

The Epistle

February 2012

St. Peter's Church, Milford, CT

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the Rev. Andrew G. Osmun, Rector



Sunday Services

8 am Holy Eucharist *no music*
10 am Holy Eucharist *with music*

10 am Christian Formation
Childcare available
Coffee & Fellowship follows
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Wednesday — Noon Eucharist
Thursday — Morning Prayer
8 am

Both held in the Chapel
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March Epistle

Please email your submissions
for the next Epistle by February
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St. Peter's Purpose

Sharing the Gospel of
Jesus Christ

Preparing Disciples

Caring for the Community

St. Peter's Leadership

Ministers: The Congregation

Bishop: the Rt. Rev. Dr. Ian
Douglas

Rector: the Rev. Andrew Osmun

Assisting Priest: the Rev. Angela
Rowley

Executive Assistant: Susan Persett

Musician/Choir Director: Nathan
Bontrager

Christian Formation Director:

Karen Vital

Sexton: Bruce Rumford

Senior Warden: Paul Mangels

Junior Warden: Diane Gendreau

Treasurer: Sharon MacKenzie

Clerk: Candace Franz

Yale Divinity School Intern:

Matthew Schneider



The February 2012 View

These past months have been full, and the future months are going to be extremely busy as well in the run up to the Bishop's Visit for Confirmation on May 6.

February brings us not only the romantics' favorite, Valentine's Day, but in our Calendar, Ash Wednesday when we face how wrong love often goes – or how absent and misdirected it can be.

This year I will be away – first time in 36 years of ministry – with the Manos de Dios mission team and have arranged for the services to be in the capable hands of Seminary Intern Matt Schneider at 8AM, Lay Reader Steve Winters at Noon, and The Rev. Angela Rowley at 7:30PM.

Just to let you know ahead of time – expect daily evening prayer once back from Juarez February 27th thru Holy Week, April 4th. I am also planning mini-retreats in March. Details to follow.

In March, there will be New Member Classes on March 18 and 25th, Sundays at 9AM. Baptism Class will be Sunday, April 1, 9AM. An Adult Confirmation Class will run two Saturdays and two Sundays: April 11, and May 5, and April 19 and 26th. Candidates in the adult class will be confirmed at the same time as our youth on May 6 when Bishop Ian T. Douglas visits us.

While in Florida as one of the facilitators of the SAMS Mission Society Trustees Retreat, we did some small group sharing. I was struck by what one woman, Lollie Twyman, widow of an Episcopal Priest and mother of a missionary in Cambodia, said. She recounted a painful experience that made her meditate on the story of Sodom and Gomorrah – the part where Lot's wife is told when she leaves the city not to look back or she would be turned into a pillar of salt. She said that she was given the insight that this is a metaphor for much of what can happen to us when painful or damaging things happen. We can be always looking back on them, going over them in our minds and hearts and souls, and in doing so we become hardened, and crusted over, no longer flexible, open, and truly human. Such is the power of unforgiveness, resentment, anger, and self-pity. Such can also be the power of just not being willing to look where the future is and concentrating only on the past and how much we miss it, or how much has gone wrong with everything in this current era.

There are myriad applications I can think of – from the personal to the corporate. In particular, as I consider it, I think of the fast approaching 250th anniversary of the founding of this congregation. We talked about it at the Vestry Meeting this past Tuesday with a lot of excitement and energy. Part of it was to compile a history of the church – to tell the story and celebrate God's gifts to us over the two and a half centuries. Another part is exciting – what do we need to be doing as we start the second quarter century of our lives here? That is going to occupy a lot of our energy in these 23 months! We could look back and mourn, or we can turn and accept the call of God to journey on from where we have come, confident in God's love and grace and faithfulness to this pilgrim band.

--Andrew Osmun



February Birthdays

02/01 Diane Gendreau
 02/02 Michael Bucciarelli
 02/04 Graham Carter
 02/11 Wayne Gendreau
 02/12 Kevin Swanepoel
 02/12 Joan Powell
 02/13 Robert Benway
 02/16 Jeff Carter
 02/17 Iris Love
 02/21 Josephine Jockel
 02/23 Burvee Franz
 02/24 Maguire Casey
 02/25 Alice Fredericks
 02/25 Jay Pinsince
 02/25 Clifford Roti
 02/26 Maria Durazzo

February Anniversaries

02/09 Barbara & Tyler Lewis
 02/14 Esther & Jordan Wilson
 02/21 Sharon & Larry
 Mackenzie

Condolences

To the family of Gary Zink.

To Jamie Stirling and family –
 on the death of his father.
 George S. Stirling, Jr.

To Paul Edwards and family on
 the death of his mother.

To Anna Maria Harvey and
 family on the death of her
 husband Russell Harvey.

To Jeffrey and Richard
 Hopenick and family on the
 death of their father Ted
 Hopenick.

Report from the Treasurer: December, 2011

Income Year-to-Date	\$282,831.03
Expenses Year-to-Date	(287,427.19)
Current Deficit	(4,596.16)

2011 is now behind us. At the beginning of the year we anticipated a loss of \$12,387. While our operating expenses exceed our budget our support to the income side exceeded same by \$15,700.

More detailed information regarding 2011 is available in the Annual Report.

Sharon MacKenzie, Treasurer
stpetetreas@sbcglobal.net

Food Bank Donations

St. Peter's continues its weekly collection for the Milford Food Bank at the Milford Senior Center. There is always a need for staples such as cereals, pasta, and peanut butter and jelly. Those items would be especially welcomed. *Please place all food donations in the basket located in the Narthex of the church.*

Altar Flowers

Flowers may be given as memorials, in thanksgiving, or to commemorate other celebrations such as birthdays or anniversaries. We ask for a donation of \$25 to cover the cost of the flowers. *If you are interested, please contact the Church Office.*

Coffee Hour

Caring for your Community - Coffee hour is a ministry by and for those who attend worship on Sunday morning, after the 10:00 service. Coffee hour is only possible through volunteers and donations. St. Peter's supplies the coffee. You may choose to host on your own, or as a group. It is a great way to meet new parishioners and share in fellowship. Ask someone who has not hosted before to join you! There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall.

February 5 – Rosemary Allsop, Sue Peck, Brenda Thomason & Kathy Schock

February 12 - *Available*

February 19 - *Available*

February 26 – Iris Love & friends

**Ash Wednesday Services, February 22:
 Penitential Order and Imposition of Ashes at 8:00
 a.m. and Noon, Holy Eucharist & Imposition of
 Ashes at 7:30 p.m.**

We welcome the newly baptized:

Noella Brooke Torres, daughter of Brooke Slater Johnson Torres and Henry Torres.

Donald Jack Gerarde, son of Erin Rachel Pinsince and Donald Joseph Gerarde.

Mockingbird Conference: “Honesty, Humility, and the Grace of God”



April 19-21, St. George’s Church, NYC

A message from our Seminary Intern, Matt Schneider: I invite the people of St. Peter’s to Mockingbird’s 5th annual New York City conference. Mockingbird is a ministry that seeks to connect the Christian faith with the realities of everyday life in fresh and down-to-earth ways. You may remember me advertising this event last year. The conference and Mockingbird in general have fed my faith and ministry in many ways, and if you appreciate the themes of my preaching and teaching, you might be further blessed by attending. This year’s keynote speaker is Michael Horton, noted author, theologian, and host of my favorite Christian radio program: *The White Horse Inn* (also worth looking up online).

You might consider coming just one day, or two, or all three—registration is quite flexible, ranging from \$25 to \$150, depending on how long you attend and if you would like meals included. More information and registration is available at <http://conference.mbird.com>, or you may speak with Hawley or me about it. I also recommend reading Mockingbird’s blog at <http://www.mbird.com>, for which I am also a contributing author.

Prayer List

On December 31, 2011, the Prayer List was discontinued and replaced with a revised and updated edition. To insure that all appropriate individuals are recorded, please provide a new request to the Parish Office by submitting the form that follows. Thank you for your help in compiling and maintaining an accurate reflection of those in need of special support and recognition. For additional guidance, please call 203-874-8562 or email Stpetersmilford@sbcglobal.net.

Please use this form to include someone on the new listing and place it in the plate or put in the mailbox on the parish office door.

Please add

Date:

Name of person submitting request:

Christian Formation

There will be **NO CLASSES** on February 19!

A REMINDER- Please do NOT send your kids upstairs to the Taft Wing without an adult! We meet in church and listen to a children’s message before we go upstairs. There have been a few children waiting for us in the hall when we get up there, and they are not supervised. Please check to see if the Christian Formation class has gone into the school building before you send your children to class. THANK YOU!

YOUTH GROUP

Meeting dates- February 7 and 28th, 6-8pm.

Annual Meeting Synopsis

St. Peter's Annual Parish Meeting was held on Sunday, January 22, 2012 after the 10:00 service. Approximately 60 parishioners attended. Mary Beth Saltzman, our retiring Senior Warden, called the meeting to order and Andrew, our Rector, opened it in prayer. Candace Franz was appointed Clerk for the meeting, and then we reviewed and approved the minutes from last year's meeting.

Sharon MacKenzie, our Treasurer, went over our 2011 finances and our budget for 2012. In 2011, our expenses were greater than our income but we had funds in reserve to cover the deficit. The Finance Committee has predicted that in 2012 expenses will again be greater than our income and hope to be able to keep expenses down as much as possible. Parishioners are encouraged to help with this. If you recognize something that you could do, something that St. Peter's would normally have to pay a contractor to do, please approach a member of the Vestry. Helping in this way will make a big difference to our financial wellbeing. Sharon also encouraged parishioners who do not pledge already to consider doing so in the future as it greatly aids in planning for the year.

Paul Smith presented the Report of the Nominating Committee and called for a vote on the slate. The new officers and Vestry members are: Paul Mangels (Senior Warden); Diane Gendreau (Junior Warden); Sharon MacKenzie (Treasurer); Candace Franz (Clerk); Kathy Schock (Vestry class of 2013); Mary Beth Saltzman (Vestry class of 2014); Chandler Riker, Linda Roti and Debbi Smith (Vestry class of 2015); Steve Winters and Debbi Smith (Deanery Representatives and Convention Delegates); Paul Mangels (Convention Alternate). The slate was unanimously approved.

We next heard reports from our staff members: Nathan Bontrager, our Church Musician and Choir Director; Karen Vital, Christian Formation Director; Matt Schneider, our Seminarian Intern; and Andrew Osmun, our Rector. They each reported on their activities over the past year and their goals for 2012. There are quite a lot of exciting things happening here at St. Peter's. We are very blessed to have such a talented staff.

Paul Mangels did a brief synopsis of this year's Stewardship campaign. A PowerPoint presentation was put together by Jennifer Shoop. The visits that were made by a small group of volunteers were overwhelmingly well received. Everyone welcomed the opportunity to get to know one another and hear each other's concerns. We plan to continue this type of community-building activity in the future.

Mary Beth reflected on her 3 years as Senior Warden, noting how much work goes into running our church. She encouraged every parishioner to volunteer in some way. Steve Winters and Debbi Smith reported on their experiences with the New Haven Deanery and highlighted some grant money that will be available for a community outreach initiative on the part of the parish.

Andrew closed the meeting in prayer at 12:49 p.m. It was a successful meeting that not only focused on what went well for us in 2011, but also recognized the hard work ahead of us in the coming year. We ask for God's blessing, wisdom and strength for St. Peter's in 2012.

Candace Franz

St. Peter's Mission Team



Alberto, Blanca & Family

Our team of 21 will be heading off to Ciudad Juarez, Mexico before the sun rises on Sunday February 19. We will return late in the afternoon on Saturday February 25. We would like to thank everyone for their support. Your prayers while we are away are greatly appreciated.

Our team members are Nathan Bontrager, Erica Durazzo, Maria Durazzo, Rebecca Fraleigh, Conrad Green, Dee Green, Natalie Green, Curtis Green, Cathy Hebert, Rich Hebert, Myles Hoponick, Rich Hoponick, Marcy Mangels, Paul Mangels, Nate Mattioli, Andrew Osmun, Linda Roti, Debbie Smith, Paul Thoma, Brenda Thomason, and Karen Vital.

Souper Bowl Sunday

February 5th we will once again hold our annual collection for Beth-El Shelter for the Homeless and Soup Kitchen. While millions of American fans watch the Super Bowl with its millions of dollars spent on extravagant advertising, many less fortunate are HUNGRY AND HOMELESS. Along with other Milford churches, we will be collecting donations in our LARGE SOUP Bowl to support Beth-El. Have a great super bowl party.

Fellowship

February Meeting

Gayanne Bristol and Jen Shoop have agreed to serve as co-leaders of the fellowship group. ***Thank you ladies for stepping up and taking on this responsibility!***

The Fellowshipgroup will be hosting a **Family Movie Night and Potluck Dinner on March 10**

from 5:30-8:30 in the parish Hall. This is a great opportunity for fun and fellowship.

The Fellowship Group meeting will be on February 6 at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall. Anyone interested in planning events for 2012 or finding out what we are all about is welcome to join us! If you are interested in helping out please contact Jen Shoop or Gayanne Bristol.

Experiencing Discipleship Together

The discipleship group, led by Matthew Schneider, will meet again on Sunday, February 12. We will meet following the 10 a.m. service on the second floor of the Taft Wing. You may contact Matthew with any questions and for further information at matthew.schneider@yale.edu.

Attention Worship Participants

SNOWBIRDS...Be sure you let Diane know when you are heading south so you are not put on the worship participant schedule. Thank you and have a wonderful and warm winter!

Did you happen to watch....



"CT Style" on WTNH on Friday, January 20?

Lorrie Davies, a member of St. Peter's Praise Band was featured.

She has been singing at St. Peter's off and on since she was a child and sings with a local band, The

Navels. You can read more about Lorrie and her group at: www.thenavels.com

Have You Met Diane Gendreau...



If you are a member of our church and you have not seen Diane Gendreau (rhymes with bureau), then you do not recognize her new self. She has lost 110 pounds! This is a remarkable achievement! She accomplished this by walking and healthy eating. She also uses her walking time as prayer time. Congratulations Diane!

All her life Diane has been a member of St. Peter's. She was baptized by Father Taft, and was confirmed here. She was later married at St. Peter's to her husband Wayne. She says she also plans to be buried here.

Diane and Wayne were high school sweethearts. Wayne was originally from Fall River, MA, but his family moved to Milford and he began High School at Milford High where he and Diane first met. His parents moved by sophomore year to the Foran High District. However, later in his Junior year, he happened to meet Diane again and they began dating. They were married in July of 1980. Wayne is a machinist, welder and fabricator for an engineering company in Oxford. Diane is an insurance agent and works full time at Nicholson Associates in Milford.

Diane and Wayne have two sons, Shawn and Michael. Shawn, 24 works as a draftsman at a custom fence company in Hamden. Michael, 16, is a student at Platt Tech and is studying Electro-Mechanical. He is a member of the confirmation class and youth group, an acolyte and the bass player in our praise band. He also is involved in Milford Chapter Order of DeMolay as well as a bass player in a local rock band named The Infinity Project.

Both Diane and Wayne have their own motorcycles and enjoy riding them. According to Diane, her other hobby is "buggy lugging" Michael to his band practices and performances as well as to his bass lessons, youth group and DeMolay events.

Diane wears many hats at our church. She is currently Junior Warden (a fulltime job). She is in charge of the church facilities including overseeing the property committee, which just recently went through the bidding process of the new roof on the Taft Wing. She is the chairperson of the Liturgy Committee, which is made up of the ministry leaders in charge of the Lay Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Acolytes, and Ushers and Greeters. Besides being an acolyte herself, she is in charge of training and leading all the acolytes. She is also an alto in the choir.

We are truly blessed to have such a hard worker in our church.

Helen Pasenelli

The Have You Met column will be taking a break. Look for us in future issues.

Preparing Disciples

Daily Devotionals & Prayerful Resources:

Text versions:

Church of the Savior, Washington, DC - more social action oriented:

<http://www.inwardoutward.org/>

Rick Warren's daily devotions from Saddleback:

<http://profile.purposedriven.com/dailyhope/post>

Esoteric Episcopal Priest's musings - Barbara Crafton: <http://www.geraniumfarm.org>

Ministry of Evangelical group dedicated to servant ministry: <http://blog.leadlikejesus.org>

Audio, Video, & other Resources:

Ministry of the British Jesuits - comes as an audio file: <http://www.pray-as-you-go.org>

Crosswalk, the intersection of faith and life dedicated to building up the Church, which is the body of Christ – text (many other resources): <http://www.crosswalk.com/devotionals>.

Contemplative resources in both text, audio, and video: <http://www.contemplativeoutreach.org>

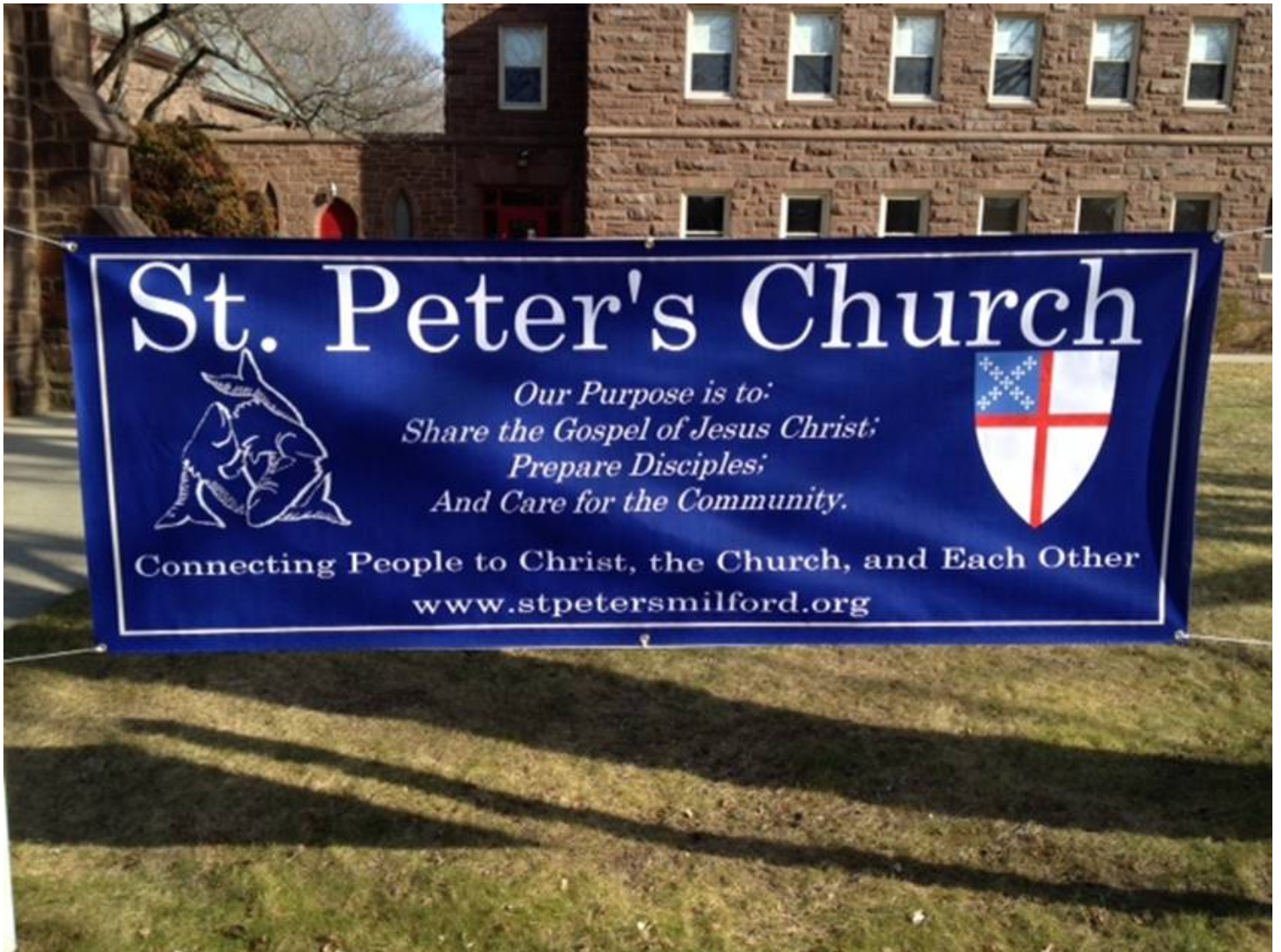
A new App called iPray has been released for the iPhone: the Book of Common Prayer. You can download iPray from the iTunes Store here: <http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/ipray-bcp/id431349318?mt=8&ign-mpt=uo%3D2>

Ministry of the Brothers of The Society of Saint John the Evangelist (many other resources):

<http://www.ssje.org/word>

If you have a favorite daily devotional and would like to share with the congregation, please contact us so we can publish it!

Have you seen our new banner...

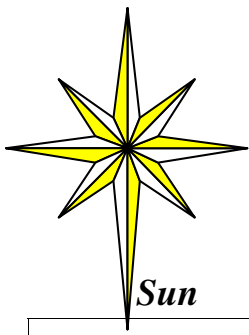


FEBRUARY 2012 WORSHIP SCHEDULE

DATE	SERVICE TIME	ACOLYTE	LAY MINISTER	LECTOR	READINGS	USHER	GREETER	CHILD CARE
February 5, 2012	8:00 AM	D. Gendreau	F. Callahan	K. Gammage	Isaiah 40:31-31 1 Corinthians 9:16-23	B. Kuhar A. Fredericks	S. Giambra	
5th Sunday after The Epiphany	10:00 AM	J. Chiodo M. Schneider	S. Winters J. Pinsince	D. Smith B. VanBrederode	Isaiah 40:31-31 1 Corinthians 9:16-23	F. Hopkins J. Carter	G. Burrows L. Wonneberger	W. Bibens M. Bibens
February 12, 2012	8:00 AM	H. Kropitis	S. Callahan	S. MacKenzie	2 Kings 5:1-14 1 Corinthians 9:24-27	D. Blanchet W. Christiansen	A. Fredericks	
6th Sunday after The Epiphany	10:00 AM	E. Durazzo W. Dixon	B. Lewis D. Green	C. Franz B. Eldridge	2 Kings 5:1-14 1 Corinthians 9:24-27	B. McDonald P. Smith	B. Bell J. Shoop	C. Ritz P. Bell
February 19, 2012	8:00 AM	C. Cunningham	D. Warren	S. Callahan	2 Kings 2:1-12 2 Corinthians 4:3-6	E. Pasenelli B. Kuhar	E. Luysterborghs	
Last Sunday after the Epiphany	10:00 AM	D. Bibens G. Lucas	J. Carter C. Riker	R. Allsop B. VanBrederode	2 Kings 2:1-12 2 Corinthians 4:3-6	R. Durazzo B. Eldridge	C. Mahnken M. Bucciarelli	M. Gendreau A. Smith
February 22, 2012								
ASH WEDNESDAY	7:30 PM	P. Bell	S. Winters C. Riker	R. Allsop T. Osmun	Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:16	P. Smith E. Pasenelli		
February 26, 2012	8:00 AM	L. Gustafson	F. Callahan	K. Gammage	Genesis 9:8-17 1 Peter 3:18-22	A. Fredericks D. Blanchet	A. Swanepoel	
First Sunday in Lent	10:00 AM	M. Gendreau W. Bibens	D. Smith D. Pinsince	L. Wonneberger P. Watson	Genesis 9:8-17 1 Peter 3:18-22	M. Ritz K. Pegnataro	S. Peck J. Bryson	E. Durazzo M. Bibens

MARCH 2012 WORSHIP SCHEDULE

DATE	SERVICE TIME	ACOLYTE	LAY MINISTER	LECTOR	READINGS	USHER	GREETER	CHILD CARE
March 4, 2012	8:00 AM	H. Kropitis	S. Callahan	K. Gammage	Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 Romans 4:13-25	B. Kuhar E. Pasenelli	A. Fredericks	
2nd Sunday in Lent	10:00 AM	M. Bibens R. Fraleigh	S. Winters B. Lewis	D. Smith R. Allsop	Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 Romans 4:13-25	F. Hopkins J. Carter	M. Ritz D. Pinsince	C. Ritz P. Bell
March 11, 2012	8:00 AM	D. Gendreau	D. Warren	S. MacKenzie	Exodus 20:1-17 1Corinthians 1:18-25	A. Fredericks D. Blanchet	S. Giambra	
3rd Sunday in Lent	10:00 AM	J. Chiodo W. Dixon	J. Pinsince D. Green	L. Wonneberger P. Watson	Exodus 20:1-17 1Corinthians 1:18-25	B. McDonald P. Smith	M. Saltzman D. Smith	W. Bibens M. Gendreau
March 18, 2012	8:00 AM	M. Schneider	F. Callahan	S. Callahan	Numbers 21:4-9 Ephesians 2:1-10	B. Kuhar E. Pasenelli	E. Luysterborghs	
4th Sunday in Lent	10:00 AM	K. Carriero G. Lucas	D. Smith D. Pinsince	B. Vanbrederode C. Franz	Numbers 21:4-9 Ephesians 2:1-10	R. Durazzo B. Eldridge	G. Burrows B. Bell	E. Durazzo M. Bibens
March 25, 2012	8:00 AM	L. Gustafson	S. Callahan	K. Gammage	Jeremiah 31:31-34 Hebrews 5:5-10	A. Fredericks D. Blanchet	A. Swanepoel	
5th Sunday in Lent	10:00 AM	D. Bibens E. Durazzo	J. Carter C. Riker	B. Eldridge P. Mangels	Jeremiah 31:31-34 Hebrews 5:5-10	M. Ritz K. Pegnataro	L. Wonneberger M. Bucciarelli	C. Ritz A. Smith



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February, 2012

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
			1 Holy Eucharist 12:00 noon Bible Study 7:00—8:30 p.m. Church Library	2 Morning Prayer 8:00 a.m. NO Choir Practice Vestry—250 th. Anniversary Planning Meeting 7:00 p.m.	3	4
5 Epiphany 5 Holy Eucharist 8 a.m. Christian Form 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10 a.m.	6 Fellowship Group 7:00 p.m. Library	7 Bible Study 7:00 a.m. Rector's Office Youth Group 6—8:00 p.m. Taft Wing	8 Holy Eucharist 12:00 noon Bible Study 7:00—8:30 p.m. Church Library	9 Morning Prayer 8:00 a.m. Outreach Dinner 5:00—7:00 p.m. Choir Practice 7:00—8:30 p.m.	10	11
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19 Last Epiphany Holy Eucharist 8 a.m. NO Christian Form Holy Eucharist 10 a.m. ANDREW AWAY JUAREZ MISSION TRIP	20 Office Closed Today President's Day ANDREW AWAY	21 Bible Study 7:00 a.m. Rector's Office JUAREZ MISSION TRIP	22 Ash Wednesday Penitential Office & Imposition of Ashes 8:00 a.m. & Noon Holy Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes at 7:30 p.m. ANDREW AWAY	23 NO Morning Prayer Choir Practice 7:00—8:30 p.m. JUAREZ MISION TRIP	24 ANDREW AWAY	25 JUAREZ MISSION TRIP
26 Lent 1 Holy Eucharist 8 a.m. Christian Form 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10 a.m.	27	28 Bible Study 7:00 a.m. Rector's Office NO Prayer Shawl Youth Group 6—8:00 p.m. Taft Wing Vestry 7:00 p.m. Parish Hall	29 Holy Eucharist 12:00 noon Bible Study 7:00—8:30 p.m. Church Library			