



Epistle

February 2014

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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March Epistle

Please email your submissions for the next Epistle by February 17, 2014, 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: Dr. Stuart Paul Duncan

Youth Minister: Karen Vital

Sexton: Bruce Rumford

Infant & Toddler Care Provider: Amanda Sayers

Senior Warden: Paul Mangels

Junior Warden: Conrad Green

Treasurer: Sharon MacKenzie

Clerk: Candace Franz



In my early teens we lived a stone's throw from Lake Michigan outside Chicago. I often found myself drawn to the waterside regardless of the season. Like the ocean, the lake was much too vast to see across, but the beaches were much different from the sand and shells of the seashore. They were covered with rocks polished smooth by the waves; by years of being tumbled in the water, sand, and other rocks.

They were beautiful and each one unique; the colors and patterns enhanced and rough edges worn away through the natural polishing process. I can remember summer days when the wind was blowing up and the waves grew large, my friends and I (with that youthful sense of invincible immortality) would grab a large inner tube and rush down to the beach, all hanging onto the tube for dear life as we rode the waves. There were many times we would get pulled away from the tube by the strong undertow and tumbled along the rocky bottom struggling to come up for air. There have been many times in life when I have been facing challenges that made me feel like I was being tumbled along the rocks, struggling to come out of it and be able to breath freely again. When I'm in the middle of them I am more inclined to think of them as times that contribute to my gray hair and wrinkles than as a beauty treatment; but looking back, I can see how the Lord has used those times to smooth away my rough edges, to make me more understanding, more compassionate, more the person He has created me to be. I wonder if those challenging times, when we are trusting God through them and looking to Him to show us the way through, are God's hand polishing us, making us more beautiful, a better reflection of His presence within. (It doesn't mean that God sent them but that He uses them for good when we trust him through it.) Christian friends have helped me through those times, offering prayer and encouragement, and Spirit-filled perspective.

So often when we are experiencing challenges in life, it is tempting to hide away by ourselves until the difficulties pass. We don't want others to see our rough edges, our vulnerability, or know about our hardships. But the Lord has called us into community; to be together as the body of Christ. We are meant to bear one another's burdens, to offer each other love and encouragement, and to share the wisdom we have gained from walking with the Lord through our own challenges and from studying God's Word. We are meant to live out our faith journey in community so that we might help to polish one another's rough edges; turning those difficult times into times of spiritual fruitfulness. We encourage one another to go deeper in our relationship with the Lord and we are accountable to one another to live in faithful obedience to Him. Like the rocks on the beach, we are made all the more beautiful as the Lord works in us together than we ever could be if we were attempting the journey alone.

In the interest of growing together in our spiritual journey, we will be having House Church Bible Studies for the six weeks leading up to Holy Week—essentially a slightly extended Lenten study. We will meet in small groups in people's homes at a time that is convenient for each group that is formed to study together vignettes in Jesus' ministry leading up to the Resurrection and applying what we learn to our own lives. Please call or email the church office to sign up for a group or offer to host one in your home. Materials will be provided and the groups will begin the week of February 19th. It is my hope that everyone will participate in these groups, strengthening our community and deepening our walk with the Lord.

The Rev. Cynthia Knapp

Report from the Treasurer: December 31, 2013



Income year-to-date	\$267,586.57
Expenses year-to-date	(282,040.41)
Deficit	\$(14,453.84)

The year 2013 is now behind us. More detailed information can be found in the Parish Annual Report.

As we move into 2014, we again are facing a budget with an anticipated deficit of \$50,000.00. The Vestry reviews our finances every month. We have approximately \$13,500 in cash reserves.

Should you have any questions in regards to the finances, please contact me.

Sharon MacKenzie, Treasurer
smacknze@optonline.net

February Birthdays

02/01 Diane Gendreau
 02/04 Graham Carter
 02/11 Wayne Gendreau
 02/12 Kevin Swanepoel
 02/16 Jeff Carter
 02/17 Iris Love
 02/22 Sabrina Feliconio
 02/22 Samuel Feliconio
 02/23 Burvee Franz
 02/24 Maguire Casey
 02/25 Alice Fredericks
 02/25 Jay Pinsince
 02/25 Clifford Roti
 02/26 Maria Durazzo

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. The basket will be brought up during the offertory, recognizing that these are a part of our gifts being offered to the Lord.*

February Anniversaries

02/09 Barbara & Tyler Lewis
 02/21 Sharon & Larry Mackenzie

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, in 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.*

Condolences

To Beverly Gregory-on the death of her companion, Chuck Klein

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.

February 2 – Kathie Hebert & Brenda Thomason

February 9 – *Available*

February 16 – Iris Love, Nancy Lang & Kathleen Paglinco

February 23–Juarez Breakfast

Welcome the newly baptized

Grace Lee Soter, daughter of Kelly and Peter Soter.

Christian One Liners

Don't put a question mark where God put a period.

Caring for your Children

St. Peter's is pleased to provide for the care of your infants and children through age 3 by a well-qualified certified adult caregiver and an assistant in the nursery on the second floor of the education building during the 10:00 a.m. service. An usher will be happy to assist you in locating this room. 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 proceeds to classes with the teachers.

Youth Ministry is meeting on the first and third Sundays 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 have dinner together at 5:00 p.m.

Spiritual Adult Ed Programs

Morning Bible Study on Tuesday at 7:00 a.m. in the church library. On December 31st they will begin studying Job.

A Women's Bible Study is held on Tuesday mornings. The group started a study called "Jonah, an Interrupted Life" and meets from 9:30-11:00 a.m. in Cynthia's office.

The Alpha class meets on Wednesday evenings, in the Parish Hall. A new Alpha program began on January 22nd. If you are interested in learning more about the Alpha program, please contact the office. All are welcome.

Thursday night Bible Study will take a break during Lent. Last class will be on January 30.

Lenten Bible study

We will be doing a Lenten Bible study as a parish starting the week of February 19th (two weeks before Lent begins) and ending the week before Holy Week. The Bible study will be done in small groups in people's homes. Please call the office or sign up in the parish hall if you would like to host a group in your home and/or facilitate the discussion in a group. Group hosts can choose to meet at a time that works for them and people will sign up for a group that fits their schedule.

Below is the list of times and host homes we have to date. The list is in the parish hall. Come by and sign up or call the office to find out additional information. Space in groups is limited.

Sundays: Dee and Conrad Green at 2:00 p.m.

Monday: Jacquie Anglin-Dixon and Karen Vital are conducting the program via Skype for the youth.

Tuesday: Barbara Duchon at 6:30 p.m..

Wednesdays: Bonnie Neilson at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesdays: Helen and Ed Pasenelli at 4:00 p.m.

Saturdays: Donna and Pinsince at 10:30 a.m.

Annual Meeting

St. Peter's Annual meeting was held on Sunday, January 19, 2013, after the 10:00 service. Over 75 people attended. The Vestry hosted coffee hour, which was held prior to the meeting.

The new Vestry members who were voted in are: Jackie Anglin-Dixon, David DeRubeis and Richard Durazzo. Jay Pinsince will continue for one more year. We also welcome Conrad Green as the Junior Warden.

The main topic of conversation was the results of the neighborhood meetings that were held in the fall. There was also discussion concerning the repairs needed for St. Peter's 250th anniversary. Parishioners will be updated concerning the costs of the items on the "Wish List", which is posted at the end of the Epistle.

Manos de Dios #7 News

In December I found out that we did not receive a grant from the Episcopal Diocese of Connecticut. This left us with a \$7000 gap in our budget; the cost of the trip would be over \$900 per person taking the trip, out the reach of most of the people planning to go.

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29:11

These words spoke to me during the last vestry meeting. I knew I had to have faith and believe that God would provide. So I did and God answered. I received a call that the Juarez Mission trip had received an anonymous donation of \$5,000. This is truly a blessing because we were not sure how we would raise enough funds for the trip.

Thanks to everyone who attended the Manos de Dios pasta dinner and fundraiser. We were able to raise over \$2000 to help offset the costs to travel to Mexico and build a home for a needy family.

On Sunday, December 29th the following people committed to go to Ciudad Juarez, Mexico to build a home for a needy family: Beth Bell, Patrick Bell, Claus Brandes, Warner Dixon, Erica Durazzo, Rebecca Fraleigh, Dee Green, Natalie Green, Cathy Hebert, Rich Hebert, Mark Krumwiede, Shea Krumwiede, Linda Roti, Chandler Riker, Ana Schwartz, and Karen Vital.

Meet the Family



Meet Juan and Lourdes. They have four children; Jose (15), Gabriella (12), Edgar (8) and Michel (5). Juan supports the family by working as a street vendor, Lourdes is a stay at home mom. They are very

excited for your help in putting a decent roof over the heads of their family! Fr. Zuniga's parish is sponsoring Juan and Lourdes.

Save the Date

Please join us for a breakfast fundraiser for the Juarez mission to be held on February 23rd after the 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. services.

Souper Bowl

On Sunday, February 2nd, 140 million Americans will be watching the Super Bowl. At the same time, St. Peter's will be one of many churches around the United States collecting donations for those who are hungry and cold during this winter season. We will have **“Souper Bowls”** available for you to make contributions, as you are able, towards supporting Beth-El Center and Soup Kitchen for the homeless in our own community.

Vestry Retreat

The **Vestry Retreat** is Saturday, February 1, from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. The Vestry will be team-building and setting goals for this year in our parish.

Attention all Snowbirds

If you are an Usher, Greeter, Lector, LEM, or Acolyte, please be sure to either email or call Diane Gendreau or the office to let us know when you will be away so you are not put on the worship participant schedule.

The January and February schedules are in this Epistle. March 2014 will be in the works soon.

Call Diane at 203-874-8456, or E-mail her at dgendre1@optonline.net or call the Office at:

203-874-8562 or E-mail at stpetersmilford@sbcglobal.net

Office Coverage

June will be away from February 5 and returning to the office on February 25th. Amy Bowman will be covering the office during her absence.

Wish List

As we are looking forward to our “250” celebration, many of you have asked about things you could give to the church in memory of a loved one or simply as a gift. The following are some ideas. We will keep the parish notified as we receive estimates for the items listed. You may also contribute towards a project or gather a group to contribute or work on a project.

- Restoration of brass lectern and brass book stands for the altar (a total of \$1,500.00)
- Repair of organ chimes
- Re-covering the stained glass windows with clear protection
- Resealing and repointing of the brownstone of the church
- Upgrade of lighting in church and parish hall
- Sound system upgrade
- Repainting sanctuary and repairing cracks
- A pair of red Bible Markers to go with the set of red altar vestments (price approximately \$200.00 for the pair)
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- A new white Pall for use in chapel at Wednesday Eucharist (price \$84.00)



[To Know Where You're Going, Evaluate Where You Are](#)

by Rick Warren

“Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you.”Romans 12:3 (NIV)

The first and greatest barrier to change in any area of your life is pride.

The fact is nobody has it all together. I don't have it all together. You don't have it all together. The Pope doesn't have it all together. The Bible says there's nothing perfect on Earth except God's Word. Everything on this planet is broken because of sin

But we walk around trying to impress people and pretend like we've got it all together. The problem is, if you want to have lasting change in your life, you first have to humbly assess your current state and admit that you don't have it all together. You have to admit you have a problem with your finances, with your health, or whatever area you struggle with in your life.

Romans 12:3 says, *“Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you”*(NIV).

Are you willing to ask the people closest to you, “Where do I need to change?” Do you have the courage to ask other people to be honest about you and with you?

Why is this so important? Because you can only manage what you measure. If you don't know the measure of your faith, you can't grow in your faith. If you don't know the measure of your health, you can't develop and grow in health. If you don't know the measure of where you are financially, you can't set goals financially. If you don't know the measure of where you are spiritually or vocationally or relationally, then you can't grow in those areas. You can only manage what you measure.

It's also important to record your progress in any goal in a journal or a record or whatever you want to do. If you're going to set some health goals, financial goals, or any other kind of goal, record your progress throughout the year so you can measure your growth and your progress.

Evaluate where you are so that you can know where you should go.

Talk It Over

- Who are the people in your life with whom you can share openly and honestly?
- What areas of your life do you need to evaluate so that you can set realistic goals for change?
- What are some ways you can keep track of your growth and progress?

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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!

FEBRUARY 2014 WORSHIP SCHEDULE

DATE	SERVICE TIME	ACOLYTE	LAY MINISTER	LECTOR	READINGS	USHER	GREETER	CHILD CARE
February 2, 2014	8:00 AM	L. Gustafson	D. Warren	S. MacKenzie	Malachi 3:1-4 Hebrews 2:14-18	W. Christiansen D. Johansen	A. Fredericks	
Presentation of Jesus in the Temple	10:00 AM	R. Fraleigh P. Bell	D. Pinsince J. Pinsince	M. Palmatier C. Thompson	Malachi 3:1-4 Hebrews 2:14-18	R. Eldridge K. Bell	D. Smith G. Burrows	E. Durazzo
February 9, 2014	8:00 AM	H. Kropitis	P. Fike	D. Warren	Isaiah 58:1-9a, (9b-12) 1 Corinthians 2:1-12, (13-16)	B. Kuhar E. Pasenelli	E. Luysterborghs	
5th Sunday After The Epiphany	10:00 AM	M. Gendreau J. Fraleigh	S. Winters B. Lewis	D. Smith J. Bryson	Isaiah 58:1-9a, (9b-12) 1 Corinthians 2:1-12, (13-16)	K. Pegnataro D. Bryson	B. Bell J. Shoop	M. Gosset
February 16, 2014	8:00 AM	D. Gendreau	F. Callahan	S. Callahan	Deuteronomy 30:15-20 1 Corinthians 3:1-9	A. Fredericks W. Christiansen	A. Swanepoel	
6th Sunday After The Epiphany	10:00 AM	D. Bibens G. Lucas	D. Green D. Smith	P. Watson B. VanBrederode	Deuteronomy 30:15-20 1 Corinthians 3:1-9	F. Hopkins B. McDonald	C. Mahnken L. Kiley	W. Bibens
February 23, 2014	8:00 AM	K. Bell	S. Callahan	K. Gammage	Leviticus 19:1-2,9-18 1 Corinthians 3:10-11,16-23	D. Johnansen B. Kuhar	Volunteer Needed	
7th Sunday After The Epiphany	10:00 AM	E. Durazzo M. Vital	J. Carter C. Riker	C. Franz B. Eldridge	Leviticus 19:1-2,9-18 1 Corinthians 3:10-11,16-23	P. Smith R. Durazzo	M. Carter S. Peck	P. Bell

MARCH 2014 WORSHIP SCHEDULE

DATE	SERVICE TIME	ACOLYTE	LAY MINISTER	LECTOR	READINGS	USHER	GREETER	CHILD CARE
March 2, 2014	8:00 AM	J. Sargent	D. Warren	S. MacKenzie	Exodus 24:12-18 2 Peter 1:16-21	E. Pasenelli A. Fredericks	E. Luysterborghs	
Last Sunday After Epiphany	10:00 AM	W. Bibens S. Bell	D. Pinsince J. Pinsince	R. Allsop H. Lucas	Exodus 24:12-18 2 Peter 1:16-21	B. Palmatier K. Bell	B. Duchon M. Saltzman	W. Dixon
March 5, 2014	7:30 PM	W. Dixon	D. Smith F. Callahan	L. Roti P. Mangels	Isaiah 58:1-12 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10	P. Smith R. Durazzo		
March 9, 2014	8:00 AM	L. Gustafson	P. Fike	D. Warren	Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 Romans 5:12-19	W. Christiansen D. Johansen	A. Swanepoel	
First Sunday in Lent	10:00 AM	E. Durazzo M. Vital	S. Winters C. Riker	L. Wonneberger M. Palmatier	Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 Romans 5:12-19	K. Pegnataro F. Hopkins	M. Carter S. Peck	W. Bibens
March 16, 2014	8:00 AM	H. Kropitis	F. Callahan	S. Callahan	Genesis 12:1-4a Romans 4:1-5, 13-17	B. Kuhar E. Pasenelli	A. Fredericks	
Second Sunday in Lent	10:00 AM	R. Fraleigh D. Bibens	D. Green J. Carter	C. Thompson D. Smith	Genesis 12:1-4a Romans 4:1-5, 13-17	B. McDonald P. Smith	L. Kiley D. Smith	E. Durazzo
March 23, 2014	8:00 AM	D. Gendreau	S. Callahan	K. Gammage	Exodus 17:1-7 Romans 5:1-11	A. Fredericks W. Christiansen	E. Luysterborghs	
Third Sunday in Lent	10:00 AM	M. Gendreau G. Lucas	D. Smith B. Lewis	J. Bryson P. Watson	Exodus 17:1-7 Romans 5:1-11	D. Bryson R. Durazzo	C. Mahnken J. Shoop	P. Bell
March 30, 2014	8:00 AM	K. Bell	D. Warren	S. MacKenzie	1 Samuel 16:1-13 Ephesians 5:8-14	D. Johansen B. Kuhar	A. Swanepoel	
Fourth Sunday in Lent	10:00 AM	P. Bell J. Fraleigh	D. Pinsince J. Pinsince	R. Eldridge B. VanBrederode	1 Samuel 16:1-13 Ephesians 5:8-14	R. Eldridge K. Bell	B. Bell G. Burrows	M. Gosset



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