

**CALL TO SPECIAL SERVICE AND PARISH MEETING****June 20, 2004****9:00 am**

A Celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the Consecration of the first parish building of St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Rockland, Maine, on Park Street on June 8, 1854—A Service of Holy Eucharist according to the Book of Common Prayer of 1790, the first American prayer book.

**10:00 am**

By this warrant, notice is given that St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Rockland, Maine, will meet in a Special Parish Meeting following the service, at 10:00 am on this date, for the following business:

1. To review a presentation of the report of the Task Force for Funding Our Ministry as it has been adopted by the Vestry;
2. To adopt the Vestry's recommendations for our Ministry and Mission for the remainder of 2004 and through 2007;
3. To pray that the Holy Spirit inspire, revive and direct all our doings as Christ's Body in this place at this time.

Child Care will be provided during the meeting

**After the meeting we are invited to celebrate in a festive Father's Day Potluck Picnic!**

— Sarah E. Reynolds, Clerk of the Parish

***Remember to Watch for Summer Service Times***

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## 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CONSECRATION OF THE FIRST PARISH BUILDING OF ST. PETER'S

There are all kinds of anniversaries in the history of St. Peter's, and one of them arrives this June 6, being the 150th anniversary of the day the original parish church was consecrated.

The first St. Peter's was on Park Street, east of the intersection of Broadway and on the north side of the road. Bishop Burgess conducted the consecration service there June 6, 1854, although the first service had been held six months earlier on New Year's Day.

What is of extra interest about the year 1854 is that Rockland was incorporated as a city on June 3, and so St. Peter's and Rockland are marking a kind of sesquicentennial this year together. It has been decided to mark the 150th anniversary of consecration on Sunday June 20, this year. This will be a special day, because a single Eucharist will be held at 9 a.m. followed by a parish meeting at 10 a.m.

The liturgy we will use comes from the first American Book of Common Prayer, approved by the newly constituted Episcopal Church the same year that George Washington was inaugurated the first president of the new nation, 1789. Church records state that this was used in 1854 by the Rt. Rev. George Burgess, Bishop of Maine, and

the Rev. George Slattery, Rector of St. Peter's, during the consecration.

The original St. Peter's was so badly built that local wags said it could never be burned down—its boards were too far apart from each other for flames to leap the gaps! The modern St.

Peter's is quite different, especially as we have the new parish hall and other improvements.

Little by little, members of the current parish have been seeking out the direction in which St.

Peter's needs to move now that we have the new hall. To simply raise funds to

pay off the mortgage will be insufficient; we also need to decide how we are going to use this considerable asset to further the work of Christ in Rockland. Several parishioners have been meeting to consider the parish's sense of mission, and if you have detected that note in recent sermons and announcements, then you have begun to pick up on what is happening.

It is expected there will be an opportunity at the special parish meeting June 20 to explain this more. Without vision the people will perish — and without direction the people will go nowhere, probably perishing all together on the same spot!

The time has surely come to consider the next 150 years of St. Peter's. Please attend both the special anniversary service, and the meeting afterwards.

— David Grima,  
Missions Commission

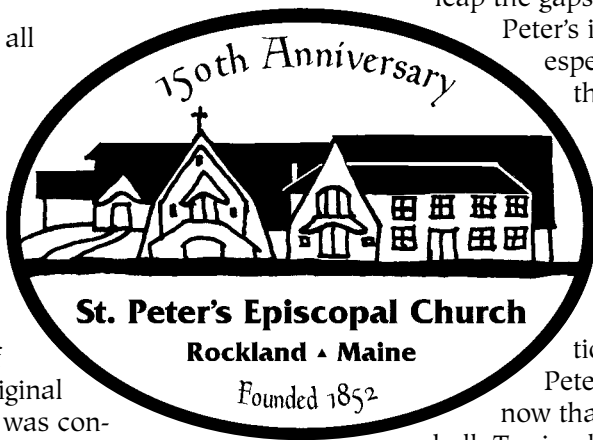
## Spring Greening of the Church: A Successful Plant Sale

I'd have to say our third annual plant sale was pretty much a success, wouldn't you? After all we made our \$2,000 goal, people actually took the clam baskets and brought them back filled with beautiful plants and flowers, many people had fellowship transplanting from their gardens, and I personally got rid of four truckloads of plants that had wandered around my garden. What would have been even better is if a larger percentage of our parishioners knew that fundraising isn't limited to a select few who participate most of the time. We'd love to have the chance to work with more of you, so don't be shy. It's fun and, after all, it is your church too.

— Chris McLarty

## Antique book becomes part of Anniversary Celebration

An antique book with church music settings has been loaned to Ralph, Malcolm, and Bob as they prepare the service. Marty Rogers was given the book by her mother-in-law. It was published in 1843 and is titled "A Selection of Cathedral Chants, adapted to the service of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States together with services for the communion." It goes on to say on the cover "Now first published in this country, a pamphlet containing the words of the chants arranged with the proper divisions, corresponding with the music, accompanies this selection. Arranged with organ accompaniments, by A. U. Hayter, organist of Trinity Church, Boston." — Marty Rogers



## St. Peter's Sailors set sail for Ireland

Paul and Marty Rogers, their son Chris and Asger Bagge are headed for Ireland. They are sailing across the Atlantic on Paul's sailboat, a J 42. The trip is about 3,000 miles. They plan to depart on June 19th from Camden and will make a stop in the Azores. The primary reason for this route is to sail south enough to avoid any drift ice in the North Atlantic. It is also an opportunity to visit this beautiful spot located 800 miles off the coast of Portugal. Also on board will be Bryant Stockwell, Chris's good friend from high school.

We are asked hundreds of questions ranging from, "Why?!" to "Have you ever done this before?" to "Where do you stop at night?" Paul, like Asger, has sailed all his life. He has owned a boat of some kind for more than 40 years. There was a brief period of 7 months just after we were married when he did not own a boat. Despite my flatlander upbringing in Peoria, Illinois I have come to love sailing and am always learning.

Paul has raced offshore to Bermuda several times including the 1972 race with hurricane Agnes. He attended Navy Officer Candidate School in Newport, RI in 1964 and then served in the U.S. Navy, four years in the Pacific and South East Asia and two years teaching celestial navigation, naval tactics and ship handling at the U.S. Naval Academy. Like Asger, he sailed with Midshipmen on the Navy yawls. He sailed in Northern Europe in 1963 with his parents and sister. We both sailed in Norway in 1990 and in Scotland in 2000.

We have been dreaming about sailing adventures in our retirement. These earlier explorations and the tales from other sailors convinced us to undertake this new adventure. Paul purchased a used J 42 in Sanibel, Florida last year and, with Marty, sailed it around Key West to West Palm Beach, Beaufort, NC and then through the Intercoastal Waterway to Portsmouth, VA. We returned home for two weeks (for the St. Peter's

House and Garden sale!) and then Paul and Asger and another man from Camden returned to sail the remaining leg to Camden.

Asger was born and raised in Denmark, of coastal farming and fishing stock. In his teens he learned to sail dinghies and took part in local and regional races. After high school, he attended the Royal Danish Naval Academy where he was a champion sailor winning competitions with the naval academies in Sweden and Norway. As a lieutenant, he

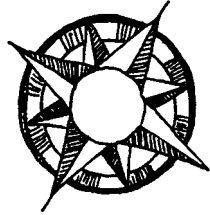
crewed on the Danish navy yawl *THYRA* (64 feet with 12 crew) during the Bermuda and the Transatlantic Races to Denmark in June/July 1966. His naval career continued with duty throughout Europe and in the North Atlantic.

He was a student at the Naval War College in Newport, RI in 1986/87 and was promoted to Captain in January 1990. In 1989, he married Deborah Oliver (our Junior Warden) and they took up residence in downtown Copenhagen, Denmark. In December 1992 Asger took early retirement from the navy and he and Deborah moved to the US and in 1998 moved to Camden.

In planning this trip we are very fortunate to be able to draw on the knowledge and experience of many others in the Midcoast who have gone before us on this journey. Summer members of St. Peter's congregation, Roger and Jane Fortin of Lancaster, VA, have done a very similar sailing adventure in their boat *TANGO* which they keep at Journey's End Marina in Rockland and sail here each summer.

This winter we have worked to prepare the J 42 for a transatlantic crossing. Lots of safety equipment, removing the air conditioning in favor of Espar heat, and other new gear—especially in the navigation and communication area since the boat was rather plainly equipped. We have the ability to send and receive faxes and e-mail.

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is the 20th of each month.

## Letter from the Rector



Each day of the week makes for a heavier burden—if we take seriously what we see in the news. In Toronto two weeks ago I opened the newspaper to find staring at me in terror, eyes bloodshot and fully open, a man's face, covering almost the whole front page, in full color. The caption read that he was an Afghan man who was coming forth to report abuses and tortures by American forces in prisons in Afghanistan. I couldn't read on. I closed the paper, put it on a table and sat down in stunned silence.

When I sit down in stunned silence, I do not give up in resignation, nor do I simply wring my hands deploring how horrible the world is. Neither do I feel crushed by a feeling of futility or powerlessness. Any of these responses would be quite normal and predictable, and I do experience them when I am very very tired. But overcoming all of these emotional responses is my sense of God's grief. In our Wednesday morning eucharists we pray, "O God, you are in the betrayed and suffering people of our world, just as you were in the broken body of Jesus." The newspaper usually forces me into prayer wherein I find myself in that broken body.

I believe that "Christ in the suffering people of our world" is a clarifying focus for us in the church now and probably far into the future. I believe that only as we live our baptisms defined as our induction into this same Christ, thus experiencing daily the global atrocity that humankind is committing on itself, do we understand the profound and transforming power of a eucharistic "celebration." The joy we live out and the glory of resurrection that we proclaim is not given to us as reward; rather, it is given to us as sustenance for being parts of Christ's body as

it is broken for the life of the world. We sometimes call the eucharist a symbol of "sacrifice." It is our sacrifice of self in identification of Jesus' life-giving love of people.

I do not think that I am perceived as a morbid or humorless person. But as I experience myself in laughter and the joy of loving community, I dearly hope that I receive this goodness as part of my prayer life, as the nourishment that I need in order to live as Christ's servant in such a world as we have around us. Our laughter and our joy, our enthusiasm and our hopefulness, do not come cheap. We have no inherent right to them. We are on a purposeful journey, and they strengthen us for the "work God has given us to do."

Thank you, one and all, for being part of this band of journeying people, open to the next leadings of the Spirit. Thank you, life-giving Spirit, for blowing into us the Pentecostal breath we need for more days of learning, praying and sharing.

In Christ,

*Ralph*

## Vestry Highlights for May

Members Present: Ralph+, John Bird, Jim Bowditch, Kay Brown, Jane Karker, Dorothy Nyman, Deb Oliver, Linda Peterson, Rev. Isabel Polk, Sarah Reynolds, Joanne Smith, Chris Wohler

### ■ Commission reports to the Vestry:

Commissions should make sure someone on the Vestry is kept up to date on their activities. If no Vestry members are on a particular commission, someone from that commission should be assigned either to report to a Vestry member or to send a report to the office that can be presented at the Vestry meeting.

### ■ Task Force on Funding Our

**Ministry:** Will make a presentation of its recommendations at a Special Parish Meeting on June 20. On that day, there will be one service at 9 a.m., with the meeting at 10. A picnic will follow, with child care available.

■ **Fund-Raising:** We need to raise \$10,000 this year from special projects or events. A number of possible special events are under consideration, including a bike-a-thon, Christmas or other seasonal fair, and a murder mystery dinner and evening. Please talk to anyone on the Vestry if you have a great idea to raise money for St. Peter's, or would like to help with a project or event.

■ **Building and Grounds:** A plan for maintaining our physical plant will be presented at the Special Parish Meeting. All members will be asked to prayerfully consider how they might contribute time and talent to preserve our investment in our building and grounds.

■ **Budget and Finance:** Will take over management and administration of the Theological Education Fund.

■ **Pastoral Care and Calling:** Has been revived, with Jude Thomas as chair.

■ **Evangelism:** Our new parish directory will be ready soon. We have a new webmaster, Chris Stump.

The next vestry meeting will be on June 10 at 7 p.m.

## St. Peter's Christian Formation Commission Meeting Minutes May 9

Present: Sheila Seekins, Marie Jenks, Isabel Polk, Susan Lewis, Ralph Moore, Bruce Davis

Next Meeting: June 14 at 6:45 p.m.

### General Discussion;

- Ralph spoke about the concept of "asset planning". To briefly describe, it identifies what parts of mission we do well already, and focussing on those. He feels that if we focus on mission we could draw youth, children and many others to become more involved. We may wish to collaborate with the Mission Commission.

- A "Journey into Adulthood" program (baptism, confirmation, etc.) is important to be thinking about. Mentorship could be part of this. It was felt that we need more of a "shared language", and sense of shared history as a congregation.

- The internet may be a tool we could use more for seminars, or sharing information.

### Life Cycles:

- This pilot program of the Diocese is specifically aimed at developing leadership within the congregation. It consists of 36 meetings, which are broken down into 6-week sessions. Isabel and Sheila have offered to have one of them facilitate a beginning session. They have queried a number of people, and haven't been able to put together the 6 participants required to have a group. We all agreed this would be a helpful program for our congregation, and we'll give thought to how we can find enough people to hopefully start a group in the fall. Isabel was going to look into initiating the paperwork within the next 2 weeks, in order to avail ourselves of a 50% discount on

the \$275 fee.

### Adult Programs:

- Sheila has some programs in mind for next year:

- Fall: death and dying series
- Spring: rebirth, or the Trinity Institute's video series on evil
- Other possible topics: Elaine Pagels' work; the history of the Prayerbook

### Children's Programs:

- Susan will not be continuing in her position, and she expects to finish up in early June. The position is not funded in next year's budget. This Commission needs to make planning for this program a priority this summer.

- Do we want to look at continuing the childcare program 2 days a month?

- The family service once a month has worked well, and should be continued.

- We'd like to look at the curriculum and ways to change it. There is money left in the account for resource materials. Susan will give us the resources for new materials that she has, and her recommendations. Bridget may also be able to contribute to this effort.

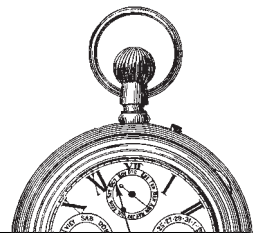
- The UCC has curriculum materials that may be useful for us to look at.

- The Catholic church has a model of parents and children learning together (some with "homework" between meetings!) that may be helpful to look at.

In conclusion, we felt that it was a productive meeting, and we look forward to working in these areas in the months ahead.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bruce Davis

**Summer Service times are  
of 8:00 and 10:00 AM.  
Watch bulletin  
for starting  
date.**



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## ThankYou, St. Peter's

Weather reports will come in both by fax and in broadcasts on the single side-band radio. The e-mail system will send out our position automatically twice a day to designated recipients via low flying satellites.

The preparation is a painstaking process with lots of attention to detail and many groans opening the mail with more bills. The new boat's name is CANTY. She is the seventh *Canty* that Paul or his father have owned. The name is from a Scottish word that means 'lively, full of fun'.

After we arrive in Kinsale, Ireland, we will be joined by our son Jonathan and his wife Des and Asger will fly home to Camden. We will sail for a week with other clubs who are celebrating the 75th anniversary of the Irish Cruising Club.

After the closing muster at Glengarriff we will proceed on our own along the west coast of Ireland. We will continue sailing north and east along the Northern Ireland coast and to Scotland. Around mid-August we will leave CANTY near Glasgow for the winter and begin our European cruising there in 2005. We plan to explore more Scottish islands and cross the North Sea to Norway and Denmark in 2005. Please keep us in your prayers, wish us fair winds and a trip that lives up to Canty's name.

For *Canty's* Crew,  
Marty Rogers

## Art of the Spirit Gallery to feature Emily Rotch's Work in June

Emily Rotch, who mentors two Education for Ministry groups in our area, will share some of her artwork this month. Emily, who is in a two-year Shalem training to become a spiritual director, uses her art for meditation and dream work. A full write-up and biography will appear in the next ROCK. Be sure to look at her work sometime this month.

A note of thanks to all the ladies of St. Peter's Church, and the gentlemen that helped them put on the Reception following our Celebration of Fred McAlary's life. It truly was a wonderful affair. Particularly we thank Ralph, Isabel and Marty.

Speaking for all the family, we do want to thank you for the wonderful reception that you and all the folks put together for Fred. Would you please extend our thanks to each of them. You helped make a sad time such a joyous one. The food was delicious and the punch was the best any of us have ever tasted!

Again—thank you—St. Peter's is such a loving group of people.

With love,  
Jo McAlary  
Diana McAlary Hicks  
and Fred McAlary Jr.

## Things you don't learn in EFM

Submitted by Dorothy Nyman

Enjoy these authentic quotes from the history papers of college students, compiled by Prof. Anders Henriksson, in *Non Campus Mentis*, Workman Press

Bible legend states that the trouble started after Eve ate the Golden Apple of Discord. This was the forbidding fruit. An angry God sent his wraith. Man fell from the space of grace. It was mostly downhill skiing from there.

The history of the Jewish people begins with Abraham, Issac, and their twelve children. Judyism was the first monolithic religion. It had one big God named "Yahoo." Old Testament profits include Moses, Amy, and Confucius, who believed in Fidel Piety. (One of the only reasons Confucius was born was because of a Chinese tradition.)

Moses was told by Jesus Christ to lead the people out of Egypt into the Sahaira Desert. The Book of Exodus describes this trip and the amazing things that happened on it, including the Ten Commandments, various special effects, and the building of the Suez Canal. Forty centuries later they arrived in Canada. This was the promise land of milk and chocolate. Noah's ark came to its end near Mt. Arafat. David was a fictional character in the Bible who fought with Golgamesh while wearing a sling. He pleased the people and saved them from attacks by the Philipines.

Joan of Ark was famous as Noah's wife.

Christianity was just another mystery cult until Jesus was born. The mother of Jesus was Mary, who was different from other women because of her immaculate contraption.

Mary and Joseph went from inn to inn trying to find a place for Jesus to be born, but they were refused everywhere because they were Jewish.

St. Jerome refused to believe in sex. The Arians denied the holy triangle.

Pope Gregory the Great had to confront the Gnosts.

St. Benedict gave his monks a set of punitive rules to enjoy.

Eventually Christian started the new religion with sayings like, "The mice shall inherit the earth." Later Christians fortunately abandoned this idea.

The power of the Popes was based on the Holy Sea. Innocent III authored Canine Law to regulate church operations

If you disagreed with the church you were accused of hear say and treated to excommunication. An important example of this was the Catheter movement in southern France. Members of this group were feared as possibly lethal.

Medieval builders gave God his usual chair in the church roof. In a Romanesque church the stone roof is held up by a system of peers. The usual design was a long Knave split by a crosshair. Without the discovery of the flying buttock it would have been an impossible job to build the Gothic cathedral.

An angry Martin Luther nailed ninety-five Theocrats to a church door. The Pope's response was to declare Luther hereditary.

Calvinists were the only ones to believe in pre-detonation. It is not surprising that their preaching consisted mainly of dogmatic explosions.

The Popes, of course, were usually Catholic.

**ST. PETER'S 2004 OPERATING BUDGET  
MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
Through April 31, 2004**

	CURRENT MONTH	YEAR TO DATE	2004 BUDGET
Income: Pledged	\$10,995	\$36,547	\$120,000
Income: All sources	\$25,261	\$75,644	\$177,500
Total Expenses	\$25,366	\$79,510	\$209,055
DIFFERENCE	(\$105)	(\$3,866)	(\$31,555)

The Budget and Finance Commission met on Wednesday, May 12th at 8:00 AM in the Vestry Room.

The really good news is that Pledge Income is about 15% ahead of last year's as of this date. Expenses are in line, but computer costs are greatly beyond budget: \$5,000. St. Peter's has hired a very fine consultant who is making our software system much more responsive to our needs. (Is there an ANGEL out there who could help underwrite those costs?)

Paul Rogers reported that St. Peter's I/E funds are currently valued at \$296,214 as compared to last month's \$319,252. This reflects the market downturn over the past month.

Great headway has been made in the vital inventory of St. Peter's physical assets. Many thanks are due to all of those involved in this tedious but essential task. Paul Rogers has recorded on a CD disc an itemization with appropriate photographs of St. Peter's properties. With diocesan help, the inventory will be properly evaluated and appropriate insurance assured.

REMEMBER: There is a most important Special Parish Meeting on June 20th at 10 AM following a single Service at 9. The special study from the Task Force for Funding our Ministry will be presented. This is an essential part of our parish life and there will be ample opportunity for questions and answers. ALL SHOULD PLAN TO BE THERE!

WITH GOD'S PEACE, WE CONTINUE:  
IN HIS SERVICE

*Tom Putnam, Chairman  
Budget & Finance Commission  
April 2004*

**More Vestry &  
Convention Delegate  
Biographies**

■ **Billy Smith** (Alternate Convention Delegate) "I've represented Saint Peter's twice at diocesan convention, and have each time returned happy with a sense of the larger church. Convention liturgies can be powerful experiences. Convention is a brief and intense opportunity to do something very different from the usual day-to-day, a welcome change of perspective,

and a chance to participate in the shaping the future of the church.

Usually I am a registered nurse at Pen Bay, and a householder in Owl's Head. In my garden I have a small collection of medicinal plants. In my house I have a beautifully rebuilt 1896 upright Steinway that I love to play. My wife is Joanne. We have 4 sturdy grown up kids up and down the seaboard, and we have a little peach of a two year old grand daughter. (Billy is a former vestry member and has been active in many aspects of the parish, most particularly in liturgy.)

■ **Joanne Smith** (3-year Vestry Term) Joanne was born in Rumford, ME in 1942 and spent her early life there. She was a communicant of Saint Athanasius Catholic Church & school. She graduated from Saint Dunstan's University, now the University of P.E.I. Joanne met her husband Billy while they were both grad students at University of Toronto. They found their way to Midcoast Maine where they raised 4 children. She has been a nurse at PBMC in several capacities since 1981. Joanne says, "A family crisis brought an outreaching of support from St. Peter's that first drew Billy and then me into the fold. I have found a comfortable and accepting home at St. Peter's and I am open to finding an opportunity to be more involved.

Joanne has been involved with a volunteer activity that has a long range goal of assisting prison inmates and released inmates put their lives back together, specifically ones with mental health diagnoses. She also volunteers at the Knox County Health Clinic.

■ **Marilyn Smith** (Alternate Convention Delegate) "I have been a lifelong member and communicant of St. Peter's. I am married with six grown children and seven grandchildren. I am a former Sunday School and Youth Group leader. I have been on and off the Vestry since 1976 and am a past Jr. Warden, Treasurer, and Clerk. I am active in ECW and have held all the various offices for that organization and am currently the Treasurer. I am a graduate of EFM.

Currently I am active as sacristan/verger/liturgist, as a volunteer for Loaves and Fishes, a member of the Mission Commission, and as a Sunday flower coordinator. I have been a past delegate to annual convention and am a member of the Diocesan Liturgy Committee. I am most committed to all phases of the life and community of St. Peter's.

