



*St. Peter's Cross Keys
October 2008*

From the Interim Priest

Excerpt from a sermon: *“Six Principles for a Renewed Faith”*

So much of the history of religion has been predicated upon bribery, bartering, cajoling and outright persuasion in order for people to get on God’s GOOD side or to be listed in God’s Book of Life and thus to win all the joys of heaven. On the other hand, much of the history of world religion has been dedicated to instilling a guilt instinct, a fear complex, assuring that the individual, by good works, a heady money supply, or the avoidance of bad behavior, could avoid an eternity in hell. Personally, I am through with that kind of religion. In terms of stewardship, for instance--the giving of time, talent and treasure to the church or cause of one’s choice--should be based upon the notion of THANKSGIVING, rather than “gotta” or “guilt” giving. Giving because one is supposed to give, or because someone tells you to give (or shames you into it) is stressful; it lacks soul and, most of the time, that pressure principle just doesn’t work. It is time to move on, to change that kind of thinking.

Here, then, are six principles for a new outlook, for a renewed faith, for living in our time.

Summary:

- Principle 1. Doubt is not the enemy of faith; asking why is as important as what we believe.
- Principle 2. We should spend less time trying to determine who is “in” and who is “out” of God’s human family or church membership and spend more time in prayer asking God to expand our limited horizons and to change our often narrow beliefs or preferences.
- Principle 3. God isn’t done with us yet. God hasn’t finish speaking, creating or revealing himself, no matter how complete the Bible may appear to be.
- Principle 4. God and Jesus are for the underdog, the outcast, the victim, the impoverished; Christians especially are called to enter such people’s suffering and to make a difference.
- Principle 5. Love is stronger than any human sin, deficit or dysfunction; love is stronger than any human tragedy (however immense the scale).
- Principle 6. God’s will, God’s love and grace are available to everyone; God doesn’t play favorites.

(the complete text of this sermon is available upon request)

Search Committee Update

Your Search Committee has had a very active month. As summer runs down we have been busy interviewing candidates to become the next Rector of St. Peter's.

We have now concluded all preliminary steps and are moving toward the selection of the final names which we will submit to the Bishops for their discernment and background investigations.

We interviewed three candidates here in Osterville. All, by virtue of the detailed written materials obtained from them and the visits to their home parishes by a team from the Search Committee, were deemed suited to our needs. They matched up with the elements of our profile.

The candidates spent the best part of three days with us. They met our Staff, our Priests and, informally, the Vestry and Officers. Many Committee members took time out of their busy schedules to take one or more meals with these fine Priests or to take them on tours of the Rectory or surrounding areas of the Cape.

An intensive interview with the Committee revealed much that does not appear on paper. Even the visits to the home parish are not as illuminating. We questioned and we listened. Over the course of the several interviews most of the Committee members came away with the belief that we had learned as much about our beloved Church as about the candidates themselves. These Priests were pastoral, scholarly, witty and most genial company. In short, the kind of person we wish to have lead us in the years ahead.

But differences did appear. After serious, prayerful discussion the Committee moved to send one name forward for further investigation by Diocesan offices.

We have one additional candidate who was made known to us late in the process. He is to be visited by our team in a few days. If the report back is favorable this, hopefully, final candidate, will be invited to Osterville. The results of that visitation will determine whether a second name is to be sent to Boston.

The process has been long. The results, thus far, gratifying. We have been privileged to meet our prime candidates. All are sitting Rectors and will continue to serve our Church for many years to come. One, most hopefully, will serve in Osterville.

James L. Baird, Jr.
for the Search Committee

From the Treasurer

- In last month's Cross Keys, after receiving only \$8,580 in pledge and plate receipts for the entire month of July, I made a request (plea) urging parishioners to give on a more uniform basis in order to maintain the cash flow of the parish. I'm pleased to report that giving has picked up and, in fact, on the first Sunday of September, pledge and plate receipts exceeded \$4,000, or almost half of what was given in the entire month of July. Thank you.

- I am also pleased to tell you that in August two parishioners gave extra, unrestricted donations to St. Peter's. Both donations were over and above their annual church pledge. One was a \$5,000 cash donation; the other was a donation of 1,085 shares of Intel stock with a value of over \$25,000. This, in particular, provides an opportunity for me to suggest that there may be some significant tax benefits for those who have realized substantial long term stock profits. Generally, reviewing these matters with your tax advisor during the 4th quarter of the year is the best time to do so. I might suggest that if a parishioner is in that position, St. Peter's is worthy of your consideration as a way of off-setting taxes, while contributing to financial health of the parish.

- It is my goal to re-establish an active Finance Committee. While advisory, the committee can provide a valuable resource to me, the Wardens and the Vestry. One of the first tasks of the committee will be assisting in the preparation of the 2009 parish budget. With a new Rector soon to be called and a number of capital and finance related issues coming up, I would welcome 1, 2, or 3 additional parishioners who would like to contribute as active members of this essential committee. Paul Soares is the current chairman; former Wardens Bill Carlton and David Bernard, along with Senior Warden Ron Reed, also serve. Interested parishioners can contact me at cegasior@aol.com, any of the committee members, or Fr. Anthony.

Please feel to contact me if you have questions or concerns.

Chuck Gasior, Parish Treasurer

SOJOURN IN GLOUCESTER

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

Travel Becomes Pilgrimage

Since the middle ages, travelers have flocked to sacred destinations, such as Gloucester Cathedral, to ask for prayers and help from the humble saints interred there. In the 21st century, people continue to travel as pilgrims, not to supplicate a superstitious offering as in the middle ages, but to worship, reflect, and pray. Pilgrims of every century reach beyond the familiar to seek meaning in life and to make sense of our human experience.

When St. Peter's Adult Choir holds the honor and privilege of being the Choir-in-Residence at Gloucester Cathedral, April 14-20, 2009, it will not be completely foreign to us since the liturgy, the music, and the ceremony are woven together from a common catholic thread. Individual petitions as pilgrims and individual performances as musicians are not the essence of what is taking place. Rather, personal efforts are shaped and formed into a sacramental whole – a mystical unity, transcending time and place. This transcendence focuses the utmost devotion and prayerful attention to our Anglican Tradition. It is, indeed, an offering of worship in the solemnity and beauty of holiness.

Your Participation

The Adult Choir is going on this pilgrimage, this sojourn, as representatives of our entire church family. We will return with the experience and knowledge gained during our time spent in Gloucester. That experience and knowledge will then be shared with the whole church through our worship and music program, thereby completing our mission.

Your help is needed to provide scholarships to choristers who have financial limitations and are in need of assistance. Having professional musicians with us is an important part of the trip and adequately compensating them for their time away is crucial – thus the need for stipends. The Choir is working hard to raise funds by providing dinners, concerts and various donations of their talents and services.

We invite you to partner with the Choir of St. Peter's Church in raising the funds needed for this exciting and unique opportunity. By helping us reach our goal and make this trip a reality, you will be an integral part of the entire trip. A very heartfelt thank you to all of you who have supported the choir with a financial contribution, in spirit through your prayers and enthusiasm, and by attendance of our Evensong at St. Andrew's Labor Day weekend.

A Commemorative Program will document this historic event in the life of St. Peter's Church, Oster-ville, and all donors will be acknowledged in the program. Please consider some sponsorship of the sojourn in any amount..

Levels of Sponsorship

Sojourn Benefactor	\$10,000
Sojourn Sponsor	\$7,500
Sojourn Patron	\$5,000
Sunday Eucharist Sponsor	\$4,000
Evensong Service Sponsor	\$2,000
Music Library Contributor	\$1,000
Sojourn Supporter	\$500
Sojourn Friend	\$100
Sojourn Pilgrim	\$25
Other Donation	\$ _____

All donations are gratefully appreciated and are tax deductible. Please make check payable to *St. Peter's Church* (with "*Sojourn in Gloucester*" written in memo) and return to the parish office.

Behind the Scenes with Will Beebe : Sound System

The situation was too much to handle last winter when I could not hear the person speaking directly into the microphone.

What to do about it? Talking to others, they all agreed that the sound system no longer worked.

Get a new one? Perhaps, but who knew how the old one worked?

Turns out, with Parish attrition and turnover, knowledgeable people had left.

Couldn't be too hard, I thought. It is just a bunch of microphones and an amplifier. So I asked if I could look at it.

I started the classic reverse engineering approach, and soon found out that it was not just a bunch of microphones and an amplifier. Ever wonder how the electronic keyboard is heard, as well as the preacher? The system is all tied together, yet is wonderfully flexible.

The first thing I noticed was that all the equipment was turned on all the time. This included the wireless microphone receiver for a microphone that hasn't been used since Fr. Tim left. It also included the transmitter for the hearing impaired receivers, none of which were available for use. Aside for some alien on Pluto, these systems were not useful.

Next, I discovered that the four hanging microphones were not all the same. Two have individual controls, two are linked in to the keyboard.

It went on like that for a while, but, thanks to GOOGLE, I was able to find all the user guides for all our equipment.

Suffice it to say that now, each piece of equipment is being used properly. The receivers for the hearing impaired have been found. Recordings can resume, and in a balanced mode. And, most interestingly, the flexibility of the system can be utilized. Did you know that you could record a conversation in the kitchen and, at the same time, broadcast it into the Courtyard?

The Church Office now has a book of about 150 pictures on how the system works. It also has all the user manuals. ANYONE can understand and use the system now!

St. Peter's Women's Association Luncheon

Our next meeting will be Thursday, October 9. All women are invited to attend and encouraged to bring a friend. After the 11:30 am Eucharist, Wimpy's will cater a wonderful luncheon. Following the luncheon, Sue Marshall, Donnilea's daughter will demonstrate how to gild frames; copper, silver and gold. This is a modern craft method. Anyone who wishes may bring a small smooth frame to do at the meeting. Please sign up on the bulletin board and expect to pay \$15.

WE MUST HAVE YOUR RESERVATION BY 9:00 AM ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 6TH.

Summer Outreach Party

Outreach is delighted to announce the Summer Party brought \$5,996 to Outreach. All of this money will help our less fortunate Cape Cod neighbors. Thanks to those who gave silent auction items, those who came and enjoyed the beautiful evening, those who bought, and those who sent in donations.

Thank you, St. Peter's.

Harvest Fair Goes Green

The Harvest Fair, November 8, 2008 is going GREEN. Crafters will be using natural, not man-made items for their sale decorations.

We meet Fridays from 10:30 am - 12:30 pm in the Library and we'd love your help! When walking for good health, carry a shopping bag, scissors or clippers and gather weeds, Queen Anne's Lace, golden rod, pine cones and more. When you are finished, use string to tie up your treasures in the bag.

Do this outside so you don't bring bugs into your house. Put bag in garage to dry. When cutting back summer gardens, do the same with hydrangeas, sunflowers, cosmos, etc... Come to help on Fridays or just leave your gatherings on the windowseat in the church hallway.

Food Pantry

Realizing that many of you are clearing out your own pantrys and heading south, instead of discarding those non perishables please remember the food pantry. Most non perishable items are welcome, but there is not a need for cocktail olives, pate, and the like. Needed items include staples such as tuna fish, soup, pasta sauce, vegetables, fruit, one dish meals, cereal, coffee, tea and especially peanut butter! Thank you all for your continued support of this vital community effort. Adrienne and Meredith Carlton

Christian Education

I am very excited to be the new Director of Christian Education! I want to begin by thanking Linda for helping to make St. Peter's such a welcoming place for families and for all her hard work these past 10 years. I thought I would use this opportunity to share a little bit about me and my family. My husband Chris and I were married at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Bethesda, Maryland, two years before we moved to the Cape. We moved to Mashpee in 1998 and joined St. Peter's at that time. We have two wonderful sons, ages 9 and 6, and they were both baptized at St. Peter's. I also received my confirmation at St. Peter's as an adult about 6 years ago.

I have been volunteering downstairs with the Sunday School for the past 3 years, first as a doorperson, and then as a teacher after I received my Godly Play certification in 2006. I am very enthusiastic about the Godly Play program, and I'll talk more about it next month. We have some new faces in the Nursery as well, 9th graders Paige Wunder and Julie Steven will be helping out Miss Martha. They are very excited to work with the little ones on Sunday mornings!

Continued thanks to everyone that has helped to make this transition smooth. I appreciate all the encouragement and support.

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.

Youth Group

We are looking for names (grade 8-12), addresses and telephones 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 September. 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

St. Peter's Nursery School in Osterville holds several pancake breakfasts each year. These breakfasts attract over 300 families from the Mid-Cape region. Some are members of St. Peter's Episcopal Church, while others are current St. Peter's Nursery School families and alumni of the School. Still others are simply members of the community joining in the fun and sampling some great food at the same time.

Sponsorship opportunities are now available for our upcoming breakfasts on Sunday, October 26 and Sunday, February 1 (Super Bowl Sunday).

Please become a breakfast sponsor! Your Sponsorship includes: * **Advertising** through our advanced ticket sales program * **Credit** in public service announcements in local media outlets * **Ability** to distribute promotional materials on our sponsorship table * **Reserved seating** and **VIP tickets** based upon sponsorship level.

Sponsorship Categories:

Donor \$50 - *Includes all of the above.* **Patron \$100** - *Includes all of the above plus 4 VIP tickets.*

Angel \$250 - *Includes all of the above plus 9 VIP tickets.* **Guardian Angel \$1000** - *includes all of the above plus 20 VIP tickets. The Guardian Angel Level Sponsorship was created by the Luke Vincent Powers Foundation for the May 2005 Pancake Breakfast.* Our 2007-08 sponsors included: **A gift In Memory of George W. Beale, Mr. William Carlton, Mr. and Mrs. Britton Crosby, Mr. & Mrs. Jamie Harmon, Mr. & Mrs. John Lyons, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Morey, Luke Vincent Powers Foundation.** *Thank you to all of our sponsors for your support.*

St. Peter's Pancake Breakfast Sponsorship Form Yes! I would like to become a sponsor for the: () October 26, 2008 Breakfast () February 1, 2009 Super Bowl Breakfast
Sponsorship Level: () Donor \$50 () Patron \$100 () Angel \$250 () Guardian Angel \$1000
() Instead of my sponsorship, please accept my donation of \$_____ towards the scholarship fund.

Name / Business name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone number: _____

Please make checks payable to: *St. Peter's Nursery School*, PO Box 437, Osterville, MA 02655.
Please direct questions to Ms. Charlene Krig, Director, 508-428-8857

Announcements

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

Harvest Fair Baskets

Please help yourself to a basket in the Parish Hall, fill it with whatever you wish and return it to the church for our November 8 Fair. Baskets will sell for \$10-25. Fill accordingly. Thank You!!

The baskets are donated in memory of Evelyn Peterson, a craft lover and basket collector.
Her daughter Linda offers these baskets through Lynn Voccola.

NOAH Cooking

We are looking for volunteers to do the October 13th cooking for the NOAH shelter - please sign up in the hallway. Thank you.

St. Peter's Flower Guild

The Flower Guild needs volunteers to see that flowers are on the altar every Sunday. It is very easy - just take the container to Clint at Vintage Flowers on Main Street, Osterville and he will fill it and deliver it to the church.

Please call me - Andrea LaCava 508-428-4498

Coffee Hour Hosts Needed

Please sign up for the Sunday you would like to host Coffee Hour after the 10:00 a.m. service. Sign up sheet will be in the hallway outside the church office.

Flower Delivery

It's time to make someone's day by signing up to deliver flowers to our shuts in. Just imagine the look on their face when you arrive with flowers.....

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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