



# *Easter*

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

# *From the Interim Rector*

## *The Intercessory Prayer Group and the Circle of Prayer*

Probably everyone agrees that intercessory prayer is at the heart of the Church's commission by Jesus Christ for healing and pastoral care, which is an on-going ministry shared by the clergy and laity. Thus, we are fortunate at St. Peter's Church to have a very responsible group of lay persons who meet every Thursday afternoon both to update our intercessory prayer list (printed in the Sunday bulletin) and to pray intently for those whose names we have received through the parish office or by other means.

Now we are starting a second "wave" of daily intercessory prayer by those parishioners and friends who have agreed to join our "**Circle of Prayer**" at home. These individuals will receive in the mail an updated daily prayer list which they agree to read on some daily basis (as they wish) in a spirit of prayerful, quiet reflection. Thereby we can assure people who have submitted names of friends/family/neighbors in need, that a larger group of us, not only the clergy, are praying for people's "*comfort and assurance*" on a daily basis. And so the circle of pastoral concern widens, deepens in a kind of ripple effect that we believe, by faith, ascends to "God's mercy seat in heaven."

It says in scripture: "*make your requests known unto God.*" Thus, we respond in a positive state of grace, to those individuals for whom we pray. Our Prayer Book also says: "*Stir up in us the will and patience to minister to their needs,*" thereby we participate in both the sufferings of this world that others are undergoing but also the calm expectation of healing, comfort and love promised by our God and Savior. That is the background of what we do as prayer partners and we commend this ministry to any individuals who wish to join us. Simply speak to one of the clergy or to a member of the Intercessory Prayer Group if you wish now to join our "Circle of Prayer."

There are three categories of need we want to reaffirm in our intercessions: first, that of "**Current Concern.**" These are individuals who, because of changes in their health or a crisis in their life situation, need daily prayer as they recover and are able to resume a more normal life. These include those facing surgery or other medical treatment, or those who have changes in employment, lifestyle or some event that is challenging them personally, but who are expected to recover and return to health. Second, there is what we are designating "**Continuing Care.**" These are individuals who, because of chronic health problems -- physically and emotionally -- require daily prayer on a long-term basis. These might include as well family members, friends, neighbors, fellow parishioners who out of care and concern for these individuals are themselves feeling stressed and in need of our support. but let us also remember a third category of intercessory prayer -- that of "**Thanksgivings.**" All too easily we focus on neediness or crisis or alarm but forget to return thanks to God for blessings, relief, amendments received. Thus we forward to you our invitation to join us in extending the Prayer Ministry of St. Peter's Community of Faith.

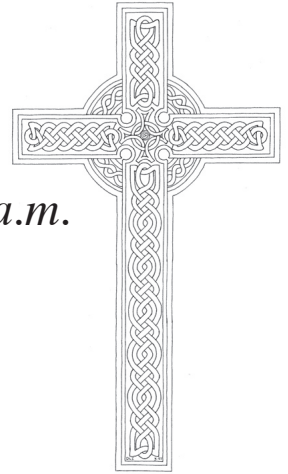
*The Rev, Robert W. Anthony +*

## *Vestry News*

*Several highlights from the January 21st Vestry Meeting:*

- Patrick Butler, Chairman of the Stewardship Committee, presented for Vestry review the materials to be mailed to all parishioners as part of the 2008 Pledge Campaign.
- Dina Lyons, President of the St. Peter's Nursery School Board of Trustees reported on the operational and financial status of the school, which currently has 45 enrollees, but is operating at a deficit. At the December meeting the Vestry authorized a \$2,000 contribution to the school from church funds and forgave the \$200 a month rent for the 2008 calendar year. The Wardens and Vestry have pledged to support and assist the nursery school as it attempts to balance its budget and increase the number of enrollees.
- The Vestry approved an expenditure of \$3,100 to retain Cape Cod E-Com, Inc. to make improvements to the parish website. Jane Schaller will continue to be the parish website administrator.
- Frank Lord, Vestry liaison to property is in the throws of establishing a Property Committee. Frank is also in the process of updating the brochure for the Memorial Garden and has incorporated all the relevant documents about the Memorial Garden on a CD.
- Senior Warden Bill Carlton reported that the work of the Search Committee is ahead of schedule. He reported a full update will be given to the parish in the immediate future.
- The Wardens and Vestry have set May 18th for the 2008 Annual Meeting. Bill Carlton noted that a Nominating Committee must be in place by March 9th. Father Anthony said that he is working with the Diocesan staff to obtain the Diocese's timely approval of the amended By Laws, which St. Peter's had previously approved at the 2006 Annual Meeting. Approval is needed by the Diocese in March, at the latest, since the amended By Laws will reduce the number of Vestry members by two which will affect the number of candidates for election to the Vestry at the May Annual Meeting.

*Holy Week Services at St. Peter's Church*



**Palm Sunday, March 16**

*Holy Eucharist at 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.*

**Wednesday March 19**

*Tenebrae Service 7:00 p.m.*

**Thursday March 20**

*Maundy Thursday Service 7:30 p.m.*

**Friday March 21**

*Stations of the Cross 12:00 noon*

*Good Friday Service 7:30 p.m.*

**Saturday March 22**

*The Great Vigil of Easter & Holy Eucharist 7:30 p.m.*

**Sunday March 23**

*Easter Day Services at*

*8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.*

# *Adult Education*

## **Lenten Study Program**

Continues...

Wednesday, March 5, 12 and

Wednesday in Holy Week, March 19th

## **Prepare For The Paschal Feast**

Fr. Russ Allen is leading two special presentations on Holy Week and Easter, exploring how we prepare for The Paschal Feast by experiencing the events of our Lord's Passion and Death. He will preach at all services on Sunday, March 2nd & 9th and join Adult Education in discussions following the 10:00 am Holy Eucharist on both dates.

Please plan to participate in these important opportunities to  
"Prepare with Joy for the Paschal Feast".

## **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.

## *Outreach*

### *Easter Sunday White Envelope Collection*

Every year our Easter white envelope is dedicated to Outreach charities, and this year, we would like to increase our assistance to the neediest in our community, including the homeless, the hungry, and those needing medical care and fuel assistance. Please help us continue the wonderful level of support that St. Peter's gives to this special population in our community, by contributing to our white envelope collections and by volunteering with our Outreach Committee.

### *Food Pantry*

If you have made some Lenten dietary changes and find yourself with room in your grocery cart, perhaps you would consider purchasing some items for the food pantry. Welcome items include peanut butter, cereal, tuna, pasta sauce, hot chocolate, tea, coffee and other shelf friendly foods such as canned fruits, juices and vegetable. Your donations would be appreciated by Tuesday so that we have time to stock before our visitors arrive on Wednesday morning. Many thanks, Meredith and Adrienne Carlton

### **BARNSTABLE HIGH, STURGIS CHARTER, CAPE COD ACADEMY SENIORS:**

March 9 marks application deadline for St. Peter's Joyce K. Anderson Memorial Community Service Scholarship. If you are a graduating high school senior with plans to advance your education, and have been actively involved in unpaid community service, tell us about it. We welcome your application. Two \$1,000 awards will be given. Application materials are in your school Guidance Office. Please note, the March 9 deadline applies to all application materials, your essay and two letters of recommendation. Good Luck!

Your Outreach Committee

## **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.

### ***John Dirac & Friends Chamber Series***

***Sunday, March 16, 1:00 pm***

**The theme for this month is Sacred Lenten Music**

*Featuring Mary Beebe  
on a full length Suite in A minor by Jean Baptiste Loeillet de Gant*

*Cindy with a Stabat Mater by Vivaldi*

*Spiritual by Jeff Callard*

*Blues Hail Mary by John Dirac*

**Reception to follow in the Parish Hall**

# *Let's re-visit the Ministry of Hospitality At Saint Peter's Church, Osterville*

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“HOSPITALITY”- “the friendly and generous treatment of guests or strangers”.

I think we all agree that hospitality is one of God's spiritual gifts and part of Christ's Commission or mandate to His Church. Moving beyond one's instinct of being kindly or compassionate towards others,

HOSPITALITY welcomes, nurtures, supports both friend and stranger, parishioner and guests to our community of faith. It forms an active, shared ministry with different components. One might think of HOSPITALITY as an umbrella with different ribs forming its frame or a pizza with different ingredients. Saint Paul talked about this in his so-called “body language” in his First Letter to the Corinthians 12 (i.e. “foot”, “hand”, “eye”, and “ear”.)

People say that Saint Peter's Church is a friendly, welcoming place that extends the ministry of hospitality. Thus, it is important to review, renew and enhance this charismatic gift amongst ourselves right now as we consider our stewardship pledges for 2008 “Opportunities for Ministry”--our time and talent.

Here are the ingredients or components of hospitality at Saint Peter's. We seek your ideas and participation in these avenues of special service here.

**“Welcoming Newcomers”** – we are looking for volunteers to become callers on newcomers to our parish, providing a simple telephone welcome call or presenting a small “hello gift” at that person's door. As we receive inquiries or visitors, we plan each year a parish newcomers' WELCOME DINNER potluck supper, hosted by a Hospitality Committee (now being re-formed) and the Vestry with personal invitations issued to our newcomers. Anyone, in fact, is welcome to attend this festive fellowship meal. We need volunteers to plan and serve this event and to plan a date. Let us know if you are interested.

**“Social Dinner Groups”**- are continuing within the parish on a bi-monthly basis, involving groups of 8-10 people gathering in different homes) Again, a potluck). If you would like more information about these friendly gatherings or would like as an individual or couple to join such a group, please let us know soon!

**“Fellowship Circle”**- (Formerly know as “coffee hours”) following Sunday morning worship after the 10 o’clock service. We need volunteers on a scheduled basis from September through June to set-up, serve and clean-up. Please offer to take one or two of these fellowship times only ONCE A YEAR! If not, could you offer some refreshments on a given Sunday now and then on a scheduled basis. That would help a lot.

**“Event Receptions”**- a small dedicated group of parishioners are willing to provide refreshments and receptions to families following a baptism or a funeral service at Saint Peter’s. We need additional volunteers to help provide this pastoral hospitality right now.

**“Sunday Flower Delivery”** – we are seeking individuals, couples or families to start Sunday, March 30th to distribute altar flowers to named individuals or families. We need to find delivery volunteers to be schedules for 1st, 2nd 3rd, 4th or 5th Sunday in any given month. This is an important, quiet ministry that reaches out on behalf of the entire congregation to bring good cheer to persons in need. Consider this work as part of your pledge to St. Peter’s this year and let us know if you are interested!

**“Parish Brunches”** are held in the parish hall once a month. The next one is Sunday, March 2nd (St. David’s Day—Lent 4—“Laetare” or Refreshment Sunday when in the old days people were allowed to relax their fasting just a bit). Will you volunteer to help serve or provide “delectables” for this brunch or sometime soon? Call the parish office.

**“Parish Drivers”** presently we have only one or two individuals who are willing, as part of their service, to drive individuals to doctor’s appointments, therapy or shopping. Would you consider this very part-time, once-in-a-while ministry?

**“Providing Meals to Parishioners”** again this is an occasional service of hospitality. We would like to generate a small list of person who would be willing to provide sustenance for someone alone or newly returned from the hospital etc...

Please contact the church office if you would like to help with any aspect of our hospitality ministry. Thank you!

## Dear St. Peter's Families,

When you hear the words "Nursery School," do you think of Sunday Nursery/childcare? Did you know that "St. Peter's Nursery School" is actually a separate school that offers early childhood education Monday through Friday?

We are now accepting applications for our Summer 2008 Program, and for the Fall 2008/09 School Year.

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# *Announcements*

## **Easter Flowers**

If you would like to donate Easter flowers in memory of a loved one, please contact the church office for details. Volunteers to deliver Easter lilies are also needed.

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The **Youth Group** will meet at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 9th to prepare a NOAH dinner. All are encouraged to attend!

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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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Your small contributions to the **Discretionary Fund** at this time of year, enable your clergy to help people quietly. Thank you.

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The **Salvation Army Miracle Kitchen** will take place on the second Tuesday of the month. Lunch will be prepared and served at the Soup Kitchen in Hyannis. Help is always welcome!

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**Pledge envelope boxes** are now available in the Parish Hall.

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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](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

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