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

NEWSLETTER --May 2011



*The Rev. Canon
David J. Lucey*

Renewed Life, Renewed Community

Unless the Lord builds the house, *
their labor is in vain who build it.

Psalm 127:1

Each week during Eastertide our first reading at the Sunday services will be from the Acts of the Apostles. This schedule of lessons allows us to hear about the stories of Peter as a leader in the Christian community in Jerusalem as it was forming, the addition of the Gentiles to the communities of Jewish worshipers who were the first followers of Jesus, and the activities of Paul, the Apostle, and his associates in establishing churches throughout Asia Minor.

This was the development phase of the church. It brought reformed ways of being faithful to the Jewish God in the totally new thing of being faithful to Jesus. It was this new piece of the puzzle, Jesus, that sent these new communities off in the direction of what we now know as Christianity. Everything since that time has been renewal, redevelopment, and revitalization of the structures, forms, and content of the faith. Most importantly, the history of the Church and its churches has shown that God must be the builder.

This year St. Michael's church has been doing its own redevelopment work under the guidance of Peter Saros. During the first phase of our development, we worked on annual giving. Since February of this year, we have been working on the second phase, the capital requirements of our campus of buildings. In this next phase of our work we are concentrating on the physical structures which support our ministries. The Parish House, the Holmes House, the Tildesley Building, the Rectory, the properties that surround them and the church are wonderful and inspiring gifts to this community of St.

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*Jackie Barrows
Sr. Warden*

Message From The Sr. Warden

Very shortly, you will receive a letter to announce a capital campaign here at St. Michael's. The vestry has worked diligently to assess our strategy for the upkeep and repair of our properties. This is a concerted effort with our property committee to put together a long range plan to prioritize the repairs needed to protect our property and conduct maintenance to prevent damage. Just as you care for your home and contents, the vestry must do the same for the Church property. It is critical that we turn our attention to this task so that we can continue to utilize the buildings to support our worship and outreach.

The property committee has identified key areas that need attention and this information will be provided to each of you. We want you to be a part of this process and to understand how the campaign funds will be put to use. These funds will not be intermingled with general operating funds; there will be a separate budget set aside for capital improvements.

The vestry has made a decision not to draw from the endowment if at all possible for the repair of our property. We take seriously the protection of the endowment funds to carry us into the future. The capital campaign is not the same funding as our stewardship. Stewardship is practiced everyday with the sharing of time, talent, and funds to support the operation of our parish. Capital campaigns are special fund-raising activities and ours is planned over 3 years. It is vital that everyone participate, in whatever manner is comfortable. Any pledge is welcome and appreciated. Pledges can be distributed over the 3 years.

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Michael's and to the surrounding community of Bristol. However, they need work. And, we need the financial resources to do that work.

During the past couple of weeks you will have received information concerning our capital campaign, and more information will be rolling out over the next few weeks. Read this information carefully. Be prayerful about how you might help us in the fund raising and in the giving of funds. You also have received information about a kick-off dinner that will be held at 6 PM on Monday, June 6 at the DeWolf Tavern. During that dinner we will describe the needs, tell you our goals, and make our appeals for your prayerful support of this work.

The co-chairs of our campaign are Larry Wilson, former treasurer of the church, and Gail Storms, the recent past, clerk of the Vestry. They are fine choices wholeheartedly supported by the vestry and energetic about helping this campaign become a successful endeavor. Please give them your attention, your assistance, and the use of your gifts from God, so that we might enjoy this renewed campus for the work of God's Kingdom.

One reminder, the quote from the top of this article needs to serve as the centering piece of what we are doing and why we are doing it. The buildings are not the Church, nor are they the purpose of the Church. They are the places where we gather to worship, learn the faith, and house some of our ministries. We, the members of this community are the Church. We are called to be faithful to God's ways of living and to be faithful stewards of God's gifts, including the physical resources endowed by our predecessors. If we keep this relationship in balance and in proper order, I am certain God will lead us to the proper outcome of our work. With that bit of encouragement, I will conclude my monthly contribution with the Collect drafted by our Ministries Committee to guide us through this time:

*O God of our forefathers and mothers,
Look with kindness upon this parish family.
Grant us awareness of your bounty,
Help us to grow in service to all people,
And make us good stewards of our inheritance. Amen.*

May God grant you the blessings of this season of our Resurrected Lord, and may God bless all the faithful enterprises of this church.

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In the coming weeks you will receive more information about a kick-off dinner for the entire parish. I hope you will all take the time to come, learn, and think about how you can participate. We have such promising programs right now and wonderful properties in which to house them. Please think about our legacy to our future congregation. Our past members left a legacy for us; we must be responsible to leave a legacy in support of our members past our time.

*"We make a living by what we get;
we make a life by what we give"*
Sir Winston Churchill



CAPTIAL CAMPAIGN PLANNING MEETING

All Parish Organizing Meeting for Capital Funding Needs

All are invited to the Parish House on Thursday, May 19 at 6:30 PM in the Parish Hall, where St. Michael's Church will meet and plan a parish dinner to kickoff a Capital Campaign in order to address the ongoing capital projects of the parish. There will be a light dinner and child care. Peter Saros, our Congregational Development Consultant, will guide us through the organizing process. This is as vital to our ongoing development as the annual Stewardship campaign is to a annual funding of ministry. We encourage all to be there.



Garry Holmstrom
Jr. Warden

From the Junior Warden

Preserving Our Future is an important issue that most everyone can understand, appreciate and support.

Why are we doing this becomes the obvious question. The answer in your thoughts and heart, I hope, is that we are preserving the essence

of our being as a Parish – compassion, charity and respectability for all things, as Christ has demonstrated.

Who are we doing this for should be the next question. And I hope your answer is for our Youth, families, friends and community. It is a most satisfying experience to see more children and young adults attending our services. It provides the incentive for all of us, especially the Vestry, to create the atmosphere and commitment to support the Youth and families as they develop, mature and set the example for their friends. We need to provide the basic education, example and involvement to keep them coming back to SMC today, in the future as they attend schools, then return with their families. This will help preserve the future.

Over the next few months the Clergy, Vestry and parents will help by improving the structure required to enable our Mission and Ministries as a Parish.

Our Minister for Music is doing his part with the RSCM youth program. Our Sunday School teachers are doing their part weekly. Our Youth need your commitment continuously to preserve SMC as the right place to be for their spiritual lives.

Please support our future. Support our Youth and their families in every way you can.



Matt Kirchner
Treasurer

Treasurer's Two Cents

On the morning of Saturday, April 30th David and other representatives of St. Michael's including myself will attend a meeting at the Diocese. This meeting is for Active Clergy, Wardens and Treasurers and is called Moving

Forward: State of the Parishes Address and Discussion. This important meeting will continue a discussion about the future of the Diocese of Rhode Island, and is sponsored by the Diocesan Committee on Program and Budget, which our David Lucey chairs.

Based on recent financial data, our diocese faces important decisions about what kind of Church we wish to be. The goal of the meeting is to define together what this data realistically means, both for our ministry as a whole diocese and as individual churches in Rhode Island.

Your participation in the success St Michael's is compelling as our parishioners have focused on becoming part of the solutions required in our own backyard. As shareholders in the successful 2011 Stewardship Campaign and the upcoming Capital Campaign, it is important to provide you the results and direction from this key Diocesan meeting. Count on hearing more soon about how and where the Holy Spirit is leading us to continue God's story.

“Vestry Meetings Open to Parish”

Did you know Vestry Meetings are open to the Parish? They are and you should come. See how and what we discuss and do. If you have something you would like to bring to our attention or suggest to the Vestry, you are more than welcome to attend. If you are interested in participating sometime in the future in the governance of St. Michael's, please come and join us.

The Vestry meets once a month usually on the 3rd Tuesday. Here are the scheduled meeting dates for the next three months; all meetings are at 7pm in the Tildesley Building.

Tuesday, May 17, 2011

Tuesday, June 21, 2011

Tuesday, July 19, 2011

Additionally, the Finance Committee usually meets the Monday evening before the Vestry at 6:30pm in the Ivy Room. You are welcome to join us then as well. Jacqueline Barrows, Senior Warden



Choral Evensong May 22 5 p.m.

The Parish Choir and St. Michael's Choristers will sing

Evensong on May 22 as part of our celebration of the Great Fifty Days of Easter.

Evensong is a service of sung Evening Prayer and one of the most beautiful traditions of our Anglican heritage. The service lasts approximately 45 minutes and is a wonderful way to connect with God through quiet meditation as the choirs sing psalms, canticles, and ancient hymns from the early Church. A reception will follow.



The text could be something like “**Do you know someone who loves to sing?** The St. Michael's Parish Choir is actively looking for new members in all voice parts. Experience is welcome but not necessary. The Parish Choir vests on Sundays from September to June plus Christmas Eve and three annual Evensongs. It's an excellent way to use your talents and improve your musical skills. If you or someone you know may be interested

in joining, please speak to Waylon Whitley, our organist and choirmaster, by email at waylon.whitley@gmail.com or stop by the organ after a Sunday liturgy and introduce yourself.”



RI NETWORK MAIN STREET Reach Out Forum

May 22, 2011
11:30am- Ivy Room

Guest speaker will be Suzanne Murtaga who will speak about the Main St. Program that St. Michael's supports through the income from the Endowed Ivy Guild/Episcopal Church Women Restricted Fund within our endowment. The Main Street Program, located in Warren, RI, is one of eight programs that make up the NAFI/RI Network. It is a community-based facility where the residents attend public school, have part-time jobs, and participate in events at school and with family. Residents are also able to have passes in the community with family and friends. Program staff does extensive work in areas specifically focused to the needs of adolescent females. The staff often engages in discussions with the girls around topics such as self-esteem, and practicing safer sex. Much of the focus is placed on teaching the residents to advocate for themselves, and fostering independence. Come and share fellowship and light refreshment.



Family Night! Sunday, May 15th, 5:30-7:30

We will be having a potluck family night on Sunday, May 15th from 5:30-7:30.

Beginning at 5:30 Rev. David Lucey will hold a half hour acolyte education. At 6:00 pm we will have a potluck-dinner, followed by activities for the kids. If you have a favorite board game or craft, please bring it with you.

This family night is the first in what we hope will be a series of events for young families at St Michael's. If you are new to St Michael's, or are looking to meet other young families, please join us. If you can attend please contact Sue and Andrew Nash at (401) 396-9788 or snash8@yahoo.com. We hope to see you there!

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.**

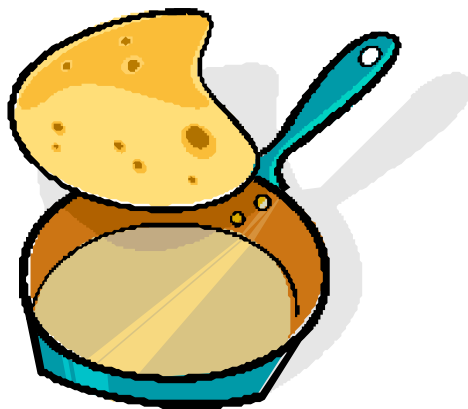
**For information contact JP Fernandes at 401-253-6682 or
jpfern@aol.com**

You're Invited - *Seniors' Pancake Breakfast*

When - *Sat. May 7 from 8:30-10:30*

Where – *St. Michael's Parish House*

The Saint Michael's youths are calling all seniors for a pancake breakfast in your honor. Moms get flowers and veterans will receive a special place setting.



Just bring your appetite and I.D. (just joking). The menu includes pancakes and bacon with coffee and juice. Please call to make a reservation as seating is limited and let us know if you are a veteran or a mom.

- Call the parish office from 9:00-4:00 to reserve a spot at 253-7717
- The Parish House is located across from St. Michael's Church on Hope Street.

See you there!!

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

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\$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



St. Michael's Book Club

The featured book is: "Praying for Sheetrock" by Melissa Fay Greene. This is a true story which the author wrote after fifteen years of listening to stories told by the people of McIntosh County, Georgia, an area of the South that was bypassed by the Civil Rights movement. In the 1970's, the minority white population had all the political and economic power and preyed on the Yankee tourists passing through on their way to Florida. Then, an unemployed African-American man, father of four, dared to stand up and challenge the corrupt system which had kept much of the citizens poor and powerless for a long time. It's a fascinating read and it fits in with our general theme of hearing the voices of all our fellow human beings.

Please join us in fellowship and discussion of this book on May 9 at 7 p.m. The hostess for the meeting is Jennifer DeWolf, 9 Weetamoe Farm Drive in Bristol. Please call to confirm you will attend 245-0533.



Used Book Sale

3rd ANNUAL BOOK SALE

Nancy Grandgeorge and I are planning on having another used book sale. It will be held on Saturday July 2nd and we will be asking for volunteers to work with us that day and to help with the sorting of books on July 1st. At this point, please mark your calendars and begin to gather used books to donate for the sale. And.....stay tuned for further notices.

Gail Storms

The Faith of a Mustard Seed Made Me Strong

by Marcia Bickford Torrey

I have had an adventure beyond anything I (and everyone who knows me) could possibly imagine. If I had time to ponder, my answer would probably have been different but when Harry looked at me and said to his daughter "I'll let Marcia decide," what could I say to this man who loves adventure, but yes.

So it was that a month ago, Harry's daughter, Joan, and her husband Hank were visiting us in Florida having flown from South Carolina in their four-seater plane. The morning of their departure for home then said, "Why don't you two fly home with us for a few days". I had about two minutes to throw a few things into a duffel bag. Of course I said "yes".

Hank is a senior pilot with American Airlines who travels to Japan on his tours of duty. I had great faith in his ability plus the fact that Harry once owned his own plane and piloted it as well.

Strangely, I never felt ill at ease or concerned but was able to look upon it as a great opportunity and adventure.

At 6500 feet on a clear day I flew from Jupiter airport to Beaufort, South Carolina on Cloud 9! Such views! Florida stretched before us like a shimmering blanket of ponds, waterways, large tracks of homes and enormous condos that faced the blue Atlantic.

At one point, Hank pointed out Cape Canaveral off to our right. Weeks later, Harry and I watched the last shuttle launch from Jupiter Inlet. Those around us were silent and as visibly moved as we were.

Over the following days we had the opportunity to visit Paris Island where Harry did his basic training (Marines) back some sixty-eight years ago.

We toured beautiful Savannah with Joan, Harry's daughter, as our tour guide. She has a vast knowledge of its history and marvelous repertoires of the unusual inhabitants who lived in the mansions that are preserved in such a manner that you expect the occupants to come through the door in their hoop skirts.

My fascination with old cemeteries took us to an early Congregational Church where behind the fence in the front yard we discovered ancient crypts with names that were obscured by time and lichen. Through the door of the church came heavenly tones of the church choir. I was amazed at the similarity to parts of the south and New England.

Hank flew us back to Florida several days later. This time we flew at 8500 feet, above a very heavy cloud cover. It wasn't until we put down at St. Augustine that we saw and land. We fueled up and landed back at tiny Jupiter airport an hour later.

I'll be forever grateful that I said "yes" to an experience that truly has changed my life. When you put yourself in God's hands he will, take away your fear. I've always remembered my great-grandmother's words to me when I was a tiny girl. Rebecca Marchant Mayhew lived by the good book. She said "if you have the faith of a mustard seed, all things are possible." I wish I could tell her that she was right.



**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
MONDAY, MAY 30, 2011 IN OBSERVANCE OF
MEMORIAL DAY.**

**THANK YOU
for donating blood**

St. Michael's Church

Your

14

**donations are
helping to save**

42 lives!






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.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH CALENDAR

Please place on your refrigerator.

MAY 2011						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 9:15 AM Koinonia School 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	2	3 8:00 AM BUZZ Group 11:00 AM Holy Eucharist-Silver Creek	4 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist 8:30 AM Centering Prayer 7:00 PM Parish Choir Rehearsal	5 6:30 PM Yoga	6 3:45 PM Angel Choir Rehearsal 4:30 PM RSCM Rehearsal	7  8:30 AM Seniors' Pancake Breakfast
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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

Frances Sousa	05/04	Lawrence Wilson	05/18
George Sousa	05/05	Sandra Greer	05/19
Zachary Pfeiffer	05/08	Anthony Cambrola	05/21
John Fay	05/10	Jeffrey Goulart	05/21
Marcia Payson	05/11	Pamela Pfeiffer	05/23
Mark Pfeiffer	05/11	Tracy Michalczyk	05/24
Michael Butler	05/11	Carolyn Breslin	05/25
William Turner	05/12	Martha Handley	05/25
Virginia Lucey	05/13	Marie Tucker	05/26
Margaret Godwin	05/14	Judy Arruda	05/26
Gina Farrell	05/15	Colleen Donovan	05/28
Harold Mello	05/16	Catherine Teixeira	05/28
Lavina Knowlton	05/17	Elizabeth Grimo	05/29
Rebecca Riley	05/17	Louise Klein	05/29

Wedding Anniversaries

Kenneth and Christine Medeiros	05/03
Cynthia and Robert Rocha	05/03
Michele and Phillip Bennett	05/15
Albert and Rita Crabtree	05/16
Ted and Jacqueline Barrows	05/28

PLEASE HELP US KEEP UP WITH NEW MEMBERS AND UPDATES TO YOUR CURRENT INFORMATION

Simply fill in the information below and place it in the offering plate, or in the basket at the back of the church or send to the Parish Office: P. O. Box 414, Bristol, RI 02809

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: Home _____ Cell _____

email: _____

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

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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.



May 3, 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.