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News & Notes

from St. Peter's-by-the-Sea Episcopal Church • Gulfport, MS

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## Come Join the Party!

Happy Easter! He is Risen! What a moving Holy Week and glorious celebration of the Day of Resurrection that we had this year! A great big Thank You to everyone who helped make all of these services possible. The choir had some exceptional offerings this year; the altar guild worked behind the scenes to get everything set up; the flower guild made everything so beautiful. The children's choir sang, and the children flowered the cross and rang their bells for all of our Alleluias. The bell choir played throughout Holy Week and began our Easter service with their joyful

tones. It was truly a beautiful celebration of thanksgiving to Our Lord! (We even had our largest numbers for Easter services in recent memory!)



But the party isn't over! We celebrate Easter for 50 days, and one of the highlights of this celebration this year is our BBQ by-the-Sea. It will be Saturday, April 30th from 4:30 to 7:00, and you will be able to buy your tickets at the door. All the profits of this event will go to help rebuild the Episcopal Cathedral in Haiti.

Come join the party! For he is risen! The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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### 10:30 Hospitality Hour

We kicked off our new Hospitality Hour after the 10:30 service on Easter Sunday, and we had a great response. Now, we need people who are willing to sign up to provide food and serve on one Sunday each. It doesn't have to be fancy; it can be as simple as some cheese and crackers and grapes. If you are willing to help with this important ministry in the life of the church, please, contact Kerry Hudson.

## The 2011 Bishop's Barbeque May 27-29 • Gray Center



Scheduled events for this year's BBQ include: Bishop's Hog Jog 5K Trail Run, the Cardboard Regatta, the Silent Auction, Kid's Korner, Fishing Tournament, live music, great food, and much more.

Registration is available online at: <http://bbbq.dioms.org>.

You may also reserve tickets and lodging by contacting Linda Cain: [lindac@graycenter.org](mailto:lindac@graycenter.org) or 601-859-1556.

*Remember that lodging space is limited.*

### The Cardboard Regatta

The challenge is out to see which church can claim the title of cardboard regatta champion for 2011. Does your church have what it takes to maneuver a craft to victory over the treacherous conference center lake? Design details: <http://bbbq.dioms.org>.

Have a question? Want to help? Have an item to donate to the auction?

Email: [thebishopsbarbeque@gmail.com](mailto:thebishopsbarbeque@gmail.com)

*Hope to see you all there!*

## DERBY DAY PARTY

to benefit the  
*IHN Rebekah's House*

Saturday, May 7th  
3:00 – 6:00 p.m.

**Where:** The home of John and Dawn Ruble at 4907 Courthouse Road, Gulfport

**\$45.00 each ticket**

Please come out to a fun party to watch the Kentucky Derby and raise money for the *IHN Rebekah's House*, which is the only shelter to house homeless families on the Gulf Coast .

### Grounds Report:

We continue to make strides towards getting our landscaping back up to our dear, Joanne Palmer's, standards. We, with the help of a small group of dedicated parishioners, have reworked the flower beds at the front entrance to the Church and constructed a colorful flower bed at the marble sign in hopes of attracting attention to our weekly worship schedule for the heavy traffic along 15th Street. As the spring progresses we hope to continue our "sprucing up" and intend to have the courtyard ready for our annual "Barbeque by-the-Sea" on April 30. I have purchased a few more plants for the front beds, to fill in where some have died, along with a new



transformer for the exterior accent tree lighting and, hopefully, will have those installed soon. Thank you for your support and look forward to seeing all of you at the BBQ!!

*Doug Singletary*

## Images from Holy Week 2011:

*the Gulf Coast EYC performed a "shadows" stations of the cross.*



# Easter by-the-Sea 2011



# Mission & Outreach

## OPPORTUNITIES AND REPORTS

### Feed My Sheep

Phil Parker will be responsible for May's Second Sunday Feed My Sheep lunch. He was kind to volunteer for this month as it falls on Mother's Day. He will still need some assistance in making the 50 lunches. A BIG thanks to Christie Daniels for coordinating our April Second Sunday and also to Jane Glenn and Cheryl Smith for continuing to add their special touch of home baked cookies for these lunches.

### IHN

Thanks to all who helped with our April 3-9 week to provide meals for IHN. And a special thanks to Patti Nicholas for coordinating these meals for our week.

While IHN continues to need financial assistance, two fund raising opportunities are upcoming to offer the Rebekah's House assistance. The **Beauvoir United Methodist Church** (2113 Pass Road, Biloxi) is hosting a yard sale on Saturday, May 7th. If you are able to donate items for this benefit, they are especially interested in donations

of furniture and household items, but no clothing. Items can be donated at the above address during 8:00-Noon, Monday-Thursday. If you have other questions, please call Bob Jacobs at 697-5021.

The second fundraiser is a **Kentucky Derby Party** hosted by Dawn and John Ruble at their home, 4907 Courthouse Road, on



Saturday, May 7th. Tickets for this fundraiser are \$45 and may be purchased from Kathy Van Zutphen

(343-1054), Dawn Ruble (297-9500) or at the door. The event will include Silent Auction items, a door prize and Derby Hat Contest. Of course heavy Hors d'oeuvres will be provided along with BIG SCREEN viewing the exciting Kentucky Derby! This sounds like a fun afternoon while supporting a worthy cause.

### Episcopal Recovery Development (ERD)

A big thanks to all who contributed to ERD through their boxes of Hope. If you forgot to bring your in on Easter, please drop it by the Church office or bring it to Church on April 23. When all funds have been received and counted, I'll be reporting our total back to you.

### Clothing for Harrison County Children's Shelter

Leslie Stanfield, our coordinator of this outreach effort has taken your donations or pants and tops to the Harrison County Children's Shelter. Thank you to those who donated girls' clothing for this outreach mission.

CALENDAR

### *Ladies' Night Out*

Our next Ladies Night Out will be at the Back Bay on May 31st.  
Please join us for a fun evening with the Ladies!

SERVING SCHEDULE

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## ***May topic explores creeds, worship, and behavior***

The Second Sunday Adult Forum is designed to explore important issues in our lives as Christians. *Saving Jesus from The Church* is the topic for the next Adult Forum on May 8.

The focus of this session will be on the way the content of the Christian Faith changed as the Church developed into an institution. The first followers of Jesus were called “followers of the Way.” This early Christian Community endeavored to practice the teachings and ministry of the Historical Jesus. After about two hundred years, as the institutional Church held many councils, major emphasis was placed on what one believed about Jesus. If you did not believe what the Church taught, especially in the creeds, your life was in danger.

Some scholars say the religion of Jesus was shifted to a religion about Jesus. Others say what you believed became more important to the Church than what you practiced in your daily life. This controversy continues today in various branches of the Christian Church.

The Reverend Ted Dawson will give us an overview of the subject and lead us in a discussion of the issues. Father Dawson will discuss the subject from three perspectives: (1) the creeds the Church developed through the years, (2) the content of worship which reflects the culture the Church has developed, and (3) the conduct and behavior of Christians at various times in history.

**Plan to attend the Forum on Sunday, May 8 from 9:00 to 10:15 a.m. in the parish hall. Come early and enjoy coffee or tea before the discussion begins at 9:15.**

You are encouraged to give Edwin Graham your suggestions for topics to be discussed in a future forum. Hot topics will be considered.

**JUNE  
6-9**



**We're blasting off back in time as we journey through**

**GOD'S GALAXY QUEST**

**for this year's Vacation Bible School!**

***Be sure and mark your calendars for Monday through Thursday, June 6-9, for an adventure that is out of this world!***

*Congratulations!*

Sandi Dulaney was elected recently to the Long Beach School Board by the City Council.

Lenny Sawyer, III, received the Airline Transport Pilot Certificate, the highest pilot rating available.

Katina Krass, art specialist and supervisor at Lake Forest Elementary, Fulton County Schools was chosen as 1 of 5 in the state of Georgia to be recognized as a leader in the field of the arts. The Woodruff Arts Center in connection with the High Museum of Art in Atlanta, Georgia, salutes Georgia Arts in Education Leaders.



## May Angels:

Dottie Long, Candice Ozerden, Jackie Krass, Marie Porter

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# Barbecue by-the-Sea Challenge

**WOW!! What a Barbecue!!** The food was yummy, the fellowship so special, and the music set a perfect tone for a great afternoon at St. Peter's with St. Pierre's folks joining in the fun.

We have so many people to thank for making this year's event such a success. I know I'll leave someone out, so please forgive me. I do want to do my best by thanking the following:

Lenny Sawyer, Jon Marc Van Zutphen, Keith Ballard, Doug Singletary, Christie Yoste, Our Judges, Mike Cassady, Amy and Richard Smith, Marie Porter, Earline Sawyer, Bob Wolford, Ben Lee, Judy Ownbey, Allen Jones, Jackie and Paul Krass, Gordon Stanfield, Norma Bass, Mary Frances Milsted, Sarah Scott, Patti Nicholas, Brett Nicholas, Judy Joest, Mike Ward, Sul Ozerden, John Ruble, Marvin Koury, our Vestry ticket sellers, Cheryl Smith, Jane Glenn, Melanie, Scott and Dottie Long.

If you have receipts for Barbecue expenses, please turn them into Judy Ownbey by May 10th for reimbursement. This will allow us to get a final assessment on costs verses income for the Barbecue. Thanks!

Submitted by,  
Candace B. Ozerden

# BOOK CLUB

to meet  
May  
5

Jackie Krass provided a delicious meal as well as a beautifully decorated table with eggs and bunnies for our April meeting. Thank you for your hospitality.

**May meeting:** We will gather in the Parish Hall with our hostesses, Linda Koury and Judy Ownbey, on Thursday, May 5, at 5:30 pm for wine and conversation. After our meal we will discuss Major Pettigrew's *Last Stand* by Helen Simonson. This story about contemporary families in an English village offers opportunities for discussions about sacrifice and obligations, intergenerational relationships, and outsiders.

**June meeting:** Mary Alice Bailey has offered to host the next meeting when we will be discussing *Remarkable Creatures* by Tracy Chevalier. This will be our last meeting before our summer break for the months of July and August.

**Book Selections:** Book Selections for the fall will be held at the June meeting. Please begin compiling your list of books which you wish to recommend to us for consideration.

**Synopsis of Remarkable Creatures:** The discoveries of fossils on the beaches of Lyme Regis, England, in the 19th century rocked the world and opened the minds of scientists to the planet's unimaginable age and the extinction of species. Though attributed to men of consequence, the first remarkable finds were made by the poor working-class Anning family—and their young daughter, Mary. Chevalier wraps the history with a tale of the friendship between Mary and Elizabeth Philpot, a gentlewoman also fascinated by the creatures of stone, in a time when women were thought to be ill-suited to the work or incapable of understanding the scope of their finds. Each of these two characters tells a first-person story. Chevalier handles the science with a deft hand, but her real subject is two women barred from the professional community of men who are also denied access to the more acceptable roles of wife and mother.

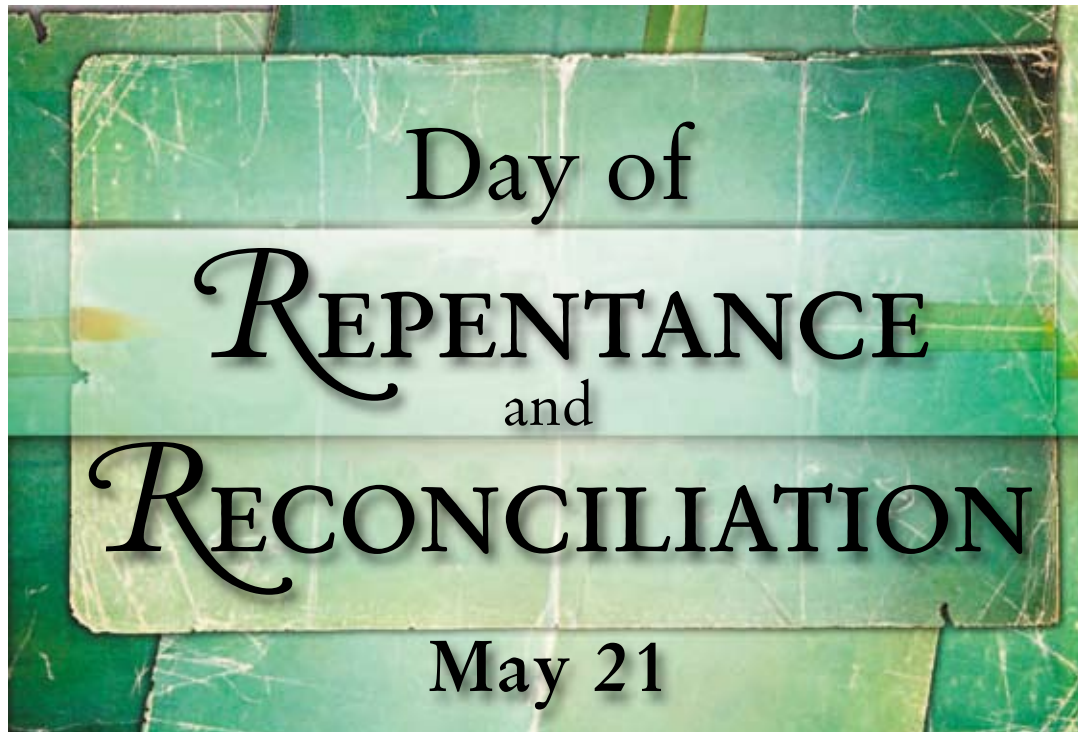
## Children's Choir News



### Something exciting is coming!

Lee Hood, with the help of daughter, Fran Burch in sewing, and son-in-law Lonnie Burch, in attaining the notions and keeping the machines running, and with the support of A-1 Vacuum and Sewing Center in Covington, LA, is creating vestments for the children's choir! These will add to the children's experience of being an OFFICIAL component in worship at St. Peter's! They are so excited and you will see them soon, so please remember to compliment the children....and THANK Lee, Fran, and Lonnie! This is an extraordinary gift and we are SO GRATEFUL!!

Barbara Blanchard  
Children's Choir Director



Day of  
**REPENTANCE**  
and  
**RECONCILIATION**  
May 21

During the 2011 Annual Council of the Episcopal Diocese of Mississippi, Bishop Gray observed that the upcoming 50th anniversary of the Freedom Riders offers a significant opportunity for the Episcopal Church in Mississippi.

The observance of this event – pivotal in the American civil rights movement – offers an occasion for us to reflect upon our history with slavery and the civil rights movement.

The 50th anniversary of the Freedom Riders is a time for Mississippians to acknowledge our role in supporting slavery and to seek reconciliation with our brothers and sisters whose legacy is enslavement and Jim Crow.

To this end, Bishop Gray has set Saturday, May 21, as a *“Day of Repentance and Reconciliation”* for the Diocese of Mississippi.

A liturgy of repentance and reconciliation will be held at 2:00 p.m. at St. Andrew's Episcopal Cathedral in Jackson. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.

*Weather permitting, the processional party and all interested persons will gather at 1:30 at the site of the Trailways Bus Station (the MS Museum of Art) to begin our liturgy. A formal procession to the Cathedral will follow.*

**St. Peter's by-the-Sea Mission Statement:**

*We are a community of faith that seeks to equip and nurture all persons to live out the love of God and to share the message of Jesus Christ through servant ministry to the greater community.*

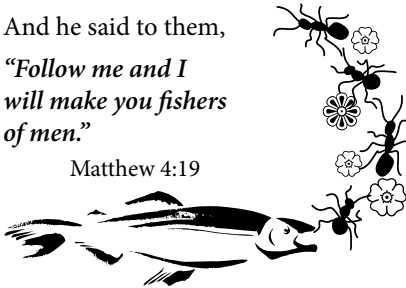
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And he said to them,  
"Follow me and I  
will make you fishers  
of men."

Matthew 4:19



## MARK YOUR MAY CALENDAR

**5th**

*Book Discussion Group*

**7th**

*Derby Day IHN fund-raiser*

**8th**

*Hug a mom!*

**21st**

*Day of Repentance and  
Reconciliation*

**27-29th**

*Bishop's Barbeque*

**30th**

*Memorial Day*

**31st**

*Ladies' Night Out*

## MEMBERSHIP NOTES

### Baptism:

Daniel Andrew Dickson, nephew of Melanie  
and David Lemburg



## Follow St. Peter's by-the-Sea on Facebook, blogspot

If you use Facebook, look for the  
St. Peter's by-the-Sea fan page.

The Rev. Melanie Lemburg now has a blog:  
There's spiritual insight and the texts of her sermons, in case you didn't hear all of it the first time!  
<http://lemburgordinarytime.blogspot.com/>  
There's a link to it at the top of the St. Peter's website, too.