



*St. Peter's Cross Keys*  
*June 2008*

## *From the Interim Rector*

At the bottom of the First Quarter Pledge statements, just mailed out to over 130 parishioners who have pledged this year, there's a statement that reads:

*“UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED  
THE ONLY GOODS OR SERVICES PROVIDED ARE  
INTANGIBLE RELIGIOUS BENEFITS.”*

This got me thinking: “intangible” as opposed to “tangible” religious benefits? Question: What are the benefits of religion or of being religious? What do we gain from our religion? And are such benefits tangible, intangible or both?

The Book of Common Prayer contributes to this thought. The old Eucharistic Prayer I (in Rite One) reads: we render “*unto Thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same*” (i.e. Christ's saving work through his death and resurrection for all mankind). Such spiritual benefits are real, actual but seem intangible. On the other hand, our religious faith usually produces some very tangible results - resilience, patience and strength in times of need, a happier outlook, compassion towards others, acceptance as well as real comfort. An exercised faith brings us courage to face what we must, to strive and to contend with real life problems and situations that come our way. Our religion should provide us with vision, mission, a sense of purpose, even a sense of greater happiness, zest, real satisfaction as well as relief from guilt or lack of self-esteem. A religious outlook - rooted and grounded in God - can allow us to work better, to build stronger relationships and put us in touch with those causes that require our best efforts and often much sacrifice. The familiar song text reads: “Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love...” Now that is tangible! Inner security, peace, is very real for us though it may appear invisible to others. Prosperity is both tangible in our lifestyle and intangible in terms of spiritual awareness of our partnership with God as stewards of what we possess and share.

Having said this and reasoned it through, now I don't feel so badly as I did about the legal statement we attached to your pledge statement. I hope this has caused you to think as well!

Cordially,

*Robert W. Anthony,*  
Interim Priest

***Sunday, June 8***

**Bishop's Visitation to Saint Peter's Church**

10 o'clock service

The Rt. Reverend Roy F. Cederholm, Jr.

Bishop Suffragan

The Diocese of Massachusetts

Celebrant and Preacher

**Bishop "Bud" will meet with the congregation following the service to answer questions and discuss matters facing the church especially as we anticipate the Lambeth Conference of Bishops**

***Sunday, June 15***

**The Annual Parish Meeting  
of St. Peter's Church**

**following the ten o'clock service.**

**Presentation of Reports,**

**Election of Officers and Members of the Vestry,**

**Review and approval of parish by-laws,**

**Discussion time.**

***Sunday, June 22***

**Installation of New Officers,**

**Members of the Vestry**

**and continuing Vestry members**

**by the Reverend Eugene Goetchius**

**Ten O'clock AM**

# *Vestry News*

Highlights from the April 28th Vestry Meeting:

- A committee has been formed to work on goals, target audience and areas of responsibility for the St. Peter's web-site. Members of the committee are Sarah Horvath, Jane Schaller, Paul Soares and Lynn Voccola.
- The Vestry delegated the Property Committee to appoint a structural engineer to examine the Church settling and the environment in which the organ sits.
- St. Peter's will make its quarterly payment of its assessment to the Diocese in accordance with the new diocesan outline.
- The annual meeting will take place on June 15, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. The proposed slate of officers and new Vestry members will be voted on.
- Dates to remember:

Sunday, June 8 – Bishop Bud will visit St. Peter's. He will meet with the Search Committee at 9:00 a.m. and have lunch with the Vestry at 12:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 7 – There will be a trombone and organ concert at St. Peter's in the evening.

Saturday, May 31 – The men's fellowship will have a breakfast at 7:30 a.m. in the parish hall.

St. Peter's Vestry – Mary Beebe, David Bernard (Warden), William Carlton (Warden), Carole Dwyer, Chuck Gasior (Secretary), Bobbie Grimes, Sarah Horvath, Frank Lord, Jane Price, Bill Seaward (Treasurer), Maureen Tempesta, Don Treimann, Paul Soares and Lynn Voccola.

## *Search Committee Update*

The Search Committee to find a new Rector has been working diligently and prayerfully and has reached another milestone in the long process.

We have reduced the number of candidates to seven and we are preparing to send out teams of committee members to meet with the candidates at their present parish, to listen to them preach and learn as much as possible during a short visit. We expect that this next phase of the search will take until the end of June.

Our candidates are spread throughout the land, from Washington State to Florida. All are sitting rectors, with many years experience.

When we have completed our travels we will reduce our list to perhaps 3-4 names and will submit those names to the Diocese for extensive review. Subsequently the final candidates will be invited to Osterville to meet the whole committee, the Vestry, Staff and others, as time permits.

Our finalists will also be scheduled to meet with one of our Bishops during their time with us. The Bishop will acquaint the candidate with the diocese of Massachusetts and establish a relationship with the candidates.

Provided that all goes well over these next months we will hope to have a new Rector in place by the start of the new program year in early September.

James L. Baird, Jr.  
Chair  
Search Committee

## *Building Bridges to Islam*

These days the Iraq war raises questions about what do the followers of Islam believe and how do their beliefs influence their behavior. Unfortunately, when we read and/or hear confusing and conflicting answers, it seems obvious that the more information we can acquire the better informed we can be. To help us clear up some of our misapprehensions, Elderhostel's Adventures in Lifelong Learning sponsors a "fascinating Day of Discovery" at the Worcester Islamic Center on Saturday June 14 or at the Islamic Center of Boston in Wayland on Saturday June 21 or 28.

The program starting at 9AM and concluding at 3PM highlights:

- Informative, interactive presentations by practicing Muslims, followed by question-and-answer sessions
- Opportunity to observe prayer and worship and to enjoy a taste of traditional Middle Eastern cuisine.
- Learn about Islamic aesthetics as you take in an impressive display of Islamic art and architecture.

There are millions of Muslims in America today and more than 3,000 mosques, Islamic schools and Islamic centers across the country. Indeed, Islam is one of the fastest-growing religions in the world, yet it is often perplexing to outsiders. Is the image of Muslims we see in the media the true face of Islam? What is it like to be a Muslim in the United States today? Find answers and insights into the faith, cultures and traditions of Islam by examining the religion from within — from the point of view of practicing American Muslims.

This day of immersion in your local Muslim community will take place at the Islamic Center of Worcester or the Islamic Center of Boston in Wayland, Mass. Your program will be led by local imams, who will begin your Day of Discovery with an introduction to and general overview of Islam to facilitate your understanding of its tenets and customs, social and political issues.

Building upon this broad foundation, take part in presentations on a number of topics, each delving into the particulars of the faith. Learn about the Qur'an and Sunnah, holy sources of guidance among Muslims. Hear how the roles of men and women in Islam are borne out in their dress and customs, and get up to speed on the current events and geopolitical issues of concern to Muslim communities around the world. After each presentation, take advantage of your hosts' expertise in question-and-answer sessions that allow you to fill in the gaps of your own knowledge and gain a deeper understanding of Islamic society. In addition to these in-depth, expert-led presentations, you'll observe Zuhr prayer, sample traditional Middle Eastern fare and explore Islamic art and architecture.

If you would like more information, go to [elderhostel.org](http://elderhostel.org) and enter number 14227MAS in the program search box. The cost is \$69.00 and you can register on line. If several people would like to carpool, call Frank Lord at 539-3378 or email me at [fjlord@msn.com](mailto:fjlord@msn.com) to coordinate rides.

*Imagine a time when your neighbors watched out for one another.  
Imagine not feeling so overwhelmed when a family emergency hits.  
Imagine taking small steps to making the world a better place  
Imagine making a difference.  
Imagine YOU being that difference.*

***Have you met the Cape Cod Angels yet?????***

Cape Cod Angels have taken flight and we have communities in Falmouth, Mashpee, Sandwich, Yarmouth and Wellfleet with Barnstable and Orleans not far behind. Try sprouting your wings - it's good for you and great for your community. The more Angel communities on Cape, the better our lives on Cape.

***Meet “The Cape Cod Angels”***

an extended network of residents who are ready, willing and able to help anyone in town that is facing a temporary crisis in their lives. Really, who of us can't give an hour of time, prepare and deliver a meal once in a while or make a phone call to check on someone recovering? On the other hand - many of us cannot commit to an ongoing, indeterminate schedule of volunteering to help. If folks in crisis had a large network to tap into, more relief can be available to them and less burden is carried by any one family member or group of friends.

Our idea is simple: Follow our parents and grandparents examples. Neighbors helping neighbors. Not every week, not every day - when your schedule as the volunteer permits.  
We accept no donations - this is not about money.

We have men, women, and, hopefully soon, our students as part of the Angel network. So maybe you can't cook but can get a computer up and running or pick up a few groceries for someone. Perhaps, a phone call to that neighbor who lives alone and just got out of the hospital to just say hi and welcome home. Everyone has something to give to a neighbor in need. Perhaps, a dog needs to be walked or a trip to the library may be just what is needed. There are all kinds of needs and all kinds of skills.

The word is spreading about how easy it is to help out another person and just how good it feels to do so. Our goal is to have an Angel community in every town on Cape. With your help, we can achieve this goal.

The Angels have successful communities in Wayland, Sudbury, Northborough, Medway, Concord and Carlisle and Bolton as well. Hundreds of people are doing their best to change the world in a very simple way.

For more information on how to volunteer or start your own Angel Community in your town, please contact **Susan Grayson-Johnson** at [capecodangels@verizon.net](mailto:capecodangels@verizon.net)

***“Merry Month of May” Men’s Fellowship  
Breakfast and Program***

***Saturday, May 31st from 7:30-9:15 am***

**All men of the parish and their guests are invited.**

**Breakfast will be served from 7:30-8:15 with a brief program to follow.  
We will be “out”, guys, by 9:15 sharp, so that we can do all those chores  
you-know-who assigns us!**

**Please attend and get this informal men’s group going!**

**Volunteers needed for kitchen prep, (see Jamie Harmon) serving and clean-up.**

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**Saturday, June 7th  
Live Organ and Trombone Recital  
7:30 PM**

**St. Peter’s Church  
Featuring**

**Steve Young,  
Choral Director at Bridgewater State College  
Organist and Choirmaster  
Old South Union Church, South Weymouth**

**&**

**Doug Wauchope,  
Free-Lance Trombonist,  
Former Band Director at Hingham High School  
Well-known area instrumentalist  
Bass Trombonist, Atlantic Symphony Orchestra  
Faculty, Bridgewater State College**

**Suggested Offering: \$10**

# Irenaeus

Bishop of Lyons, c. 202

Feast Day, June 28th

If theology is “thinking about faith” and arranging those thoughts in some systematic order, then Irenaeus has been rightly recognized by Catholics and Protestants alike as the first great systematic theologian.

There is considerable doubt about the year of Irenaeus’ birth; estimates vary from 97 to 160. It is certain that he learned the Christian faith in Ephesus at the feet of the venerable Polycarp, who in turn had known John the Evangelist. Some years before 177, probably while Irenaeus was still in his teens, he carried the tradition of Christianity to Lyons in southern France.

His name means “the peaceable one” — and suitably so. The year 177 brought hardship to the mission in Gaul. Persecution broke out, and a mounting tide of heresy threatened to engulf the Church. Irenaeus, by now a presbyter, was sent Rome to mediate the dispute regarding Montanism, which the Bishop of Rome, Eleutherus, seemed to embrace. While Irenaeus was on this mission, the aged Bishop of Lyons, Pothinus, died in prison during a local persecution. When Irenaeus returned to Lyons, he was elected bishop to succeed Pothinus.

Irenaeus’ enduring fame rests mainly on a large treatise, entitled *The Refutation and Overthrow of Gnosis, Falsely So-Called*, usually shortened to *Against Heresies*. In it, Irenaeus describes the major Gnostic systems, thoroughly, clearly, and often with biting humor. It is one of our chief sources of knowledge about Gnosticism. He also makes a case for Christianity which has become a classic, resting heavily on Scripture, and on the continuity between the teaching of the Apostles and the teaching of bishops, generation after generation, especially in the great see cities. Against the Gnostics, who despised the flesh and exalted the spirit, he stressed two doctrines: that of the creation as good, and that of the resurrection of the body.

A late and uncertain tradition claims that he suffered martyrdom, about 202.

# *St. Peter's Nursery School*

*Applications are still being accepted  
for our 2008-2009 school year.  
For more information please contact  
Charlene Krig at 508-428-8857.*



## ***Wednesday Morning Bible Study 10:30 AM***

*Anyone is welcome to join us whenever possible  
We will begin a new series entitled:*

### **“Conversations On Bible Passages And Themes”**

*On Wednesday, June 4th*

This program is especially recommended for the curious who would like to feel more comfortable and to become better informed as to how to read and study the scriptures.

At these sessions, we share insights, interpretations and it is an opportunity to ask questions.

*We are happy to announce that Janet Thornton has become editor for the monthly publication entitled “Down Home Devotions” which is being sent to our homebound members. We welcome anyone’s suggestions for topics and submitted writings for future editions. Please contact Janet or the clergy or call the parish office.*

## *Announcements*

If you are doing spring cleaning or weeding out, please remember any **unwanted jewelry would be most welcome for St. Peter's Harvest Fair**. It's never too early for us to start pricing.

Items may be left in the office, marked Harvest Fair.

Many thanks, Nancy Dwarnick & Barbara Glatley

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**Thursday, June 12th-Women's Association Luncheon.**

**The program will be "Herbs for pleasure and table"  
and will be presented by Becky McClenahan.**

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**ADULT FORUMS** are held in the Library after the 10:00 am service.

Please bring your cup of coffee and join us for a discussion on the Sunday lessons and sermon.

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Please be certain to e-mail the office if you would like to receive your monthly Cross Keys via your e-mail address.

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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](mailto: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](mailto: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

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