

May-June 2009

# The Messenger

## Walk in the Light!

We are entering the Seasons of Easter and Pentecost. Easter promises us new life in the resurrection of Christ that is proclaimed to us. Pentecost promises us God's power to use that new life to renew our lives and to help us to share our story and transform the lives of others.

During the fifty days of the Easter Season the Paschal Candle will burn in our midst. Its bright, radiant flame is a reminder that God's light is breaking into our lives. Although there may be darkness around us, and even though our pain is real and our disappointments may be sharp, in spite of loss and even in the midst of death, God's light is breaking in.

This is the meaning of Easter: that God's love for us breaks into our dark lives to forgive and heal, to restore and bless, to renew us and give us power and new hope. By this generous loving we are freed from the dark limitations of all that is selfish, discouraging and diminishing. Through this Light we are set free and given the power to step out of the darkness of sin and to once again find the Kingdom of God's grace and love in our lives.

Just as Spring and Summer are coming to once again awaken and restore the earth, our Easter faith helps us to find the spring of God's possibilities bursting in our lives like the blossoms on a bough. Where yesterday there was only the dry memory of a long dark winter, today there is the bright radiance of a new life. With the light of God and the power and hope of Christ in us we can walk boldly to face this world and our lives, for God's light, hope and promise will renew us and uphold us through our journey in this life. During this interim period let us be open to the light and new life of Christ that is working in our midst as a congregation. As we participate and practice the power of that new life at St Peter's may we open our lives to the rich possibilities and blessings that are always available to us through God's Spirit and power.

May this season be one of hope, renewal and peace for you and your loved ones and may God's Shalom be with you now and always.

Fr. Douglas J. Reans  
Interim Rector

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## SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

Our Discernment Process is under way! We have hired Bob Bostock as our Transition Consultant; Bob has worked with the Diocese for several years and was instrumental in helping Canon Geitz develop the transition process that we will be following. Last month, the Vestry formed a sub-committee to suggest names of parishioners to serve on the Self-Study Committee and the Discernment Committee. These names were presented to the Vestry at our last meeting and the committees were selected. I am now in the process of contacting those whom the Vestry is asking to serve and hopefully by the time you read this everyone will be on board. Next, we will set a date for a half-day retreat where the Vestry and the committee members will get together with Bob and formulate the plan for the next several months. The retreat is also an opportunity to reflect on our strengths as committees and as a parish as a whole and to support each other in our common mission in our search for a new Rector.

As always if you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Laura Bonamici



There will be a Mother's Day breakfast between the 8 a.m. & 10 a.m. services on Sunday, May 10th to honor the moms in our parish and hosted by the men in our parish. Please see Ken Kazar if you can volunteer to set up, cook, serve or clean up. Join us!

Thanks to everyone who so generously donated candy and eggs for the Easter egg hunt. Especially to Pam Mason, Don and Barbara Tonkin for donating flowers and Youth Group volunteers, Sue, Samantha, Will, Amanda, Thomas, Emily, Kevin, Nicole, Laura, Colleen and James for their help setting up.

### Sunday School

#### Awards Sunday

Sunday School Awards Sunday is June 7th at the 10 a.m. service. The 5th & 6th Grade Class will be the worship assistants that day.

#### Communion Sunday

Our Second Grade Sunday School class will be celebrating the completion of their studies with a special Communion Sunday service on May 31st at the 10 a.m. service. They will be meeting on Sat., May 30th to create their Family Banners and rehearse in the church.

#### Sunday School Registration On-Line

We ask that you register your children for the upcoming 2009/10 school year. You may register online at our website. Go to the bottom of the "Children's Ministries" page. If you do not have access to the internet, please call the office for a registration form. It is **important** to pre-register so that we can determine the amount of materials to order for classes as well as special activities and so our teachers can prepare accordingly.

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#### Community of Hope Ministries

St. Peters CDC has recently adopted a new name. We will now be known as "Community of Hope Ministries". The board adopted this new name to signify that our ministry faces outward - serving the needs of people in Spotswood and the surrounding communities. This ministry was founded in 2005 by St. Peter's Church and has grown significantly in the last year due to the efforts of Alice Ryan, our Executive Director and in response to the growing needs around us. Keep your eyes open for more news and information on how you can become more involved in Community of Hope Ministries.

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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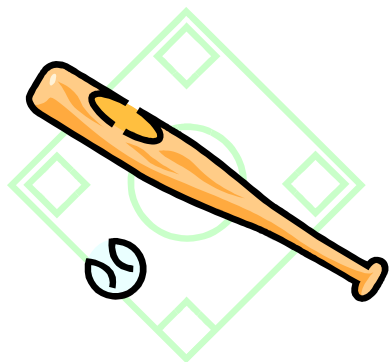
The Rev. Douglas Reans

Alice Ryan, *Executive Director*

# Schedule of upcoming Events and Fundraising



**Atlantic City Bus Trip May 16<sup>th</sup>.  
Tickets are \$35 with \$30 back in  
Casino money.**



**Somerset Patriots Minor League Baseball  
Tickets. \$8.00 for ANY Home game.  
Great family FUN!**

**Somerset Patriots Baseball Picnic  
Picnic area of the Somerset Patriots Ballpark**

**August 15<sup>th</sup> Patriots vs. Newark Bears**

**Picnic: 6 p.m.                      Gametime: 7 p.m.**

**Tickets: Adults \$35, Seniors \$30, Children (4-12) \$27, Under 4-Free**

**Includes:**

**Ticket to the game, 2 hours of “all you can eat” food and beverage (Hot dogs, hamburgers, cheese burgers, BBQ chicken breast, potato chips, potato salad, baked beans, cookies, soft drinks). Soft drinks will be served throughout the game.**

**St. Peter’s Children’s Choir will be singing the National Anthem  
& Fireworks**

**For tickets and information, contact**

**Eric Pertschuk (732-690-8058) or St. Peter’s office (732-251-2449)**

**Also – Keep using those ShopRite cards, Inkjet Recycling and Online Shopping!**

## Theatre Fundraiser for Interfaith Network of Care, Inc.

Come see Cats, an all singing, all dancing musical spectacular which has become one of the world's best known and best loved musicals!

Join other INC Supporters & come out on Friday, June 5th, 2009 for an 8 p.m., performance. It is Opening Night! It will be performed at the Villagers Theatre in Somerset, NJ.

Tickets are \$25.00 each and you must go thru the INC office for ticket reservations. Please mail a check to INC at 62 S. Main St., Milltown, NJ 08850 and note "Cats tickets" or call us at 732-247-1655.



We have also arranged for transport for individuals from Halls Corners & Woodmere/Crescent Park. Space is limited. First come, first served.



**May 7th**  
**Spotswood High School**  
**Flagpole**  
**7:30 a.m.**

### *Ecumenical Memorial Day Service*

*Spotswood High School*  
*Cafetorium*  
*Sunday, May 24th*  
*7 p.m.*



**Prayer Vigil**  
**Spotswood Reformed Church**  
**12 p.m. - 6 p.m.**

**NALC Annual Food Drive to**  
**"Stamp Out Hunger"**  
**Saturday, May 9th**



**21<sup>st</sup> Annual Diocesan Youth Choir Week**  
**Sunday July 26, 2009 to Friday July 31, 2009**  
**Cape May New Jersey**

**Thomas Whittemore, Musical Director**

For an extra-ordinary week of music making, fun, and fellowship, come to the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Diocesan Youth Choir Week. Sponsored by the Church of the Advent Cape May *and* The Diocese of New Jersey, this week offers young people the opportunity to sing, play, and worship together.

**The choristers sing quality sacred repertoire from many style periods.**

The music is varied and challenging. Rehearsals include proper breathing and singing techniques. There is the opportunity to ring hand chimes and/or play an instrument the chorister is studying.

**They worship together.**

The week begins with Evensong (Sunday 5 PM) and ends with a concert as part of a morning service Friday (10:30 AM). Each day the singers, counselors, and chaperones gather to sing Compline, and on the last evening, there is a celebration of the Holy Eucharist either on the beach or in the church.

**They have fun!**

When rehearsals end for the day, there are trips to the beach, a picnic in the County Park, a treasure hunt, and a Pizza Party followed by a talent show put together by the choristers and counselors.

**Who can come?**

Singers from ages 11 to 17 and boys with changing voices. Reading music is not a requirement! Every year, we have choristers returning to join in the fun, and some have become counselors and chaperones!!! !

**About the Music Director**

Tom Whittemore is the Music Director for this year's Diocesan Youth Choir Week. Tom was raised in Guilford, CT, trained in organ performance at The Choate School and The Peabody Conservatory of Johns Hopkins University. For over 20 years, he was Organist and Choirmaster at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Philadelphia where he developed a respected choral scholar (boys and girls) program. Presently, he is Director of Music at Trinity Church Princeton where he runs a multiple choir program (adult, girls, and boys) in the Anglican Choral Tradition. Tom is a member of the Association of Anglican Musicians where he serves on the Committee for Mentoring. He is also an active choral clinician in dioceses around the country while also directing and organizing Royal School of Church Music Summer Training courses for young choristers. He is an avid skier (used to race slalom) and loves travel and movies. He is looking forward to working with this year's attendees on some great music and getting to know how wonderful the experience of Youth Choir Week is.

**About Counselors and Chaperones**

Singers who are entering the 12th grade may apply to be counselors. Adult chaperones are indispensable!! The Diocesan Youth Choir Week depends on volunteer adult chaperones who love to work with groups of young people. Chaperones need not be musicians, however, there are opportunities for musical chaperones to assist in the music making. If your church is planning to send a chorister, please consider sending a chaperone as well. Chaperones must be at least 21 years of age.

The fee for choristers is \$300.00; partial scholarships are available. The fee for counselors is \$250.00. Choristers are housed at The Holiday House of the Girls' Friendly Society in Cape May. The application form which must be returned **by June 1, 2009 with a non-refundable application fee of \$100.00** which is applied to the tuition costs. Please call St. Peter's for a copy of the form.

**For more information, contact Wade Cooper at 609-884-3065 (Church of the Advent, PO 261, Cape May NJ 08204) or churchoftheadvent@verizon.net.**

## May Birthdays

May 4 <sup>th</sup>	Virginia Britt Nicole Donnamaria
May 5 <sup>th</sup>	Michael Powell Phyllis Powell
May 7 <sup>th</sup>	Susan Hoyt
May 8 <sup>th</sup>	Lindsey Pepe
May 9 <sup>th</sup>	Joseph Gyumolcs
May 10 <sup>th</sup>	Natalie Kazar
May 11 <sup>th</sup>	Brenda Laryea Nancie McTaggart
May 12 <sup>th</sup>	Margaret Jackson Becky Martindell Jennifer Persson
May 13 <sup>th</sup>	Raymond Paprota Lynn Shelters Theodore Spielman
May 14 <sup>th</sup>	Steven Minkoff
May 15 <sup>th</sup>	Robert Perrini Jonathan Weiland
May 18 <sup>th</sup>	Ray Acquista Matthew Dmistrzak Christopher Meyers Cathy Orifice
May 20 <sup>th</sup>	Chad Hockenjos Russell McKay David Persson Helen Richardson
May 21 <sup>st</sup>	Raymond Sanders
May 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Kyle Patton Jennifer Shonk Betty VanDyke
May 24 <sup>th</sup>	James Caffrey Luke Hagen
May 26 <sup>th</sup>	Dorothy Gabbett Chelsea Gale Bobbin Paskell Adam Scire
May 27 <sup>th</sup>	Maria Ferguson
May 28 <sup>th</sup>	Erica Ebersole
May 29 <sup>th</sup>	Dylan Evans Beth Kelly
May 30 <sup>th</sup>	Judy Evans
May 31 <sup>st</sup>	David Hoyt Jean Marczak Alexander Spielman Ian Wheeler



## June Birthdays

June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Nicholas Jackson Amber Marfitt Scott Miller
June 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jayvis Rayside
June 4 <sup>th</sup>	Kevin Grennen Georgia Hockenjos Christopher Riley Daniel Shelters Brandon Spielman
June 6 <sup>th</sup>	Dan Gugliotta Jason Laryea Sandy Rahn
June 8 <sup>th</sup>	Nichole Fleck Alice Ryan Sam Saffioti Martin Spielman
June 10 <sup>th</sup>	Colleen Sanders
June 11 <sup>th</sup>	Denise Acquista Jim Martindell
June 14 <sup>th</sup>	June Klem Charles Reid
June 15 <sup>th</sup>	John Loughran Eleanor Stocker
June 16 <sup>th</sup>	LuAnn Goglia Nathan Jolly Richard Latyn
June 17 <sup>th</sup>	Brittany Pulaski Peggy Quaglietta
June 18 <sup>th</sup>	Leo Babeu Laura Bonamici
June 20 <sup>th</sup>	Sean Paskell
June 21 <sup>st</sup>	Valerie Cano Brian Dougherty
June 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Elise Jones
June 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Ted Foley Cathy Klase Jaidyn Santora
June 24 <sup>th</sup>	Judi Tarkany
June 25 <sup>th</sup>	Alberta Boshko
June 26 <sup>th</sup>	Andrea Mennitt
June 27 <sup>th</sup>	Rosita Hamilton Debbie Newman
June 28 <sup>th</sup>	Anne Donaldson Bob Donaldson Tracy Evans
June 29 <sup>th</sup>	Arlene Taylor Richard Twomey
June 30 <sup>th</sup>	Ethan Hood

## May Anniversaries

May 7 <sup>th</sup>	Dan & Carolyn Gugliotta
May 8 <sup>th</sup>	Mike & Shirley Clementi
May 18 <sup>th</sup>	John & Veronica Hagen
May 25 <sup>th</sup>	David & Maelisa Donaldson Richard & Erynn Patterson
May 30 <sup>th</sup>	George & LeeAnn Poko
May 31 <sup>st</sup>	Michael & Luann Bettin



## June Anniversaries

June 4 <sup>th</sup>	Jeffrey & Jennifer Evans
June 5 <sup>th</sup>	Philip & Patricia Smith
June 13 <sup>th</sup>	Mark & Wendy Hoyt
June 14 <sup>th</sup>	Steve & Bobbin Paskell
June 18 <sup>th</sup>	Richard & Lynda Bronzellino Paul & Nancy Sarnak Walter & Nancy Willis