



# THE CROSSKEYS

ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
PLANT CITY, FLORIDA

December 2011

## Services

### Sunday:

Holy Eucharist 8:00am  
Sunday School 9:15am  
Youth Bible Study 9:15am  
Choral Eucharist 10:30am  
Children's Chapel 10:30am  
SPY 6:00PM-8:00PM

### Wednesday:

Healing Eucharist 12:10pm  
St. Mark's Choir 5:00pm  
Wonderful Wednesday 6:00pm  
Compline 7:15pm  
St. Peter's Choir 7:30pm

### EVENTS

Thursday-Saturday Dec 1<sup>st</sup> -3<sup>rd</sup>

Directory Pictures

Sunday, Dec 4<sup>th</sup>

FALL FAMILY FESTIVAL

Sunday, Dec 11<sup>th</sup>

ALMS Meeting 9:15am

Lessons & Carols 10:30 Service

SPY Christmas Party 5pm-8pm

Thursday, Dec 15<sup>th</sup>

CrossKeys Deadline

Saturday, Dec 17<sup>th</sup>

Pageant Rehearsal 10:15-12

Lunch & Movie included

Best Buddies 7-9pm

Tuesday, Dec 20<sup>th</sup>

Deadline for Vestry & Lay

Delegate Nominations

Vestry 6:30pm

Wednesday, Dec 21<sup>st</sup>

Staff Christmas Lunch 1pm

No St. Marks or W/W

St. Peter's Choir 7pm

Saturday, Dec 24<sup>th</sup>

Christmas Pageant 5:30pm

9:30pm Choir Rehearsal

10:30pm Music&11pm Service

Sunday, Dec 25

Christmas Day Service 10am

Wednesday, Dec 28<sup>th</sup>

No Choir Rehearsals or W/W

Come to Tom & Quincey's

25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

## FROM THE RECTOR

### Marathon Update

Early in the morning, on November 20, eight members of St. Peter's gathered at Alafia River State Park after months of very hard and diligent training. Some were there to take part in a half-marathon (13.1 miles) and some were there to take part in a full marathon (26.2 miles). All were there to raise funds for our new roof.

By any measure our efforts were successful. We raised over \$8000 for the roof and we each finished our courses. The day was long, very hot and humid but every team member showed determination and great heart and I am proud of every one of them.

Make sure you offer them your thanks and congratulations on a job very well done. The team members are Mike Booher, Tim Brown, Erick Corryn, Brad DiPietro, Cindy Gutowski, Chuck Waterhouse, and Jo Anne Waterhouse.

### Roof Update

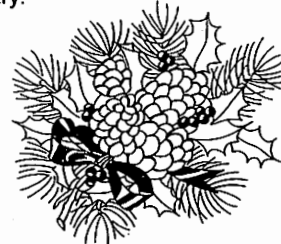
We are doing quite well in raising funds for the roof. Now the challenge is finding a contractor to do the work. There are several parts to this challenge. Many roofers are understaffed currently due to our peculiar economic times. Also given the shape and pitch of our roof and the way we want it re-roofed, not every contractor is able to accomplish the work.

Currently we have requested bids from about five companies who have showed interest and are well respected. Some of these roofing companies have been recommended by parishioners and some by roofers who declined to bid because of the complexity of the job.

The bid details are quite specific and are 36 pages in length. It spells out materials that are expected to be used, installation requirements and other important parameters like making sure the church is available for worship every Sunday during installation.

The deadline for bids is November 30, at 3:00 p.m. Though we had hoped to have a new roof by year's end, these small hiccups have delayed the project. We now expect to have a contract signed by year's end and to begin the process of re-roofing our beloved church by mid-January.

Keep praying.





#### DECEMBER VESTRY ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND EXPRESSIONS OF GRATITUDE

TO: Marion Gatliff – for the gathering and making of the Thanksgiving Baskets

TO: Chuck Waterhouse and Quincey Thoeni – for pulling together the new parish directory

TO: Altar Guild – for putting together the reception for the Stewart – Weronik Wedding

TO: Thank you to all who worked on the “Empty Bowls” Project making soup, volunteering at the event, and cleaning up. Betty Roney, Diana Weeks, Nancy Vail, Nancy Ham, Quincey Thoeni, Fr. Tom Thoeni, Mark Faulkner and Karen Dobson

#### ANNUAL “NEWLYWED TREE”

The annual "Newlywed Tree" has been set up in the parish hall. This tradition in which parishioners honor recently married church members with ornaments for their first Christmas tree began in 1991. We often lose touch with those members who grew up as active members of St. Peter's Church, Sunday School, Youth Group, etc. After they graduate from high school, many go away to college, move to other towns, and are only able to return for special occasions such as Easter, Christmas and Family Festivals. Traditionally, we have continued to honor these adults as long as they still have family members who are active at St. Peter's. We don't want to leave anyone out, so if you have a family member or know of a parishioner married within the last year who is not listed below, please contact Starr Anderson at 758-7383 or [starrander@aol.com](mailto:starrander@aol.com).

The tree will remain on display in the parish hall throughout the Christmas Season; however, if you bring in your ornaments prior to Christmas, the couples will be able to use them this year!

This year's honorees are:

Emily & Graydon Stallard (Emily is the daughter of Bill and Mary Barker)

Jodi and Eric Stevens (Eric is the son of Margaret and the late Jim Stevens)

Amanda and Kyle Weronik (Amanda is the daughter of Roger Stewart and Ann Stewart)

Brianne Eddinger and Chris Hotchkiss (Brianne is our former youth leader)





A note from A.L.M.S. Outreach Stewards.....

A BIG thank you for those who volunteered for the First Annual Plant City Empty Bowls event including Betty Roney, Diana Weeks, Nancy Vail, Nancy Ham, Quincey Thoeni, Fr. Tom Thoeni, Mark Faulkner and Karen Dobson. The event raised over \$5,000 for the United Food Bank of Plant City.

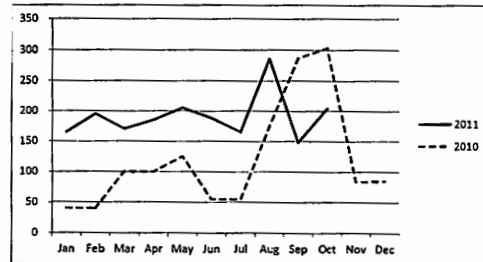
Congratulations to Evelyn Grant who won a \$25 gift card to Sweet Bay at the Ministry Fair by providing the best guess of the pounds of food donated by St. Peter's to the Food Bank through September. But the best part of the story is that Evelyn donated her "winnings" to an acquaintance in need. What a wonderful example of outreach – thank you, Evelyn, for your generosity!

Food donations are still needed for the Food Bank. Please remember to donate at least one non-perishable item every time you come to church!

Our next meeting is Sunday, December 11 at 9:15am. Our meetings are open to everyone and we want to hear your ideas how our church can provide Actions of Love, Mercy and Service (A.L.M.S.) to our community.

### ST. PETERS EPISCOPAL CHURCH FOOD BANK DONATIONS

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>Variance</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Jan	40	165	125	312.50%
Feb	40	195	155	387.50%
Mar	100	170	70	70.00%
Apr	100	185	85	85.00%
May	125	205	80	64.00%
Jun	55	188	133	241.82%
Jul	55	165	110	200.00%
Aug	175	286	111	63.43%
Sep	287	148	(139)	-48.43%
Oct	303	204	(99)	-32.67%
Nov	84			
Dec	85			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,449</b>	<b>1,911</b>	<b>462</b>	<b>31.88%</b>
<b>YTD</b>	<b>1,280</b>	<b>1,911</b>	<b>631</b>	<b>49.30%</b>



Food Bank Donations through October 2011 totaled 1,911 pounds which was 631 pounds or 49% favorable to YTD October 2010. However, October 2011 donations totaled 204 pounds which was 99 pounds less or 33% down from October 2010. Please remember to bring your food donations EVERY Sunday!



## WHATS HAPPENING IN THE GARDEN

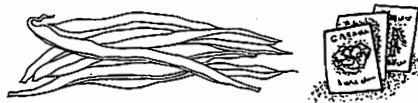
The fall garden has produced mixed results.

Green beans and peppers have been delivered to the food bank. Soon eggplants, lettuce, kale and beets should be ready for harvest.

Mysteriously, the cucumber plants died before producing. These will be tried again in the spring, in part because we already have the seeds but also because they are so much fun to watch grow. The squash also failed to produce but this was an anticipated outcome due to the lack of pollinators. We probably will not try squash again unless a volunteer is willing to hand pollinate (has to be done daily).

The garden group seriously needs additional volunteers. A very small number of parishioners are managing the existing garden but if we want to consider any expansion, more hands are needed. **NO SKILLS NEEDED - WE WILL SHOW VOLUNTEERS HOW EASY THE TASKS ARE.** Please consider this as a ministry for you.

Your ideas for our future garden are also welcome. Please contact Nancy Ham and get involved.





## **THE FIFTH ANNUAL OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY FOR BUSY PEOPLE**

This will be the 5<sup>th</sup> year St. Peter's parishioners have created Holiday Personal Care Baskets for the approximately fifty meal recipients of Meals on Wheels. The staff at Meals on Wheels are delighted St. Peter's is again sharing our good fortunes with Plant City residents who are not as fortunate. Last year's baskets were a delightful surprise and many expressed their gratitude.

It is very easy to contribute to this wonderful ministry:

While conducting your routine shopping for your family, pick up one or more items from the list on this flyer. You can bring your items to the church office or drop them in the food baskets inside the doors of the church. Outreach Committee members will be collecting your donations and will construct the containers closer to the holiday.

If you are creative you can purchase a container and fill it with items from the list below. You can even decorate and wrap the container. Please label for "male" or "female".

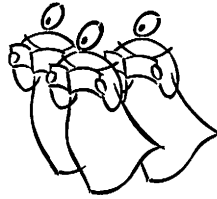
Again, we are asking for smaller containers. Dollar Tree has \$1.00 plastic totes in festive colors that are a good size. They are located on the back wall. Additionally, the smaller size toiletries will work better in the smaller containers.

**Please bring your donated items to the church by Sunday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> – Baskets will be assembled after the 10:30 Service. Volunteers needed – Lite lunch will be provided.**

### **ITEMS FOR MEALS ON WHEELS BASKETS:**

Books of Stamps (need 22 more books)	Lip Balm
Small devotional book (.50 at Goodwill)	2012 Calendar (need 17 more)
	Shampoo
Sugar free candy	Facial tissue
Socks or booties	Nail files or emery boards
Comb, brush and mirror	Deodorant
Night light	Liquid hand soap/Shower gel
Toothbrush, & mouth wash	Hand sanitizer
Plastic totes from Dollar Tree (need 7 more)	
Wet wipes	

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERFUL AND FAITHFUL SUPPORT OF THIS MINISTRY



**FROM THE CHOIR ROOM**

We are so thankful to all who did so much to make our recent All Saints' Evensong and reception such a special occasion.

We are very fortunate to be able to offer such special services in conjunction with our neighbors at Holy Innocents' Church in Valrico.

Especially, we wish to thank our St. Peter's parishioners who did so much to make this event as wonderful as it was. The reception was beautiful and the food delicious. So many to thank for their willing donations of time and effort: Beverly Knotts, Janet Santosuosso, June and Don Rayburn, Dot Harkala, Meri Kenney, Bev Butler, Beth Sistrunk, Jayne Wilkes, Emily and Claire Bender, Jane Williams, Sally Bradley, JoAnne Cocker, Peggy Double, Mary Jo Futch, Mary Alice Steinke, Cindy Davidson, Marion Gatliff, Theresa Welling, Sandy Black and Jane Bender.

The service itself would not have been possible without the hard work and devotion of our own St. Peter's Choir as well as the choristers of Holy Innocents' and their excellent director, Matthew Woods. This collaboration has been a true blessing, and we look forward to continuing it in the future.

The next important date to remember is December 11. At the 10:30am service that morning, both our choirs will offer our Annual Advent Service of Lessons and Carols preceding the Eucharist. We look forward to having many of you share in that lovely service.

Many thanks to you all,

Ellie Taylor





# Sunday School News

Advent is here!

During Advent, Sunday School will use the tradition of the **Jesse Tree** to trace the heritage of Jesus through the stories and prophecies of the Old Testament. Join us each week at 9:15 a.m. in the Hargrave house.

**The Christmas Pageant is almost here!**

It's not too late to be a part of this fun St. Peter's tradition!



## REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 4th, at 9:15 a.m. during Sunday School.

Sunday, December 11th, at 9:15 a.m. during Sunday School.

**SATURDAY**, December 17th, 10:15 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

(Meet in the sanctuary for rehearsal, with lunch to follow in Bender Hall.)

Sunday, December 18th, at 9:15 a.m. during Sunday School.

## DRESS REHEARSAL

Christmas Eve at 4:15 p.m.

Meet in Bender Hall

Please be sure to arrive on time and in costume.

**St. Peter's Annual Sunday School Christmas Pageant  
Christmas Eve Family Service**

# Acolyte training is coming!

January 14, 2012

9:00 a.m.

All children,

3rd grade and up,

are invited to attend.





*You are Warmly Invited to Celebrate  
Tom and Quincey Thoeni's  
25 Years of Marriage  
On December 28, 2011*

*Renewal of Vows at 6 pm in the Church  
Dinner afterward in Bender Hall*

*Please RSVP by Dec. 26 to let us know you'll  
be able to join us, for food count!*



[QuinceyQT@gmail.com](mailto:QuinceyQT@gmail.com)

*Please no gifts! -- Just celebrate with us!*



*At our  
Rehearsal  
Dinner  
😊*

# December Parish Calendar 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			30 12:10 pm Healing Eucharist Wonderful Wednesday**	1 DBSA 7-8:30pm Directory Pictures 2-8:30pm	2 Office Closed Bridge 1-5pm Directory Pictures 2-8:30pm	3 Office Closed Directory Pictures 10:00am-4:30pm
<b>Sunday Services 4</b> 9:30-10:15 Pageant Rehearsal <b>FALL FAMILY FESTIVAL</b>	5	6	7 12:10 pm Healing Eucharist Wonderful Wednesday**	8	9 Office Closed Bridge 1-5pm	10 Office Closed
<b>Sunday Services 11</b> 9:30-10:15 Pageant Rehearsal ALMS Meeting 9:15am 10:30 Lessons & Carols SPY Christmas Party 5-8pm	12	13	14 12:10 pm Healing Eucharist Wonderful Wednesday**	15 CrossKeys Deadline DBSA 7-8:30pm	16	17 Office Closed 10:15 - 12:00 Christmas Pageant Rehearsal Best Buddies 7-9pm (Bender)
<b>Sunday Services 18</b> 9:30-10:15 Pageant Rehearsal	19 Christmas Break Dec 19-Jan 3	20 Deadline for Vestry & Lay Delegate nominations Vestry 6:30pm	21 12:10 pm Healing Eucharist Staff Christmas Lunch 1pm No St.Marks or WW St.Peter's Choir 7pm	22	23 Office Closed	24 Christmas Eve Christmas Pageant 5:30pm 9:30 Choir Rehearsal 10:30 pm Music & 11:00 pm Service
<b>Sunday Services 25</b> SPY 6 pm - 8 pm Christmas Day 10:00am Service	26 Office Closed	27	28 12:10 pm Healing Eucharist No Choir Rehearsals No Wonderful Wednesday Tom & Quincey's Anniversary	29	30 Office Closed Bridge 1-5pm	31 Office Closed 

**Sunday Services**

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Choral Eucharist  
10:30 a.m. Children's Chapel

**Wonderful Wednesday**

5:00 p.m. St. Mark's Choir  
6:00 p.m. Dinner  
6:30 p.m. Program  
7:15 p.m. Compline  
7:30 p.m. St. Peter's Choir

There were shepherds camping in the neighborhood. They had set night watches over their sheep. Suddenly, God's angel stood among them and God's glory blazed around them. They were terrified. The angel said, "Don't be afraid. I'm here to announce a great and joyful event that is meant for everybody, worldwide: A Savior has just been born in David's town, a Savior who is Messiah and Master. This is what you're to look for: a baby wrapped in a blanket and lying in a manger."  
- Luke 2:8-12

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Richard Albertson	12/22
Carolyn Bethea	12/12
Ally Rae Black	12/26
Ethan Robert Black	12/26
James Black	12/16
Shannon Black	12/30
Kevin Brown	12/01
Erick Corryn	12/27
Charlette Cowart	12/20
David Double	12/18
Stephen Galloway	12/12
Marion Gatliff	12/20
Kimberly Gmytruk	12/20
Rebecca Ham	12/04
Georgeanne Huskey	12/25
Michael Lamon Johnson	12/29
Owen Johnson	12/30
Dorothy Kemp	12/15
Meri Kenney	12/26
Lillian Mays	12/06
Emma Glenn Mitchell	12/15
Barbara Moore	12/26
Jackie Moore	12/11
Sofia Muller	12/19
D. J. PeQueen	12/02
Malcolm Rima	12/13
Bettye Ruis	12/12
Leah Hayes Ruis	12/27
Edith Schmidt	12/30
Elizabeth Ann Schmidt	12/20
Louis Sierra	12/22
Thomas Sistrunk	12/04
Parker Smith	12/26
Eda Marie Snyder	12/25
Eleanor Taylor	12/12
Ashley Venable	12/27
Philip Weronik	12/31
Wilma White	12/15
Billy Williams	12/02
Donald Williams	12/29
Frankie Wilson	12/19

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Kathy & Keith Bosco	12/06
Nancy & Billy Everidge	12/27
Mary Jo & Alvin Futch	12/27
Cynthia & Gregg Gutowski	12/27
Jennifer & Mark Hamilton	12/28
Connie & Melvin Miller	12/05
Barbara & Aymar Moore	12/29
Kacy & Andy Richardson	12/30
Quincey & Rev. Thomas Thoeni	12/28

## FLOWERS, WINE AND CANDLES

### Sunday, December 4

Flowers: In Memory of Mary Annen by her mother, Barbara Annen

Wine: Available

Candle Available(sign up in Bender Hall or call 752-5061)

### Sunday, December 11

Flowers: In Memory of Valentine Dance Morgan by her sons, Drs. William & Jimmy Morgan & their families

Flowers: In Memory of John Egelin by daughters, Margaret Stevens & Sandra Black

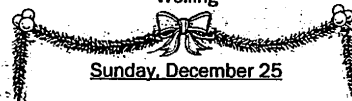
Wine & Candle: Available (sign up in Bender Hall or call 752-5061)

### Sunday, December 18

Flowers: In Thanksgiving for our Parish Family by Tom & Quincey Thoeni

Candle: Available

Communion Wine: in Memory of Jessica Mann by Theresa Welling



### Sunday, December 25

Donations for Christmas Altar Flowers are being received by the Altar Guild. Flowers can be given as memorials or thank offerings. Envelopes are available in the Narthex for this purpose. Checks should be payable to St. Peter's Altar Guild and marked Christmas Altar Flowers. Please include the following information along with your donations: In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_ or In Thanksgiving for: \_\_\_\_\_ by: Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_. The deadline to have names printed in the Christmas Bulletin is Monday, December 19th.

## VESTRY

Vestry Meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 20th, 6:30pm



Thank you to all who helped with our Thanksgiving Baskets and Thanksgiving Altar

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**The CrossKeys  
December 2011**

St. Peter's Online- Did you know you can leave a personal history on our web site? Go to <http://www.stpeterspc.org> and mouse over to the Parish History on the left, then click on the "personal stories" link. What a great way to share with everyone the impact St. Peter's has had on your life!

**Sunday Services**

8:00 am Holy Eucharist  
9:15am Sunday School  
10:30am Choral Eucharist  
10:30am Children's Chapel  
Sunday Service w/Nursery

**Christian Formation  
Wednesdays**

12:10pm Healing Eucharist  
Wonderful Wednesday:  
6:00pm Dinner  
6:30pm Program  
7:15pm Compline  
Nursery Provided

**Office Hours**  
**Monday-Thursday**  
9 am-3pm

**Parish Administration**

Rector: Fr. Tom Thoeni  
Assistant to the Rector:  
Fr. Robert Martin  
Assisting Priest:  
Fr. Fred Diefenbacher  
Parish Secretary: Sarah Dean  
Asst. Treasurer: Mary Jo Futch  
Asst. Treasurer: Mary Alice Steinke

**Vestry**

Senior Warden: Diana Weeks  
Junior Warden: Sam Ruis  
Clerk: Bruce Nichols  
Treasurer: Chris Black  
Chuck Waterhouse  
Nancy Ham  
Bill Biggs  
Brad DiPietro  
Dick Grant

**Christian Formation**

Director of Music Ministries:  
Ellie Taylor  
Directors of Youth Ministries:  
Bambi & Greg Guy  
Sunday School Director: Patti Booher  
Nursery Director: Claire DiPietro  
Nursery Worker: Joan Hernandez  
Children's Chapel: Quincey Thoeni

**Worship**

Acolytes: Cathy Evans-Tombrink  
Altar Guild: Cindy Davidson  
Chalice Bearers/Lectors: Maureen Williamson  
Ushers: Craig Davidson