

In the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, we welcome you to St. Peter's Episcopal Church

St. Peter's Episcopal Church

42 Sweden Road

Bridgton, Maine 04009



# Fish Tales



*Episcopal Parish serving the Greater Bridgton Lakes Region since 1962*

May 2009

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*You are cordially invited to a  
Celebration  
of  
The First Anniversary of our new Building,  
The Sacrament of Confirmation  
and Holy Eucharist  
with  
our new bishop,  
The Right Reverend Stephen Lane*

On Wednesday, May 13, the Bishop of Maine will be with us to mark the first anniversary of our church building and our mission as St. Peter's Episcopal Church, to administer the sacrament of Confirmation to a half dozen members of our parish and to celebrate Holy Eucharist. We hope that the entire parish will be present to support these adults who will be Confirmed and to welcome Bishop Stephen on his first visit to St. Peter's Church. This will be an opportunity for many of us to meet Bishop and Mrs. Lane. These celebrations are very important to our life at St. Peter's Episcopal and I encourage you to join us.

~Bishop John+

**Wednesday, May 13, 2009**

<b>4:45 p.m.</b>	Vestry to meet with the Bishop. Light supper will be served
<b>5:45 p.m.</b>	Confirmands to meet with the Bishop
<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	Holy Eucharist with Confirmation
<b>7:30 p.m.</b>	Reception with Confirmands and Bishop and Mrs. Lane



*I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord." Psalm 122:1*



## Reflections from the Senior Warden

The first Easter celebration in our new church building—Hallelujah! It was a beautiful service, the memorial flowers were perfect and “Mother Nature” provided us with glorious weather. After the service, approximately forty of us enjoyed what has become our annual Easter brunch at the Olde Mill Tavern in Harrison. I can't think of a better way to spend Easter.

This, of course, was the culmination of a busy schedule for Holy Week. The Maundy Thursday Agape Feast and scripture readings followed by the Eucharist was particularly meaningful. I want to thank all those who were involved and responsible for this special evening.

I have to confess that I don't normally attend the Ecumenical service of Stations of the Cross, which was held at St. Joseph's Church on Good Friday at 3:00 p.m. Even though I was brought up in the Episcopal Church, I don't remember ever being exposed to this service. As a youngster, singing in the Boys' Choir, we had to attend and sing at the Good Friday Service, which was from noon to 3:00 p.m. We were all pretty faithful about this, but all I really remember is that it was the longest three hours I ever spent in church. Well, Norma and I did attend the Stations of the Cross service this year, along with a number of others from St. Peter's and it was a very meaningful service.

Looking ahead, Bishop Stephen Lane will make his first visit to St. Peter's on Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> for Confirmation. Please mark this date on your calendars and plan to attend. The date of his visit almost coincides with the anniversary of our first service in our new building, so we've taken the liberty of calling this our 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Service.

My joke-of-the-month:

Robin Williams, who is an Episcopalian, once described the Episcopal faith as the following: “Catholic Lite—same rituals, half the guilt.”

God Bless,

*Bob Vivian*, Sr. Warden

## Education for Ministry Open House

What is the EfM group that St. Peter's parishioners pray for each week? Education for Ministry is an extension course offered through the University of the South and has been a staple of adult Christian education in the Episcopal church for more than thirty years. Our EfM group meets at the church on Monday evenings for three hours of Bible study, worship, sharing and theological reflection, a method of drawing on our faith and culture to understand the world around us.

The St. Peter's EfM group will host an open house on Monday, May 11 at 6 p.m., for anyone who might be interested in joining next year. Please visit with us so that you can make an informed decision about whether or not to add your voice to the exciting discussions about faith and worship that take place around the table each week.

Next year's group will meet on Wednesday nights from 6-9 p.m.

**FMI:** contact [Margaret R.](#)



**TUNE IN**

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## Lake Region Television

St. Peter's Episcopal Church services are shown on channels 5 and/or 7 each Saturday and Sunday evening at 6 p.m.

## Get Involved

You don't have to wait to be invited—everyone is welcome to participate in classes, groups and ministries at St. Peter's Episcopal Church. We promise you'll be warmly welcomed.

## Directory/Office Information Sheet

If you have not already returned the information sheet, which was mailed or given to you in March, please complete and return it ASAP. The new 2009-2010 phone directory will be distributed in June. This is a useful tool for all parishioners.



## Planning a meeting at church?

Please call the office at 647.8549 to verify the time and schedule for your event. Outside programs and other activities may already be scheduled. If your activity or program meets on a regular basis, please make sure it is on the church calendar posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex.



Please sign up to help provide child care or work with youth activities during one or two Sunday services this summer. A sign-up sheet is available at the ushers' stand or you may call the church office at 647.8549 to offer your services.

### Narcotics Anonymous for Women

This group meets at St. Peter's Episcopal Church each Thursday from 7-8:30 p.m. It is open to women addicts only. We are fortunate to have the only NA for Women in this area as the closest one is in the Biddeford/Saco area. Please keep their mission and purpose in your prayers. If you know of someone who may benefit from the group, please pass along the meeting information.

*"NA is a nonprofit fellowship or society of men and women for whom drugs had become a major problem. We ... meet regularly to help each other stay clean. ... We are not interested in what or how much you used ... but only in what you want to do about your problem and how we can help."*

FMI: [www.na.org](http://www.na.org)

### Prayers of the People

*Please pray for the following:*

*Larry L, Frederica, Larry D, Greg,  
Peggy, Norman, Marcia, Jocelyn, Jean, Margaret,  
Brenda, Fran and Mike*



Taylor's Hymn . . . Holy, Holy, Holy

### Lay Weeders Needed

Spring is here and it's time to get back to work on the gardens at St. Peter's Episcopal Church. Already this season we've planted lilacs by the new parking area and a second red osier dogwood by the church foundation. On Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> we'll have a spring clean-up day. Plan to arrive at nine and work till noontime. Please bring a rake, trowels or shovels, and gardening/work gloves. A few plants need to be moved prior to the excavation work and the yard needs to be raked. Marion B. and the young people of church will also need a hand as they prepare the vegetable garden.

We will gladly accept plant donations, particularly shrubs, for this season. Until the excavation and drainage work is completed, we will move slowly on the Memorial garden. I've provided a list of requested shrubs and supplies, but if you have another plant or shrub you would particularly like to see in the garden, please talk with Lanny W. or me. All plant materials given in memory of a loved one will be recorded in the church's memorial donation book, so there will be a permanent record of your remembrance.

~Margaret R.

#### Needed Plants and Supplies:

- Lilacs
- Sub-zero roses
- A weeping crab-apple tree
- 2 hydrangeas
- 2 pink rhododendrons
- 6 golden lion false cypress
- 5 red osier dogwood
- High bush blueberries
- Princess spirea
- Happy returns day lilies
- Mulch
- Loam for vegetable garden
- Fencing for vegetable garden.





## *St. Peter's Annual Plant and Bake Sale*

*Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>*

*8 a.m. - 1 p.m.*

*Chapter 11 parking lot*

*FMI:*

*Emily H—Baked Goods Chair*

*Marion B—Plant Seedlings Chair*

Baked goods and plant seedlings are greatly appreciated. Volunteers are also needed to help with this fun(d) raising event.

*St. Peter's Episcopal Church began as a summer mission in 1962. On September 8, 1974, St. Peter's-by-the-Lake held its first service of extended ministry. Since then, though it did not have a home of its own, the church has provided an Episcopal presence to summer and year-round residents of the Lakes Region by meeting in various locations including people's homes, Bridgton Academy and local churches of different denominations. The first service in St. Peter's Episcopal Church on Sweden Road in Bridgton, was held on May 25, 2008. The building and contents were dedicated and consecrated on June 1, 2008.*



## **Reaching In**

The InReach Committee met on Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, to discuss a variety of topics. The main purpose of the group is to call on parishioners, share a cup of coffee and talking about events that have occurred over the course of the year. The committee also made plans to call on summer parishioners. ~Tom S.



## **Fish Tales**

is a monthly publication of  
**St. Peter's Episcopal Church**  
Deadline for each issue is the  
25<sup>th</sup> of the preceding month.

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**Don't forget—Memorial Day is  
Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>.  
The Parish Office will be closed that day.**

### Feast of Pentecost



Sunday, May 31

A special festival Eucharist is planned. During the procession and recession, the children will carry banners provided by the EfM group.

Please wear **RED for the birthday of the Church and the giving of the Holy Spirit**

How have you experienced God's presence in your life? What words come to mind as you reflect on who/what/how God is for you?

Peace

TRUTH

Love

Family

Hope

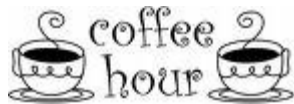
Light

Friends

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#### fill in the blank

When you think of a word, write it down and keep it with you throughout the day. Every once in a while stop and think about that word and remember . . . the Lord is with you!



**Volunteers needed for summer coffee hour.**

**Sign up at the ushers' stand.**

They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit.

*Acts 2:4*



### New to St. Peter's Episcopal Church?

*If you are a new member or just moved to the Greater Bridgton area and would like your records transferred to St. Peter's, please call Janet at 647.8549 so a transfer can be sent to your former parish.*



**The cook book is starting to take shape, but . . . we need a recipe or two from each of you. Any helpful hints or personal notes about the recipes are also welcome.**

**Suggestions for a cook book title?**

**Submit your recipes (by July 1<sup>st</sup>) and title ideas to any of the following:**

**Leigh Hayes, Karen Doughty, Janet Jones, Barbara Marshall or Pat White**

### At The Cathedral

The Cathedral Shop, located at the Cathedral Church of St. Luke, 143 State Street in Portland, will host a book signing event on Sunday, May 17, from 11:15 to 12:30. The author is Gail Kesich, a Cathedral parishioner, who writes under the name of Gail Donovan. Her latest book is In Memory of Gorfman T. Frog, a novel for ages 7 - 12.

The Cathedral Shop: open on Sundays from 11:15 to 12:30 and by appointment, call the Cathedral office at 772-5434.

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**Holy Eucharist , Sunday School and Child Care**

**Sunday—9:00 a.m.**

**Parish Coordinator**  
 Janet Jones

**Director of Music**  
 Evan Miller

**Christian Education Coordinator**  
 Janet Jones

**Fish Tales Editor**  
 Leigh Macmillen Hayes

**Vestry**

**Senior Warden:** Bob Vivian  
**Junior Warden:** Eric Wissmann  
**Vestry Clerk:** Leigh Hayes  
**Vestry Treasurer:** Jack Bash

**Members:**  
 Jonathan Jones, Lin Frank, Karen Mentus, Deb Ripley, Kirk Engstrom, Liz Tusing

**St. Peter's Episcopal Church Office Hours**  
**Monday-Friday**  
**9:00 a.m-1:00 p.m.**

**The Mission of St. Peter's Episcopal Church**

St. Peter's Episcopal Church is a congregation that meets to worship God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It is a place where everyone is welcome. We find our strength in the Eucharist. We pray that we may use our time, talent and resources for the benefit of our community. We gather to seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit, to uphold and support each other and to reach out in service to others.

**MAY CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

<b>May 2</b>	9:00 a.m.	<b>Garden/church Clean -up</b>
<b>May 3</b>	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	11:00 a.m.	Sunday School/Child Care
		InReach Team Meeting
<b>May 4</b>	6:00 p.m.	EfM class
<b>May 5</b>	5:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
<b>May 7</b>	6:30 p.m.	NA for Women
<b>May 10</b>	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	11:00 a.m.	Sunday School/ Child Care
		Bridgton Health Care Services
<b>May 11</b>	6:00 p.m.	EfM class/ <b>Open House</b>
<b>May 12</b>	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministry, Pat S.'s home
	5:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
<b>May 13</b>	4:45 p.m.	Vestry Meets with Bishop Lane
	5:45 p.m.	Bishop meets Confirmands
	6:30 p.m.	<b>Church Anniversary Celebration</b>
		<b>Confirmation with Holy Eucharist</b>
	7:30 p.m.	Reception
<b>May 14</b>	6:30 p.m.	NA for Women
<b>May 17</b>	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	10:45 a.m.	Last Sunday School Class/Awards and Recognition
		Vestry
<b>May 18</b>	6:00 p.m.	EfM
<b>May 19</b>	11:00 a.m.	St. Peter's Café
	5:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
<b>May 21</b>	6:30 p.m.	NA for Women
<b>May 23</b>	TBA	<b>Plant and Bake Sale/Chapter 11 Parking Lot</b>
<b>May 24</b>	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
		Child Care
<b>May 25</b>		Office Closed
	6:00 p.m.	EfM
<b>May 26</b>	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministry, Emily H.'s home
	5:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
<b>May 28</b>	6:30 p.m.	NA for Women
<b>May 31</b>	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist/wear <b>RED</b>
		Child Care

**Basket of the Month**

The "Basket of the Month," a source of outreach for St. Peter's, continues to support St. Elizabeth's Essential Pantry in Portland with the following items:

**April: Think spring!! Sunscreen lotion, Band-Aids, NEOSPORIN®, bug repellent, small packages of tissues, etc.**