

Epistle

July 2013

St. Peter's Church, Milford, CT

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Sunday Services

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist *no music*

10 a.m. Holy Eucharist *with music*

Childcare available

Coffee & Fellowship follows

Church School (Recess for the summer until September)

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Wednesday — Holy Eucharist & Healing

Thursday — Morning Prayer
8 a.m.

All weekday services held in the Chapel

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August Epistle

Please email your submissions for the next Epistle by July 19, 2013, to:

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St. Peter's Purpose

Sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ

Preparing Disciples

Caring for the Community

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St. Peter's Staff & Leadership

Ministers: The Congregation

Bishop: the Rt. Rev. Dr. Ian Douglas

Priest-in-charge: the Rev. Cynthia Knapp

Assisting Priest: the Rev. Angela Rowley

Parish Administrator: June Williams

Music Director: Stuart Duncan

Youth Minister: Karen Vital

Sexton: Bruce Rumford

Infant & Toddler Care Provider: Amanda Sayers

Senior Warden: Paul Mangels

Junior Warden: Diane Gendreau

Treasurer: Sharon MacKenzie

Clerk: Candace Franz

Summertime Faith

"Out of the mouths of children and infants thou hast brought perfect praise."

Matthew 21:16



Summer is a wonderful time to take vacations, slow down and enjoy life. School is out and many of the programs we participate in during the year take a break for the summer. This is true in the church too, but it doesn't mean we stop worshipping or stop spending time in scripture and in prayer in our lives on an individual basis. We also continue to have church services at the regular times and hope people will come to worship when they are in town. Last Sunday was

a wonderful celebration as we baptized four of the children from our parish. The children were such a joy and there was literally standing room only in the church. (Thank you Lord for air conditioning!) Our children are a wonderful gift, and faith comes so naturally to them. Children love to hear the Bible stories and they take to prayer like ducks to water. The concept of talking to God who loves them, watches over them, guides and directs them is easy for children to grasp. However it is important that we nourish and encourage this faith both by modeling this practice in our own lives (children watch and learn so much from our example) and by reading the Bible and praying with them. The extra time we have with them in the summer is a wonderful opportunity to read the children's Bible together (or regular Bible for older ones) to take time to teach them about the faith. We have a great collection of Christian books for children here at the church if you are looking for ideas for your own collection. The slower pace of life gives us that cherished time for conversations about faith that seem to be harder to come by in the fast pace of life during the program year. I know summer was a crucial time of faith development for my own children in part because they went to Christian camps where the counselors led them in Bible study every morning and told them about their own faith journeys. Living in a Christian community for two weeks that shared in their desire to grow in their faith and having fun together at the same time was an important part of their developing their faith on their own. (The girls went to Tapawingo and David went to Deerfoot Lodge- both Christian camps in the Adirondacks.) Families can also cultivate this environment of faith and fun but it takes an intentional effort of keeping faith and worship a part of the summertime experience. It is a gift to our children and a blessing to the adults as the Lord is kept central in our lives and we experience his blessings through walking with him. Enjoy the fullness of the gifts that summertime has to offer by allowing the Lord to draw you closer together as a family as he draws you each closer to him.

Have a blessed summer!

the Rev. Cynthia Knapp



July Birthdays

7/01 Faith Selmer
 7/03 Patrick Bell
 7/07 Kelly Gammage
 7/08 Karen Vital
 7/10 Conrad Green
 7/11 Joseph Meade III
 7/12 Amy Bowman
 7/14 Daniel Lucas
 7/15 Michelle Bibens
 7/15 Barbara Wolfe
 7/15 David Hulme
 7/17 Brady Maslar
 7/17 Karen Thomas
 7/18 Robert Palmatier
 7/19 Julia Carter
 7/21 Cindy Bucciarelli
 7/23 Luke Fowler
 7/23 Beverly Johnson
 7/23 Margery Mackendrick
 7/24 Lorraine Holloway
 7/25 Raymond Burrows
 7/25 Debra Garnett
 7/25 Christian Thompson
 7/26 Derek Sansone
 7/27 Michele Ritz
 7/28 Kyle Carriero
 7/30 David Maslar

July Anniversaries

7/04 Deirdre & Conrad Green
 7/06 Lydia & Tom Scott
 7/06 Katharine & Greg Simler
 7/09 Constance & Jeffrey Collis
 7/10 Leslie & John Carriero
 7/10 Jennifer & Patrick Fleming
 7/11 Cindy & Michael Bucciarelli
 7/12 Diane & Wayne Gendreau
 7/16 Angela & Kevin Swanepoel
 07/21 Michele & Jason Sansone
 7/22 Maureen & Daniel Lucas
 7/25 Lisa & Ron Jovanelly
 7/31 Lee & Bob Wonneberger

Condolences

To Doug Emmons and Carol Springsteen and their families on the death of their brother Raymond Emmons.

Report from the Treasurer: May 31 2013

Income year-to-date	\$102,454.19
Expenses year-to-date	(114,540.84)
Deficit	\$(12,080.11)

Our Income year-to-date from Pledge, Regular Support and Plate offering is only \$500 below our anticipated budget. This is a good sign of the continual support from within our Parish Family. However, the income is \$7,000 below budget. Our budget takes into consideration a projected income from the rental of the Rectory. Due to the rehabilitation work that needs to be done and is currently in process, we are not able to realize income from this source yet.

Should you have any questions in regards to the income or expenses, please contact me.

Sharon MacKenzie, Treasurer
smacknze@optonline.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 are a wonderful way to mark an event or a life, and help to support the ministry of St. Peter's parish. Flowers may be given in memory of a loved one, celebration of birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, births or any occasion that you would like to celebrate. The suggested offering is \$25 to cover the cost of the flowers, but any donation is accepted. *If you are interested, please contact the Church office.*

Coffee Hour

Caring for our Community - Coffee hour is a ministry by and for those who attend worship on Sunday mornings. 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.

July 7 - *Available*
 July 14 - *Available*
 July 21 - *Available*
 July 28 - *Available*

Congratulations

Welcome the newly baptized

Charlotte Grace Thompson daughter of Kelly and Christian Thompson.

Evelyn Lee Santoro daughter of Kathleen Murray and granddaughter of Nancy Brown.

Trent McAvoy Tummins and Shane Cashel Tummins sons of Cyndy and Scott Tummins,

Wedding Congratulations

To Jennifer Chiodo and David Hammond who were married on June 23rd!

Births

To Debbi and Paul Smith on the birth of their first grandchild, Colton Anthony Libretti, born on June 14th! Congratulations also to Aunt Allison and parents Michelle and Anthony!

Graduations



(We apologize for any missing congratulations that we were not made aware of)

College Graduates

Allison Field graduated summa cum laude from Southern Connecticut State University in May with a degree in English and certification in English Secondary Education.

Natalie Green graduated from the University of Bridgeport with a master's degree in Education.

Amanda Sayers graduated from Southern Connecticut State University with a bachelor of science (special education) and a bachelor of arts (liberal studies).

High School Graduates

Michael Ernesto Bibens graduated from West Haven High school and will be attending the University of Hartford.



Kyle John Carriero graduated from Joseph A. Foran High School. Kyle will attend Eastern Connecticut State University to pursue a degree in Secondary Education.

Drew and David DeRubeis graduated from Jonathan Law High School. Drew graduated as a member and past treasurer of the National Honor Society, and with distinction for serving over 200 hours of community service. Both boys were members of the Jonathan Law Key Club and Drew served as its President 2012-2013. The boys also served as Captains of the Varsity Baseball Team this year. David is attending Fitchburg State University in Fitchburg, Massachusetts where he will be majoring in Criminal Justice and pitching for the Fitchburg State Falcons baseball team. He aspires to work in law enforcement. Drew is attending Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) in Worcester, MA, and will be majoring in Mechanical Engineering. Drew will also play baseball for the WPI Engineers as a catcher.

Catherine Fraleigh graduated from Joseph A. Foran High School and plans to study Mortuary Science.

Dylan Swanepoel graduated from Amity High School. Dylan won the Excellence in Business Award and a PTSA Scholarship.

Middle/Elementary School Graduates

Steven Bell graduated from East Shore Middle School and will be attending Foran High School.

Jonathan Fraleigh graduated from East Shore Middle School and will be attending Foran High School.

Maeve Kiley graduated from Harborside Middle School and will be attending Foran High School

Aiden Kiley graduated from Calf Pen Elementary School and will be attending Harborside Middle School.

Isabela Meade graduated from Orchard Hills Elementary School and will be attending East Shore Middle School.

Macy Vital graduated from Orchard Hills Elementary School and will be attending East Shore Middle School.

Other Accomplishments

Claire Ritz, Grade 10, won a poetry contest sponsored by the Milford Young Women's Club for her poetry submission. This was a city wide contest for poetry and short stories. Claire wrote a poem called, "Fear Me, Sorry Hearts".



Kaya Vital received the Music Director's Award for the 2012-2013 season of the United Girls' Choir.

Macy Vital received the award for Outstanding Effort for the 2012-2013 season of The Elm City Girls' Choir.



Rectory Rehab Progress

St. Peter's is in the process of renovating the Rectory. The Building Committee has identified many issues that need to be addressed before it is put up for rent. The largest item is the kitchen, which has been completely gutted. The cabinets were removed along with several layers of flooring. The sheetrock was also removed to install new lights in the ceiling and new electrical outlets in the walls. This work will bring the kitchen electrical up to code. The plumbing in the kitchen is also being upgraded. New kick space heaters will be installed in the kitchen. New kitchen cabinets have also arrived.

Progress has also been made outside. Most of the gardens have been weeded and trees and bushes have been trimmed.

Many thanks to those who have completed the work thus far. There will be many more opportunities to join a team to complete the work that needs to be done after the electrical and plumbing work is completed. As work crews are needed there will be announcements and emails to allow you to join a team. As my Grandmother used to say, many hands make light work. Why not lend yours for a day?

Conrad Green, Coordinator of Rectory Renovations

Youth Group News

We would like to thank everyone for their support in our fund raising efforts for our trip to The Pittsburgh Project! Look for pictures and our story in the August Epistle!

Caring for your Children-Summer Care

St. Peter's is pleased to provide for the care of your children during the 10:00 a.m. service. Childcare is offered for infants and children through age 5 by a well-qualified and certified adult caregiver and assistant in the nursery on the second floor of the education building. An usher will be happy to assist you in locating this room. Our Church School which provides classes for ages 3 through 12 is recessing for the summer after June 9th and will begin again in September.

Our Sunday Church School programs are in recess for the summer. Classes will resume on September 8th.

Women's Conference – July 12-13

Beth Moore's women's conference will be held in Providence, RI on July 12-13. The women of St. Peter's have found Beth's Tuesday morning Bible studies to be powerful and enriching. Two programs have been offered to date – "The Book of Esther" and "Breaking Free". Beth is a woman of "purpose, preparation, prayer, and passion." She ministers to thousands of

women each year, and Travis Cottrell has served as worship leader at her conferences for over fifteen years. The Living Proof Live event in RI is designed to teach women to live on God's Word. Friday evening's program begins at 5:30 p.m. and runs until approximately 12:30 p.m. on Saturday. The cost of the conference is \$69.00 and hotel accommodations have been reserved. Please respond immediately as the deadline is here! Any women interested in attending the conference please contact Debbi Smith at [203-878-9188](tel:203-878-9188) or the church.

Save the Date: Saturday, August 24th - 6-8 p. m.

Join the parish family and friends for "Movie and Picnic on the Lawn," Featured will be "Tales of Narnia", a Christian-inspired fantasy the entire family will enjoy.

Bring lawn chairs or a blanket and have a fun evening out. The movie will start at "dark-thirty" (like the old days of the drive-in--minus cars and fogged windows!), with snacks and drinks available for a donation to benefit the steeple fund.

Salvation Army School Backpacks

Once again we have the opportunity to help Milford school children with their education by providing supplies for them. There has been a **change** in the procedure. We will gather supplies as listed on Trader Joe's bags and the Milford Salvation Army Service Unit will supply and organize the backpacks. A sign-up sheet is in the back of church. Please list your name and telephone number. When you return the bag, please sign the return column. You are encouraged to add a personal note of encouragement signed with a "gift from St Peter's church." We need the bags by July 14th or 21st. Many thanks for your "Caring for the Community".

Volunteer Training Begins

CT Hospice, Inc. training begins in October in Shelton. The course will inform and prepare prospective volunteers in all aspects of Hospice Care. Representatives from nursing, social work, and pastoral care departments of the CT Hospice will make presentations. Please contact Joan E. Cullen, Director of Volunteer Services at 203-315-7510 OR 1-800-8-HOSPICE ext. 510 OR email jcullen@hospice.com for more information.

Coffee Hour-Summer Venue

During the months of July and August, Coffee Hour will be a lighter fare. Coffee, juice and cookies! Please host a Sunday!

June 1, Christian Concert on St. Peter's Lawn

June 1st was an amazing evening of wonderful praise music on the front lawn of St. Peter's. Over 100 people stopped by over the course of the evening. Thank you Jay and Donna Pinsince and the Parish Life team for organizing the event. Food was donated by Napoli Deli, Cody White Funeral Home donated the tents, and parishioners donated desserts and flowers. Thank you to all the musicians who donated much time and creativity, the speakers who shared stories of their faith, along with everyone who attended and made the concert a fun and successful gathering. Donations were made to help fund the steeple repair. "Big Daddy and the Crusaders" were "Big Tom" Intellisano, The Elwoods, a local blues and rock band. St. Peter's parishioner Jay Pinsince and friends Bob Smith, Jay Barone, and singers Bob and Jane MacAlpine. Kevin Bell of St. Peter's praise band also participated playing guitar.

Lorrie Davies and Mark (her boyfriend) from "The Navels" performed. Mark usually plays the drums when playing with the band but is also a great guitar player!

Liane and Laura Knapp, and Dawn Williams and Jeremiah Taubl also participated. Dawn and Jeremiah will be travelling to Haiti with World Vision and are part of the group "Sound for Haiti" which brings music programs to Haiti.



Parish Picnic

We celebrated the end of our Church School year with a Parish Picnic on June 9th on the front lawn immediately following the 10:00 service. A special thanks to the Green's and the Durazzo's for cooking on the grill, and to everyone who brought a dish to share! There were games, crafts, and a bounce house for the kids!

We also had a cake to thank Paul Thoma for serving as our interim Music Director!

Sunday was also the Pirates treasure hunt in Milford, and some stopped by for a visit.



Preparing Disciples

Daily Devotionals & Prayerful Resources:

Text versions:

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>

The Bible in One Year by Nicky Gumbel - Scripture with a commentary and life application: www.htb.org.uk/bioy

For teenage girls:

<http://hisprincess.com>

For parents:

<http://BibleLifeCoaching.com>

Audio, Video, & other Resources:

Rick Warren's daily devotions from Saddleback: Daily Hope radio series at www.rickwarren.org

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>

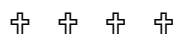
A new App called iPray has been released for the iPhone: the Book of Common Prayer. You can download iPray from the iTunes Store here: <http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/ipray-bcp/id431349318?mt=8&ign-mpt=uo%3D2>

Ministry of the Brothers of The Society of Saint John the Evangelist (many other resources): <http://www.ssje.org/word>

Books:

My Utmost for His Highest by Oswald Chambers

Jesus Calling by Sarah Young



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

JULY 2013 WORSHIP SCHEDULE

DATE	SERVICE TIME	ACOLYTE	LAY MINISTER	LECTOR	READINGS	USHER	GREETER	CHILD CARE
July 7, 2013	8:00 AM	C. Cunningham	S. Callahan	D. Warren	2 Kings 5:1-14 Galatians 6:(1-6)7-16	P. Austin B. Kuhar	G. Bristol	
7th Sunday after Pentecost	10:00 AM	G. Lucas	D. Smith C. Riker	P. Watson B. VanBrederode	2 Kings 5:1-14 Galatians 6:(1-6)7-16	B. Palmatier P. Smith	M. Saltzman G. Burrows	W. Dixon
July 14, 2013	8:00 AM	L. Gustafson	D. Warren	B. Gregory	Amos 7:7-17 Colossians 1:1-14	G. Bristol E. Pasenelli	A. Swanepoel	
8th Sunday after Pentecost	10:00 AM	S. Bell	J. Carter S. Winters	R. Allsop L. Wonneberger	Amos 7:7-17 Colossians 1:1-14	R. Durazzo K. Bell	D. Smith B. Bell	E. Durazzo
July 21, 2013	8:00 AM	H. Kropitis	F. Callahan	S. MacKenzie	Amos 8:1-12 Colossians 1:15-28	D. Blanchet W. Christiansen	S. Giambra	
9th Sunday after Pentecost	10:00 AM	J. Fraleigh	J. Pinsince D. Green	M. Palmatier D. Smith	Amos 8:1-12 Colossians 1:15-28	K. Pegnataro F. Hopkins	J. Shoop C. Mahnken	M. Gosset
July 28, 2013	8:00 AM	D. Gendreau	L. Roti	D. Blanchet	Hosea 1:2-10 Colossians 2:6-15, (16-19)	B. Kuhar C. Bristol	E. Luysterborghs	
10th Sunday after Pentecost	10:00 AM	M. Vital	C. Riker D. Smith	J. Bryson P. Mangels	Hosea 1:2-10 Colossians 2:6-15, (16-19)	D. Bryson B. McDonald	M. Saltzman S. Peck	C. Ritz

AUGUST 2013 WORSHIP SCHEDULE

DATE	SERVICE TIME	ACOLYTE	LAY MINISTER	LECTOR	READINGS	USHER	GREETER	CHILD CARE
August 4, 2013	8:00 AM	K. Bell	S. Callahan	R. Allsop	Hosea 11:1-11 Colossians 3:1-11	A. Fredericks D. Blanchet	S. Giambra	
11th Sunday after Pentecost	10:00 AM	W. Bibens	J. Carter S. Winters	C. Thompson J. Bryson	Hosea 11:1-11 Colossians 3:1-11	P. Smith B. Palmatier	J. Bryson M. Saltzman	P. Bell
August 11, 2013	8:00 AM	C. Cunningham	F. Callahan	S. Callahan	Isaiah 1:1, 10-20 Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16	W. Christiansen C. Bristol	G. Bristol	
12th Sunday after Pentecost	10:00 AM	M. Vital	J. Pinsince D. Green	P. Watson B. VanBrederode	Isaiah 1:1, 10-20 Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16	R. Durazzo K. Pignataro	D. Smith G. Burrows	W. Bibens
August 18, 2013	8:00 AM	L. Gustafson	D. Warren	B. Gregory	Isaiah 5:1-7 Hebrews 11:29-12:2	B. Kuhar E. Pasenelli	E. Luysterborghs	
13th Sunday after Pentecost	10:00 AM	R. Fraleigh	D. Smith C. Riker	L. Wonneberger M. Palmatier	Isaiah 5:1-7 Hebrews 11:29-12:2	F. Hopkins B. McDonald	J. Shoop C. Mahnken	M. Gosset
August 25, 2013	8:00 AM	H. Kropitis	G. Bristol	D. Warren	Jeremiah 1:4-10 Hebrews 12:18-29	P. Austin A. Fredericks	A. Sawnepoel	
14th Sunday after Pentecost	10:00 AM	W. Dixon	J. Carter S. Winter	D. Smith P. Mangels	Jeremiah 1:4-10 Hebrews 12:18-29	K. Bell P. Smith	B. Bell S. Peck	E. Durazzo





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	1	2	3 Noon Prayer 12:00 p.m.—Chapel	4 	5	6
7 Pentecost 7 Holy Eucharist 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10 a.m.	8	9 Bible Study 7:00 am. Library NO Executive Committee	10 Holy Eucharist & Healing 12:00 p.m.—Chapel	11 Morning Prayer 8 a.m Chapel Outreach Dinner 5:00 -7:00 p.m.	12	13
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28 Pentecost 10 Holy Eucharist 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10 a.m.	29	30 Bible Study 7:00 am. Library Prayer Shawl 7:00 p.m. Library	31 Noon Prayer 12:00 p.m.—Chapel		Cynthia Knapp will be away July 27—August 3.	June Williams, Administrative Assistant is away June 22—July 9.