



THE CROSSKEYS

ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
PLANT CITY, FLORIDA

February 2011

Services

Sunday:

Holy Eucharist 8:00am
Sunday School 9:15am
Youth Bible Study 9:15am
Adult 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
Lesson 6:30pm
Compline 7:15pm
St. Peter's Choir 7:30pm

EVENTS

Friday, Feb 4th

SPY Pizza, Games & Movie
5-7pm Middle School
6-9pm High School
Davenport House \$5

Sunday, Feb 6th

Memorial Committee Meeting
After 10:30 Service

Saturday, Feb 12th

Vestry Retreat 9am-3pm

Sunday, Feb 13th

ALMS Meeting 9:15am
St. Mark's Choir Sings
10:30 am Service

Thursday, Feb 17th

CrossKeys Deadline

Saturday, Feb 19th

Altar Guild Meets 9:00am

Monday, Feb 21st

President's Day-Office Closed

FROM THE RECTOR

Below are the prepared remarks I made at our recent Annual Meeting. The meeting was a great overview of the health of the parish and I received several remarks from individuals about the spirit of teamwork and family that was so evident at the meeting. I felt it, too, and it was just another example of why St Peter's is such a great parish and family.

Let us stand and remember before God those who were buried from St Peter's since we have last met as a parish:

Pat Brown and Helena Laurent

This year I marked sixteen years of being a priest of the Episcopal Church. By far, the greatest gift of being a priest is the caliber of people I have been able to meet and know and call my friends and co-workers in this life we share.

We have three retiring Vestry Members who have served faithfully. As is the tradition, a donation from this parish has been given to the Episcopal Relief and Development's Gifts for Life program in their honor.

Patti Booher: a gift has been given to "Providing Food for the Littlest Scholars" in light of her love for, and ministry among, children. To quote ERD: "In places devastated by poverty, children often go hungry. By establishing school canteens that serve two hot, nutritious meals per day, your gift ensures that children will be well fed, giving them the strength to learn and create a better future."

Felix Haynes: a gift has been given to "HIV/AIDS Prevention Education" in light of his work as an educator. The website highlights the power of education in this gift by noting, "Trained health workers will educate community members by providing lifesaving prevention methods and information."

John Kenney: a gift has been given to "Mosquito Nets and Training" in light of his work in roofing. As he has provided quality roofing to many to make their homes safe and secure, these nets will provide health and rest for those in need. As the website says, "A simple insecticide-treated net can protect children and families from a needless, preventable death. Your gift provides both nets and vital community-based training in how to effectively use the nets, as well as critical care to people suffering from malaria."

On occasion a person's gifts, undaunted faith, and tireless work brings them to the fore as a hero among the faithful. As Rector I have the great privilege of recognizing such people who have offered their gifts and spirit to this parish and served God and God's people, making an indelible mark on our lives.

At our Centennial the Whitney Award was instituted, named after Colonel Whitney, the long-serving Senior Warden and defender of St Peter's, and given to Father Grayson Garvin for his remarkable and formative leadership of St Peter's. Last year Danny Wilkes was given the award for his undaunted work, often behind the scenes, for the benefit, beauty and upkeep of our parish

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As I prepared these remarks I reflected that today I would award the third Whitney Award, making it a trinity of sorts. One has been awarded to a Father. One has been awarded to a son, who was, by the way, a carpenter. Now it is appropriate that this award goes to a person who acts very much like the Holy Spirit among us.

This person is often one of the first to welcome visitors and newcomers. This person is weekly seen tending to even the most minute details of our great parish. This person works continually behind the scenes reminding us, reconnecting us, exhorting us and working with us to be even more faithful to God's call upon us.

To highlight just one example would seem to tarnish all the other ways we benefit from such ministrations but I offer it, nonetheless, as a tiny example of the impact such seemingly mundane tasks can have on the life of others.

Not long ago I was talking to a lapsed member who had returned to active participation in the life of St Peter's. He told me that during the years his family was away from St Peter's every time an anniversary or his birthday, or that of a family member, rolled around a card would arrive bringing good wishes. He said that touched him deeply and kept him attached to St Peter's

Every week those cards are hand-addressed by our own junior Holy Spirit and I am proud to award the Whitney Award to Marion Gatliff.

Last year we tried something new and out of the ordinary at our Annual Meeting. We had table discussions about when we were proud of St Peter's and how we might foster such pride in the future. From those discussions the Vestry identified five goals for 2010.

1. Increase participation in programs and worship by 10-15%.
2. Launch a fundraising campaign for roof repairs by June, 2010.
3. Update our website regularly.
4. Increase our Food Bank participation by 50%.
5. The Vestry will contact every lapsed member and visitor in the next year.

I am pleased to tell you that each of these goals has been met or is significantly under way. These goals were suggested by parishioners, and after being set by the Vestry, engaged by the parish at large.

The Vestry and I would like to solicit your input again this year. I would like us to spend the next 10-15 minutes in small group discussions led by Vestry members. The insights and ideas generated by these discussions will help us as we meet in February to set more ambitious and exciting goals for the coming year.

Questions to be considered:

When were you most proud of St Peter's?

Why? Describe the specifics of the moment?

How could we have more moments of pride in the future?

What are your thoughts about the possible color of our new roof?

THE PLANS FOR OUR NEW ROOF

"Roofs leak. That's what they do." So a wise priest once told me when explaining that some things in church work never change. But our roof, as we all know, leaks more than others and it is now time to address the problem.

A couple of years ago we were laying the groundwork for a capital funds campaign to focus on three major issues: the roof, the siding, and replacing Whitney Hall with a permanent structure. But then came the market meltdown and we put our plans on hold. But the roof still leaks, that's what roofs do and, in fact, it is leaking more and more frequently. So it is time to replace the roof.

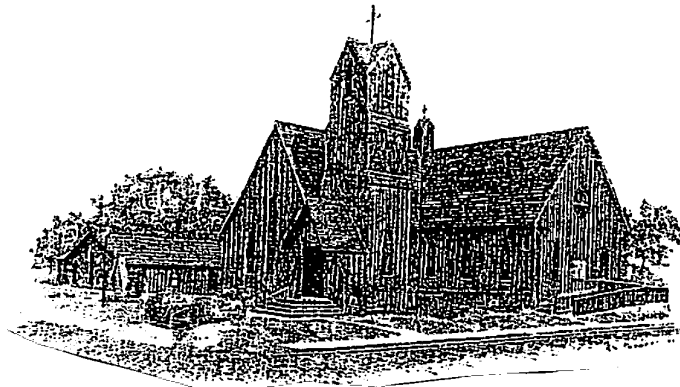
After months of research and seeking bids, John Kenney announced our plans for a new roof at the annual meeting. We will replace our asphalt roof with a metal roof which will have a life for at least fifty years. My eldest son will be very near retirement by the time St Peter's will need a new roof. The product will also give us a substantial amount of insulation and is Energy Star rated. This will not only reduce our electricity bills but will also protect our organ from the wild temperature swings in the church. The product we have chosen is Miami-Dade rated for storms and wind damage and can withstand winds of 150 mph.

Instead of undertaking a major capital funds campaign we will be approaching this as a mini-campaign with a very specific focus. The fundraising goal is \$75,000. We will not be displaced from the church during the work. Our worship will go on each Sunday and will be unaffected. We will raise the funds entirely before we begin our work.

Seventy-five thousand dollars sounds like a great deal of money but when we put it in perspective it is not. For instance, with more than 150 families at St Peter's, if each family donated \$500 we could easily raise the funds. Some will not be able to donate that much. Others will be able to donate more.

In considering this process I am remind of how quickly we retired our debt just a few years ago. We had set a goal to retire it within six months. We accomplished our goal in well less than three months! St Peter's is a generous group and the one thing that unites us is our worship and our beautiful church!

Please consider taking part in our efforts to raise these funds. More information and the opportunity to donate will follow very soon.



Vestry Acknowledgments and Expressions of Gratitude

- To Bill Biggs, Mike Booher, Mark Conner, Eric Corryn, Craig Davidson, Glen Graczyk, Mark Hamilton, Larry Hill, John Santosuosso, and Chuck Waterhouse for their assistance in greening the church and/or removing the greenery after Christmas.
- To Father Martin for his leadership during Father Thoeni's absence in January.
- To Nancy Vail-coordinator, and parish members who made donations and helped assemble the Meals on Wheels baskets.
- To Jo Anne Waterhouse for updating the bulletin board in Bender Hall.
- To outgoing Vestry members John Kenney, Felix Haynes, and Patti Booher for their service to St. Peter's.



Sunday School News

When: Sundays @ 9:15 a.m.

Where: Hargrave House

Who: All children kindergarten through 5th grade



**During the month of February
we will study the story of Joseph
found in Genesis 37-50.**

Please join us!

NURSERY WISH LIST



Snacks
Drinks
Gently Used Toys
Storage Cabinet (matching cabinet is on sale at Lowe's for \$70.00)
Lysol
Gift Cards from Walmart, Jo Ann's, or the Dollar Store



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE GARDEN

The PH problem with the soil is being treated in hopes the spring garden can be planted in March. A few winter crops are still growing and will be harvested in the next couple of weeks. Although the PH problem followed by the early freezes severely limited the spring harvest and has hurt the winter crops, we are still excited about this adventure and are even looking at some future expansions.

If you would like to be on the garden e mail list, send your e mail to nham748@aol.com.



RELAY FOR LIFE

Relay activities have started and all members of St. Peter's are invited to participate in the fun, either as a participant or a team member. New members are enthusiastically welcomed. Contact any team member for the scoop on the activities and expect to have a memorable experience.

The Men's Bake-Off Winning Recipe

Baklava Cheesecake From Father Tom



1/2 box of frozen Phyllo pastry, thawed
1/2 cup butter, melted

1 cup finely ground walnuts
1/2 cup finely ground almonds
1/4 cup sugar
1 teaspoon cinnamon

3 packages cream cheese
3/4 cup sugar
4 eggs
1/4 cup flour
2 teaspoons lemon extract



Syrup:


1 1/4 cup sugar
1/2 cup water
1 tablespoon lemon juice
1 tablespoon rose water (available at Middle Eastern grocers)

1. Preheat the oven to 350°.
2. Butter two six-inch spring form baking pans. Unroll the phyllo.
 1. Separate three sheets from the stack and gently center it into one of the baking pans. Press it into place and allow the outer edges drape over the outside of the pan. brush the phyllo with melted butter.
 2. Sprinkle the phyllo with 1/8 of the nut mixture.
 3. Separate two sheets of phyllo from the stack and repeat step three.
 4. Sprinkle the phyllo with 1/8 of the nut mixture.
 5. Separate two sheets of phyllo from the stack and and gently center it into one of the baking pans. Press it into place and allow the outer edges drape over the outside of the pan. Brush the phyllo with melted butter.
 6. Cover the pan with a towel to keep the phyllo from drying out.
 7. Repeat steps 3-8 with the second pan.
 8. Beat the cream cheese, 3/4 cup of sugar, eggs, flour and lemon extract in a mixing bowl until smooth.
 9. Divide the cheesecake mixture between the pans.
 10. Separate two sheets of phyllo from the stack and and gently center it into one of the baking pans. Press it into place and allow the outer edges drape over the outside of the pan. Brush the phyllo with melted butter.
 11. Sprinkle the phyllo with 1/8 of the nut mixture.
 12. Separate two sheets of phyllo from the stack and and gently center it into one of the baking pans. Press it into place and allow the outer edges drape over the outside of the pan. Brush the phyllo with melted butter.
 13. Sprinkle the phyllo with 1/8 of the nut mixture.
 14. Fold the phyllo sheets from the sides over the top of the pan making a top for the cake.
 15. Brush the top of the cake with butter.
 16. Bake 45-60 minutes.
 17. While baking the cake combine the syrup ingredients, except the rose water, in a small pan over medium high heat until the sugar is dissolved. Bring to a boil and lower heat simmering the syrup until it coats the back of a spoon. Add the rose water and boil for two more minutes. Remove from heat and allow to cool.
 18. Remove the cakes from the oven when it is finished baking and allow to sit minutes. Place the pans on plates and pour the syrup over the cakes.
 19. The syrup should thicken as it cools and be absorbed by the cheesecakes.
 20. To serve, place a plate on top of each pan and, holding the plate tightly to the top of the pan, flip the plate over and place it on a counter. Carefully release the spring form pan and lift it from the cake. Remove the pan's bottom.
 21. The cake can rest overnight and will improve with a day or so's aging. If you elect to do that leave the bottom of the pan on top of the cake and cover tightly with plastic wrap to keep the cake from drying out.

Parish Calender 2011

FEBRUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	31	1	2	3	4	5
			12:10 Healing Eucharist Groundhog Day 6pm		Friday Hang Out Night 5-9pm Davenport Pizza, Games & Movie \$5 Office Closed	Office Closed
Sunday Services * 6 Memorial Committee Meeting after 10:30 Service	7	8	Wonderful Wednesday 12:10 pm Healing Eucharist	10	11	12
SPY 6 pm-8 pm			6pm			Office Closed Vestry Retreat 9am-3pm
Sunday Services * 13 A.L.M.S. Meeting 9:15am St. Mark's Choir sings	14	15	Wonderful Wednesday 12:10 Healing Eucharist	16	17	19
SPY 6 pm-8 pm	Valentine's Day 	No Vestry Meeting	6pm	Wonderful Wednesday 12:10 Healing Eucharist	18	Office Closed 9 am - Altar Guild Meeting
Sunday Services * 20	21	22	Wonderful Wednesday 12:10 pm Healing Eucharist	23	24	25
SPY 6 pm-8 pm	Presidents' Day Office Closed 		6:00pm	Wonderful Wednesday 12:10 pm Healing Eucharist	26	Office Closed
Sunday Services * 27	28	1	Wonderful Wednesday 12:10 pm Healing Eucharist	2	3	4
SPY 6 pm-8 pm			6:00pm	Wonderful Wednesday 12:10 pm Healing Eucharist	Office Closed	Office Closed

Sunday Services * 7	Wonderful Wednesday
<p></p> <p>8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study & Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Choral Eucharist 10:30 a.m. Children's Chapel</p>	<p>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</p>

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Scott Anderson	02/03
Barbara Ann Annen	02/13
William Bender	02/06
Alan James Black	02/15
Catherine Clark	02/14
Craig Davidson	02/01
Brad DiPietro	02/11
Stewart Dormany	02/06
John Edmiston	02/21
Pace Everett	02/15
Judith Galloway	02/14
Jeremy Ham	02/27
Dorothy Harkala	02/06
Kevin Wayne Haynes	02/01
Robert Manee	02/14
Zachary Thomas Mays	02/03
Steven McCall	02/27
Connie Miller	02/22
Andy Muller	02/16
Kelly Nichols	02/17
Will PeQueen	02/13
Andy Pfaffko	02/21
John Shupard	02/14
Harry Solloway	02/23
Margaret Stevens	02/03
Nancy Vail	02/02
Jayne Wilkes	02/15
Sheryl Winbigler	02/21
Nick Zimmerer	02/16

FLOWERS, WINE AND CANDLES

Sunday, February 6

Flowers: In Thanksgiving for my family & for my new granddaughter, Simone. Many Thanks to my church family for your prayers & good wishes during my recent illness
By Nola Olatubosun

Communion Wine: In Memory of my dad, James Fief, by Darlene Nelson

Sunday, February 13

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

Sunday, February 20

Communion Wine: in Memory of George & Hosanna Welling by Theresa Welling

Sunday, February 27

Communion Wine: In Thanksgiving for Annabelle Gutowski's birthday by Gregg, Cindy, Derek & Michelle

VESTRY

Vestry Retreat February 12th 9 am-3pm
No Vestry Meeting February 15th

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Emily & Toby Barr	02/03
Linda & Bill Biggs	02/18
Sandy & James Black	02/26
Doris & Robert Edison	02/23
Susan & David Edison	02/21
Rita & Gerald Gott	02/27
Jerilyn & James Lorch	02/01
June & Donald Rayburn	02/23
Angela & Mike Sessa	02/07

ALTAR GUILD

The next meeting will be on
Saturday, February 19th 9:00am.

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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
9:15am Adult Bible Study
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

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

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
Director of Youth Ministries:
Bambi & Greg Guy

Sunday School Director: Patti Booher
Nursery Director: Claire DiPietro
Nursery Worker: Joan Hernandez
Asst. Treasurer: Mary Jo Futch
Asst. Treasurer: Mary Alice Steinke

Worship

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