

The Epistle

June 2012

St. Peter's Church, Milford, CT

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The View for June 2012



At the bottom of this letter, you will find a picture taken at the recent Vestry Meeting. Jennifer Chiodo had worked on the Spiritual Formation part of the evening and set up three stations for prayers. While not identical, they each had a dish with a candle – and some tapers that the individuals could light. In the midst of a liturgy Jennifer created, we listened to music, heard a reading, a reflection, and then had an opportunity to go forward and pray on our own, or go and be prayed for by others. All the praying was silent. At the end,

we went back to our seats, and concluded with prayer in common. It was wonderful for me – and a bit unusual to be prayed for, as well as to pray for others.

We, as a community, must acknowledge that we have been roughed up. We have been bruised. We have been introduced to trauma, not of our own making. This is not what caused us to come to St. Peter's – rather it leaves us wanting distance from the pain, the anger, the guilt and the uncertainty. We are forced to strip away the nice appearances of religion and get to the deeper truths of life.

In *The Prophet* by Khalil Gibran, we read:

When love beckons to you, follow him,

Though his ways are hard and steep.

And when his wings enfold you, yield to him,

Though the sword hidden among his pinions wound you.

And when he speaks to you believe in him,

Though his voice may shatter your dreams as the north wind lays waste the garden.

We really don't know what others in the Spiritual Formation that Tuesday were thinking or feeling. Some of us may find Khalil Gibran's words very accurate – some not. I do.

No matter, before us was light, candlelight. In that light was the reminder that the 'light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.' John 1:5. This, sisters and brothers, cannot be forgotten. Let your light shine..... I will pray for you – pray for us.

Have a great summer – see you around – or in September.

Andrew



Sunday Services

8 am Holy Eucharist *no music*

10 am Holy Eucharist *with music*

Childcare available

Coffee & Fellowship follows

10 am Christian Formation
(June 3 only, then recess for
the summer until September)

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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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July Epistle

Please email your submissions
for the next Epistle by June 15
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

Christian Formation Director:
Karen Vital

Sexton: Bruce Rumford

Senior Warden: Paul Mangels

Junior Warden: Diane Gendreau

Treasurer: Sharon MacKenzie

Clerk: Candace Franz



June Birthdays

06/02 Robert Kuhar
 06/03 Linda Gustafson
 06/04 Leslie Carriero
 06/05 Dan Blanchet
 06/06 Katie Chirico
 06/06 Sherri Giambra
 06/06 Joyce Hebert
 06/06 Kelsey Simler
 06/07 Sylvia Franz
 06/08 Maureen Lucas
 06/08 Paul Izzo
 06/09 Molly Simler
 06/12 Gary Johnson
 06/13 Natalie Green
 06/14 Joseph Giusti
 06/16 Brian Chirico
 06/19 Kevin Bell
 06/21 Beth Bell
 06/22 Cewan Swanepoel
 06/23 Rosemary Allsop
 06/26 Esther Wilson
 06/26 Jordan Wilson
 06/27 Bob Fraleigh
 06/27 Henry Lucas
 06/28 Debbi Smith
 06/30 Lydia Scott

June Anniversaries

06/01 Ingrid & Kelvin Dally
 06/01 Edna & Hank Pavlowski
 06/02 Carolyn & Brian Chirico
 06/03 Judy & Dave Bryson
 06/04 Michelle & Dean Bibens
 Jr.
 06/14 Debbi & Paul Smith

Report from the Treasurer: April 30, 2012

Income Year-to-Date	\$99,107.67
Expenses Year-to-Date	<u>86,055.74)</u>
Current Surplus	\$13,051.93

Our overall income is in line with our 2012 Budget. A reduction in operating expenses has occurred as a result of no hired staff in the office at this time.

Thanks to all for your continual support to our Parish.

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 first Sunday (June 3) and the second Sunday (June 10) are 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.

June 3 – Beth-El Breakfast
 June 10 – Church Picnic
 June 17 – Joyce & Kathie Hebert
 June 24 – *Available*

Confirmation – Sunday, May 6



Youth Candidates for Confirmation and Mentor:

Rebecca Morgan Fraleigh	Debbi Smith
Dylan Tucker Thomas Swanepoel	Ernie Krajcik
Kyle John Carriero	Bill Watkins
Patrick Charles Bell	Paul Smith
Erica Ann Durazzo	Candace Franz
Claire Simone Ritz	Katherine Greenhalgh
Whitney Viera Bibens	Linda Roti
Michael Ernesto Bibens	Paul Mangels
Michael Roberts Gendreau	Steve Winters

Adult Candidates for Confirmation and Presenter:

Lawrence MacKenzie	Andrew Osmun
Conrad Green	Matthew Schneider

For Renewal of Baptismal Vows:

Paul Thoma
 Deirdre Green
 Brenda Thomason
 Kathy Schock
 Mary Beth Saltzman
 Barbara Lewis
 Paul Mangels
 Candace Franz
 Jennifer Chiodo

Thank you to the Youth Confirmation Class Leaders:

Karen Vital, Barbara Lewis, Matthew Schneider, Angela Rowley, Andrew Osmun.

Thank you to parents who have supported the youth through this process with lots of chauffeuring to meetings, assisting with homework and arranging their schedules. Thank you to the Mentors who have journeyed faithfully with these young people. Thank you for all the Worship participants and also to the Vestry for hosting a special Coffee/Luncheon.



Do you know?



No one has acknowledged leaving the picture above in the collection basket. Please let us know who this is. We would love to know!

You can contact the office, or contact Don Warren, the 250th anniversary Chair at stpeters.milford.250@gmail.com.

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, and we have begun the process of preparing for our anniversary and need your help. We are writing a history of St. Peter's and would like your contributions. 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.

Matthew Schneider

Matt's final Sunday at St. Peter's was Sunday, May 20. Matt has accepted a call to become the Assistant Rector of Prince George Winyah Episcopal Church in Georgetown, South Carolina, and they will be moving down there in June. Matt

will be ordained a Transitional Deacon on Saturday, June 2, at the 11 a.m. service at All Saints Episcopal Church in Chevy Chase, MD, which is in the Washington, DC area. Everyone is invited to attend.

We thank Matt for his service to St. Peter's. We will miss you, Hawley and Eden!

If you would like to contact Matt, his new Email address is: matthew.curtis.schneider@gmail.com

Morning, Noon & Evening Prayer

Morning Prayer is Thursday mornings at 8:00 a.m. Linda Roti is leading prayer.

Wednesday Noon Prayer at noon.

Evening Prayer is Monday – Thursday at 6:00 p.m. Currently, Paul Mangels, Deirdre Green and Steve Winters are leading the service.

You are invited to attend all or any of these services. All services are held in the Chapel.

Graduations & Congratulations!

May and June are the months for graduations. In the July Epistle, we are planning to celebrate all of our St. Peter's graduates and recognize other academic achievements. If you would like to include yourself or a loved one, please submit your information, before June 8, – name, graduating from, will be attending, etc. photos welcome! Please send to Mary Beth Saltzman at miacozza@bswlaw.com.

Attention Worship Participants

Is it Vacation time ALREADY!?! -

If you are going to be away, please be sure to let Diane know by emailing her at dgendrel@optonline.net or by calling (203)988-3936

The June and July schedules are included in this Epistle- so if you are going away in August - please let Diane know

Congratulations!

To Gavin Lucas. Gavin placed third in the New Haven Science Fair with his project titled **Charged Up Produce**, which looked at the relationship between potassium content of fruits and vegetables and the electrical charge they generate. He also has been nominated to join Yale's Pathways to Science Program for 6th to 12th graders. Gavin is a 6th grade student in Engineering at the Science University Magnet School.

West Constantinople Squeezebox All-Stars



On Sunday, May 20, Nathan Bontrager presented a short recital of works for baroque cello at St. Peter's. He played Ricercare No. 7 in D minor by Gabrielli, and Suite No. 5 in C minor by Bach. Nathan was then joined by the other members of the West Constantinople Squeezebox All-Stars for a set of "Jewish Baroque" music. Christina Crowder played the accordion and Brian Slattery played the violin. It was a "not-to-be-missed" recital!

Choir

The choir is off for the summer and will resume practice and singing on Sundays in the beginning of September. We look forward to new members and hope you will consider joining us! Talk to a choir member or Nathan for more information.

Let's Make Life Easier!

The Rev. John Whitnah will be joining us during Andrew's leave of absence. Let's help him get to know who we are by wearing our Name Tags! They are filed in the narthex. If you don't find one with your name on it, ask the greeters to make one up for you on the spot. A permanent name tag will be made to replace it and then filed.

That will also help those of us who have been at St. Peter's a while get to know those of you who are new to our family!

Christian Formation

On June 10, we will be having a parish picnic and end of year party on the front lawn of the church. The children will also be singing at the 10:00 service. Please plan to be there on that day!

June 10th will be Karen Vital's last day at St. Peter's as Director of Christian Formation, as she and her children will be moving back to her hometown of Binghamton, NY.

Last day of Christian Formation is Sunday, June 3.

Homefront – Mission at Home

On Saturday May 5, 24 enthusiastic volunteers from St Peter's had the privilege of doing work for Marilyn to repair extensive water damage to floors and ceilings. It was great to help such a deserving mother, and we had a wonderful day of hard work and fellowship doing God's will and "Caring for the Community". Thanks to the volunteers and the congregation for your prayers and financial support. Homefront had 75 projects that day. Since it began, it has improved quality of life for over 2,400 families.



Annual Bountiful Breakfast for Beth-El

Sunday, June 3rd, bring your appetites, your family and friends to eat and worship with us as we support Beth-El with a great breakfast. Adults \$7, children under 12 \$4

Harvest Now

To the people of this parish that grow home gardens we need your help. The churches along with (HARVEST NOW) are asking you to grow 10 to 15% more. The extra vegetables that you grow will be given to the local charities. Behind the back parking lot you will see that the church has a garden. All the vegetables will be donated to the needy. As your vegetables ripen, gather them, and we will take them to the local food bank, homeless shelter, senior center, etc. For more information, call Steve Drotar at 203-283-4549. Thank you for your support.

The Mission and Outreach Committee invites you to Save a Child!

Join us in the fight against malaria and double your impact! Nets for Life empowers communities to eliminate malaria by providing life-saving prevention training and long-lasting insecticide-treated nets. Starting with NetsforLife®, the Inspiration Fund campaign will empower local Episcopal communities to help shape a better world. To donate through St. Peter's designate "Nets" on your check. For cash, use a "pew envelope" with "Nets" on the outside of the envelope. You can also donate directly on their website: <http://www.inspirationfund.org/inspiration-fund>

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!



LEAD LIKE JESUS
INSPIRED *Devotional*

Life is full of paradoxes for Christ-followers: serve to lead, the last are first, the least is the greatest, die to live, and lose to save. What do you stand to lose today by denying yourself and following Jesus? What do you stand to lose by serving others and exalting God instead of yourself? What do you stand to gain?

Then he said to them all: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it."--Luke 9:23-24

Prayer

Lord Jesus, today, help me to keep my eyes on You, my heart tuned to Your Spirit, and to walk in simple obedience. Let me filter all of life through the command to love God and love others. Today I want to lose my life so that I can truly live. In Your name I pray, Amen.

JUNE 2012 WORSHIP SCHEDULE

DATE	SERVICE TIME	ACOLYTE	LAY MINISTER	LECTOR	READINGS	USHER	GREETER	CHILD CARE
June 3, 2012	8:00 AM	D. Gendreau	F. Callahan	G. Bristol	Isaiah 6:1-8 Romans 8:12-17	C. Bristol E. Pasenelli	S. Giambra	
Trinity Sunday	10:00 AM	J. Chiodo G. Lucas	C. Riker B. Lewis	B. Eldridge R. Allsop	Isaiah 6:1-8 Romans 8:12-17	K. Bell F. Hopkins	L. Wonneberger D. Pinsince	C. Ritz P. Bell
June 10, 2012	8:00 AM	L. Gustafson	G. Bristol	S. Callahan	1 Samuel 8:4-11,(12-15),16-20(11:14-15) 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1	P. Austin D. Emmons	C. Emmons	
2nd Sunday after Pentecost	10:00 AM	E. Durazzo W. Dixon	J. Pinsince D. Green	D. Smith L. Wonneberger	1 Samuel 8:4-11,(12-15),16-20(11:14-15) 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1	P. Smith K. Pegnataro	D. Pinsince M. Bucciarelli	W. Bibens M. Gendreau
June 17, 2012	8:00 AM	C. Cunningham	S. Callahan	K. Gammage	1 Samuel 15:34-16:13 2 Corinthians 5:6-10,(11-13), 14-17	G. Bristol A. Fredericks	G. Bristol	
3rd Sunday after Pentecost	10:00 AM	W. Bibens R. Fraleigh	S. Winters D. Pinsince	P. Watson B. VanBrederode	1 Samuel 15:34-16:13 2 Corinthians 5:6-10,(11-13), 14-17	R. Durazzo B. McDonald	D. Smith S. Peck	E. Durazzo M. Bibens
June 24, 2012	8:00 AM	H. Kropitis	D. Warren	G. Bristol	1 Samuel 17:(1a,4-11,19-23), 32-49 2 Corinthians 6:1-13	D. Blanchet B. Kuhar	A. Swanepoel	
4th Sunday after Pentecost	10:00 AM	D. Bibens M. Gendreau	D. Smith J. Carter	J. Bryson L. Róti	1 Samuel 17:(1a,4-11,19-23), 32-49 2 Corinthians 6:1-13	J. Carter D. Bryson	M. Saltzman J. Bryson	C. Ritz A. Smith

JULY 2012 WORSHIP SCHEDULE

DATE	SERVICE TIME	ACOLYTE	LAY MINISTER	LECTOR	READINGS	USHER	GREETER	CHILD CARE
July 1, 2012	8:00 AM	D. Gendreau	F. Callahan	K. Gammage	2 Corinthians 8:7-15	C. Bristol P. Austin	A. Fredericks	
5th Sunday after Pentecost	10:00 AM	M. Bibens	J. Pinsince S. Winters	D. Smith	2 Corinthians 8:7-15	R. Eldridge K. Bell	B. Bell G. Burrows	C. Ritz P. Bell
July 8, 2012	8:00 AM	L. Gustafson	G. Bristol	S. Callahan	2 Corinthians 12:2-10	E. Pasenelli D. Emmons	C. Emmons	
6th Sunday After Pentecost	10:00 AM	W. Bibens	D. Green D. Smith	L. Wonneberger	2 Corinthians 12:2-10	K. Pegnataro D. Bryson	J. Shoop J. Bryson	M. Bibens E. Durazzo
July 15, 2012	8:00 AM	C. Cunningham	S. Callahan	D. Blanchet	Ephesians 1:3-14	A. Fredericks D. Blanchet	E. Luysterborghs	
7th Sunday after Pentecost	10:00 AM	K. Carriero	J. Carter D. Pinsince	P. Watson	Ephesians 1:3-14	F. Hopkins J. Carter	S. Peck D. Smith	M. Gendreau A. Smith
July 22, 2012	8:00 AM	H. Kropitis	D. Warren	P. Mangels	Ephesians 2:11-22	G. Bristol B. Kuhar	S. Giambra	
8th Sunday After Pentecost	10:00 AM	G. Lucas	C. Riker S. Winters	B. VanBrederode	Ephesians 2:11-22	B. McDonald P. Smith	L. Wonneberger M. Bucciarelli	W. Bibens C. Ritz
July 29, 2012	8:00 AM	D. Bibens	L. Roti	G. Bristol	Ephesians 3:14-21	C. Bristol E. Pasanelli	G. Bristol	
9th Sunday after Pentecost	10:00 AM	R. Fraleigh	D. Green D. Smith	R. Allsop	Ephesians 3:14-21	R. Durazzo R. Eldridge	M. Saltzman C. Mahnken	E. Durazzo P. Bell




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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 6:00 p.m. Chapel Monday—Thursday					1	2
3 Trinity Sunday Holy Eucharist 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10 a.m. Christian Form 10 a.m. Beth-El Breakfast after both Services	4 Fellowship Group 7:00—8:30 p.m. Library	5 Bible Study 7:00 am. Rector's Office Executive Committee 7:00 p.m. Rector's Office	6 Noonday Prayer 12:00 p.m. Chapel Bible Study 7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m. Library	7 Morning Prayer 8 a.m. Choir Practice 7 p.m.—8:30 p.m.	8	9
10 Pentecost 2 Holy Eucharist 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10 a.m. Church Picnic after 10 a.m. Service	11	12 Bible Study 7:00 am. Rector's Office	13 Noonday Prayer 12:00 p.m. Chapel Bible Study 7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m. Library	14 Morning Prayer 8 a.m. NO Choir Practice Outreach Dinner 5-7 p.m.	15 	16
17 Pentecost 3 Holy Eucharist 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10 a.m.	18	19 Bible Study 7:00 am. Rector's Office Vestry Meeting 7:00 p.m.	20 Noonday Prayer 12:00 p.m. Chapel Bible Study 7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m. Library	21 Morning Prayer 8 a.m. NO Choir Practice	22	23
24 Pentecost 4 Holy Eucharist 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist & Baptisms 10 a.m.	25	26 Bible Study 7:00 am. Rector's Office Prayer Shawl 7:00 p.m. Church Library	27 Noonday Prayer 12:00 p.m. Chapel Bible Study 7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m. Library	28 Morning Prayer 8 a.m. NO Choir Practice	29	30