

# **Epistle**

May 2013

#### St. Peter's Church, Milford, CT

email: stpetersmilford@sbcglobal.net web: www.stpetersmilford.org.

#### **Sunday Services**

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist *no music* 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist *with music* Childcare available

Childcare available Coffee & Fellowship follows

10 a.m. Christian Formation 中中中中

Wednesday — Holy Eucharist Thursday — Morning Prayer 8 a.m.

All weekday services held in the Chapel 中中中中

#### June Epistle

Please email your submissions for the next Epistle by May 17, 2013, to:

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#### St. Peter's Purpose

**S**haring the Gospel of Jesus Christ

**P**reparing Disciples

Caring for the Community

## 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

Interim Musician: Paul Thoma Christian Formation Director:

Karen Vital

Sexton: Bruce Rumford

Infant & Toddler Care Provider:

Amanda Savers

Senior Warden: Paul Mangels Junior Warden: Diane Gendreau Treasurer: Sharon MacKenzie

Clerk: Candace Franz

Even as our program year at the church is approaching an end (I can't say it is winding down yet!), we are continuing to have new beginnings that are very



exciting to celebrate. We have hired a new Music Director, Stuart Duncan, who will begin Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup> and will work with the choir the Wednesday evening before. Stuart comes to us with a vast musical experience and is looking forward to developing a breadth of music at St. Peters that includes the congregation, choir, and praise band in our worship. He is a Yale graduate student and will be continuing to work on his doctorate over the next few years. He is the captain of the Yale Graduate Crew team, and is a resident

advisor for the medical students. He is looking forward to developing a ministry at St. Peter's and becoming a part of our parish family.

We will be commissioning Stuart as well as June Williams, our parish administrator, for their ministries at St. Peters during the 10:00 service on May 19<sup>th</sup>, Pentecost Sunday. We are grateful for the gifts for ministry they bring to St. Peter's and will be asking the Lord to anoint them with his Holy Spirit to empower them for this work to which they have been called.

It is exciting to me to see the way the Lord's plan for St. Peter's has been unfolding and to experience the restoring, strengthening, healing and moving forward in ministry that has been at work. As the world around us is coming back to life, the Lord is breathing new life into the body of Christ at St. Peter's. It has been a long, hard winter and the return of the sun and warmth is a reminder of the hope we have as we walk in the light of Christ. He moves us forward into new life; he gives us the strength to endure hardships and challenges, and lifts us up above our circumstances into the knowledge of our life in him. In Christ we have a future and a hope and it is already unfolding with promise, already exciting to see his hand at work. The work of the Holy Spirit among the people of St. Peters is bearing fruit in so many wonderful ways. Come and celebrate the Lord with us as we rejoice in his presence and the new life we have in him. The Lord is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

the Rev. Cynthia Knapp



#### **May Birthdays**

05/01 Denise Piccolo

05/03 Kathy Schock

05/06 Maggie Faustini

05/06 Shirley Lang

05/07 Lorraine Davies

05/08 Wesley Christensen

05/11 Charles Bristol

05/11 Zane Franz

05/12 Barbara Duchon

05/14 Rebecca Fraleigh

05/16 Richard Durazzo Sr.

05/17 Gavin Lucas

05/17 James Garnett

05/17 Edna Kaimer

05/19 Whitney Bibens

05/21 Gary Gianotti

05/23 Shelia Drotar

05/24 Madelyn Garnett

05/24 Kimberly Hughes

05/24 Kathleen Paglinco

05/25 Kathie Hebert

05/28 Alan Jepson

05/28 Thomas Feliconio

05/29 Michael Bibens Jr.

05/29 Paul Mangels

05/30 Angela Rowley

05/30 Allison Smith

#### **May Anniversaries**

05/05 Carol & Jeff Harker

05/12 Shelia & Stephen Drotar

05/12 Lesley & Paul Erlacher

05/14 Bernadette & David

Derubeis

05/21 Beverly & Gary Johnson

05/27 Aileen & John O'Connell

05/29 Stacy & Brian Maslar

#### Report from the Treasurer: March 31, 2013

Income year-to-date \$65,796.15 Expenses year-to-date (70,505.06) Deficit (\$4,708.91)

Our expenses have exceeded our income so far this year. Not all bills are paid. We have used cash reserves to cover some of our expenses.

Quarterly pledge statements were mailed at the beginning of the month.

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

Sharon MacKenzie, Treasurer <a href="macknze@optonline.net">smacknze@optonline.net</a>

#### **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.

May 5 - Beth-El Breakfast

May 12 - Donna and Jay Pinsince

May 19 - Soledad and Joe Meade

May 26 - Available

#### Welcome the newly baptized

Stella Noelle Roberto, daughter of Sarah and Christopher Roberto, great granddaughter of the late Evelyn Taft.

Emily Marie Shoop, daughter of Jennifer and Aaron Shoop.

#### 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. Any women interested in attending the conference please contact Debbi Smith at 203-878-9188.

## SAVE THE DATE-Saturday, June 1, 5:30 - 8 pm, Christian Concert (with Dinner) on St. Peter's Lawn

Kick off your summer with an evening of Christian music, featuring St. Peter's praise band, originals by Lori and Mark, Big Daddy and the Crusaders, Liane and Laura Knapp, and Dawn Williams (June Williams's daughter). Light dinner (hot dogs, pizza, etc.) will be available for purchase. Bring the family for a fun night out! Donations will help fund the work needed to repair the steeple.

### Sunday, May 5

On Sunday, May 5, there will be a Bountiful Breakfast for Beth-El following the 8am and 10am services. There will be a suggested donation of \$7 for adults, \$4 for children, and children four years and younger are free. Bring your friends and neighbors to join us for worship and support of the homeless in our community.

## Graduations, Retirements and 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 — name, graduating from, will be attending, etc. photos welcome! Also, retirements are welcome! Please send to Mary Beth Saltzman at miacozza@bswlaw.com.

#### **CT Style**



On April 12, Lorrie Davies appeared with, "The Navels", on CT Style on Channel 8. Lorrie is the lead singer of the group which has been together for over 35 years. They performed two originals that Lorrie wrote the lyrics for and Mark (Lorrie's boyfriend, the drummer) wrote the music - "This Little Girl" and "Whispers in the Dark".

For those of you who missed it, here is the link to the CT Style show. http://snoits.homestead.com/CTSTYLE2013.html

#### Homefront

Our project this year will be to refurbish the rectory. Our Property Committee has been evaluating the work needed. More information will follow.

#### **Church School**



Youth Group Bible Study



**Church School - Sharing Fellowship during Coffee Hour** 

Our Sunday Church School programs will recess for the summer starting on Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>. The last day of classes will be on June  $2^{nd}$  and will resume in September.

There will be **NO CLASSES** on May 26<sup>th</sup>, Memorial Day Weekend.

We will celebrate with a Parish Picnic on June 9<sup>th</sup> on the front lawn immediately following the 10:00 service. There will be games, crafts, and a bounce house for the kids!

#### **Looking Ahead-**

Vacation Bible School will be held at St. Peter's August 19-23<sup>rd</sup>, from 9:00 a.m. - noon.

If you are interested in volunteering with the children that week, please contact Karen Vital!

**Youth Group** 

**Meeting Dates:-**May 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>- 5:00-8:00 p.m.

The Youth Group would like to thank all who have supported us in our fund raising efforts thus far!

We raised \$340.00 at our bake sale and \$400.00 at our breakfast!

We are well on our way to funding our summer mission trip to Pittsburgh, PA, to underprivileged families there with The Pittsburgh Project.

Thank You!

**MAY 18th** The Youth Group will be hosting a Pasta Dinner in the Parish Hall from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m., to raise funds for our summer mission trip to Pittsburgh.

#### Caring for your Children

St. Peter's is pleased to provide for the care and Christian education of your children during the 10:00 a.m. service. Childcare is offered for infants through age 2 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. We have a church school program for ages 3-5 and another for grades 1-5. The teachers will bring the children up to class following the Children's Message (or baptism) and will bring them back into church in time to receive communion. Visitors are encouraged to have their children participate in these programs.

Our youth program for grades 6-12 meets on Thursday evenings. For a schedule of meetings and other information please contact Karen Vital at karenvital@optimum.net.

#### **Spiritual Adult Ed Programs**

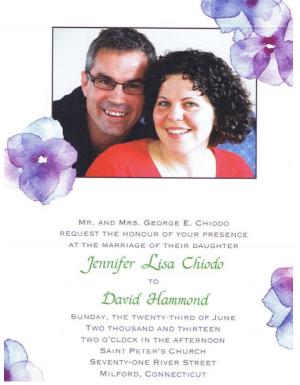
Women's Bible Study meets on Tuesdays, 9:30-11:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall. The Beth Moore study on Esther continues.

A Bible Study on the Gospel of John is on Wednesday's, starting at 7:00 p.m. and ending at 8:30 p.m.

An **Alpha class** is on Thursday evenings except the second Thursday of every month (the Outreach dinner is held in the Parish Hall) from 6:30 p.m., starting with a simple dinner and concluding at 9:00 p.m.

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

Jennifer and David would like to invite you to their wedding ceremony.



#### **Understanding**

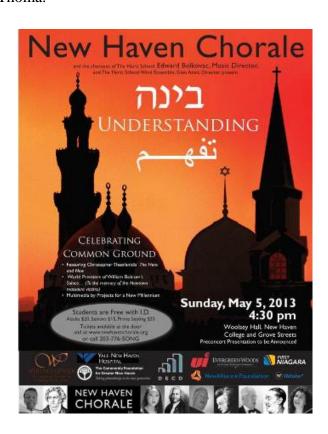
Many of us interact with people of different faiths on a daily basis. Recent horrific events in the greater Boston area remind us that one of the most compelling issues of our time is how to live peaceably in a multicultural society -- locally and globally -- with people of other faiths. One very important and necessary approach to this issue is to explore shared values that exist among different traditions.

On Sunday, May 5, at 4:30 pm, the New Haven Chorale will combine with the choruses and Wind Ensemble of the Hartt School to use music as a force to highlight the rich common ground among Christian, Jewish, and Islamic traditions. Approximately 300 performers will present this special multi-media performance entitled, "Understanding," in New Haven's Woolsey Hall, 500 College St., corner of Grove St. (eleven miles from St. Peter's Church), featuring:

• The northeast premiere of Yale composer Christopher Theofanidis' *The Here and Now*, a powerful setting of words by the 13<sup>th</sup> century Sufi mystic known as Rumi

- The world premiere of William Bolcom's tender *Solace* (to the memory of the Newtown massacre victims)
- Sacred music by Ernest Bloch and Igor Stravinsky
- Multimedia including projected digital images and theatrical lighting by Projects for a New Millennium

Parishioner and interim musician, Paul Thoma, a member of the New Haven Chorale, invites everyone from the St. Peter's family to attend this special event. If you have not been to Woolsey Hall, it is an impressive facility. The music and multimedia presentation will be spectacular and definitely worth your time. A free preconcert panel discussion featuring Christian, Jewish and Islamic leaders will be held at a nearby location. Concert tickets are \$20, adults; \$15 seniors; and free for students with ID. They can be purchased at the door, at <a href="https://www.newhavenchorale.org">www.newhavenchorale.org</a> or from Paul Thoma.





This essay from the spring of 2007 still applies. No hummers spotted yet in our garden, but the migration map says they've reached New Jersey and the feeders are out.

#### WHAT I LEARNED FROM LONGING - from the eMo Archives

Is Ethel Merman back yet? someone emails. I write back that she's on her way. Someone in North Carolina writes that she saw Ethel in her back yard, and someone else in Maryland says that she gave Ethel a snack for the road. So, yes, Ethel Merman is on her way back here.

That's Ethel Merman the Ruby-Throated Hummingbird who has spent the last two summers in our garden. Not Ethel Merman the singer and actress, who will remain on Broadway forever, having directed that her ashes be sprinkled there after she died.

I dreamed of Ethel the hummingbird last night -- an encouraging sign, I think, since I dreamed of her last year shortly before her return and dreamt of her many times in the years I spent waiting for her to come. She must be sending me telepathic bulletins as she flies.

Four years I waited to welcome a hummingbird, planting the kinds of flowers they like, faithfully putting out feeders filled with sugar water, cleaning and changing them every few days, with nary a hummer in sight. I learned a few things about life while I was waiting:

- 1. Wishing for something doesn't bring it into your life. You also have to prepare for it.
- 2. *Preparing for it isn't magic, either*. It can take a while; few qualities are more important than patience in getting what you long for. But at least you know you're ready for it when it does come.
- 3. You might not get what you long for. We resist even the thought of this at first, but we must learn to entertain the possibility without panic. So you have to become a person who can be joyful without it, even though you want it very much. A person who can rejoice in the simple fact of its existence, even if you never possess it. I came to feel that I was caring for all hummingbirds by preparing for one so carefully for so long. I knew that I had made a good place for them, that I was there for them if they chose to make use of me, and that become enough for me.
- 4. Everything is a gift. My longing for a hummingbird never caused me to disdain the wonderful birds who already visited our garden. All birds are miraculous. Everybody is miraculous. That we encounter one another at all, any of us, is a tremendous honor.

#### **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!

#### MAY 2013 WORSHIP SCHEDULE

DATE	SERVICE TIME	ACOLYTE	LAY MINISTER	LECTOR	READINGS	USHER	GREETER	CHILD CARE	
May 5, 2013	8:00 AM	D. Gendreau	F. Callahan	G. Bristol	Acts 16:9-15 Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5	W. Christiansen E. Pasenelli	A. Fredericks	M. Gosset	
6th Sunday of Easter	10:00 AM	W. Dixon M. Vital	S. Winters C. Riker	D. Smith P. Watson	Acts 16:9-15 Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5	K. Pegnataro D. Bryson	S. Peck J. Bryson		
May 12, 2013	8:00 AM	K. Bell	S. Callahan	K. Gammage	Acts 16:16-34 Revelation 22:12-14,16-17,20-21	P. Austin D. Emmons	C. Emmons	C. Ritz	
7th Sunday of Easter	10:00 AM	E. Durazzo	D. Green	B. VanBrederode	Acts 16:16-34	F. Hopkins	M. Saltzman		
		G. Lucas	J. Carter	C. Franz	Revelation 22:12-14,16-17,20-21	J. Carter	C. Mahnken		
May 19, 2013  Day of Pentecost Whitsunday	8:00 AM	H. Kropitis	D. Warren	D. Blanchet	Acts 2:1-21 Romans 8:14-17	C. Bristol B. Kuhar	G. Bristol	P. Bell	
	10:00 AM	K. Carriero S. Bell	J. Pinsince D. Smith	B. Eldridge R. Allsop	Acts 2:1-21 Romans 8:14-17	P. Smith K. Bell	G. Burrows B. Bell		
May 26, 2013  Trinity Sunday	8:00 AM	L. Gustafson	G. Bristol	S. MacKenzie	Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 Romans 5:1-5	D. Blanchet A. Fredericks	E. Luysterborghs	W. Dixon	
	10:00 AM	P. Bell J. Fraleigh	B. Lewis C. Riker	L. Wonneberger L. Roti	Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 Romans 5:1-5	R. Eldridge B. McDonald	J. Shoop D. Smith		

#### JUNE 2013 WORSHIP SCHEDULE

DATE	SERVICE TIME	ACOLYTE	LAY MINISTER	LECTOR	READINGS	USHER	GREETER	CHILD CARE
June 2, 2013 2nd Sunday	8:00 AM	C. Cunningham	F. Callahan	S. Callahan	1 Kings 18:20-21, (22-29), 30-39 Galatians 1:1-12	E. Pasenelli P. Austin	S. Giambra	W. Bibens
after Pentecost	10:00 AM	D. Bibens S. Bell	S. Winters J. Pinsince	D. Smith P. Watson	1 Kings 18:20-21, (22-29), 30-39 Galatians 1:1-12	R. Durazzo K. Pegnataro	S. Peck M. Saltzman	W. Disone
June 9, 2013  3rd Sunday	8:00 AM	D. Gendreau	S. Callahan	D. Warren	1 Kings 17:8-16 (17-24) Galatians 1:11-24	D. Emmons G. Bristol	C. Emmons	E. Durazzo
after Pentecost	10:00 AM	W. Bibens R. Fraleigh	B. Lewis D. Green	B. VanBrederode M. Palmatier	1 Kings 17:8-16 (17-24) Galatians 1:11-24	K. Bell F. Hopkins	D. Smith G. Burrows	
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June 16, 2013	8:00 AM	K. Bell	D. Warren	B. Gregory	1 Kings 21:1-10, (11-14), 15-21a Galatians 2:15-21	A. Fredericks D. Blanchet	E. Luysterborghs	M. Gosset
4th Sunday after Pentecost	10:00 AM	K. Carriero E. Durazzo	D. Smith J. Carter	R. Eldridge R. Allsop	1 Kings 21:1-10, (11-14), 15-21a Galatians 2:15-21	B. McDonald J. Carter	B. Bell J. Shoop	W. Gosset
<b>June 23, 2013</b> 5th Sunday	8:00 AM	L. Gustafson	G. Bristol	K. Gammage	1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a Galatians 3:23-29	W. Christiansen B. Kuhar	A. Swanepoel	C. Ritz
after Pentecost	10:00 AM	W. Dixon M. Vital	C. Riker S. Winters	L. Wonneberger L. Roti	1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a Galatians 3:23-29	P. Smith R. Eldridge	C. Mahnken S. Peck	O. T
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June 30, 2013 6th Sunday	8:00 AM	H. Kropitis	F. Callahan	D. Blanchet	2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 Galatians 5:1,13-25	C. Bristol E. Pasenelli	G. Bristol	P. Bell
after Pentecost	10:00 AM	M. Gendreau J. Fraleigh	J. Pinsince D. Green	P. Mangels J. Bryson	2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 Galatians 5:1,13-25	R. Durazzo D. Bryson	M. Saltzman S. Peck	



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			Noon Prayer 12:00 p.m.—Chapel Bible Study-John 7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m. Library  Cynthia Away	Morning Prayer 8 a.m Chapel Jr Youth 5—6:30 p.m. Sr Youth 6—8:00 p.m. Alpha Program/Dinner 6:30 p.m.—9:00 p.m. Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.—9:00 p.m.	3	4
5 Easter 6 Holy Eucharist 8 a.m. Christian Form 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist & Baptisms 10 a.m. Beth-El Breakfast after 8:00 a.m. Service—Noon	6	7 Bible Study 7:00 am. Library Women's Bible Study 9:30 a.m.—Parish Hall Executive Committee 7:00 p.m. Library	8 Holy Eucharist 12:00 p.m.—Chapel Bible Study-John 7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m. Library Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.—9:00 p.m.	Morning Prayer 8 a.m Chapel Outreach Dinner 5:00 -7:00 p.m.	10	11
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19 Pentecost  Holy Eucharist 8 a.m.  Christian Form 10 a.m.  Holy Eucharist 10 a.m.	20	21 Bible Study 7:00 am. Library Women's Bible Study 9:30 a.m.—Parish Hall Vestry Meeting 7:00 p.m. Parish Hall	Holy Eucharist 12:00 p.m.—Chapel Bible Study-John 7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m. Library Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.—9:00 p.m.	23 Morning Prayer 8 a.m Chapel Alpha Program/Dinner 6:30 p.m.—9:00 p.m.	24	25
26 Trinity Sunday Holy Eucharist 8 a.m. NO CHRISTIAM FORM Holy Eucharist 10 a.m.  Dutton/Johansen Wedding 3:30 p.m.	27 Memorial Day	Bible Study 7:00 am. Library Women's Bible Study 9:30 a.m.—Parish Hall Prayer Shawl 7:00 p.m. Library	Holy Eucharist 12:00 p.m.—Chapel Bible Study-John 7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m. Library Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.—9:00 p.m.	30 Morning Prayer 8 a.m Chapel Alpha Program/Dinner 6:30 p.m.—9:00 p.m.	31	