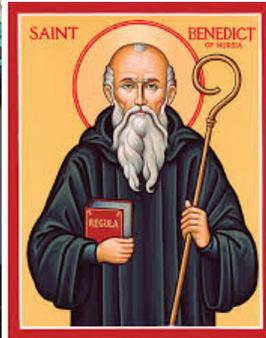


The Light of Saint Michael's-on-the-Heights

July/August 2015

The Ordination of Deacon David Woessner



The Right Rev. Douglas J. Fisher, right, bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts, introduces the Rev. David H. Woessner to the assembly last week, following Rev. Woessner's ordination. Submitted photo/John Hess.

Excerpts From Telegram & Gazette - Saturday, July 18, 2015

Before a full sanctuary of congregants, family and friends, the Rev. David H. Woessner was installed July 11 as priest-in-charge at St. Michael's-on-the-Heights Episcopal Church by Bishop Douglas J. Fisher, head of the Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts. The ordination rite was attended by numerous priests and representatives from churches and religious institutions across the state.

Rev. Woessner, who joins the sacred order of priests after a career as a university lecturer, fills the vacancy left by the Rev. Meredyth Ward who is now Urban Missioner for Worcester. Rev. Woessner had served as deacon-in-charge at the church since March.

"His background in philosophy was an excellent primer for higher theological study," the diocese said in announcing the appointment. Rev. Woessner was awarded the master's of divinity degree, with a concentration in comparative religion from Harvard Divinity School in 2013. His spiritual interests include Buddhist meditation and monastic studies.

He is currently a mediation teacher, treasurer and chief financial officer for the Samatha Foundation of North America, a nonprofit organization dedicated to Samatha meditation and Buddhist practice.

At his ordination, Rev. Woessner thanked the bishop, his family and the many members of the clergy and Episcopal Church who supported and encouraged him along his path. "Some of you have nurtured me since I was a baby, others - much later in life - have taught me the finer points of theology, or the blunter lessons of pastoral care," he said. "Some of you have patiently listened when I've hit rock bottom, others have gently helped me to re-dream my life. For still others, as with my beloved new parish of St. Michael's and my clergy colleagues in Worcester, our path together lies mostly in the future. But, the feeling is the same: profound, quaking gratitude, accompanied by the powerful sense that this is your day, too."

Rev. Woessner's wife, Kendy Hess, an assistant professor of philosophy and ethics at the College of the Holy Cross, attended the ceremony, as well as his father and stepmother, Kenneth and Janet Woessner; father-in-law, John Hess; and godparents, Norbert and Mary Lou Kowalski.

Twenty-six members of All Saints, St. Stephen's, Trinity and St. Michael's church choirs performed.

Stewardship Ministry Team News

The stewardship ministry team has been meeting regularly over the past few months, with some wonderful guidance from Deacon Dave.

We are planning the fall stewardship pledge drive. We will be using and adapting resources from the diocese, as in recent years, but will try to offer something a little new each Sunday morning during October and November so stay tuned.

We are also planning an open house event where we will open the doors of our church to the community and provide information to the community and our own parishioners on what we do and who we are. The date for this will be **September 12th**, there will be opportunities to help, prepare food, and to come and share in what we hope will be a fun event. We are also hoping to combine this with a sharing of our harvest, fruits and vegetables, if the weather cooperates this year.

So stay tuned.

Mary K and the Stewardship Ministry Team



It's Summertime

It's that time of year again when families hear the call of the beach, mountains, or pool in the back yard on weekends. Some even go away to another location for a few weeks.

The time is short and the days are few to enjoy all of the nice, hot weather before the kids go back to school. We all deserve a break especially after last winter.

Some things stay the same though - the church will be open. While planning your trip or weekend, please don't forget about sending in your pledge envelopes.

Thank You

From Deacon Dave's Desk (continued from page 2)

In the first letter of St. Peter, we read, "Come to him [Jesus], a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ." (1 Peter 2:5)

May we all be built into spiritual houses, even as we build up St. Michael's as our shared spiritual home. Hope to see you on July 11th!

Deacon Dave



Retirement Party

After forty-seven and a half years of being the Parish Administrator, Martha Sullivan has announced that she will be retiring on July 31st - see related article on page 5.

There will be a reception/party after the 10:00 service on August 2nd to recognize and celebrate Martha's years of service to Saint Michael's.

Please come on August 2nd to help celebrate this momentous occasion.

July
----- Birthdays -----

- 2 Michael Perron
- 3 Julie Burgoyne
- 9 Callum Glasier
- 10 Saara Cox
Betty Forest
Luke Johnson
- 11 Jean Hunter
- 14 Kris Gorczynski
Cynthia Staub
- 17 Claire Whitney
- 18 Charlotte Lemay
Ron Motta
- 23 Andrew Wilkin
- 30 Megan Dunbar

----- Anniversaries -----

- 7 Pam and Don Rudge
- 22 Sue and David Barnard
- 27 Bev and Ken Haig
- 29 Pamela and Paul Bowler
Kathy and Scott Atchue

August
----- Birthdays -----

- 4 Jacquelyn Feliciano
- 9 Laura Wasowicz
- 16 Peter Bohlin
John Cox
Henry Mrozinski
- 23 Linda Bohlin
Diane Hendricken
- 29 Connor Glasier
- 31 John Bohlin

----- Anniversaries -----

- 1 Kris and Ken Gorczynski
- 6 Beryl and Derek Morton
- 7 Caro and John Cox
- 8 Jane and Phil Leary
- 16 Kathleen and Todd Huston
- 30 Janet and Guenter Spanknebel

Congratulations Betty Forest



Betty Forest, RN, Ed.D., founded QCC's now legendary School of Nursing Program in 1965 with just 35 students, retiring as its director in 1990. In 2011, Dr. Forest was presented with a Lifetime Achievement Award by the Alpha Omega Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau during the seventh annual Nursing Leadership Conference of The Adelphi University School of Nursing in Garden City, N.Y. Dr. Forest is a 1947 graduate of the university. QCC's 2013 commencement graduated 119 students from the Nurse Education Program.



*Clockwise, top:
Betty Forest, 2011,
honored with Lifetime
Achievement Award,
Betty Forest, 1965,
Founder of QCC's Nurse
Education program
and Betty as a student.*

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From Our Parish Administrator - Martha Sullivan

To my Saint Michael's-on-the-Heights Parish Family,

Geoffrey Chaucer must have had me in mind when, in 1374, he said, "All good things must come to an end". My "good thing" is coming to an end, for I have submitted to Deacon Dave and the Vestry of St. Michael's my resignation as Parish Administrator of St. Michael's effective Friday, July 31, 2015.

After forty seven and a half (can't forget the half) years, the time is right for me to retire. I hope to give someone else an opportunity to experience the joy, love, and warmth with which I have been blessed during these many happy, interesting, diverse, and on occasion, frustrating years. Through all the years, my love for my job has remained strong, committed and dedicated. I pride myself on perhaps being one in a million who can truly say that in all of those years, there has never been a day in which I have gotten out of bed and said to myself, "Self, I don't want to go into work today". It has been an experience to which I have looked forward each and every weekday morning for 47+ years. I will miss it immensely; however, I know that my Golden Retriever, Lady Lexi, will be happy to have me around to give more treats and pats.

While I have been in the office at St. M's, I have witnessed the Consecration of five of the eight Bishops who have served The Diocese of Western Massachusetts. I have been secretary, and I hope helpmate, to five Rectors; eight assistants; seven associates and three seminarians in training.

Through the years I have typed up and printed numerous Baptism and Confirmation certificates; Sunday service booklets; Annual Reports, Parochial Reports, schedules for Lectors & Chalicists, Acolytes, Ushers, Church directories, ad infinitum. In 1968, I started with my source of typing being a very archaic typewriter and the printing with a VERY MESSY and DIRTY mimeograph machine. I am pleased to say, that now modern technology has reached the Parish Administrators office with computers, the internet, e-mail and a very sophisticated printing machine. Along with the guidance of the capable, personable, and diligent Father David Woessner, Priest-in-charge of St. Michael's-on-the- Heights, my replacement, whomever it might be, will settle into an office in which they will find, a happy, cheerful and self-gratifying working atmosphere.

Through the years the Clergy, Wardens, Vestries, Organist/Choir Directors, and parishioners, have been a constant source of support, joy, help and assistance to me. I have many fond memories of special people and occasions, far too many to put down on paper, but they will remain with me, and continue to warm my heart as I recall so many in my retirement.

It is going to seem odd not heading up to St. Michael's each weekday morning; pulling into the parking lot, unlocking the door, turning on lights, heading down the hall and opening up my office door to begin another pleasant day of work at my home away from home from November 1968 to July 2015.

As I leave the office for the last time, my parting hope is, that over the years, I have brought some love, warmth, joy, understanding, happiness, smiles, caring, and sympathy, to those with whom I have worked, or with whom I have had any contact. God has blessed me by placing me here at St. Michael's, and I pray that I have pleased him in his assigned mission.

In closing, and adding a note of humor, in November of 1968, when Father Lafon came to my home to ask if I might be interested in coming to work as Secretary at St. Michael's, he specified that it was a temporary job. About ten years ago when Dave Dill was on the Vestry, he suggested, facetiously, that perhaps it was time to make it a permanent position. I guess it must have taken that long to convince "the powers that be" that I could do the job for which I was "temporarily" hired.

My thanks, and God's blessings and prayers to my St. Michael's Parish Family.

Martha Sullivan



Nepal Earthquake

The Vestry voted to send money to Heifer International soon after the news of the earthquake. Bill Bernier received an e-mail from Heifer with stories about the disaster. These paragraphs are excerpts from that e-mail.

Six weeks after the massive 7.8-magnitude earthquake, Nepal is on the long road to recovery. Aftershocks are subsiding, and people are rebuilding.

Tupache Village, in Nuwakot district, was also severely affected by the disaster. What used to be a vibrant community now seems like a war zone, with rubble stretched out for miles and miles. When you look inside the broken windows and fallen walls, you can picture the people's lives before the disaster destroyed their community.

Uma Nepal, 41, belongs to Suryamukhi Women's Group. This past year, her family earned about \$1,000, by selling livestock and agricultural products. Since the quake, she has been camping out on her farm under a plastic sheet with four other families. The plastic heats up during the day and, without proper ventilation, can be suffocating. But she is grateful that her family is protected against the rain. The quake took her house and livestock, a water buffalo and a breeding buck, which provided the majority of her family's income.

"The earthquake has destroyed the irrigation canal that provided services for 600 farming families in our village," Uma said. "The corn is drying out in the fields, as we cannot water them. Rice planting season is coming up. How are we going to water them? What are we going to eat?"

In the immediate aftermath, Heifer focused primarily on providing housing materials including tents, tarps, foam mattress rolls and ropes, and other temporary supplies so that families will have shelter to last through the monsoon season that typically lasts from June through September. Supplies went to approximately 22,000 families.

It was Heifer Nepal's first experience providing relief support. But because of its reach and influence, Heifer was able to effectively and efficiently mobilize its self-help groups, Project Management Committee members, local youth groups and stakeholders in the relief distribution process.

Now, because of the wide range of needs, Heifer Nepal has established a revolving fund for communities in four districts that saw the worst damage. This approach will allow the communities to identify the most immediate needs and make joint decisions about how to best distribute funds.

The revolving fund will support pre-approved activities that will be co-created by Heifer and the communities. The fund is interest-free for two years. Participants will begin to pay back the funds 12 months after the initial period, and all money will stay in the community to provide continuous support in the future.

And though full project work in the earthquake-affected areas isn't expected to resume for some time, project participants are pulling together to care for one another and their communities.

The earthquake damaged much, but not the spirit of our project participants. In the middle of chaos, hope remains.



Uma Nepal and her family



Take Me Out To The Ball Game

The night of Friday, June 19th, 35 parishioners and family members attended a Worcester Bravehearts ball game. Some came wearing baseball attire from other past teams they supported, Red Sox hats, and some even wore vibrant shirts. Contrary to public belief, Deacon Dave's florescent tropical fish shirt could NOT be seen from the top of the parking garage. We checked! They all had a good time especially since the Bravehearts won!!! Since it was Friday night, they also got to enjoy fireworks.



**Deadline for the
September Light is
August 15, 2015**

Remembering Departed Parishioners

Arthur G. "Red" Holmes Jr., passed away peacefully on June 27, 2015 with his family at his side.

He leaves his wife of 68 years, Marcella P. (McCann) Holmes, two sons, Wayne and his wife Katie and a son Sean Michael Holmes, Scot and his wife Susan and son Ethan Arthur Holmes.

He was the son of Arthur G. Holmes Sr. and Bertha A. Wyman Holmes. He leaves one brother David C. Holmes and his wife Katherine, a sister Sandra (Holmes) Langhill and her husband Richard, along with a brother, Robert W. Holmes who predeceased him. He also leaves many nieces and nephews.

"Red" attended Commerce High School in Worcester and Major Edwards High School in West Boylston graduating in 1942. Red graduated Cum Laude from Worcester Junior College with an Associate's Degree in Business Administration. He also had a certificate of electronics from DeVry University and was a Certified and Bonded Master Locksmith.

He worked at Norton Company until he was drafted in 1943. He was a veteran of World War II serving in General George Patton's 3rd Army during the Battle of the Bulge, Ardennes, Central Europe and the Rhineland. On returning from the service he went back to Norton Company, where after 43 years he retired as Supervisor of Office Services and Machine Repair. Red also served as a Police Officer in West Boylston for eighteen years and coached Little League in West Boylston.

He was a member of St. Michael's Church, Worcester; a lifetime member of the Norco Sportsman's Club, Princeton and a member of Post 204, American Legion, West Boylston. He was also a member of the National, and Mass Chapter "22", Veterans of the Battle of Bulge and a member of the National Air Force Association.

Red loved spending time with his family, especially his grandsons. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and friend who will be dearly missed.



Fay C. Stevens, 81, of Fairfax St., passed away on June 28, 2015, at her home surrounded by her loving family.

She was born in Worcester on December 31, 1933, a daughter of the late Robert and Alice (Damon) Cook, and was a lifelong resident of the city. She graduated from Commerce High School and met and married Raymond Stevens.

Fay enjoyed making jig saw puzzles and loved the thrill of a good horror or Sci-Fi movie, but above all she enjoyed most being a mother and grandmother.

She is survived by her husband, Raymond Stevens; her beloved children, Lynn Daniels and her husband Richard of Worcester, with whom she lived; Lewis Stevens and his wife Barbara of Holden, William Stevens and his wife Linda of Cape Cora, FL, Mark Stevens and his wife Jackie of Worcester and Chris Stevens and his wife Paula of Worcester; her sister, Carol Prestige of Chicago and a brother, Robert Cook of California. She also leaves fourteen grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Stevens is predeceased by her son, Barry Stevens; her sister, Willene Carrol and two brothers, Damon and Allan Cook.

Annual Summer Yard Sale

The Church's annual yard sale is scheduled for August 15, 2015. The specifics follow:

- o Individuals can rent a table for \$25, or bring their own table for \$20
- o Sellers should plan to show up at 7AM and work until at least 2PM
- o Items to bring: books & CDs, household and kitchen, items, children's items, yard maintenance equipment and tools.
- o Items to not bring: Stuffed furniture or TVs

Please keep our yard sale in mind as you continue to do spring cleaning. To make arrangements to drop off articles, please call the Church Office at 508-853-9400.



**Join us on
Facebook**

Facebook Photo Tagging for St. Michael's-on-the-Heights

Do you have any great photos of events at St. Michael's? We need YOUR help to get the word out. We want to show the world how abundantly God's love is flowing through our community in faith and fun! So please take a look at these instructions and **SHARE YOUR PHOTOS!** (Please also note our commitment to privacy, especially for minors. All photos will be reviewed and parents contacted before they appear online. Minors will never be identified by name.)

How do I share photos to Facebook from my Desktop?

1. Click "Photo / Video" at the top of your Facebook Page's Timeline.
2. Choose an option:
 - Upload Photos/Video: Add photos from your computer. The photos you publish will be added to your Page's Timeline Photos album.
 - Tagging. You will see an icon that looks like a person's head with a star to the left: This is the "Tagging" icon. Click on it and type Saint Michaels on-the-Heights Church. Then click on the check box and your photo is tagged.
3. Write an optional update and click Publish.

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Open your iPhone or Android's Facebook app/

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4. Tap Done
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Country Fair - 2015

St. Michael's Country Fair will be held on Saturday, November 21st, from 9 am-3pm in the Church. It's time to start working on the Gift Baskets for the Gift Basket Raffle, and dreaming up some exceptional Silent Auction Items. We will have all of your favorite tables and of course the Snack Bar for all to enjoy! Please keep reading as I describe each table – you may like to help at the Fair , or you may be able to help us in many other ways.

Crafts & Needlework – If you are a crafter or can knit, crochet or sew we would love to have your help making beautiful items for the Fair. Do you have ideas, samples or craft magazines to share? Any leftover notions, fabric or felt, trims, buttons, floral or greenery picks that are Fall or Christmas themed are useful. We also have supplies we can share for your project!

Plants – It's time to take cuttings to start new plants now, for healthy plants at Fair time. If you have decorative plant pots, books, gardening items or decorations you can donate we would love to have them. *Note: A "Gardening Basket" would be great for the raffle!

Bake Table & Country Store – Muffins, Breads, Cookies, Cakes & Pies... the list goes on! Your home made jams, jellies and fudge would be great. We also love to have gently used Antiques and Collectables, linens, silver, and other "Country Store Items". News about Apple Pie Baking Day will follow next month.

At the Jewelry Table, we would love to have your unbroken and clean jewelry that you no longer use. Necklaces, Bracelets, Earrings, Rings, Pins, Tie Tacks and Cufflinks would all be appreciated!

The Children's Table needs donations of New and Very Gently used Games, Books, Toys, Dolls, Stuffed Animals and Craft Items and Kits are popular too.

The Gift Basket Raffle will be looking for donations of Themed Gift Baskets and/or the items that would go into one. Some of the most popular baskets are these: Chocolate Lovers, Pasta Dinner, Spa, Tea Time, Christmas and Money Tree. Everyone loves the Gift Certificate Baskets too! Gas Cards ,Grocery Cards, Restaurant Cards etc.

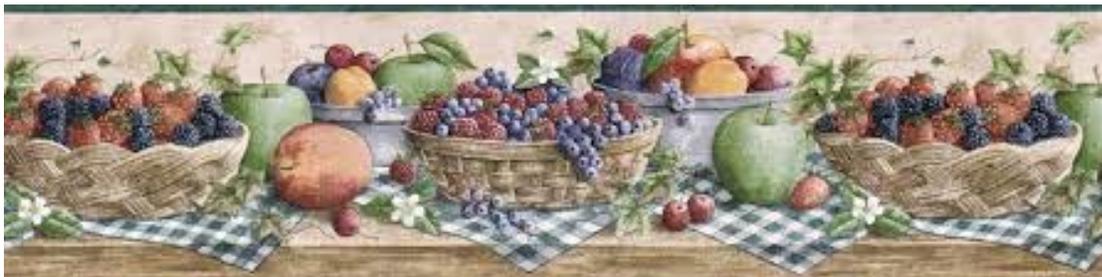
The Silent Auction is also a big attraction, We try to find the most interesting Gifts and Collectables, Small Appliances, and Valuable Items to present to you. If you can help or have ideas for the Silent Auction, Please give us a call.

One of my favorite things about the Fair is the delicious aromas that come from The Snack Bar when it's time to eat. Whether it's Chili or Chowder, Chicken Salad or Quiche, or the humble Hot Dog Plate, there is nowhere better to have lunch and a cup of coffee than our Snack Bar!

If you are interested in helping/working , donating items or food, cooking or baking for the Country Fair, please let Carolyn Johnson or Deborah Atchue know. Look for Sign-Up sheets to be up in the Narthex by the first week in September.

Join us at a Country Fair Meeting on Saturday September 12th at 10:00 am in the Library so we can get going on another successful Fair! Thank You!

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More Pictures from the Ordination





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