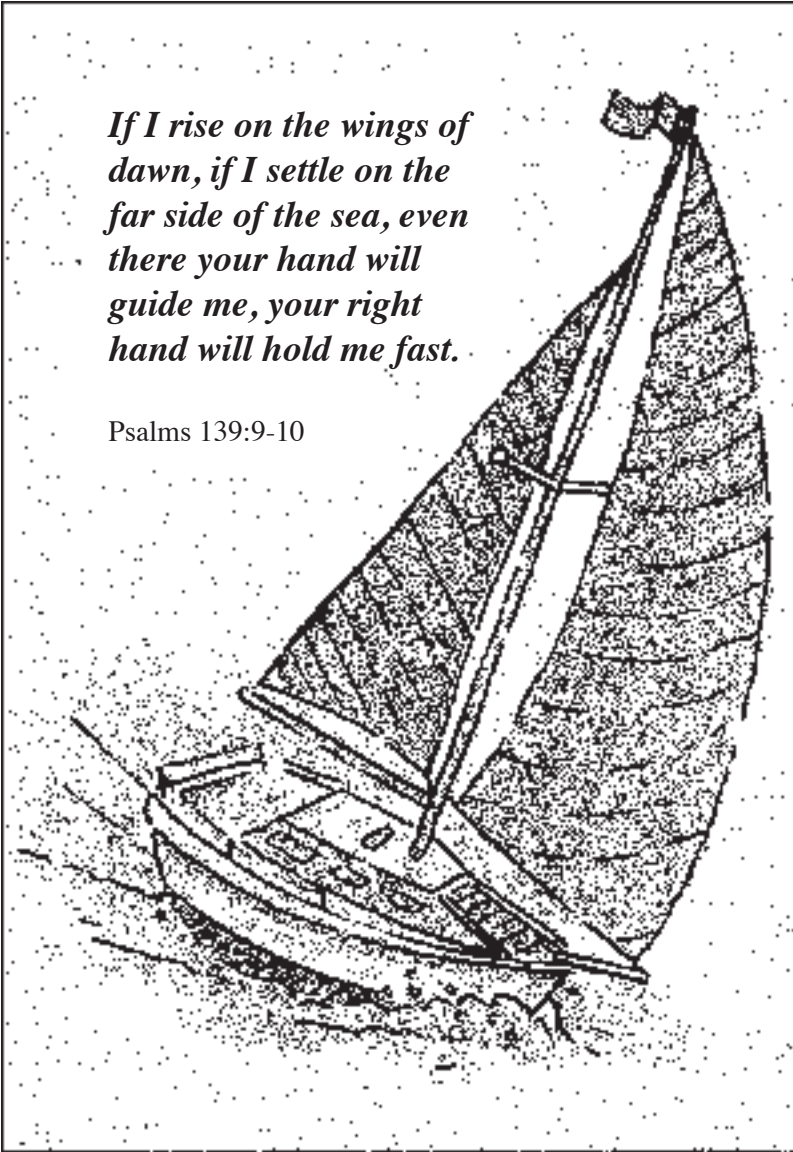


*If I rise on the wings of
dawn, if I settle on the
far side of the sea, even
there your hand will
guide me, your right
hand will hold me fast.*

Psalms 139:9-10



*St. Peter's Cross Keys
August 2008*

From the Interim Rector

“Embracing the Five Marks of Mission”

As reported in the EpiscopalLife monthly, the Five Marks of Mission were first introduced back in 1984 but now have effectively become the official mission of the Anglican Communion. They have clearly influenced this summer’s Lambeth Conference of bishops and “feature prominently in a proposed Anglican covenant designed to strengthen the unity of the Anglican Communion amid differing viewpoints on biblical interpretation and human sexuality.”

All well and good. But first, what are the Five Marks for Mission and, secondly, how do they “touch down” here for us at St. Peter’s, Osterville?

1. TO PROCLAIM THE GOOD NEWS OF THE KINGDOM;
2. TO TEACH, BAPTIZE AND NURTURE NEW BELIEVERS;
3. TO RESPOND TO HUMAN NEED BY LOVING SERVICE;
4. TO SEEK TO TRANSFORM UNJUST STRUCTURES OF SOCIETY;
5. TO STRIVE TO SAFEGUARD THE INTEGRITY OF CREATION
AND SUSTAIN AND RENEW THE LIFE OF THE EARTH.

Far from being “highfalutin”, reserved for the higher-ups in the Church, these aims help focus our work and our values here in this parish. I suggest that they capture our sense of mission, outreach and pastoral care already undertaken by so many parishioners, not simply by your Vestry or select committees. I hope, then, that you will re-read this list, emphasizing the verbs in each statement and secondly to consider your gifts and work in this ministry:

PROCLAIM THE GOOD NEWS (How are you doing that both in worship and your daily living?)

TEACH, BAPTIZE AND NURTURE NEW BELIEVERS (We all share this calling!)

RESPOND TO HUMAN NEED BY LOVING SERVICE (Our commission by Christ Jesus!)

SEEK TO TRANSFORM (confront, change) UNJUST STRUCTURES (anywhere we find them.)

STRIVE TO SAFEGUARD AND SUSTAIN AND RENEW LIFE ON THIS EARTH...

Thank you for taking time to think and about this.

Fr. Bob Anthony

On behalf of your clergy at St. Peter’s Church

Adult Education

In August--Tuesday the 19th and 26th--we invite you to attend **“TWO COOL EVENINGS OF REVELATION”** in the parish library. These two study sessions of the Book of Revelation will begin with refreshments in the parish library at 7pm, ending at 8:30 pm, and will be repeated on Wednesday, August 20th and 27th at 10:30 am. Join us, if you can. The first session will present an overview of this largely misunderstood book in the New Testament and the second session will take a close look at the Seven Letters to the Churches in the first three chapters that bear a message for the church today. We urge you to register for these discussions in advance so that we can plan enough material in hand. Thank you.

“Down Home Devotions” is a regular mailing of inspiration to our homebound members. Our editor is Janet Thornton who welcomes submissions of brief, inspirational writing from other parishioners. Please let Janet know of your willingness to extend our outreach.

Vestry Notes

Due to meeting schedules there will not be any Vestry News this month. Questions and concerns are always welcome. Contact the wardens or any member of the vestry.

St. Peter's Vestry – Ron Reed (Warden), Carole Dwyer (Junior Warden), Bobbie Grimes, Frank Lord, Jane Price, Chuck Gasior (Treasurer), Maureen Tempesta (Clerk), Don Treimann, Christopher Bendenkop, J. Neil Forster, Greg Miller, Adrienne Carlton, and Lynn Voccola.

Parishioner Contribution Statements

Over the next few weeks, the parish office will be mailing the individual contribution statements to all who have made pledges to St. Peter's 2008 budget or who have given funds for the specific work of the parish, e.g., Outreach, flowers, music, building, the parish endowment, Memorial Garden, etc.

Regarding pledges to the parish operating budget, historically, contributions tend to be lower during the two middle quarters of the year. For example, since June 30th is 50% of the year, 50% of the total 2008 pledges of \$174,800 would equal \$87,400. However, to date, only \$72,000, or 41%, has been collected. This \$15,400 shortfall leaves the parish with some cash flow issues, since the cost of operating the parish is essentially the same each month.

I will be requesting in the statement being mailed that anyone currently not at the 50% level of their pledged amount, that bringing their contributions to at least the 50% level would be much appreciated.

If there is anyone, particularly new parishioners, who would like to discuss any aspects of the parish budget, or even better, would like to discuss making a pledge to support the work of St. Peter's, please feel free to contact Rev. Anthony, me, or the Wardens directly or through the parish office.

Similarly, if there is an individual(s) who would like to discuss making a one time, tax-free contribution to the parish or the parish endowment, we will be happy to work with those individuals as well.

Let me take this opportunity to thank all those who financially support the cost of operating St. Peter's Church as well as all those who give generously of their time, their many and varied talents, in addition to their financial support, to the work of this parish.

Chuck Gasior, Parish Treasurer

Outdoor Cross Restoration

A new cross is being made to replace the deteriorated cross over the steeplebell, and along with the cross in the Memorial Garden, will be prepared by a volunteer for gilding. The gold gilding is expected to last 20 years, and will be done by Paul White of Sandwich at a total cost of \$900. If you would like to contribute to this beautiful restoration of our church, please call the church office or send your check to St. Peters - (item cross).

Carole Dwyer 771-2275

Harvest Fair - November 8, 2008

As we prepare for our Harvest Fair, please note the following changes. We will not have a silent auction, but we will return to having the attic treasures and books this year. We will be asking for an increased number of meals to go, as well as baked goods. You may start bringing your items for the boutique, attic treasures and books to the church, but please call the office first if you are bringing a large lot of items.

REMEMBER- NO CLOTHES, NO ELECTRONICS, NO FURNITURE OR LARGE YARD SALE ITEMS, AND BOOKS ONLY 2005 OR NEWER.

Carole Dwyer 771-2275

Coming In August :

Women's Association Luncheon

Our next meeting will take place at noon on Thursday, August 7th, for a Box Lunch-at-the-Beach social. Those interested in bringing a chair, hat & towel and wearing a bathing suit, please sign up on the church bulletin board before Monday, August 4th and leave or send a check for \$15 with Alison at the church office.

August 17- Fun Day

Bishop Bud Cederholm will preach at Crystal Lake followed by "Fun Day" back at the church.

Party by the Sea

**Thursday, August 21, 2008 from 5:00 to 7:30 pm at the
Wianno Yacht Club, 101 Bridge Street in Osterville
\$10 per person - BYOB and an hors d'oeuvre**

Our silent auction has terrific Red Sox tickets (they used to belong to the Kennedys) for the Friday, Aug. 29 game at 7:00 vs. Chicago White Sox.

We have gift certificates and great merchandise!

All proceeds will benefit the many fine works
of St. Peter's Outreach.

**Sunday, August 31-
Evensong at St. Andrew's, Hyannis Port, 5:00 pm**

Choir of St. Peter's, Osterville

All Welcome

Food Pantry

The Food Pantry continues to be quite active this summer. Please help us out by purchasing non perishable items when you do your grocery shopping. We continue to need paper products, i.e., kleenex, toilet tissue and paper towels; soup; macaroni and cheese; one box meals; coffee, tea; canned meats and pasta; tuna fish; condiments and salad dressings; and peanut butter. If you are too busy to shop or find it easier to make a monetary donation, please leave a check with Alison and we will take care of the rest. Thank you for your assistance. Adrienne and Meredith Carlton

Crystal Lake Services July 6 - September 7

Services are held on Sunday, rain or shine, through Labor Day at 9:15 a.m. In case of inclement weather, the service moves inside at the same location. Child care is always available at this service.

Directions to Crystal Lake: From St. Peter's Church, continue down Wianno Ave. toward the ocean. Take a right on Washington Ave. Follow Washington Ave. to the intersection at the tennis courts. Take a right on to Warren Ave. Where Warren Ave. bears to the left, a driveway will be on your right. The service is held at the end of this driveway by the lake. Parking is limited, so please park carefully along the road, not blocking residential driveways. Wooden bench seating is provided. You may bring lawn chairs, if preferred.

The Paradoxical Commandments

Kent M. Keith

(Frequently attributed to Mother Teresa)

People are often unreasonable,
illogical and self-centered;
Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind,
people may accuse you of selfish ulterior motives;
Be kind anyway.

If you are successful,
you will win some false friends and true enemies;
Succeed anyway.

If you are honest and frank,
people may cheat you;
Be honest anyway.

What you spend years building,
someone could destroy overnight;
Build anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness,
they may be jealous;
Be happy anyway.

The good you do today,
people will often forget tomorrow;
Do good anyway.

Give the world the best you have,
and it may never be enough;
Give the world the best you've got anyway.

You see, in the final analysis,
it is between you and God;
It was never between you and them anyway.

Christian Education

We are now well underway with summer services at 9:15 at Crystal Lake, and hope our families continue to bring their children to worship.

Young children may go to child care during the service inside the building. Parents or grandparents **MUST** sign children IN and OUT for safety reasons. Please help our excellent child care providers in this way; thanks in advance for your help. Because the outside service means that children can move around more than usual, we hope only those very young ones -- perhaps four or under -- would be sent to child care rather than participate in worship -- but it is often helpful for parents of young children to have this option.

Youngsters are always wanted to help with the offertory, so please volunteer to help with this part of the service!

Do join us for Bishop “Bud” Cedarholm’s visit on August 17th, especially for the “Fun Day” planned back at church following the Crystal Lake service that day.

We look forward to delightful summer worship with you this summer!

Linda Tetreault
DCE

HELP WANTED:

TWO positions open in our church nursery. High School students or older with references may apply.

These are paid positions that must be staffed EVERY Sunday and at many services during special seasons, especially Holy Week. Please call the church if you would like to be considered, or know someone in the community you would like to recommend.

St. Peter's Nursery School

When you read this, we will be in the last weeks of our Six-Week Summer Program and most likely preparing for the opening of school in September! Before I digress and get lost in how quickly the days, weeks and years go by, I'll bring myself back to the present!

At this very moment, mid-July, one week of our summer session is behind us and the second is beginning. We have met many new children, some of whom are the younger siblings of others that have attended in the past, others are children returning for another summer with us or have been with us throughout the year. For each, it is a new experience. Although the surroundings may be familiar to some, the staff and the students are new to them. For others the surroundings, staff and students are all unfamiliar. In several cases, this is their first school or play experience without mom! Having pointed out the challenges, I must say, all are doing great!

Beth Daly, April Croker, Lauren Buckley and Carol Sue Meagher, members of our year long staff, are joined this summer by Rachael Daly and Carolynn Kravitz, former teachers at St. Peter's and Mary Ann Kowalski, a St. Peter's graduate. Rachael and Carolynn are working with Beth Daly with the 3.6-6 year old group, while April, Lauren and Carol Sue, are providing care and learning experiences for the 2-3.6 year old group. Mary Ann, a college student, is lending a capable hand in both classrooms. I am extremely fortunate and grateful for the enthusiasm and talents each brings to their respective position.

The first week of our Summer Program included an Open House on Monday, July 7th.

Lunch Bunch is being offered every day, Tuesday-Friday, and Extended Days each Wednesday and Thursday. In the next several weeks, we are looking forward to participating in the Osterville Village Day Parade and an Ice Cream Social in our parish hall on July 19th and our annual field trip to the Cape Cod Playhouse in Dennis for a children's performance on August 1st. In the meantime, we have numerous on-site activities planned including sprinkler days! As these events have not yet taken place, details will be in the next Cross Keys.

Please call 508-428-8857 or visit our website www.stpetersnurseryschool.org, if interested in our 2008-2009 Nursery School Program for September. We currently offer flexible scheduling, daily Lunch Bunch with a 12:30 pick-up and Extended Days Monday, Wednesday and Friday until 3:00. We accept children as young as 1.9 and they need not be toilet trained!

Announcements

Volunteer Opportunity

We are looking for someone to take over the job of selling
Food Cards on Sunday mornings.

Resa Giles is willing to train the next person and can be reached at 508-428-0106

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St. Peter's Knitting Group will not meet during the month of August.

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Church Office Hours for the summer

Monday-Thursday

9:00 am-4:00pm

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A Summer Prayer

Long warm days...

The pace of life slows...

A time for picnics and rest in the shade...

Lord,

help me to rest awhile in the cooling shade of your presence.

Slow down my restless heart and fill me with gentle compassion for all your people.

Amen.

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

9:15 a.m. Crystal Lake Service

Sunday childcare is provided at Crystal Lake and in the downstairs nursery for parents attending any activities following. Parents must sign their child in and out of childcare.

Church Staff

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The Rev. Paul Thompson, Associate

The Rev. Russell H. Allen, Associate

Karen Crosby, Organist-Choir Director

Linda Tetreault, Christian Ed Director

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