



St. Peter's Cross Keys
April 2008

From the Interim Rector

The Visit

Every year at Easter Eve I sit in a dark church as the great candle is brought in, and every year that moment says “The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.”

Every year when the priest blesses the water in the baptismal font, it is a reminder that the Spirit moves over the water at Creation.

Every year we sit through stories: Creation, the crossing of the Red Sea, the experiences of Isaac and Isaiah and Ezekiel and we grow in the understanding of what it means to be God’s people.

Every year we arrive at the Easter acclamation, the Gloria ringing out once more, alleluias return, the account of the Resurrection, the Church lives again with its Lord; life is new; hope is restored!

Every year it comes, finally, to this: We are at one with the generations who have struggled to understand who God is and we appreciate the sacrifices others have made to bring us freedom and faith, to this season of possibility and opportunity. Deo gratias!
(adapted from the Anglican Digest)

The Rev. Robert W. Anthony +

Vestry News

Highlights from the February 18th Vestry Meeting:

- With the Annual Parish Meeting scheduled for Sunday, May 18th, the parish By Laws require a Nominating Committee be in place 10 weeks before the Annual Meeting. Since that date will be after the March Vestry Meeting, the Wardens, who are charged with appointing the committee, did so at the February meeting. The By Laws designate the Rector, 4 members of the Vestry whose terms are expiring, plus 2 members of the parish selected by the Wardens as members of the committee. Rev. Anthony has asked not to be a member of the Nominating Committee, because he is not the Rector; however, at Senior Warden Bill Carlton's request he has agreed to attend committee meetings as a non-voting resource to the committee.

The Wardens appointed former Warden Sally Haven and Will Beebe as the parish representatives to the Nominating Committee. Carole Dwyer, Sarah Horvath and Paul Soares, along with Bill Carlton and David Bernard, all of whom are completing their terms of office, will also serve on the committee.

- The Vestry re-affirmed the 2008 budget recommended by the Finance Committee totaling \$502,017. The parish will vote on the budget at the Annual Meeting.

- Carole Dwyer, Vestry liaison to the Outreach Committee, distributed a report listing the disbursements by the Outreach Committee of almost \$30,000 in 2007 to some 28 local organizations and functions. Mrs. Dwyer also noted that in addition to the Harvest Fair, there are tentative plans to hold a parish fund-raiser on August 9th at the Wianno Yacht Club.

- While the work of the Building Committee has been put on hold until a new Rector is appointed, co-Chairman David Bernard said that he supported a recommendation by Fr. Anthony to convene a sub-committee to study the feasibility and cost to make relatively minor improvements to the Sanctuary area in this interim period. Such improvements might include replacing and/or re-finishing the wood floors, as well as, improved sound and lighting. It is expected that the committee will be appointed at the next Vestry meeting.

- Mary Beebe, as liaison to the Music Committee, reported on a proposal by Choir Director Karen Crosby that the St. Peter's Choir sing on the Sunday after Easter in 2009 at the Gloucester, England, Cathedral. The Vestry enthusiastically endorsed the proposal pending further information on the cost to the parish to subsidize the trip.

- Fr. Anthony outlined the schedule of Holy Week services, and proposed the idea of having an outside "Parish Fun Day" in the late Spring or early Fall, which would include a barbecue, games, music, etc., as a way of bringing the parish together in a light and fun-filled activity.

- The next Vestry meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Monday, March 24th. All parishioners are invited to attend.

Music Notes



The Adult Choir of St. Peter's Church will be the Choir-in-Residence at Gloucester Cathedral, England for the week following Easter in 2009. No small provincial church, Gloucester Cathedral was consecrated in 1100 and covers an area of approximately 30,600 square feet. The first appearance is of a Gothic Cathedral, but upon further examination the Norman structure is revealed. The site is slated to be the location of the next installment of the "Harry Potter" film series.

Cathedral singing is a long-standing tradition in England. Each of the major cathedrals has a choir school in which the various combinations of choristers sing the demanding service schedule each week. In order for the existing Resident choir to take a break, guest choirs are brought in as a substitute. St. Peter's choir fulfilled the strict standards of the Cathedral's "Diary Committee" and is now honored with this position 13-19 April, 2009.

The choir's eight-day schedule will consist of six Evensong services and a sung Eucharist. In between their responsibilities at the Cathedral, excursions are planned to Windsor Castle, the Cotswolds, Oxford and Bath. A package is being designed by an English travel company to include price of the excursions, lodging, a full English breakfast (beans on toast, tomatoes, mushrooms, etc.), three buffet dinners and transport to and from the airport. A group rate is being explored for air fare. It is the Music Director's hope that the complete cost of the trip can be covered through fund-raising and donations.

New members are welcome to join the choir, but need to make their intentions known to the director as soon as possible. Anyone is welcome to link up with the tour from start to finish as a supporting participant and member of the congregation. There will be many opportunities on this side of the "pond" for St. Peter's parishioners to help coordinate, personalize and fund this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for the choir. Please direct your ideas, suggestions and inquiries to St. Peter's Music Director, Karen Crosby, at 428-6577 or karencrosby@verizon.net.

A Springtime look forward...

Fr. Russ Allen is doing a wonderful job coordinating adult education topics and discussions.

After Easter, perhaps parishioners and guests on a Sunday morning after the ten o'clock service might like to meet to discuss the Sunday scripture lessons or to consider that day's sermon more deeply. If you would like to be involved what we are calling the Sunday Adult Forum, please speak to Fr. Anthony so that we can begin to schedule such sharing seminars soon. Perhaps there are topics for discussion you would like us to schedule as well, now and then.

On Sunday, March 30th, at the ten o'clock service, we will be installing 3 new acolytes and 2 crucifers among the young people already serving so well. This is great news this spring!

Weekly Bible Study

Weekly Bible Study at St. Peter's happens each Wednesday from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. in the parish library. Everyone is invited to attend whenever possible. Discussions led by Fr. Bob Anthony began January 9th. Printed guides and assignments are available by mail upon request and we will be posting information on St. Peter's website. We welcome guests at any time and ask you to attend sessions whenever you can.

Search Committee

The Search Committee has reached a milestone in the process of finding a new rector for St. Peter's.

At our meeting on 10 March we determined that the names of six candidates be sent forward to the Diocese for screening, the first step in the long journey to selection.

When the processing is completed in Boston and we are notified that our candidates are acceptable we will move on to obtain additional information and the interview stage where on or more the members of the Committee will visit the candidate's home Parish and the candidates will be called to Osterville for in depth interviews. Time consuming, Yes, but absolutely necessary as we seek to find the best possible person to be our new Rector.

Currently we are looking at over two dozen individuals, representing a wide geographical range, literally from coast-to-coast and border-to-border. Males and females are in the mix and all candidates that have emerged thus far are sitting Rectors in Parishes generally similar to St. Peter's.

We are still accepting the credentials of prospective candidates and will do so until we reach a late stage in the interview process. Should any member of the Parish have the name of a priest who ought to be considered, please talk to any member of the Search Committee.

James L. Baird, Jr.
Chairman, St. Peter's Search Committee

St. Peter's Women's Association Luncheon

The next meeting of the St. Peter's Women's Association will be Thursday, April 10. All women of the parish are welcome to come and bring a friend.

*Please sign up BEFORE April 7th on the bulletin board in the hallway.
The charge is \$15.00.*

Join us at 11:30 for communion in the Church followed by a catered luncheon by Wimpy's in the Parish Hall at noon. Our Interim Priest, Fr. Bob Anthony will be our guest speaker.

We will have a great time, please join us.

Parish Prayer List

We are revising our parish prayer list. If you would like to add a name or ask for continued prayers, please call Alison in the parish office. Also, it would be helpful to let us know when a name can be removed.

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers those serving in our armed forces : Jeremiah Hawley, Erik Koonce, William Winney and Clarence Leboeuf, Eugene Spillane, Mark Smith.

*Hosts for Coffee Hour following Sunday morning services
and delivery of Altar Flowers on Mondays.*

<i>Date</i>	<i>Coffee Hour</i>	<i>Flower Delivery</i>
March 30	Karen Darrah & Jane Lawless	NEEDED
April 6	The Sherlocks	NEEDED
April 13	The Giles Family	NEEDED

Volunteers are needed for both Coffee Hour and Flower Delivery every week through June 1st.

Please sign up in the hallway on the bulletin board or contact Alison in the church office.

Springtime Prayer

For flowers that bloom about our feet,
For tender grass, so fresh, so sweet,
For song of bird, and hum of bee,
For all things fair we hear or see,
Father in heaven, we thank Thee!

For blue of stream and blue of sky,
For pleasant shade of branches high,
For fragrant air and cooling breeze,
For beauty of the blooming trees,
Father in heaven, we thank Thee!



Ralph Waldo Emerson

Christian Education

We have involved families more and more with Family Eucharist services on the first Sunday of the month. We hope the children enjoy participating in the services, and that they will want to continue to do so. We have new acolytes in training, and students often ask if they may help with Sunday School when they become part of the Youth Group.

On a recent Sunday, the children made pretzels. We learned that when children learned a prayer centuries ago monks would give the child a pretzel, folded in the style of arms crossed over the chest in prayer. This served as a reminder to them to say their prayers -- especially during Lent.

GODLY PLAY Helpers

This is the time of the year when we like to bring new adults into the program to assist with Godly Play. This is a rewarding ministry, one anyone can take part in. Please speak with Linda or one of the Sunday School teachers to find out how to help as the co-teacher. You will be trained to help the storyteller run the class. We promise you will enjoy your time with the children and their teachers!

YOUTH GROUP

The Youth Group made parts of the dinner for the NOAH Shelter during their March meeting. When they meet in April, the group plans to have a Game Night. Everyone should plan on attending this fun meeting!

St. Peter's Nursery School

Enrollment for 2008-09 and our 2008 Summer Program has begun! We are delighted that many are continuing the journey of their children's education with our toddler and Pre-K programs. However, openings are available. Your referrals are always welcome. Help us get the word out to new families. Our students are a diverse group from all across the Mid-Cape region, not just Osterville!

More Open Houses! Our first Open House of the year on Saturday, January 26 was a success because new families that have not been here before visited the Nursery School, and many of those families signed up for the 2008-2009 school year. However, Saturdays tend to be a busy day for families, so we scheduled several more Open Houses on Monday afternoons beginning Monday, March 17 through April 7 from 1:30pm to 2:30pm.

Flexibility! St. Peter's Nursery School is one of a few Nursery Schools in our area that provide parents with completely flexible schedules. It is our goal to provide you and your children with a schedule to meet your needs. If we are currently not meeting your needs, please inform us and we will do our very best to help.

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You! We feel very blessed at St. Peter's Nursery School to have received so much support.

*Our Super Bowl Sunday Pancake Breakfast was a huge success thanks to our sponsors, volunteers and attendees.

*Sales of our 2008-09 Calendar have been great! We have a few remaining for sale!

*Our new cushions and pillows created and generously donated by Brook Boothe of Brooke Boothe Design.com are an inviting addition to our Reading Corners in each of the classrooms.

*Our new Community Loft Play Structure is in Memory of Barbara Abbt, who remembered our school in her will. Have you seen it yet?

*Please continue to support the school by purchasing our Nursery School Logo scented and unscented candles. They will be available during coffee hour following the 10:00 service.

Announcements

Food Cards

Each Sunday after the 10:00 am Eucharist, Resa Giles will be selling Food Cards. They are also available during the week in the church office.

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Concerts by John Dirac & Friends

April-Flowers of Showers

May-Children's and Family Month

Please contact John if you would like to help and /or participate in any way 508-367-1559.

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All Knitters-Come join us every third Thursday of the month in the Library to support the Seamen Institute Outreach Program. Yarn and directions are supplied. Or just come to chit-chat and knit whatever project you are working on. Good therapy among friends! Nancy Dwarnick

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Some of you may be aware that there are several St Peter's ladies who are quietly **knitting prayer shawls** for the comfort of those in need of solace and support. This silent mission continues and has proved to be of great value to the recipients. Please consider being one of the "backstage hands".

For details call: Janet Thornton at 508 420-2027.

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St. Peter's website is one of the best ways to stay up to date with all the activities and events going on at the church. There is also an interactive church calendar.

If you have suggestions, or items or photographs to contribute to the site please contact Webmaster Jane Schaller at janeypie_48@yahoo.com

The deadline for the Cross Keys is the 15th of the month. Submissions may be left in the church office or emailed (most preferred by the editor!) to nancymumford@comcast.net.

Please note: I can only accept Word documents (not Word Perfect) by email as I use a Mac-based program. Thank you.

Sunday Services

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m.

Sunday childcare is provided downstairs
in the nursery for parents attending
the 10:00 a.m. service and any activities
following.

Church Staff

The Rev. Robert W. Anthony, Interim Rector

The Rev. Dr. Eugene Goetchius, Associate

The Rev. Paul Thompson, Associate

The Rev. Russell H. Allen, Associate

Karen Crosby, Organist-Choir Director

Linda Tetreault, Christian Ed Director

Alison Manning, Parish Administrator

Bill Carlton, Senior Warden

David Bernard, Junior Warden

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