



A Note from the Rector

As I write the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program is about to begin its new academic year. Kids from 3 to 12 will have the opportunity to fully immerse themselves in the love of God and what that can mean for the world.

But they aren't the only ones in need of the opportunity to learn and grow in their faith. Adults – especially the vast majority of you who have never attended an Adult Forum or haven't been in a long time – can use a refresher as well. I have been talking with various people in the parish who have good things to offer and we are setting up a schedule of events in which everyone is invited to participate.

For newcomers and those who have been part of another tradition, I will offer my Introduction to the Episcopal Church, which will be followed up by an Inquirer's Class for those who wish to learn more.

Gay Cox is planning a series on the many forms of prayer. I will also present one on lay ministers – their roles in the liturgy and why they are so important to worship. Robin Talbot, who doubles as Atrium 3 catechist and Altar Guild director, will share what the Altar Guild does and how you can be a part of it.

There are also book studies and other opportunities to grow in

faith and there is our Friday morning Bible study, which always welcomes new faces. Make a point to deepen your faith with a greater knowledge of our scripture and tradition, and don't hesitate to use your own right reason in figuring out the big questions. That is the glory of being an Episcopalian.

Peace,

Manny

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SPY's (St. Peter's Youth)

The Middle School Youth program got off to a good start on September 11 with 14 young people in attendance. We will continue to meet on the first Sunday of the month at 9:15 for bagels and juice in

the SPY room.

Our first big event is on October 16 when we will travel to Boston to participate in Common Cathedral. Adult driver/chaperones are needed for this.

Please contact Carrie Monahan at 978-524-8559 if you can help or have questions.

A Message from Our Deacon

Once again I express my joy at being part of this wonderful community.

I had hoped to be here more often and perhaps set up an 'office-time' where anyone could come and chat over tea/coffee about anything on their minds; but a broken left wrist ended that until mid-end of September.

However having a situation – the wrist – which made me have to stop and take more time to think, pray and wonder about what I am doing and what my priorities need to be - has helped to clarify which ministries are possible and how to set about a time-frame for them.

The slowing-down has been the greatest challenge as I confronted my proclivity to take on too many things under my guiding 'mantra' of "How hard can this be?" A more spiritually challenging position has been "Yes, but is it yours to do? Ask for help: Stay put and really pray. Practice what you preach."

So let's start here with our various prayer ministries.

On Saturday October 8 from 8:30 – 10:00 am the Prayer Chain will meet for fellowship, formation and prayer. This is to be the first monthly meeting and it's scheduled to be the day before our Healing Prayer Eucharist on the second Sunday of each month.

Remember the silver box at the back of the church – it is there for all your

prayer requests and I can assure you of complete confidentiality. Or you can give requests to Manny or myself – I prefer written ones as I have a pitiful memory for names. In that vein we hope to plan 2-3 more Healing Prayer services such as ones for Men, another for Youth, and one around the time you host The Way of Salvation next year.

After a short presentation at the June Vestry Meeting of what the Way of Salvation installation is all about, I followed it with a more detailed introduction at our August Vestry Meeting. We hope you all will see it – experience it – and do the workshops next year perhaps during Lent – more to come on that.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry is going well – please read the lovely 'thank you' note on the bulletin board in the church hall. Each recipient has loved the shawl's meaning and presence. I'd like a regular 'knit and chat together' – any ideas for the time for that?? Perhaps we could also teach others to knit/crochet and join us?

Starting this October/November and into Advent – yes I know we are all-out for Fair, Dinners etc., We will begin the fun and adventure of making temporary, fabulous but simple liturgically appropriate decorations for our church. Invite everyone as I will help all who participate to tap into their 'hidden artist'. I hope eventually, to help us design and make our own Fair Linens and liturgical robes. We'll have

food, fun and art, inviting others in to participate. It's amazing what you'll see and do with silk painting, papermaking, block printing, glue, jewels and scissors! It reminds me of a lovely group of church women in El Salvador, Artists for God, who made the simple AND fabulous stole I wear occasionally.

At this point I am suggesting these dates:- Sunday October 30, after church food, art and fun for ALL: Saturday November 5 an art morning – more food and fun: Saturday November 26 – yes I know it's right after Thanksgiving – we'll see about that date later.

I will be hosting a meeting for the Catechists soon to discuss and plan a Catechesis led Eucharist where the children help us develop a greater understanding of exactly what IS going on 'up there' at the altar and why/what/where we put everything. One idea is to have them help us into a fresh experience of Pentecost.

Your Thankful Deacon,

Gay



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"YOU can help..."

Prayers and Memorial Flowers

Lord Hear Our Prayer

Parish Prayers: For Katharine, our Presiding Bishop; Tom, Bud, and Gayle, our Bishops; Manny, Gay and Amy, our clergy

For those serving in the armed forces: Monique Farrar, Ken Christian, James Daley, Cody Burkett, Zachary Jermy, Brian Copper, Justin Anaya, Matt Meldrum, Scott Schuster; and especially those serving in Afghanistan and Iraq, including Bill Davidson and Jerry Parisella

Continuing Prayers have been requested for Bob Bark; Betty Parisi; Claire; Ernie Gabriel; Rita; Karen Norris; Jacob LaCroix; Thelma; Laura,

Peter and Hayden; Joyce; Alberta; Chris; Marilyn Perin; Fran Staples; Alex DeLeo; Patrick Lyons and family; Miriam Jacobs; George; Patrick; Mabel Selin, the Rev. John Kimball; Marilyn Keefe; Miriam Jacobs; Irene.

For the Month October we have been asked to give thanksgiving for the lives of the following people:

October 2

Linda Silvestri; Margaret D. & Ralph P. Barter

October 9

Robert R. Nelson; Wayne, Harold & Matthew Amberman

October 16

John P. Barter; Edith M. Anderson & Clifford B. Anderson

October 23

Hanford & Mary Carr; Rosa Perruse Dorr

October 30

Thomas Alfred Humphreys

Stewardship

Nourishing St. Peter's Financial Health

Step Up for St. Peter's!

October is Pledge Month.

In October you will receive information from the Stewardship Committee detailing why your pledges are important and how contributions are used.

Be a good steward!

We are all called to be good stewards by giving of our time, talent and treasure.

We are all stewards of God's gifts.

As Christians, each of us is called to be a good steward of

the gifts that God has entrusted to our care. Part of our call, our vocation, involves putting those gifts to work to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ. We can do that through our stewardship in St. Peter's Church.

Be a stakeholder in St. Peter's Parish. Pledge for 2012.

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Refugee Immigration Ministry (R.I.M.)

Refugee Immigration Ministry needs your help. We are seriously low on funds to support our clients. We are currently supporting a young mother of seven from Somalia, a former Catholic nun from Rwanda who is seeking asylum and a handicapped woman from Uganda who has recently received her asylum. We are also trying to find jobs for several of these people.

YOU can help by supporting the Annual Bulb Sale. We will be offering top quality Messelaer Bulbs after church for three weeks starting September 25. Also we will be holding a yard sale on October 1 here at St. Peter's. We will accept donations on Friday, September 30 after 7 pm. You may also make a donation directly to RIM with "client aid fund" in the memo line.

If you can help with either of these events or need more information, please contact Carrie Monahan at 978-524-8559 or ckmonahan@verizon.net

Don't miss this year's Holiday Fair!!!

This year on Saturday, Nov. 19 ~ St. Peter's hosts its annual Holiday Fair and like other years, it will surely be a day to remember! A delicious lunch will be served, a fabulous white elephant sale with treasures old and new, and our amazing jewelry sale will all be featured again. Our homemade crafts are always a hit and this year we need your **help to make this even better!** If you have a craft you'd like to include in the sale and can make large quantities of (perhaps with the help from a group) please let Beth Kennedy (bbk771@yahoo.com) or Allison Loft (allisonloft@comcast.net) know. Thank you for helping make this signature St. Peter's event a success! If you have any other creative ideas or suggestions ... please let us know!!

Overlook Farm

Harvest Festival will be held October 1 and 2 this year. All the usual great stuff will be happening around the global village, including activities that celebrate harvest traditions around the world. Enjoy the Heifer animals, hay rides, the hay maze, and good food!

Dates: October 1 and 2, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Admission: \$5 per person; 12 and under free

Where: Heifer Learning Center at Overlook Farm / 216 Wachusett St, Rutland MA

Harvest Time You can sign up now for the 3-night immersion class, Harvest Time. You'll follow food from the field to the kitchen while learning about livestock, gardening, cooking, and food preservation. You'll also learn more about how Heifer works with communities to end hunger and poverty.

Dates: October 9 through 12 (co-ed); October 13 through 16 (women only)

Rates: \$325 per person; all-inclusive with lodging and home-cooked meals.

Where: Heifer Learning Center at Overlook Farm / 216 Wachusett St, Rutland MA

To register: Call (508) 886-2221.

Military Whist

St. Peters revives an old tradition – a Military Whist Party – on Saturday October 22 at 7 p.m. If you know how to play whist or bridge come on down and have some fun. Cost is \$5. Cash prizes will be awarded. Light refreshments will be served. Beer and wine will be available. Military whist is played with a team of 4. Please try to make reservations in a table of 4. If you only have 2; we will try to match you up with another couple. Reservations can be made by calling Trish at 978-922-3438 or Bob Brown 978-927-0696.

LEMs

St. Peter's is happy to announce four new LEMs: John Cabot, John Young, Jesse Clemons, and Godfrey Perrott have accepted the invitation to become **Lay Eucharist Ministers**. Training will take place in the next very weeks. Please welcome our new LEMs to this very special ministry.

September 11 in New York

This was the tenth anniversary of 9/11 and a very moving weekend for us. We were in New York as a close friend of Ann's was ordained a priest on Saturday. Hilary was ordained in the Cathedral of St. John the Divine which is a huge Neo-Gothic building. The tour guide describes it as the largest cathedral in the world; it may be the largest Anglican cathedral. The service was very moving, followed by a fun afternoon including lunch with Hilary and friends.

We stayed at House of the Redeemer, an Episcopal retreat house that accommodates guests. It was a great experience. It was originally built as the home of a Vanderbilt granddaughter who deeded it to House of the Redeemer in 1948. The ground floor and first floor ceilings were about 20' and there were some awesome public rooms.

Since we were in the city we attended the 7:30 a.m. service at St. Paul's Chapel which is right next to Ground Zero. The celebrant was Bishop Mark Sisk (who had ordained Hilary on Saturday) and the preacher was our Presiding Bishop (Archbishop to UK folks) Katharine Jefferts Schori. It was very moving. More can be found on the ENS website at http://www.episcopalchurch.org/79425_129726_ENG_HTML.htm The home page of ENS has a video of her sermon.

Then we went to Hilary's sponsoring church, St Bart's, which is next to the Waldorf Astoria, for the 11 a.m. service. We felt a little smug when the person seated next to Ann asked if we had seen the 7:30 service on TV, and she replied "No, we were there." Full orchestra, with adult and children's choir. The service music was Faure's Requiem and the postlude was "Fanfare for the common man" (Aaron Copeland). St Bart's is close friends with the local fire station which lost 23 men at Ground Zero on 9/11 (even though they are based about 5 miles away). Their names were read in the service, and their pictures graced the front of the church.

The final hymn has a new set of words to the tune "Eternal Father, strong to save" which appear to have been specially written for 9/11. The congregation of ~500 did full justice to it. This was particularly moving as this was my father's favorite hymn.

All in all a wonderful inspiring weekend.

Godfrey Perrott

Save the Dates

Congregational Resource Day

Saturday, October 1 at Bentley College in Waltham

Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 2 on the lawn after the 10 a.m. service.

Welcome Back Potluck Supper,

Saturday, October 15 at 6 p.m.

Military Whist,

Saturday, October 22. Speak to Bob or Sandy Brown for details.

Oxfam Skip-a-Meal

Thursday, November 10; more details to follow.

Parish Fair

Saturday, November 19; more details to follow.

Vestry Minutes

August 16, 2011

Present: Rev. Manuel Faria, Deacon Gay Cox, David Farrar, Leasa Lutes, Sue Casey, Connie Woodbury, David Stephenson, Thelma Ryan, and Cameron Wicker

The meeting began at 7:00 p.m. with Thelma leading Vestry members in prayer. Manny read from "Holy Women, Holy Men: Celebrating the Saints," a new revision of the Episcopal Church's "Lesser Feasts and Fasts." The entry for August 17th describes Samuel Johnson, Timothy Cutler and Thomas Bradbury Chandler, 18th century New England clerics who were "ardent advocates for both the Anglican way and for the presence of Bishops in the colonies." All made the arduous sea journey to England where they were ordained to the Anglican priesthood before returning to New England. Thomas Bradbury Chandler was appointed in Nova Scotia to be the first Bishop in the Americas.

Proposal – The Way of Salvation

Vestry members reviewed a handout from Gay giving a brief overview of her proposal to bring Travelling Tabernacles' art installation, The Way of Salvation, to St. Peter's during the fall in time for All Saints. "This is not an art exhibition," Gay explained, "but a spiritual experience. What are you looking for, hoping for? It's not going to impose it's own criteria on you. It's a gift. Consider how you can motivate the congregation as we go forward. The costs are minimum; the volunteer needs are very specific. This isn't just my art, this is God's grace." The scope of the proposed installation "blows away what we had here before," Manny commented. "It's an opportunity for outreach that we don't often get. We've already laid the groundwork for acceptance of major upheaval in the church and what the effects of art can be on a religious community." Vestry members will continue to review the proposal at their September meeting.

Home Communion

The two home Eucharists, hosted by Connie, Don Russo and Alberta Amberman during July and August went well with 12 parishioners attending the July gathering and 7 meeting together in August. The general consensus of those participating is to continue the home Eucharists throughout the year. Anyone interested in hosting such a gathering should speak to Connie.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Schedule

The 13th (!) year of the Catechesis program will begin with registration on Sept. 11 and atria for all levels will open on the following Sunday. Robin Talbot will step in as level 3 Catechist while Deborah Walker takes time off to focus on publicizing the program.

Icon Donation

"One of the many, many things Lis Gordon loved to do," Manny explained "was to write icons." Lis' daughter, Andrea, has donated 3 icons written by Lis as well as a Russian icon to St. Peter's. "She had a real gift," Manny noted "and we're delighted to have them."

Fall Items

The always eventful Blessing of the Animals will occur on Sunday, October 2, at noon outside on the front lawn. Parishioners are invited to a Welcome Back Pot Luck Supper on October 15. Looking ahead to the new year, the "honor long time parishioners" brunch will take place on January 29, 2012.

Vestry Committee Plans

Manny reported that the Investment Advisory Committee will meet early in September to review proposals submitted by Diocesan Investment Trust, Eagle Strategies and Fiduciary Trust. The committee hopes to select one of these firms to act as investment manager for the Furfey Fund.

Reporting for property, Dave S. noted that the stained glass window repairs are under way. Although the city removed the diseased tree at the upper end of Ocean Street, its stump remains

and has now turned into a large bush obstructing much of the sidewalk. Thelma suggested contacting Ward 2 councilman Wes Slate to deal with the problem. Sexton Bill Davey will give the kitchen a deep cleaning in the next few weeks. The downstairs freezer needs to be moved out of the basement hall and into a lockable room so that it can be used when necessary.

The fall stewardship brochure is ready for mailing, Sue reported. Planning for Spiritual Formation programs will depend on Vestry plans for hosting The Way of Salvation.

Thanksgivings and Memorials has received several cash donations in memory of George Zarkades and Lis Gordon.

Leasa reviewed various Worship Committee matters. The regular 10:00 service resumes on September 11. During the Prayers of the People, Gay would like to have the congregation join in reading out loud the names listed in the bulletin of those for whom continuing prayers have been requested. Additional LEMs are needed and more parishioners should be on the list to receive lay eucharistic visits. The LEVs are considering offering large print Bibles to older parishioners who need them and are looking into purchasing them at a discount.

Updates/New Business

Manny reported that he recently attended a meeting with Councilman Wes Slate and representatives of First Baptist Church, the White Whale and neighborhood residents. The residents are disturbed by what they perceive as the disruption caused by patrons of the White Whale and the various meetings and suppers hosted by the churches. Manny will write a letter to Councilman Slate to further address the issue.

It turns out that a mysterious loud noise heard every so often by abutting neighbors on Bancroft Avenue is a broken ignition switch on the new tankless water heater. Dave S. will look into the matter.



Treasurer's Report

"July was an excellent month operationally and we are now close to budget," according to Godfrey's July Treasurer's Report. St. Peter's also received an unexpected gift of \$1500 and T&M has received significant donations in memory of both George Zarkades and Lis Gordon. Vestry members voted to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Clerk's Report

The minutes of the June 14, 2011, Vestry meeting were accepted.

Manny led Vestry members in Compline to close the meeting at 8:20

Respectfully submitted,

Cameron McLean Wicker
Clerk of the Vestry

Next Vestry Meeting:
October 11, 2011

Those Scheduled to Serve

September 25

Ushers: Mike Bent
Ernie Gabriel

Lectors:
8 a.m. Peg Bochynski
10 a.m. Kathy Pearce
John Young

LEM:
8 a.m. Peg Bochynski
10 a.m. Marian Delollis
John Newman

LEV: Peg Bochynski

Acolytes: Maeve Monahan
Lauren Schuster
Dana Matheson

Greeter: Thelma Ryan

Altar Guild: Robin Talbot
Catherine Summit

Closer: Larry Taylor

Fellowship: Schuster Family

October 2 Family Sunday

Ushers: Craig Schuster
Doug Abell

Lectors:
8 a.m. Jim Norris
10 a.m.

LEM:
8 a.m. Don Ryan
10 a.m. Larry Taylor
Nancy Lian

LEV: Godfrey Perrott

Acolytes: Emma Garthwaite
Maggie Loft
Bill Creesy

Greeter: Dave Stephenson

Altar Guild: Suzanne Conlon
Andrea Schultz

Closer: Craig Schuster

Fellowship: Don Russo and
Connie Woodbury

October 9

Ushers: Rob Talbot
Steve Dwyer

Lectors:
8 a.m. Don Ryan
10 a.m. Cam Wicker
Barb DiMambro

LEM:
8 a.m. Don Ryan
10 a.m. John Newman
Leasa Lutes

LEV: Leasa Lutes

Acolytes: Dana Matheson
Eleanor Lustig
Alise Burgess

Greeter: Connie Woodbury

Altar Guild: Nancy Lian
Dena Lisle

Closer: Larry Taylor

Fellowship: The Creesy's

October 16

Ushers: Bill Creesy
Barb Alexander

Lectors:
8 a.m. Joan Nelson
10 a.m. Lou Ann Faria
Godfrey Perrott

LEM:
8 a.m. Joan Nelson
10 a.m. Dave Farrar
Marian DeLollis

LEV: Dave Farrar

Acolytes: Justin O'Connor
Nora Monahan
Maeve Monahan

Greeter: Godfrey Perrott

Altar Guild: Joan Nelson

Closer: Bill Creesy

Fellowship: The Abell Family

October 23

Ushers: Ernie Gabriel
Leasa Lutes

Lectors:
8 a.m. Jim Norris
10 a.m. Ruth Farrar
John Young

LEM:
8 a.m. Joan Nelson
10 a.m. Larry Taylor
Carrie Monahan

LEV: Godfrey Perrott

Acolytes: Emma Garthwaite
Bill Creesy
Lauren Schuster

Greeter: Andrea Schuster

Altar Guild: Robin Talbot
Catherine Summit

Closer: Thad Outerbridge

Fellowship: Kay Wilson and
Kathy Pearce

October 30

Ushers: Dave Stephenson
Michelle Abell

Lectors:
8 a.m. Peg Bochynski
10 a.m. John Cabot
Jim Jobes

LEM:
8 a.m. Peg Bochynski
10 a.m. Nancy Lian
Connie Woodbury

LEV: Peg Bochynski

Acolytes: Lily Cabot
Kira Kennedy
Nate Abell

Greeter: Thelma Ryan

Altar Guild: Suzanne Conlon
Andrea Schultz

Closer: Bruce Walker

Fellowship: Choir



*If you are unable to fulfill your scheduled duty at any time, **please find a replacement** and let the office know.*

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People – all are welcome at
our table*

Catechisis of the Good Shepherd

Atrium meets at 9:15
a.m. unless otherwise
specified.

October

2 Family Sunday –
Atrium meets
9 Columbus Day – No
Atrium

16 Atrium meets
23 Atrium meets
30 Atrium meets

November

6 Family Sunday –
Atrium meets
13 Atrium meets
20 Atrium meets
27 Atrium meets

December

4 Family Sunday –
Atrium meets
11 Atrium meets
18 Atrium meets
24 Christmas Eve
Family Service 4 p.m.
25 Christmas. Atrium
holiday break.

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