

The Keys

St. Peter's Parish Church

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From the Rector's Desk

As promised, more about baptism this month.

We start from this point: "Holy Baptism is full initiation by water and the Holy Spirit into Christ's Body the Church (BCP 298). In baptism, God establishes a bond with each person which is "indissoluble." Baptism is "the sacrament by which God adopts us as his children and makes us members of Christ's Body, the Church, and inheritors of the kingdom of God" (BCP 858). Baptism is the foundation for all future church participation and ministry. The one thing that all Christians share is their baptism.

Each person presented for baptism, whether infant or adult, is to be sponsored by one or more adult(s) who must be a baptized person. Tradition is that there are two sponsors of the same sex as the candidate and one of the opposite sex, but this is not a requirement. Sponsors – who used to be called "godparents" – speak on behalf of candidates for baptism who are infants or younger children and cannot speak for themselves. During the baptismal rite, members of the congregation promise to do all they can to support the candidate(s) in their life in Christ (BCP 303). They also join with the candidate(s) in renewing their own baptismal covenant.

The water of baptism is administered either by immersion, familiar to any former Baptist, or by affusion – pouring water over the candidate's head (BCP 307). They are baptized with the Trinitarian formula: "In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit" (BCP 307), and then marked on the forehead with the sign of the cross. The Celebrant may use oil blessed by the Bishop for this purpose. The oil is called "oil of chrism," and the act is called "chrismation." By this, the newly baptized is "sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever" (BCP 308). When all have been baptized, the newly baptized are welcomed into the household of God by the Celebrant and congregation. 

"Holy Baptism is appropriately administered within the Eucharist as the chief service on a Sunday or other feast" (BCP 298). For us, "appropriately" would be "normally." Sometimes (for "appropriate" reasons!) Holy Baptism is administered at the early, non-chief service, but only in very rare circumstances would we have a private baptism. We baptize infants "so that they can share citizenship in the Covenant, membership in Christ, and redemption by God" (BCP 858). The promises made at baptism are made for infants and children by their parents and sponsors "who guarantee that the infants will be brought up within the Church, to know Christ and be able to follow him" (BCP 859).

Next question: When? "Holy Baptism is especially appropriate at the Easter Vigil, on the Day of Pentecost, on All Saints' Day or the Sunday after All Saints' Day, and on the Feast of the Baptism of our Lord (the First Sunday after the Epiphany). It is recommended that, as far as possible, Baptisms be reserved for these occasions or when a bishop is present" (BCP 312). These days are called "Baptismal Feasts." We have had Baptisms outside of those days, but we try to avoid that. Baptisms are also not appropriate during Lent or Advent due to the penitential nature of these seasons, unless they are emergency baptisms.

Finally, a note on baptismal fonts. They can be found in many shapes, sizes, and locations. Many are located at the liturgical west of the nave because it is through the waters of baptism that we enter the church. Others,

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Wardens' Corner

Offer to God thanksgiving, and pay your vows to the Most High. *Psalm 50:14*

"Thanksgiving" prayers bring to mind a dinner table filled with turkey, dressing, cranberries, pumpkin pie, and family and friends with heads bowed in prayer with thanks for the meal before them. All good things come from God (like a bountiful Thanksgiving dinner) and we can find many references to prayers of gratitude and thanksgiving for this in the scriptures to incorporate in our daily reflections.

That I may proclaim with the voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all Your wondrous works. *Psalm 26:7*

These scripture verses can help keep us grounded in the recognition of where the many blessings in our life originated. Since most of us haven't done without the basics and we are used to having certain material blessings, it can be easy to start to take these blessings for granted or think they were generated from our own efforts, forgetting where they originate. Often, it is only when we start to lose these material blessings that we realize they come directly from the hand of God.

Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name. *Psalm 100:4*

Of all the things we have to be thankful for, we should be most grateful and give thanks daily for the gift of Jesus Christ. What greater gift have we received than his sacrifice on the cross?

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guide your hearts and minds through Jesus Christ.

Philippians 4:6-7

Happy thanksgiving.

*Denise Fazio
Junior Warden*

Stay on the E-list



We use e-mail to communicate important church news that occurs during the week or to remind parishioners of special events and services. Most of this news is delivered to you via **St. Peter's Weekly E-Pistle**. If you are not currently receiving these e-mails and would like to, simply go to our website at www.stpetersnewkent.org, scroll to the bottom of the home page and click on "Join Our Email List." It will prompt you for necessary information.

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Thanks for your help to build and keep current our parish e-mail distribution list!

~ *St. Peter's Communications Team*



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Fellowship

Harvest Feast

Mark your calendar for our annual Harvest Feast on Sunday, November 20. Immediately following the single service at 11 am. St. Peter's parishioners and friends will come together to celebrate the harvest and Thanksgiving at the Harvest Feast.

The Fellowship Committee will provide turkey, ham, rolls, and beverages. We ask parishioners to bring **two** side dishes **OR** a side dish and a dessert to share.

Come be part of a delicious meal and great fellowship on Harvest Feast Sunday!

~ May O'Leary, Fellowship Committee



Christian Education

Church School News

Church School is off to a great start! Many thanks to those of you who contributed to the Dental Supplies Project. I will mail these to Tobal, Aur soon, and we will look forward to hearing back from their teacher, Kendra.

Practice for this year's Christmas Pageant will be on Sundays, November 27 and December 4, at 10 am in Richardson Hall. All children and youth are invited to participate. The pageant will be on Sunday, December 11, at 10 am in Richardson Hall.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 4, at 12 noon, for the ever-popular Christmas Craft Day! This is a great day to let the creative juices flow, and is enjoyed by all ages. Late November, look for a sign-up sheet in the Parish House foyer. The cost is \$15 per family and includes craft supplies, pizza, and a beverage. All you need to bring is an empty paper milk carton.

~ Carol Nelms, Church School Superintendent

Children's Choir



The children are doing a fantastic job making a "Joyful Noise Unto the Lord." By now, each choir family should have a copy of the CD with the four songs we will be singing this year. This should help the children learn all the words between practices. Harvest Feast Sunday, November 20, at 11 am, will be our first opportunity to sing.

The Christmas Pageant will follow closely on Sunday, December 11, at 10 am. It is hard to believe this time is upon us. The November practice schedule will be November 6, 20, and 27 (first Christmas Pageant Practice), December 4, and 11(Christmas Pageant).

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



Worship

In observance of our history, St. Peter's will be decorated in a colonial theme again this Christmas.

You may make a donation IN THANKSGIVING FOR, IN LOVING MEMORY OF, or IN LOVING HONOR OF a loved one. Donations will be used toward the purchase of our decorating needs and poinsettias for Richardson Hall.

The cost of each donation/poinsettia is \$8. Sign up sheets for donations will be available November 13.

~ Kim McLean, Altar Guild Chair

Parish Life

Fall Hayride

A special *thank you* to Catherine Stanley and her crew for organizing the Fall Hayride held October 16 at Whitehouse Landing. Approximately 25 children and adults spent a beautiful afternoon playing games, roasting marshmallows and hot dogs, and enjoying the much anticipated hayride. This has become an annual event always enjoyed by both the children and adults who attend. Thanks Catherine for a job well done!

~ Padgett Evelyn, Parish Life Vestry Representative

The sea is dangerous and its storms terrible, but these obstacles have never been sufficient reason to remain ashore . . . Unlike the mediocre, intrepid spirits seek victory over those things that seem impossible . . . It is with an iron will that they embark on the most daring of all endeavours . . . to meet the shadowy future without fear and conquer the unknown.

~ attributed to Ferdinand Magellan



October '11 St. Peter's Events



Photos by Amy Patterson and Joyce Molina



Operation Christmas Child

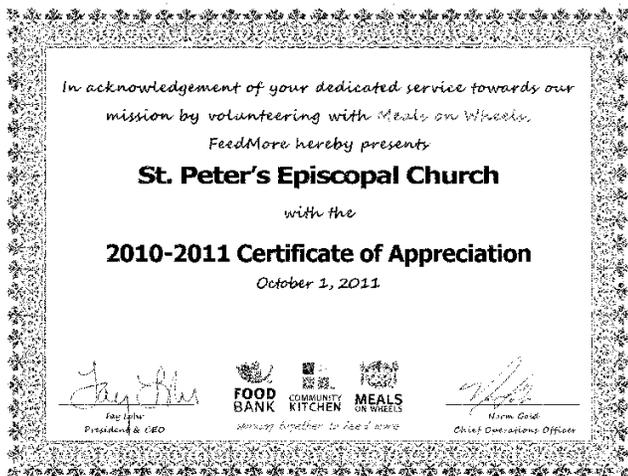
St. Peter's is sponsoring the Shoe Box Project again this year. Every shoe box offers an opportunity to share the good news of the Savior with a hurting child. This is a fun project for everyone!

Don't forget that Sunday, November 13 is the deadline for returning your gift-filled boxes to St. Peter's.

In the Parish House foyer are pamphlets with gift suggestions and items to omit, as well as instructions for labeling and wrapping your package. If your schedule is too busy, simply bring your shoe box, gift wrap, along with your gift items, and utilize our free wrapping service!

Also, new this year, Carol and I are offering to shop for the boxes for anyone interested. If you have any questions, please contact Edna Christian at 932.4622 or Carol Nelms at 932.4175 for more information.

~ Edna Christian



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

such as the one at the Cathedral Church of St. Peter and St. Paul (the National Cathedral), are in the center of the Nave because baptism is the center of our life in Christ. Many are also eight-sided, symbolic of baptism being the "eighth day of creation" and that we are new creatures in Christ after our baptisms.

On a different theme, Adult Christian Education has gotten off to a good start this fall. We meet at 10 am in the Mullins Room and yes, you may bring your coffee! We're working through a resource by Nancy Dering Martin called WORDS IN THREES. Many of the great concepts in the prayer book come to us in groups of "words in threes." As of this writing, we've gotten halfway through it and looked at the following: "that we may serve you in unity, constancy, and peace," "forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances," and "you have blessed us with memory, reason, and skill." This series ends November 13. They are non-sequential lessons, meaning you can jump in at any point, so if you haven't come yet, please do!

Faithfully,

Paul †

R & D News

Resource and Development will be selling wreaths again this year! Please watch for the pre-order sign-up sheet! Joyce Peterson will be coordinating this project for us, so if you have any questions, please ask her. Wreaths will be available for pick up near the beginning of December.

Our new project for Christmas 2011 is a tiny pewter replica of the church. We have been working with a local artist, Dana Masters. She has carved the church in wax and is casting it in pewter. Available in December, it will make a wonderful Christmas gift and keepsake. We will have more details soon, so stay tuned. Obviously, we are very excited about this custom piece!

Over the summer we bought fans for the church, contributed to Matthew's Haven, and made up some chairs for the Steaks and Steeds silent auction. Don't forget Martha's Gift Shoppe for your shopping needs this fall and winter! Thanks for your support!

~ Lindy Brammer and Peg Noctor, Co-Chairs



Daylight Savings Time is Ending!
Remember to set your clocks back
the night of November 5.

November 2011 Rota

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

Date	November 6, 2011	November 13, 2011	November 20, 2011	November 27, 2011	December 4, 2011
Service Type	HE II @ 8:30 & 11	HE II @ 8:30 & 11	HE II @ 11	HE I @ 8:30 & 11	HE I @ 8:30 & 11
Proprs	Proper 27 21 Pentecost All Saints' Sunday (Baptisms @ 11 am)	Proper 28 22 Pentecost	Proper 29 Christ the King Harvest Feast (One Svc. Only)	Advent 1	Advent 2
Vestry Greeters	8:30 Peter Carlson 11 Denise Fazio	Peter Carlson Denise Fazio	Denise Fazio	Peter Carlson Denise Fazio	Nancy Goodman Tony Wood
Acolytes	8:30 Kelly Gellings 11 Ashley Pierce Austin Pierce Catherine Peterson Christine Best	Nancy Goodman Philipp von Hitritz Torun Carlson Gunnar Carlson Zach Quimby	Chris McKinney Lilly Tyson Clayton Evelyn Cameron Fazio	Ashley Pierce Wil Miles Madie Miles Christine Best Jason Best	Miriam Ackley Chris McKinney Philipp von Hitritz Gunnar Carlson Jack Swynford
Peter's Heralds	11 Lydia Danielson	Grant Stanley	Trevor Evelyn	Lydia Danielson	Grant Stanley
Chalicers	8:30 Brett Marshall 11 Susan Cheyne	Brett Marshall Bruce Lange	Adriane Marshall	Larry Gallaher Bobby Nelms	Norm Valor Lee Tyson
Lectors	8:30 Steve Peterson 11 Stuart Burnett	Nancy Goodman Linwood Gregory	Stuart Burnett	Steve Peterson Bobby Nelms	Norm Valor Chris McKinney
Intercessors	8:30 Lisa Guthrie 11 Stuart Burnett	Brett Marshall Cindy Greer	Stuart Burnett	The Great Litany The Great Litany	Larry Gallaher Barb McKinney
Sidesmen	8:30 Rod Molina 11 Lee Brammer Chuck Evelyn	Tony Lewis Neil Quimby John Reus	Doug Begeal Lee Tyson	Craig Pierce Steve Miles Linwood Gregory	Jon Ackley Marvin Smith Chuck Evelyn
Oblationers	8:30 Janet & Larry Gallaher 11 Kristin & David Swynford	Peg & Jim Noctor Jean & Major Mansfield	Cynthia Rowles Patty Peterson	Traci & Peter Carlson Carrie & Thomas Evelyn	Kendall Hatley Lisa Guthrie Vicki & John Reus
Nursery	11 Stacey Wood	Kristin & David Swynford	Karen Moore	Emily Anne Evelyn	Kim von Hitritz
Altar Guild Group	IV, Betty Curling	V, Kim McLean	I, Edna Christian	II, Jay Francisco	III, Cyndi Burnett
Hangings	White	Green	White	Purple	Purple
Garden Guild Group	4, Carrie Evelyn	1, Jayne Thomas Pinelli	2, Carol Nelms	3, Sally Smith	4, Carrie Evelyn
Altar Flowers	St. Peter's		Doug Begeal	Sharon Hulsing	
Coffee		Sandra Gellings Volunteer	HARVEST FEAST		

**St. Peter's Vestry Nominations
OPEN
November 20, 2011**



November Birthdays

- 1 Lawrence Christian
- 1 Anna Davis
- 1 Bill Lindsey
- 1 Bobby Nelms
- 1 Carolie Kay
- 4 May O'Leary
- 4 Jackson Banks Holloway
- 4 Tony Wood
- 5 Doug Begeal
- 5 Jayne Thomas
- 5 Keith Wagner
- 6 Cathy Bersik
- 6 Loretta Davis
- 7 Taylor Moore
- 7 Katherine Sitterson Allen
- 8 Cameron Fazio
- 8 Bill O'Keefe
- 10 Bruce Lange
- 11 Kristen Brammer
- 12 Meaghan King
- 13 Joshua Martin
- 14 Abbitt Woodall
- 14 Barb McKinney
- 18 George Pinelli
- 20 Lisa Buckner
- 21 Phoebe Wallace
- 24 Hunter Hatley
- 25 Grant Stanley
- 26 Winter Rae
- 26 Jacob Wood
- 28 Kate Bradford
- 29 Sandra Gellings
- 29 Christina (Chrissy) Wagner



Remembering Those Serving Our Country, Near and Far

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



November Anniversary Blessings



- 1 Lee Tyson & Susan Cheyne
- 10 David & Kristin Swynford
- 29 Chuck & Padgette Evelyn

We Ask Your Prayers For Those in our parish family who are sick: 1

Lawrence Christian, Bob Carraway, Rollin Rosser,
Sarah Lindsey Gupta, Jim Douglass, and Sue
Caldwell,

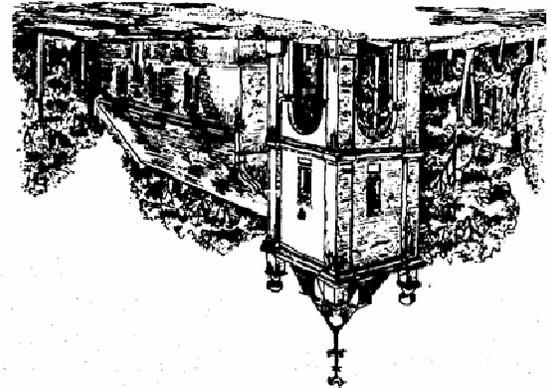
...and all others known and unknown.

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;
Holli Falat, friend of St. Peter's;
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;
Ken Peterson, father-in-law of Patty Peterson;
Benny Morris, grandpa of Lilly Tyson.

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

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Parish Founded 1679
Church Erected 1701



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Upcoming St. Peter's Events To Note

November 2011

- 6 All Saints' Day
Daylight Saving Time Ends
- 9 Last Day for Submissions to December/January
THE KEYS
- 20 Harvest Feast Sunday, One Service at 11 am
Followed by Meal for All
Vestry Nominations OPEN
- 21 Vestry, 6:30 pm
- 23 Community Thanksgiving Service, 7 pm at
Providence United Methodist Church
- 24 Thanksgiving Day, HE II at 10 am
- 24-25 Office Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday
- 27 Advent I

December 2011

- 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
- 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
- 2 Church Office Closed
- 8 Annual Meeting at 10 am
No Christian Education
Services at 8:30 and 11 am
- 15 Vestry Installation
- 15 Last Day for Submissions to February 2012
THE KEYS
- 16 Vestry, 6:30 pm



**We give thee thanks for the fruits of
the earth in their season and for the
labors of those who harvest them.
Make us faithful stewards of thy
great bounty, for the provision of
our necessities and the relief of all
who are in need. Amen.**

From the Collect for Thanksgiving Day
The Book of Common Prayer