

# St. Michael's Messenger

March 2010

A Family Growing in Christ

## 2010 Vestry Members

Toby Arnheim  
*Senior Warden*  
Tom Harbert  
*Junior Warden*  
Bill Leedy  
*Treasurer*

Susan Airth  
Susan Clayton  
Bob Gosselin  
Suzie Lore  
Jody Maughan  
Trey McPherson  
Jon Nash  
Marilyn Williams  
Bill Zink

## Worship Schedule

Holy Eucharists  
*Sunday*

8:00 a.m. • 10:15 a.m.

6:00 p.m.

*Wednesday*

10:00 a.m.

*Friday*

7:00 a.m.

Noonday Prayers

*Monday – Thursday*

12:15 p.m.

## Mission Statement

Our mission is to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus through service, worship, education, evangelism, pastoral care and stewardship. The Holy Eucharist, the worship commanded by Jesus Himself and celebrated in continuity through the ages, forms the center of our worship and spiritual life. It provides the strength for us to embrace all persons to become a family in Christ at St. Michael's.

## FROM THE RECTOR

I once saw the Hope diamond. It's strange to think that a large piece of carbon, refined by millions of years of compression and cut by human hands, could draw huge crowds, but it did and does.

The diamond's beauty is obvious - it's striking in its color and size. At about 45 carats, it is less than half the size that it's thought it once was. As it changed hands it was probably cut at least twice, once, I was told, in hopes of disguising its origin to protect the thief who stole it during the French Revolution! According to legend, the diamond has brought a curse upon its owners and their families, which makes it seem "precious" only in the way that the *One Ring* seemed precious to Gollum in Tolkien's novels.

But there are many other kinds of gems, rocks and stones that catch our eye. One that always catches my eye is a geode. Unlike a diamond, a geode is a plain, gray rock on the outside, yet when it's broken, it reveals an inside filled with sparkling crystals. When I was a child I loved rocks like that! I always wondered how something that looks so plain outside hide something so beautiful inside.

It reminds me of Jesus. True man and yet True God. "The same stone that the builders rejected has become the chief corner." (Psalm 118.22) The question is, "Are we always able to see the glory that Jesus comes to share, or does it remain hidden to us?"

We often forget that the Bible draws heavily on geological imagery. Among hundreds of examples we find that God is our fortress and rock, a sanctuary where we find refuge. Then there is the rock of ages, "cleft" for us in the sacrifice of Jesus. Just as Gem owners have their precious stones cut to make them more

beautiful to the eye, Jesus in His Passion is cut, pierced, flogged and nailed so that those at Calvary might know what God's purpose for us is in the world. In other words, just like in the broken geode bright crystals shine, in Jesus' brokenness his true nature is revealed. The saints live this mystery of brokenness as well. All offer themselves so that the brilliance of God might be revealed and known.

As the season of Lent unfolds before us notice once again how God chose in Jesus to become one who was unnoticed by some and rejected by others yet is full of the glory of the Father. Like the geode, while unknown and unaccepted by some He is the costly stone which, when broken, offers us Salvation. He is the living stone - chosen, precious, and rejected - that becomes a firm foundation for those of us who make up the church. Many Christians see churches as human institutions and forget that it is God who builds God's church. How else could such a wide variety of people from all walks of life become a dwelling for the Holy Spirit? The truth is that God fashions us into living stones that are to become a sanctuary for the rest of the world.

This Lenten season notice how our Lord offers himself to be the building material that anchors the rest of us in place. Alone, none of us is beautiful or impressive. Together, growing into a place where God lives, we are precious in his sight. Let the light which is within you shine in the brilliance of God's love!

Roger J. Hamilton+

## PARISH FAMILY NEWS

### Burial

*W. L. Mullens*  
February 12, 2010

### Baptism

*Michael Reed Terry*  
February 14, 2010

## VESTRY NEWS

The Annual Meeting was held in Quigley Hall on February 7. We welcomed Susan Clayton, Bob Gosselin, Trey McPherson, and Marilyn Williams as new Vestry members. Jody Maughan, Jon Nash, Tom Harbert, Suzie Lore, Bill Zink, Bill Leedy, Susan Airth and Toby Arnheim were presented as returning Vestry members.

The retiring Vestry members, Ed Murphy, Dottie Harris, Chip Webb, and Rex McPherson were each thanked for their faithful service and presented with a gift. Father Hamilton introduced Toby Arnheim as the 2010 Senior Warden. Our annual meeting gave us an opportunity to celebrate the wonderful things God is doing in and through St. Michael's and for the Vestry to share with the parish some of their thoughts about the opportunities and challenges facing the parish in 2010 and beyond.

Note: If you are interested in a more detailed summary of the Annual Meeting, please pick up a copy of the Annual Report in the Narthex or in the Church Office.

At the Vestry Retreat, February 19 and February 20, the following officers were elected:

Secretary – Melanie Olivier  
Treasurer – Bill Leedy  
Assistant Treasurer – Trey McPherson  
Junior Warden – Tom Harbert



## STUMP THE RECTOR!

On the fifth Sunday in Lent, March 21, Father Hamilton will devote the sermon time at each service to answering questions you may have about our Church life – anything from questions about doctrine and faith to questions about the services of the church.

Please write your question down and either give it to the Rector or leave it for him in the Church Office by Monday, March 15.

Father Hamilton will answer those he feels are the most interesting within the time constraints of the service.

## LENTEN OFFERINGS continue...

### • Morning Prayer During Lent

7:00 a.m. in the Chapel  
Monday through Thursday in the Chapel  
March 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 15, 16, 17, 18,  
March 22, 23, 24, 25, 29, 30, 31

Please join us in prayer and worship.

The Eucharist will continue to be celebrated each Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. and Friday at 7:00 a.m.

• **Noonday Worship**—12:15 p.m. in the Chapel  
Spend 20 minutes, Monday through Thursday, in worship and meditation.

### • Wednesday Evenings in Lent

March 3, 10, 17, 24  
6:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. Lenten Supper  
6:45 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. Lenten Program for  
adults, children, and teens

A special Lenten Program was mailed to each parishioner. Please make note of the programs offered and join us on this Lenten journey. Extra copies of the Program are in the Church Vestibule or the Church Office.

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## PASTORAL CARE

Dear All,

There are no words I can possibly come up with that are sufficient enough to thank you all for your love and support. Your prayers, calls, e-mails, cards, flowers, fruit baskets and silly gifts sustained Tony and me through a very difficult time.

You may be interested to know that our friend, the former Rev. Dabney Smith (now the Rt. Rev.), heard we were at Tampa General and sent a most wonderful priest to us who brought communion every other day. Boy, what a gift he was to us! To be cherished by such dear friends is humbling.

As Clergy our job is to offer pastoral care. To be the recipient has made Tony and me both so very aware of the significance of people who offer the hand of Christ to those in need. We were in need and you offered us the love of Jesus. Wow, that's big!

Tony is a walking miracle. He has no signs of rejection and is getting stronger every day. He came home from the hospital after only two weeks. The other day he asked the doctor when he could drive again. The doctor told him that once his pain patch was gone. Tony ripped the patch off and drove himself to the gym! (He now walks a mile a day.)

Once Tampa General's Transplant unit found out about my medical documentary background, they asked us to help them develop a program and the curriculum for their patients who are preparing for transplants.

With Tony's help, I have written the first script (three more to go) and we are beginning to write the manual. We are thrilled to help anyone facing such a surgery. I tell you this so that if ever you have anyone in your parish facing a transplant, please let us know so we may encourage them.

I have so many stories to share with you... about watching the helicopter land, knowing it contained the lungs from a generous donor that would save my husband's life; and then a prayer asking God to comfort the donor's family as they began their mourner's path; and about how the doctors make

the transplanted patients cough on the third day because the recipient's cells are replacing the cells of the donor.

Talk about a great sermon idea proving that God's power to transform is not a metaphor but a real miracle! About learning that a heart carries memories of the donor and about a man I met who received a heart and began to play the piano, which he had never even attempted before. (This is a documented case study.) I heard him play and was brought to tears. What an encouragement he was to a young woman named Hope, waiting for her second heart transplant. She's only 26 years old.

We will be able to write the donor's family soon. I don't know how to thank them except to say their loved one's life is not over, merely changed; that their life had meaning and purpose. That all life has meaning and purpose.

Thank you is such a little word. Not nearly big enough to carry my gratitude. Nevertheless I thank you, each and everyone of you. And I thank God, several times a day. What an awesome God we have. And what mortal saints we have in the surgeons who did the transplant. I know it is God's hands, God's Wisdom and his love that guides them. Ain't Jesus Grand!?

With a grateful heart and much love,

Tony and Danielle Morris



*O Lord, our Lord,  
how majestic is your name  
in all the earth!  
Psalm 8:1*



## HOLY WEEK

### Palm Sunday, Sunday of the Passion

**March 28**

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
 6:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

### Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday of Holy Week March 29, 30, and 31

7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer  
 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

### Thursday of Holy Week, April 1 (Maundy Thursday)

7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer  
 6:00 p.m. Passover Seder  
 7:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist  
 (Note: Childcare available at this service)  
 8:30 p.m. The Watch begins  
 to 12:00 noon on Good Friday, April 2

### Passover Seder

#### Maundy Thursday, April 1

*Have you ever wondered why Jesus and his disciples gathered together on Maundy Thursday to share a meal?*

The Passover Seder is the Hebrew celebration of the Passover upon which the Christian Eucharist is based. A meal of lamb, bitter herbs, unleavened bread, and wine form the context for the re-telling of Israel's liberation from bondage in Egypt. At heart, this meal is a meal of thanks to God who cares for God's people today as God did in the Exodus.

**Please join us on April 1, at 6:00 p.m. in Quigley Hall, prior to the Maundy Thursday service, for a family lesson and meal celebrating this very tradition.**

### The Watch

Thursday evening, April 1, beginning at 8:30 p.m. until 12:00 noon, Good Friday, April 2

Following the Maundy Thursday service, the Sacrament is taken to the Chapel. There, with the Chapel Altar decorated as in a garden, we keep prayerful watch throughout the night. The faithful come individually, or as families, or in small groups, to offer silent prayers and to intercede for themselves and others before the Lord, who is present in the bread and wine.



This is in answer to our Lord's question, "*Could you not watch with me one hour?*"

#### What will be your reply?

A roster for the Prayer Watch is in Quigley Hall on Sundays and in the Church Office during the week.

**Good Friday, April 2** 12:00 Noon  
 Liturgy of Good Friday

(Note: no 7 a.m. Holy Eucharist)

**Holy Saturday, Easter Eve, April 3**  
 7:30 p.m. The Great Vigil of Easter

### Sunday, Easter Day, April 4

8:00 a.m. Choral Eucharist  
 9:30 a.m. Unearthing of the *Alleluias*  
 9:45 a.m. Flowering of the Cross  
 10:15 a.m. Choral Eucharist  
 (Incense at the service)  
 11:45 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt



## MUSIC DEPARTMENT

### LENT CONTINUES/ HOLY WEEK BEGINS

Music of a more reflective and penitent nature continues during Lent. Several favorites by Stainer, Vaughan Williams, and Russell, with some new items by Vittoria, Purcell, and Dowland.

For those interested, all the music for each Sunday of the year can be found at: <http://home.roadrunner.com/~ajwsmmd/muslist.htm>

### CHOIR WORKSHOPS

The Youth Choir had a grand time camping out at Church of the Resurrection in February.

The Adult Choir will be getting together Friday/ Saturday, March 5/6, for a workshop. One of the goals for both these events is to get a head start on all the music for Holy Week.

**COFFEE HOUR - COME VISIT THE YOUTH CHOIR!**  
We have moved the second Youth Choir rehearsal of the week from before the 10:15 Sunday Service [8-9 a.m.], to AFTER the 10:15 service. We rehearse until 12:15.



*You'd like to see how a Youth Choir works? Check out what we are doing?*

Then, please grab a cup of coffee and come and observe in the Choir Room in Fordham!

**A BIG THANK YOU!**

.....to all our "home-grown" poets at the Jazz & Poetry Evening!

-Andrew Walker

## YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Our Lenten Program is open on Wednesdays, starting with dinner in Quigley at 6:00 p.m., then moving on into the Youth Room from 6:30-7:30. We're examining the Christian themes found in the music/lyrics of U2.

5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday Club is March 30<sup>th</sup>

As our weather turns a little warmer, we can warm the hearts and stomachs of those less fortunate than us with Christ's love! We'll meet in Quigley Hall to load the van with dinner at 6:15 p.m. or you can meet us at the Coalition for the Homeless at 6:30 to help unload the van.

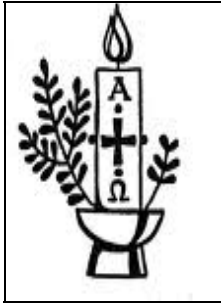
Remember to wear some type of hat. We usually finish around 8:00 p.m. Young Adults will then retire to Starbuck's for some fulfilling conversation!

### Students

SENIOR HIGHS, our registration deadline for BC/AD (Baptismal Covenant And Discipleship) is Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>. This retreat will be at Camp Wingmann, from Friday night, March 12<sup>th</sup>, through Sunday lunch, March 14<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$105.

Based on Col. 1:27, "Christ in you, the hope of glory," our speaker is Browning Wood and our band is Poverty Branch. Bring ALL your friends!!!

~ Mike Beam



## THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

Who me? Yes!  
Why me?

Come and See! Come and see and feel the transformation happening: From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the earth, from the earth to the sky!

Listen! Listen to the words that will trace from long ago the foretelling and forward feeling that was/is hoped for: this moment, this meaning - our time, our heritage.

Christ is King and Redeemer. We now can sing the refrain once more and over and over: Jesus Christ is risen today!

Following a holy Lent, one of extra scriptural/ devotional reading, prayer and/or fasting and serving; the desire to witness His truth wells within us. We long to see the darkness lifted and the Paschal Lamb's sacrifice lifted high in the victory won over sin and Satan. Look! His light shines and is coming down the aisle of our church and spreading to all of her people.

The joy is profound; you can even feel your heart rejoicing. The Exultet is read, the holiest night of the year has come and you are there. Rejoice and be glad! Lord, I lift Your name on high!

If you have never worshipped at this service you may wonder about what I have just written.

"Rejoice and sing now, all the round earth,  
Bright with a glorious splendor,  
For darkness has been vanquished  
by our eternal King."

This is a direct quote from the Exultet, the oldest hymn of the church and only read or sung once a year, at the Easter Vigil. The Exultet praises the Resurrection symbolized by the Paschal Candle (the light of Christ) and dates back to the 7<sup>th</sup> Century.

Darkness permeates the church from the end of the celebration of Eucharist on Holy Thursday when we leave in darkness and silence. The darkness reminds us of our sins and of our part in Christ's crucifixion. Christ died on that hill of Calvary almost 2000 years ago at the hand of and for the cause of us all. Praise God! For it is in the darkness of that Friday that God's gift of His Son's blood shed upon the cross bought for us redemption of our sins. Not only for people 2000 years ago but for us as well, it is GOOD indeed.

Our church remains dark until the Paschal Candle is carried in at the beginning of the Easter Vigil (Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7:30 p.m.).

I as Deacon have the privilege to carry this great light and to give the cry: "The light of Christ" and you respond, "Thanks be to God."

The Great Vigil of Easter is THE GREAT CELEBRATION. As the candle processes each parishioner lights their own light from those in procession who have lit their candles from the new fire of the Paschal Candle. Next we hear the wonderful readings from the Old and New Testaments that point to this longed for moment.

The season that began with ashes ends with a great light and gives way to our triumphal song. *Alleluia. Christ is risen, The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!*

Come join in this meaningful service. It is totally different from the Eucharist you will experience the next morning.

Yours in Christ,

Deacon Happy



## FLOWER GUILD

The Spring Plant Sale, after a 2-year hiatus, will debut on Saturday, March 20 (8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.) and Sunday, March 21 (after the morning services until 3:00 p.m.).

We will have a wide range of top-quality plants to use at home or in your yard including hanging baskets, bedding plants and ornamental foliage.

Our supplier is the same person who sells plants at the Saturday Winter Park Farmer's Market. Because of the Winter Park Art Festival that weekend there is no Farmer's Market, so we have their supply at St. Michael's for two days!

We'll be selling refreshments, potting soil and other supplies so you won't have to make an extra trip to the hardware or garden store after you have purchased your flowers and plants! The proceeds will benefit St Michael's Flower Guild; we rely entirely on the generosity of our members!

There are two ways YOU can make the Spring Plant Sale a huge SUCCESS:

1. Resist buying plants before March 20 (use the time instead to get your yard ready).
2. Sign-up to help Friday with set-up and/or Saturday and Sunday with sales.

Call Gladys van den Berg at 407-701-7504 or the Church Office at 407-843-8448.

## PRE-SCHOOL

Spring Fundraiser – Mark your calendars now for our annual Spring Fundraiser, *Noche el Mercado*, that will be held on Friday, April 23rd, at 6:30 p.m. This adult evening includes dinner, dancing and auction. If you would like to be a part of this committee, please contact the school office or Kara Pastis ([kpastis@gmail.com](mailto:kpastis@gmail.com)). Auction items are needed to this event. If you have a gift to donate (sporting tickets, condos, vacation stays or other services), please contact the school office. All donations are greatly appreciated. Invitations will be coming soon!

Summer Camp – We will host our annual Summer Camp again this year. The dates for camp are the following: June 1- 4, June 7-10 and June 14-17. You do not need to be a current student to attend Camp. Summer Camp is for ages 3-7 and Wee Camp is for ages 18 months-3 (not potty trained).

Please contact the school office ([nurseryschool@stmichaelschurch.com](mailto:nurseryschool@stmichaelschurch.com)) for more information.

### Enrollment

The enrollment process for the 2010-2011 school year has begun. If you have a child that you would like to enroll in the Pre-School, please contact the school office for more information.

*Betsey Vaughn*  
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#### March Birthdays

1 Elena Gierok, Judy Newell, Evan Swayze, Kendall Swayze 2 William Jenkins, Betsy Leedy 3 Kim Piercy 4 Lesa Foster, Scott Shearer 5 Patricia Becker, Peter Hackler 6 Arthur Barksdale, Ed Borsoi 7 Tery Davis, Stefanie Garner 8 Scott Greer, Hans Kairies, Todd Pittenger, Boone Porcher 9 Meg Bjoring, Garrett Hart, Andrew Lisa, Anne Stokes 10 Glenda Hood 11 Pamela Barnard, Jonathan Bouldin, Erin Kelley, Ann Luff 12 Leighton Bishop, Caron Farina 13 Kirsten Telan 14 Bill Silliman, Elizabeth Zipper 15 Emme Harris, Bill Mesmer, Phil Sargent, Debbie Stoner 16 Chris Slason 17 Heidi Garfield, Erik Olson, Meg Wilson 18 Beverly Ellars, Hank Hovarter, Roger Trubey, Ellie Tschetter 19 Craig Batterson, Grant Hinderliter, Nolan Hutyra, Carson Pace 20 Xander Borsoi, Matt Renfroe, Scott Vaughn, Kathryn Wassil 21 Millicent Barbaro, Emery Galbraith, Mike Jenkins, Frances Koontz, Rosemary Stensrud, Christopher Walker 22 Bill Daniel, Colin Swayze 23 Pam Arkins, Lawton Pittenger 24 Roger Hamilton 25 Sherry Bremer, Gordon Pace, Gladys van den Berg 26 Jane Huey 27 Shelly Jenkins, Lucy Sommerville, Meggen Wilson 28 Hazel Walker, Pat Winslow 29 Mallory Jones, Jillian Walker 30 Cindy Anderson, Margaret Driggers, Viki Leedy 31 Warren Morris, Brian Wilson

#### March Anniversaries

3 Bob & Carolyn Gosselin 8 Phil & Lucy Igou 10 Andrew & Katherine Lisa 18 George & Diane Dahlquist, David & Ann Luff, Picton & Carla Warlow 19 David & Kristin Lane 21 Craig & Judy Batterson 22 John & Mary Ruth Houston 23 James & Melanie Ferraro 25 Buell & Trish Duncan 26 Victor & Caron Farina 27 Bob & Beth Wollam 28 Ed & Louise Borsoi 29 Joe & Wendy Tramell