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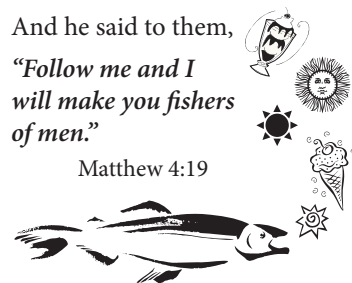
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News & Notes
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And he said to them,
"Follow me and I
will make you fishers
of men."

Matthew 4:19



MARK YOUR JUNE CALENDAR

4th

Book Discussion Group

9th

ECW Picnic

14th

Flag Day. Wave Old Glory

15th-18th

Vacation Bible School

21st

Yay Daddy!

Hello, summer!



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Project June: Breathe and Grow

With this Sunday, we enter the Green season of the church's year. For nearly six months we will be in this green, sometimes known as the "growing" season. I love this turn to the Summer and it's greening.

In the liturgy of the church, we have witnessed the Nativity and listened to Christ's life and death and Easter Resurrection and have walked hand in hand through the great 50 days of Easter. We have two Sundays that are different; Pentecost which is red for flames of the Holy Spirit fire and the next Sunday in White for Trinity Sunday and Baptisms. Then it's green we grow.

The Sundays in June are interesting. We'll do Baptisms on June 7 and then the last two weeks of June The Reverend Bronson Bryant will be serving you while I am in the Greek isles. (I know, rough life, but someone has to do it.) After EVERY 10:30 a.m. service, your vestry will be serving lemonade on the lawn by the shoo-fly. Bring a friend and join us!

Summer is such a great time for growth: why not take on a new garden or a new study you've always promised yourself you were going to do. I'm reading the *Odyssey*

in preparation for Greece, as well as *Godly Play*, a truly beautiful curriculum for children that delights and satisfy's the imagination of your child. I understand St. Peter's once had such a program.

Sometimes people like to know what your Rector is reading and watching.



Well, *Angels and Demons* was a very satisfying yarn of a movie, and I have just rented and was deeply touched by the *Curious Case of Benjamin Button*. My books run from C.S. Lewis and William Barclay to the latest mystery novel to older historical books like *People of the River*. Hope this sparks your own imagination!

As this season is named "after Pentecost", please remember that the Holy Spirit, the pneuma, otherwise called the Breath of God is what we are talking about here. So please, take the time to breathe. Breathe deeply and well; take a canoe trip or meander down a lane; follow your heart and rest in some beautiful field. Love God and your life and I will too.

As always, my love,
Liz

Mission & Outreach

OPPORTUNITIES FOR JUNE

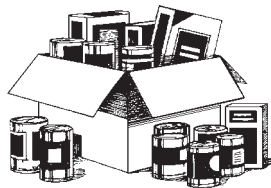
Thanks to everyone who served dinner for the IHN in May. The families truly enjoy the meals. Our next week to host is August 2-8th. If you were not able to participate in May I hope you will volunteer in August.

We are in need of a volunteer who will contact the Gulf Coast Ministries food bank once a month and find out what type of food they need, and at the end of the month take the food, that is collected at St. Peter's, to them. Please contact Gini Fellows if you have the time to do this.



FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

With the economy, things are getting tighter at the local food pantry, they need our help badly with: Peanut Butter, Tuna, Canned Stews plus deodorant and toothpaste. Please remember these items when you go to store and bring them on Sundays. Thanks.



CLOTHING DRIVE

The Wednesday morning Luke Bible Study will sponsor the second clothing drive for the Harrison County Children's Shelter for Abused and Neglected Children during the first two weeks of June. New summer clothing — play clothes, dress clothes, pajamas, underwear, shoes and socks — may be brought to the church by Sunday, June 14th. Girls' size 7/8 clothing and 3-3 1/2 shoes and boys' size 9/10 clothing and 4-4 1/2 shoe are needed. The spring clothing drive was successful, thanks to the generosity of our St. Peter's parishioners. The staff at the shelter was most appreciative of our efforts on behalf of the children they serve.

ROUSE STAMPS

If you have extra blue Rouse stamps, leave them on the table in the narthex as you enter the church. Deb Melton from the Interfaith Hospitality Network will let us know which items can be used at the Rebekah House. Thank you for your support of our many ministries.

BLOOD DRIVE

St. Peter's is sponsoring a Blood Drive on Wednesday, July 15th, noon until 5 p.m. at the parish hall. The drive is co-sponsored by St. Peter's and the Gulfport Kiwanis Club. This is an outreach ministry effort for our parish. We will announce when you can sign up. If you have never given blood before, this is a good time to start. It's easy and painless! We had a great turnout last year and hope to exceed it this year.



We are still collecting the following items for this summer's Vacation Bible School.

- 8 or 12 ounce clear water/soft drink bottles with lids
- 2-liter soft drink bottles
- Pringles potato chip cans
- Newspaper
- half gallon milk or juice cartons
- small rocks
- pine cones
- shoeboxes or oatmeal containers

Join us for Vacation Bible School at St. Peter's by-the-Sea Monday through Thursday, **June 15-18 from 5:30 – 7:30 PM.** We will start at 5:30 pm with a snack supper in the Parish hall.

Friends and Neighbors are welcomed!!! Everyone needs to turn in a registration form so that we can accurately plan for food and crafts. Please help spread the word and be sure to join us for lots of fun!!

Questions? Feel free to call Diane Livingston at 265-4794.

To register your child please complete and return the bottom portion you may drop it in the offering plate or you may turn it into the church office. Registration is open for children 4yrs old through 4th grade.

VBS Registration Form

Student's Name _____

Last grade completed _____

Or if preschool, age by June 1 _____

Parent's names _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Will you be able to help? Yes No What evenings? _____
 Will you need childcare for children too young to participate so that you can help? Yes No



St. Peter's Book Club will be meeting at the home of Gini Fellows at 5:30 pm on Thursday, June 4, for a discussion of *The No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency* by Alexander McCall Smith.

This first novel in the series tells the story of the delightfully cunning and enormously engaging Precious Ramotswe, who is drawn to her profession to "help people with problems in their lives." Immediately upon setting up shop in a small storefront in Gaborone, she is hired to track down a missing husband, uncover a con man, and follow a wayward daughter. But the case that tugs at her heart, and lands her in

danger, is a missing eleven-year-old boy, who may have been snatched by witchdoctors.

The Book Club will not meet in July or August.

Directions: Take I-10 to the Canal Road exit, go north to Robinson Road, turn left on Robinson Road and continue to the entrance to Windance subdivision. Turn left into Windance. The address is 12358 Windance Drive. We are on the corner of Windance Drive and North Point Cove (which is the second cove on the left side of Windance). Phone # 831-4543.

Greetings from your postulant:

I want to keep everyone updated on my progress and what the summer will bring for me. First, we just completed our last class for this school year on May 16, ending with our final presentation of a sermon. We were evaluated by instructors and fellow classmates. This was a little unnerving but all came through with good marks. We have only two classes left in the fall and that should end the class room portion of this process. I know some of you are aware of this; however I will let everyone know. Beginning on Sunday July 5, I will start my field placement, which is a four month internship.

I will be placed at St. Patrick's in Long Beach and will be there until November 1. During this time I will conduct myself in the liturgy as if I were ordained, with all the responsibilities that goes with that. I am looking forward to this time of learning and honing my skills as a deacon. I will miss all of you over that time but Tracy and the kids will still be with you.

One other summer fact, on August 6 and 7 I will be meeting again with the Commission on Ministry and the Standing Committee of the Diocese. They will at that time make a recommendation to the Bishop whether I would be a

candidate for ordination or not. Hopefully and God willing in August you would begin praying for your Deacon Candidate and not your Postulant. I am most grateful to all of you for your prayers and support over the past three years. At some point in the fall a date will be picked for ordination. So you can imagine there is still considerable amount of prayer that is needed. Thank you again and my God bless you all and St. Peter's.

Peace,
 Scott Williams

EcoPiscopalian Tips

Margin of Savings: In your word processing program, switch from the default settings of 1.25 inches to 0.5 (half-inch) margins. (If 10,000 people do this, it could preserve more than an acre of trees per year.) And you will save paper—money in your pocket!



A NOTE OF



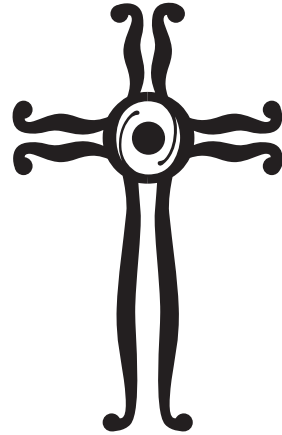
THANK YOU... be sure to check out the beautiful new bookcase located in the Parish hall Parlor. This gift was given by Lamar and Susan Gray in thanksgiving for their grandson, Austin Gray Stolarski.

THE CROSSINGS

Shirley Pate's father, August deMattei, was a jeweler in Mobile when Shirley was born. He made a delicate gold cross for her when she was in high school. When Becky, daughter of Shirley and Bill Pate, was about 10 years old, August made a similar cross for her. A few years later, she lost the cross on a ski slope in Salte Ste. Marie where they were living at the time. That spring one of her classmates was leaning over to get a drink at the water fountain when Becky recognized her gold cross. The student did not want to return the cross to Becky. Becky's name was engraved on the back of the cross, so a teacher returned it to her. Prior to this, August had replaced Becky's cross, so she now had two crosses.

When Tammy, Becky's first daughter, was born, August made her a gold cross. Now there were four crosses. August died, but when Brandy, Becky's younger daughter was born, she received the fourth cross.

Ask Shirley to see the very special cross that was made by her father.



ECW NEWS

St. Peter's ECW held their monthly meeting on May 12th at the Parish Hall. While consuming their brown bag lunches, the ladies discussed more ideas for the fall luncheon to be held in October and requested all parishioners to be considering ideas of items they could donate to the boutique portion of the day. Suggested items are plants, craft projects such as jewelry, ceramics, paintings, etc., and food items that are family favorites. The ECW will provide the necessary refrigeration for frozen or refrigerated foods.

The annual June picnic will again be held at Earline Sawyer's home on Tuesday, June 9, at noon. Spouses are included in this event. It will be a pot luck lunch. Earline

will supply the fried chicken and the rest of us will bring complimentary items. There will be NO meetings in July and August.

After the business portion of the meeting, Tracy Williams presented a delightful program on paper dolls. She displayed some of her collection and gave a most informative narrative on the history of paper dolls. She also showed some of the dolls that she has created. So, if you would like a personal paper doll created for a child or yourself we have a most talented parishioner who can do just that for you. Talk about talent! This parish has a wealth of it.



IRON CHEFS COMPETE ON MAY 30TH

Look for pictures in the next issue of *The Key*, and at <http://stpetersbythesea.net/>

Book Signing June 10

Neil White, a former parishioner of St. Peter's, has written a memoir, which will be released in June. *In the Sanctuary of Outcasts* is reviewed in the May issue of the *Mississippi Episcopalian*. It is a story of his life-changing imprisonment in the federal prison in Carville, Louisiana, for check kiting. Carville is also the last safe haven in the US for patients with Hansen's disease, once known as leprosy. Neil will be signing his book at Pass Christian Books on Wednesday, June 10.

Congratulations

Bill Williams and Megan Gray Stolarski recently completed the Leadership Gulf Coast program as members of the 2008-2009 team. This program, sponsored by the Mississippi Gulf Coast Chamber of Commerce, is designed to help participants understand real problems and opportunities in our community, and to create a communication network between present and emerging leaders dedicated to the improvement of our area. Lasting nine months, the topics include Military, Government, Human Needs & Health Services, Economic Structure of the Coast, Human Relations, Education, and Quality Of Life.

One of the most important goals of Leadership Gulf Coast is creating a continuing flow of strong, community-committed alumni. The networking system developed by the program is constantly expanded by the graduates. Congratulations to these St. Peter's communicants for participating in this prestigious program.

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