



*St. Peter's Cross Keys
November 2008*

The Festival of All God's Saints

Saturday, November 1st at 5:00 P.M.

and

All Saints' Sunday, November 2nd

All Saints' Day - November 1st - is one of the seven principal feasts of the Church. Your clergy at St. Peter's thus invites you to remember this festival in worship on Saturday afternoon, November 1st, at a special service at 5:00 P.M. At this eucharist we offer each of you an opportunity to remember by name those nearest and dearest to us who have brought us to faith for whom we are so grateful, as well as all God's saints and heroes in times past, including our own vocation to be God's saints in our lifetime. Remembering and being grateful for our heritage is so very important in the exercise of our faith in Jesus Christ, the Mighty Acts of God and the power of the Holy Spirit's influence in our daily life. Please join us that Saturday for this special service.

*We urge you, therefore,
To send us specific names of people
that you wish to be named at this service
either in writing or by calling the parish office
so that we might offer such commemorations on November 1st.*

Sunday, November 2nd is designated each year as *All Saints' Sunday* and so we urge your attendance in praise for those who have gone before us and have made such a great influence on our faith journey. These are sacred events by which to say "Thank you!" So please join us.

Saints Are Not Born to It

Saints are not	Taller, stronger,	
Born to it,	More resistant	
Except most rarely,	To the wind	That having found the sun,
Nor by default	Of the world,	The source of life,
Do they	And even in the times	Just once,
Come to God	Without sun,	All other light,
Having no other choice,	They wait,	However strong,
But rather,	Turned toward dawn,	Is not enough.
Like sunflowers	Knowing the promise	
Growing outside my door,	Of Light.	<i>Anne Squire-Buresh</i>
Do they grow and turn,		
Following the course	In their holy simplicity,	
Of God	The saints of God	
With upturned faces,	Remember what I forget	
Growing each day	Too easily -	

Notes from the St. Peter's Vestry Retreat

October 4, 2008 at the Rectory

- Father Bob gave the opening prayer and Maureen Tempesta led a meditation on Matt: 25:31-41
- We toured the rectory to get a first hand view of its condition.
- We decided to wait until the new rector comes to St. Peter's before examining the mission statement for possible revision.
- We assigned some vestry members as liaisons to St. Peter's committees as vehicles for communication and church unity. The liaison is not a member of the committee but a connector between the committee and the vestry. We will establish a permanent agenda item, "liaison input", and schedule reports once a month for the year.
- It is important to reestablish a newcomers/members and a hospitality committee and to identify someone(s) who feels called to a ministry of welcoming newcomers to St. Peter's.
- Father Bob's yearly contract which expired at the end of September has been renewed on a month by month basis until January. Given his other commitments, his willingness to continue service to us beyond his planned term is a remarkable example of devotion and generosity.
- Neil Forster, chair of the Stewardship Committee, talked about the need for his committee to develop a business plan. Currently the committee includes: Neil, chairman; Bill Carlton, Pat Butler, Sally Haven, Liz Wilson, Don Treimann, and Bruce Colwell.
- Chuck Gasior presented a timetable for the 2009 budget preparation. It is hoped that the final draft of the 2009 budget will be presented to the vestry at the Dec. 15, 2008 meeting.
- An evaluation is being done of St. Peter's endowment.
- Gerry Stanney and Ron Reed, (Greg Miller as alternate) will represent St. Peter's at the 2008 Diocesan Convention on November 7 and 8 at the Hyannis Resort and Conference Center.
- Father Bob concluded the meeting with a Litany for the Mission of the Church.

Sunday Adult Forum Schedule

November 2: [All Saints Sunday] "Religion and the Presidential Election-What if anything do they have to do with each other?" A conversation centered on the role of religion in our primary activity as citizens.

November 9: [Harvest Fair Weekend] Sermon Focus – Preacher: Fr. Paul Thompson

November 16: Theme: What is "Christ the King" Sunday?

Exploration of the multi-leveled meanings of the last Sunday in the Church Year.

November 23: [Christ the King] Thanksgiving Theme: "Living Thankfully."

Discussion of ways by which giving thanks [Euchristia] can be an activity not limited to one national holiday.

November 30: [Advent 1] Advent Focus: Home and Family Observance.

Making and using a family Advent Wreath.

SOJOURN IN GLOUCESTER

St. Peter's Choir Residency
Gloucester Cathedral, England - April 12-20, 2009

The choir is preparing for their "Sojourn in Gloucester", April 12-20, 2009. What are they doing exactly? Why do you need so much money? What is an Evensong? Why Gloucester? These are just a few of the questions that I have been asked regarding this trip. I know that the news of the choir's residency at Gloucester Cathedral came out this winter when many of you were off-Cape, so I would like to sum it all up here and address some of your inquiries.

A year ago last June, I traveled with 200 colleagues from the "Association of Anglican Musicians". We had an incredible tour which centered around Durham Cathedral in North Umbria. There were many occasions when travel on a bus was required to go from cathedral to cathedral. It was a wonderful opportunity to meet new people and talk shop. Which Gloria do you use? What do you sing for anthems during Holy Week? etc. On at least two trips my fellow music directors shared their experiences when they "brought their choir over to England". "Hmm", I said to myself, sounds like a fascinating opportunity and privilege.

The travel agency that coordinated every aspect of this tour so efficiently, graciously and patiently was one that specializes in choir tours in England, called Charter Travel. A father and his two sons were the three coordinators. We all got to be so close, sharing the majority of meals together, head counts of colleagues, church services, etc. Two hundred singers, choir directors and organists singing the music they know best in a cathedral during our daily worship. It was an incredibly moving and bonding experience.

At one point near the end of the tour, I had some complicated travel arrangements to get back home. I spent some of the "waiting" with Simon, one of the sons, and I used the down time to inquire about "bringing my choir to England". The answers were very positive and encouraging. I took his business card and filed it away amongst all of my memorabilia from the trip.

During the month of August that same summer, I had the choir over to my house as we rehearsed for our Evensong at St. Andrew's. As we shared a meal following the rehearsal, I broached the topic of a trip to England and I received a very enthusiastic response.

Fast forward to December, the choir offers a magnificent Lesson and Carols to St. Peter's and the public. That service consists of nine readings, each followed by an anthem or a hymn which illuminates the text. We did an eclectic selection of classic and contemporary carols. I was very impressed with how well the choir did with the amount of difficult repertoire that needed to be performed in one service. Fr. Bob also had been with us for a couple months, singing in the choir with his wife and my mood and optimism for the year ahead was very positive and confident. For lack of a better phrase, I'd say, "We were on a roll".

Shortly after Christmas, I emailed Simon over in the U.K. “The choir is singing very well and there is a wonderful feeling of hope and optimism in the church. How might I follow-up on our conversation about bringing St. Peter’s over to England? We’d prefer to come in the spring.” (Even though my trip the previous year was an incredible journey, I vowed to myself I’d never leave the Cape in the summer again.) The majority of vacation time for the choirs in each cathedral is the month of August, so we were the minority.

I received an email back before the end of the day saying, “The church in our hometown of Gloucester is looking for a choir to sing the obligatory music for the daily Evensongs and the sung Eucharist on Sunday the week after Easter, 2009. We’ve penciled St. Peter’s in provisionally”. “Yikes!” I said to myself, I better talk to the rector. Of course, Fr. Bob was immediately positive and said what a wonderful opportunity it would be to raise the level of visibility and musicianship of St. Peter’s Music Program.

Once I had returned a tentative, but hopeful, response to Charter Travel, I Googled Gloucester Cathedral. “Holy smoke!” could be an appropriate euphemism for my reaction when I saw the grand cathedral’s website. Lots of questions arose in my mind: “How could we ever meet the standards of the great tradition of choral singing in England? How would we prepare for the week with many of our choristers away during the winter months? Could we come up with the music required to sing six completely different ‘Lessons and Carols’ services in as many days?” We have an incredible choir that ranges from 9 members to 20-something depending on the time of year and the occasion. Would we be able to get everyone over there? We’d need each and every person. We’d need to raise a lot of money. Fr. Bob assured me with positive answers when I broached my questions to him. I realized that I’d just have to have faith.

Selecting the music, coordinating travel arrangements, setting up a rigorous rehearsal schedule, brain storming about fund raising, getting information out to the congregation were just some of the many tasks I’ve took on during my usually quiet church time in the summer. Any look in my garden at the unstaked tomato plants with their ripe produce deteriorating on some weeds, would be at least one clue to the amount of worthwhile work required to facilitate this trip.

The choir rehearsed last summer at least once a week to prepare for the residency nine months away. Music isn’t like doing your taxes (or at least my approach on April 15th). One can’t wait till the deadline and frantically work to get the material postmarked by midnight. Like getting fit, aging a fine bottle of wine, waiting through March for brighter weather, learning a piece of music takes time. Time to get notes and rhythms, study the text, apply the appropriate performance practice in historical context, assimilate and produce an effective translation of the printed page, etc., these are just some of the homework needed to perform a work effectively.

The choir has met the challenge with humor, grace and determination. They have all sacrificed family time, golf time, or a chance to get on the water in order to come to the church for two hours and hear me say, “No, no, no!! There are no ‘r’s’ except in country music!” The English choral sound requires a completely different approach to diction, breathing and using the voice. Daily practice at home also is an obligation that they must meet which takes away from favorite summer activities.

St. Peter’s Adult Choir is honored and privileged to be the ambassador for our small provincial parish in such a grand and sacred heritage of choral music. The financial, emotional and spiritual support from the congregation is exceptionally gratifying. Thank you to everyone that sees the “big picture” and how we, at St. Peter’s, Oster-ville, can reach out and reach in to meet the challenge of our “Sojourn in Gloucester”.



CHORAL EVENSONG

RITE ONE

Christ the King Sunday

Sung by the choir of

St. Peter's Church, Osterville

A Celebration of their Upcoming Choir Residency at
Gloucester Cathedral England, April 12-20, 2009



Sunday, November 23, 2008 , 5:00 p.m.

ST. DAVID'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
205 OLD MAIN STREET, SOUTH YARMOUTH

For more information: 508-428-3561

Freewill Offering to Benefit the Choir's Scholarship Fund

Behind the Scenes with Will Beebe : Fan

You know you have a problem, when the neighbors complain.

That was the case last Spring, when we got complaints that the fan blowing out over the kitchen door was too noisy.

The fan? What fan?

Most kitchens, and ours is no exception, have an exhaust fan to get rid of cooking steam and smoke. However, this fan is hardly ever on in our kitchen, and the neighbors were complaining about CONSTANT noise.

If not the kitchen fan, then it must be an attic fan. Yup, the Parish Hall has an attic.

Checking out the attic, I found three fan systems. One to blow air from the Parish Hall (never used); one to ventilate the restrooms, and one being cannibalized for parts. It was the restroom fan that was causing the problem. Barnstable Health Code requires this fan to be on most of the day.

Best guess was that this fan was original with the Parish Hall, installed circa 1980. It had been noisy in the past, and kitchen sponges (I kid you not) were used to cut down on the vibration. “Stop-gap” measures were no longer workable this time, so we replaced the entire fan (but we kept the sponges). Thanks to Wayne Schmidt for his expertise in the installation.

The fan is now so quiet, that it is almost impossible to hear it running! Stand outside the kitchen door, and check it out.

To the Parishioners of St. Peter’s

Michael and I appreciate, so much the love, best wishes and gifts you gave us for our wedding. We had the most beautiful wedding in the Memorial Garden on the sunniest Saturday in September. We feel truly blessed to be part of the St. Peter’s family.

Love, Alison (Manning) & Michael Arnold

Outreach Thanksgiving Baskets

November brings Outreach a happy opportunity...

With your help, we will fill 20 Thanksgiving baskets for our less fortunate Cape Cod neighbors. For these baskets we need:

Apples, potatoes, squash, onions, canned pumpkin, canned evaporated milk, boxed pie crust mix, canned cranberry sauce, canned veggies, bags of stuffing, and as extras, tuna fish, spaghetti sauce, peanut butter, canned fruit and of course TURKEYS!

Please bring one or more of the above basket items to our gathering table in the parish hall. It will be set up for donations beginning Sunday, November 9. As for turkeys, if you wish to donate money for their purchase, please write a check to *St. Peter's Church*, earmarked "TURKEYS". Use our envelope in the November 9th church bulletin or mail to St. Peter's Church, Box 437, Osterville, MA 02655. Turkey checks beyond the need for turkey purchases will help our Cape Codders stay warm through the Cape Cod Times Needy Fund Fuel Assistance Program.

Want to help deliver baskets? Please phone Helen Prothero at 508-362-8783 by November 15. We will deliver Tuesday, November 25th.

Outreach collections have always reflected St. Peter's generosity. We ask your continued help with Thanksgiving donations for turkeys and Fuel Assistance. Happy Thanksgiving!

Your Outreach Committee

Food Pantry

Last month saw a big increase in the use of our Food Pantry. There are only two items that are not needed - jelly and pasta! Other than that, any non perishable staples are welcome. Popular foods include a variety of shelf friendly items - canned soups, stews, vegetables, puddings, jello, one box meals, cereals, coffee, tea, instant coffee, hot chocolate mixes, juice boxes, tuna fish and most especially peanut butter. Paper products such as kleenex and paper towels are needed, too. The pantry is stocked on Tuesday afternoons so please have your donations to us by that time. Your continued support is appreciated.

Adrienne and Meredith Carlton

Christian Education

We teach Godly Play downstairs on Sunday mornings, it is a wonderfully interactive method of teaching scripture stories. We all sit in a circle to get ready, and the storyteller begins a lesson by finding the materials appropriate for the day's story. The children can easily enter the story by watching what is taking place with the materials – for example, figures move across our very own desert in “Exodus” or wooden animals climbing onto the ark in “The Ark and the Flood”. We finish the story with “wondering” questions, which have no right or wrong answer. Finally, the children have free time to “work” at whatever they would like to do, and we then share prayers and a feast together.

We hope to present a Godly Play story during a service soon, so everyone can experience it. Another way to see a story is to be a doorperson one Sunday! It is an easy but important job, greeting the children and assisting the teacher. The doorperson can then sit back and enjoy the story as well! Please consider joining us sometime.

Kathryn Perrone
CED

Teen Confirmation Group Being Formed

If you are in grade 8-12 and wish to be confirmed this year, please speak to Fr. Bob as soon as possible.

Oblations

A wonderful way for families to be more involved in the church service this year is by bringing the oblations (water, wine, and bread) up to the altar for communion. If you would like to do this, please talk to me! We are also looking for youth members that would like to do a reading during a Family Eucharist Sunday (first Sunday of the month, usually). Thank you, Kathryn Perrone

Youth Group

We are looking for names (grade 8-12), addresses and telephone numbers as we hope to establish a St. Peter's Youth Group. Guests are always welcome at youth retreats. Also, we are looking for additional youth mentors (adults).

Acolytes

We need to add you to our acolyte roster this November. Anyone with a minimum age of 8 years old and older is welcome to make inquiries.

Please contact Fr. Bob at 508-790-7981.

St. Peter's Nursery School

We have been blessed with a terrific start to our 2008-09 school year; children eager to be here, parents that are cooperative and supportive, and an educated staff that is aware and understanding of the various and individual needs of the children and their parents!

At this time, the school year is in full swing with the children having adjusted well to their surroundings, peers and teachers. I am blessed with the same wonderful staff as last year; Beth Daly and Jennifer Lawrence in the "big room", April Croker, Lauren Buckley, Carol Sue Meagher and Shelley MacKowsky in the "little room".

Our primary school hours are from 8:45-11:30 with flexible choices of 2, 3, 4 or 5 days. Lunch Bunch is offered every day from 11:30-12:30 and Extended Day on Monday, Wednesday and Friday 'til 3:00 for parents needing or wanting the additional care or peer group experience for their child.

This month I am very excited to introduce Creative Movement and Dance with Susan Friedman of *Dance Designs* to our curriculum! This optional developmentally appropriate class will be offered at St. Peter's on Monday afternoon during our Extended Day.

St. Peter's Nursery School 2009 Calendars will be available in November for purchase. To reserve your calendars or to enquire about our program, please contact me at 508-428-8857.

On behalf of the St. Peter's Nursery School staff and families, I wish you a Happy Thanksgiving with many blessings!

Charlene Krig, Director

NOAH Shelter Dinners

Would you, your family, your friends and neighbors band together and make one NOAH dinner to feed 60 Cape Cod homeless?

We need dinners for November 10, January 12th and ongoing.

Sign ups are on the bulletin board in the hallway. Should you need help, check out our NOAH Recipe Books to fee 60 HUNGRY people-booklet is under the telephone in the church kitchen.

Thank you, Sally Allen, for October

Announcements

MAKE....BAKE....DONATE OUR HARVEST FAIR IS AROUND THE CORNER!

Cape Walk Update

Thank you to everyone at St. Peter's who helped make HAC's 23rd Walk to End Homelessness a success. We have collected over \$100,000 in donations so far and have received \$3,000 for Energy Assistance, as well! It is due to the generosity of groups and individuals like our St. Peter's family that we are able to do what we do at HAC! If you would like to know more about HAC's programs and services, please contact Lynn Voccola via email at lsvoccola@comcast.net or by phone at 508-332-8205.

Silent Ministry

St. Peter's prayer shawl ministry continues to serve our community and beyond bringing a little tangible comfort when it is sorely needed. Our shawls and supplies are running low and are in need of replenishment. Please consider aiding this ministry as you can.

Knitters are always needed and welcome.

Thank you, Janet Thornton 508-420-2027 or Jpthornton@verizon.net

Overnights of Hospitality

St. Peter's is hosting the Salvation Army Overnights of Hospitality on the fourth Monday of every month. So far, we have three women, and are expecting more as winter draws closer. We need volunteers to chaperone, provide food and a video, or drive the ladies to and from St. Peter's. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the hallway. Please contact Lynn Voccola via email at lsvoccola@comcast.net or by phone at 508-332-8205 if you would like information or to volunteer.

Your support of this vital ministry is greatly appreciated.

Attention Snow Birds

Don't forget to let Alison know when you will be leaving for the winter and when you plan on returning so you will be assured to get your Cross Keys and other important mail from the church all year long. Thank you.

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 childcare is provided in the downstairs nursery for parents attending the second service and activities following. Parents must sign their child in and out of childcare.

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

Kathryn Perrone, Christian Ed Director

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