

# The Epistle

April 2011

## St. Peter's Church, Milford, CT

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the Rev. Andrew G. Osmun, Rector

### The View from the Rector's Desk for April 2011



It is my pleasure to announce the hiring of Susan Persett as Executive Assistant to the Rector. Susan began work on March 16<sup>th</sup>. She will be in the St. Peter's Office Monday to Thursday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. She is going to be working directly for the Rector, and her priorities will be to focus on people, communications, and organization. Please see page four for her introduction of herself to the St. Peter's community.

A note of thanks: with March 6<sup>th</sup>'s Annual Meeting the service of Richard Durazzo as Junior Warden, and Linda Roti as Vestryperson have concluded. Both have served in different roles on the Vestry almost continuously since 2001. The decade of service began before 9-11-01 and has included somewhere in the neighborhood of 120 +/- meetings or conferences; countless details to manage; calls to vendors; overseeing the installation of the new heating and cooling in the church, parish hall, and Taft wing; one Capital Fund Drive; so many organists I have lost count; and, a few white knuckle moments. They have hung in there and been supportive through some tough times of grief for me. Thank you.

Welcome goes out to those newly elected to the Vestry. Elected for vacant two-year terms are Jennifer Chiodo and Jennifer Shoop. Jennifer Chiodo has worked with World Vision in Jerusalem for the past five years, visited us when home, and been part of our extended overseas family. She is back home in West Haven and we are thankful for her knowledge and experience internationally and in mission and relief work. Jennifer Shoop came to us just this past year when she and her husband Aaron became members of the parish and had their son Zachary baptized. Jennifer works at Sikorsky as – well, you would have to ask her – but doing what I would call organizational troubleshooting and change management. As we face the biggest changes in my tenure – I was thankful she was willing to join us. Moving on to the veterans – we have Dee Green continuing for a second term, joined by Paul Mangels and Jay Pinsince – whose depth of experience on the Vestry and in Parish Ministry is welcome. Dee continues to teach in Hamden, Jay teaches in Stamford, and Paul runs his two businesses here in Milford – CT Engravers and H. Mangels Chocolate (everyone knows that, right?). Finally, moving from a slot on the Vestry to Junior Warden is Diane Gendreau. You'll know Diane as the minder of the acolytes, singer in the choir, leader of the Liturgy Committee, and guru of Powerchurch's Membership module (the integrated church software). She works up at Nicholson Insurance, schleps son Michael to his band gigs, and now will help shift our focus to people first.

Finally, as the earth on its annual journey around the sun brings us to the season when there is more light, longer days, and GREEN replaces WHITE or BROWN – we come to the week in which it all is compressed – Holy Week. Please mark your calendars, put the dates in your smart phones – and walk the way of the Cross with your sisters and brothers. The schedule is elsewhere in this Epistle  
- Andrew Osmun

### Sunday Services

8 am Holy Eucharist *no music*  
10 am Holy Eucharist *with music*

10 am Christian Formation  
Coffee & Fellowship follows  
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Wednesday — Noon Eucharist  
Thursday — Morning Prayer  
8 am  
Both held in the Chapel

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### May Epistle

Please email submissions you have for the next Epistle by April 15, 2011 to:  
[Stpetersmilford@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Stpetersmilford@sbcglobal.net)

### St. Peter's Purpose

Share the Gospel of Jesus Christ  
Prepare Disciples  
Care for the Community

### St. Peter's Leadership

*Ministers: The Congregation*  
Bishop: the Rt. Rev. Dr. Ian Douglas  
Rector: the Rev. Andrew Osmun  
Assisting Priest: the Rev. Angela Rowley  
Executive Assistant: Susan Persett  
Musician/Choir Director: Nathan Bontrager  
Christian Formation Director: Karen Vital  
Senior Warden: Mary Beth Saltzman  
Junior Warden: Diane Gendreau  
Treasurer: Sharon MacKenzie  
Clerk: Candace Franz  
Yale Divinity School Intern: Matthew Schneider



## April Birthdays

04/01 Jean Shelton  
 04/04 Tyler Lewis  
 04/06 Nathan Bontrager  
 04/09 Fred Vital  
 04/11 Joseph Meade Sr.  
 04/14 Alexis Casey  
 04/14 Michelle Skowronski  
 04/14 Deirdre Taylor  
 04/16 Ann Benway  
 04/16 Allison Field  
 04/17 David Bryson  
 04/18 Candace Franz  
 04/18 Casey Lascola  
 04/18 Dylan Swanepoel  
 04/20 Donna Pinsince  
 04/21 Susan Izzo  
 04/21 Mark Rego  
 04/21 Tom Scott  
 04/21 William Watkins  
 04/21 Andrew Wist  
 04/24 John Geoghegan  
 04/27 Isabella VanBrederode  
 04/29 Macy Vital

## April Anniversaries

04/18 Helen & Edward  
 Pasenelli  
 04/21 Maria & Richard  
 Durazzo  
 04/27 Corliss & Douglas  
 Emmons

## Congratulations 35 Years

To Andrew on the anniversary  
 of his ordination to the  
 priesthood on April 4, 1976,

## Report from the Treasurer, February 2011 OPERATING ACCOUNT

Income	\$42,661.95
Expenses	(46,658.50)
Net Change	\$ ( 3,996.55)

Income for the month was approximately \$3,000.00 less than anticipated based upon our budget. Snow removal expense from, January was \$2,400. The bill from the February storms in the amount of \$3,400 will be paid during March.

The Vestry reviews more detailed financial reports at their meetings. Copies of those reports are available upon request.

*Sharon MacKenzie, Treasurer*  
[stpetetreas@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stpetetreas@sbcglobal.net)

## Food Bank Donations

St. Peter's continues its weekly collection for the Milford Food Bank at the Milford Senior Center. There is always a need for staples such as cereals, pasta, and peanut butter and jelly. Those items would be especially welcomed. *Please place all food donations in the basket located in the Narthex of the church.*

## Altar Flowers

Flowers may be given as memorials, in thanksgiving, or to commemorate other celebrations such as birthdays or anniversaries. We ask for a donation of \$25 to cover the cost of the flowers.  
*If you are interested, please contact the Church Office.*

## Coffee Hour

Caring for your Community - Coffee hour is a ministry by and for those who attend worship on Sunday morning, after the 10:00 service. Coffee hour is only possible through volunteers and donations. St. Peter's supplies the coffee. You may choose to host on your own, or as a group. It is a great way to meet new parishioners and share in fellowship. Ask someone who has not hosted before to join you! There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall.

April 3 – Donna & Jay Pinsince

April 10 – Beth-El Breakfast

April 17 – Fellowship Committee

April 24 – Easter Sunday – No Coffee Hour

## Holy Week Services

### Palm/Passion Sunday

April 17 , 8 & 10 a.m.

The Liturgy of the Palms and the Holy Eucharist

### Maundy Thursday

April 21, 7:30 p.m. - Holy Eucharist, Choir, Foot Washing, Stripping of the Altar

### Good Friday

April 22 , 12 noon - Stations of the Cross

Church is open for prayer and meditation

7:30 p.m. The Solemn Liturgy for Good Friday, with Sermon and Choir

### Easter Day

April 24 , 8 a.m. - The Holy Eucharist with hymns and sermon

10 a.m. - Holy Eucharist with Sermon, Choir & String Quartet

## EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS

Please forward your donation by April 10, 2011

GIVEN BY \_\_\_\_\_

IN MEMORY OF \_\_\_\_\_

IN THANKSGIVING \_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT DONATED \$ \_\_\_\_\_ ENVELOPE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

## Worship Participants:

As you are reading this April Epistle, the June worship participant schedule is being prepared. Please review your own calendar and let us know if there are Sundays that you are not available. Vacation time is coming, and we want to have scheduling as accurate as possible. Contact the leader of your ministry group, the church office or Diane Gendreau at [dgendre1@optonline.net](mailto:dgendre1@optonline.net) or (203) 874-8456 and keep us informed of your schedule.

## St. Peter's Purpose Statement

Our next Purpose Statement meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 5, at 7:00 p.m. Please come and connect with the group you feel most passionate

about. Presently we are defining each statement. Much progress was made at the March meeting. It is exciting to bring our statement to life! We are reading and locating information in the Bible and the Book of Common Prayer that relates to each statement. This is making our Purpose statement one to live by. Words that Jesus Christ has given us to mature as Christians, and as members of St. Peter's.

Share the Gospel of Jesus Christ

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Care for the Community

## Milford Garden Club May Market May 14<sup>th</sup>, 9:00-11:30 am, behind the Library under the Fowler Pavilion.

Perennial plants dug up and potted from members' gardens, annuals, herbs and vegetables, Master Gardeners will answer questions. There will be home baked goods for sale, a tag sale table, pledges sold on a poplar plant stand, FREE coffee, and much much more!! Come and get healthy plants at great prices. Girl Scouts will be there to assist customers. Membership Table will be there to explain what we do in Milford and seek new members. Come and enjoy the beginning of a wonderful growing season. Ask us about the native plant garden in front of the library. Come early for best selections. We always sell out! Free admission. Please check out our website too.

<http://www.milfordctgardenclub.org>

## Meet Susan Persett



I am an established Milford resident and former public service employee. Throughout my professional career, I managed the daily administrative, logistical, and financial operations of a visible federal agency. As a manager with the Social Security Administration, I was responsible

for the overall efficiency and quality of work processed by the office. I also maintained the physical office space, inventory, and purchased equipment and supplies. In addition, I worked on a number of projects and initiatives and led groups of employees in challenging and complex environments. I look forward to applying my administrative experience and skills to support the long history of service and success at St. Peter's.

## Hymnal Changes -- Your Opinion?

The national church is gathering information on the possibility of revising the hymnal. Go to the below link to cast your opinion:

<http://www.cpg.org/productsservices/hymnalstudy2.cfm>

## Christian Formation

The Christian Formation classes are learning about the meaning of Lent, and focusing on prayer as a way to draw closer to God.

There will be **NO CLASSES** on **Easter Sunday**.

**Mark Your Calendars:** Our next **PARENTS NIGHT OUT** is scheduled for April 16 from 5-8 p.m. in the Taft Wing. We will have dinner, crafts, games, music, and a short movie. The cost is \$20 per child, \$35 max per family.

**Contact Karen Vital to register your children!**

[karenvital@optimum.net](mailto:karenvital@optimum.net)

## Youth Group

**Meeting dates-** April 5th and 19th 6-8pm

**Confirmation Class-** April 10th 4-6pm

## Mission Trip

From June 26-July1, the Youth Group, lead by Karen Vital and Andrew Osmun, will be traveling to Logan, West Virginia on a mission trip. During the week, the kids may be doing house repairs or running a small "Kids Club," working with the children of Logan and teaching them about God through Bible lessons and activities.

At this time, we would like to ask that you keep the Youth Group in your prayers as we begin to discern God's purpose for us there. We also ask that you pray for the community of Logan, West Virginia, and the people that we will be serving during that week.

## Praise Concert, Saturday, April 30th at 7 p.m.

Members of the Youth Group will be joining the Praise Band to bring you an evening of great music! There is no charge for the concert, but there will be a free will offering accepted.

Funds raised will be used toward the cost of the Youth group Mission Trip to Logan, West Virginia from June 26- July1st.

Please come out and support the group! **BRING YOUR FRIENDS!**



## 2011 Manos de Dios House Build #4:

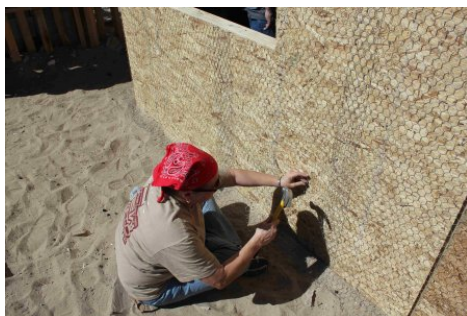
The Manos de Dios team would like to thank the parishioners of St. Peter's for their support during their recent trip to Colonia Anapra. Copies of the slide show shown at the Celebration dinner will be available in the library. Please feel free to borrow a copy for home viewing. Please return after viewing so that others may also enjoy the slide show.



Putting up the frame



Adding the sheathing



Kathy hammering chicken wire



Myles and Theo install roofing.



Alex helps stucco the house.



Mano de Dios team in front of finished house

Nathan Bontrager, Richard Durazzo, Erica Durazzo, Conrad Green, Dee Green, Natalie Green, Kathie Hebert, Rich Hebert, Myles Hopenick, Richard Hopenick, Theo Hopenick, Andrew Osmun, Linda Roti, Debbi Smith, Brenda Thomason, Karen Vital, Leigh Warrington, Bill Watkins.

## Mission at Home

On Saturday May 7, a team from St. Peter's will be working with HomeFront Inc., (formerly AmeriCares) on a house on Lafayette Street in Milford, just a short walk from our own church. The homeowner just lost her husband this past December. The husband suffered from Macular degeneration and was not able to maintain the home during his last years. We will be going there first thing Saturday to rebuild the front porch, replace the rear porch roof and do some major cleaning. We are looking forward to a great day of fellowship and hard work. Our workday will start at 8:00 a.m., while the skilled team leaders will arrive at 7:00 to set up and get things ready. It has been very exciting to see the great turnout and interest in this project.

The donation requested from St. Peter's is \$2,250. As of 3/15 our donations total \$1,125. We hope to achieve our goal by the time you read this Epistle. God is alive at St. Peter's!

If you would like to make a donation, please make checks payable to St. Peter's with a notation of HomeFront, Inc. and put it in the collection plate, or donate via E-Giving. Homefront is listed on the giving page. For more information contact Brenda Thomason at [203-878-9890](tel:203-878-9890) or e-mail [brendat2@optonline.net](mailto:brendat2@optonline.net) or contact Jeff Carter at [203-878-0085](tel:203-878-0085) or [j2gcarter@gmail.com](mailto:j2gcarter@gmail.com).

Many thanks to Brenda Thomason for starting the ball rolling and Jeff Carter, our project manager. The next meeting regarding the build weekend will be April 3, after the 10:00 am service.

## Breakfast for Beth-El

Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. Please come and enjoy a bountiful breakfast to support Milford's homeless. Bring your friends and invite them to join you in worship also. Donation: \$7 for teens/adults; \$4 for children ages 6-12.

## FELLOWSHIP

At our March meeting, we decided to have a "progressive dinner" in late September or early October. By September we will be seeking volunteers to participate. If you have any ideas for the Fellowship group please join us on April 4th in the Parish Hall at 7:00. For more information contact Dee Green at [deegreen@optonline.net](mailto:deegreen@optonline.net).

## Schneider "Apartment Raising"

In Amish communities, when a family needs a new barn built, the entire community helps them "raise" the barn in *one day*; it's called a "barn raising."



Similarly, Matthew and Hawley need to move out of their apartment and into another apartment *in the same building* in just one day, and they are asking for help.

**Sat., April 16, 9 a.m. till it's done (in New Haven)**

"Our current apartment is getting too small for our family, so we are moving into a two-bedroom apartment just down the hall and up one flight of stairs. We need many hands to help quickly move our possessions, clean our old apartment, entertain our daughter, and hang curtains and the like. So if you have a strong back, are handy with tools, or want to hang out with a charming baby, we would appreciate your help. This will be right before Holy Week and final exams, so Matt needs to complete this move as expeditiously as possible. We will have coffee and pastries in the morning and order pizza around lunchtime. Please let us know if you can help at [matthew.schneider@yale.edu](mailto:matthew.schneider@yale.edu) (or in person), and we will get the details to you."

## April 10 – Claptraps at St. Peter's

St. Peter's is pleased to host another public concert on Sunday, April 10 at 2:30 pm featuring Dr. Caterwaul's Cadre of Clairvoyant Claptraps. The Claptraps features Brian Slattery on banjo and fiddle, Nathan Bontrager on cello, Adam Matlock on accordion, and Mike Paolucci on percussion and guest singer, Anne Rhodes. They perform intuitive, flowing improvisations on folk music of various sources. The April 10 performance will feature folk music drawn primarily from religious sources (Sacred Harp, gospel, spirituals, etc.). The concert is free and open to the public with donations graciously accepted.

## From Jesse Osmun's blog – Serving in the Peace Corp in South Africa

Jesse's address:  
 Jesse Osmun, PCV  
 C/O Umvoti Aids Centre  
 P.O. Box 716  
 Greytown, South Africa 33250

Write "Par Avion" and "Air Mail" on envelopes and boxes.  
 Check out Jesse's blog:  
<http://jessesa.wordpress.com>



## Transitions

February 21, 2011

There have been many changes here in South Africa with Peace Corps groups. At least 2 people I know have now moved sites and 3 people have left early and are back in the states, only one with a job to go to. My fellow PCV friend from another group, Sharon is now hurriedly packing with 3 weeks left of service. Asked if the fact that she was leaving South Africa after 2 years feels strange, she replied "Yes, So SO strange". As for me, I have started programming at the Learning Centre and am busy outfitting the place and securing the area via Burglar Bars and locks so that I can have our 2 computers in place, hopefully before kids go on vacation again. Eventually when kids are on vacation again, I plan to have Kenneth also paint the room so it looks a little less gloomy. At some point I have thought of having my kids "christen" the room with their hand prints on the front "wall", which is made out of particleboard. My transition has been one of scaling up this year, not winding down or keeping a status quo. I have 14 months, some have 3 weeks, others will sign on for another year. I wonder how I will feel when the last days come, and I start the long process of saying goodbye to South Africa. Right now, I am so busy that it's a distant thought on the horizon.

If I can admit a fault, it's that I don't do well with transitions. Much like a child with ADD who gets confused and sometimes upset when switching from one classroom to another, I can also find myself trying to regain focus and getting confused with various priorities. What I started out thinking I would be doing a year ago has changed and what was a given is no longer so. What sounded easy before has been anything but, and I admit I was easily caught off guard. I have learned that making a list and checking it twice isn't just a nice refrain in a popular Xmas carol, it's an organizational must for one's own sanity. I eventually find myself coming to the conclusion that dealing with transitions has more to do with relinquishing control than anything else. As PCV's, we can easily become control freaks, trying to put our stamp on every possible situation and alleviate every hardship and obstacle to get to what we define as "success". We attempt to be masters of everything and often, with pathetic resignation, realize that in our limitations we are masters of very little. We cannot control our organizations choices, external relationships, other people's level of enthusiasm, community issues, corruption, apathy, government neglect, or large scale social issues. What we can control humbles us and builds our capacity in the workplace.

The idea of Grassroots development is that you start at the lowest level, the roots, the "Grass", the lowest common denominator, the bottom. You see a few people change, then a group, and eventually the group changes a community, and a community changes a nation. This process can take years or even decades, or it can happen overnight. This is indeed the model that finally toppled Hosni Mubarak's regime in Egypt-People slowly texted, Twittered, and blogged to each other, a few people at a time then many people caught on to the idea, and a wave of democratic yearning caused thousands of young Egyptians to demand reform. It is these small ideas that I have learned to embrace, accept, and grow. Small changes slowly build bigger changes, and while I may only see very basic progress in the lives of a few, the multiplier effect means that these few changed lives will change and inspire others. What I see here during my service is just a glimpse of what is possible. If these few people I inspire can carry the lessons I've handed down with them after I leave Africa, then one day they won't need an ambitious, energetic and overly idealistic volunteer from America, they'll only need themselves. In the end run, that is what it's all about.



## Report From the Annual Diocesan Missions Conference "Taking All of the Gospel to All of the World"

For St. Peter's attendees Andrew Osmun and Debbie Smith, it made for an uplifting day to be a part of the good turnout gathered in Hartford for the Annual Missions Conference held Saturday March 19 at Christ Church Cathedral in Hartford.

All parishes in the Diocese of Connecticut were invited to this annual "Diocesan gathering" to:

- Celebrate all the ways that God is working through the various mission partnerships in the Diocese;
- Inspire everyone engaged in mission partnerships to be more energized in gospel ministry;
- Equip those who are already engaged in missions by offering new ideas, strategies and models;
- Persuade those who are thinking about a deeper engagement in mission partnerships to "take the plunge";
- Network with others who are engaged in mission and with those who are just beginning.

The day consisted of missions speakers including:

- The Rev. David Copley, Mission Personnel Officer, Episcopal Church Center
- Analee Kirner, Missionary In Diocese of Western Tanganyika, Tanzania from St. Paul's, Brookfield

Workshops for small groups were held on the following topics:

- Fighting Poverty, Creating Jobs, Transforming Lives"
- "Short Term Mission Trips," SAMS Mission in Bolivia
- "You Can Do This: Small Resources and Big Dreams" "Call To Care, Uganda"
- "Engaging Children In Missions"
- "Mutuality in Multi-Cultural Ministry"

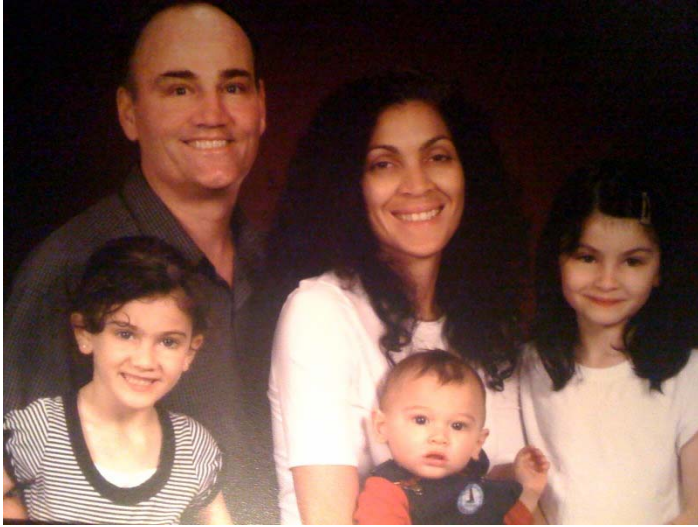
The conference also included worship led by the Bethany Church Band and time for perusing a "mission village" area with various displays showcasing opportunities to learn and network.

It was for us an opportunity to share the experience of our recent "Manos de Dios" mission trip to Ciudad Juarez, Mexico and bring the good work being done through Gateway to others.

--*Deb Smith*



## Have You Met the Meades?



Soledad, Joe, Isabela, Soledad and young Joey are relative newcomers to Milford and St. Peter's Church. They credit their former neighbors, Karen and Fred Vital, for introducing them to the St. Peter's community after they moved to Milford from New York.

Joe was born in the Bronx, graduated from Cardinal Hayes High School and St. Thomas Aquinas College in Sparkill, NY in 1979. Joe then became a police officer for the New York City Transit Police. He retired from the force in 1989 after two knee surgeries shortened his career. After teaching and coaching at Salesian High School in New Rochelle and Lehman College, Joe accepted coaching and administrative positions at the University of New Haven in 1999. After leaving UNH in

2005, he became district manager for Junior Achievement of Greater New Haven, where he stayed until 2008. He currently teaches sports management courses at Post University in Waterbury and coaches basketball at Jonathan Law High School. Joe also enjoys coaching his daughters Isabela and Soledad in the Milford Recreation Instructional Basketball League.

Soledad is a native of the Dominican Republic, and the youngest of 10 children. She came to this country after her father immigrated to Houston, Texas to find work. She joined her dad at age 13 and later moved to New York and attended Lehman College, where she met Joe. Soledad graduated in 1999 with a degree in Health Education and Promotion. Soledad and Joe were married in 2000 and moved to Milford to start their family. In 2002, Soledad began to work on her Master of Social Work degree at Southern Connecticut State University. She somehow managed to complete her studies in 2005 despite giving birth to both Isabela and Soledad during this time. Currently, she is a social worker at the Bridge Academy, a charter school in Bridgeport. She enjoys working with middle school students and the variety of challenges that they face.

Isabela is in third grade at Orchard Hills School in Milford. She likes playing the keyboard and takes great pride in her art work, particularly painting and drawing. Her sister Soledad is an A student in second grade at Live Oaks School, and enjoys reading, playing basketball and making new friends. Joe III will turn three in July and is an avid fan of his sisters' activities. He is looking forward to preschool in September.

In addition to being a wife, mother and social worker, Soledad is an excellent marathon runner. She participated in the Hartford Marathon with a time of 3:48, superb for a first-timer! In 2006 she ran in the Burlington, Vermont Marathon and qualified for the Boston Marathon. She ran both the Boston Marathon and the prestigious New York City Marathon in 2007. In 2009 she ran the Newport Marathon with an impressive time of 3:32. She has managed to improve her time with each new marathon! She is a member of the Housatonic Running Club as well as the Milford Road Runners. Soledad continues to train by running nearly 30 miles per week, and looks forward to running in New York again.

Joe is a partner of Milford Pedicab, a bicycle taxi company that provides transportation at local events such as the Milford Oyster Festival, the Yale vs. Harvard football game, and a variety of fairs and parades around the state. He manages to find time to serve on the boards of local community organizations and volunteers at the Literacy Center of Milford and Junior Achievement.

The Meade's are grateful for the friendships that they have made while at St. Peter's. They enjoy the assorted church activities and really like the kid-friendly atmosphere that our community is so proud of. We wish this young family God's blessings.

-- Helen Pasenelli

## Fish Food

### Let God Interpret the Facts

by Jon Walker

*“This is what the Holy Spirit says: ‘The owner of this belt will be tied up in this way by the Jews in Jerusalem, and they will hand him over to the Gentiles.’”*  
*Acts 21:11 (TEV)*

Have you ever done the very thing God told you to do and then ended up in what seemed like a worse situation?

The Apostle Paul experienced this on several occasions, but what kept him going was his trust in God’s character. Paul trusted that God was in control and knew what he was doing no matter how things appeared.

And that means Paul took steps of faith based on his belief in God and not according to the circumstances he was in or would end up in. (As Pastor Pete Wilson might say, Paul placed his faith in God’s identity, not in his ability to see God’s activity.)

For instance, when Paul was on his way to Jerusalem, a prophet named Agabus came to see him. He took Paul’s belt and he tied it around his own hands and feet, telling the apostle, *“This is what the Holy Spirit says: ‘The owner of this belt will be tied up in this way by the Jews in Jerusalem, and they will hand him over to the Gentiles.’”* (Acts 21:11 TEV)

Hearing this, Paul’s friends immediately tried to talk him out of going to Jerusalem, but he went anyway, saying, *“I am ready not only to be tied up in Jerusalem but even to die there for the sake of the Lord Jesus.”* (Acts 21:13 TEV)

What the Holy Spirit told Agabus was fact: Paul was bound and handed over to the Gentiles in Jerusalem. Yet, the facts, by themselves, do not reveal the whole truth.

God used Paul’s arrest as the means for getting him to Rome, which is where Paul wanted to go all along. Once in Rome, Paul was placed under house arrest, forcing him to stay in one place after so many years on the road as a missionary.

Bound in chains, Paul began to write letters to the congregations he’d helped plant, and some of those letters are part of the New Testament we read today.

God is in the best position to interpret the facts of your life. Place your faith in him and not your circumstances.

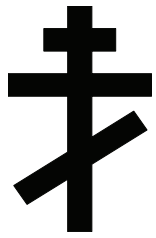
## APRIL 2011 WORSHIP SCHEDULE

DATE	SERVICE TIME	ACOLYTE	LAY MINISTER	LECTOR	READINGS	USHER	GREETER	CHILD CARE
<b>April 3, 2011</b>	8:00 AM	H. Kropitis	F. Callahan	S. Callahan	1 Samuel 16:1-13 Ephesians 5:8-14	P. Austin E. Pasenelli	A. Fredericks	
Fourth Sunday in Lent	10:00 AM	K. Carriero R. Fraleigh	P. Smith S. Winters	J. Bryson B. Eldridge	1 Samuel 16:1-13 Ephesians 5:8-14	D. Bryson J. Carter	J. Bryson S. Peck	E. Durazzo M. Gendreau
<b>April 10, 2011</b>	8:00 AM	C. Cunningham	S. Callahan	K. Gammage	Ezekiel 37:1-14 Romans 8:6-11	B. Broughton	S. Giambra	
Fifth Sunday In Lent	10:00 AM	J. Chiodo E. Durazzo	J. Pinsince B. Lewis	B. VanBrederode B. Watkikns	Ezekiel 37:1-14 Romans 8:6-11	B. McDonald M. Ritz	M. Bucciarelli D. Pinsince	W. Bibens C. Ritz
<b>April 17, 2011</b>	8:00 AM	D. Gendreau	M. Schneider	S. MacKenzie	Isaiah 50:4-9a Philippians 2:5-11	A. Fredericks B. Kuhar	B. Neilson	
Palm Sunday	10:00AM	M. Schneider M. Gendreau	D. Green D. Smith	C. Franz P. Watson	Isaiah 50:4-9a Philippians 2:5-11	B. Eldridge P. Smith	C. Hoponick M. Bibens Jr.	S. Kringstadt P. Bell
<b>April 21, 2011</b>								
Maundy Thursday	7:30 PM	M. Gendreau	M. Schneider	D. Smith P. Mangels	Exodus 12:1-4 (5-10),11-14 1Corinthians 11:23-26	P. Smith M. Ritz		
<b>April 24, 2011</b>	8:00 AM	H. Kropitis C. Cunningham L. Gustafson	D. Warren	B. Neilson	Acts 10:34-43 Colossians 3:1-14	P. Austin B. Broughton	E. Luysterborghs	
Easter Sunday	10:00 AM	D. Bibens W. Bibens P. Bell E. Durazzo R. Fraleigh	P. Smith S. Winters	R. Fohrenbach D. Smith	Acts 10:34-43 Colossians 3:1-14	R. Fohrenbach K. Pegnataro	M. Saltzman G. Burrows	A. Smith M. Gendreau

## MAY 2011 WORSHIP SCHEDULE

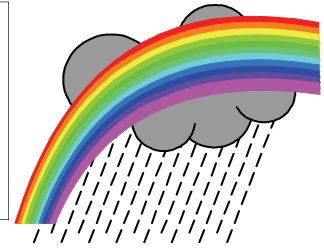
DATE	SERVICE TIME	ACOLYTE	LAY MINISTER	LECTOR	READINGS	USHER	GREETER	CHILD CARE
<b>May 1, 2011</b>	8:00 AM	L. Gustafson	G. Bristol	S. Callahan	Acts 2:14a, 22-32 1 Peter 1:3-9	C. Bristol D. Emmons	C. Emmons	
Second Sunday of Easter	10:00 AM	M. Gendreau J. Chiodo	J. Pinsince B. Lewis	L. Wonneberger B. Eldridge	Acts 2:14a, 22-32 1 Peter 1:3-9	F. Hopkins P. Smith	M. Ritz D. Smith	E. Durazzo P. Bell
<b>May 8, 2011</b>	8:00 AM	C. Cunningham	F. Callahan	G. Bristol	Acts 2:14a, 36-41 1 Peter 1:17-23	A. Fredericks B. Kuhar	B. Neilson	
Third Sunday of Easter	10:00 AM	M. Bibens K. Carriero	D. Green D. Smith	R. Fohrenbach P. Watson	Acts 2:14a, 36-41 1 Peter 1:17-23	R. Fohrenbach B. Eldridge	L. Wonneberger S. Peck	W. Bibens A. Smith
<b>May 15, 2011</b>	8:00 AM	H. Kropitis	S. Callahan	K. Gammage	Acts 2:42-47 1 Peter 2:19-25	E. Pasanelli G. Bristol	J. Piscitelli	
Fourth Sunday of Easter	10:00AM	D. Bibens P. Bell	D. Pinsince P. Smith	B. Vanbrederode D. Bryson	Acts 2:42-47 1 Peter 2:19-25	M. Ritz D. Bryson	M. Bucciarelli J. Bryson	C. Ritz M. Gendreau
<b>May 22, 2011</b>	8:00 AM	D. Gendreau	D. Warren	B. Neilson	Acts 7:55-60 1 Peter 2:2-10	B. Broughton P. Austin	A. Swanepoel	
Fifth Sunday Of Easter	10:00 AM	R. Fraleigh W. Bibens	S. Winters B. Lewis	B. Watkins C. Franz	Acts 7:55-60 1 Peter 2:2-10	P. Smith K. Pegnataro	D. Pinsince C. Hoponick	P. Bell E. Durazzo
<b>May 29, 2011</b>	8:00 AM	L. Gustafson	G. Bristol	S. MacKenzie	Acts 17:22-31 1 Peter 3:13-22	D. Emmons A. Fredericks	S. Giambra	
Sixth Sunday of Easter	10:00 AM	E. Durazzo J. Chiodo	J. Pinsince D. Green	D. Smith B. Eldridge	Acts 17:22-31 1 Peter 3:13-22	J. Carter B. McDonald	M. Saltzman D. Smith	S. Kringstad W. Bibens





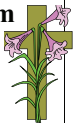




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<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
					1 Youth Group Girls Over-Night	2 Youth Group Girls Home  Simple Supper 5:30 p.m.
3 <b>Lent 4</b> Holy Eucharist 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10 a.m. Christian Form 10 a.m.	4 Fellowship Group 7:00 p.m.	5 Bible Study 7 a.m. Rector's Office Youth Group 6 p.m.—8 p.m. Purpose Statement Meeting 7:00 p.m.	6 Holy Eucharist Noon  Bible Study 7-8:30 p.m.	7 Morning Prayer 8 a.m. Adult Choir 7 p.m.—8:30 p.m.	8	9 Simple Supper 5:30 p.m.
10 <b>Lent 5</b> Holy Eucharist 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10 a.m. Christian Form 10 a.m. Beth-El Break 8:45 a.m. Claptraps 2:30p.m. Confirmation Meet 4-6p	11	12 Bible Study 7 a.m. Rector's Office Executive Committee 7:00 p.m.	13 Holy Eucharist Noon Bible Study 7-8:30 p.m.	14 Morning Prayer 8 a.m. Adult Choir 7 p.m.—8:30 p.m. Outreach Dinner 5:00—7:00 p.m.	15 <b>Epistle Submission Deadline</b> 	16 Youth Group Parents Night Out 5 p.m.—8 p.m. Simple Supper 5:30 p.m.
17 <b>Palm Sunday</b> Holy Eucharist 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10 a.m. Christian Form 10 a.m.	18 <b>HOLY WEEK</b> 	19 Bible Study 7 a.m. Rector's Office Youth Group 6 p.m.—8 p.m.	20 Holy Eucharist Noon  Bible Study 7-8:30 p.m.	21 <b>Maundy Thursday</b> Morning Prayer 8 a.m. Maundy Thursday Service 7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 	22 <b>Good Friday</b> Way of the Cross -Noon  Good Friday Service 7:30 p.m. 	23
24 <b>Easter Sunday</b> Holy Eucharist 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10a.m. <b>NO Christian Form</b> 	25	26 Bible Study 7 a.m. Rector's Office Prayer Shawl Ministry 7:00 p.m. Church Library Vestry 7:00 p.m. Parish Hall	27 Holy Eucharist Noon  Bible Study 7-8:30 p.m.	28 Morning Prayer 8 a.m. Adult Choir 7 p.m.—8:30 p.m.	29	30 Youth Group Praise Concert 7:00 p.m. Church