before his demise, my grandfather used those rooms to paint large canvasses of sailing ships, ducks and one enormous stilllife of various fruits spilling from an old basket. It was not unusual to get a whiff of turpentine on rainy days when one was permitted the luxury of exploring the cast-offs of one's ancestors.

The middle room had two skylights with a view that, today, you would pay thousands for a weeks stay. Edgartown Harbor was pristine, uncrowded and more often than not, filled with marvelous catboats, built by a local man, Manuel Swartz Roberts. My father and I visited Manuel's shop often during the thirties. Today, it is a fashionable art gallery. Some of those same catboats still call Edgartown Harbor home. Occasionally I see one or two in Bristol Harbor. A year ago I was privileged to purchase a picture of a cat done in digital photography by a local artist. Sailing her is a charming couple about the ages of my husband and I. I gave it to him for Christmas that year, along with another of the Prudence Ferry.

Since my husband's illness, we often drive to Walley Street mid-afternoon to watch the Prudence boat make its afternoon run over to Prudence. I'm building memories.

FOND MEMORIES WITH DAVID AND JANE DOBBINS



To David and Jane Dobbins... We wish you well in all your endeavors. Thank you so much for the last three years you have given the people of St. Michael's.



You have given us a lot of hope for the future. Bless you both and Godspeed!



ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH CALENDAR

Please place on your refrigerator.

AUGUST 2008						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	S
27 9:45 AM Child Care	28	29	30 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist	31	1	2
3 8am, 10am and 6pm - Holy Eucharist 9:45 AM Child Care	4	5 11:00 AM Holy Eucharist-Silver Creek NH	6 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist	7	8 7:00 PM Greater Tiverton Community Chorus	9
10 8am, 10am and 6pm - Holy Eucharist 9:45 AM Child Care	11 OFFICE CLOSED-VJ DAY	12 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist-St. Elizabeths Manor 7:00 PM Parish Development Mtg.	13 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist	14	15	16
17 8am, 10am and 6pm - Holy Eucharist 9:45 AM Child Care	18 6:30 PM Finance Meeting	19 3:00 PM Holy Eucharist-Grace Barker NH 7:00 PM Vestry Meeting	20 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist	21	22	23
24 8am, 10am and 6pm - Holy Eucharist 9:45 AM Child Care	25	26 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist-Haven Health NH	27 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist	28	29	30
31 8am, 10am and 6pm - Holy Eucharist 9:45 AM Child Care	1	2 11:00 AM Holy Eucharist-Silver Creek NH	3 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist	4	5	6



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We are writing to inform your readers about the best kept secret in Warren. Although news of St. Mark's Thrift Shop is noted in the Warren Times, it appears in the religion section. Although it is part of our outreach to the community, this is apparently not the first place people look to find bargains in clothing and merchandise.

St. Marks' Church has had its thrift shop for many years and has a small but loyal following, but in light of the recent closing of the Warren branch of the Salvation Army, this seemed like a good time to get the word out that there is somewhere in town to go for needed clothing, household items and furniture without using up valuable gas to get to Swansea where the "Sally" has relocated.

There is nothing that says "green" better than recycled items. No additional natural resources contribute to the manufacture and transport of these items that might, in other times, end up choking the landfill.

In these harsh economic times, we need to seek alternatives to the traditional shopping malls and mega stores. St. Mark's has quality items at affordable prices. We may not have the exact item you thought you needed – but we may have something better. Our Lion's Den back room has adult clothing for only \$1. All of our children's clothing is priced at 50¢ to make it affordable for families. Better adult clothing, including many brand names such as Ann Taylor, LL Bean, The Gap, etc., is also reasonably priced – mostly at under \$5. We also have a wide variety of household items, including furniture at very reasonable prices. New merchandise comes in every week, so we encourage you to return if you do not find what you are looking for.

Finally, we are a church-based organization and we ask your readers to respect that. We appreciate your donations but ask that you presort your contributions as we do not have the facility to store them. Although we value contributions, we ask that you respect our property and not leave contributions when we are not there.

We are located at 16 School Street and open every Saturday from 9 AM to 1 PM.

visit our WEBSITE at:
stmichaelsbristolri.org

If you do not wish to receive this newsletter or if you are receiving it by mistake, please call the church office or email a note to us with the name and address to be removed and we will make the correction. Thank you.

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on the people of St. Michael's Parish and so guide us as we look forward to the call of a new Rector that we may be readied to receive a faithful pastor who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Office Hours: M-F 8:30a.m. - Noon.

Worship Services:

Sunday: 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Holy Eucharist -Wednesday: 7:00 a.m.