

*The Keys*

# *St. Peter's Parish Church*

*December 2011 - January 2012*

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## *From the Rector's Desk*

Advent: the first season of the church year. It begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas and continues through the day before Christmas. It's a Middle English word, coming from the Medieval Latin word *adventus*, from the Latin word for arrival, *advenire*. The season of Advent is a time of preparation and expectation. As Bishop Johnston put it in his column in the current VIRGINIA EPISCOPALIAN, it is the most complex of all the Church seasons. "The four weeks of Advent present themes of future, present, and past (in that order) and each one must be addressed: (1) the Second Coming of Christ, always the first theme of Advent; (2) our own waiting and acceptance of Him (the second and third Sundays of Advent, when we encounter John the Baptist); and (3) the account of the annunciation of Jesus' birth to Mary and Joseph, on the fourth Sunday." "Waiting is not easy," as the Bishop says. "Advent is a quiet, introverted time calling for waiting and reflection. In what is easily the most sentimentalized time of year, Advent is not at all sentimental."

Then comes Christmas Day and the season of Christmas, also called Christmastide. Christmas – in Old English, *Cristes maesse* – is a festival celebrated on December 25, commemorating the Incarnation: the Word of God made flesh in the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ. In the Prayer Book it is called "The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ." Armentrout and Slocum's excellent book, AN EPISCOPAL DICTIONARY OF THE CHURCH, understates it a bit when they say, "In the United States, it is also a popular secular holiday."

Christmas seems to have been first celebrated in Rome in the year 336 and gradually spread to the churches of the East. Those churches already had a festival on January 6 commemorating the birth and baptism of Jesus. The December 25 date rests on no known historical foundation. It was probably chosen to oppose the feast *Natalis Solis Invicti*, the birthday of Saturn (also known as "the unconquerable sun god"). That took place at the winter solstice, the day when the days began to grow longer and the nights shorter, and celebrated the birth of "the sun of righteousness."

In THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, Christmas Day is one of the seven principal feasts. Christmastide (the Christmas season) lasts for twelve days, thus the popular song "The Twelve Days of Christmas." It lasts from Christmas Day, the Nativity of Our Lord, until January 5, the day before The Epiphany. Christmastide is a busy season! Depending on when Christmas Day falls, it can include Christmas Day, the First Sunday after Christmas, the Holy Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Second Sunday after Christmas. Feast Days during Christmastide include St. Stephen, Deacon and Martyr (Dec. 26); St. John, Apostle and Evangelist (Dec. 27); The Holy Innocents (Dec. 28); and Thomas Becket (Dec. 29).

A "Proper," for those unfamiliar with the term, is the collect, lessons, selection from the Psalter, and Proper Preface for a particular day, according to the season or occasion. Christmas Day actually has three Propers. Since many churches, ours included, have the main liturgical celebration of Christmas Day on Christmas Eve, we use the first Proper at the early (5 pm) Service, the second Proper at the late (11 pm) Service, and the third Proper at the Service on Christmas Day, usually at 10 am.

All of this brings us to our own calendar for Christmastide and Epiphany. We will have two services on

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## Wardens' Corner

### Our Challenges

As we near the close of 2011, the first word that comes to my mind is "challenging." But, on the other hand, there has been many rewards and blessings bestowed on St. Peter's during the year.

However, as I near the close of my second term as your Senior Warden, I'm really beginning to wonder if it's *me* that appears to attract such challenges at St. Peter's. As some of you may recall, my first term as Senior Warden began with the resignation of the Rector, the passing of our Church Administrator/Treasurer, and the search for a replacement organist. Obviously the current term has predominantly been associated with the failure and replacement of our heating and air conditioning systems within the church and Parish House. So, other than the current 1,061 e-mails that I have to show for this term, how has your Vestry met these challenges and in-turn derived a litany of blessings out of them?

Specifically, the blessing that I have observed has been the galvanization and determination of an incredibly dedicated and determined group of parishioners working together as St. Peter's Vestry to solve some very difficult issues. Before the failure of our HVAC systems, most of us had never heard of a hydronic loop or Mastek Hydrotherm KN-2 condensing boilers. Now we can speak it with the best of them. Better yet, we identified that St. Peter's had in-house talent to debundle the various engineering disciplines associated with the HVAC renovations and that has led to considerable savings. Ken Rubert stepped forward to lead this project. Thanks to his contribution of time and talent, St. Peter's saved a conservative estimate of over \$50,000 during this process.

Denise Fazio, Junior Warden  
Peter Carlson, Outreach  
Tony Wood, Buildings and Grounds  
Karen Lange, Stewardship  
Stuart Burnett, Worship  
Nancy Goodman, Pastoral Care  
Padgette Evelyn, Parish Life  
Rod Molina, Christian Education  
Mark Whidden, Register

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### Inclement Weather Policy

In the event of bad weather which may affect a service, the Vestry will make contact with their calling tree. Also, the church voice mail will be updated accordingly. If you're in doubt of what to do, contact your Vestry person or call the church. If there is a function or event – not a service – at the church and there is inclement weather, please make note that if the New Kent County Schools are closed on that day, then the function/event at the church will be cancelled. Every effort will be made to change the voice mail system during the week to update for functions as well. Please keep this information handy during times of inclement weather.

*Adopted by the Vestry Feb. 2005*



### St. Peter's Parish Church

The Very Reverend Dr. S. Paul Rowles, *rector*  
Sherri W. Hardiman, *parish administrator*  
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Stuart R. Burnett, *clerk & treasurer*  
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Mark P. Whidden, *register*

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Denise Fazio, *junior warden*

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Stuart Burnett (932.3925)  
Denise Fazio (932.9224)  
Bill Lindsey (757.566.8132)

#### *Class of 2013*

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Nancy Goodman (932.3609)  
Rod Molina (932.3990)

#### *Class of 2014*

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Sherri Hardiman & Julie Vaisvil, *Editors*  
Kim McLean, *Altar Guild Chair*  
Adriane Marshall, *AYC Advisor*  
Carol Nelms, *Church School Superintendent*

# Christian Education

## Church School News

The Parish House will be buzzing with angels, shepherds, and wise men over the next few weeks as the church school students practice for the annual Christmas Pageant. This year's pageant will be presented Sunday, December 11, at 10 am in Richardson Hall. All children are encouraged to participate. There will be only two practices, November 27 and December 4, at 10 am in Richardson Hall. Therefore, we ask that you make every effort to attend both practices. The Children's Choir will sing during the pageant! Please join us as we retell the story of the birth of Jesus.

The beloved Christmas Craft Day will be held following the 11 am service on Sunday, December 4, in Richardson Hall. All ages are invited to decorate a gingerbread house at that time. You will need to bring an empty paper milk carton as the base for your house. The cost of this event is \$15 per family which includes pizza, beverage, and all the fixings to decorate the gingerbread house! Please sign up in the Parish House foyer, where you will also find directions for making the house.

Once again, thank you all for your generous donations of dental supplies for the children of Tobal, Aur! I have mailed the supplies and they will soon be in the hands of the children!

Note: There will be no Church School December 25 or January 1.

~ Carol Nelms, Church School Superintendent

## Children's Choir

Please make sure your child attends the Christmas Pageant practices on November 27 and December 4 as we will practice our song "Still, Still." They will sing this song during the pageant on December 11. It is very important that the children listen to their CD between practices to learn the words to the songs.

~ Hawthorne Davis, Jennifer Ezzell, Joyce Molina, and Carol Nelms



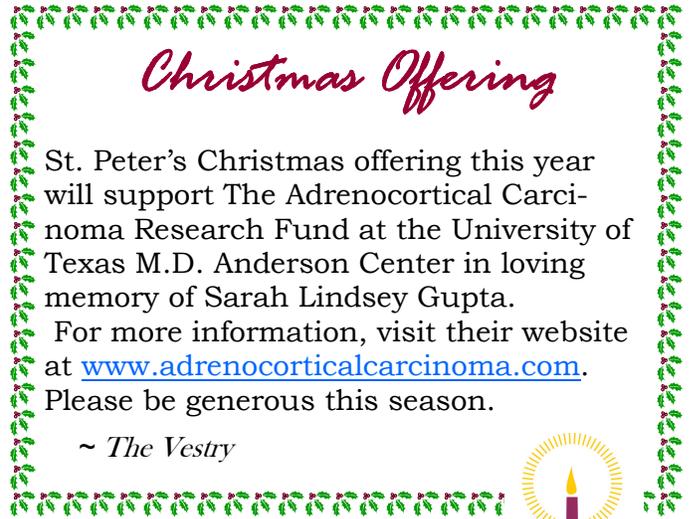
## Christmas Offering

St. Peter's Christmas offering this year will support The Adrenocortical Carcinoma Research Fund at the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Center in loving memory of Sarah Lindsey Gupta.

For more information, visit their website at [www.adrenocorticalcarcinoma.com](http://www.adrenocorticalcarcinoma.com).

Please be generous this season.

~ The Vestry



## Worship

### Colonial Decorations, Christmas Poinsettias & Hanging of the Greens



The time to plan for colonial decorations and Christmas poinsettias has arrived! If you recall, the poinsettias will garnish Richardson Hall, and the church will be dressed in a colonial theme. These decorations are available for purchase in memory or honor of a loved one or in thanksgiving. Sheets to sign up for them are in the church and in the Parish House foyer.

An \$8 donation is requested. Checks should be made payable to St. Peter's Parish Church with *Christmas Decorations/Flowers* on the memo line.

Helpers of all sizes and ages are needed to help with Hanging of the Greens on Saturday morning, December 17. Come at 9 am and join the fellowship and fun while preparing the church for Christmas worship.

~ Kim McLean, Altar Guild Chair

## Outreach

Thank you for sharing the good news of our Savior with hurting children of the world by your contributions of Christmas shoeboxes to Operation Christmas Child!



### Annual New Kent Educational Foundation Bowl-A-Thon

The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual New Kent Educational Foundation Bowl-A-Thon on Saturday, November 5, at Hanover Lanes, was a huge success, thanks in part to those of you who contributed to our St. Peter's team. This event raises monies for student scholarships, teacher grants, educational presentations, and technology for the schools each year. As always, you can be counted on to support education in our county. Thanks again for your generous support!



### Steaks & Steeds Dinner & Trail Ride “Chair”-ity Fundraiser for Matthew’s Haven

The Lord truly blessed us with magnificent weather on Saturday, October 8 for our first annual Steaks and Steeds Benefit. It was a fantastic day!

Early that morning, many of the horse folks arrived with their horses and trailers in tow to experience the gorgeous landscape, including two lakes, and the beautiful nature at Millstone Farm in Quinton. We had 28 riders; most spent an average of two to three hours in the saddle, enjoyed the trails, and left the event. However, several riders stayed much longer. More folks arrived close to 3:30 pm to enjoy great music, a silent auction, and warm fellowship at the Millstone Pavilion. At 4:30 pm, we had a delicious steak dinner. It was truly a wonderful day and good time was had by all. We had such positive remarks about the event; we plan to host it again in 2012. So if you were unable to attend this year’s event, you will definitely have the opportunity to attend next year.

A tremendous thank you goes out to all the volunteers who helped with preparation and for those who worked during the event to make it a success. A great shout out to Lee Howard, of Rocky Mount, NC, who traveled and provided the music for the event at no cost. Dinner was graciously provided with the assistance of Jon & Miriam Ackley, Craig Pierce, and Zach Quimby. Others who helped were Rod & Joyce Molina, Beth Cunningham, Janet Kondakor, Melanie, Paul & Cole Hitchcock, and Ann Bradshaw. Ann took beautiful photos of the riders at the farm’s covered bridge. We are so grateful for her time and talent! I also want to thank those who contributed items to the silent auction which raised over \$3,000. They are Lindy Brammer, Anna Davis, the Resource & Development Committee, Catherine Stanley with Alex Foster Interiors, Active Life Fitness Center, Thomas Evelyn and Charles City Forest Products, Jena Simpson with Long and Foster Realtors, Regina Moore, Ann Bradshaw with Say Cheez Photography, 47 Sea Glass, and Glen Pierce with Virginia Beach National and Heron Ridge Golf Clubs. Thanks everyone!

~ Catherine Pierce

## Outreach *continued*

### Give a Child a Christmas



Matthew's Haven will host the annual Give a Child a Christmas in December. The children's names and wish lists are available for you in the Parish House foyer. We anticipate we will have close to 60 children for sponsorship again this year. We hope that you will sign up to sponsor a child and brighten their Christmas morning!

Please invite friends, neighbors, or businesses to sponsor a child in need as St. Peter's members can't do it all! As in years past, we will assist the children not only through Matthew's Haven and St. Peter's, but with the help of other sponsors from New Kent and the surrounding community.

We ask that wrapped gifts with name tags be delivered to the church by Wednesday, December 14. Please contact any Matthew's Haven volunteer or me at 966-9057 if you have any questions.

~ Catherine Pierce



New Kent Committee

Habitat for Humanity New Kent Committee has broken ground for a third home on McLaughlin Lane! Construction is anticipated to begin in December. This build will be a new experience as it will be a modular home. And, yes, volunteers are still needed! When it is available, all information on the build will be on the VOLUNTEER UP portion of the Richmond Metropolitan Habitat for Humanity web site.

Go to [www.richmondhabitat.org](http://www.richmondhabitat.org), the Richmond Metro Habitat web site, and click the blue Volunteer box, then the Volunteer UP box. This will lead you through the volunteer process. Be sure to indicate you are interested in the New Kent region. Contact New Kent Committee Chair Donna Friend at 804-966-2813 or [djfriend@cox.net](mailto:djfriend@cox.net) if you need additional help.

Our next committee meeting is December 13, 7 pm, at the Quinton Community Center. Join us and learn more about this exciting time!

~ Julie Vaisvil, New Kent Committee Member

**St. Peter's Vestry Nominations  
CLOSE  
December 11, 2011**

# 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Oyster Roast, Fish Feast and Shrimp Bonanza

This year's Oyster Roast took place at historic Whitehouse Landing on October 15. We enjoyed mild temperatures and sunny skies that made the day all the more enjoyable. It was an overall great day of fellowship with friends. Adding to the enjoyment was the music, provided by Southern Branch. Two of their members are also parishioners of St. Peter's! Heartfelt thanks go out to them.

Weather and volunteers helped to make this year's roast a huge success! The Oyster Roast could not take place without the many dedicated volunteers. Volunteers assisted with everything from setup the day before, to wrapping potatoes, and preparing delicious homemade desserts. Thank you to ALL of the volunteers that make the roast a success every year.

Our generous sponsors also help tremendously by defraying some of our expenses. Please take the time to thank and patronize them:

## **Black Pearls**

*Morgan Keegan Investments  
Source Auto and Hardware Supply  
Old Mill Mechanical  
O'Bier Electrical Service*

## **Gray Pearls**

*Steve and Mava Miles and family  
Becky Ringley - State Farm  
C.H. Evelyn Piling Company  
Charles City Forest Products*

*Bevinco  
Wood's Body Shop  
Bassetti Enterprises  
CRH Catering*

## **White Pearls**

*Tommy Tiller  
Acorn Signs  
Carter CAT  
J.A. Hubbard & Son Construction  
Jon and Miriam Ackley  
Jim and Scott's Auto Service*

*The North Carolina Boys  
Waste Management  
Dan-Lor Electric  
Brown Distributing  
Ray and May O'Leary*

*~ The Oyster Roast Committee*



## *Fellowship*

### **Sweetheart Breakfast**

The Fellowship Committee is pleased to announce that they will sponsor a Sweetheart Breakfast on Sunday, February 12, from 9:45 - 10:45 am, to be served by the men of our parish.

Everyone is invited to enjoy our breakfast buffet! Bring a sweetheart, or just be a sweetheart! Either way, come out and enjoy fellowship and have some great fun, just in time for St. Valentine's Day.

*~ The Fellowship Committee*



## *Parish Life*

### **Episcopal Youth Community (EYC)**

All youth who are in grades 6 through 12 are welcome to join and participate in the EYC. The EYC continues to meet the first Sunday of each month at 6 pm in Richardson Hall. We start with dinner, then move into an activity, and finish with a short period of praise and worship.

In addition to our monthly meeting, the EYC does a fun activity every other month and a service activity during the other months. We are looking for service activities to do. If you have any activities, fun or service in mind, please contact Adriane.

Also, if you are not on the EYC e-mail list, please contact me at [adriane.marshall@gmail.com](mailto:adriane.marshall@gmail.com) or by cell at 804-878-2284.

*~ Adriane Marshall, EYC Advisor*

### **2012 Youth Mission Trip**

#### **Kick Off Meeting**

This year, the planning for the Youth Mission Trip will be a little different. We will kick off the Youth Mission Trip with a meeting for all interested participants and their parents. The meeting will be December 3, at 5 pm, in the Parish House. All information for the trip will be given out at that time, including the destination and dates.

This meeting is **required** for all who are interested in attending the mission trip in the summer of 2012. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please contact me by e-mail or cell ([adriane.marshall@gmail.com](mailto:adriane.marshall@gmail.com) or 804-878-2284).

*~ Adriane Marshall  
Mission Trip Advisor*

## From the Treasurer



### 2011 Contributions Due by December 31

Please note that contributions received by December 31, 2011 will be applied toward 2011 pledges and included as 2011 contributions on end-of-year statements. Contributions received after December 31, 2011 can still be applied to 2011 pledges, but they will be recorded as 2012 contributions for tax purposes and will not be included on the 2011 end-of-year statements. These end-of-year statements should be mailed before January 31, 2012.

If you have questions about the current status of your 2011 pledge, please send an e-mail to me at [stpeters.treasurer1@gmail.com](mailto:stpeters.treasurer1@gmail.com) and I will be happy to run a contributions report and e-mail it back to you. This will reflect all of your contributions and the status of your pledge.

~ Stuart Burnett, Treasurer



#### *Wardens' Corner* (Continued from page 2)

Additionally, there are so many others who continually dedicate themselves to various personal ministries, guilds, and committees at St Peter's. Unquestionably, their gifts are unspoken blessings to our church.

So I began my writing asking if it is *me* as it relates to our challenges and can report that it's not. Rather, it's always about *Him* and how he remains with us through such trying times. This wisdom is championed in Luke 22:24-27 as follows:

*A dispute also arose among them as to which of them was considered to be the greatest. Jesus said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those who exercise authority over them call themselves Benefactors. But you are not to be like that. Instead, the greatest among you should be like the youngest, and the one who rules like the one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one who is at the table? But I am among you as one who serves."*

Even during the Last Supper where our Lord was facing his last challenge, he continued to teach his apostles about balanced leadership and service. The last verse is one that I have focused on many times during the year which assures *me* that Jesus is among us who serve. Personally, I have found this as not only a comfort, but also a strength that has fortified my resolve to continue my service to St. Peter's and to our Lord.

I thank you for your thoughts and prayers during this challenging year and wish you and your family a wonderful Christmas as we celebrate the birth of Jesus. Thanks be to God!

Faithfully yours,  
*Bill Lindsey, Senior Warden*



# December 2011 Rota

If you are unable to serve when scheduled, please find a replacement and notify the office. Thanks!

Date	December 11, 2011	December 18, 2011	December 24, 2011	December 25, 2011	January 1, 2012
Service Type	HE I @ 8:30 & 11	HE I @ 8:30	HE I @ 5 & 11 pm	HE II @ 10	HE II @ 10
Proprs	Pageant @ 10 am Advent 3	L & C @ 11 Advent 4	Christmas Eve	(One Svc. Only) Christmas Day	(One Svc. Only) The Holy Name
<b>Vestry Greeters</b>	<b>8:30</b> <b>11</b> Nancy Goodman Tony Wood	Nancy Goodman Tony Wood	(5) Nancy Goodman (11) Volunteer	Tony Wood	Volunteer
<b>Acolytes</b>	<b>8:30</b> <b>11</b> Nancy Goodman Madie Miles Lilly Tyson Zach Quimby Cameron Fazio	Catherine Peterson N/A Caroline Nelms Clayton Evelyn Jack Swynford	(5) Ashley Pierce (5) Austin Pierce (5) Clayton Evelyn (5) Zoe Porter (11) Jon Gellings	Volunteer N/A N/A N/A	Volunteer N/A N/A N/A
<b>Peter's Heralds</b>	<b>11</b> Lydia Danielson	Trevor Evelyn	(5) Trevor Evelyn (11) Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
<b>Chalicers</b>	<b>8:30</b> <b>11</b> Larry Gallaher Margie Harrison	Adriane Marshall N/A	(5) Bruce Lange (11) Brett Marshall	Lee Tyson	Brett Marshall
<b>Lectors</b>	<b>8:30</b> <b>11</b> Miriam Ackley Linwood Gregory	Nancy Goodman Stuart assigns	(5) Stuart Burnett, Clerk (11) Brett Marshall	Lee Tyson	Brett Marshall
<b>Intercessors</b>	<b>8:30</b> <b>11</b> Jon Ackley Cindy Greer	Adriane Marshall N/A	(5) Stuart Burnett, Clerk (11) Brett Marshall	Lee Tyson	Brett Marshall
<b>Sidesmen</b>	<b>8:30</b> <b>11</b> Bill O'Keefe Susan Cheyne Lee Tyson	Tony Lewis Steve Miles Doug Begeal	(5) Craig Pierce (5) Thomas Evelyn (5) Tom Evelyn (11) Major Mansfield (11) Linwood Gregory	Brian Gellings Volunteer	Ralph Ashton Volunteer
<b>Oblationers</b>	<b>8:30</b> <b>11</b> Sandra & Brian Gellings Denise & Jeff Fazio	Joyce & Steve Peterson N/A	(5) May & Ray O'Leary (11) Cynthia Rowles (11) Sally Smith	Kendall Hatley Nancy Goodman	Sally Smith Barb McKinney
<b>Nursery</b>	<b>11</b> Stacey Wood	Kristin & David Swynford	NA	N/A	Cristi Lawton
<b>Altar Guild Group</b>	IV, Betty Curling	V, Kim McLean	I, Edna Christian	same	II, Jay Francisco
<b>Hangings</b>	Purple	Purple	White	White	White
<b>Garden Guild Group</b>	1, Jayne Thomas Pinelli	2, Carol Nelms	3, Sally Smith	same	4, Carrie Evelyn
<b>Altar Flowers</b>		Colonial Dec./Poinsettias	Colonial Dec./Poinsettias	Colonial Dec./Poinsettias	
<b>Coffee Hour</b>		Reception—Fellowship			



## December Birthdays

- 5 Christine Best
- 6 Jon Ackley
- 6 Jane Gregory
- 6 Emily Woodall
- 7 Padgette Evelyn
- 11 Catherine Pierce
- 12 Jason Best
- 14 Ken Rubert
- 14 Shirley Meyer
- 15 Wayne Greer
- 15 Caroline Nelms
- 17 Torun Carlson
- 19 Susan Sitterson
- 19 Sarah Morrow Dunn
- 21 Caroline Swynford
- 28 Miranda Decker
- 28 Helena Harris
- 29 Donna Wright



### Remembering Those Serving Our Country, Near and Far

Edward Allen,  
Charles Bowery,  
Zachary Crawford,  
Justin Gallaher,  
Julio Gonzalez, Jr.,  
Sam Guinn,  
Phillip Harrell,  
Christopher Kopf,  
T. J. Lowe,  
Christopher Minter,  
Christopher Quarles,  
Carson Tyson,  
**Andrew Walker**  
and Brent Wolfe, II



### December Anniversary Blessings



- 1 Bob & Carolie Kay
- 3 Stephen & Kimberly von Hitritz
- 6 Jeff & Denise Fazio
- 13 Doug & Shirley Meyer
- 28 James & Dorrine Douglass

### **We Ask Your Prayers For Those in our parish family who are sick:**

Lawrence Christian, Bob Carraway, Rollin Rosser, Jim Douglass, and Sue Caldwell,  
**...and all others known and unknown.**

Maria Nellie Bruce, mother of Sam Bruce;  
Eric Valor, son of Norm Valor;  
Steven Harrell, son of Sue Caldwell;  
Charlie Cowins, brother of Kathy Lindsey;  
Karen Dedomenico, cousin of Doug Begeal;  
Dick and Kathryn Goodman, parents of  
Scott Goodman;

Sharon Hulsing, former parishioner;  
Danny Crews, father of Kaitlyn and  
Kasey Crews;

Kathryn Callis, mother of Mava Miles;  
Sandra Griffith, friend of Fred Bahr;  
Christine Mattox, friend of Patrick and  
Jessica Evelyn;

Jimmy Jones, friend of Kendall Hatley;  
Barbara Felts, sister of Major Mansfield;  
Tiffany Strath, friend of Kim McLean and  
Adriane Marshall;

Bryan Raybon, friend of Adriane Marshall;  
Susan Ilch, friend of Catherine Pierce;  
Dante Plange, friend of Major Mansfield;  
Frank Whitlow, friend of Ginny Morrow;  
Josephine Hines, aunt of Joyce Molina;  
B. A. Stanley, cousin of Emily Clay Evelyn;  
Benny Morris, grandpa of Lilly Tyson.

**Give them courage and hope  
in their troubles and bring them  
the joy of your salvation.**

# January Birthdays

- 1 Caroline Evelyn
- 1 Ray Ballard
- 1 Carol Johnson
- 1 Amelia Cimbalo
- 2 Major Mansfield
- 2 Jack Swynford
- 4 Elizabeth Smith Remorenko
- 5 Kathy Boschen
- 7 Miriam Ackley
- 7 Jim Harris
- 7 Cristi Lawton
- 10 Norma Lewis
- 10 Ashley Pierce
- 10 Jackie Lowe
- 10 Wil Miles
- 11 Bob Kay
- 13 Willie Evelyn
- 14 Jeff Fazio
- 18 Vicki Reus
- 22 Fred Bahr
- 23 Tony Lewis
- 23 Ian Whitlock
- 27 Sharon Hulsing
- 27 Nancy Kulig
- 31 Karen Woody Carraway



## January Anniversary Blessings



- 2 Brett & Adriane Marshall



### *From the Rector's Desk* (Continued from page 1)

Christmas Eve, December 24: one at 5 pm and one at 11 pm. Since Christmas Day falls on a Sunday, we will have one service at 10 am. Likewise, New Year's Day also falls on a Sunday, so we will again have only one service at 10 am.

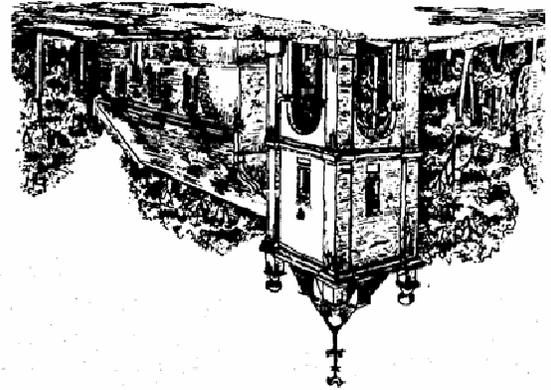
The Sunday after that, January 6 (The First Sunday after the Epiphany: The Baptism of our Lord), we will have our Annual Parish Meeting at 10 am. We've tried for years to figure out the best time for the Annual Meeting. If it follows the 11 am service, folks don't get home until long after lunch! We've discussed moving the late service to 10 am and having the Annual Meeting follow that – but the early service folks have gone home and probably don't much want to come back. So we're going to try this. The 8:30 folks can stay for the meeting, and the 11:00 folks can come early. The meeting will be in Richardson Hall and coffee and snacks will be available. We'll be electing new members of the Vestry, hearing reports from the various commissions, receiving our financial statement and the 2012 budget, and several other things as well. The late Service that day will also, by the way, be a Service of Holy Baptism!

Faithfully,

*Paul †*

# The Keys

Parish Founded 1679  
Church Erected 1701



RETURNED SERVICE REQUESTED

ST. PETER'S PARISH CHURCH  
Episcopal Diocese of Virginia  
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New Kent, Virginia 23124-9633

## Upcoming St. Peter's Events To Note

### December 2011

- 3 YMT Kickoff Meeting, 3 pm
- 4 Christmas Craft Day
- 6 EYC Meeting, 6 – 8 pm
- 11 Vestry Nominations CLOSE
- 11 Children's Pageant, 10 am  
No Christian Education
- 12 Poinsettia Sign-up Deadline
- 14 *Give a Child a Christmas* Gifts are Due
- 17 Hanging of the Greens, 9 am
- 18 Lesson & Carols, 11 am  
Followed by Reception
- 19 Vestry, 6:30 pm
- 24 Christmas Eve, HE I at 5 and 11 pm
- 25 Christmas Day, HE II at 10 am  
No Christian Education



### January 2012

- 1 New Year's Day, HE II at 10 am  
No Christian Education
- 2 Church Office Closed
- 8 Annual Meeting at 10 am  
No Christian Education  
Services at 8:30 and 11 am
- 13 Last Day for Submissions to February 2012  
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- 15 Vestry Installation
- 16 Vestry, 6:30 pm

### February 2012

- 5 Souper Bowl of Caring at 8:30 and  
11 am services
- 10 Last Day for Submissions to March 2012  
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- 12 Sweetheart Breakfast, between 8:30 and  
11 am services
- 20 Church Office Closed for Presidents' Day
- 20 Vestry, 6:30 pm
- 21 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, 6 pm
- 22 Ash Wednesday, Liturgy of the Day, 7 pm

*In him was life,  
and the life was the light of men.*

John 1:4