

The Epistle

July 2012

St. Peter's Church, Milford, CT

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the Rev. Andrew G. Osmun, Rector

Dear Friends in Christ,



Thank you so much for your warm welcome into the St. Peter's parish family these first few weeks. I am glad it has worked out for me to be with you while Andrew takes some well-deserved time off this summer. In case you didn't know, Andrew and I have been friends for more than a decade; and well before that, our parents both attended the same church in Northern Virginia beginning in the late 1970s, so we had heard of each other way before we ever met.

I grew up in the suburbs of Washington DC, attended Gordon College and Gordon-Conwell Seminary (both near Boston),

worked for a courier company in DC for ten years, then went back to Virginia Seminary and was ordained in the Episcopal Church in 1989. I served as an assistant/associate at a large parish in VA, then moved to CT in 1999. I have served as Rector and Priest-In-Charge at two parishes in CT before coming to St. Peter's. Favorite hobbies of mine include sports (especially soccer), jogging and hiking, playing the piano, reading, and spending time with my family discussing all sorts of things.

Nina is originally from western Pennsylvania and attended the University of Pittsburgh, majoring in English. More recently, she received a Doctor of Ministry from Gordon-Conwell Seminary in 2010 and wrote her project on Spiritual Formation in the Wilderness. This past June 3, she (along with Andrew and six others) received a certificate in Spiritual Direction having completed an extensive two-year training program. Over the years, she has taught pre-school, high school English, aerobics classes, and done free-lance copy-editing. She loves to cook, do flower arranging, and provide hospitality. We will celebrate our 32nd anniversary on July 13.

A few words about our three children:

Lauren is ABD (all but dissertation) at the Medieval Institute at Notre Dame. Her area of research is on 12th century texts written about 6th and 7th century saints.

Meredith is ABD as well, also at Notre Dame in the field of Sociology of Religion. Her area of research is in domestic violence, particularly in South Africa.

Michael is working on the staff of Good Samaritan Episcopal Church, Paoli, PA and Coalition for Christian Outreach in ministry to college students in the Philadelphia area. He and his wife, Joanna, will be celebrating their second anniversary at the end of July. Joanna is working at a CSA farm and is especially interested in sustainable agriculture. They both have a heart for missions and may be heading overseas at some point.

One of the things Nina and I enjoy is reading together. Here are two books we have really benefited from recently and would recommend for your summer reading list: *Invitations From God* by Adele Calhoun and *Meditating on Scripture* by Deitrich Bonhoeffer.

Blessings in Christ,

John

John will be in the office on Wednesdays. His cell number is 860-836-4560. Home number is 860-408-1126. To contact by email: jnwhitnah5@aol.com

Sunday Services

8 am Holy Eucharist *no music*

10 am Holy Eucharist *with music*

Childcare available

Coffee & Fellowship follows

Christian Formation

(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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August Epistle

Please email your submissions for the next Epistle by July 16 to Stpetersmilford@sbcglobal.net

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



July Birthdays

7/01 Faith Selmer
 7/03 Patrick Bell
 7/07 Kelly Gammage
 7/08 Karen Vital
 7/10 Conrad Green
 7/11 Joseph Meade III
 7/12 Amy Bowman
 7/14 Daniel Lucas
 7/15 Michelle Bibens
 7/15 Barbara Wolfe
 7/15 David Hulme
 7/17 Brady Maslar
 7/19 Julia Carter
 7/20 Michael Bucciarelli Jr.
 7/21 Cindy Bucciarelli
 7/23 Beverly Johnson
 7/23 Margery Mackendrick
 7/24 Lorraine Holloway
 7/25 Raymond Burrows
 7/25 Debra Garnett
 7/25 Christian Thompson
 7/26 Jennifer Massari
 7/27 Michele Ritz
 7/28 Kyle Carriero
 7/30 David Maslar

July Anniversaries

7/04 Deirdre & Conrad Green
 7/06 Lydia & Tom Scott
 7/06 Katharine & Greg Simler
 7/09 Constance & Jeffrey Collis
 7/10 Leslie & John Carriero
 7/10 Jennifer & Patrick Fleming
 7/11 Cindy & Michael Bucciarelli
 7/12 Diane & Wayne Gendreau
 7/16 Angela & Kevin Swanepoel
 7/22 Maureen & Daniel Lucas
 7/25 Lisa & Ron Jovanelly
 7/31 Lee & Bob Wonneberger

Report from the Treasurer: May 31, 2012

Income Year-to-Date	\$117,950.93
Expenses Year-to-Date	<u>108,477.66</u>
Current Surplus	\$9,473.27

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.

As summer approaches and thoughts turn to some vacation time, please remember that the expenses of St. Peter's are ongoing. Should you have any questions in regards to our income or expenses, please speak with the any member of the Vestry.

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 second Sunday (**July 8**) and the fourth Sunday (**July 22**) 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.

July 1 – Brenda Thomason & Kathy Schock
 July 8 – The Green Family
 July 15 – **Available**
 July 22 – **Available**
 July 29 - **Available**

Congratulations!

Births

To Hawley and Matthew Schneider on the birth of their daughter Zoe Christina.

Baptisms

To Denise and John Piccolo on the baptism of their daughter **Genevieve Lanese Piccolo** on June 24.

Welcome to our two new members, **Denise and John Piccolo**.

We give thanks to God for the wedding of **Sara Prendergast and Gregory Manley** on June 17.

Graduations



(We apologize for any missing congratulations that we were not made aware of)

College Graduates

Natalie Green graduated from the University at Albany with a B.A. in English. Natalie will be interning at Joseph A. Foran High School and attending the University of Bridgeport in the fall.

Beth Jovanelly graduated from Southern Connecticut State University (SCSU). Beth received a BA degree in English-- Beth will be attending Graduate School – (SCSU) for her Masters in English/Education.

Jeff Mangels graduated from Tufts University on May 20th. He received dual Bachelor degrees in English and Music and graduated Magna Cum Laude.

Emily Wist graduated from Boston University with her MFA in Sculpture (Masters of Fine Arts) on May 19th. She has a website for her art work for anyone interested. Her website is www.emilywist.com

Corinne Wist graduated from Roger Williams University with her BS on May 19.

Middle/Grammar School Graduates

Megan Rose Gossett graduated from East Shore Middle School and will be attending Foran High School

Other Accomplishments

Zane Franz graduated from his novice training on June 10 and became a full member of the Choir of Men and Boys at Trinity Church on the Green in New Haven.

Michael Gendreau was installed as Master Councilor for Milford Chapter Order of DeMolay on Saturday May 12. His term of office is from May through



October 2012. Andrew was at the installation and gave the benediction over the installation ceremony.

DeMolay is an organization dedicated to preparing young men to lead successful, happy, and productive lives. Basing its approach on timeless principles and practical, hands-on experience, DeMolay opens doors for young men aged 12 to 21 by developing the civic awareness, personal responsibility and leadership skills so vitally needed in society today. DeMolay combines this serious mission with a fun approach that builds important bonds of friendship among members in more than 1,000 chapters worldwide.

Andrew Osmun and **Nina Whitnah** (wife of the Rev. John Whitnah, our supply priest) for successful completion of a two-year training program to become Spiritual Directors. They received their certificates from Selah of Leadership Transformations on June 3 at St. Edmund's Retreat Center on Enders Island near Mystic, CT.

Angela Swanepoel was named Stratford's 2012 Teacher of the Year Friday, May 25. Angela is an algebra and geometry teacher at Bunnell High School.



Henry Torres acquired his Professional Counselor License (LPC) for the State of Connecticut as of March, 2012, after returning to school to complete post masters work at Central Connecticut State University. He has been working as a mental health counselor for the last nine years.

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.

Morning, Noon & Evening Prayer

Morning Prayer is Thursday mornings at 8:00 a.m. led by Linda Roti.

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 services.

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

Attention Worship Participants

If you are going to be away, please be sure to let Diane know by emailing her at dgendre1@optonline.net or by calling (203)988-3936. The July and August schedules are included in this Epistle. If you are not available – please contact someone in your group to cover or swap with you.

Let's Make Life Easier!

The Rev. John Whitnah has joined 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!

Matthew Schneider

Matt has become the Assistant Rector of Prince George Winyah Episcopal Church in Georgetown, South Carolina,

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

Matthew Schneider
307 Queen St
Georgetown, SC 29440



Some of you may or may not know, that Michael Gendreau is the bass player in a local band called "Infinity Project".

They have recently spent time in the recording studio recording their first "EP" (Extended Play) CD – Brace for Impact. The Infinity Project is made up of 3 young men, Rob Grannoth of West Haven (Drums) Jeremy Royka of East Haven (Guitar) and our Michael Gendreau of Milford (Bass). They recently were interviewed on WNHU 88.7 about their release. If you are interested in obtaining a copy of their EP, please contact Diane or Michael Gendreau – the 6 song EP sells for \$5. You can also read more about the Infinity Project at www.infinityprojectrocks.com or on Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/infinityprojectrocks>

Watercolors by Allie

Alice Fredericks will be hosting an art show of her watercolors at the Milford Public Library from July 3 through July 30. For further information, you may call the library at 203-783-3290.

Summer Schedule

Angela Rowley will be on a well-deserved vacation the month of July. See you in August. Enjoy!

Caring for the Community

Beth-El Breakfast

Many thanks to all who came and supported the breakfast. Great job by the "KITCHEN CREW". We raised a little over \$400.00 for Beth-El.."

Did you see the Garden?



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 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.

Refugee Family

A family has been chosen for the apartment at the First Congregational Church, that we helped spruce up a few months ago as part of the "Experiencing Discipleship Together" group. St. Peter's has given items to stock the kitchen with non-perishable foods. Closer to the arrival of the family we hope to provide perishable items. If you would like to cook a meal for the first week for the family, contact Kathy Hebert at 203-937-7073 or Brenda Thomason at 203-878-9890. Many thanks for the support and generosity of St. Peter's

Salvation Army Backpacks

We will again be helping children in Milford by filling 20 backpacks with school supplies. A sign up sheet will be at the back of church. Once they are filled, please put the suggested list of supplies in the front pocket to enable the distribution. Backpacks are due

back July 22 at the latest. Thanks again for helping others in need.

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>



Hawley Schneider, the Very Rev. Paul Fuener (Rector of Prince George Winyah), the Rev. Matthew Schneider and the Rev. Edward Salmon (Emeritus Bishop of So Carolina and Dean of Nashotah House Seminary)

Dear friends of St. Peter's,

I write to you from my new office in sunny Georgetown, SC, where I have begun serving as Assistant Rector of Prince George Winyah Episcopal Church since my recent ordination. I miss you all very much, and I realize daily how important my two years with you under Andrew's direction were for my formation as an ordained parish minister. Thank you so much for welcoming Hawley, Eden, and me into your fold. We are still awaiting the birth of our second child (hopefully he or she will be born by the time this goes to press). You remain in my prayers, and I am delighted to see John Whitnah is serving with you this summer; I know him well from our time in New Haven, and trust his loving and prayerful pastoral care will be a blessing to you.

Yours in Christ's service,

Matt

Church Picnic, June 10



The Parish/Christian Formation Picnic had a great turn out and a wonderful time as witnessed in the pictures on this page! The kids loved the bounce house and we all loved the food and fellowship. We were able to spend time with Karen and the kids before their move to Binghamton, NY. Have a great summer!
To see more pictures, go to our Website!



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!

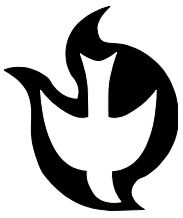
JULY 2012 WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Below is the revised Worship Participant Schedule. **THERE ARE MANY CHANGES IN JULY – THEY HAVE BEEN HIGHLIGHTED.**

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. Durazzo 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	D. Bryson	2 Corinthians 12:2-10	K. Pegnataro D. Bryson	J. Shoop J. Bryson	M. Gendreau E. Durazzo
July 15, 2012	8:00 AM	C. Cunningham	S. Callahan	D. Blanchet	Ephesians 1:3-14	C. Bristol D. Blanchet	G. Bristol	
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. Bibens A. Smith
July 22, 2012	8:00 AM	H. Kropitis	D. Warren	G. Bristol	Ephesians 2:11-22	P. Austin 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	D. Smith M. Bucciarelli	W. Bibens C. Ritz
July 29, 2012	8:00 AM	D. Bibens	L. Roti	P. Mangels	Ephesians 3:14-21	A. Fredericks E. Pasanelli	E. Luystorborgs	
9th Sunday after Pentecost	10:00 AM	R. Fraleigh	D. Green D. Smith	R. Allsop	Ephesians 3:14-21	R. Durazzo K. Bell	M. Saltzman C. Mahnken	E. Durazzo P. Bell

AUGUST 2012 WORSHIP SCHEDULE

DATE	SERVICE TIME	ACOLYTE	LAY MINISTER	LECTOR	READINGS	USHER	GREETER	CHILD CARE
August 5, 2012	8:00 AM	D. Gendreau	S. Callahan	K. Gammage	Ephesians 4:1-16	P. Austin D. Emmons	A. Swanepoel	
10th Sunday after Pentecost	10:00 AM	W. Dixon	J. Pinsince J. Carter	J. Bryson	Ephesians 4:1-16	D. Bryson J. Carter	S. Peck D. Pinsince	C. Ritz P. Bell
August 12, 2012	8:00 AM	L. Gustafson	G. Bristol	D. Blanchet	Ephesians 4:25-5:2	A. Fredericks B. Kuhar	S. Giambra	
11th Sunday After Pentecost	10:00 AM	E. Durazzo	D. Pinsince C. Riker	L. Roti	Ephesians 4:25-5:2	F. Hopkins B. McDonald	D. Smith G. Burrows	W. Bibens M. Gendreau
August 19, 2012	8:00 AM	H. Kropitis	F. Callahan	G. Bristol	Ephesians 5:15-20	D. Blanchet C. Bristol	A. Fredericks	
12th Sunday after Pentecost	10:00 AM	M. Gendreau	S. Winters D. Green	D. Smith	Ephesians 5:15-20	P. Smith K. Bell	B. Bell J. Shoop	E. Durazzo M. Bibens
August 26, 2012	8:00 AM	C. Cunningham	D. Warren	S. Callahan	Ephesians 6:10-20	E. Pasanelli G. Bristol	C. Emmons	
13th Sunday After Pentecost	10:00 AM	P. Bell	D. Smith J. Carter	P. Watson	Ephesians 6:10-20	R. Durazzo K. Pignataro	C. Mahnken M. Bucciarelli	C. Ritz A. Smith



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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>
1 Pentecost 5 Holy Eucharist 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10 a.m.	2 Fellowship Group 7:00—8:30 p.m. Library	3 Bible Study 7:00 am. Rector's Office Executive Committee 7:00 p.m. Rector's Office	4  Happy Fourth Of July	5 Morning Prayer 8 a.m. Chapel	6	7
8 Pentecost 6 Holy Eucharist 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10 a.m.	9	10 Bible Study 7:00 am. Rector's Office	11 Noonday Prayer 12:00 p.m. Chapel Bible Study 7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m. Library	12 Morning Prayer 8 a.m. Chapel Outreach Dinner 5-7 p.m.	13	14
15 Pentecost 7 Holy Eucharist 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10 a.m.	16	17 Bible Study 7:00 am. Rector's Office Vestry Meeting 7:00 p.m.	18 Noonday Prayer 12:00 p.m. Chapel Bible Study 7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m. Library	19 Morning Prayer 8 a.m. Chapel	20  Epistle Submission Deadline	21
22 Pentecost 8 Holy Eucharist 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10 a.m.	23	24 Bible Study 7:00 am. Rector's Office	25 Noonday Prayer 12:00 p.m. Chapel Bible Study 7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m. Library	26 Morning Prayer 8 a.m. Chapel	27	28
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