

Epistle

October 2013

St. Peter's Church, Milford, CT

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Sunday Services

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist *no music*

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10 a.m. Holy Eucharist *with music*

Childcare available

Coffee & Fellowship follows

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10 a.m. Church School

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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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November Epistle

Please email your submissions for the next Epistle by October 21, 2013, to:

Stpetersmilford@sbcglobal.net

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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: Dr. Stuart Paul 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



The Body of Christ in Action

The neighborhood meetings we have been holding that will continue through October are turning out to be a wonderful opportunity for me to get to know you better and to see St. Peter's through your eyes. One couple spoke about St. Peter's having been an anchor in their lives over the years as they were raising their family. Now their daughter is grown with a child of her own and is seeing the newly

forming fellowship group for families with young children as well as the thriving Church School program providing an opportunity for St. Peter's to be an anchor for her as well. As more people are stepping forward and becoming involved we are able to develop ministries to meet emerging needs and to revitalize and grow those that already exist at St. Peter's. The more the parish becomes involved in the various ministries of the church the more effective St. Peter's will be in meeting the needs of the parish family and the community we serve. The vision of future possibilities for St. Peter's that is beginning to be articulated at the neighborhood meetings is exciting but it involves all of us being willing to be the hands and feet of Jesus. The best way to be assured of being blessed is to be a blessing to someone else. There are so many ways to do this at St. Peter's. There are opportunities to fit every schedule and every interest and skillset. We are holding a ministry fair on Sunday, November 3rd, in the Parish Hall after the 8:00 and 10:00 services, to introduce parishioners to the various ways to get involved and to invite you to participate. If you don't find what you are looking for please feel free to speak with me about getting it started! Imagine the possibilities if everyone in the parish were involved in a way that fit them! When we are ministering according to the Lord's will and his calling in our lives it doesn't drain us, it energizes us. There is nothing more exciting than being the instrument in the hand of the Living God, to be a blessing to others, and to change lives for good. It takes all of us working together to live into the fullness of the body of Christ at St. Peter's. Each ministry plays an important part whether it involves serving behind the scenes or on the front lines. As part of the leadership at St. Peter's, I invite you to join us in the journey of a lifetime and I can assure you that you will be blessed.

God Bless You!

The Rev. Cynthia Knapp



October Birthdays

10/04 Robert Eldridge
 10/09 Claire Ritz
 10/09 Katharine Simler
 10/13 Audrey Riker
 10/13 Nora Riker
 10/14 Ella Gianotti
 10/15 Corliss Emmons
 10/15 Peggie Watson
 10/15 Lee Wonneberger
 10/16 Edna Luysterborghs
 10/16 Sharon Callahan
 10/18 Laura Erlacher
 10/19 Deirdre Green
 10/22 Edna Pavlowski
 10/26 Tina Bibens
 10/26 Ron Jovanelly
 10/26 Gayanne Bristol
 10/28 Violet Austin
 10/28 Joseph Lang
 10/29 Richard Schock
 10/31 Beckett Casey
 10/31 Brogan Casey
 10/31 Emily Shoop

October Anniversaries

10/04 Judy & Joseph Giusti
 10/10 Jennifer & Patrick Fleming
 10/14 Alexis & Brendan Casey
 10/19 Barbara & Edward Wolfe
 10/20 Donna & Jay Pinsince
 10/24 Tina & Michael Bibens
 10/24 Kathy & Richard Schock
 10/28 Gayanne & Charlie Bristol

Report from the Treasurer:

August 31, 2013

Income year-to-date	\$173,324.19
Expenses year-to-date	<u>(187,662.60)</u>
Deficit	\$(14,338.41)

During the summer months our income normally drops off, but this year our income has remained strong. Our expenses have been less than anticipated. We have used cash reserves to cover the deficit.

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.

October 6 - Donna & Jay Pinsince
 October 13 - Choir
 October 20 - Debbi Smith & Jen Shoop
 October 27 - *Available*

Welcome the newly baptized

William Paul Spigener, son of Paul and Stephanie Spigener.

Giuliana Teresa Cretty, daughter of Michael and Kristen Cretty.

Christian One Liners

We're called to be witnesses, not lawyers or Judges.

Caring for your Children

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 3 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 information appears below.

Church School & Youth Ministry

Church School started on Sunday, September 8th for children ages 3-12 at 10 a.m. Children start out worshipping with their families and then go to classes with the teachers.

Youth Ministry will be meeting on the first and third Sunday of the month.

We have two age groups for our youth. Meetings are held as follows:

Junior Youth (grades 6 - 8) 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Senior Youth (grades 9 - 12) 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. The Junior and Senior groups will have dinner together at 5:00 p.m.

Spiritual Adult Ed Programs

September 10 – Morning Bible Study resumed on Tuesday mornings at 7:00 a.m.

September 10 - Women's Bible Study resumed on Tuesday, September 10th from 9:30-11:00 a.m. in Cynthia's office. A different topic will be studied each week using the Bible. It is for everyone - those new to studying the Bible as well as veterans!

September 11th – **The Alpha class** started on Wednesday evenings, in the Parish Hall. Meetings start with dinner at 6:30 p.m. and conclude at 9:00

p.m. Brochures about the Alpha program are available in the back of the church.

A Bible Study on the **Book of Acts** resumed on Thursday evenings, September 12th, at 6:30 p.m. and end at 8:00 p.m. Meetings will be held in Cynthia's office or the Parish Hall.

Email the church office at stpetersmilford@sbcglobal.net, or call the office at 203-874-8562 if you are interested in any of the programs.

Commissioning of Church School Teachers

On Sunday, September 8th, Church School Teachers were presented to be admitted to the ministry of Church School Teacher in this congregation:

Alexis Casey
Warner Dixon
Rebecca Fraleigh
Soledad Meade
Erin Pinsince
Michele Sansone
Kirsten Scillia
Allison Smith
Cyndy Tummins

Carolyn Chirico
Jennifer Fleming
Laura Knapp
Susan Peck
Sarah Roberto
Kathy Schock
Jennifer Shoop
Deb Soracco

Thank you for your service!

Manos de Dios #7 News

There's still time to join the Juarez mission team. This will be St. Peter's seventh trip to Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, to build a home for a in-need family. The trip has been scheduled for April 13-19, 2014. The next meeting for the Mission trip is Sunday, October 27th, at 11:30 a.m. in the Taft building. If you are thinking about going or are interested in helping with the fundraising or just want to find out more about this mission, come to the meeting. If anyone has any questions, please contact Dee or Conrad Green at deegreen@optonline.net or 203-874-0418 or Linda Roti at 203-878- 8910 or ldroti@sbcglobal.net. Come and see how 4 days in the desert can change your life.

Pie and Cheesecake Sale

It is time to make the pies or in this case **NOT** make the pies! Reduce holiday stress by ordering Thanksgiving desserts from Luigi's Bakery. Once again Juarez team members will be taking orders for delicious pies and cheesecakes baked by Luigi's Bakery. The usual fruit pies plus cannoli, tiramisu, and cheesecakes - plain or with toppings - will be available. Your pie order will arrive on November 26th, just in time for Thanksgiving Dinner. Orders will be taken until October 27th. All proceeds will go to help offset the costs of building a home for a needy family in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico.

Mission News

THE BETH-EL CENTER

"Trick or Trot" 5K Run or Walk Fundraiser for homelessness and hunger will take place in Milford on Saturday, October 26, 2013. The event begins at 9:00 a.m. at Lisman Landing and will continue on a scenic route through the back roads near Milford Harbor and Fort Trumbull Beach, ending back at Lisman Landing. Come dressed in a Halloween costume to add to the fun! The Youth Group will be participating, so if you cannot walk please support them generously. Anyone donating \$25 or more will get a T-shirt. Further information will be available shortly.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

In November we will be collecting supplies for Operation Christmas Child. Pamphlets that describe

the purpose of Operation Christmas Child can be found in the back of church. We currently have shoeboxes and washcloths. We need school supplies, hygiene items, and candy. If you purchase any items in bulk, please e-mail Brenda at brendat2@optonline.net to let her know what was purchased. Most of all PRAY for the child who will learn GOD's love and YOUR love for them. We will be assembling shoeboxes on Wednesday, November 14th, in the Parish Hall at 10:00 a.m. It will be a great morning of fun and fellowship, and those who wish could attend the Noonday Eucharist in the chapel to say special prayers for the children who will receive boxes.

The Tagless Tag Sale – A Demonstration of Grace:

We will be having a tagless tag sale at St. Peter's on November 15th and 16th. This is not a fundraiser. It is an opportunity to be a blessing to the community by helping to alleviate the financial stress of the Christmas season. Beginning Sunday, November 10th, please bring donations of giftable items (in the kind of condition that makes them a nice gift). Parishioners may "shop" and enjoy fellowship on Friday evening the 15th.

Tickets for Saturday will be distributed through parishioners, other churches in town, and organizations such as Beth-El. Tickets are to be given to those who would most benefit from an event like this. Please start thinking about what you have that you might donate, and feel free to spread the word to others who might like to bring donations. There will be a station for wrapping gifts (Save boxes and paper!) and a place for child care during shopping. We will have a sign-up sheet posted shortly in the Parish Hall for volunteers.

Share your Gifts of Ministry

On November 3rd, starting after the 8:00 service, St. Peter's will have a Mission and Ministry Fair. This is an opportunity for you to participate in the Worship service and find out about the many ways St. Peter's serves the community, takes care of our parishioners, maintains our grounds, and joins in fellowship.

As a parish, we cannot function without your help and participation. As 1 Corinthians says, the body is one unit, though it is made up of many parts. We all have special God-given gifts. You may enjoy reading, greeting, or helping others through ushering. You may wish to serve on the altar guild, if you love to knit or crochet, you could participate in the Prayer Shawl Ministry.

Please come and enjoy some coffee and snacks and find out where you are called to serve.

Rectory Renovation Update

Things are indeed moving along at the Rectory. The venting system for the stove vent has been installed, insulation in the kitchen has been installed, the plumbing rough-in work has been done, and sheetrock has been installed and taped in the kitchen.

Painting has begun, in the rest of the house, but there is a lot left to do. It is the painting that we could use your help with. In coming weeks emails will be sent out looking for volunteers. Based on the responses we get, we will open the house each Saturday at 9 am, or you may come later if you want. If you are available to paint on days other than Saturday, please contact Conrad Green at cagreen@optonline.net or by phone at 203-687-7648. This is a great opportunity to spend time with other parishioners in fellowship, and to make light work through the hands of many.

Respectfully, Conrad Green

Fall Neighborhood Meetings

In September and October "neighborhood" meetings have been/are scheduled so the parish can pull together as a community. We would like to gather information to have a better sense of who we are as the body of Christ at St. Peter's. We will be asking parishioners to respond, in discussion, to the following three questions:

- How has your journey brought you to St. Peter's and what has St. Peter's done for you?

- Where do you see the energy here and where do you see yourself plugging into it?
- What can you imagine (or hope to see) happening at St. Peter's going forward?

If you have not been scheduled for a meeting, or are a newer parishioner, please check with the parish office to be sure your membership status is up to date and to arrange to attend a meeting. The office phone number is 203-874-8562.

We are excited about the opportunity to engage in this process to get to know each other better and to better understand the hopes, needs, and gifts for ministry of the parish as a whole. It is a wonderful way to begin our 251st year celebrating our life together as the people of St. Peter's.

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!

OCTOBER 2013 WORSHIP SCHEDULE

DATE	SERVICE TIME	ACOLYTE	LAY MINISTER	LECTOR	READINGS	USHER	GREETER	CHILD CARE
October 6, 2013	8:00 AM	D. Gendreau	S. Callahan	K. Gammage	Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4 2 Timothy 1:1-14	B. Kuhar C. Bristol	S. Giambra	
20th Sunday after Pentecost	10:00 AM	M. Gendreau G. Lucas	J. Carter C. Riker	D. Smith C. Thompson	Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4 2 Timothy 1:1-14	K. Bell K. Pegnataro	B. Bell J. Shoop	M. Gosset
October 13, 2013	8:00 AM	K. Bell	D. Warren P. Fike	B. Gregory	Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 2 Timothy 2:8-15	E. Pasenelli P. Austin	E. Luysterborghs	
21st Sunday after Pentecost	10:00 AM	P. Bell M. Vital	S. Winters J. Pinsince	P. Watson B. VanBrederode	Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 2 Timothy 2:8-15	P. Smith B. Palmatier	M. Saltzman L. Kyle	C. Ritz
October 20, 2013	8:00 AM	J. Sargent	F. Callahan	S. MacKenzie	Jeremiah 31:27-34 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5	D. Emmons D. Johansen	C. Emmons	
22nd Sunday after Pentecost	10:00 AM	W. Dixon S. Bell	B. Lewis D. Green	C. Franz M. Palmatier	Jeremiah 31:27-34 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5	R. Durazzo B. McDonald	D. Smith G. Burrows	P. Bell
October 27, 2013	8:00 AM	L. Gustafson	G. Bristol	D. Warren	Joel 2:23-32 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18	W. Christiansen B. Kuhar	A. Swanepoel	
23rd Sunday after Pentecost	10:00 AM	E. Durazzo J. Fraleigh	D. Smith J. Carter	J. Bryson R. Allsop	Joel 2:23-32 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18	D. Bryson F. Hopkins	J. Bryson S. Peck	W. Bibens

NOVEMBER 2013 WORSHIP SCHEDULE

DATE	SERVICE TIME	ACOLYTE	LAY MINISTER	LECTOR	READINGS	USHER	GREETER	CHILD CARE
November 3, 2013	8:00 AM	H. Kropitis	S. Callahan	G. Bristol	Isaiah 1:10-18 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12	C. Bristol E. Pasenelli	E. Luysterborghs	
ALL SAINTS								W. Dixon
	10:00 AM	D. Bibens G. Lucas	C. Riker S. Winters	L. Wonneberger D. Smith	Isaiah 1:10-18 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12	K. Bell B. Palmatier	M. Saltzman G. Burrows	
November 10, 2013	8:00 AM	K. Bell	D. Warren	S. Callahan	Job 19:23-27a 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17	P. Austin D. Emmons	C. Emmons	
25th Sunday after Pentecost	10:00 AM	W. Bibens J. Fraleigh	J. Pinsince B. Lewis	C. Thompson J. Bryson	Job 19:23-27a 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17	K. Pegnataro D. Bryson	D. Smith L. Kiley	E. Durazzo
November 17, 2013	8:00 AM	D. Gendreau	P. Fike	K. Gammage	Isaiah 65:17-25 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13	W. Christiansen D. Johansen	S. Giambra	
26th Sunday after Pentecost	10:00 AM	E. Durazzo M. Vital	D. Green D. Smith	P. Watson B. VanBrederode	Isaiah 65:17-25 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13	P. Smith F. Hopkins	B. Bell J. Shoop	M. Gosset
November 24, 2013	8:00 AM	L. Gustafson	F. Callahan	B. Gregory	Jeremiah 23:1-6 Colossians 1:11-20	B. Kuhar G. Bristol	A. Swanepoel	
Last Sunday After Pentecost Christ The King	10:00 AM	R. Fraleigh S. Bell	J. Carter C. Riker	C. Franz M. Palmatier	Jeremiah 23:1-6 Colossians 1:11-20	B. McDonald R. Durazzo	C. Mahnken S. Peck	C. Ritz



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