



# THE KEY

## St. Peter's Paris, Kentucky

October, 2011

The Season of Pentecost

### Blessing of the Animals

#### ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI DAY Sunday, October 2nd, 4pm

We will give thanks around the baptismal font for our pets' presence in our lives and offer them a blessing. Some members of the staff and board members with P.A.W.S. will have some of their special animals to be blessed. We will also remember those pets who are no longer with us.

Many of the stories that surround the life of St. Francis deal with his love for animals. Perhaps the most famous incident that illustrates the Saint's humility towards nature is recounted in the "Fioretti" ("Little Flowers"), a collection of legends and folklore that sprang up after the Saint's death. It is said that, one day, while Francis was traveling with some companions, they happened upon a place in the road where birds filled the trees on either side. Francis told his companions to "wait for me while I go to preach to my sisters the birds". The birds surrounded him, intrigued by the power of his voice, and not one of them flew away.

Francis preached the teaching of the Catholic Church, that the world was created good and beautiful by God but suffers a need for redemption because of the primordial sin of man. He preached to man and beast the universal ability and duty of all creatures to praise God and the duty of men to protect and enjoy nature as both the stewards of God's creation and as creatures ourselves. Legend has it that St. Francis on his deathbed thanked his donkey for carrying and helping him throughout his life, and his donkey wept.

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Office Hours  
Monday-Thursday  
8:30 am-4:00 pm

**Priest in Charge**  
The Rev. Christina Brannock-Wanter

**Vestry**  
Mary Louise Dean, Sr. Warden  
Raymond McLaughlin, Jr. Warden  
David Johnson, Clerk  
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**Parish Coordinator**  
Linda C. Wells

**Sunday Worship**  
8:15 am Holy Eucharist  
10:30 am Holy Eucharist

*St. Peter's Church exists as an Episcopal presence striving to build the Kingdom of God by raising up a diverse and caring family of Christians through prayer, worship, proclaiming the Gospel, and promoting justice, peace and love, as we thoughtfully engage life's challenges.*

## FROM YOUR PRIEST IN CHARGE



Trust. It is a fascinating exercise to contemplate one's ability to trust.

Trust in what? Trust in whom? It would seem that we humans are born with an innate capacity for trust, so why is it that by the time we are on the fringes of adulthood this capacity is no longer equivocal. The short answer is that trust was broken or violated somewhere along the way. We are the ones that bring about the diminishment of trust.

This past weekend I had the privilege of officiating at the Marriage of a young couple whose lives exemplified a kind of trust I rarely see. It was a seemingly "pure" unscathed trust of God, of each other and of their capacity for love. I know I am sounding sappy, but I must say whatever it was that I experienced in the midst of this occasion has "remained" with me. I find myself coming back to the events of this past weekend, the faces before me with all that was written upon and within them. What I come back to is a sense of Holy Joy. Holy Joy! On a Saturday afternoon, in a "country" parish a group of about 100 people gathered to witness, bless and give thanks for two people who love each other. Trust!

When we trust I believe we are far more willing to "entrust" our very selves to each other, or to a "vocation" or to a "journey" known or unknown. On a couple of occasions recently the phrase in scripture has occurred: "that God's Joy may be full in us." At this point I usually fling off my shoes and wade into the surf, I roll

down a grassy hillside, I hold my child's hand as he learns to walk, I am an inch away from my love, nose to nose, I am dancing to Aretha Franklin (not to date myself), I am painting or drawing in my studio, I am laughing so hard that my hands are on my hips and my head is thrown back, I look at a dinner table set for 12 in a room with hundreds of people...guess who shows up? These are just a few images that come to mind when I think of the fullness of God's Joy.

Trust and Holy Joy! Since I have been at St. Peter's I have experienced these two attributes on a number of occasions. God is right here in our midst. So often at the 8:15 service we gather around the altar during the Eucharistic prayer; we hold hands and say the Lord's Prayer; someone holds a baby so that the mother can take communion, and there it is GOD'S HOLY JOY! So often at the 10:30 service several children are led out of the church for Sunday school by an enthusiastic crucifer who give a new meaning to "Lift High the Cross!" What we see are the faces of lives entrusted to Christ, and there it is GOD'S HOLY JOY! I cannot recall the times during coffee hour that GOD'S HOLY JOY has been evident. What a great bunch of people you are.

All I can say is that I am glad I am here. It is indeed a joy to be entrusted to you in Christ Jesus.

With crackling leaves underfoot, a backpack full of rocks, and a happy heart,

*With a rowdy heart, Mo. Chris*

## STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM BEGINS IN OCTOBER

Our Annual Pledge Campaign begins October 14. Stewardship Program and Dinner to be held Thursday, November 10, and Ingathering of Pledges on Sunday, November 13. Please note: **due to the nature of this service we will be having one service only on November 13th.** Ana Hernandez, noted author and musician, will be with us as the Guest Presenter on November 10 and on November 13. There will be a brunch at 9am and the Eucharist will be at 10am on Sunday, November 13.

# PARISH LIFE

## SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

*Music and art do not merely engage  
the senses and the mind;  
its beauty can engage the soul.*

It seems the need to show a new face and update the structural and technical condition of St Peter's parish hall has been on the vestry's agenda for many years. Three years ago during the vestry planning meeting I remember the new mission linking goals to increase community involvement and the celebration of art and music—all which required a commitment to bring our buildings into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century!

The Parish Hall has primarily been used for social and educational events for parishioners. However, more recently we share our facilities with A.A. groups, yoga classes, Boy Scouts, P.A.W.S., Art Walks, Advent Music and other special liturgical programs, ministry projects such as The Well and our "Christian Chicken" Project.

We often talk about wanting to enhance our worship experience and build community interaction in ways that create a more "sacred" place. I have visited natural and man made places I thought were "thin" or holy. But I be-

lieve that a place is "made sacred" through human experience. We can dare to create them, preserve them and choose to use them. We all need sacred places to find our souls in this often weary world. A loving church and gathering spot can become a place to get in touch with a deeper spiritual center within ourselves. Our own parish hall has been where I was reminded of the interconnectedness of the universe and creative Mystery in which we live our lives.

Christian churches, in particular St. Peter's, have played an important role in the lives of Paris and Bourbon County since the 19<sup>th</sup> Century. What could be more exciting than to engage and connect with people through worship and outreach, but also through the mutual appreciation of art and soulful expression?

The bottom line is your current Vestry doesn't want to pass the buck on to the next vestry or next generation. We want to make some decisions with your commitment and trust, and start the process of design and execution this year. Join us at our info presentations and come informed to the Annual Meeting to help make a decision of how we will move forward in the foreseeable future.

*Mary Louise Dean, Senior Warden*

## JUNIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

We have been talking about renovation of the parish hall for at least 5 years. We are determined to have it finished within this next year. Kay's and my very good friend, Andrew Pias-kowy has consented to be the architect. Andrew did the lighting and colors in our sanctuary. He also designed the altar table that I made. Just recently he accepted an award for one of the top

designed buildings in Kentucky for this past year; and he is Episcopalian!

Andrew recently did the renovation of the parish hall in his church, Trinity in Covington, which is sensational. No, he does not walk on water, but he is very good at what he does.

*Raymond McLaughlin, Junior Warden*

# PARISH LIFE

## THANK YOU

Special thanks go to Lynn deSeroux, Jane Lee Courtney, Ann Davis McClain and Jackson Mitchell for all their work in making Amanda and Thomas Talbot's wedding so beautiful, holy and special!

Special thanks to Chilly and Shirley Cox and to Kay and Raymond McLaughlin for much needed vacuum cleaners. Thank you!



## CONVERSATIONS ABOUT OUR PARISH HALL RENOVATIONS & ART AND BUILDING AS SACRAMENT

You are invited and encouraged to attend two conversations:

The first conversation is on October 2 at 9:30am. Andrew Piaskowy, architect will give a presentation on three possible ways to renovate our Parish Hall and Facilities.

The second conversation is on October 23 at 9:30 am. Mother Chris will give a presentation on the role of art in theology, liturgy and sacred architecture.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Sally & Ted Thilman are the proud parents of Caroline Lockhart Thilman born September 19, 2011. Caroline is the great-granddaughter of Sally Hinkle. Congratulations to Sally and Ted and to the Hinkle family.

Amanda Carole Hutson and Thomas William Talbot were joined in marriage Saturday, September 24th. They will reside in Nicholasville.

*Our wishes to these families for blessings and happiness in the years to come.*

## ST. PETER'S KEY CHAPTER OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

The Bible says that every Christian has received a gift (1Peter 4:10). God does not intend for any true disciple to feel left out when it comes to possessing a spiritual gift. In fact, many have more than one gift. A spiritual gift is a special attribute given by the Holy Spirit to every member of the Body of Christ according to God's grace, for use within the Body. When one discovers what her spiritual gift is, she should develop the gift to her highest potential. Remember that God has entrusted no person to give or bestow spiritual gifts. They are gifts from God, through the Holy Spirit. What are your spiritual gifts?

*Ann Davis McClain*

## PARISH LIFE

### AN ART-FELT THANKS!

A big thank you to everyone who contributed to the *Homecoming Show!* It gave our Homecoming gathering a wonderfully homey backdrop and gave us the opportunity to learn more about each other. The quilts, dollhouse, photos, paintings, needlework and installations (and so much more!) went beautifully with the BBQ and beans. If we would like to repeat this next year, I hope all of you who now have an idea of what can be part of a homecoming show will bring it on over to your St. Peter's home. I love that Katie Insko ran home between services and brought Lowry's christening gown and the article about St. Peter's. I learned something new about my St. Peter's family!

Thank you again for lending your treasures to our Homecoming festivities.

*Kathy Johnson*

### **YOU ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE THIRD ANNUAL ADVENT ART SHOW AT ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN PARIS, KENTUCKY**

The show's theme is "Your Spiritual Journey" represented through the visual arts. The show will open on December 4<sup>th</sup> at the church's Parish Hall and run through January 9, 2012.

Do you paint, sculpt, work in fiber or mixed media? Are you a photographer? Is your creative time when you connect with God or feel that you are most in touch with life? Perhaps you have special art works in your private collection that have been important symbols for our own spiritual journey and you would be willing to share these for exhibit.

Please let us know if you would like to be a part of this unique holiday show by sending an e-mail registration to [office@stpetersparis.org](mailto:office@stpetersparis.org) re: Advent Art Show. Let us know your name, contact information, number of entries, their measurement, media and a one paragraph biographical sketch. Also note for sale or not for sale.

All artwork should be delivered to the office at St. Peter's Episcopal Church no later than Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at 3:00p.m. Be sure each piece is labeled with its name, your contact information and everything is ready for display.

We hope you will also join us on December 4<sup>th</sup> for our opening reception and special Even-song service featuring a presentation by Everett McCorvey, Ph.D., director of the University of Kentucky Opera Theatre, and vice-chair of the Kentucky Arts Council. He will speak to spiritual journey's through art. Dr. McCorvey celebrates 20 years of service at UK this year.

St. Peter's Episcopal Church is located at 311 High Street, Paris, KY, 859-987-2760.

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES



Vestry

The Vestry will meet on Tuesday, October 18th, at 6pm in the Blanton Collier Library  
AND on Tuesday, November 1st, 6-8pm .

### BROWN BAG THEOLOGY

Due to conflicts in several parishioner's schedules, we are going to try having the Brown Bag Theology meet on Tuesdays at Noon in Mother Chris' office.



### ST. PETER'S READERS BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, October 25, 2011

October 25, 2011 at 7pm will be the next gathering of the book club known as St. Peter's Readers. We will gather in the parish hall and partake of light dinner and various beverages, while discussing the month's selections. The books chosen for October are: "CALEB'S CROSSING" by Geraldine Brooks, "SARAH'S KEY" by Tatiana de Rosnay, and "PREY" by Linda Howard. These selections represent a wide range of genre, so you should be able to select one to read and report on. Hope to see you there!

## OUTREACH

### OPERATION BACKPACK



Thanks to all those who contribute to the baskets in the hallway for the Backpack program. School is in full swing now and non-perishable items are much needed for these children. Any items you can donate will be much appreciated



### CHRISTIAN CHICKEN

Our flock of volunteers met on Sunday, Sept. 25, and a schedule has been posted downstairs on the "Chicken Door" entrance (in the kitchen/flower committee area). Please sign up for a task or two between now and the end of the year. It's easy, quickly accomplished, and fun.

Tasks include: picking up two boxes of foodstuffs from KFC on a Friday morning and placing them in the large chest freezer downstairs behind the schedule door, or bagging the chicken in gallon-sized zip-lock bags and storing them in the middle upright freezer, or thawing out some side items at your home, rebagging them in smaller bags and storing them in the upright freezer on the right, or helping to deliver food to people who are extremely grateful that you've gone to a small bit of trouble in their behalf.

Our next "Flock In" will be Sunday, October 30, after the 10:30 service – the more volunteers, the more we'll all have to crow about.

*Lalie Dick*

## MEMORIALS



To give a memorial, please check the open memorial dates listed below. The sign-up sheets are available in the hallway going to the parish hall on Sunday or call the church office (987-2760).

Donations for the Sanctuary Candles are \$10; the Bread & Wine is \$20 and the Altar Flowers are \$50.00. **Payment is due the week the memorial is given.**

### **Bread & wine memorial dates:**

**Oct. 2 - OPEN**

Oct. 9 - Sheila McConnell

Oct. 16 - Becky Seabrook

Oct. 23 - Virginia Buckner

**Oct. 30 - OPEN**

### **Altar arrangement memorial dates:**

Oct. 2 - Lynn deSeroux

**Oct. 9 - OPEN**

Oct. 26 - Bill & Lolly Martin

Oct. 23 - Dick Letton

**Oct. 30 - OPEN**

### **Sanctuary candle memorial dates:**

**Oct. 2, 9, - OPEN**

Oct. 16 - Ann Davis McClain

Oct. 23 - W. T. Buckner

Oct. 30 - Christy Southworth

A BIG thank you to all those who give flowers, bread/wine and candle offerings AND remember to pay for them. It helps so much.

*They say it takes a minute to  
find a special person,  
an hour to appreciate them,  
a day to love them,  
but then an entire life to forget them.*

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

### ***HAPPY BIRTHDAY***

3 <sup>rd</sup>	Estill Curtis Pennington Tyler McKee
4 <sup>th</sup>	Will Johnston
6 <sup>th</sup>	Jacques deSeroux
7 <sup>th</sup>	Ann Davis McClain
9 <sup>th</sup>	Sheila Kalas
10 <sup>th</sup>	Jan Courtney
11 <sup>th</sup>	Sarah Lewis
12 <sup>th</sup>	Thomas Richards Chris Brannock-Wanter
14 <sup>th</sup>	Jessica Gösser-Walton Cameron Johnston
17 <sup>th</sup>	Christy Pitts Morrow Richards
18 <sup>th</sup>	Holly McMillin
19 <sup>th</sup>	Libby Courtney Dick Letton
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Christy Southworth
23 <sup>rd</sup>	W. T. Buckner
26 <sup>th</sup>	John Ditmars

*If your name is not listed or  
is listed incorrectly,  
please call the office at 987-2760.*



## HAPPENINGS AT ST. PETER'S

### **Monday**

**Boys Scouts** – Youth Center, 7-8:30pm

### **Tuesday**

**FITS** - Youth Center, 5:15-9pm

### **Wednesday**

**Yoga** – Parish Hall, 6pm

**Spanish Men's AA** – Youth Center

7-8:30pm

### **Thursday**

**Spanish Women' AA**, Youth Center

6-8:30pm

### **Friday**

**Spanish Men's AA** - Youth Center

7-8:30pm

### **Saturday**

**FITS** - Library, 8:30-12:00, Library

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***IMPORTANT REMINDER***

**Sunday, October 2, 2011**

**8:15 & Holy Eucharist**

**9:30 Presentation by Andy Piaskowy for renovations**

**10:30am Holy Eucharist & Children's Homily**

**4pm Blessing of the Animals**

*Circumstances or people can take away your material possessions,  
they can take away your money, and they can take away your health.*

*But no one can ever take away your precious memories...*

*So, don't forget to make time and take the opportunities  
to make memories everyday.*