

Epistle

August 2013

St. Peter's Church, Milford, CT

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Sunday Services

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist *no music*

10 a.m. Holy Eucharist *with music*

Childcare available

Coffee & Fellowship follows

Church School (Recess for the summer until September)

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Wednesday — Holy Eucharist & Healing

Thursday — Morning Prayer
8 a.m.

All weekday services held in the Chapel

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September Epistle

Please email your submissions for the next Epistle by August 19, 2013, to:

Stpetersmilford@sbcglobal.net

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St. Peter's Purpose

Sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ

Preparing Disciples

Caring for the Community

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St. Peter's Staff & Leadership

Ministers: The Congregation

Bishop: the Rt. Rev. Dr. Ian Douglas

Priest-in-charge: the Rev. Cynthia Knapp

Assisting Priest: the Rev. Angela Rowley

Parish Administrator: June Williams

Music Director: Stuart Duncan

Youth Minister: Karen Vital

Sexton: Bruce Rumford

Infant & Toddler Care Provider: Amanda Sayers

Senior Warden: Paul Mangels

Junior Warden: Diane Gendreau

Treasurer: Sharon MacKenzie

Clerk: Candace Franz



Fall In-Gathering

This fall we are planning to have “neighborhood” meetings throughout the parish to pull together as a community, to have a better sense of who we are as the body of Christ at St. Peter's, and to see how we are being called to move forward in ministry. We will be asking parishioners to respond, in discussion, to three questions:

1. How has your journey brought you to St. Peter's and what has St. Peter's done for you?
2. Where do you see the energy here and where do you see yourself plugging into it?
3. What can you imagine (or hope to see) happening at St. Peter's going forward?

Paul Mangels, our Senior Warden, and I, along with another member of the vestry, will be attending each of the meetings to hear your responses first hand and to be available for any questions you might have. The responses will be consolidated and presented at the annual meeting in January. At that time the parish will have an opportunity to review and respond to the findings. The vestry will then use that information to develop goals for the year ahead. If you are not able to attend the meeting you are invited to, please call the parish office to find one that works with your schedule. It is our hope to include as many of the parishioners as possible to give us a more complete understanding of the parish. Newer members should check with the parish office to be sure their membership status is up to date to avoid missing out on the invitations and to be assured the ability to vote at the annual meeting. We are excited about the opportunity to engage in this process to get to know each other better and to better understand the hopes, needs, and gifts for ministry of the parish as a whole. It will be a wonderful way to begin a year that will be celebrating our life together as the people of St. Peter's.

God Bless You!

The Rev. Cynthia Knapp



August Birthdays

08/01 Gabriel Garnett
 08/02 Bonnie Neilson
 08/04 John Carriero
 08/05 Chandler Riker
 08/06 Carol Harker
 08/06 Peter Fowler Jr.
 08/07 Douglas Emmons Sr.
 08/08 Belle Clark
 08/09 Soledad Meade
 08/10 Richard Hebert
 08/11 Angela Swanepoel
 08/14 Lucas Vital
 08/15 Warner Dixon
 08/15 Mimi Harvey
 08/17 Ruth Boyd
 08/18 Susan Peck
 08/19 Brooke Vanbrederode
 08/21 Steven Bell
 08/23 Carter Faustini
 08/21 Barbara Totten
 08/22 Jeffrey Collis
 08/24 Zachary Shoop
 08/25 Michael Bibens Sr.
 08/25 Paul Buzelle
 08/26 Lucille Pynch
 08/28 Jason Sansone
 08/29 Ginger Burrows
 08/29 Judith Ann Johnston
 08/30 Brendan Casey
 08/30 Robert Broughton
 08/30 Jake Fleming
 08/31 Samantha Kringstad

August Anniversaries

08/05 Marie & Bob Palmatier
 08/06 Candace & Burvee Franz
 08/06 Linda & Cliff Roti
 08/07 Margery & Robert Mackendrick
 08/08 Karen & Michael Thomas
 08/10 Deb & Christopher Soracco
 08/12 Soledad & Joseph Meade
 08/18 Julia & Jeff Carter
 08/20 Cathy & William McDonald
 08/24 Violet & Paul Austin
 08/25 Beth & Kevin Bell
 08/26 Sharon & Fred Callahan
 08/27 Marcy & Paul Mangels
 08/31 Debra & Michael Garnett

Condolences

To the family of Gill Taylor

Report from the Treasurer: June 30 2013

Income year-to-date	\$125,596.85
Expenses year-to-date	<u>(137,761.73)</u>
Deficit	\$(12,164.88)

Our Income year-to-date from Pledge, Regular Support and Plate offering is currently in line with our anticipated budget. This is a good sign of the continual support from within our Parish Family. However, the overall income is \$5,000 below budget. Our budget takes into consideration a projected income from the rental of the Rectory. Due to the rehabilitation work currently in process, we are not able to realize income from this source yet.

With the summer months upon us and as many will look to taking some vacation time, please remember the expenses of our parish are ongoing and we need everyone's support.

Should you have any questions in regards to the income or expenses, please contact me.

Sharon MacKenzie, Treasurer
smacknze@optonline.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 are a wonderful way to mark an event or a life, and help to support the ministry of St. Peter's parish. Flowers may be given in memory of a loved one, celebration of birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, births or any occasion that you would like to celebrate. The suggested offering is \$25 to cover the cost of the flowers, but any donation is accepted. *If you are interested, please contact the Church office.*

Coffee Hour

Caring for our Community - Coffee hour is a ministry by and for those who attend worship on Sunday mornings. 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.

August 4 - *Available*

August 11 - *Available*

August 18 - *Available*

August 25 - *Available*

Wedding Congratulations

To Megan Callahan and Joseph Morelli who were married on July 12th. Megan is the daughter of Sharon and Fred Callahan. We wish them much happiness.

Other Congratulations

To Stuart Duncan and Jen Hallinan on their engagement.

Other Accomplishments

Amanda Sayers has received her first full-time teaching position at Savin Rock Community School in West Haven. She will be teaching third grade and is very excited to start!

Caring for your Children-Summer Care

St. Peter's is pleased to provide for the care of your children during the 10:00 a.m. service. Childcare is offered for infants and children through age 5 by a well-qualified and certified adult caregiver and assistant in the nursery on the second floor of the education building. An usher will be happy to assist you in locating this room. Our Church School which provides classes for ages 3 through 12 is recessing for the summer after June 9th and will begin again in September.

Our Sunday Church School programs are in recess for the summer. Classes will resume on September 8th.

Looking Ahead-

Church School will be starting on Sunday, September 8th for children ages 3-11 at 10 a.m.

Youth Ministry will tentatively be meeting on Sunday evenings starting in September, exact dates and times to follow in the September Epistle.

We have two age groups for our youth. Meetings are held as follows:

Junior Youth (grades 6 – 8)

Senior Youth (grades 9 - 12).

Spiritual Adult Ed Programs

Women's Bible Study will resume on Tuesday September 10th from 9:30-11:00 a.m. in Cynthia's office. A different topic will be studied each week

using the Bible. A schedule will be printed up before summer's end. It is for everyone - those new to studying the Bible as well as veterans!

An **Alpha class** will begin on Wednesday evenings, September 11th, in the Parish Hall. Meetings start with dinner at 6:30 p.m. and conclude at 9:00 p.m. Brochures about the Alpha program are available in the back of the church.

A Bible Study on the **Book of Acts** will start on Thursday evenings, September 12th, at 6:30 p.m. and end at 8:00 p.m. Meetings will be held in Cynthia's office or the Parish Hall.

Email the church office at stpetersmilford@sbcglobal.net, or call the office at 203-874-8562 if you are interested in any of the programs.

Youth Group News

Members of the Youth Group, along with Karen Vital, Natalie Green, Conrad Green, and Richard Durazzo Jr., traveled to Pittsburgh, PA to serve with The Pittsburgh Project. Days were spent doing home repairs for 2 elderly women at their homes, and evenings were spent in "Club" where we were able to worship together, and then have small group time where we met youth and leaders from other groups, and were able to discern God's purpose for our being there.

It was a wonderful and uplifting trip for all who attended.

The group will be presenting a slide show presentation on Sunday, September 22nd during Coffee Hour. Please plan on attending to hear our stories and watch our slide show!"



The Rev. Matthew Schneider

The Rev. Matthew Schneider, a priest in the Episcopal Church, who grew up in Redwood City,



Calif., has been called to serve as an associate at All Saints Episcopal Church on Hilton Head Island. He is a graduate of Berkeley Divinity School at Yale, where he earned a master's of divinity degree and Anglican studies

diploma. Schneider comes to All Saints with experience in lay pastoral care initiatives, as well as leading young adult and family ministries, including teaching a Sunday school course for young families focusing on parenthood and marriage. He has also served as chaplain and board member of a parish preschool. He is married to Hawley, an artist who is originally from Washington, D.C., and has two daughters, Eden, 3, and Zoe, 1. On July 15, he will begin serving at All Saints, with an emphasis on youth, children, singles and young families. Matthew was seminarian at St. Peter's for two years while attending Yale Divinity School. Congratulations Matthew!

Women's Conference

A group of eight women from our Women's Bible Study attended the "Living Proof" conference with Beth Moore in July. We enjoyed wonderful Bible study, worship, and fellowship time together. It is always a spiritual boost to be gathered with so many other Christians in worship and an encouragement to see Christians from all over who are committed to walking with the Lord and eager to grow in their faith. We are looking forward to beginning our Bible study together in the fall!

Coffee Hour-Summer Venue

During the months of July and August, Coffee Hour will be a lighter fare. Coffee, juice and cookies! Please host a Sunday!

Salvation Army Backpacks

Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners, we were able to fill 25 bags with school supplies to give the needy children of Milford a good start for the new school year. Many notes of encouragement and love were included in the bags. Thanks for showing Jesus' love and "Caring for the Community".

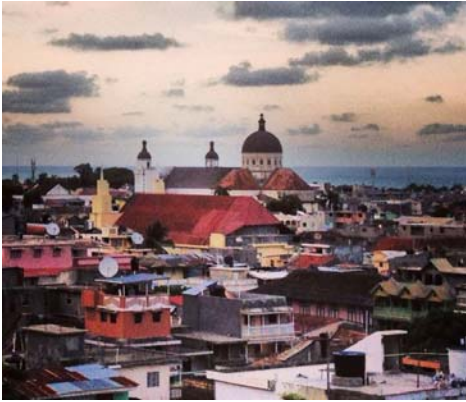
Save the Date: Saturday, August 24th – 6:30-9:30 p. m.

Join the parish family and friends for "Movie and Picnic on the Lawn," Featured will be "Tales of Narnia", a Christian-inspired fantasy the entire family will enjoy. Bring lawn chairs or a blanket and have a fun evening out. The movie will start at "dusk" (like the old days of the drive-in--minus cars and fogged windows!), with snacks and drinks available for a donation to benefit the steeple fund.

Fellowship & Cleaning

If you have used the kitchen for outreach dinners or coffee hour you are sure to have noticed that the kitchen has accumulated quite a few extra items. We are planning a work party for Wednesday, August 7th, starting at 8:00 am to clear out some of the excess "stuff" and give the kitchen a thorough cleaning. If you can spare some time please come down and help. Come down before noonday Eucharist or stay after or stay the whole day! Any time you can donate would be greatly appreciated. If you are interested in helping out contact Dee Green at deegreen@optonline.net or call 203-687-8660.

SOUND For Haiti



June Williams and the SOUND For Haiti team are encouraged and filled with new hope for Haiti after an exhausting and exciting trip. Their first week was spent in the Central Plateau with sixty Haitian children who are part of World Vision's community-building program. They spent a week teaching children ages 8-18 some of the group's original songs and how to play violin, guitar and piano. The week ended in a concert that drew an audience of over 4,000 people, even though the skies flashed with lightning and threatened the community with a seasonal storm.

The team left the mountain region and headed down to the capital city of Port-au-Prince to perform, teach and encourage one hundred children in a second week-long music camp. The chaos and need of this impoverished nation was overwhelming, but the joy on the faces of children and families was reward enough to continue the work already begun.

There were many tears as new friends parted ways but plans to establish a music school in the Central Plateau are well under way. SOUND will return to Haiti in the near future to continue to bring hope and healing to the extraordinary young people of Haiti.

SOUND For Haiti's theme, *Kembe Fem*, is not just a song but a story of hope which continues to encourage the team and those who hear its message:

With my voice, I can sing the words of hope.
 With my heart, I can long for what is good.
 With my feet, I can walk the far off mountains.
 And with my eyes, I can see that dreams come true.
 My hands can hold your hands, and we can walk along together.
 My ears can hear sweet music as we go.
 But when the road is long and we can't see the way.
 Hold on tight and don't let go.



Preparing Disciples

Daily Devotionals & Prayerful Resources:

Text versions:

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>

The Bible in One Year by Nicky Gumbel - Scripture with a commentary and life application: www.htb.org.uk/bioy

For teenage girls:

<http://hisprincess.com>

For parents:

<http://BibleLifeCoaching.com>

Audio, Video, & other Resources:

Rick Warren's daily devotions from Saddleback: Daily Hope radio series at www.rickwarren.org

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>

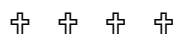
A new App called iPray has been released for the iPhone: the Book of Common Prayer. You can download iPray from the iTunes Store here: <http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/ipray-bcp/id431349318?mt=8&ign-mpt=uo%3D2>

Ministry of the Brothers of The Society of Saint John the Evangelist (many other resources): <http://www.ssje.org/word>

Books:

My Utmost for His Highest by Oswald Chambers

Jesus Calling by Sarah Young



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

AUGUST 2013 WORSHIP SCHEDULE

DATE	SERVICE TIME	ACOLYTE	LAY MINISTER	LECTOR	READINGS	USHER	GREETER	CHILD CARE
August 4, 2013	8:00 AM	K. Bell	S. Callahan	R. Allsop	Hosea 11:1-11 Colossians 3:1-11	A. Fredericks D. Blanchet	S. Giambra	
11th Sunday after Pentecost	10:00 AM	W. Bibens	J. Carter S. Winters	C. Thompson J. Bryson	Hosea 11:1-11 Colossians 3:1-11	P. Smith B. Palmatier	J. Bryson M. Saltzman	P. Bell
August 11, 2013	8:00 AM	D. Gendreau	F. Callahan	S. Callahan	Isaiah 1:1, 10-20 Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16	W. Christiansen C. Bristol	G. Bristol	
12th Sunday after Pentecost	10:00 AM	M. Vital	J. Pinsince D. Green	P. Watson B. VanBrederode	Isaiah 1:1, 10-20 Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16	R. Durazzo K. Pegnataro	D. Smith G. Burrows	W. Bibens
August 18, 2013	8:00 AM	L. Gustafson	D. Warren	B. Gregory	Isaiah 5:1-7 Hebrews 11:29-12:2	B. Kuhar E. Pasenelli	E. Luysterborghs	
13th Sunday after Pentecost	10:00 AM	R. Fraleigh	D. Smith C. Riker	L. Wonneberger M. Palmatier	Isaiah 5:1-7 Hebrews 11:29-12:2	F. Hopkins B. McDonald	J. Shoop C. Mahnken	M. Gosset
August 25, 2013	8:00 AM	H. Kropitis	G. Bristol	D. Warren	Isaiah 58:9b-14 Hebrews 12:18-29	P. Austin A. Fredericks	A. Sawnepoel	
14th Sunday after Pentecost	10:00 AM	W. Dixon	J. Carter S. Winter	D. Smith P. Mangels	Isaiah 58:9b-14 Hebrews 12:18-29	K. Bell P. Smith	B. Bell S. Peck	E. Durazzo

SEPTEMBER 2013 WORSHIP SCHEDULE

DATE	SERVICE TIME	ACOLYTE	LAY MINISTER	LECTOR	READINGS	USHER	GREETER	CHILD CARE
September 1, 2013	8:00 AM	D. Gendreau	S. Callahan	D. Blanchet	Sirach 10:12-18 Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16	D. Emmons G. Bristol	C. Emmons	
15th Sunday after Pentecost	10:00 AM	E. Durazzo M. Vital	J. Pinsince D. Green	R. Allsop C. Franz	Sirach 10:12-18 Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16	R. Durazzo K. Pegnataro	D. Smith L. Kyle	W. Dixon
September 8, 2013	8:00 AM	K. Bell	D. Warren	B. Gregory	Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Philemon 1-21	D. Blanchet W. Christiansen	A. Swanepoel	
16th Sunday after Pentecost	10:00 AM	D. Bibens S. Bell	D. Smith J. Carter	L. Wonneberger C. Thompson	Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Philemon 1-21	F. Hopkins B. McDonald	S. Peck M. Saltzman	C. Ritz
September 15, 2013	8:00 AM	J. Sargent	F. Callahan	S. Callahan	Exodus 32:7-14 1 Timothy 1:12-17	A. Fredericks B. Kuhar	E. Luysterborghs	
13th Sunday after Pentecost	10:00 AM	W. Dixon J. Fraleigh	C. Riker S. Winters	M. Palmatier P. Watson	Exodus 32:7-14 1 Timothy 1:12-17	K. Bell P. Smith	G. Burrows B. Bell	P. Bell
September 22, 2013	8:00 AM	H. Kropitis	G. Bristol	S. MacKenzie	Amos 8:4-7 1 Timothy 2:1-7	P. Austin E. Pasanelli	A. Fredericks	
17th Sunday after Pentecost	10:00 AM	M. Gendreau G. Lucas	J. Pinsince D. Green	B. VanBrederode J. Bryson	Amos 8:4-7 1 Timothy 2:1-7	D. Bryson B. Palmatier	J. Shoop C. Mahnken	W. Bibens
September 29, 2013	8:00 AM	L. Gustafson	S. Callahan	D. Warren	Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15 1 Timothy 6:6-19	C. Bristol D. Emmons	G. Bristol	
18th Sunday after Pentecost	10:00 AM	W. Bibens R. Fraleigh	D. Smith S. Winters	L. Roti C. Franz	Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15 1 Timothy 6:6-19	R. Durazzo F. Hopkins	S. Peck M. Saltzman	E. Durazzo

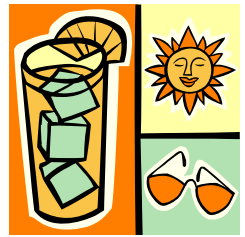


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4 Pentecost 11 Holy Eucharist 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10 a.m.	5	6 Executive Committee 7:00 p.m. Library	7 Fellowship & Cleaning of Church Kitchen 8:00 a.m.—Until completed Church Kitchen Holy Eucharist & Healing 12:00 p.m.—Chapel	8 Morning Prayer 8 a.m Chapel	9	10
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