

The Epistle

September 2012

St. Peter's Church, Milford, CT

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Dear Friends in Christ,

As we come to end of the summer and head into the fall, I simply wanted to share with you one of my favorite passages of Scripture as well as a fairly new song that has a wonderful text. They reflect both my prayer for St. Peter's (borrowing Paul's prayer for the church at Ephesus 2,000 years ago) and my conviction that indeed "there is a hope" for all of us, especially in difficult circumstances. I trust both the prayer and the lyrics will be a continuing blessing to each and all of you.

"For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom his whole family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches He may strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen."

(Eph. 3:14-21)

There Is A Hope by Stuart Townend & Mark Edwards

"There is a hope that burns within my heart, That gives me strength for every passing day: A glimpse of glory now revealed in meager part, Yet drives all doubt away: I stand in Christ, with sins forgiven; And Christ in me, the hope of heaven! My highest calling and my deepest joy, To make His will my home."

"There is a hope that lifts my weary head, A consolation strong against despair, That when the world has plunged me in its deepest pit, I find the Saviour there! Through present sufferings, future's fear, He whispers 'courage' in my ear. For I am safe in everlasting arms, And they will lead me home."

"There is a hope that stands the test of time, That lifts my eyes beyond the beckoning grave, To see the matchless beauty of a day divine When I behold His face! When sufferings cease and sorrows die, And every longing satisfied. Then joy unspeakable will flood my soul, For I am truly home."

And, finally, to borrow St. Paul's words for a benediction: "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." (Rom. 15:1)

Blessings in Christ,

Fr. John Whitnah

Sunday Services

8 am Holy Eucharist *no music*

10 am Holy Eucharist *with music*

Childcare available

Coffee & Fellowship follows

Christian Formation –

Resumes Sunday, September 9, 2012

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Monday – Thursday Evening

Prayer 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday — Noon Prayer

Thursday — Morning Prayer

8 a.m.

All services held in the Chapel

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Please email your submissions

for the next Epistle by

September 17th 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

Supply Priest: the Rev. John
Whitnah

Musician/Choir Director: Nathan
Bontrager

Sexton: Bruce Rumford

Senior Warden: Paul Mangels

Junior Warden: Diane Gendreau

Treasurer: Sharon MacKenzie

Clerk: Candace Franz



September Birthdays

09/01 Paul Austin
 09/03 John O'Connell
 09/05 Richard Durazzo Jr.
 09/05 Thomas Scott
 09/05 Samuel Wilson
 09/05 Corinne Wist
 09/07 Leo O'Loughlin
 09/10 Erin Pinsince
 09/10 Charlotte Riker
 09/12 Judy Bryson
 09/12 Alan Keith
 09/12 Soledad Meade (daughter)
 09/12 Sherra Stewart-Rego
 09/14 Delia Vital
 09/15 Rowan Soracco
 09/16 Beth Jovanelly
 09/16 Kaya Vital
 09/19 Devin Soracco
 09/20 Dean Bibens Jr.
 09/22 Kate Pignataro
 09/23 Merna Carter
 09/23 Ramsey Scott
 09/24 Lillian Warrington
 09/25 Tino Dangelo
 09/27 Dean Bibens III
 09/27 Barbara Lewis
 09/28 Brenda Thomason
 09/30 Vivienne Fitzgerald
 09/30 Lawrence Mackenzie

September Anniversaries


09/05 Helen & John Kropitis
 09/06 Sherra Stewart Rego & Mark Rego
 09/11 Lucille & Nicholas Pyrch
 09/18 Maggie & Albert Faustini
 09/22 Kelly & Christian Thompson
 09/27 Lisa & Stephen Winters
 09/30 Kate & Frank Pignataro

REPORT FROM THE TREASURER – 7/31/2012

Income for the month \$21,097.57
 Expenses for the month (\$21,343.27)
 Monthly Deficit (\$ 245.70)

While our activities slow down during the summer months, the operating expenses of St. Peter's are ongoing.

You might find using our E-Giving program a helpful tool in making your donations in an automated way. You can schedule your contribution to take place or process on a date of your choosing.

Visit the  site located on our WEB site.

Should you have any questions in regards to our 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 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 following Sundays are available Sept 9, 23, and 30. *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 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.

September 2 – *Shirley, Joe and Nancy Lang and Kathy Paglinco*

September 9 – *Choir*

September 16 – *Jen Shoop and Deb Smith*

September 23 – *The Dixons*

September 30 - *Available*

We welcome the newly baptized: Gabriel Lawrence, son of Solandy and Jeffrey Forte.

Congratulations to Maggie and Albert Faustini on the birth of their son Carter Albert.

Music News

As many of you already know, or heard for the first time this last Sunday, I will be leaving Connecticut after September 9. I am moving to Cologne, Germany to begin a graduate program in Baroque cello. For many years I've hoped to spend some time living overseas before I turned 30 and with that milestone fast approaching and this opportunity to study it seems the right time to embark on this new path. To put fully into words how much St. Peter's and my experience here has meant to me would take many pages and would still be incomplete. You took a chance on choosing a music director with a non-traditional background and somewhat laughable keyboard skills in the hope of finding your way in the often confusing landscape of music in the church. I don't know who learned more in these three years, me or the parish, but it has been a beautiful experience to see so many parish members step out with their talents and to hear you, as a congregation, join together in joyous song. Beyond just music, however, you have become my family of faith as well as close friends. I have felt immense love and support from the entire parish and hope you feel those things returned to you from me. I understand the timing of my exit is not great with the general upheaval surrounding St. Peter's but I want to be sure you know that this is a goal I had set for myself long ago and any connection to events here is purely coincidental. I stand with the St. Peter's community and will continue to do so even from across the ocean. From my perspective, we worked hard these three years to understand church music in an invested and participatory way. If I can offer you any admonition or encouragement as I go it is simply this; that you continue to sing together being mindful of the content of the words you sing and the spirit of the music. Like Brian Wren has said, "music is praying twice."

Ciudad Juarez 6th build!

Planning for our sixth Manos de Dios home in Ciudad Juarez has begun! If you are interested in participating in this great experience please join us at the organizational meeting on September 23rd at noon in the Taft building. We will be discussing fundraising and giving an overview of the mission trip experience. 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.

Christian Formation

Christian Formation will begin on Sunday, September 9, at 10:00. The children will begin in the Church with a children's talk then proceed to the Taft building for lessons. Sunday morning classes are available for children in grades pre-K to five, and currently meet as a large group, and move from room to room doing activities such as music, crafts, and Bible stories/verses. This is a great opportunity for the older children to step up and help the little ones, and these lessons are some of our most successful! We have found that relationships were formed on a deeper level between all the children in this manner, and all children learned on their own level.

We have our steady teachers each Sunday to maintain consistency, but we are in need of volunteers to help on an occasional Sunday to assist in the classrooms. If you would like to help out, please contact Karen Vital, at karenvital@optimum.net.

Youth Group parent meeting will be September 16th after the 10:00 A.M. service.

Another date to Remember

There will be a celebration of Judy Piscitelli's life and work held by the Milford Fine Arts Council at the Firehouse Gallery in Devon – September 9 at 4 p.m.

Caring for the Community

MISSION for FALL

We are looking forward to a great fall after our summer break. We will continue with the monthly outreach dinners. If anyone would like to get involved with the outreach dinners, which consist of a three times a year commitment, please contact Deb Smith at 203-878-9188, or e-mail doras628@gmail.com

The mission committee will participate in the Walk for the Homeless in October, the Samaritan's Purse Shoe Boxes for children all over the world in November, and Carol's Giving Tree, named for our beloved parishioner, Carol Hoponick, in December.

250th Anniversary of St. Peter's Church

Don Warren is the Chairman of the team responsible for preparing for the 250th anniversary of St. Peter's. Our anniversary is January 11, 2014. If you have a story, experience, history of the church, photographs or anything you believe would be appropriate for the history of our church, please send them to Don Warren at stpeters.milford.250@gmail.com. A mailbox is set up in the hall of the Parish Hall, for your convenience. Please leave all information, pictures etc. Please leave your name with your information.

Harvest Now report

Have you noticed the garden in the back of our church? Steve Drotar and his wife Shelia have been tending the garden with the help of Maureen and Gavin Lucas, Rosemary Allsop and Paul Smith.

Almost four hundred pounds of produce has been donated so far. Most of it has come from out back. Steve and Shelia are moving to Killingworth to live in a 55+ community that is closer to their daughter. They are both retired and love gardening. They are container gardeners at their current home. They will have more room to garden at their new

home. They love St. Peter's and Andrew! They are looking forward to getting involved in their new community but will miss us.

Sharon MacKenzie

Sharon MacKenzie celebrated her 40th year with Milford Bank in August. Sharon began with the bank in 1972 as a teller. She worked as a teller for two years before moving to the lending department. Sharon became the second woman named an officer at The Milford Bank in 1979, and in the 1980's she became the Manager of Loan Servicing. In 1990, she graduated from Connecticut School of Finance and Banking. Sharon is currently Vice President and Manager of the Loan Servicing Department. *(From Highlights and Happenings)*



To Fulfill Your Destiny, Use Your Gifts

by Rick Warren

“Each of us, as a good manager of God’s different gifts, must use for the good of others the special gift he has received from God.” (1 Peter 4:10 TEV)

Do you know what God created you for? Do you know what your destiny is?

The first thing you must do to understand your destiny is to recognize the gifts God has given you to use. They include the things you can’t control: your parents, your nationality, your race, your first language. They also include your S.H.A.P.E.: your spiritual gifts, heart, abilities, personality, and experiences. These are the things that make you uniquely you.

Now, you are not responsible for the gifts God didn’t give you. In other words, if you are not artistically gifted, you are not expected to paint pictures like Rembrandt. But you are responsible for the ones he did give you.

When you get to Heaven, God isn’t going to compare you with anyone else, but he will compare you with yourself. What did you do with what you were given? What could you have done if you had trusted God a little bit more? Romans 14:12 says, “Each of us will give an account of ourselves to God” (NIV).

God has given you gifts for a purpose. And you have a responsibility to be a good steward of those gifts — not for selfish uses, but for the good of others. Your gifts are not for your benefit. God gave you gifts for the benefit of other people. Ask yourself, “What has God given me for good to use for good?”

Talk About It

If you haven’t already, take the time to learn your S.H.A.P.E. — your spiritual gifts, heart, abilities, personality, and experiences.

How has God uniquely gifted you?

Are there any gifts with which God has not gifted you but that you have mistakenly spent time pursuing

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!

SEPTEMBER 2012 WORSHIP SCHEDULE

DATE	SERVICE TIME	ACOLYTE	LAY MINISTER	LECTOR	READINGS	USHER	GREETER	CHILD CARE
September 2, 2012	8:00 AM	D. Gendreau	S. Callahan	K. Gammage	Song of Solomon 2:8-13 James 1:17-27	A. Fredericks D. Blanchet	E. Luysterborghs	
14th Sunday after Pentecost	10:00 AM	D. Bibens E. Durazzo	C. Riker D. Smith	D. Bryson P. Watson	Song of Solomon 2:8-13 James 1:17-27	F. Hopkins P. Smith	J. Bryson S. Peck	C. Ritz P. Bell
September 9, 2012	8:00 AM	L. Gustafson	G. Bristol	D. Blanchet	Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23 James 2:1-10, [11-13], 14-17	B. Kuhar C. Bristol	S. Giambra	
15th Sunday After Pentecost	10:00 AM	D. Bibens W. Bibens	S. Winters D. Green	B. VanBrederode C. Franz	Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23 James 2:1-10, [11-13], 14-17	K. Bell K. Pegnataro	M. Saltzman D. Smith	M. Bibens E. Durazzo
September 16, 2012	8:00 AM	H. Kropitis	F. Callahan	G. Bristol	Proverbs 1:20-33 James 3:1-12	P. Austin D. Emmons	C. Emmons	
16th Sunday after Pentecost	10:00 AM	K. Carriero R. Fraleigh	D. Pinsince J. Carter	R. Allsop D. Smith	Proverbs 1:20-33 James 3:1-12	J. Carter F. Hopkins	B. Burrows B. Bell	M. Gendreau A. Smith
September 23, 2012	8:00 AM	C. Cunningham	D. Warren	S. Callahan	Proverbs 31:10-31 James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a	G. Bristol E. Pasenelli	A. Swanepoel	
17th Sunday After Pentecost	10:00 AM	J. Chiodo G. Lucas	C. Riker D. Smith	J. Bryson L. Roti	Proverbs 31:10-31 James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a	D. Bryson B. McDonald	J. Shoop C. Mahnken	W. Bibens C. Ritz
September 30, 2012	8:00 AM	D. Gendreau	S. Callahan	K. Gammage	Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22 James 5:13-20	C. Bristol A. Fredericks	G. Bristol	
18th Sunday after Pentecost	10:00 AM	M. Gendreau	S. Winters	P. Watson	Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22	R. Durazzo	M. Bucciarelli	E. Durazzo P. Bell

OCTOBER 2012 WORSHIP SCHEDULE

DATE	SERVICE TIME	ACOLYTE	LAY MINISTER	LECTOR	READINGS	USHER	GREETER	CHILD CARE
October 7, 2012	8:00 AM	L. Gustafson	G. Bristol	D. Blanchet	Job 1:1; 2:1-10 Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12	B. Kuhar C. Bristol	A. Fredericks	
19th Sunday after Pentecost	10:00 AM	M. Bibens P. Bell	J. Pinsince B. Lewis	C. Franz R. Allsop	Job 1:1; 2:1-10 Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12	R. Durazzo P. Smith	M. Saltzman D. Smith	A. Smith E. Durazzo
October 14, 2012	8:00 AM	H. Kropitis	F. Callahan	B. Gregory	Job 23:1-9, 16-17 Hebrews 4:12-16	E. Pasenelli P. Austin	S. Giambra	
20th Sunday After Pentecost	10:00 AM	W. Bibens K. Carriero	D. Green D. Smith	J. Bryson P. Watson	Job 23:1-9, 16-17 Hebrews 4:12-16	D. Bryson K. Bell	G. Burrows B. Bell	C. Ritz P. Bell
October 21, 2012	8:00 AM	C. Cunningham	D. Warren	S. Callahan	Job 38:1-7, (34-41) Hebrews 5:1-10	D. Emmons G. Bristol	C. Emmons	
21st Sunday after Pentecost	10:00 AM	E. Durazzo R. Fraleigh	J. Carter C. Riker	D. Smith D. Bryson	Job 38:1-7, (34-41) Hebrews 5:1-10	J. Carter K. Pegnataro	J. Shoop C. Mahnken	W. Bibens M. Gendreau
October 28, 2012	8:00 AM	D. Gendreau	S. Callahan	G. Bristol	Job 42:1-6, 10-17 Hebrews 7:23-28	A. Fredericks D. Blanchet	A. Swanepoel	
22nd Sunday After Pentecost	10:00 AM	W. Dixon G. Lucas	S. Winters J. Pinsince	L. Roti B. VanBrederode	Job 42:1-6, 10-17 Hebrews 7:23-28	F. Hopkins B. McDonald	M. Bucciarelli S. Peck	E. Durazzo M. Bibens



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<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
	Evening Prayer Monday-Thursday 6 pm in Chapel					1
2 Pentecost 14 Holy Eucharist 8 am Holy Eucharist 10 am	3 Labor Day Office Closed on Mondays	4 Bible Study 7:00 am Rector's Office Executive Committee 7:00 pm Rector's Office	5 Noon Prayer 12:00 pm Chapel Bible Study 7-8:30 pm Library	6 Morning Prayer 8am Chapel Choir Practice 7-8:30 Taft Building	7	8
9 Pentecost 15 Holy Eucharist 8 am Holy Eucharist 10 am Christian Form. 10 am	10 Fellowship Group 7-8:30 pm Library	11 Bible Study 7:00 am Rector's Office	12 Noon Prayer 12:00 pm Chapel Bible Study 7-8:30 pm Library	13 Morning Prayer 8am Chapel Outreach Dinner 5-7 pm Parish Hall Choir Practice 7-8:30 Taft Building	14	15
16 Pentecost 16 Holy Eucharist 8 am Holy Eucharist 10 am Christian Form. 10 am Youth Group Parent meeting 11:30 am	17 Epistle Submission Deadline	18 Bible Study 7:00 am Rector's Office	19 Noon Prayer 12:00 pm Chapel Bible Study 7-8:30 pm Library	20 Morning Prayer 8am Chapel Choir Practice 7-8:30 Taft Building	21	22
23 Pentecost 17 Holy Eucharist 8 am Holy Eucharist and Baptism 10 am Christian Form. 10 am Juarez Meeting Noon	24	25 Bible Study 7:00 am Rector's Office Prayer Shawl 7 pm Library	26 Noon Prayer 12:00 pm Chapel Bible Study 7-8:30 pm Library	27 Morning Prayer 8am Chapel Choir Practice 7-8:30 Taft Building	28	29
30 Pentecost 18 Holy Eucharist 8 am Holy Eucharist 10 am Christian Form. 10 am						