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Saint Michael's Episcopal Church, Bristol, Rhode Island 02809

NEWSLETTER --June 2011



The Rev. Canon  
David J. Lucey

*I am the way, and the truth, and the  
life. No one comes to the Father  
except through me.*  
John 14:1-6

## **In my Father's House are many rooms**

St. Michael's Church is an old community by United States standards. We have been part of Bristol since before there was a United States. We can be proud of our long history of faithful presence in this beautiful town. Founded by missionaries of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, we are, as a result, part of that great missionary tradition of the Church. We were started so that this "new" world might know what God was doing for us in Jesus Christ.

At our best, we have been a force for care to the marginalized, supporters of the poor, caretakers of the sick, feeders of the hungry, proclaimers of the Word, and ministers of the sacraments. We have been followers of Jesus in that great mystery encompassed in the verse from John above. I have encountered that reading many times, and know it to be true,

We are in the midst of a capital campaign that proclaims to "Preserve the Future". It is this sense of a future based on the strongest and best aspects of our past that guides our efforts to raise funds to support the capital needs of this church. As we commit ourselves financially, we must also commit ourselves to the fullness of a life of faith through worship, prayer, study, reflection, and action. Living a life individually and as a community worthy of this proclamation is difficult but it is the purpose of the Church, generally, and this parish particularly. As a church, we are more than just the walls we are seeking to repair and uphold, we are the living body of Christ, His hands and feet in a world full of need of his ministry.

Jesus is the one who reveals God's true nature by showing us what it is like to be truly human. In the Gospel

of John we see that Jesus healed those who were sick, he invited the Samaritan woman at the well and her neighbors into relationship, he fed the five thousand hungry people, and more. He did these things in the face of criticism, persecution, and increasing hostility. Rather than lash out he reached out in love and compassion. Yes, he could be critical but his words were not intended to crush. They were leveled to correct. And in the end, rather than conquer, he gave himself up.

Jesus demonstrated his uniqueness in the ways of God by following the Way, and his followers since then have followed that same Way.

Over the next few weeks and months we will be making commitments to ensure that the physical plant that will house the future of St. Michaels will be well cared for. There is a danger in focusing on bricks and mortar to begin to think of the building itself as the church. But as you know, it is not the building that is the church, but the community of people who inhabit it. And so, as we fulfill our obligations as good stewards to the beautiful buildings that have been put in our care, it is a good time to think about "Why" we should care about these buildings and "How" they help us move forward in the life of this parish. In summary, we should think about "What are we here for?" - Considering both "What are we *here* for" and "What are we here *for*?"

We are here to be a vital community that will proclaim Jesus Christ is Lord for its Tri-centennial and for many years afterward. We are here to be a vital spiritual community that forms Disciples of Christ. We are here to be a community that prays together, laughs together, worships together and serves the world together. We are here to be a community so vital that the people of Bristol talk about us in wonder and who wish to join in the things we do. We are here to be good stewards of the buildings and grounds that will serve the vital mission to *Proclaim Christ, Form the Faithful, and Transform Lives.*

Ask me where St. Michael's is headed, and I will tell you, we are headed into God's future prepared to love, prepared to serve, prepared for the way of God through following the way of Jesus. Come on along.



## St Michael's Capital Campaign to Preserve Our Future

A resolution was adopted by the Vestry on April 12 to establish the St Michael's capital fund campaign for the purpose of raising \$500,000 over a three year period as we prepare for the parish's 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

The recommendations of the Vestry Property Committee for urgently needed repairs of the church buildings prompted the formation of a Capital Fund Committee to implement a campaign with the assistance of consultant Peter Saros. Larry Wilson and Gail Storms will serve as campaign co-chairs. Committee chairs include Anne Lohr, Ministry; Marcia Bosworth, Hosts and Jo Ziegler, Promotion. The committee met with the Rector, David Lucey, Senior Warden, Jackie Barrows and Junior Warden, Garry Holmstrom to discuss plans for the campaign launch. Following a leadership pledge meeting on May 19 there will be a special all-parish dinner event at the DeWolf Tavern on June 6 to kick off the three year campaign to prepare St. Michael's for the 21<sup>st</sup> century and generations to come.



*Capital Fund Committee- L to R: Matthew Kirchner, Treasurer; The Rev. Canon David Lucey, Rector; Gail Storms, Co-Chair; Larry Wilson, Co-Chair; Anne Lohr, Ministry Committee Chair; Lydia Wilson; Ros Bosworth; Marcia Bosworth, Host Committee Chair; Garry Holmstrom, Junior Warden; Jo Ziegler, Promotion Committee Chair and Jackie Barrows, Senior Warden.*

# **St. Michael's Church in Bristol**

is pleased to present

## **"ART IN THE CLOSE"**

A Benefit for the St. Michael's Choristers

**Saturday June 4, 2011**

( Rain Date: June 11, 2011 )

**10:00 AM to 5:00 PM**

**35 Fine Local Artists will Display on the Fence**



### **CALL TO ARTISTS**

**All 2D and 3D Artists are invited to  
participate in this one day event.**

**For information contact JP Fernandes at 401-253-6682 or  
[jpfern@aol.com](mailto:jpfern@aol.com)**

Join us for an evening of cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, live music & dancing, plus an amazing silent auction.

**SEASIDE SOIREE**

\$75 per person by May 27  
\$90 per person after May 28

June 4, 2011  
7:00 to 11:00 pm  
Regatta Place, Goat Island

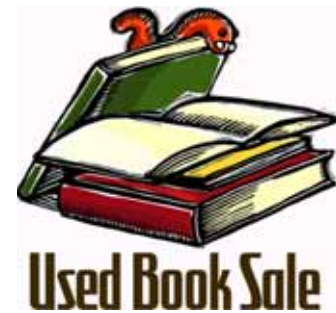
Tickets and additional information available online at [www.HabitatEastBayRI.org](http://www.HabitatEastBayRI.org)




## St. Michael's Book Club

**St. Michael's Book Club- June 27, 2011, 7pm - A Thread of Sky: A Novel By Deanna Fei ("This is one of those rare novels that delivers on the promise of its opening pages... No smart woman**

**should leave on vacation without it." - ChicagoTribune.com** When her husband of thirty years is killed Irene Shen and her three daughters are set adrift. In a desperate attempt to heal her fractured family, Irene plans a tour of mainland China, reuniting three generations of women-her fiercely independent daughters, her distant poet sister, and her formidable eighty-year-old mother. But each woman bears secrets big and small, and just as they begin to reconnect, the most carefully guarded secret of all threatens to tear them apart forever. Depicting a China at once timeless and ever changing, *A Thread of Sky* is a beautifully written story of love and sacrifice, history and memory, sisterhood and motherhood, and the connections that endure. Location TBA.



## July 2nd

Please help us with this St. Michael's fund raiser.  
Call Gail Storms at 253-4902 or  
Nancy Grandgeorge at 245-2155

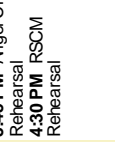
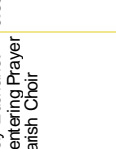




We need:

1. Your books (may be dropped off in a box at the back of the church on Sundays) or call one of us for pick-up.
2. Your help with sorting on July 1st.
3. Your expert salesmanship the day of the sale.
4. Help with setting up early July 2nd.
5. Help with clean-up 4-5 pm on July 2nd.
6. Put up posters and/or tell all your friends.
7. Sell ice cream with strawberries on July 2nd during the sale.
8. Support us with your purchases July 2nd - 9:30-4:00.

Come and have fun.  
Gail and Nancy

# ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH CALENDAR

*Please place on your refrigerator.*

JUNE 2011						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>29</b> 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 9:15 AM Koinonia School 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	<b>30</b> MEMORIAL DAY- 7:00 PM OFFICE CLOSED		<b>1</b> 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist 8:30 AM Centering Prayer 7:00 PM Parish Choir Rehearsal	<b>2</b> 6:30 PM Yoga	<b>3</b> 3:45 PM Angel Choir Rehearsal 4:30 PM RSCM Rehearsal	<b>4</b>  ART SHOW 9:00 AM Bristol Good Neighbors Yard Sale 10:00 AM Art In the Close
<b>5</b> 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 9:15 AM Koinonia School 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist 4:00 PM Providence Singers	<b>6</b>  CAPITAL CAMPAIGN 6:00 PM Capital Campaign Dinner-DeWolff Tavern	<b>7</b> 8:00 AM BUZZ Group	<b>8</b> 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist 8:30 AM Centering Prayer 7:00 PM Parish Choir Rehearsal	<b>9</b> 6:30 PM Yoga	<b>10</b> 3:45 PM Angel Choir Rehearsal 4:30 PM RSCM Rehearsal	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b>  Pentecost 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 9:15 AM Koinonia School 10:00 AM Baptism and Holy Eucharist 11:15 AM Chorister Bake Sale	<b>13</b> 6:30 PM Finance Committee	<b>14</b>  FLAG DAY 8:00 AM BUZZ Group 6:00 PM Habitat for Humanity Mtg. 6:00 PM Reach Out Mtg. 7:00 PM Vestry Meeting	<b>15</b> 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist 8:30 AM Centering Prayer 7:00 PM Parish Choir Rehearsal	<b>16</b> 6:30 PM Yoga	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>  Blood DRIVE 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 9:00 AM Blood Drive 9:15 AM Koinonia School 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 8:00 AM BUZZ Group	<b>22</b> 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist 8:30 AM Centering Prayer	<b>23</b> 6:30 PM Yoga	<b>24</b> WINGS DEADLINE	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>  Celebrating Pentecost 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 9:15 AM Koinonia School 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist 1:00 PM 4th of July Interfaith Service	<b>27</b> 7:00 PM Book Group	<b>28</b> 8:00 AM BUZZ Group	<b>29</b> 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist 8:30 AM Centering Prayer	<b>30</b> 6:30 PM Yoga	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>



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**

Barbara Albee	06/01	Lydia Wilson	06/14
Ted Barrows	06/01	Mary Millard	06/16
Fredric Rounds	06/01	Caroline Nash	06/16
Terry Taylor	06/01	John Velleca	06/17
Thomas Harden	06/03	Kevin Handley	06/17
Julia Lewis-Borgia	06/04	William Moger	06/18
Paul Bohac	06/06	Nicholas Castigliengo	06/21
Manuel Furtado	06/07	June McNelis	06/22
Melissa Black	06/07	Maxwell Handley	06/23
Joseph Faulkner	06/08	Richmond Cargill	06/25
Jillian Landry	06/11	Dinah Baker	06/26
Cara Donovan	06/11	Douglas Darnbrough	06/26
Joseph Kinder	06/12	William Wardwell	06/27
Anne Kendall	06/12	Freda Doyle	06/28
		Martha Fulton	06/30

**Wedding Anniversaries**

Mary Beth and Arthur Manuel	06/03
Jennifer and Mark DeWolf	06/05
David and Meredith Cassick	06/05
David and Jaclyn Vargas	06/05
Bryon and Debra Waddell	06/10
Erin and Glenn Donovan	06/11
Joseph and Linnea Kinder	06/16
Marcia adn Raymond Payson	06/21
Martha and Kevin Handley	06/24
Beth and Chris Fay	06/24



**St. Michael's Church**

**Your**  
**14**  
**donations are**  
**helping to save**  
**42 lives!**



[www.ribc.org](http://www.ribc.org)

**Our Next Blood Drive is June 19th**

Yes it was a great drive. It went over its target goal!  
 The goal was 10 and we got 14! (16 people came, 2 were not able to donate).  
 On the marrow end, 21 registered! More said they would register online.  
 The Best News Of All, Katelyn has a match.

After 5 Days Return to  
**St. Michael's Church**  
P.O. Box 414  
399 Hope St.  
Bristol, RI 02809-0414  
**Change Service Request**

**Telephone:(401)253-7717 Fax: (401) 253-7785**  
**Email:stmichaels@fullchannel.net**  
**Website:stmichaelsbristolri.org**



*Time Dated Material -- Please Do Not Delay*

**Office Hours:** M-F 8:30am - 4:30pm

**Worship Services:**

Sunday: 8:00 and 10:00 a.m.  
Holy Eucharist -Wednesday: 7:00 a.m.

visit our WEBSITE at:  
[stmichaelsbristolri.org](http://stmichaelsbristolri.org)

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You can also receive this newsletter via email. Just email us your address and we will send it to you. This newsletter is also available on the website. Thank you.



June 5, Sunday 2:00pm  
St. Elizabeth's Manor, Bristol  
Celebrant: The Rev. Mark DeWolf

June 7, Tuesday 11:00am  
Silver Creek Nursing Home, Bristol  
Celebrant: The Rev. David J. Lucey

**HOSPITAL VISITATION**

Please let the church office know (401-253-7717) if you or someone in your family is in the hospital so that we may extend Pastoral Care. With government regulations, Health Information Portability Accountability Act (HIPAA), if a hospitalized person does not choose to be listed in the hospital directory, one would not know about his/her being in the hospital.