

# St. Peter's Keys

## St. Peter's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church

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*“Over the chaos of the empty waters  
hovers the Spirit  
bringing forth creation;  
So from the empty tomb the Second  
Adam issued triumphant”*

(Hymn #176, 1982 Hymnal)

Those of us living in Southeast Alaska are blessed with a unique insight into the relationship between God's creation, the chaos of the waters, and the act of bring forth new life. Spring in Sitka has been marked by an explosion of new life from time immemorial. This event is marked by the arrival of the herring. The Tlingit people, the first inhabitants of our island, knew that the seasons had turned once the seas around them were turned to a milky green by a great cloud of herring spawn. Like clockwork, winter lets loose its grip on this majestic place, the herring arrive, and spring has begun. Over the last two centuries all the people who have come to call Sitka home have learned to share the first people's appreciation of the life giving forces that emerge from the waters surrounding us.

Our forebearers in the faith, the Hebrew people, understood this as well. The first creation story in Genesis portrays the Spirit of God moving over the face of the waters and calling forth light, sun, stars, moon, and life in all its variety. The Hebrew people were not seafaring people as we are. To them the great waters were a place of power and chaos. At the same time, they understood that those waters were the place from which God drew all things marvelous.

There is a stream of Christian tradition that looks at the Easter event from a perspective that should sound familiar to us. In this tradition, the events of Holy Week are seen as human society returning to the roiling waters of the original chaos. As Jesus' body was laid in the tomb, that body way symbolically returned to the waters of Genesis. While his body lay submerged in its vessel, or cocoon, it went through a recreation. According to this perspective, the Jesus that emerged was a new type of humanity, the first born, the Second Adam. This second Adam is the image of what God continues to call forth in every child of the first Adam and Eve.

Easter and the return of the herring to Sitka are inextricably connected in our land. It is as if the herring know when our Lord was resurrected. For Christian Sitkans the connections run even deeper. The herring have brought the reawakening of life and new beginnings to our island for eons. Once the Risen Lord was proclaimed here, that same rebirth was given added meaning and spiritual power to the people of this place. In the rising of the Second Adam, all of us are given new birth.

Many of our hearts and lives seem to lie fallow under the snows of winter--even in summer. There are many reasons for this. Some of us are buried in guilt. Others are struggling with grief. Many still are not sure they are worthy of belonging to the family of humanity. Easter is for us. The resurrection of Jesus is God's pledge to you that God continues to work God's creative wonders in our hearts and lives. And some

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day soon we will emerge from our transforming struggles as God's new creations to discover that we have always been and always will be the beloved children of God.

As you continue to celebrate the season of Easter with your her-ring roe in all its forms, remember God's promises, the new life given, and who you are in Christ.

See you in church,

### The Four Season of Sitka

Just like everywhere else, Sitka has four seasons. But as you would expect, we define our seasons our own way. The first season is the rainy season. The second season is the snowy season. Third, the fishing and hunting season. And finally the tourist season. The unique thing about our seasons is that they can all occur on the same day, some-times in the same hour. It should not be surprising that Sitkans have discovered how to shoehorn their vacation seasons into all the other seasons in unique ways.

I am reluctant to call the months from May through August the slow season. This is because many of us are most busy during this time of the year. But others, whose year re- volves around the academic cycle, get a break. Whatever season these months will be for you and your family, may God's blessings be with you where ever you are.

Blessings, Fr. Dave

### Rogation Days:

Thursday, May 21st will be the Feast of the Ascension. Since the year 470 AD, the church has marked the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday before the Ascension as Rogation Days. These are the days on which we pray for God's bless- ings on the fields, forests, lakes, streams and seas of a parish. This year we will be marking the Roga- tion Days on Sunday, May 17th. Fr. Gordon will conclude our 11:00am service with a Rogation Procession. It is hoped that members of the St. Peter's Community Fellowship Farm will join us for this ceremony of blessing.

If you are a gardener and have spring starts waiting to go into the ground, a fisher with a favorite lure ready to get wet, or practice subsis- tence and have a tool that you use to gather food from nature, bring one of these to church that Sunday. As a portion of the procession, we will pray that God prosper our labor and the fruit of the earth and sea this year.

It is my hope that as this season of abundance begins, this blessing will help us be ever mindful of the source of all blessings.

Faithfully, Fr. Dave



### Abundant Living

#### Be still and know . . . .

One early April morning, just be- fore sunrise, Abby and I started our AM walk on Halibut Point Road. Suddenly vehicles rushed past from both directions – cars, pick-ups and container trucks – stirring up dust as they sped along. The mini rush- hour lasted only a few moments, but left my ears ringing from the roar of motors on a mission.

When the noise finally faded into the distance, the quiet left behind was a stark contrast. But gradually, sounds began to emerge from the stillness. First came the sound of the creek splashing down the rocky hillside into a small pool, through a culvert under the road and over the beach rocks into the Sound. Waves softly lapped the rocky shoreline. The music of songbirds grew as they flew back to low bushes and trees. A pair of squirrels chat- tered, one acting as sentry to warn the other of approaching danger. Overhead, seagulls squealed; eagles perched above the road cried out territorial calls. Behind me, I heard a soft whoosh in the water and turned just in time to see a breaching whale crash down with a muffled boom. In the midst of human stillness, the sounds of life abounded.

The peace of the moment was soon broken by the noise of the next car coming down the road, but not before my mind was filled with thoughts of gratitude for the brief respite, for the beauty of the scene, for the bounty of the land. The rest of the day, I returned to those mo-



ments and recalled the verse, “Be still and know that I Am God.”

When the psalmist wrote those words in Psalm 46, he was not celebrating moments of peace and quiet. This psalm was probably written shortly after David had waged war on neighboring tribes. While the psalm praised God for being a refuge and source of strength in times of trouble, it also noted that God had the power to bring desolation to the earth. But the psalmist did not dwell on destruction; instead, he pulled the people to the presence of God. God commanded the people, Be still in the midst of trouble and strife, uncertainty and tumult! Be still and let me in. Be still and know Me—in the silence, know that I am your God!

That's not exactly the idyllic scene I experienced that morning on HPR. However, the Bible is the living Word, written in one time and place, but alive across the centuries

and around the world. While I want to know the context of verses from scripture, I also know that much scripture can be understood in settings different from the original. The beauty of this verse is that it speaks to us on many different levels.

I can imagine so many people out of the Bible who knew and experienced God in stillness – Noah, after the wind and rain of the flood had died down; Elijah on Mount Horeb waiting for the presence of God that came, not in the wind, the earthquake or the fire, but in a gentle whisper; Mary, in moments of quiet after the birth of Jesus; Paul, surviving raging storms at sea. For each of them, and so many others, these moments of quiet brought them closer to God—the God of strength and of peace, the God of creation, the God of redemption, the God of salvation, hope and glory, the God of goodness and abundance.

Stillness is a gift we have been given by God, for our own use and for the benefit of others around us. Our own stillness can refresh us. The gift of our stillness may bring peace to a neighbor in need of solace. A quiet moment shared with a friend may bring more comfort than words ever could, or communicate more love to a hungry soul than anything money could buy.

Some days, it's hard to find the right moment to be still and know God. In our busy lives, stillness and quiet may be elusive. But trust God to sneak those moments in on us. Noah found it on the water; Elijah found it on the mountain; Paul found it after a storm. Abby and I found it on Halibut Point Road. Be still, and you will find it, too. Thanks be to God!

Peace – Kit Mellema

“I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.” John 10:10



### Telephone Prayer Chain

If you have a prayer need and want someone to pray with you, or if you would like several people to pray for you, call one of the following people. We are all in need of prayer. Don't hesitate to share your needs.

	Home#	Work #	Other#	email
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Marian Blankenship.....	738-3842 .....			sukiesplace@yahoo.com



St. Peter's By-the Sea Vestry

Rector Fr. Dave Elsensohn

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Jr. Warden, Mat Turner

Ted Laufenberg

• Mike McConnell

• Kit Allgood-Mellema

• Ira Snelling

• Brian Massey

• Ann Brauer-Burns

• Debbie Paxton. Tres.

## Executive Summary

Vestry Meeting April 15, 2009

Easter rich in prayer, worship, raised awareness of Christ's call to his church to minister to those less fortunate than ourselves, and spiritual development.

Deanery Convocation April 23-26 planned in great detail. Bishop is coming, confirmations will be held at 10 am worship service,

Safe Church training coming from Diocesan office. Healing Ministry workshops and services planned.

Clergy Retreat April 21-23 at Sprucecot. Carole Knuth Deanery Recorder. Ann DeLill Deanery treasurer. Fr. Gordon will be Dean. Landscaping rocks at See House garden. Blue van moved to side of yard. Fellowship Garden going well. New concrete steps and platform coming from Steve Dunn for vestry door.

Parish finances stable. See House Renovation Loan has pledges receivable of \$61,212 and unpledge loan balance of \$20,208.

Columbarium plan reviewed. Jericho Road financial future in doubt, but doing great service. Save Sitka's See House being dissolved. Red Cross Chapter in Sitka now giving service to homeless folks. Ted Laufenberg offers CPR and First Aid instruction to parishioners at no cost.

Spring Clean up was a grand success with many willing and able workers.

Fr. Gordon striving to find a lay person and a youth (age 18-25) to serve on Diocesan Youth Commission which he chairs.

Fr. David vacation May 13--June 10.

## UTO Grant to Anglican Youth Center



Stateless Filipino children living in Japan will have access to safe transportation, computer training and health care, thanks to a \$46,000 UTO grant awarded to the Anglican Youth Center in Nagoya for the Ecumenical Learning Center for Children.

## SUMMER READING BOOKLIST SUGGESTIONS



*As gathered at the Easter Potluck ...*

- **The Shack**, by William P. Young
- **Flotsometrics**, by Kurt Ebesmeyer
- **Chocolat**, by Joanne Harris
- **Twilight**, by Stephenie Meyer
- **Lake Wobegon**, by Garrison Keillor
- **Saving Nature**, by John McPhee
- **Mennonite Community Cook Books**, by Naomi Nissley
- **Animal, Vegetable, Miracle**, by Barbara Kingsolver
- **Outliers: The Story of Success**, by Malcolm Gladwell
- **The Last Lecture**, by Randy Pausch/Jeffrey Zaslow
- **The Road**, by Cormac McCarthy
- **Angela's Ashes**, by Frank McCourt
- **Missing**, by Karin Alvtegen
- **The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian**, by Sherman Alexie
- **Mary Mary**, by James Patterson
- **Chinese Lessons**, by John Pomfret
- **Three Cups of Tea**, by Greg Mortenson
- **Mountains Beyond Mountains**, by Tracy Kidder
- **Box Car Children**, by Gertrude Chandler Warner
- **#1 Ladies Detective Agency Series**, by Alexander McCall Smith
- **The Continuing Story of Sherlock Holmes**



- **The Audacity of Hope**, by Barack Obama
- **Berserk**, by Kentaro Miura
- **The Strangest Story Ever Told**, by Harry D.Colp
- **The Curve of the World**, by Marcus Stevens
- **Black Hawk Down**, by Mark Bowder
- **Book of Angels**, by Sylvia Browne (?)
- **Beverly Hills Chihuahua** (movie)
- **The Guernsey Literary & Potato Peel Pie Society**, by Mary Ann Shaffer
- **The Dog Who Wouldn't Be**, by Farley Mowat
- **The Secret Life of Bees**, by Sue Monk Kidd
- **Everlost**, by Neal Shusterman
- **Puff the Magic Dragon**, by Peter Yarrow
- **Eragon**, by Christopher Paolini
- **Eldest**, by Christopher Paolini
- **What in the World is Going On**, by David Jeremiah
- **The Screw Tape Letters**, by C.S. Lewis
- **Molokai**, by Alan Brennert
- **The Redbird Christmas**, by Fanny Flagg
- **Heat**, by Bill Buford

**UTO  
Ingathering  
May 17**

## **Columbarium. . . What. . .Why**

What—Colmbarium is an alternative place of interment of remains instead of interment in a cemetery.

Why—Columbarium? Churches have traditionally been the natural repository and final resting place for the deceased members of the Christian communnity. We already have remains interred

within the altar of our church, but the capacity is limited. The columbarium we are considering allows

interment of the cremated remains of our loved ones who are faithful members of this church. This attractive alternative to burial in the cemetery offers the family immediate access at almost all time, to the interment site of their loved ones, regardless of weather. “We have brought them home to their church.” So-called “perpetual care” is also greatly simplified and insured, since the Columbarium that is an integral part of the church; cleaning, maintenance, repairs and protection, just as in the church, is ongoing. The site dedicated to this project is the vestry.

January 2001 the Columbarium & Garden Memorial committee was commissioned to formulate a plan for a Memorial Garden and Columbarium for St.

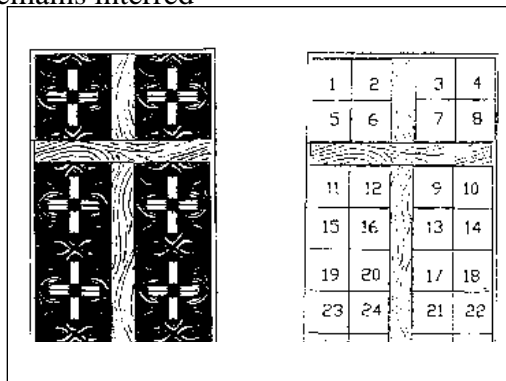
Peter’s. The cost was estimated at \$20,000. This cost was to come out of a Columbarium fund created through subscriptions and pre-use subscriptions. The fees are \$500 for interment of cremated remains in the Memorial Garden and \$800 for interment in the Columbarium. The subscriptions collected to date have enabled the completion of the memorial garden and purchase of memorial stone, and plaques, which have been dedicated. A

Plaque for those interred in the altar had also been purchased and dedicated.

This project will not start until enough (niche reservations) subscriptions are sold to cover the

cost. All funds from interment in the Memorial Garden and pre-use subscriptions for the Columbarium are kept in a dedicated fund and when the estimated cost is reached, construction can begin. And no cost to the church will be incurred. Illustration above is of face plate and behind the plate the number of niches. At this time we are \$6,500 closer to our goal of \$20,000 for the installation of the Columbarium in the vesting area of St. Peter’s.

Anyone wishing more information about acquiring a pre-use subscription, for the Memorial Garden or Columbareum please contact Fr. Dave, Roberta in the See House office—747-3977 or Thelma Carter—752-0942.





## Trudging the Road to Happy Destiny

*Rogation and Ascension  
May 17-21*

### **Omnes gentes, plaudite Psalm 47:1**

*Clap your hands, all you peoples;  
shout to God with a cry of joy.*

### **Cantate Domino Psalm 98:9**

*Let the rivers clap their hands, and  
let the hills ring out with joy before  
the Lord, when he comes to judge  
the earth.*

The Feast of the Ascension marks the end of the 40 days Christ walked with the people, following the Resurrection. The Gospel for the Feast is from Luke, Chapter 24:44-53. In it, Jesus 'opened their minds to scripture,' instructed them to stay put 'until you have been clothed with power from on high,' and then, 'While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.' And that was not a departure, so much as a beginning, ten days before the event we now remember as the birthday of the Church, Pentecost.

The word 'Rogation' is from a Latin verb, rogare, "to ask." There are two rogations on the traditional calendar. The first, 'Major Rogation,' was on the day we now designate for the Feast of the Evangelist Mark, April 25. The second, 'Minor Rogation,' occurs on the three days before the Ascension. The preceding Sunday became called 'Rogation Sunday'. Rogation Days

were traditionally solemn times of fasting and special prayer. Litanies were sung, prayers for protection from calamity were offered, and crops were blessed by a priest. A procession would walk the boundaries of the parish, offering prayers for protection for the coming year.

In 1976, our church reformed its calendar. The Sixth Sunday of Easter, and the three days before Ascension, are now marked as an optional 'Rogation.' It is a good thing that this option was preserved. It is important for us to remember that we are creatures, placed and nurtured in a cycle of growth and rest. Rogation puts us in 'right relation' with the season, by reminding us of our dependence on nature, and the 'increase' which flows – if we are blessed – from the quickening of spring.

In Sitka, for good reason, we tend to be more closely attuned to the cycle of reproduction of the herring and salmon and deer. Although many of us are fed, to a large extent, from this local bounty, we all have become accustomed to receiving the produce of farms through a line of transportation which can span the globe, before arriving at our plate.

This distance, and the costs associated with it, we do well to remember. Certainly, the price of 'shipped in' food has long been a part of the awareness of life in Alaska. Now we are including in awareness, some costs which have not been so obvious as problems, until relatively recently – such as the emission of carbon to the atmosphere, and the side-effects of monoculture,

and the intensive use of chemicals in farming.

Now we are participating in this awareness in a physical, as well as a mental state. We are reassessing the costs, and remembering the blessings of spring. These include the starting of seeds, and the preparation, planting, and tending of St. Peter's Community Organic Farm. This work has been underway for weeks, already.

Now, on Rogation Sunday, May 17, you are invited to participate in a traditional procession, 'beating out the bounds of the parish.' Through participation in a traditional rite, adapted by Fr. Dave, we can regain a special awareness – the awareness of our fragility, the awareness of our blessings. We will remember, praise, and ask for the renewal of God's blessings in the bounty of creation.

Traditionally, the rites of rogation were a solemn occasion, because the people understood the importance, in their lives, of the variability of nature. They knew the seriousness of our dependence on the bounty of the season. They were also, as the psalms for the week reflect, participating in a time of special joy and grace. We share all of this, because of the knowledge that we, the people of God, are held in love. In the Gospel for Rogation Sunday, Jesus invites us, "I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete."

With joy in Christ,

Fr. Gordon.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

### May

- 9 Reginald Peterson
- 12 Jon Isaac Blue
- 12 Laurie Hood
- 16 Thelma Carter
- 17 Bonnie Elsensohn
- 18 Roberta Modrell
- 21 Hedy Peterson
- 30 Kathy McGraw
- 30 Mildred Enloe
- 30 Glenda Rice
- 30 Krista Rose Meyer

### June

- 1 Gus Bruhl
- 9 Erika Apathy
- 10 Philip Barker
- 12 Della Price
- 12 Chuck McGraw
- 13 Ira Snelling
- 15 Judy Johnstone
- 23 Candi Barger
- 24 Nathaniel Raffaele
- 24 Irene Pearson
- 25 Nancy McGraw

*Watch over thy Children, O lord as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be; strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall, and in their hearts may thy peace which passeth all understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (BCP)*

## Candi's Corner

**Happy May Day, 2009!** Spring is right around the corner! Still chilly in the am, but it warms up a little bit by afternoon. I see buds on the trees and my garden at the office has daffodils, snowdrops, crocuses and ground cover coming up plus some of my roses have little bits of green....YES! soon it will be the season of color and smells once more. Thought about this weekend getting outside to clean the yard and garden area, but it all depends on the weather..right?

**ECW** will hold their last get together before summer break on Friday, May 29th this year--- we offer an invitation to all to drop by at NOON for some fellowship, potluck sharing and a short meeting.

**Road Trip, 2009!** My son called a few weeks ago and invited his sister, his niece and myself on a road trip to see the Redwoods, Crescent City, San Francisco, Hollywood and Disneyland for 3 days! We had a great time, enjoyed the sites, shared many meals and kept saying how blessed we were to be able to drive such a distance and experience good weather and good company! Disneyland was our favorite so I know we will plan again to visit. Heath drove 17 hours straight to get us back to Bellevue in time so we had one day of rest--before I traveled back to Sitka. I treasure time with family as I know all of you do also...

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY** to all you moms, sisters, daughters, aunts, daughter-in-laws, nieces, grandmas, great-grandmas, great-great-grandmas and more on May 10th, 2009. Enjoy the day!

**Good fishing** to everyone, enjoy the summer, happy gardening, wishing you happy vacations with family and friends and remember to join us at St. Peter's for prayer, communion, fellowship and coffee!

**Congratulations** to all of our 2009 Graduates! From our grade-schoolers, middle-schoolers, high-schoolers and college students!

**Happy Birthday** to all who celebrate birthdays in May, Especially my niece, Tess Marie!

*"We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers." -- 1 Thessalonians 1:2*

God bless, love, **Candi**



### Life on the Farm

*St. Peter's Fellowship Farm that is.*

I had the honor of "seed start sitting" for a fellow parishioner in early April. What joy to watch a first time gardener's starts! They obviously were living in a loving environment, and I'm certain once they grace the Fellowship Farm's healthy soil they will produce an abundant supply of spinach for Sitkans. If you have any "seed start" questions, please call me at 747-5985. We have over 80 Sitkans growing starts for our garden...what an amazing spirit surrounds the farm!

I want to express my unending gratitude to Mat Turner, Ted Laufenberg, Jud Kirkness, Jack Ozment, Maybelle Filler and Doug Osborne for their dedicated efforts at the March 28th work party. The blue container van was relocated as were about a dozen Sitka Rose bushes. In addition the Mountain Ash also was felled...all to make more gardening space. We now will be able to terrace 3 additional beds! If you haven't had a chance, check out the new garden sign that was also erected. Bonnie E. did a fabulous job! (Hope I didn't inadvertently leave anyone out here).

April 18th several teams of stu-

dents participating in the Alaska Association of Student Government conference worked to gather soil and sand to fill the 3 new raised bed boxes that Pacific High

den can support a bountiful harvest this Summer and Fall.

Finally, a reminder to mark your calenders for one of the 4 planting parties in May. **The planting parties are scheduled for May 9th, May 16th, May 23rd and May 30th from 1-4pm.** We expect these to be festive, joyful events that bring parishioners and community members together who are committed to improving access to nutritious and scrumptious fruits & vegetables. So please plan on attending.

**We are also planning a Rogation Procession after the 11am service on Sunday, May 17th** to ask the Creator's blessing on St. Peter's Fellowship Farm, other Sitka gardens, our forest, rivers and ocean. And of course, we'll be hosting **Garden Tending gatherings** throughout the Summer to weed and nurture our beds.

In closing, I came across this beautiful poem by Li-Young Lee in *Roses* celebrating the miracle of juicy, ripe peaches....okay I know we don't grow peaches around here, but I hope you

can feel the same way about snap peas or rainbow chard after you've sampled them from our garden.

Blessings 'til September!

—Lisa

#### From Blossoms

From blossoms comes  
this brown paper bag of peaches  
we bought from the joy  
at the bend in the road where we turned  
toward signs painted Peaches.

From laden boughs, from hands,  
from sweet fellowship in the bins,  
comes nectar at the roadside, succulent  
peaches we devour, dusty skin and all,  
comes the familiar dust of summer,  
dust we eat.

O, to take what we love inside,  
to carry within us an orchard, to eat  
not only the skin, but the shade,  
not only the sugar, but the days, to hold  
the fruit in our hands, adore it, then  
bite into the round jubilation of peach.

There are days we live  
as if death were nowhere  
in the background; from joy  
to joy to joy, from wing to wing,  
from blossom to blossom to  
impossible blossom,  
to sweet impossible blossom.

— Li-Young Lee

students built last Fall. Student and volunteers also mixed the appropriate combinations of soil, sand and compost plus other soil amendments to ensure that our gar-

**Quote:** *For most kids, cleanliness isn't next to Godliness--it's next to impossible.*



### May Lay Ministers' Schedule

Time	3	10	17	24	31	7
8am Lay Reader Deacon	Brian	Glenda Dcn.Kathryn	Brian	Roberta Dcn. Kathryn	Brian	
11am Lector Lay Reader Deacon Greeter	Mim Ginny Dcn Kathryn Judy O.	Nancy Joe Roberta Dcn. Ann Bonnie	Jack/Judy Harriet Dcn Kathryn TBA	Carol Laura Dcn Ann Thelma	Chad C. Glenda Dcn Kathryn Debbie	MiM Ginny Dcn Ann
Bell Ringer Hostess	Don Don Bonnie Melanie	Ann Don TBA	TBA Judy O.	Carliegh TBA TBA	Gary TBA	
1pm Shepherd	TBA	Ginny & Kris	Thelma & Kit	Judy O. & Judy J.		

### Wednesday Services

	Wed. 6	Wed. 13	Wed. 20	Wed. 27	Wed. June 3
Lay Reader	Harriet	Roberta.	Ginny	Brian	Harriet

### June Lay Ministers' Schedule

Time	7	14	21	28	July 5
8am Lay Reader Deacon	Brian Dcn.Kathryn	Kit	Brian Dcn. Kathryn	Glenda	Brian Dcn. Kathryn
11am Lector Lay Reader Greeter	Mim Ginny TBA	Nancy Jo Harriet Bonnie	Jack/Judy Kit TBA	Carol Ginny TBA	Mim Roberta TBA
Bell Ringer Hostess	TBA TBA	TBA TBA	TBA TBA	TBA TBA	
1pm Shepherd	Glenda	Ginny & Kris	Thelma & Kit	Judy O. & Judy J.	

### Wednesday Services

	Wed. 3	Wed. 10	Wed. 17	Wed. 24	Wed. July 1
Lay Reader	Harriet	Roberta	Ginny	Brian	Roberta

## FROM THE ARCHIVES

*Nancy Ricketts*

A sign, carved by Randy Ferguson, proclaiming the new home of the archives to be in THE ALLAN JOHNSTONE ANNEX, has been erected, plans for a walkway between that building and the back of the See House are progressing, and the planned dedication of the building is April 26, during the Southeast Deanery. The inside of the archives is swiftly being completed - a new red/grey tweed carpet runner has been ordered for the floor, one of the early priest's vestments is now in the big showcase, and many of the photographs have been hung. Plans are in the works for permanent planters. Many thanks to Mat Turner, Ted Laufenberg, Steve Dunn, Tom Reinholdt, and Bonnie Elsensohn for their help.

A phone call to Jack Rowe brought the information that Bob Ward (another Rowe descendant, and the family genealogist who put together our Rowe family chart) and Jack have been in touch with each other. Jack expressed pleasure at learning of the different Rowe spelling - Rau, and all the other family information.. Jack also again voiced his appreciation of Fr. Dave and Fr. Gordon's writings in the KEYS.

Another connection to the Rev. William Thomas and wife Ruth, came from Edith Moore, who sent us Janet Lee's writings about Sitka and St. Peter's in the late 1940s - a time of little information about the church; Bishop Rowe died in 1942 and Mrs. Molineux retired the same year. Bishop Bentley became our

new Bishop, but he was not headquartered in Sitka, and we did not have a permanent rector between the Rev. Thomas, who left January 12, 1947 and the Rev. Henry Chapman, who arrived on September 1, 1948. A Janet Lee letter from Sitka, dated March 27, 1948, said - "... Tuesday night I had dinner at Whittemores'. Mrs. Thomas, the former Episcopal rector's wife, was there. From the way she talked I guess she is sorry they ever left Sitka. She liked it here, but her husband did not, so now they have a parish in a small town in Ohio, and she doesn't like it there at all. Mrs. Thomas and I walked back to town together and she seemed very nice ... On Wednesday afternoon Mrs. Thomas took me through the Episcopal parsonage. It is quite an imposing place on the outside, but oh, the interior!... Mrs. Thomas said that actually the place should be torn down and a small, modern house put up, but the Church can't afford to do anything about it. A new rector and his family are expected by September, and Mrs. Thomas said she feels sorry for the new parson's wife when she steps into that old barn and has to go to work and clean it up". Later, in an August 22, 1948, letter - "Last night Arlene Dolenc and I went raspberry picking in the berry patch behind the now vacant Episcopal rector's home. In the two years that the house has been unoccupied, the patch has been allowed to go to rack and ruin ... I don't know when the new Episcopal parson and his family are due to arrive" Janet

spoke of a huge cleanup campaign. In a September 6, letter she says.... *"As of yesterday the Episcopal Church here is once more a going concern. The new parson and his family arrived in Sitka last Wednesday ... A week ago yesterday a group of about twenty Episcopals turned out en mass to clean the Episcopal rectory in preparation for their arrival..."* So goes the intertwining and interesting history of St. Peter's!

Photocopying of the Sitka Military Post Record book for the years 1883-84 has been completed, so the information will continue to be available when the original leather-bound book has been archivally stored. The following is from a clipping from the *Oregonian* (newspaper) for February 18, 1882 - "... Work upon the public buildings [of Sitka] is progressing slowly owing to the inclemency of the weather. The magazine has been newly roofed and the collector has made requisition for a marine hospital surgeon, which is much needed. There is no medical officer or doctor in Southeastern Alaska. The supervisor general has indicated his purpose to grant the request.

*"The weather during the month of January has been very tempestuous, and on the 26th the mercury was six degrees above zero, the coldest day of the season.*

*"On the 24th the old U.S. hospital building, which has for some months been used as an industrial*



*school and missionary home for Indian boys, was discovered to be on fire. The flames burst through the roof, and in about forty minutes the building burned to the ground. Through the strenuous efforts of the citizens and Indian boys the contents of the building were mostly saved in a partly damaged condition. The furniture and personal effects of Mr. A.C. Austin and family, missionaries, were mainly rescued through the bravery and persistent efforts of the master carpenter, W. M. Bennet, his assistant, J. H. Turnbull and Capt. Harvey Wide, of the steamer Rose. The organ presented to the school by Capt. Beardslee, U.S.N., was destroyed. The origin of the fire is unknown. The building was one of the most substantial and finest of those built by the Russians. Major Morris at once invited the Austin family to his quarters, where they were kindly provided for by his wife. Temporary quarters have been assigned them in the barracks building, where their effects saved from the fire have been removed and they are now comparatively comfortable. One of the old government stables is being converted into a temporary refuge for the Indian boys. Beyond the pecuniary loss and inconvenience to the school no further bad results were undergone. Mr. Austin has taken every step necessary to prevent the boys from becoming scattered. The Presbyterian board of home missions will undoubtedly speedily erect a building and subscriptions therefor will be forthcoming. Mr. Austin has published a note of thanks to the collector and citizens generally..."*

## St Peter's Balance Sheet March 31, 2008

ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Petty Cash	\$ 42.23
Cash - Checking	4,263.71
Pledges Receivable	119,109.35
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>123,415.29</b>
Property and Equipment	
Property(held by Diocese)	6,000.00
<b>Total Property and Equipment</b>	<b>6,000.00</b>
Other Assets	
Checking - ECW	6,264.80
St. Peter's Raffle/Kitchen	168.75
Rector's Discretionary Fund	291.90
Fr. Gordon Discretionary Fund	511.66
Dn Kathryn's Discret. Fund	462.94
Restricted Checking	57,305.62
Investments -Endowment	50,344.05
<b>Total Other Assets</b>	<b>115,349.72</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 244,765.01</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND CHURCH FUND BALANCE</b>	
Current Liabilities	
Payroll Tax Payable	\$ 16.07
Salaries Payable	0.01
Alaska Airlines Credit Card	2,777.93
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>2,794.01</b>
Long-Term Liabilities	
<b>Total Long-Term Liabilities</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>2,794.01</b>
Fund Balance	
Operating Fund Balance	151,399.24
Restricted Fund Balance	92,584.79
Net Income	<3,043.05>
<b>Total Fund Balance</b>	<b>240,940.98</b>
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$ 243,734.99</b>
Unaudited—For St. Peter's Vestry Review	

***If Christ lives in us, controlling our personalities, we will leave glorious marks on the lives we touch. Not because of our lovely character, but because of his.***

—Eugenia Price



Saint Peter's By-the-Sea  
Income Statement  
For the Three Months Ending March 31, 2009

	Current Month Actual	Current Month Budget	Year to Date Actual	Year to Date Budget
<b>Revenues</b>				
Offerings - Plate	189.00	258.33	381.00	774.99
Offerings - Pledges	14,314.00	13,467.00	40,399.00	40,401.00
Offerings - Regular Givers	1,350.00	1,666.67	3,980.00	5,000.01
Offerings - Faith	50.00	453.00	364.00	1,359.00
Rent revenue	205.42	375.00	644.42	1,125.00
Rent - Apartment	875.00	875.00	2,625.00	2,625.00
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>16,983.42</b>	<b>17,095.00</b>	<b>48,393.42</b>	<b>51,285.00</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>16,983.42</b>	<b>17,095.00</b>	<b>48,393.42</b>	<b>51,285.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Clergy salary	6,024.16	6,024.17	18,072.48	18,072.51
Salary - Assistant Clergy	677.00	677.00	2,031.00	2,031.00
Salary - Office	1,290.75	1,290.75	3,872.25	3,872.25
Salary - Nursery	0.00	4.17	0.00	12.51
Salary - Housekeeping	240.00	250.00	720.00	750.00
Life/Income insurance	60.00	73.08	180.00	219.24
Worker's Comp Insurance	0.00	100.00	0.00	300.00
Pension	116.17	1,287.50	3,829.50	3,862.50
Continuing Education	41.67	41.67	125.01	125.01
FICA/med/ESC	131.91	114.58	374.97	343.74
Supplies - Office	163.16	125.00	268.16	375.00
Supplies - Church	106.09	96.67	263.62	290.01
Supplies - Education	238.00	41.67	292.75	125.01
Supplies - Children's Ed.	463.15	62.50	463.15	187.50
Supplies - Music	15.81	33.33	175.81	99.99
Supplies - Altar	0.00	16.67	114.25	50.01
Supplies - Maintenance	28.96	41.67	182.38	125.01
Supplies - Postage	58.83	108.33	269.81	324.99
Equipment Purchases	0.00	8.33	340.54	24.99
Communication - elect.	345.58	283.33	915.60	849.99
Utilities - Gas/Electric	702.11	541.67	2,177.07	1,625.01
Utilities - Fuel Oil	1,221.13	906.67	3,397.26	2,720.01
Maintenance/Repair	0.00	125.00	0.00	375.00
Maintenance/major	0.00	83.33	0.00	249.99
Insurance/comp	0.00	1,166.67	3,057.05	3,500.01
Travel	0.00	83.33	<90.00>	249.99
Church Vehicle	0.00	62.50	0.00	187.50
Diocesan Assessment	3,000.00	3,000.00	9,000.00	9,000.00
Deanery Assessment	218.33	218.33	654.99	654.99
Public Awareness	107.10	10.42	182.07	31.26
Miscellaneous	0.00	4.17	0.00	12.51
Financial fees	246.86	166.67	546.41	500.01
Archives	0.00	41.67	0.00	125.01
Endowment Board	0.00	4.17	0.00	12.51
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>15,496.77</b>	<b>17,095.02</b>	<b>51,416.13</b>	<b>51,285.06</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$ 1,486.65</b>	<b>\$ &lt;0.02&gt;</b>	<b>\$ &lt;3,022.71&gt;</b>	<b>\$ &lt;0.06&gt;</b>

**Bumper Sticker Wisdom:**

**The mind is like a parachute; it works much better when it's open.**



**Dig In! Workers meet frequently to put in a few hours of labor in the St. Peter's Fellowship Farm.**

*Notes*

**Summer Schedule**

**May 17st  
Rogation Sunday**

**May 21  
Feast of the Ascension**

**8am Holy Eucharist  
9:15am Family Eucharist  
11am Choral Eucharist  
1pm Pioneer Chapel**

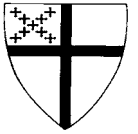
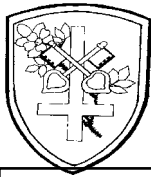
**Wednesday 5:30pm  
Holy Eucharist**

**Have a safe summer !**

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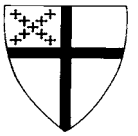
*From the empty tomb the second Adam issued triumphant''* (Hymn #176)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b> 10am St. Simeon Morn. Prayer	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> 8am Holy Euch 9:15 Family Euch. 11am Choral Euch 1pm Pioneer Home	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>  6:30pm Choir	<b>6</b>  5:30 Holy Euch.	<b>7</b>  .  & St. Anna	<b>8</b> 10am St. Simeon & St. Anna Morn. Prayer	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> <b>Mother's Day</b> 8am Holy Euch 9:15 Family Euch. 11am Choral Euch 1pm Pioneer Home	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>  6:30pm Choir	<b>13</b>  5:30 Holy Euch. <b>6:30 Vestry</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 10am St. Simeon & St. Anna Morn. Prayer	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> <b>Rogation Sun.</b> 8am Holy Euch 9:15 Family Euch. 11am Choral Euch. 1pm Pioneer Home	<b>18</b> <b>Rogation</b> <b>Day</b>	<b>19</b> <b>Rogation</b> <b>Day</b> 6:30 Choir	<b>20</b> <b>Rogation Day</b> 5:30 Holy Euch.	<b>21</b> <b>Ascension</b> <b>Day</b>	<b>22</b> 10am St. Simeon & St. Anna Morn. Prayer	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 8am Holy Euch 9:15 Family Euch. <b>10:30 Outreach</b> 11am Choral Euch. 1pm Pioneer Home	<b>25</b> <b>Memorial</b> <b>Day</b>	<b>26</b>  6:30 Choir	<b>27</b>  5:30 Holy Euch.	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 10am St, Simeon & St. Anna Morn Prayer	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> <b>Pentecost Sun.</b> 8am Holy Euch. 9:15 Family Euch. 11:am Choral Euch 1pm Pioneer Home						



# June 2009

*“Jesus is Lord of all the earth”* (Hymn #178)



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 5:30 Holy Euch	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 10am St. Simeon & St. Anna Morn. Prayer	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 8am Holy Euch 9:15 Family Euch. 11am Choral Euch. 1pm Pioneer Home	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 5:30 Holy Euch. .	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 10am St. Simeon & St. Anna Morn. Prayer	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> 8am Holy Euch 9:15 Family Euch. 11am Choral Euch. 1pm Pioneer Home	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 5:30 Holy Euch.  <b>6:30 Vestry</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 10am St. Simeon & St. Anna Morn. Prayer	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> 8am Holy Euch 9:15 Family Euch. 11am Choral Euch. 1pm Pioneer Home	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 5:30 Holy Euch.	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 10am St. Simeon & St. Anna Morn. Prayer	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 8am Holy Euch 9:15 Family Euch. <b>10:30 Outreach</b> 11am Choral Euch. 1pm Pioneer Home	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>				