

The Epistle

March 2012

St. Peter's Church, Milford, CT

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the Rev. Andrew G. Osmun, Rector



Sunday Services

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

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

Please email your submissions
for the next Epistle by March 16
to
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St. Peter's Purpose

Sharing the Gospel of
Jesus Christ
Preparing Disciples
Caring 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
Sexton: Bruce Rumford
Senior Warden: Paul Mangels
Junior Warden: Diane Gendreau
Treasurer: Sharon MacKenzie
Clerk: Candace Franz
Yale Divinity School Intern:
Matthew Schneider



The March 2012 View

I recently went to the movies and watched **Safe House**. Great action, plot and acting. Body count was high, but what do you expect? Top it off that it was set in Cape Town, South Africa – and a little over a year ago – Terry, Jesse, and I strolled through some of the places that were in the movie. One part of the plot spoke to me in particular. The CIA Cape Town Safe House keeper has a girl friend to whom he has told an elaborate tale to cover his real identity. This creates tension as it becomes impossible for him to keep up the fiction. What I find so inviting is the question of who we are. What do we see from inside? What do we see from outside? What do others see? What does God see?

I know this is going into the deep end. It is, however, the end that God constantly invites us into. Not the kiddie pool, nor the shallow end, nor the low diving board, but the high one. (Visions of the pool we went to in West Virginia with the Youth Group fill my image bank).

Lent, the season that has started by the time you read this, is all about telling the truth – hearing the truth – receiving the truth. My friends, do you realize how hard we all work at AVOIDING this? It is worth some thoughtfulness about what and why we engage in Lenten Disciplines. The following is from the ESDA website: “Consider with the Lord, do we want to engage in particular Lenten disciplines because we want to:

- fix ourselves?
- have better habits and this is a good way to start?
- punish ourselves?
- make ourselves better people?
- seem more "spiritual" to ourselves and/or those around us?
- get God's attention?
- trigger a "spiritual experience"?
- engage in a real challenge?
- be proud of something we accomplished?
- be a good Christian?

Our motives can be quite mixed, with both positive and negative impulses spurring us forward....God's heart is for us to grow in love for Him, others and ourselves. If we look at our potential Lenten disciplines through that lens, does that confirm our choices or invite us to reconsider? What disciplines would best help us to grow in love for God, others and ourselves? What we discover might surprise us!”

--Andrew Osmun



March Birthdays

03/01 Deborah Soracco
 03/03 Hayden Hulme
 03/04 Kevin Dally
 03/04 Robert MacKendrick
 03/08 Helen Kropitis
 03/08 Edward Wolfe
 03/11 Constance Healy-Collis
 03/13 Shawn Gendreau
 03/13 Stephen Winters
 03/15 Kelly Thompson
 03/16 Chloe Franke
 03/17 Catherine Fraleigh
 03/17 Patricia Houser
 03/18 Carolene Mahnken
 03/19 Fred Callahan
 03/19 Ingrid Dally
 03/19 Bill Springsteen
 03/22 David Derubeis
 03/22 Sharon Mackenzie
 03/22 Linda Roti
 03/25 Jerry Massari
 03/25 William McDonald
 03/27 Isabela Meade
 03/29 Jeff Harker
 03/30 Gabriella Dangelo

March Anniversaries

03/31 Mary Beth & Stephen Saltzman

Condolences

To the family of Tim Kringstad. Sherri Giambra, Samantha Kringstad, Michael and Jennifer Giambra.

To the family of Evelyn Taft, the wife of the Rev. Edward R. Taft, Rector of St. Peter's Church from 1951 to 1975.

Report from the Treasurer: January 31, 2012

Income Year-to-Date	\$27,925.00
Expenses Year-to-Date	(22,095.99)
Current Surplus	\$ 5,829.01

2012 is here, and our support to St. Peter's was at 100% of what we had budgeted for. Also during the month, we received the back rent payments owed from our tenant.

Sharon MacKenzie, Treasurer
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. The second Sunday in March, March 11 is available for flower donations. *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.

March 4 - Cherri Water & Debbi Smith

March 11 - Lee Warrington

March 18 - Breakfast for HomeFront Project

March 25 - *Available*

Pet Lovers: Tune In...

...to WPKN 89.5 FM at noon on the last Thursday of each month for “**Sit, Stay, Listen with Dr. Julia Carter.**” In this one-hour call-in talk radio show, Dr. Carter discusses a different pet care topic each month. Go to the Pond Point Animal Hospital Facebook page for more information and updates, or call in to the show at 203-336-9756.

Mockingbird Conference: “Honesty, Humility, and the Grace of God”



April 19-21, St. George's Church, NYC

A message from our Seminary Intern, Matt Schneider: I invite the people of St. Peter's to Mockingbird's 5th annual New York City conference. Mockingbird is a ministry that seeks to connect the Christian faith with the realities of everyday life in fresh and down-to-earth ways. You may remember me advertising this event last year. The conference and Mockingbird in general have fed my faith and ministry in many ways, and if you appreciate the themes of my preaching and teaching, you might be further blessed by attending. This year's keynote speaker is Michael Horton, noted author, theologian, and host of my favorite Christian radio program: *The White Horse Inn* (also worth looking up online).

You might consider coming just one day, or two, or all three—registration is quite flexible, ranging from \$25 to \$150, depending on how long you attend and if you would like meals included. More information and registration is available at <http://conference.mbird.com>, or you may speak with Hawley or me about it. I also recommend reading Mockingbird's blog at <http://www.mbird.com>, for which I am a also contributing author.

Get Involved - you'll be glad you did!

We are in serious need of Worship Participants for the 8:00 service.

Would you be interested in being a Lector, an Usher or a Greeter? On the other hand, perhaps you would like to be a Lay Eucharistic Minister or an Acolyte. We are in need for people to join the Altar Guild. Please, contact Diane Gendreau at Dgendrel@optonline.net or (203)874-8456 or contact the office.

You can also ask the leaders of the different ministries:

Altar Guild – Sharon Mackenzie
 Acolytes – Diane Gendreau
 Lectors - Paul Mangels
 LEM's - Steve Winters
 Ushers - Paul Smith & Ed Pasanelli
 Greeters - Debbie Smith

Do we have your correct email address?

Please let us know what it is, or if you have changed it. We send out reminders, and also updated news and would like to be sure you are receiving information.

Contact us by either emailing the office or fill out the attached and drop it in the collection plate/office mailbox.

Name: _____

Email address: _____

Reminder – Choir Practice

Will be held on Wednesday, March 21, not on Thursday, March 22.

St. Peter's Mission Team



St. Peter's team of 21 headed to Ciudad Juarez, Mexico on Sunday, February 19. Look forward

to our April Epistle to have an update! Thank you everyone for your support and prayers while we are away.

Updates from the Juarez blog:



Celebration Dinner – Juarez Mission Team

On Saturday, March 24th, we will hold our celebration dinner at 5:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. We will have a slide show to share our experience in Juarez. Please come, bring your friends, and see what you have made possible by your prayers and financial support.

HomeFront - "Caring for the Community"

On May 5, for the second time, we will be working together helping a deserving family in Milford. HomeFront, Inc. is a community based volunteer home repair program that provides quality of life repairs at no cost to homeowners in need. Since its founding in 1988, HomeFront has revitalized more than 2,400 properties in Connecticut and New York, combining skilled labor, quality materials and enthusiastic volunteers to bring enduring changes. A sign up sheet will be in the back of the church. A total donation of \$2,250.00 is requested to work on the project, but St. Peter's has donations in reserve from our 2011 project of \$700.00, decreasing the amount we need to raise to \$1,550.00 A breakfast is scheduled for March 18 to help raise the funds needed. You may donate to St. Peter's with a check payable to St. Peter's with a notation of HomeFront in the memo section. You can also donate via E-Giving under Special Giving Opportunities and list in the Gift/Desired Purpose box.

For more information contact Brenda Thomason at 203-878-9890 or e-mail brendat2@optonline.net or contact Jeff Carter at 203-878-0085 or e-mail j2gcarter@gmail.com

"Souper Bowl"

Thanks be to God for our generous congregation. St. Peter's collected \$393.38 for Beth-El, which DOUBLED last years donation of \$190.00 With the government cutbacks, this is so needed and so gratefully received.

Monthly Outreach Dinners

Our guests at the dinners are so grateful. We say a blessing at the beginning and pray for them. In February, a person came and thanked us for our prayers for him. God is always working. Our motto is to serve a meal 'FIT FOR THE KING' for "As much as you do to the least of these, you do it for me". Thanks to all the work of our dedicated teams. If you are interested in joining a team, contact Debbi Smith or Brenda Thomason.

Christian Formation

The children in Sunday formation classes made blankets for the children of the family we built a home for in Juarez. We talked about the children, named Jesus and Blanca, and prayed for them while we made the blankets. We also made a picture book for them, with both hand drawn pictures and photos of us so that they could see who made these for them.



Youth Group

Meeting dates- March 6th and 20th, 6-8 p.m.

Confirmation class: March 11th, 12 Noon – 2 p.m.

The Youth Group will be participating in an outreach weekend in New Haven on March 17-18. This weekend is called "Taking it to the Streets" and is geared toward giving participants a tangible experience of what it's like to be homeless. We will be working in a soup kitchen, touring homeless shelters, and interacting with the homeless in New Haven during the Chapel on the Green service. Please keep the group in your prayers that weekend.

Experiencing Discipleship Together

The discipleship group, led by Matthew Schneider, will meet again on Monday, March 12. We will start with celebrating Evening Prayer in the chapel. Our meeting will follow. The group will also be going on a retreat at Holy Cross Monastery on Friday, March 30 to Sunday, April 1.

You may contact Matthew with any questions or requests for further information at matthew.schneider@yale.edu.

Evening Prayer on Weeknights:

Are you still looking for a Lenten discipline that is spiritually meditative and meaningful? Evening Prayer can fit that need. Andrew and the parish's Lay Eucharistic Ministers will be leading evening prayer in the chapel each weekday night starting at 6 p.m. It is an ideal opportunity to wash away the day's burdens, celebrate the day's joys and join in small community to deepen our spirituality, especially during this penitential season of Lent. Evening Prayer services run approximately 30 minutes and are informal. You do not have to attend every evening. Join us.

Steve Drotar reports

Steve Drotar spoke with Andrew and has contacted Harvest Now - an organization run by Brooks Sumberg. This organization is in partnership with 30 churches and temples - they grow vegetable gardens. Steve has decided to join the growers by planting a garden in back of the church. He is seeking volunteers to help plant, weed, harvest, and deliver the vegetables for distribution to all needy organizations. If you are interested in helping, a sign-up sheet has been placed in the back of the church. You can also call Steve at 1-203-283-4595 with questions and for additional information.

Preparing Disciples

Daily Devotionals & Prayerful Resources:

Text versions:

Church of the Savior, Washington, DC - more social action oriented:

<http://www.inwardoutward.org/>

Rick Warren's daily devotions from Saddleback:

<http://profile.purposedriven.com/dailyhope/post>

Esoteric Episcopal Priest's musings - Barbara Crafton: <http://www.geraniumfarm.org>

Ministry of Evangelical group dedicated to servant ministry: <http://blog.leadlikejesus.org>

Audio, Video, & other Resources:

Ministry of the British Jesuits - comes as an audio file: <http://www.pray-as-you-go.org>

Crosswalk, the intersection of faith and life dedicated to building up the Church, which is the body of Christ – text (many other resources): <http://www.crosswalk.com/devotionals>.

Contemplative resources in both text, audio, and video: <http://www.contemplativeoutreach.org>

A new App called iPray has been released for the iPhone: the Book of Common Prayer. You can download iPray from the iTunes Store here: <http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/ipray-bcp/id431349318?mt=8&ign-mpt=uo%3D2>

Ministry of the Brothers of The Society of Saint John the Evangelist (many other resources):

<http://www.ssje.org/word>

If you have a favorite daily devotional and would like to share with the congregation, please contact us so we can publish it!

MARCH 2012 WORSHIP SCHEDULE

DATE	SERVICE TIME	ACOLYTE	LAY MINISTER	LECTOR	READINGS	USHER	GREETER	CHILD CARE
March 4, 2012	8:00 AM	C. Cunningham	S. Callahan	K. Gammage	Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 Romans 4:13-25	B. Kuhar E. Pasenelli	A. Fredericks	
2nd Sunday in Lent	10:00 AM	M. Bibens R. Fraleigh	S. Winters B. Lewis	D. Smith R. Allsop	Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 Romans 4:13-25	F. Hopkins J. Carter	M. Ritz D. Pinsince	C. Ritz P. Bell
March 11, 2012	8:00 AM	D. Gendreau	D. Warren	K. Gammage	Exodus 20:1-17 1Corinthians 1:18-25	A. Fredericks D. Blanchet	S. Giambra	
3rd Sunday in Lent	10:00 AM	J. Chiodo W. Dixon	J. Pinsince D. Green	L. Wonneberger P. Watson	Exodus 20:1-17 1Corinthians 1:18-25	B. McDonald P. Smith	M. Saltzman D. Smith	W. Bibens M. Gendreau
March 18, 2012	8:00 AM	H. Kropitis	F. Callahan	S. Callahan	Numbers 21:4-9 Ephesians 2:1-10	B. Kuhar E. Pasenelli	E. Luysterborghs	
4th Sunday in Lent	10:00 AM	K. Carriero G. Lucas	D. Smith D. Pinsince	B. Vanbrederode C. Franz	Numbers 21:4-9 Ephesians 2:1-10	R. Durazzo B. Eldridge	G. Burrows B. Bell	E. Durazzo M. Bibens
March 25, 2012	8:00 AM	L. Gustafson	S. Callahan	S. Mackenzie	Jeremiah 31:31-34 Hebrews 5:5-10	A. Fredericks D. Blanchet	A. Swanepoel	
5th Sunday in Lent	10:00 AM	D. Bibens E. Durazzo	J. Carter C. Riker	T. Osmun P. Mangels	Jeremiah 31:31-34 Hebrews 5:5-10	M. Ritz K. Pegnataro	L. Wonneberger M. Bucciarelli	C. Ritz A. Smith

APRIL 2012 WORSHIP SCHEDULE

DATE	SERVICE TIME	ACOLYTE	LAY MINISTER	LECTOR	READINGS	USHER	GREETER	CHILD CARE
April 1, 2012	8:00 AM	D. Gendreau	D. Warren	S. Callahan	Isaiah 50:4-9a Philippians 2:5-11	B. Kuhar D. Blanchet	A. Fredericks	
Palm Sunday								C. Ritz
	10:00 AM	W. Bibens W. Dixon	D. Smith J. Carter	L. Wonneberger P. Watson	Isaiah 50:4-9a Philippians 2:5-11	D. Bryson F. Hopkins	J. Bryson D. Pinsince	P. Bell
April 5, 2012								
Maundy Thursday	7:30 PM	M. Bibens	B. Lewis	R. Alsop D. Smith	Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14 1 Corinthians 11:23-26	P. Smith R. Durazzo		
April 8, 2012	8:00 AM	H. Kropitis C. Cunningham L. Gustafson	F. Callahan	K. Gammage	Acts 10:34-43 1 Corinthians 15:1-11	C. Bristol A. Fredericks	G. Bristol	
Easter Sunday								M. Bibens
	10:00 AM	M. Gendreau P. Bell K. Carriero G. Lucas J. Chiodo	D. Green S. Winters	C. Franz B. Eldridge	Acts 10:34-43 1 Corinthians 15:1-11	J. Carter B. McDonald	M. Saltzman D. Smith	E. Durazzo
April 15, 2012	8:00 AM	D. Gendreau	G. Bristol	S. Callahan	Acts 4:32-35 1 John 1:1-2:2	E. Pasenelli G. Bristol	E. Luysterborghs	
Second Sunday of Easter								M. Gendreau
	10:00 AM	E. Durazzo M. Bibens	C. Riker J. Pinsince	B. VanBrederode R. Alsop	Acts 4:32-35 1 John 1:1-2:2	B. Eldridge M. Ritz	G. Burrows L. Wonneberger	A. Smith
April 22, 2012	8:00 AM	H. Kropitis	S. Callahan	G. Bristol	Acts 3:12-19 1 John 3:1-7	P. Austin B. Kuhar	A. Swanepoel	
Third Sunday of Easter								W. Bibens
	10:00 AM	D. Bibens R. Fraleigh	D. Pinsince J. Carter	L. Wonneberger D. Smith	Acts 3:12-19 1 John 3:1-7	R. Durazzo P. Smith	B. Bell J. Shoop	C. Ritz
April 29, 2012	8:00AM	C. Cunningham	M. Schneider	K. Gammage	Acts 4:5-12 1 John 3:16-24	D. Blanchet B. Kuhar	S. Giambra	
Fourth Sunday of Easter								E. Durazzo
	10:00AM	J. Chiodo W. Dixon	D. Smith D. Green	P. Watson P. Mangels	Acts 4:5-12 1 John 3:16-24	P. Pegnataro F. Hopkins	C. Mahnken M. Bucciarelli	P. 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>
Evening Prayer Monday—Friday During Lent 6:00 p.m. In the Chapel				1 Morning Prayer 8:00 a.m. Chapel Choir Practice 7:00—8:30 p.m.	2	3
4 Lent 2 Holy Eucharist 8 a.m. Christian Form 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10 a.m.	5 Fellowship Group 7:00 p.m. Library	6 Bible Study 7:00 a.m. Rector's Office Youth Group 6—8:00 p.m. Taft Wing Vestry 7:00 p.m. Parish Hall	7 Holy Eucharist 12:00 noon Chapel	8 Morning Prayer 8:00 a.m. Chapel Outreach Dinner 5:00—7:00 p.m. Choir Practice 7:00—8:30 p.m.	9	10
11 Lent 3 Holy Eucharist 8 a.m. Christian Form 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10 a.m. Conf Class Noon-2p.m.	12 Disciple Group Evening Prayer 6 p.m. Meeting to follow	13 Bible Study 7:00 a.m. Rector's Office	14 Holy Eucharist 12:00 noon Chapel	15 Morning Prayer 8:00 a.m. Chapel Choir Practice 7:00—8:30 p.m.	16	17 Happy  St. Patrick's Day
18 Lent 4 Holy Eucharist 8 a.m. New Mem Class 9 a.m. Christian Form 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10 a.m. HomeFront Breakfast after both services	19	20 Bible Study 7:00 a.m. Rector's Office Youth Group 6—8:00 p.m. Taft Wing Vestry 7:00 p.m. Parish Hall	21 Holy Eucharist 12:00 noon Chapel Choir Practice 7:00—8:30 p.m.	22. Morning Prayer 8:00 a.m. Chapel	23	24 Manos Celebration Dinner 5:00 p.m. Parish Hall
25 Lent 5 Holy Eucharist 8 a.m. New Mem Class 9 a.m. Christian Form 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10 a.m.	26	27 Bible Study 7:00 a.m. Rector's Office Prayer Shawl 7:00 p.m. Church Library	28 Holy Eucharist 12:00 noon Chapel	29 Morning Prayer 8:00 a.m. Chapel Choir Practice 7:00—8:30 p.m.	30 Discipleship Group Retreat at Holy Cross Monastery	31 Discipleship Group Retreat at Holy Cross Monastery