



A Note from the Rector

The last great feast of the church year, All Saints Day, falls on November 1 and as usual we transfer it to the Sunday after, which this year is November 6. By it we commemorate the saints of the church – both those of New Testament days and those who have come in the generations since. It is in a way the culmination of all the minor Holy Days that are celebrated throughout the church year.

Last year the Episcopal Church authorized for use a new book of minor Holy Days called Holy Women, Holy Men. It replaces the old Lesser Feasts and Fasts. The book provides proper collects and readings for dozens of holy people. Some are saints of the wider church, some are known only in Anglican

or Episcopal circles, others previously known as Roman Catholic saints or Protestant divines. Like the apostles and martyrs, they are known for their deep faith and Christian witness. Taken together, they offer a view of the church that is worldwide in scope and, in the best Anglican sense, truly comprehensive in witness.

Among the new additions to our calendar are Jeanne d'Arc, Elizabeth Seton, Thomas Merton and John XXIII from the Roman tradition; John Calvin, Roger Williams, Eric Liddell and Dietrich Bonhoeffer from the reforming traditions, and from our own, Frances Perkins, Thurgood Marshall, Richard Meux Benson and Charles Gore. There are many more.

We commemorate the feasts that fall on Wednesday or nearest to it at our Wednesday Holy Eucharist throughout the year. But as All Saints Day reminds us, we are surrounded and upheld by this great cloud of witnesses and supported by this fellowship of love and prayer. It is nothing less than the "communion of saints" referred to in the Apostles Creed.

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

St. Peter's Prayer

"Prayer Between the Services"

9:15 – 9:45 am Sundays
October 30 – November 20

This is designed for anyone interested in deepening their understanding of prayer, whatever their experience or understanding of prayer is.

Each session is a complete unit.

Topics to be covered will include

1. Simple - "personal" prayer
2. Intercessory prayer
3. Loving prayer
4. Contemplative prayer:-

And the place of each in our daily lives.

This course is essentially about the **practice of prayer**, not just a theoretical approach.

Just come as you are – all you need will be provided.

Prayer has been at the core of my life since I became a Christian at age 16, but it is always at the heart of our being. Whether we are children or adults, it is the very lifeblood of all we are and do, as we continue weaving that great tapestry of life with God, and with each other.

Deacon Gay.

Join us for the first session...

Sunday, October 30 9:15-9:45 am
SIMPLE PRAYER

ART Lunch

3 Sundays ONLY

October 30, November 6 and 13.

11:45 – 1:30 in the Hall

Using the upcoming season of Advent as the basis for the Parish, and possibly others you invite, we'll explore ways to express the meaning of the Advent Season in artistic creations that will bring a different kind of beauty to the sanctuary. The act of creating art mirrors the creative power and beauty of the Liturgy, deepening our understanding of Christian symbols and colors; at the same time we are drawn to participate more fully in worship surrounded by this blend of beauty and meaning.

As we bring our individual voices to worship, and by doing so become more completely one body, so in art we can bring our individual imaginations to worship and strengthen our unity by that sharing. We live in the biggest work of art imaginable: all of Creation. We can use this God-given quality of creativity specifically by creating beauty, to express our oneness with God and through Him with each other.

These workshops will set the theological "context" of Advent, relating it concretely to the liturgy, and the specific Advent Scriptures and services. Deacon Gay will provide help, guidance, encouragement and freedom to everyone, regardless of your art experience, to create one or more concrete expressions of Advent's meaning and promise.

Session 1: we'll explore papermaking – turning old bills, tests, letters into new and wonderful paper; and fabric design. This is not simply an 'arts and crafts' session. It is a time to grow by 'pushing the envelope' around art and our spiritual formation in community.

ALL MATERIALS ARE PROVIDED



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Prayers and Memorial Flowers

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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; Dick and family; Andrew and family; Irene.

For the month November we have been asked to give thanksgiving for the lives of the following people..

November 6

Laura Russo

November 13

Arthur F. Jones & family;

Victor Townsend & family; Elsie Post; Clara & George Post; Ruth & Russell Gordon; Peter Joseph Tucker

November 20

Susannah Taylor

November 27

Harold A. Amberman; Wayne & Matthew Amberman; Janet I. McSwiney; Augustus R. & Mildred A. Knight; Agnes H. Hathaway; Beatrice & George Payne; June I. Bouchard; Ruth Pitzer; Mary Howard; Russell Knight; Fanny Furfey Hanners; Rev. E.V. Joseph Huiginn; Madeline Huiginn; Dorothea E.S. Jutras; Armand J. A. Jutras, Sr.

Bishop Harris to visit December 4

The Rt. Rev. Gayle Harris, Bishop Suffragan, will make a visitation to St. Peter's on the Second Sunday of Advent, December 4. She will preach and celebrate the Holy Eucharist at the 10 a.m. service and meet with the congregation at a coffee hour immediately following.

Please plan to be on

hand to meet and spend time with Bishop Harris and learn a bit more about our connection to the Diocese and to the wider Church and share your stories and concerns.

Following the reception, Bishop Harris will meet with the Vestry.

This marks Bishop Harris' third visitation with us.

Stewardship

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

Don't miss this year's Holiday Fair on Saturday, Nov. 19 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.! Bring your friends, family and neighbors and enjoy a delicious lunch while shopping our crafts and gifts, the ever-popular white elephant sale, fabulous jewelry, baked goods, books, silent auction and 50/50 raffle. **BUT** before the magic happens we need your help in a variety of ways like donations of crafts, gifts, jewelry, silent auction items and white elephant goods (please leave donations on the stage). We also need your help with set-up on Thursday night and Friday afternoon and clean-up on Saturday afternoon. Contact Beth Kennedy (bbk771@yahoo.com) or Allison Loft (allisonloft@comcast.net) for more information.
Thank you!

Christmas Services 2011

Normally, St. Peter's offers two services on Christmas Eve and none on Christmas Day. But this year Christmas falls on a Sunday, so the Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at 9 a.m. on December 25 in addition to the usual two services on December 24 at 4 p.m. and 10 p.m. The following week there will be one service on January 1, 2012 at 9 a.m.
Our regular schedule will resume on January 8, 2012.

Diocesan Convention

The annual Convention of the Diocese of Massachusetts, the chief governing body of the diocese, will meet November 4 and 5 at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul in Boston. Our delegates are Dave Farrar, Leasa Lutes and Manny Faria. The budget for 2012 will be presented and voted on as will various resolutions. There also will be a tribute to the Rt. Rev. Bud Cederholm, who is retiring after 10 years as a Bishop Suffragan of the diocese.

Clocks back for All Saints Sunday

The last of the four great feasts of the church year, All Saints Day will be celebrated on Sunday, November 6. That day also marks the return of Eastern Standard Time, so don't forget to set your clocks back one hour the night before.

Oxfam Skip-A-Meal

Once again we will hold the Oxfam Skip-A-Meal here at St. Peter's on November 10 from 5:30 – 7 p.m. All are welcome to attend. Skip lunch, then donate the money you have spent to Oxfam and enjoy homemade soups and bread for dinner. Please see Connie Woodbury for more details.

Save the Dates

Prayer Between the Services w/ Deacon Gay

October 30-November 20 from 9:15-9:45

Art Lunch w/ Deacon Gay

October 30, November 6 and November 13 from 11:45-1:30

All Saints Sunday, November 6

Don't forget to change your clocks the night before.

Oxfam Skip-a-Meal

Thursday, November 10; more details to follow.

Parish Fair

Saturday, November 19, 9 - 2; more details to follow.

First Sunday of Advent

Sunday, November 27; Advent wreath workshop; details to follow.

Bishop Harris visitation

Sunday, December 4 at 10 a.m. service

Christmas Eve Services

4 p.m. and 10 p.m

Christmas Day Service

Only one service at 9 a.m.

New Year's Day Service

One service only at 9 a.m.

Q3 Treasurer's Report

We have fallen back against budget and are \$4,923 behind (compared to \$3,862 at the end of March and \$1,340 at the end of June). We need to do all that we can to improve this picture; the fair in November will be particularly important.

Notes on two items follow the table.

	Year to date through Sept			
	2011	2010	Budget	Over Budget
Financial Operations				
Offerings, pledges, plate	122,853	126,589	122,015	838
Investments used for operations	60,616	63,176	60,729	(113)
Other Income	14,402	13,260	14,541	(139)
Total Receipts	197,871	203,025	197,285	586
Staff	133,068	130,328	133,266	(198)
Office Expenses	4,178	4,225	4,225	(47)
Utilities and Insurance (note 1)	39,712	40,626	35,523	4,189
Other	4,522	4,067	4,184	338
Total Parish Expenses	181,480	179,246	177,198	4,282
Other Expenses				
Diocese	23,674	23,585	24,014	(340)
Outreach (note 2)	1,567	181	-	1,567
Total Other Expenses	25,241	23,766	24,014	1,227
Total Expense	206,721	203,012	201,212	5,509
Net Income	(8,850)	13	(3,927)	(4,923)
	-	-	-	-
Pass throughs				
Rector's Discretionary Fund (income)	637	294		
Rector's Discretionary Fund (transferred)	618	294		
Net	19	-		
Contributions for Outreach	1,591	692		
Funds transmitted	1,586	580		
Net	5	112		

Notes

- Repairs are \$2,600 over budget (heating and intercom problems), snow removal \$3,300 over budget, Insurance, phone and utilities are \$1,300 under budget.
- The largest part of Outreach is a loan to Akram Ahmet of \$1,000 to pay for tuition to be a translator. He will pay it back starting Dec 1 at \$50/month. Another big expense (\$450) was the thank you dinner we had for all Fri. and Sun. night dinner crews.

Vestry Minutes

September 13, 2011

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

The meeting began at 7 p.m. with Connie leading Vestry members in prayer

Holy Women Holy Men

Manny read from "Holy Women, Holy Men: Celebrating the Saints," the entry for September 13th about St. John Chrysostom, (b.354, d. 407), the Patriarch of Constantinople and one of the greatest saints of the Eastern Church. He was known as the "Golden Mouth" because he was a great preacher. His sermons were well attended, eloquent and showed his "acute sensitivity to the needs of the people." St. John Chrysostom used his sermons to inform his listeners about the liturgy of the church as well as its Eucharistic practices and is particularly remembered for promoting the importance of lay participation in the Eucharist.

Proposal – The Way of Salvation – Follow Up

Traveling Tabernacles' art installation, The Way of Salvation, will most likely come to St. Peter's some time during Lent 2012 rather than during October for All Saints in order to allow more time for planning. With the expanded lead time before Lent in the coming year, Manny said, "we can have the whole nine yards for three weeks: adult forums, liturgy, healing services; we will worship in and amongst the installation." The extra planning time will make it possible to insure that the installation is appropriately staffed with volunteers. "It's a one off thing," Gay noted, "so you might get more volunteers who don't have time to do a regular event." Andrea

suggested contacting Montserrat art students for help with the installation. Vestry members will fine-tune the timing and scope of the installation during their upcoming meetings. "This is not a somber thing even though you start with the Stations of the Cross," Gay explained. "Fifty percent of it is really joyful," she continued, "and when you come to the end of it, it's filled with glittering faces."

In addition to The Way of Salvation, Gay would also like to plan a pre-Advent liturgical art event for parishioners' participation. The creative gatherings could occur one or two times in November with the resulting artwork "ready to go for Advent," Gay explained. "It would be something to incorporate into our worship," she noted. "People can add to the beauty of the church."

Facebook/Media Update

St. Peter's is gathering many "friends" and "likes" thanks to Deborah Walker's attention to St. Peter's Facebook page. "She has created all sorts of links and loaded a lot of pictures," Manny reported. There's even a \$25 Panera gift card for the person who generates the most "likes," he noted. Deborah is also focusing on other avenues, like press releases and grants, to publicize St. Peter's and its programs. In addition, she has created brochures for the Catechesis program for distribution to local schools. "It's very encouraging," Manny said, "and we'll see where it goes."

Memorial Flower Fund

After many years of faithful service, Norma Knight will step down as steward of the Memorial Flower Fund. Even though the Flower Fund's paper records are being computerized, Connie explained, past paper records will be kept as well and are a source of "lots of interesting information." The Flower

Fund's separate bank account will be closed and all checks should be written directly to St. Peter's where they will run through the operating account. Thank you, Norma, for your tireless efforts with this important ministry!

Holiday Fair Kick-Off

Andrea reported that Holiday Fair Chairs Allison Loft and Beth Kennedy plan to create Bulletin inserts regarding the upcoming Fair which will take place on Saturday, November 19th. "They'll take the bull by the horns and get going!" she asserted.

Vestry Committee Plans

Godfrey reported that the Investment Advisory Committee will interview representatives from Eagle Strategies and Diocesan Investment Trust as the next step towards selecting an investment manager for the Furfey Fund. The Committee hopes to make a recommendation to Vestry at the October Vestry meeting. "We received good material from both of them," Godfrey noted. "We all felt good about them."

Reporting for Outreach, Connie listed plans in the works for the Oxfam Fast for Hunger Soup Dinner on November 10th, Military Whist on October 22, and a Welcome Back Pot Luck Dinner hosted by the Property and Evangelism Committees on October 15th.

Reporting for Property, Dave S. explained that four sections of the stained glass windows have been removed for repairs but will be re-installed in the next couple of weeks. After that, the onsite grinding repairs will begin on other window sections. "It's moving, but it's moving slowly," he said. The Committee is currently deciding what projects to finish this year. Godfrey suggested scheduling a time to refinish the upper Chancel floor before



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Vestry Minutes

cold weather sets in. Leasa noted that the trees along the gym on Ocean Street need to be pruned back from the sidewalk and Dave agreed to contact Julie Brown-Garthwaite about the appropriate trimming method. The new tankless hot water heater continues to make occasional “popping” noises audible to the church’s Bancroft Street neighbors. Dave will contact Milne Plumbing about the problem.

The fall stewardship brochure is ready for mailing, Sue reported. Manny and she are planning various adult forums on topics such as Altar Guild, a book study and Episcopal Church 101 – 103. Sue is participating in Atrium assistant training.

John Young, Jess Clemons, John Cabot and Godfrey have all agreed to be LEMs and will participate in an upcoming training session, Leasa reported. The Worship Committee would also like to recruit several more LEVs (Lay Eucharistic Visitors), she noted. Currently there are four LEVs and the Committee would like to double that number.

The Evangelism Committee continues to meet, Dave F. reported. Rest assured all you chili chefs; the Welcome Back Potluck Dinner on Oct. 15th, does not by any means replace the Chili Cook Off, scheduling TBA.

Updates/New Business

Trish Shatford’s new cleaning business is keeping her so busy that she will be resigning her post as Parish Secretary, Manny reported. Even so, she will help look for a new secretary and will stay on as long as necessary to help train that person. “I’m not pleased to see her leave,” Manny noted. “She wants this to be her parish and she’s very committed to things like evangelism.” The job requires about 18 hours a week with the time varying

slightly at certain times of year.

The parish copy machine is reaching the end of its contract. Trish has contacted three companies for estimates. The current machine and lease provides for black and white copies only. However, color copying is much more expensive, Godfrey noted, and people would want to use a color copier more, possibly driving up the cost further.

Andrea reminded Vestry members that St. Peter’s will be celebrating its 150th anniversary on July 19, 2013, and she encouraged everyone to begin thinking of ideas to mark the occasion. Manny noted that past anniversaries had been planned by a “vast committee structure” but that now it would be more appropriate to have a small committee working on a list of ideas. The entire celebration need not occur solely on July 19th but could continue throughout the Spring and Fall of 2013 when the weather and church attendance is at its best. Some ideas floating around are: a service celebrated by Bishop Shaw to commemorate 150 years in Beverly, a service using the 1789 liturgy, a Union Civil War encampment on the church lawn, a catered dinner, articles in the Salem News and Beverly Citizen, a retrospective at the Beverly Historical Society, church tours as part of Beverly Homecoming, and a Gordon College Museum Studies Senior Thesis presentation. One member suggested we really focus on mission/outreach, which might include a fancy dinner for Sunday Night Supper.

Andrea, Leasa and Thelma encouraged Vestry members to participate in an upcoming Congregational Resources program on October 1st, agreeing “It’s a fun time and gets you motivated, excited;” “It helps you think outside of the box;” “I’ve been for the past 8 or 9 years and every time I go I enjoy it.”

Andrea reported that plans are in the works for all Deanery Wardens to get together two or three times a year.

Manny reported that St. Peter’s has been invited to participate in the Diocese’s Leadership Training for Individuals program. The goal is to foster “more and deeper involvement” for vestries and active parishioners. The two year training focuses on learning in the first year and “doing” in the second year, Manny explained.

Treasurer’s Report

Although cancellation of Sunday services due to Hurricane Irene affected pledge income (\$140 via EFT was the grand total), September 11 services brought in \$3500 in pledge income, Godfrey reported. “We’re pretty much on budget,” Godfrey said, “which is good.” Vestry members voted to accept the Treasurer’s Report. [The Treasurer subsequently found an error in the August Operating Report and revised his comment: “We are about \$2,000 behind budget and need to watch expenses.”]

Clerk’s Report

The minutes of the August 16, 2011, Vestry meeting were accepted.

The meeting ended at 8:40 p.m. Respectfully submitted,

Cameron McLean Wicker
Clerk of the Vestry



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Those Scheduled to Serve



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

November 6 Family Sunday

Ushers: Geoff Besse
Leasa Lutes

Lectors:
8 a.m. Don Ryan
10 a.m. TBA

LEM:
8 a.m. Don Ryan
10 a.m. Marian Delollis
John Newman

LEV: Godfrey Perrott

Acolytes: Lily Cabot
Nate Abell
Lauren Schuster

Greeter: Andrea Schuster

Altar Guild: Robin Talbot
Catherine Summit

Closer: Thad Outerbridge

Fellowship: Spy Group

November 20

Ushers: Ernie Gabriel
Clarke Hall

Lectors:
8 a.m. Don Ryan
10 a.m. Kathy Pearce
Ruth Farrar

LEM:
8 a.m. Don Ryan
10 a.m. Nancy Lian
Dave Farrar

LEV: Dave Farrar

Acolytes: Dana Matheson
Bill Creesy
Emma Garthwaite

Greeter: Dave Farrar

Altar Guild: Nancy Lian
Dena Lisle

Closer: Larry Taylor

Fellowship: Holiday Fair

November 27

Ushers: Steve Dwyer
Rob Talbot

Lectors:
8 a.m. Peg Bochynski
10 a.m. John Cabot
Cameron Wicker

LEM:
8 a.m. Peg Bochynski
10 a.m. Leasa Lutes
John Newman

LEV: Peg Bochynski

Acolytes: Alise Burgess
Carrie Monahan
Nate Abell

Greeter: Thelma Ryan

Altar Guild: Robin Talbot
Catherine Summit

Closer: Larry Taylor

Fellowship: The Talbot Family

November 13

Ushers: Michelle Abell
Mike Bent

Lectors:
8 a.m. Joan Nelson
10 a.m. Lou Ann Faria
John Young

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

LEV: Norma Knight

Acolytes: Nora Monahan
Justin O'Connor
Maeve Monahan

Greeter: Godfrey Perrott

Altar Guild: Suzanne Conlon
Andrea Schultz

Closer: Bruce Walker

Fellowship: The Hawkes
Family

November 25 Thanksgiving Day

Ushers: Dave Stephenson
Craig Schuster

Lector: Godfrey Perrott

LEM: Leasa Lutes

Acolyte: Bill Creesy

Altar Guild: Robin Talbot
Joan Nelson

December 4 Family Sunday

Ushers: Bill Creesy
Barb Alexander

Lectors:
8 a.m. Joan Nelson
10 a.m. TBA

LEM:
8 a.m. Joan Nelson
10 a.m. John Newman
Connie Woodbury

LEV: Leasa Lutes

Acolytes: Maggie Loft
Lauren Schuster
Dana Matheson

Greeter: Dave Stephenson

Altar Guild: Suzanne Conlon
Andrea Schultz

Closer: Bill Creesy

Fellowship: The Conlon Family

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Catechisis of the Good Shepherd

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

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.

January
1 Happy New Year-
No Atrium
8 Atrium meets
15 Atrium meets
22 Atrium meets
29 Atrium meets

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