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# Christ Church Chronicle

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## For Your Calendar

**Every Saturday:** 12:00-12:05, [A Musical Moment](#) — A brief organ concert for everyone to enjoy

**Wednesday July 8:** 199<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the consecration of Christ Church

**Sunday, August 16:** Father Mark Michael's first Sunday service with us.

## A MESSAGE FROM FATHER MARK MICHAEL

“After this the Lord appointed seventy others, and sent them on ahead of him two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to come.” St. Luke 10:1

The Michael family household is in moving mode these days. A few boxes are already packed, there are piles of old clothes to be hauled off to the local charity shop, and we're trying to eat all the food out of the freezer. We find ourselves experiencing the usual mix of emotions that comes with a major change in life: sadness at leaving behind family and friends, excitement about meeting new people and assuming new responsibilities, and some uncertainty about how it will all work out.

We can't wait to learn more about life at Christ Church, to get to know how our Lord has been at work among you to deepen your faith and to challenge you to follow Him more closely. I am excited to hear about two hundred years of history, to listen to the choir, to celebrate at that beautiful Altar, to see how the parish's many ministries are making an impact in the village and around the world. It's been delightful to get to know your vestry members and they have been so helpful in providing the inside scoop on life in Cooperstown. But there are so many more of you to meet, and I am excited to hear your stories, and to laugh and pray together.

To be sure, I have questions and doubts in my mind as well: will people be drawn closer to Christ through my preaching? Will they forgive me when I make mistakes? What will happen when they learn that I always



root against the Yankees? Will we survive a New York winter? The challenge of a new calling stirs up the fears and anxieties that usually stay below the surface for me, and I'm sure that many of you have plenty of your own concerns and uncertainties.

The same mix of feelings must certainly have been brewing inside those seventy disciples that our Lord sent out ahead of him into the Galilean countryside. They were bringing a new message about an unknown King, and He had told them to expect the worst. And yet, he was sending them into the places "where he himself was about to come." The phrase has always struck me as an odd one. Jesus could just be saying that he would be making the follow-up visit, but when the disciples recount the extraordinary response to their preaching, it seems clear that Jesus meant something more. He was going there with them. His Spirit would be active in the work they did. In their own strength, they could only fail, but He would work through them to make sure that His Gospel bore fruit.

Jesus has come before me to Christ Church, Cooperstown. He's been doing wonderful things among you for nearly two centuries. I am blessed to be following one of His deeply faithful and compassionate servants, Father Abbott. You are committed to working together to bring the message of His Kingdom to the world. I could not be more grateful to be called as your new rector, and I am trying to turn over all my dreams and hopes and fears to our Lord. I encourage you to join me, because He alone can make our work together joyful and productive.

In Christ,  
Fr. Mark+

## **THE MICHAEL FAMILY**

Father Mark Michael graduated magna cum laude from Duke University in 2000 with a degree in History. His divinity degree is from Oxford University in England.

He is currently rector of St Paul's Episcopal Church in Sharpsburg Maryland. Since 2003 he has also been Assistant Chaplain at St James School, an Episcopal boarding school in St James, Maryland. There he has taught ethics, history, and religion and coached basketball.

Father Michael and his wife Allison have a son Philip who was born in February. Allison, also a Duke graduate, received her divinity degree in May from the Lutheran Seminary in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

The search committee (the vestry) was impressed with Father Michael's spiritual depth, intellect, and warm personality and looks forward with enthusiasm to his arrival.

The Michaels plan to move into the rectory August first. His first Sunday service will be August 16th.

--Audrey Murray



## FATHER SAM: MAKING HISTORY ALIVE AT CHRIST CHURCH



Among the many notable aspects of Fr Sam's five years at Christ Church has been a serious interest in our parish history. He has incorporated his knowledge of past events and people into today's church life. In so doing he reminds us that the current church membership is part of a continuum and the church is an "organic entity" that we do well to understand.

Consider what he has done in this area. He established an annual celebration of Daniel Nash Day on the Sunday closest to June 4, our founding rector's birthday. Each year on All Saints Day he chooses several worthies who lie in the churchyard and discusses them in a brief graveside service to remind us, particularly the children, that "sainthood" is not only about distant foreign mysterious figures but should be a goal for all. He has eagerly supported historical thesis projects by Cooperstown Graduate Program students; in recent years these have included studies of our windows, our churchyard and a series of interviews with long-term parishioners. He has supported our efforts to clean and restore the Reverend W. W Lord's grave in Lakewood Cemetery. He took note of the centennial of our original parish house and recognized its donor, Virginia Sill. The vestry's lovely resolution of thanks now hangs near the stairs on the first floor of the parish hall. He encouraged the placement of the 1899 Pomeroy Keese model of the original church in the back of the sanctuary; in fact, he helped carry it to its new location. The restoration of recently identified chairs donated by Elijah Metcalf in 1842, one of which was used for the first time in years at the bishop's recent visit, is but another project that he has welcomed. Finally, he has supported the establishment of better storage and accessibility of our archival materials so that interested parishioners can more readily study them, a project we hope to have well under way by the bicentennial next year.

We acknowledge and applaud Fr Sam's example in getting to know our history and in demonstrating its relevance. We have every expectation that our new rector, who holds a degree in history, will share this interest.

--David Svahn

## MUSIC NOTES

The music program at Christ Church flourishes during the summer while some other churches can take a rest. Due to the visitors in Cooperstown during these vacation months, we continue to set forth high standards in our music. Many visitors interested in history and culture come through our doors during this time. For this reason we are trying the new program called *MUSIC MINUTES* each Saturday at 12 noon. Our doors are open to anyone who would like a few minutes of music from our "King of Instruments," the 54-rank, 3-manual pipe organ. On July 4th we will feature special guest organist Flora Beth Cunningham from the Oneonta Chapter, American Guild of Organists. She will play the organ literature that she prepared for this year's national AGO exam. You won't want to miss this "mini-concert." Every Saturday you will hear great music coming from these pipes!



While our Sanctuary Choir has the summer off, guest soloists from the Glimmerglass Young Artists Program will enhance our 10:00 a.m. Sunday services. We are fortunate to have these young artists be a part of our family service with the finest in sacred music. You won't want to miss these talented vocalists.

Once again Cooperstown Chamber Music Festival will hold one of its summer concerts in our church; this takes place on August 5 at 7:30 p.m. Hopkinson Smith will play Baroque music on lute and guitar assisted by Anthony Roth Costanzo, countertenor. Costanzo was 2009 winner of the Grand Finals of the Metropolitan

Opera National Council Auditions. You can reserve early bird tickets through the Festival's online store.

As Organist and Choirmaster, I will be attending several music conferences during the summer such as the American Guild of Organists' Regional Convention and the Royal School of Church Music Conference. Should you need to contact me please leave a message with the church office and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

Sincerely,  
Roberta Rowland-Raybold, c.a.g.o.

## **HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES, CLASS OF 2009**

### ***Emilie Rigby***

Emilie has lived in Cooperstown almost all her life. She has been a member of the varsity swim team, and varsity track teams during high school. Emilie is also a member of the National Honor Society. A Relay for Life participant and dedicated volunteer, Emilie involves herself in various activities. Emilie graduated Cooperstown High School on June 21st. After graduating, she will attend Wells College in Aurora, NY. She is undecided on her major and she plans on trying out many different classes to see what interests her most. Emilie hopes to travel as much as she can during and after college. I wish her well in her college experience and hope she takes advantage of all she can.



### ***Mariah Courter***

Mariah has been involved with dance classes outside of school and numerous plays and musicals within her school. She is also an acolyte for Christ Church. In 2009, Mariah went on the Dominican Republic mission trip. Her great attitude and outgoing spirit make her a wonderful candidate for Rotary Youth Exchange. After graduating from Milford High School on June 26th, Mariah will enjoy summer vacation before heading off to Mexico. She will live in Mexico for one year, as a part of the Rotary Youth Exchange Program. Christ Church will miss her smiling face on Sundays but will look forward to hearing all about her adventures in Mexico. After traveling to many different countries including Costa Rica, China, and the Dominican Republic, her love of travel will only be extended by her year in Mexico.

### ***Jacob Fenno***

Jacob fills his time being the captain of Science Olympiad. He is also a part of Media Team at Cooperstown High School. He is an Eagle Scout. His Eagle Scout project was building a Frisbee-golf course in Glimmerglass Park. Another portion of Jacob's time is spent playing ultimate Frisbee. Jacob has been on the Cooperstown swim team and track team during his high school career. He is very musical and has been involved with numerous musical groups playing the bass. Jacob is a member of the National Honor Society. He loves skiing in winter and sailing in summer, and Jacob acted in the Cooperstown senior play this past spring as the judge. Jacob graduated from the New Visions Program at Bassett Hospital on June 18<sup>th</sup> and from Cooperstown High School on June 21st. He will attend McGill University in Montreal, Canada starting in the fall of 2009.

### ***Tom Craig***

Tom is involved with many activities in and out of school. He enjoys playing ultimate frisbee and swimming for the Cooperstown High School swim team. Tom has been a part of every musical during his high school career along with singing in Jazz Vocal. He is a member of the National Honor Society and volunteers with Leo Club. He graduated from Cooperstown High School on June 21st. After summer vacation, Tom will attend SUNY Geneseo in Geneseo, NY. He is undecided on his major, and is keeping his options open.

***Peter Kearns***

Peter has a love of running and is a member of Venture Crew. Peter has been an acolyte for Christ Church and went on the Dominican Republic mission trip in 2008. He is in the top four of his graduating class and he is the president of the National Honor Society in Cooperstown High School. Peter gets along with everybody he meets and is outgoing. Peter graduated from Cooperstown High School on June 21st. In the fall of 2009, Peter will attend SUNY Geneseo in Geneseo, NY. He will major in psychology. We wish him well at Geneseo, and hope that he has a great time.

***Emily Davidson***

Emily has been involved with basketball and softball during her high school career. She is outgoing, which helped her become a candidate for the Rotary Youth Exchange Program. She will spend next year in Belgium. Emily graduated from Cooperstown High School on June 21<sup>st</sup>, and after her time in Belgium, plans to attend the University of Vermont in Burlington, VT.

***Lillian Bachanas***

Lillian has been a cheerleader during numerous falls and winters during high school. She is always smiling, which made her a great cheerleader. She was an acolyte for Christ Church. Lillian graduated from Cooperstown High School on June 21<sup>st</sup> and will attend Mohawk Valley Community College in Utica, NY starting in the fall of 2009. Lillian will major in nursing, but will continue to be interested in art.

***Brian Kent***

Brian is a very active person. He has been involved in tennis and soccer during high school. He also spends time playing ultimate frisbee. Brian graduated from Cooperstown High School on June 21<sup>st</sup>. He will attend Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, NY this coming fall. He is undecided on his major and plans on trying out many different classes.

--Emily Snell



**THE RIDDLE**

--Richard Wilbur, 1921-

Shall I love God for causing me to be?  
I was mere utterance; shall these words love me?

Yet when I caused His work to jar and stammer,  
And one free subject loosened all His grammar,

I love Him that He did not in a rage  
Once and forever rule me off the page,

But, thinking I might come to please Him yet,  
Crossed out 'delete' and wrote His patient 'stet'.



## A TIME OF CHANGE

To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:  
A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted;

A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up;

A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away;

A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace. – Ecclesiastes

...and for us and Christ Church it is a time of change as Fr. Sam retires and Fr. Mark learns about us and our needs.

As good stewards we must especially remember our three “T”s (Time, Talent and Treasure) during this transition and use them so that Christ Church, our new Rector, and all our members understand that our future is bright and fruitful. Let us make this a time to laugh, a time to dance, and a time to embrace.

--Jim High, Stewardship Committee

## STEPHEN IN SUMMER

Stephen Ministry does not take a summer vacation. We are there for anyone who is trying to cope with problems that just seem too big to handle. Maybe the problem just needs to be shared with someone who really cares and will take the time to listen. Even during summer vacations, Stephen Ministry can be there for you. If you or someone you know can benefit from this kind of care, please contact Mary Bellew or Anita High.



## IMAGES IN THIS ISSUE

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JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Mary Wright
- 3 Derek Rich
- 4 Eric Hill
- 5 Hans Ofer
- 7 Carolyn Mook  
Ed Badgley  
Will MacMillan  
Rebekka Croft  
Philip Schneider  
Phil Mower
- 8 Nathan Willcox
- 9 John Mason  
Elsie Schiffner
- 10 Marybeth Landon
- 11 Doris Reiss
- 12 Carly Busse
- 13 Kate Johannesen  
Dorothy St.John  
Allan Ramsay
- 14 Kathy Jagels  
Bennet Tillapaugh
- 15 Pamela Scurry
- 17 Jessie Shelton
- 19 Adam Richman
- 20 Hanne Walker  
Pattee Carrier
- 21 Susan Snell
- 21 Karen Kinley  
Pat Mower
- 22 Ann Lamberson  
Will Rigby  
Ben Miller  
Marianne Shelton
- 25 Jon Blomquist  
Caroline Dobbs  
Gail Freehafer  
Ellen Dauchy  
Jonathan Birch
- 26 Betty Kukenberger
- 28 Emily Pokorny
- 30 Andy Timmerman
- 31 Meghan Polus  
Luke Courter

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 4 Helen & Roy Decker
- 5 Edith & Sam Abbott
- 7 Lois & Phil Holz
- 10 Anita & David Born
- 14 Carrie & Burr Southworth
- 16 Marly & Mike Miller
- 20 Carla & Roger MacMillan
- 21 MaryJane & Gerry Wilson
- 22 Peg & Doug Walrath
- 28 Janice & Stephen Courter

JULY MEMORIAL FLOWERS

- 5 William B. Guiney
- 12 John G. Logan, Jr.  
Edith Stokes Logan  
Evelyn L. Warner
- 19 John Earl Casey
- 26 Joseph C. Worrall  
Goldie Brisack Mott  
Richard E. Johnson

- Peter L. Worrall
- Albin Johnson
- Richard A. White, Sr.

JULY CANDLE MEMORIALS

- 5 Eunice Staton
- 12 Emmagene & Oscar F. Decker  
Georgia & B. Frank Decker  
Ernest F. Miner  
Paul F. Miner  
Max Nichols

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Julie Barown  
Whitney Bachanas  
Donna Sheen  
Patricia VanKampen
- 3 Jennie Johannesen  
Ethan Pleitez  
Elaine Bresee
- 5 IdaMae Bridger
- 7 Ellen Sanford
- 9 Gregory French  
Kelly Segit
- 10 Glen Miller
- 11 Tanner Niedzialkowski
- 12 Anita Graham\16William Davidson  
Tonya Sawyer  
John Niedzialkowski
- 18 Lauren Lionetti
- 20 Steve Elliott  
Diane Williams
- 21 Chris Brigham
- 22 Karen McShane  
Lindsay Brown
- 23 Jennie Buffett
- 24 Chris Geertgens  
Abigail Brown
- 25 Beth Rogers
- 27 Edward Clow
- 30 Richard Busse  
Jeremy Mason  
Sarah Colgate
- 31 Milo Stewart

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Maria & Don Folts
- 4 Meg & Martin Tillapaugh
- 5 Stephanie & Jeff Thorne
- 6 Corinne and Chad Smith  
Maureen & Ron Johnson
- 8 Marshall & Sandy Thorne
- 18 Daphne & John Mason
- 21 Noreen & Jim Polus
- 22 Martha & David Vaules
- 28 Linda & Matthew Lionetti

AUGUST MEMORIAL FLOWERS

- 2 Flora Buck
- 9 Carol Bradley Savage Davis  
Frederick Adams Savage, Jr.
- 16 Charles Allen Ashley  
Cornelia & Allen Ashley  
Helen & Stanley Waite
- 23 OPEN
- 30 John M. Mason  
Jayne C. Mason

AUGUST MEMORIAL CANDLES

- 2 Douglas Alan Lamberson
- 9 Margaret Jane Merrick
- 16 Laurel Murphy
- 23 Jean Robinson
- 30 OPEN

LET US PRAY FOR

- Frances Randall
- \* Patricia Buckland
- Doris Blomquist
- Priscilla Thomassen
- Elna Dickison
- Tom
- Carol Niedzialkowski
- Carol Brown
- Lisa
- Gertrude Worrall
- Don
- Betty Kukenberger
- George Murray
- \* Dorothy Chase
- Jim Atwell
- Andrew
- Joanne
- Ilsa Dohner
- Kathy Lloyd
- Colleen
- \* Ed Clow
- Joyce
- Sarah
- \* Leia Bailey and her family
- \* Mary Clark
- \* Ruth Druse

THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

- Michael LeBron
- William Mason Sanford
- Eric Liston
- Will MacMillan
- Esmeralda LeBron
- Travis Buck
- Matthew Cummings
- Drew Jones
- Morgan Buckland
- Theodore Staubly
- Daniel Hodd
- Suzanne V. Demirel
- Gregory Eaton
- Will Rigby
- Scott Dunn

EXCHANGE STUDENTS

- Jonathan Birch - Brazil

2009 GRADUATES

- Lilian Bachanas
- Mariah Courter
- Tom Craig
- Emily Davidson
- Jacob Fenno
- Peter Kearns
- Brian Kent
- Emilie Rigby