



St. Peter's Cross Keys
July 2006

From the Rector's Desk

Beloved in Christ,

A few weeks ago I was thinking about a friend's small cottage on the Outer Banks of North Carolina. Jen and I first visited there before we had children, another year with a baby, then time and again with a family. Two of our children have been there and ask about it often. We make it there infrequently, but still we remember it as a special place, away from the hustle and bustle of normal life. Even without looking at our many photos taken there, I easily can remember the salt spray, the lumpy mattresses, and the rustic furnishings that never really change.

In that instant of nostalgia, I remembered (and realized at a deeper level) what so many of you have told me over the last six years: that is what Cape Cod has been for many of you, too.

With July upon us again, we are reminded of our rich and varied parish. Yes, like the rest of the Cape, our seasonal chapel has gone "year round" since 1976. The Cape does continue to change, but we still welcome members and friends back for that same kind of refuge, year after year and generation after generation.

Whatever other changes life may bring, we gather again this summer to pray and sing and baptize and rejoice.

Thank you for joining us, whether for a week or a season or a lifetime.

Tim Cherry

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By the time you read this, our Episcopal Church's General Convention will have ended. Initial reports indicate that the world, indeed, has not come to an end... although the complex issues facing our church and Communion probably will continue to force changes unthinkable a few short years ago. When the "dust has settled" a little more, we will spend time looking at some of the questions and issues beneath the headlines to see how we may be called to be faithful people of God.

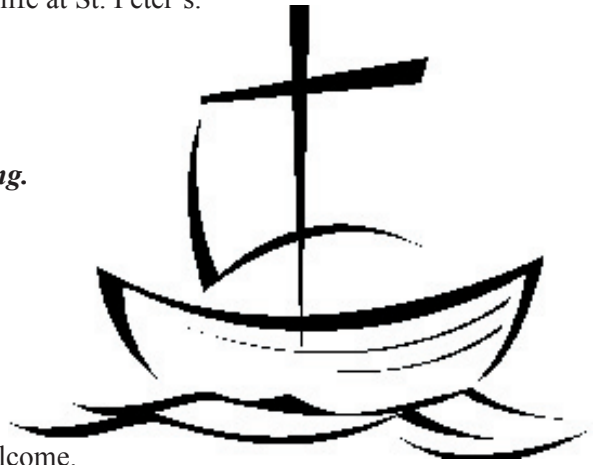
Crystal Lake Music

Crystal Lake is a special and unique aspect of parish life at St. Peter's.

The contemporary Christian song Gather Us In says it in a nutshell:

*Not in the dark of buildings confining,
Not in some heaven light-years away,
But here in this place the new light is shining.
Now is the Kingdom, now is the day.*

This summer, along with guitar, bass, piano and soloists, a "Crystal Lake Choir" will lead the music for the outdoor worship. The repertoire derives the Episcopal Church's *Hymnal 82*, the *Lift Every Voice and Sing II Hymnal*, the *Wonder, Love and Praise* supplemental hymnal, as well as contemporary Christian praise selections. All are welcome.



Thank you for your aid in bringing the high quality of music to St. Peter's and our community. It is my privilege and honor to facilitate this process.

As always, a premier music program derives its resources from the community. We are very fortunate at St. Peter's to have a very talented pool from which to draw. All these presentations require financial support; however, and any financial assistance is always appreciated.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Karen, Music Director at St. Peter's, at 508-428-6577, or kecosby@aol.com.

Crystal Lake Choir Service and Rehearsal Schedule - July

Saturday, July 1st, 10:00-11:30 Rehearsal

Downstairs in the Music Room at church.

Please note change of time (due to parking situation from 8:30-9:30 Saturday mornings).

Sunday, July 2nd – 9:15a.m. Service

8:30 a.m. rehearsal at the Lake.



CRYSTAL LAKE 9:15 SERVICE BEGINS JULY 2nd!

Services are held rain or shine through Labor Day. 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.

St. Peter's Vestry Liaisons

Liaison Description:

1. Keep in touch with group leaders/members
2. Report quarterly to Vestry
3. Represent and Advocate as appropriate
4. Help provide thanks and positive feedback to volunteers

Adult/Christian Education...Youth...Christian Formation:

Greg Miller

Music:

Mary Beebe

Newcomers/Member Development/Hospitality:

Sarah Horvath, Bill Carlton, David Bernard

Pastoral Care/Lay Eucharistic Visitors/Prayer Group:

Carole Dwyer

St. Peter's Nursery School:

Paul Soares

Outreach/Food Pantry:

Don Sherlock, Bill Carlton

Property/Landscaping/Memorial Garden:

Chuck Gasior, Dave Polatty

Stewardship:

Joanne Corsiglia, Bill Carlton, David Bernard

Worship (servers/ushers/counters/altar guild):

Carole Dwyer

Harvest Fair:

Ellen Merlesena

St. Peter's Women's Association:

Ellen Merlesena

From St. Peter's Flower Guild

Do you appreciate the lovely flowers on the altar each Sunday? Would you like to assist in having those flowers placed on the altar? The Flower Guild, which is responsible for the altar flowers, needs more members. All that one needs to do is to arrange the flowers or to call a local florist to place their flowers on the altar. After the last Sunday morning service, that same person is responsible for breaking down the altar into three vases for someone else to take to our church shut-ins. You would do this three or four times a year. If you are interested in serving your church by being a member of the Flower Guild, please call Carol Seidler at 508-428-2630

Harvest Fair Chair(s) Needed!

We need someone to be in charge of this year's Harvest Fair. Since Sandy and Nick Nickerson and Carol Dwyer are having the Attic Treasures and Book Sale on August 26, there will be less to arrange for the Fair in November. Barbara Reed and Ellen Merlesena have already lined up sub-chairs and will be there with any assistance needed. Harvest Fair brings in quite a bit of money for the church which is used in-house, as well as many worthwhile Outreach projects. Please, please volunteer or we will not be able to have a Harvest Fair in 2006. Call Barbara Reed at 508-420-1762 with any questions or comments.

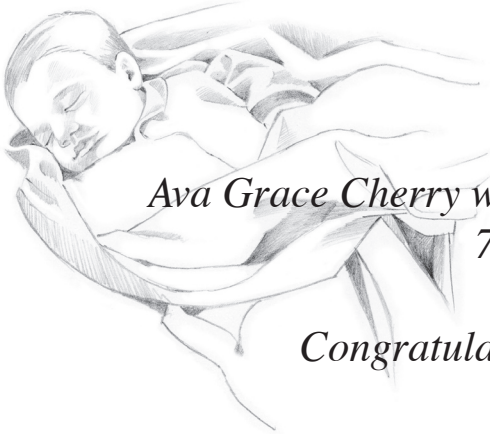
Overnights of Hospitality

	Chaperones	Pick Up*	Food/Drink/Video	Drop Off*	Laundry
July 10	H. Greene 1 NEEDED	NEEDED	NEEDED	NEEDED	NEEDED
July 24	H. Greene 1 NEEDED	NEEDED	NEEDED	NEEDED	NEEDED

*Pick up at Salvation Army 6-6:30 p.m. Monday evening. Need one or two people to drive up to 7 guests. Return trip Tuesday morning by 7:30 a.m. For more information on how you can join this volunteer program, please call Hilary Greene at 508-737-4542.

St. Peter's Prayer Group

The St. Peter's Prayer Group meets every other Thursday at 5 PM. Our one hour meeting includes intercessory prayer, both silent and aloud, a reading of one of the daily offices or other service and a book study. Please join us for any part of our meeting or if you cannot join us, please put any specific prayer request in the box marked "Prayer Group Requests" in the hallway and we will include them in our intercessions. If you are not able to come to the church, please call the office with your prayer request and it will be inserted in the box. For more information, please contact Bobbie Grimes at 508-775-1334.



Ava Grace Cherry was born May 31, 2006 at 10:49 AM

7 pounds 1 ounce

21 inches

Congratulations to the Cherry family!

A Comforting Voice

The following is reprinted from "Flagship News", an American Airlines employee newspaper

My father, Gregory J. Blied, was struck and killed by a motorcyclist on Aug. 26, 1997 on a beautiful Tuesday afternoon. He was riding his bike 35 miles from South Haven to Kalamazoo, MI. This was an average ride for my 70-year-old father. He did not see the motorcycle as he crossed County Road 388 and was killed almost instantly.

Several days before the funeral, my sister took a phone call and the story she heard was so important I called the woman back.

The woman lives off 388 and was there when my father was hit. She saw the motorcycle go by, heard the screech of tires, the subsequent impact and then, nothing. She jumped into her car and drove to where my father lay. He was still breathing and his heart was still beating, but he was completely unresponsive. We later learned that his brain stem had been separated on impact and though he did not feel a thing, his body hadn't stopped working yet.

She called 911 from her car and about three minutes later the ambulance arrived. The interesting part of the story is in those three minutes.

The woman telling me this story is a 56-year-old nurse, a professional and a trained observer. She was used to the situation facing her and did not strike me as one to exaggerate, aggrandize or emotionalize the event. She merely told me what happened next.

She had her stethoscope with her and his heart was starting to slow. She said another bicyclist had come off the trail and was about 30 feet away from her. Several cars had stopped but no one came closer than the bicyclist. She suddenly became aware of "a presence." She looked to her left and noticed a man standing next to her and Dad. She'd heard no footsteps, no bike, no car door. She'd lived in that area all her life and knew everyone, but she had never seen this man, before or since.

He smiled at her, knelt next to Dad, put his hands on Dad's shoulders and chest and started sweetly praying into his ears. She said that during his prayers, it was as if the rest of the world no longer existed - all she could hear was his words. She also described a sensation of being caught in a gentle, upward breeze. He prayed with my father for about a minute. When he finished, he took his hands from Dad and stood up. At this point, our nurse friend heard some noise to her right.

She looked over and noticed that the ambulance had arrived and although it had come up with sirens screaming, she had not heard it. She then looked back to her left. The man was no longer there. She looked around for him. Again - no footsteps, no bike, no car and more importantly, there was nowhere for him to have gone. He had simply vanished. With his departure, my Dad took his last breath and passed as well.

I told this story the following day to the gentleman handling Dad's funeral arrangements. He nonchalantly observed, "Oh yes. Your dad's guardian angel came and got him." He obviously saw the skepticism cross my face and continued: "Gary," he told me, "we hear these stories every week. Angels are as common in my business as caskets."

In retrospect, this eye witness account of my father's final minutes gave us all a great deal of peace in knowing that he's happy, without pain, without troubles - and that one day I'll see him again.

As you go through your life, please watch around you. Pay attention. Think ahead. Buckle up. Make someone's day better. Be kind to a stranger. Give someone a break. Dare to believe in things that maybe you've never believed in before. Have some faith. Most of all, tell the people most important in your life that you love them. Often. It's very important. Very important.

- Gary J. Blied

Christian Education

Welcome to summer at St. Peter's Church! If you have not yet joined us for the services at Crystal Lake, this is a great time to worship in a beautiful outside setting where children (and their parents!) can be more casual and perhaps relaxed during worship.

Children are of course welcome at all services, but we do provide CHILD CARE for infants preschoolers both at the 9:15 service at Crystal Lake and at the 11:00 service at church (in the St. Peter's Nursery School toddler area). We have trained child care personnel on hand every Sunday so parents can worship peacefully!

Youth Events

Planning ahead for Confirmation? Our confirmands will prepare next MARCH, 2007 over a weekend at the Barbara C. Harris Center. If Confirmation is in your plans for the coming year, please speak to the Rector or to the Director of Christian Education.

How about a RETREAT at the camp? Contact the church office or the DCE if you are interested in attending a weekend event during the next school year.

Linda Tetreault
Director, Christian Education

St. Peter's Nursery School

Charlene M. Krig, Director

The 2005-06 school year has been an extremely rewarding and industrious year! As director, I am incredibly grateful and appreciative of the efforts and talent of the 2005 summer staff; Jennifer Byers, Beth Daly, Allie and Jenny Hornberger, Carol Sue Meagher and Amy Schaller, the 2005-06 September-June staff; Beth Daly, Carolyn Kravitz, Lorraine Lajoie, Jennifer Lawrence, Carol Sue Meagher, Mary Nielsen, Shelley MacKowsky and our bookkeeper, Diane Cook.

In addition to the staff, our activities and fund-raising success are due to the efforts of many; the St. Peter's Nursery School Trustee and Corporation Members, the parents, St. Peter's Church Vestry, Outreach Committee, church members, clergy, staff and local business community. Their time, talent and enthusiasm on behalf of the school are invaluable and greatly appreciated.

Our *Sail Into Summer Gala Auction* on May 20 at the Wianno Club is a wonderful example of a concerned and supportive community. With the support of the local business, church and nursery school community, we raised over \$17,000.00! Over the years, community supported fund-raisers have enabled us to meet our expenses, offer tuition assistance and also make capital improvements to our physical space. Proceeds from this event will afford us the opportunity to continue to do all that, as well as enhance our curriculum with music, creative arts and science programs.

At this time we are anticipating a fun-filled Six Week Summer Program from July 5-August 11. We have an Open House scheduled for participants on Friday, July 3 from 10:00-11:00 AM.

There are a limited number of openings for the 2006-07 school year. Please call 508-428-8857 for information.

Announcements

The **Annual Meeting** tentatively scheduled for June 25th will be held later in the summer while pending feedback from the Diocese regarding our proposed bylaws. Watch the website or contact the office for further information.

Mark Your Calendars!

Saturday, August 26th, St. Peter's will be having a yard sale/book sale from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event will take place in the church parking lot and cottage driveway/garage area. Donations may be brought to the garage area the week before the sale. The church will not be able to accept donations prior to that time. No large furniture or electronics will be accepted. For further information, you may call Sandy and Nick Nickerson at 508-428-2085.

Available Altar Flowers Dates

July 23, July 30, November 12

The above dates are open for anyone who would like to remember a deceased love one with altar flowers. Please call the church at 508-428-3561 or email Estalee at stpeters14@juno.com to request a date. The usual donation for the flowers is \$50.

Food Pantry

Thanks to all who heeded the call for peanut butter...now we need jelly to go with it! Other very popular items that are again in short supply include: jarred fruit, individual snack items and juices, one box meals, soups, and paper products – Kleenex, paper towels, toilet tissue. Should you wish us to do some food shopping on your behalf, donations to the St. Peter's Food Pantry are always much appreciated. On behalf of our visitors to the pantry, we thank you for your donations, and continued support of this vital program. Happy Spring! Meredith and Adrienne

The deadline for the Cross Keys is the 15th of the month. Submissions may be left in the church office, emailed (most preferred by the editor!) to nancymumford@comcast.net, or mailed to 422 Whistleberry Dr, Marstons Mills, 02648. Thank you.

Sunday Services

8:00 am Holy Eucharist

9:15 am Crystal Lake Eucharist
(directions printed inside this issue)

11:00 am Holy Eucharist

Sunday childcare is provided at Crystal Lake for the 9:15 service and at St. Peter's for the 11 am service for parents attending church or other parish activities

Church Staff

The Rev. Timothy B. Cherry, Rector

The Rev. Dr. Eugene Goetchius, Associate

The Rev. Paul Thompson, Associate

The Rev. Russell H. Allen, Assisting

Karen Crosby, Organist-Choir Director

Linda Tetreault, Christian Ed Director

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