



*St. Peter's Cross Keys
September 2008*

From the Wardens, Officers and Interim Priest

Dear friends and parishioners of St. Peter's Church:

At times in its history, the choir at St. Peter's consisted of one organist/choir director and four paid soloists! How far we have come.

Due largely to Karen Crosby's devotion and hard work, the music program here has grown wonderfully over the years both for children (the Family Choir and Children's Choir) and the Adult Choir. Music education is going on all the time with a continued striving for excellence in our worship. Quite often we have guest choristers joining us as well as instrumentalists for services and special events. We are glad that so many of you appreciate and support the music here within the "beauty of holiness".

In early spring of this year, we received an invitation for the choir to sing six evensongs and Sunday services during Easter week, April 2009, at the great Gothic Cathedral in Gloucester, England. This is indeed a special opportunity and a unique privilege both for the choir and our parish as we continue to enhance our worship and praises of almighty God. Last spring, the Vestry expressed its agreement that this trip was a good incentive for our choir with benefits seen for the parish, well-worth the sacrifice of time, hard work and expenses. Karen was encouraged to begin planning repertoire as well as all aspects of the tour. A steering committee was appointed to undertake all matters of travel and finances. In July, Dr. G. Robin Rowland, treasurer of the committee, presented a report outlining specifics to the Vestry, estimating costs to be \$70,000. How will the choir raise such an amount of money for the Sojourn, people are asking? Many of the choristers themselves will pay for all of their expenses as part of the \$70,000; in fact, the majority of the funds will come from this source. The balance of the funds needed, will provide scholarship assistance for those members who cannot pay the full amount and to underwrite our highly skilled organist and a few additional choristers who have been asked to supplement our choral sound.

The choir is enthusiastic about this opportunity even though the financial costs are demanding. If all funds are realized through fund-raising events and sponsors to support the tour, then the Sojourn will take place. Thus, we hope that parishioners and friends will come forward by early October to make this venture a success. Already several contributions have been received. We call your attention to the Evensong being presented by the Sojourn group on Sunday, August 31 at Saint Andrew's-by-the-Sea at 5:00 pm. The free-will offering at that service will be dedicated to the Sojourn fund. Other events are currently being organized, leading into the new year. At present, the Vestry has committed no funds to the tour and has not contributed to the fund-raising effort. It is not the intention of the Vestry to underwrite all the costs but rather to support the choir in its fund-raising efforts to realize this significant opportunity. We hope that this letter of clarification is helpful.

Search Committee Update

The Search Committee is nearing the culmination of the work of over one year. As this is written we are awaiting the arrival of three candidates who will visit with the Search Committee and be interviewed intensively. At this point we believe that any one of these Priests could be effective as St. Peter's next Rector.

Each of the candidates chosen for interviews here in Osterville has been visited by a team from the Committee at their home parish.

We have three additional candidates in the wings, priests who possess many, indeed most, of the qualifications of our three primary candidates.

If we are not certain that one, or more, of the candidates that we have by then interviewed is, in the most prayerful judgment of the Committee, best for St. Peter's at this time, we will ask additional top candidates to visit with us.

When this most important stage in our work is completed we will forward the name(s) of one or more candidates to our Bishops for a most thorough screening.

When the screening process is complete we will meet and make our final decision. We hope that all members of the Parish family will join with us in praying that our choice will be guided by the Holy Spirit. and that our new Priest will be the best person to lead St. Peter's in the years to come.

Vestry News

Robin Rowland, treasurer of Sojourn to Gloucester, attended the July Vestry meeting and reported about the proposed choir trip. He said that the trip will cost \$2100.00 per person including airfare, lodging and transfers. Most choir members will pay their own way, but there are a few who need help with the expense. The professional musicians in the choir will have their expenses paid as well. To that end, the choir is preparing many fundraising efforts during the coming weeks.

Pledge payments currently amount to 81,230.70 or 44% of pledges for the year. Church members will be apprised of their pledging status and encouraged to pay 50% of their pledge as soon as possible. There is concern that pledging units are down from the previous couple of years. (120's rather than 150's)

A vestry retreat is scheduled for Saturday, October 4, in the rectory.

Kathryn Perrone has been hired as our new Director of Christian Education. Our thanks go to Linda Tetreault for her excellent and generous work in this capacity over the years. She will work with Kathryn this month so that the transition can be seamless.

Efforts are being made to eliminate the clutter in the church library, purchase a rug, and evaluate the books that are there.

The search for a new rector has been narrowed down to four candidates who will be visiting our parish in the weeks ahead. Search committee members have traveled all over the United States in order to visit candidates in their home parishes. All candidates are experienced rectors capable of giving the parish ten years or more of service. Vestry members, Neil Forster and Chris Bedenkop praised the leadership of Jim Baird and the harmony of the committee in its efforts to find a suitable rector.

There is need for members of a Stewardship Committee in order to begin the 2009 campaign in the fall.

The Vestry will have its next meeting on September 15 at 6:30 p.m. in the parish hall. All members of the parish are welcome to attend Vestry meetings.

St. Peter's Vestry – Ron Reed (Warden), Carole Dwyer (Junior Warden), Bobbie Grimes, Frank Lord, Jane Price, Chuck Gasior (Treasurer), Maureen Tempesta (Clerk), Don Treimann, Christopher Bedenkop, J. Neil Forster, Greg Miller, Adrienne Carlton, and Lynn Voccola.

St. Peter's Fellowship Dining Groups

If you're interested in participating in the upcoming October 2008 - May 2009 St. Peter's Fellowship Dining Group gatherings which will meet approximately every other month once in each other's home, kindly contact Debbie Gasior, Coordinator, either by phone (508-539-8789) or e-mail (dgasior3@aol.com) your intent to participate. Please note: NO bulletin board sign-up sheet will be posted! Both couples and singles are invited to participate! The maximum number that will be assigned to each group will be 8 participants. Kindly indicate your wishes no later than September 15, 2008.

By the beginning of October, each participant will receive in the mail or by e-mail, a schedule indicating the participants in each group as well as the rotation of location and what each participate will provide for the four suggested dates. Each assigned host will finalize the exact gathering date with the members of their group.

The main entree, dinner rolls, dinner wine & coffee will be provided by the host home; appetizers & before dinner wine will be provided by the second couple or two singles; salad & vegetable will be provided by the third couple or two singles; and dessert will be provided by the fourth couple or two singles.

Service Schedule Change

Sunday, August 31st, will be our last Sunday at Crystal Lake for the season. On September 7th, our Sunday services will be at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. at the church, with coffee hour to follow the later service.

Make - Bake - Donate!

Our **Harvest Fair** is just around the corner on November 8th.

Now is the time to get out your knitting needles, your sewing machine, your glue guns. It's not too early to make and freeze a Dinner-to-go!.. A perfect time to look over your jewelry; check out those basement, cupboard and attic treasures, then decide if it's time to part with them, and all for a great cause – St. Peter's Annual Harvest Fair. Call the church office to see when and where to bring your items.

Crafters – We will stitch/glue/create on Fridays, 10:30-12:30, in Parish Hall, starting September 5th until our fair. JOIN US!!!! If crafting at home works best for you, that is great too. Excellent past sellers : Hand-knits ----mittens, both children and adults; sweaters; scarfs; handcrafted soft toys; aprons; placemats; Thanksgiving and Christmas themed items - anything handmade.

Liz Mumford will add her beautiful art, Brooke Boothe her fabrics, and Al Wohlwend his fine piano tunes.

Once you have made, baked, donated, please come to the fair and buy what others have made, baked and donated, then stay for lunch!

Remember, your work and your purchases help the church and our local friends in need.

From the Music Director:

*Lord, You have come to the seashore,
Neither searching for the rich nor the wise.
Desiring only that I should follow.*

*O, Lord, with your eyes set upon me,
Gently smiling you have spoken my name
All I've longed for I have found by the waters,
At your side, I will seek other shores.*

The above words are the first verse and the refrain from Cesareo Gabarain's poignant anthem "Lord, you have come to the Seashore". We sing it quite often at St. Peter's. I like the music, in a 6/8 time signature, which automatically creates a lilt to the pulse. The melody is very simple, yet, not banal. At a rehearsal for Crystal Lake, one of the musicians said, "It's so tender, I could just weep."

The Crystal Lake service is a very special aspect of worship at St. Peter's. I understand there are those people who only come to our church in the summer. It is the Lake Service that draws them. The music has evolved and revolved in many different aspects. This summer, I have always looked forward to Sunday morning. While we are blessed to have a cadre of talented musicians from which to draw, they also come with selflessness and an understanding that what we do isn't about us. We are creating something bigger than ourselves.

I can't thank them enough for the time, effort and enthusiasm they have dedicated to our summer services. I consider myself only the facilitator. It has been the individual efforts that have created "the music". I am privileged to work with these generous souls.

Thank you, also, to those of you who have given donations towards the music. It is a tangible validation of our ministry. We all love what we do. We would be happy to be there without compensation; however, the majority of the musicians are professional. We are in it for the love, not the glory nor the financial benefits. Bills and health insurance are just as much a part of our responsibilities as they are for the person who may not "love what they do" quite as much as we do.

I couldn't facilitate the wonderful music if I didn't feel so supported by the staff at St. Peter's. The clergy have been extremely supportive and encouraging. I know poor Fr. Bob didn't know what to expect as we approached our first Lake Service. There was much talk and build-up as we saw June wane and July 6th loom ahead. I think it is safe to say that the first morning at the lake proved to meet expectations, even exceed them. Fr. Paul has always been the first to clap and "get into the music" as we have ended with our "bring it on home" hymn. Fr. Russ has provided wonderful counsel to me as I've struggled with the sound issue and need for more help with the logistics of the service.

Alison in the office has continued to follow up with the reporting of our hymn selection each week. We have purchased blanket permission from two different music licensing companies. This allows us to print the copyrighted material in our Crystal Lake Hymnal. Each week, Alison goes online and informs the companies which hymns were sung. Royalties are then delegated from the officials to the composer of the music and the author of the text.

Linda, the Christian Ed director, has been a huge behind-the-scenes presence, making sure the baskets of communion supplies, the hymnals and the bulletins are there every week and managing the competent, responsible and much-needed child care. I have missed Dr. G at our services this summer. I can still picture him standing near the large pine tree, with his hat and stole on, delivering his sermons. I spoke with him last night. He asked how many services we have left this summer. When I replied that there are only three, he regretted to say that he didn't think he would be well enough, yet, to attend one. I thought this a very generous gesture on his part. We have both commiserated about Crystal Lake. While we both love the service itself, the physical stamina and energy required are so much more rigorous than a "regular indoor service". I assured him that his presence is always felt at Crystal Lake and that he is always in our thoughts and prayers.

The highlight of the summer services was easily the Bishop's Visit on August 17th. We had the whole "God and Pony Show". There was a full compliment of the Family Choir band including saxophone, accordion and oboe; a hand drummer from the Cape Symphony; all three choirs; a baptism and the Bishop. The weather couldn't have been more beautiful. The Bishop jumped in on his guitar for the opening hymn and picked it back up after his sermon and before Communion. He led us in an a capella spontaneous version of "Wade in the Water" as we went to the waterside for the baptism. He put his index finger in the lake when he blessed the water. He noted that the swimmers on the other side were now blessed. My girlfriend, who later shared with me that she was one of the swimmers, was relieved to know she had some extra grace that day.

One final reason why I love the "Crystal Lake Anthem" *Lord, you have come to the seashore* is because of the text. In four verses and a refrain included between each one, the text says so poetically why I described in 6 paragraphs

*Lord, see my goods, my possessions,
In my boat you'll find, no power no wealth.
Will you accept, then, my nets and labor?*

*Lord, take my hands and direct them,
help me spend myself in seeking the lost,
Returning love for the love you gave me.*

*Lord, as I drift on the waters,
Be the resting place of my restless heart,
My life's companion, my friend and refuge.*

*O, Lord, with your eyes set upon me,
Gently smiling you have spoken my name
All I've longed for I have found by the waters,
At your side, I will seek other shores.*

Christian Education

Welcome to another academic year -- our “New Year” in Christian Education, as it will also soon be in the church calendar.

We will finish out the summer schedule at Crystal Lake with the Labor Day weekend. Watch for the schedule for this exciting new year. SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7th will be WELCOME BACK Sunday – please be sure to attend the 10:00 service with your children to register for Sunday School and Youth Group, beginning at 9:45.

It is with great happiness that I announce that Mrs. Kathryn Perrone has been selected as our new Director of Christian Education. Kathryn has been working with the Sunday School as a teacher for the past several years, so of course is an accredited Godly Play Teacher. She and her husband, Chris, and sons Christopher and Nicolas, have been involved with St. Peter’s church for about ten years.

Kathryn and I have worked closely together to make this a smooth transition. I know that the education of our children and youth are in good hands. Kathryn is dedicated, organized and enthusiastic about all that lies ahead for our parish. She has many talents and abilities that will benefit our youth programs in particular.

Please welcome Kathryn in this position and help her in whatever way you can, for the strength and growth of our parish.

Linda Tetreault

St. Peter's Nursery School

Our 2008 Summer Program was attended by 52 children between the age of 2.6 and 6+ exceeding all previous year's attendance. As anticipated, we had a wonderful six weeks together. I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation to the summer staff, Beth and Rachael Daly, April Croker, Lauren Buckley, Carol Sue Meagher, and Mary Ann Kowalski . Their enthusiasm for their work and expert care of the children created a warm and loving environment that produced happy, confident children learning and growing in all areas of development. All in six weeks!

Our participation in the Osterville Village Day Parade on July 19th was a great deal of fun and rewarding, too! We kept it simple, fun and about the children. The staff and children created a beautiful float and in keeping with the Caribbean Fantasy theme, we also had a bubble machine making bubbles from the top of the truck. Photos and part of our float are displayed on the landing bulletin board for all to see. Thank you to the parents, the staff, Julie Esteves and Artek Milczanowski and to all pirates, mermaids and maidens that showed up on a very hot Saturday to participate. In addition to all the fun, we also won the trophy for Best Float!

The parade was followed by an Ice Cream Social in the parish hall. Thanks to the generosity of the Catalano family and Smuggler Ice Cream of Dennis for the delicious ice cream and sorbet that we offered for free!

We are currently preparing and looking forward to the start of our 27th year! Orientation Week is September 4-5. Children and their parents will be invited to attend school together! We have found this to be a wonderful way to introduce the children to their new routine and environment. It also offers the parents an opportunity to experience what their child will be doing in their absence. Regular classes will begin the following week.

We are currently accepting applications, if interested in any of our programs, please call 508-428-8857.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26
8:00-11:30 AM

Announcements

Food Pantry

A special thank you to all who have recently donated to the food pantry. We continue to need all staples and shelf friendly items except for pasta. Please think of the food pantry when doing your weekly shopping and add a few items such as tuna, peanut butter, soup, coffee, cereal, and paper products to your basket. The pantry is open on Wednesday mornings, so please leave your bags on the bench by Tuesday so that we may restock in time for our visitors. Thanks for your continuing support. Adrienne and Meredith Carlton

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

Please consider taking small bouquets of flowers to our shut-ins on Monday. Bouquets will be prepared - all you have to do is pick them up and bring them to the two or three shut-ins listed. This is an easy and very rewarding volunteer activity! To sign up contact Alison in the church office.

Overnights of Hospitality

The next Overnights of Hospitality will be Monday, September 22nd. While we have a small but dedicated group of volunteers, we still need more people to help pick up/drop off the ladies, chaperone, or provide food, drinks, and a video. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway of the church. If you would like more information about this vital ministry of hospitality, please call Lynn Voccola at 508-332-8205 or email her at lsvoccola@comcast.net. Thank you for help.

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

9:15 a.m. Crystal Lake Service
(Last service September 1st)

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
(beginning September 7th)

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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