



# WINGS

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

NEWSLETTER --September 2011



The Rev. Canon  
David J. Lucey

## Where are we?

We are in the midst of a confluence of events at St. Michael's: the start of a new program year, the recovery from the mess courtesy of Irene, and the tenth anniversary of 9/11. All of these events converging on this month have given me pause to

consider once again our corporate purpose as a community and my thoughts are reflected below.

One thought is the new program year which brings back the excitement I used to sense at the start of school. New school clothes, new school shoes, new school books, and renewal of friendships that school was a vehicle for. Just to demonstrate how attuned we are to the cultural calendar, even though the Church year begins on the first Sunday of Advent, September usually brings in all the new ministries, programs, and the renewal of all the old ones. It seems that churches too grab their members' attention at the beginning of September just like our town does with the opening of school.

For St. Michael's this means a chance, especially at the *Chicken Barbeque* at Mount Hope Farm on September 25, to refocus on the things we do every week, worshipping, ushering, serving at the altar, reading the lessons, Sunday School, choir in all its varieties, outreach work, coffee hour hospitality, and more. A new thing for this year will be the 10am Sunday School option which is being planned by a group of families from within the church and provides Sunday School in addition to our 9:15 option. Be on the look out for more information on this. We will also be looking to add a development team to our ministries, a group of individuals training for growing our parish in faith and numbers. I will have more to say on this group in next month's *Wings*. Old favorites like the St. Michael's Choir, the St. Michael's Choristers, the Angel Choir, Faith

Walk for Charity, ministry with Bristol Good Neighbors, and more will be back. Join or rejoin your gifts to the application of these ministries on behalf of God's work in St. Michael's.

Another thought that kept coming to mind this past week was the effect on us at the disruptions caused by Irene, our not quite hurricane but our general inconvenience. In the power outages that followed the storm I was put in a place where I could not, even though I wanted to, connect to friends and colleagues through the internet, my cell phone, or my Kindle. I was required to go outside, shake hands, and have a conversation. During this past week's clean-up I met neighbors whose lives do not regularly connect to mine. I cooperated with nearer neighbors in other ways as well. We are, in God's world, meant for these kinds of relationships and this week was a reminder of what life can look like when we connect directly and not through an intermediary media. The path of the spirit is the path of human relationships.

My final thought for this month is we come to moment that will be important because the connections of the town that will happen on Sunday evening September 11 at a vigil in remembrance of the victims of September 11, 2001. It is the tenth anniversary of that tragic moment in the life of this country and for the lives of the victims, their families, and their friends. In moments of tragedy and the loss of life we are reminded of the fragility of normalcy, ordinariness, and life itself. That event reminded those of us who live in this abundant nation, with so many ways to be protected, that we are, in the end, vulnerable to events and circumstances beyond our control. If this reminder draws us to eternal things, then a blessing can be received even if that blessing seems to be no match for the loss involved. That evening will be a chance to remember, reconnect, and revive. It is also a moment for placing God at the center of our lives as we deal with the challenges of life, loss, and love.





Matt Kirchner  
Treasurer

## Treasurer's Two Cents

Way to go St. Michael's!

Very nice job on your choice for the attractive color of the Holmes House, and great to see so many voters participate. It is amazing to see the scaffolding already there for the paint job, and we cannot wait to see it completed.

The Tildesley Building roof has been repaired, the new furnace for the Holmes House is being installed.

Empowering isn't it, to actually set out to do something and make it happen?

Easy to see those improvements underway and lose sight of the ongoing needs of the Capital Campaign. Let's follow up on what we have already promised so work does not stop. Let's not allow the Property Committee to rest!



## Mark your calendars for Oct. 29!

The Coastline Show Chorus will headline the opening concert of the Community Concert Series @ St. Michael's. This 80-voiced women's chorus in the Sweet Adelines style has won award in International Competition for the past five years. They will bring their extraordinary talents to us on Saturday, Oct. 29, at 8pm. I hope you can come and have your spirits lifted. You'll leave with a smile. Sandy Chabot



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.

## "The Campaign to Preserve Our Future"

- Total Amount Pledged to date: \$248,886
- Total Number of Pledges received: 58
- The range of Pledges made: \$240 to \$30,000
- The Average Pledge amount: \$4,291

Pledge forms are available at the back of the church and if you have any questions please feel free to ask any vestry member or campaign committee member.

Candlelight Vigil,  
Sunday,  
September 11, 2011  
at dusk on the  
Town Common



### Birthdays

Ros Bosworth	09/02	Anthony Scolamiero	09/13
Priscilla Usher	09/02	Ella Fitzgerald	09/14
Alan Storms	09/03	Ronald Rodrigues	09/15
Karen Vandermyde	09/03	Gerald Furtado	09/17
Leanne Gablinske	09/03	Emma Santolupo	09/17
Halsey Herreshoff	09/06	Katherine Lucey	09/18
Bonnie Buckler	09/08	Christine Nadalin	09/18
Paige Gauthier	09/08	Michele Bennett	09/23
Brayden Rudman	09/09	Eleanor Knapman	09/26
Erin Donovan	09/11	Rachel Magers	09/28
Charles Faulkner	09/11	William Fox	09/29
Robert Faulkner	09/11	Anthony Santolupo	09/30
Chase Gauthier	09/12		

### Anniversaries

Edith and Bill Turner	09/08
Andrew and Susan Nash	09/08
Salvatore and Sarah Abate	09/09
Amy and Kevin Fitzgerald	09/12
Carole and Richmond Cargill	09/21
Carol and Peter Willauer	09/30



## Now Recruiting Singers for All Choirs

If you or someone you know loves to sing, you are invited to sing in one of our choirs at St. Michael's. No matter your age, we have choir for you!

- The St. Michael's Angel Choir (ages 4-7) is an exciting preparatory music program that combines music, movement, and play to teach fundamental music making skills that prepare our young ones for a lifetime of successful music making. Rehearsals are held on Friday afternoons from 3:45 to 4:15 and conclude with a light snack (beginning after Labor Day).

- The St. Michael's Choristers (ages 8-16) is a Royal School of Church Music in the centuries-old tradition of the cathedral choir schools of England. The program provides a first-rate music education for free to anyone interested, regardless of religious affiliation. The Choristers rehearse weekly on Friday afternoons from 4:30 to 6:30 (starting after Labor Day). Beginning in September, they will vest weekly along with the Parish Choir at all 10 a.m. Eucharists

and receive a small monthly stipend!

- The St. Michael's Parish Choir (ages 17+) is a wonderful way to use your talents and skills as a musician to the service of the Church and the glory of God. We rehearse weekly on Wednesday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. and vest each week at the 10 a.m. Eucharist from September to June. The Parish Choir also sings three Evensongs annually. Prior training and the ability to read music is not required but is helpful and desired.

We are always looking for new, enthusiastic singers to join our program. If you think you might be interested, please contact our organist and choirmaster, Waylon Whitley, by phone at 253-7717 or by email at [waylon.whitley@gmail.com](mailto:waylon.whitley@gmail.com).



October 2 Traditional Choral Evensong in celebration of our patronal feast, St. Michael and All Angels. Sung by the St. Michael's Parish Choir and the St. Michael's Choristers. Evensong

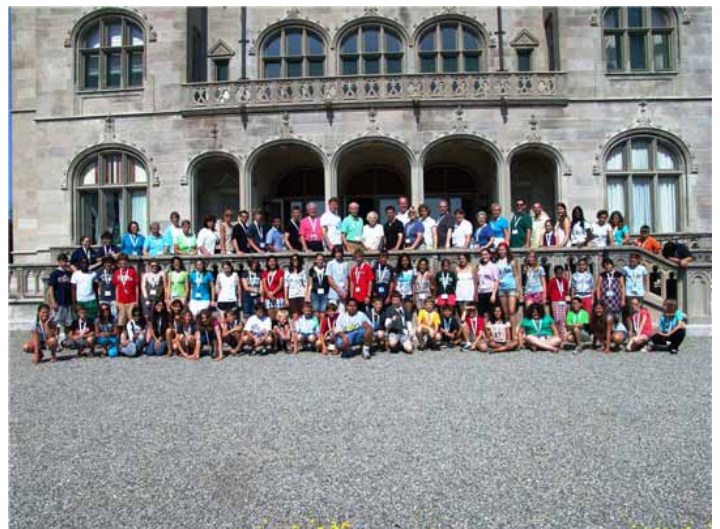
is sung evening prayer in the traditional English style. The service begins at 5:00 p.m. A reception will follow.



All choirs will resume regular weekly rehearsals the week following Labor Day (Parish Choir on Sept. 7, Angel Choir and Choristers on Sept. 9).

## RSCM Newport Course 2011 a Great Success!

From August 1 through 7, eight of the St. Michael's Choristers attended the week-long Newport Course on the beautiful oceanfront campus of Salve Regina University. Singing under the direction of nationally acclaimed conductor Ben Hutto, the Choristers joined with 70 other singers from around the United States for a week of rehearsals, liturgy, beach outings, and new friends. Course attendees sang Evensong at Trinity and Emmanuel, plus a concluding festival Eucharist with chamber orchestra at Emmanuel. St. Michael's again had one of the highest percentages of its singers at the course thanks in large part to the fundraising efforts of our parish throughout the program year. Thanks for supporting this vital ministry of our parish!



## St. Michael's Sponsor-a-Chorister Program

Through our Royal School of Church Music program, St. Michael's trains young people to sing in the centuries old tradition of the cathedral choir schools of England. Begun in September 2009, the St. Michael's Choristers now number 12 singers, ages 9 through 16. In England and many programs across the United States, child choristers are regularly paid a small stipend as a token of thanks for their dedication. The actual dollar amounts are quite small, but the message to the young people is clear: they are appreciated by the church in which they sing.

Starting in September of 2011, the St. Michael's Choristers will begin singing weekly at the 10 a.m. Sunday Eucharist. They will also move to a stipendiary system, which was overwhelmingly approved in a vestry meeting this past spring. Instead of paying for these stipends out of our general budget or out of an endowed fund as many churches do, we will instead have a Sponsor-a-Chorister program by which members of St. Michael's will be paired up with a chorister and then sponsor that child as long as they remain in the program.

This is an exciting opportunity for St. Michael's to take its RSCM program to the next level and to build lasting ties between our young singers and the members of our congregation. Jesus said, "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." Not only will our young singers know that they are appreciated greatly for their time and talents, but those congregation members who sponsor a chorister will also benefit spiritually from opening their hearts (and wallets) to an extraordinarily worthy cause.

Sponsors will be asked to support the chorister they have been paired up with not only financially but also by being present in that young person's life at St. Michael's by attendance at feast days, evensongs, upgrading ceremonies, and an annual dinner for sponsors, choristers, and their families. Any parishioner or non-parishioner interested in sponsoring a chorister should do so only if they are willing to participate fully in that child's life at St. Michael's.

Chorister sponsorship should not take the place of regular giving to the church or to the Capital Campaign. Individuals and families interested in sponsoring a chorister should only do so if it does not interfere with their other financial commitments to St. Michael's Church.


Please consider sponsoring one of the St. Michael's Choristers today. If you have any questions, please speak with Waylon Whitley at 253-7717 or [waylon.whitley@gmail.com](mailto:waylon.whitley@gmail.com).

<b>Achievement Level</b>	<b>Amount per Call</b>	<b>Amount per Week (typical)</b>	<b>Amount per Month (typical)</b>	<b>Amount per Year (approx.)</b>
Novice	\$0.50	\$1.00	\$4	\$40
White	\$1.00	\$2.00	\$8	\$80
Light Blue	\$1.75	\$3.50	\$14	\$140
Dark Blue	\$2.50	\$5.00	\$20	\$200
Red	\$3.25	\$6.50	\$26	\$260
Yellow	\$4.00	\$8.00	\$32	\$320
Head Chorister	+ \$0.75	+ \$1.50	+ \$6	+ \$60



# ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH CALENDAR

*Please place on your refrigerator.*

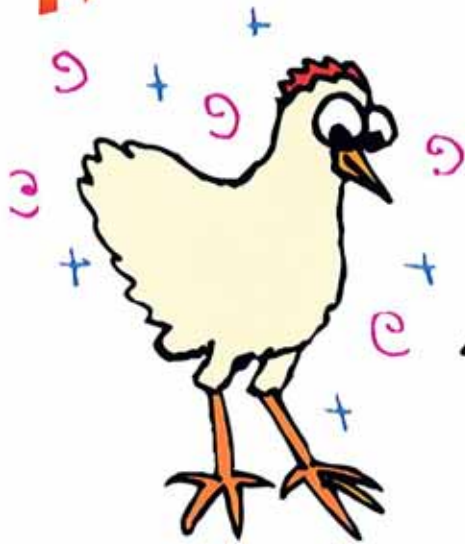
SEPTEMBER 2011						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>EVENTS IN RED ARE HELD IN THE PARISH HOUSE.</b>						
4 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist 7:00 PM <b>Alanon Meeting</b>	5 OFFICE CLOSED-LABOR DAY 6:00 PM <b>Tai Chi</b> 8:00 PM <b>AA Meeting</b>	6 8:00 AM BUZZ Group 11:00 AM Holy Eucharist-Silver Creek NH 6:30 PM Fellowship Mtg. 7:30 PM <b>Alanon Meeting</b>	7 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist 8:30 AM Centering Prayer 7:00 PM Parish Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM <b>AA Meeting</b>	8 3:45 PM <b>Looking Up Theater Group</b> 5:30 PM Scout Meeting 6:30 PM Yoga	9 3:45 PM <b>Looking Up Theater</b> 4:30 PM Angel Choir Rehearsal 4:30 PM RSCM Choir Rehearsal	10 10:00 AM Scout Meeting 7:30 PM <b>NA Meeting</b>
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25  12:00 PM Holy Eucharist @ Mt. Hope Farm 1:00 PM Chicken BBQ @ Mt. Hope Farm 7:00 PM <b>Alanon Meeting</b>	26 6:00 PM Scout Meeting 6:00 PM <b>Tai Chi</b> 8:00 PM <b>AA Meeting</b>	27 8:00 AM BUZZ Group 7:30 PM <b>Alanon Meeting</b>	28 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist 8:30 AM Centering Prayer 7:00 PM Parish Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM <b>AA Meeting</b>	29 3:45 PM <b>Looking Up Theater Group</b> 5:30 PM Scout Meeting 6:30 PM Yoga	30 3:45 PM Angel Choir Rehearsal 4:30 PM RSCM Choir Rehearsal	1 7:30 PM <b>NA Meeting</b>

everyone's heading for:



# The Annual Chicken Barbecue

Mt Hope Farm, Cove Cabin  
Sunday, September 25, 2011



Adults \$15.00  
Children 6~12 \$5.00  
Children under 6, free

Eucharistic Service ~ 12:00pm  
Barbecue to Follow

*D.J.O.B.*  
Non-alcoholic beverages will be provided

For tickets: Contact Candace Turner  
[candacegturner@gmail.com](mailto:candacegturner@gmail.com) or 401-255-3106  
Also available after all Sunday services



Sponsored by St. Michael's Church

# The St. Michael's Chicken BBQ is fast approaching!!

*We need to get all our chickens in a row!*

I would like to get a approximate headcount so we can make some plans.

Please let me know if you are planning on attending the BBQ on September 25th at Mt. Hope Farm. Please see flyer (on opposite page) for pricing and info. Tickets can be purchased at a later date but we need a head count.

## Menu

Pit Roasted Chicken

Potato Salad

Mozzarella and Tomato Salad

Corn on the Cob

Biscuits and Strawberries with Whipped Cream

Hot dogs will be provided for children or adults who don't want chicken.

Non-alcoholic beverages will be provided. (BYOB)

**\*\*Vegetarians and those who this menu just does not appeal to.**

**Please let me know if you would like to attend — you are welcome to bring your own lunch —but please, please, join us anyway.** (no charge)

Peace, Candace

401-255-3106

[candacegturner@gmail.com](mailto:candacegturner@gmail.com)

usually at 10 a.m. service on Sunday — see you there.



The St. Michael's book club will meet on Monday, September 19 at 7 p.m. in the home of Jennifer DeWolf. This month's book is: **Gilead by MaryLynne Robinson**

*Gilead is a land east of the Jordan traditionally viewed as the source of a healing salve: the balm of Gilead. But in the Old Testament this same region carries less pacific associations as well and is sometimes described as a place of war, bloodshed and iniquity. The word Gilead is also linked — through a folk etymology — with the idea of witnessing. Marilynne Robinson draws on all of these associations in her new novel, which — let's say this right now — is so serenely beautiful, and written in a prose so gravely measured and thoughtful, that one feels touched with grace just to read it. Gilead possesses the quiet ineluctable perfection of Flaubert's "A Simple Heart" as well as the moral and emotional complexity of Robert Frost's deepest poetry. There's nothing flashy in these pages, and yet one regularly pauses to reread sentences, sometimes for their beauty, sometimes for their truth: "Adulthood is a wonderful thing, and brief. You must be sure to enjoy it while it lasts." Robinson's narrator is that rarity in fiction — a thoroughly good man. As the Rev. John Ames approaches his 77th birthday (and an impending death from heart disease), he decides to record something of his family's history and his own inner life. The result, he trusts, may be of value to his young son, now only 7, as well as a testament of his love for the boy and the boy's mother, the unexpected blessing of his old age. After Ames lost his first wife in childbirth, he never remarried but instead devoted himself utterly to his parishioners. But one day a young woman, a stranger, entered his church and the 67-year-old minister fell in love with her, staunchly saying nothing because of the disparity between their ages. Then one day . . . but let Rev. Ames tell the story, as he does in this long letter to his son.*

The club is going to explore movie and discussion nights as options between reading books. We hope you will think about joining us for friendship and good discussions. Please RSVP to Jennifer as refreshments are served (254-0533). If you can bring a snack or beverage please let her know.



# St. Michael's Sunday School for all ages.

Sunday, September 11-Two Groups  
9am and 10am every Sunday.

Child Care is available at 9:45 am  
for younger children

Please come and join us!

## September - December 2011 10am Sunday School Schedule

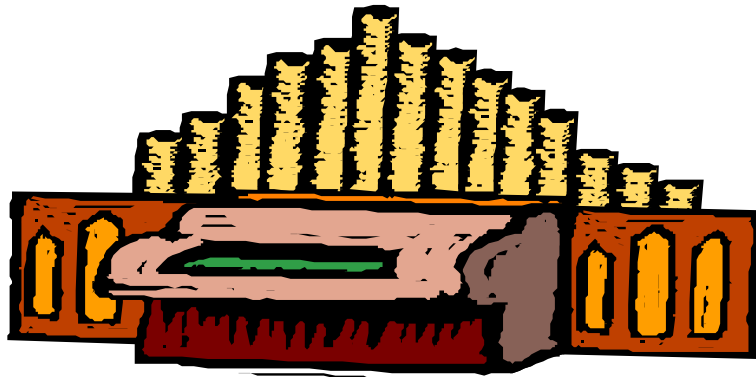
Date	9/11/2011	9/18/2011	9/25/2011	10/2/2011	10/9/2011	10/16/2011	10/23/2011	10/30/2011
Description	13th Sunday after Pentacost	14th Sunday after Pentacost	15th Sunday after Pentacost	16th Sunday after Pentacost	17th Sunday after Pentacost	18th Sunday after Pentacost	19th Sunday after Pentacost	20th Sunday after Pentacost
Sunday School Curriculum Reading	Matthew 18: 21-35	Matthew 20: 1-16	Matthew 21: 23-32	No Sunday School - First Sunday of the Month	Matthew 22: 1-14	Matthew 22: 15-22	Matthew 18: 21-35	Matthew 23: 1-12
Revised Common Lectionary	Year A, Proper 19	Year A, Proper 20	Year A, Proper 21		Year A, Proper 23	Year A, Proper 24	Year A, Proper 25	Year A, Proper 26
10am Teachers	Fays	Faulkners, Chris Medeiros	(No Sunday School)	(No Sunday School)	Garry Holmstrom; Faulkners	Bill Grandgeorge; Fays	Marcia Bosworth; Faulkners	Tricia Borgia & Terry Lewis; Jane Mesagno
Date	11/6/2011	11/13/2011	11/20/2011	11/27/2011	12/4/2011	12/11/2011	12/18/2011	12/25/2011
Description	21st Sunday after Pentacost	22nd Sunday after Pentacost	23rd Sunday after Pentacost	1st Sunday of Advent	2nd Sunday of Advent	3rd Sunday of Advent	4th Sunday of Advent	Christmas
Sunday School Curriculum Reading	No Sunday School - First Sunday of the Month	Matthew 25: 14-30	Matthew 25: 31-46	Mark 13: 24-37	No Sunday School - First Sunday of the Month	John 1: 6-8; 19-28	Luke 1: 26-38	No Sunday School
Revised Common Lectionary		Year A, Proper 28	Year A, Proper 29	Year B, First Sunday of Advent		Year B, Third Sunday of Advent	Year B, Fourth Sunday of Advent	
10am Teachers	(No Sunday School)	Garry Holmstrom; Fays	Faulkners	Chris Medeiros; Anne Kendall	(No Sunday School)	Marcia Bosworth; Faulkners	Fays	(No Sunday School)

Expressed interest/just need to pick a date or two:

Linida Arruda

A Bicentennial Event

# Organ Concert



## Donald Dame

Featuring organ music by Bach, Bedard, Bolcom, Fletcher,  
Franck, Gigout, Jongen and Pachelbel

Saturday, September 10, 2011 – 7:30 pm

Admission: \$10 general/\$5 student

A 200 Cupcake Collation will follow the concert!

## First Baptist Church

250 High Street, Bristol, RI 401-253-9030

After 5 Days Return to  
**St. Michael's Church**  
P.O. Box 414  
399 Hope St.  
Bristol, RI 02809-0414  
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*Time Dated Material -- Please Do Not Delay*

**Summer Office Hours:** M-F 8:30am - Noon

**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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September 4, Sunday 2:00pm  
St. Elizabeth's Manor, Bristol  
Celebrant: The Rev. Mark DeWolf

September 6, 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.

**REGULAR OFFICE HOURS  
RESUME ON TUESDAY  
SEPTEMBER 6TH  
8:30AM- 4:30PM**