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# JUNE PARISH MEMBER SERVICE SCHEDULE

**June is Usher Team 6:** Richard A., Alan B., Frank B., Rusty H., Bruce J., John P., Bob S., Ed W., Mary Jay H.

	June 5	June 12	June 19	June 26
<b><u>Acolytes</u></b>				
<b>8:00</b>	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
<b>9:00</b>	Meredith R. Will L. Ward L.	Neil G. Michael F. Harrison F.	Kirsten K. Tommy M. Megan Z.	Emily L. Sarah L.
<b>11:00</b>	Corey K. Michael F. Meredith R. Alexa L. Graham B. Maria B. Neil G. Elsie G.	Emily L. Alexa L. Sarah L.	John Pierce D. Anna H. Alexa L.	Faith C. Claire C. Sarah C.
<b><u>Chalicians</u></b>				
<b>8:00</b>	Sue B.	Ed W.	Tootie K.	Mike L.
<b>9:00</b>	Jan G.	Georgianne J.	Thad K.	Sharon S.
<b>11:00</b>	Paul S.	Larry S.	Bob W.	Keith A.
<b><u>Lay Readers</u></b>				
<b>8:00</b>	Tom G. Lee M.	Erika S. Sharon S.	Erika S. Sharon S.	Rob W. Suzy W.
<b>9:00</b>	TBD	John C. Elsie G.	Harrison F. Jan G.	Emily L. Jonathan S.
<b>11:00</b>	TBD	Alan B. Jennifer C. Paddy L.	Jim L. Ralph H. Bettie J.	Keith A. Vikkey A. Bob S.
<b><u>Altar Guild</u></b>				
	Nan W. Fran D. Pam P.	Karen S, Anne J. Jennifer B.	Kathryn H. Diane C. Catharine G.	Katie E. Legaré H. Fernanda F. Marian L.

ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



THE KEY

JUNE 2011

"Called together in Christ, Transformed by God's grace, Sent out to serve."

FROM THE RECTOR

DATES TO NOTE:

"Fifty Years Hence"

I first read Walt Whitman's poem "Crossing Brooklyn Ferry" when I was teaching an undergraduate core curriculum course in the humanities at Temple University in the mid-1990s. We studied it, in part, to help students understand that people who lived in the past were people just like us today. They may have looked and dressed differently, had odd conceptions about one thing or another—with different technologies and means of transport—but in the end they were people who had many of the same emotions, desires, joys, and sorrows as we who study and read about them today.

Whitman's poem is about everyday commuting by ferry across the East River from Brooklyn to Manhattan in 1856, long before the Brooklyn Bridge was built. The poem describes his experience on the ferry, the sights and sounds, and the people. It is striking because of the way Whitman consciously connects with readers far in the future, long after his life would be over. In it he speaks to those who will find themselves on the waters of the East River, to the reader of his works far in the future, as if he were speaking to a person next to him.

And you that shall cross from shore to shore years hence, are more to me, and more in my meditations, than you might suppose.

Stanzas 4, 5, and 6 speak to readers who have not yet been born. It reminds them that they are not so different from the poet who wrote these words. The immediacy of Whitman's experience and feelings is remarkable:

4 Others will enter the gates of the ferry, and cross from shore to shore,

Others will watch the run of the flood-tide,
Others will see the shipping of Manhattan north and west, and the heights of Brooklyn to the south and east,
Others will see the islands large and small,
Fifty years hence, others will see them as they cross, the sun half an hour high,
A hundred years hence, or ever so many hundred years hence, others will see them,
Will enjoy the sunset, the pouring in of the flood-tide, the falling back to the sea of the ebb-tide.
5 It avails not, neither time or place—distance avails not, I am with you, you men and women of a generation, or ever so many generations hence,
I project myself—also I return—I am with you, and know how it is.
6 Just as you feel when you look on the river and sky, so I felt,
Just as any of you is one of a living crowd, I was one of a crowd,
Just as you are refreshed by the gladness of the river, and the bright flow, I was refreshed,
Just as you stand and lean on the rail, yet hurry with the swift current, I stood, yet was hurried,
Just as you look on the numberless masts of ships, and the thick-stemmed pipes of steamboats, I looked.

After sharing experience of his life, Whitman reminds us that he was not all that different from us who read him today.

11 What is it, then, between us?
What is the count of the scores or hundreds of years between us?
12 Whatever it is, it avails not—distance avails not, and place avails not.
13 I too lived, (I was of old Brooklyn,)
I too walked the streets of Manhattan Island, and bathed in the waters around it....

When St. Peter's began in 1961 I was in the first grade in Rye Brooke, New York. I remember it as a time when men wore hats to work and women wore hats to church.

- 1,15 - Godzilla
1,8 - Handbell Choir
1,8 - Adult Choir
2 - SOME
2,9,16,23,30 - Thursday Ears
3,10,17,24 - Women's Bible Study
4,11,18,25 - Icon Writing
5 - Visitation of the Bishop
5 - Parish Picnic
7 - First Tuesday Meetings
8 - Mom's Group
10 - Meals on Wheels
12 - Last Day of Godly Play
12 - Last Day of Sunday School and the 10 Spot
12 - Graduating Senior High Dinner
13 - Finance Committee Meeting
13,27 - Prayer Group
14 - Second Tuesday Meetings
18 - Godzilla Trip to Kings Dominion
19 - Senior High Gathering
21 - Lunch Bunch
21 - Vestry Meeting

Cigarettes were advertised in magazines and newspapers and during the shows we watched on black and white television sets contained in large wooden cabinets. I imagine that when those of you who are younger look at pictures in the magazines of that time, it might seem like an alien and distant world.

A few of those be-hatted men and women in their Sunday best were beginning a new enterprise. They were founding a new Episcopal congregation in Arlington, Virginia. They asked the same kind of questions we still ask today: What is God calling us to be and to become? Is God really asking us to build a new church building and furnish it? How are we ever going to do that?

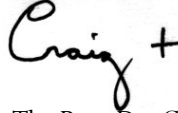
It is important to remember that the founders of our parish were folks just like us. They too had jobs and families to worry about. They faced challenges in the workplace and in their personal lives. They worried about how they were going to be able to afford all that God seemed to be asking them to do. And they stepped forward in faith and met that challenge. They laid the foundation, built, and nurtured St. Peter's, and worked alongside one another until it became a vital, thriving, and established congregation in North Arlington. The fact that we are here today in this well-established congregation is a testimony to their faithfulness, courage, determination, and generosity.

What did the founders hope to leave as a legacy for the people of this parish "fifty years hence?" It's possible that they could

not quite imagine the future world of the year 2011. At the time, the year 2000 seemed an impossible distance away. While we can never fully know the answer to this question, a few of the founding members of this parish are still alive and well and regularly worshipping with us. They know that a congregation can never sit still and rest on its laurels. In every generation we have to be willing to respond to what God is calling us to be and to become. That is why after much prayer, discussion, and study, we at St. Peter's launched the New Legacy Campaign—so that we could respond to the work God is calling us to do now and prepare for the work God still has in store for us in our future. What are you going to leave as a legacy to those who are here at St. Peter's fifty and even a hundred years hence? What are your dreams and hopes for them?

As we celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of St. Peter's, let us give thanks "with hearts and hands and voices" for all that God has done for us over the past fifty years. But at the same time let us not forget those who are yet to join our fellowship over the next fifty years. *"You that [are here fifty] years hence, are more to me, and more in my meditations, than you might suppose."*

Yours in Christ,



The Rev. Dr. Craig A. Phillips

## PARISH NEWS —

### GRADUATION DINNER/SERVICE

On Sunday, June 12 at 6pm, St. Peter's will host a dinner and worship service honoring our seniors graduating from high school. Friends and family of graduates are encouraged to come and support their loved ones. RSVP with the number attending to Elyse at [egustafson@saint-peters.org](mailto:egustafson@saint-peters.org).

### JUNE 15 GODZILLA: 5TH GRADERS WELCOME

Our final Godzilla of the school year will be on June 15 at 7 p.m. We'll close the year out right with our annual MESSY GAMES! Come with lots of energy and clothes you don't mind getting messy. Bring along a few rising 5th graders as well... it's time for them to be introduced to the world of Godzilla!

### ATTENTION GODZILLA!

We're going to Kings Dominion! On Saturday, June 18, youth in grades 6-12 will spend a day at this great amusement park. We'll leave the St. Peter's parking lot at 8 a.m. (so be here by 7:45 a.m.), and we will return at 6:30 p.m. If more than ten sign up, we'll get a group discount. Chaperones are needed. Sign-up is coming soon. For more information, contact Elyse at [egustafson@saint-peters.org](mailto:egustafson@saint-peters.org).

### ST. PETER'S TO WELCOME A GUEST PREACHER ON JUNE 19

On Sunday, June 19, the Rev. Canon Trevor Stubbs, an Anglican priest and international educator and missionary, will be our preacher at the 8 and 9 a.m. services here at St. Peter's. Canon Stubbs hails originally from England and holds degrees in theology from King's College London, Lincoln Theological College, and the University of Exeter. His academic work has been in the areas of religious fundamentalism and pastoral theology.

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## PARISH NEWS (CONT.) —

Canon Stubbs served for 33 years as a parish priest in England and Australia and has taught school and done mission work in Papua New Guinea. He is particularly interested in theological education, mission to and pastoral care of young people, and the role of the laity, as well as international relations, justice, and peace. Most recently (since 2009) he has served as the Interim Administrator of the Bishop Gwynne College in Juba, Sudan. He and his wife, Tina, have three grown children.

### CHRISTMAS IN APRIL/REBUILDING TOGETHER: THANKS

On May 7, 2011, more than 40 of St. Peter's parishioners and friends spent the day making the Arlington house of our 84-year-old homeowner, Sidney Glazer, a better place to live. Built in 1905, the 935-square-foot home got lots of care and attention. From putting in a new door and side steps to the demanding task of installing a new ceiling in the living room, St. Peter's was up to the challenge.

The group working outside to help tame an overgrown back lot could do what Mr. Glazer said he hadn't been able to for more than twenty years, since he was a mere 64. Watching members of this year's confirmation class and other younger members of the parish learn what it means to serve in our own community was just one of the lessons of the day.

Joining us (with apologies for any omissions) were: The Rev. Craig A. Phillips; Allen S., House Captain; Tony P., House Captain; Elizabeth P.; Allison P.; Natalie P.; Jennifer R., Safety Coordinator and team photographer; Bruce J., House Captain; Sharon J.; Ron B.; Sue B.; Bill S.; Madeline B.; Micaela G.; Bob K.; Lloyd S.; Kathryn H.; Catherine F.; Harrison F.; Michael F.; Natalie F.; Jorge N.; Jean-Pritchard N.; Megan Z.; Charles S.; John K.; Rob W.; Bill W.; Aaron W.; William W.; Grace W.; Betty L.; Gary C.; Bill S.; Linda G.; Ted Z.; Peter W.; Bill M.; Bob W.; Ron A.; and Suzanne B.

A special thanks to Tony P. and Allen S., who once again showed why their project leadership makes the difference between success and struggle, and all the others whose talents helped us accomplish so much. If a picture is worth a thousand words, look for one of Ron B., who left nothing in the bag that Saturday. It is truly remarkable to see what we do in a day. Thank you, St. Peter's, for sponsoring a Christmas in April home for the 22nd year.

Respectfully,

Bruce J.—for all who were there.

### TEENS: WOULD YOU LIKE MORE CASH???

Well, then you are in luck! There are many souls at St. Peter's who could use an extra pair of hands or two in the garden, in the attic or for specific projects. So, just put your name (if cash and getting to know someone you may not know well interests you), phone number, age and email on a card on the Helping Hands poster to the right of the front door in the Narthex. Bring a friend and double the fun! What will you get paid? Once you have an idea of what the nature of the work is (digging a ditch in July might earn you more than, say, polishing silver) you might suggest an hourly wage. It is a good idea to have some consensus before you start the work. Questions or concerns? Call Katie E.

### NEW LEGACY CAMPAIGN KICKOFF DINNER

In last month's *Key*, we reported on the New Legacy Campaign Kickoff Dinner, which was held on March 26, 2011, and noted that the remarks made by the Rector and by Campaign co-chair, Tootie K., are available on the St. Peter's website. We intended to print Tootie's remarks in this month's *Key*, but due to space constraints we plan to print them in next month's *Key* instead.

### SHRINE MONT 2011 RECAP

We had a wonderful Parish Weekend at Shrine Mont April 29 through May 1, and it would not have been possible without the assistance of many helping hands and volunteers. Please join me in thanking:

- P.K. B., Tatiana D., El L., and Christa M. for helping mail the information letters
- Jennifer B., P.K. B., Tatiana D., Audrey V., El L., Susie L., Christa M., Jane M., and Lynne O. for assembling our welcome packets
- Diane H. for coordinating many of our volunteers
- Scott R. for his audio/visual prowess
- John B., Tom G., Hart H., Luke K., Peter M., and Joe W. for lighting and supervising our bonfire
- Audrey V. for providing marshmallow roasting sticks at the bonfire

## PARISH NEWS (CONT.) —

- Gail H. for organizing bridge
- Craig Phillips for arranging for our adult speaker
- Allison B., Meredith R., and friends for their awesome face painting
- Rusty and Diane H. for leading the Family Olympics
- Joe W., John B., and helpers for an awesome Fishing Derby
- Ann M. and Elyse G. and many helpers for the Saturday morning youth activities
- Bob H. and Larry S. for putting together the Friday golf outing
- Sue B. and Barbara F. for ensuring Grace was said before each meal
- Andy F., Craig P., Elyse G., and Don W. for the music at our Sunday morning service
- Nancy F., Christine W., and Ned S. for leading hikes
- Diane and Rusty H., Margaret C., and Christine W. and Leo H. for hosting our First-Timers
- Emily L., Linda H., and Joyce R. for their excellent company on the housing recon trip
- The Lyle K./Elizabeth B. Family for serving up our delicious Ice Cream Social
- El L., Ann F., Joanne M., Joyce R. for challenging us with their jigsaw puzzles
- Emily L. for our nametags
- Caroline G. for our wonderful Nibbles and Nips reception—with help from Sue B., Nina B., Doug B., Catherine F., Gretchen G., Mary H., Bettie J., Christine W. and Leo H., Barbara and Tim K., Peter and Karen M., Molly M., Glenna W., and many others
- Geoffrey H., Eric S., and Scott R. for their photography skills
- Don W. for transporting and setting up the sound system, and for heroically providing accompaniment during the Talent Show
- Bill C., Len N., Bill S., Rich K., Clive L., and Doug and Joanne M. for all the Saturday afternoon sports
- Lyndell C. and his guest comedians for a most enjoyable Talent Show
- And El L. and Taffy G. for all they did to make the magic happen

If I've left anyone off this list, please be assured it wasn't intentional. You may have noticed that several names were mentioned more than once, and there are a number of folks who've helped us out for several years. Please consider what you can do to help next year so Shrine Mont continues to be a wonderful event for our parish family.

Mark your calendars and join us for Shrine Mont 2012—April 20-22!

Lisa L.

### **BEGINNER SEWING CLASS:**

#### **WEDNESDAYS AT 7:30 PM IN JULY SOMEWHERE AT ST. PETER'S**

Who is invited? Are you breathing and have (or plan to have) access to a sewing machine before the next Ice Age? Then, this class is for you! Kids welcome with a parent to help on their project. Teens, come on by! Adults, bring your sense of humor! Everyone, bring a sewing machine or be willing to share one.

What projects will we do? We are planning aprons and beach bags as a good way to learn the basics and will send you the supply list when you sign up and tell us which one you want to make. If you whiz through the project, and want to take the next step, we would be tickled pink to help.

Where did we get the idea? (Don't you just love intellectual curiosity??) We did a lot of sewing for Godspell and remembered how much fun it was to sew in a group. Also, there were some great people who said they would sew if only they knew how. We may not be able to solve the Mideast crisis, but we sure can teach you how to sew an apron that will shock and awe the recipient!

Would you like to help? All bodies welcome!

So, shoot me an email or give me a call and I will get you on the list and give you all the necessary information. Katie E. or [Katie.emmons@verizon.net](mailto:Katie.emmons@verizon.net).

## COMMISSION NEWS —

### MISSION COMMISSION NEWS

The South Africa mission committee plans an exciting event for the Sunday school hour on June 12 (the last day of Sunday school). The children will read *The Quiltmaker's Gift*, a book that talks about the rewards of giving rather than receiving gifts and also highlights quilt making—in honor of the quilts the children, with some very helpful adults, are making for the children and housemother of the South African home St. Peter's has helped to build for AIDs/HIV orphans. The children will also participate in a scavenger hunt to gather items to make a house (a dollhouse will be used) into a home.

The Mission Commission will sponsor a drive in June to collect toiletries and “walking food” (granola bars and the like) for men in honor of Father's Day. Please bring your donations and place them in the bin in the Narthex. Later in the summer, we expect to collect bedding for homeless folks helped by the Arlington Street People's Assistance Network. These people will be moving from shelters into more permanent housing.

## VESTRY NEWS —

### May 17 Vestry Meeting Highlights:

- New Legacy Campaign co-chair updated the Vestry that the Campaign is progressing well with over half the visits made and more than \$2.7 million pledged as of the date of the meeting. The Committee recommended that we celebrate those who have pledged by listing their names in the 50th Anniversary program.
- The Vestry approved a motion to authorize the Building and Grounds Commission to spend up to \$1,700 to purchase two small high-density polyurethane signs for each side of the driveway, so that we can see how they look and collect feedback before purchasing the more expensive larger signs. The new signs are expected to be in place in about three weeks.
- The Building and Grounds Committee presented a report from parishioner and professional engineer Kevin G. on the state of the parking lot and driveway. Conditions are even worse than expected, and extensive reconstruction will be necessary. However, the Commission advised that major repairs be deferred until after the building project is finished because the building project will cause further damage to these surfaces. Instead, the Commission recommended that we pursue minor fixes designed to keep the surfaces usable in the meantime.
- The Senior Warden advised the Vestry that there is a growing list of needed capital improvements, some of which may have to be done regardless of the building project. He reported that the Building Committee and the Building and Grounds Commission are going to put together a comprehensive list of these projects for the Vestry, with recommendations on which can wait, which can be incorporated into the building program, and which need to be dealt with now.
- The Vestry discussed the need to start thinking about next steps in the building program once the initial Campaign milestones have been achieved. Approximately \$625,000 is available in the Campaign fund to begin preliminary project activities.
- The Rector reported that, in an effort to increase our annual pledge income for this year, letters have been sent out to several different groups of parishioners who have not yet made an annual pledge.
- The Vestry heard about the plans for the 50th Anniversary celebration and picnic to be held on Sunday, June 5.
- The Vestry approved a resolution honoring and thanking Emily K. by voice vote. The Resolution will be presented when the parish recognizes Emily on May 29.
- The Vestry authorized the Rector to hire a new organist and to adjust the duties of the organist and the music director in order to ensure that all musical activities have sufficient leadership from the staff.
- The Treasurer presented the Profit and Loss Budget Performance Report for April 2011 showing that the parish is operating well in the black so far this year.
- The Assistant Rector reported that the Service of Remembrance on May 15 was attended by 56 people and was a spiritually fulfilling event for all of those in attendance.
- The Assistant Rector also reported that fourteen people have signed up for the upcoming Lay Minister training.
- The Rector and the Assistant Rector provided an overview of the process that the Assistant to the Rector, Elyse G., would be going through on the way to ordination.

The next meeting of the Vestry will be on Tuesday, June 21, 2011, at 7:00 p.m.

## ADULT FORUM —

Adult Forum sessions on Sundays at 10 a.m. are designed to serve our community by stimulating our thinking and actions in the Christian faith, exploring timely issues in our church and the world, and as an occasion for discussion about the ongoing activities in missions, worship, education and stewardship at St. Peter's. Topics range from aspects of our faith and worship, to books of the Bible, figures in Christian history, ethical dilemmas, and contemporary issues of interest to our community. Discussion leaders come from within our parish community or sometimes are specially invited outside guest speakers, and we try to have two complementary forums to choose from each Sunday.

### How You Can Participate

If you have an idea for a topic, feedback on a past topic or would like to volunteer to lead a discussion, please contact Jonathan Sullivan.

### June 5—Feast of Saint Peter and Saint Paul (transferred), The Annual Visitation of the Bishop, and the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

**Plenary Session: Bishop David C. Jones**

### June 12—The Day of Pentecost: Whitsunday

**Plenary Session: The Faith of the Church, Part 3: The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit**—Led by the Rev. Dr. Craig A. Phillips

### June 19—First Sunday after Pentecost: Trinity Sunday

**Plenary Session: “Independence Day in South Sudan: the Church's Vision of Mission in a New Nation”**—Led by The Rev. Trevor Stubbs, Interim Administrator of Bishop Gwynne Theological College, Juba, Sudan.

### June 26—Second Sunday after Pentecost

**Option I: The Coptic Church**—Led by the Rev. Dr. Craig A. Phillips

**Option II: South Africa Mission**—Led by South Africa Mission Team

## A MILESTONE ANNIVERSARY FOR OUR RECTOR

### SENT OUT TO SERVE

It seems such a short time ago that Craig and Meta came to lead St. Peter's. As we celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Rev. Craig A. Phillips's ordination to the priesthood, it is appropriate to look at the path he took before accepting the call to St. Peter's Arlington, Virginia, in the fall of 2002 and the time he has spent here.

The search process took more than two years and looked at information on more than 100 candidates. Given St. Peter's unique background and identity, it was not surprising that an ordained Episcopal priest with degrees from Brown, Harvard, and Duke, and experience teaching at Temple, Duke, and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill would catch everyone's eye. As the team of visitors travelled to Philadelphia to experience his church presence firsthand, we wondered aloud—is he right for our parish, and will he accept the challenge?

There are two impressions that remain locked from that visit to Incarnation Holy Sacrament Episcopal Church in Drexel Hill, Pennsylvania. First, there was no question who was in charge and loved by his parish. Second, the children. They were welcomed and embraced.

The meetings that went on from there as the Vestry and Search Committee explored his ministry and his commitment revealed a priest who dearly loved the academic world, was incredibly bright—almost scary bright—and who understood St. Peter's better than we probably understood who we were and where we could go.

His broad experience at all levels of religious studies from university campuses to working with parishes in transition, and his wonderful knowledge of Christ's works and other world religions, made the decision to call the Rev. Craig A. Phillips to St. Peter's a unanimous decision of the Search Committee and Vestry. We were delighted when he accepted the call and began his ministry here. He, of course, had a secret weapon—his wife, Meta, whose endearing qualities were appreciated immediately by the parish and remain an important part of the team that relocated to Arlington, Virginia.

## A MILESTONE ANNIVERSARY FOR OUR RECTOR (CONT.) —

Father Craig knew that a church must be reborn every generation and that the growth of programs attracts new members. St. Peter's was at that point comfortable but aging. He came with a plan, as simple as it sounds, to add clergy to better serve the youth, young families, and more established members of the parish. From the beginning, he indicated Godly Play was a wonderful program to reach our youngest members and actively involve our parents. And, carefully, he tested our resolve to address long-delayed needs for our aging plant and facility now taking shape.

The enthusiasm he brought is best exemplified by the simple yet daunting mission statement—*“Called together in Christ, transformed by God's grace, sent out to serve.”* We are living that message each day.

Congratulations to Father Craig and Meta as they continue with us on that mission.

Bruce J.

May 4, 2011

The Very Reverend Craig Arnold Phillips, Ph.D.  
St. Peter's Episcopal Church  
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Dear Craig,

I am pleased to extend greetings and congratulations to you from Harvard Divinity School on the propitious and happy occasion of the 30th anniversary of your ordination to the priesthood.

Harvard Divinity School prepares the world's top scholars of religion, and many of its religious and theological leaders. Over the course of your three decades of ordained ministry, you have been an exemplar of what our school stands for. You have served as a dedicated leader of faith communities in the Episcopal Church, as well as a scholar of the field during your time at Temple University.

You have remained close to your alma mater throughout, and you have served on the HDS Alumni/ae Council with distinction. Via this service, you have helped support the next generation of HDS scholars and leaders.

Harvard was founded for the purpose of a training a learned ministry. This mission lives on in the academic and community life of HDS today, as well as in the service done every day by graduates like you across the country and around the world. Our thanks as well as our felicitations go out to you today.

Congratulations.

Sincerely,  
William A. Graham  
Dean, Harvard Divinity School

### DEAR PEOPLE OF ST. PETER'S,

It was wonderful that so many of you were able to attend the special service on May 8 to celebrate my 30 years of being a priest in the Episcopal Church. Thank you so much for the biretta that you gave me on this occasion. When I was formally installed as the rector of St. Peter's the congregation gave me a black wool cape that I often wear to greet people at the door. On very cold winter days when I am greeting or involved in an outdoor service, I have often wished I had an appropriate ecclesiastical hat to cover the top of my head. The biretta is just such a hat. I look forward to wearing it. I also am grateful for the splendid cakes marking the occasion both at Shrine Mont on May 1st and at St. Peter's on May 8. I am thankful for the time I have had the honor to serve as your rector and I look forward to ministering with you in the future.

Faithfully yours,  
Craig+

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## OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST —

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### **BISHOP RICHARD L. SHIMPFKY, FORMER ASSISTANT RECTOR OF ST. PETER'S REMEMBERED**

By Pat McCaughan, March 01, 2011

[Episcopal News Service] The Rt. Rev. Richard Lester Shimpfky was remembered March 1 as an ardent supporter of Episcopal Asiamerican and Latino ministries, and for his spiritual leadership and humility.

Shimpfky, 70, served as the second bishop of the Diocese of El Camino Real from 1990 to 2004, and most recently was bishop-in-residence at Christ Episcopal Church in Short Hills in the Diocese of Newark. He died Feb. 28 with his wife of 45 years, Jamel Kassim Shimpfky, and other family members gathered around him, according to an e-mail from the Newark diocese.

"The people of Episcopal Diocese of El Camino Real give thanks to God for the life and work of Bishop Shimpfky as their second bishop. While we are saddened by his death, we rejoice that he is now at peace," Bishop Mary Gray-Reeves said in a statement emailed to ENS. "We will honor Richard's life with a memorial service at Trinity Cathedral in San Jose at a later date."

"Several members of the diocese will attend his services in Ridgewood, New Jersey," Gray-Reeves added.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 12, at Christ Church in Ridgewood, with Bishop Mark Beckwith officiating.

"As former Asian missionary of the Diocese of El Camino Real, I will miss Richard as a bishop, a pastor and a personal friend," said the Rev. Winfred Vergara, missionary for Episcopal Asiamerica ministries for the Episcopal Church.

"It was during his episcopacy that the diocesan ethnic ministries, particularly the Latinos and Asians, flourished," Vergara said in a March 1 e-mail to Episcopal News Service.

"We had traveled together in China and shared many joys and challenges in the ministry," Vergara wrote. "When he retired as diocesan bishop and humbly served as interim rector of St. George Episcopal Church in Flushing, New York, he became a well-loved spiritual leader of its Chinese congregation, one of the largest Asian congregations in the Episcopal Church. Bishop Shimpfky is a devoted supporter of the Episcopal Asiamerica Ministry; his constant encouragement, humble example and wise counsel will be greatly missed."

The Rev. Paul Xie, St. George's Chinese missionary, agreed. "Since Bishop Shimpfky came here in February 2005, the Chinese congregation has been growing, and also the Latino congregation," he said in a telephone interview from his Flushing, New York office. Shimpfky left the parish in Nov. 2010, Xie said.

Shimpfky was born Oct. 18, 1940, in Albuquerque, New Mexico, to Thelma Louise and Henry Lester Shimpfky. He graduated in 1963 with a bachelor's degree from the University of Colorado. He was awarded both master of divinity (1970) and doctor of divinity (1991) degrees from the Virginia Theological Seminary.

He was ordained a deacon on June 20, 1970, and a priest June 1, 1971, by Philip Alan Smith, bishop suffragan of Virginia, and served several congregations in Virginia and New Jersey prior to his 1990 consecration as Bishop of El Camino Real.

He was assistant rector at St. Peter's, Arlington (1970-1972), and rector of All Saints, Alexandria, from 1972 to 1977 before moving to Christ Church in Ridgewood, where he served 15 years as rector.

He was also active on diocesan and provincial levels, serving as Province VIII president from 1994 to 2004 and as vice president from 1992 to 1994.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by three children, Allison, Joshua and Trevor, and two grandchildren.

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Gwyneth Radloff (2012)  
Jonathan Sullivan (2013)

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>JUNE</h1>						
<b>5</b> Visitation of the Bishop 50th Anniversary Celebration 8:00am - HE, Rite I 9:00am HE, Rite II, Godly Play 10:00am - Adult Forum, Sunday School, The 10 Spot 11:00am - HE, Rite II 12:15pm - Parish Picnic	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 7:30pm - First Tuesday Meetings	<b>8</b> 10:00am - Moms' Group 6:15pm - Handbell Choir Practice 7:30pm - Adult Choir Practice	<b>9</b> 10:15am - Thursday Ears	<b>10</b> 7:30am - Women's Bible Study 11:00am - Meals on Wheels	<b>11</b> 12:00pm - Icon Writing
<b>12</b> 8:00am - HE, Rite I 9:00am HE, Rite II, Last Day of Godly Play 10:00am - Adult Forum, Last Day of Sunday School, The 10 Spot 11:00am - HE, Rite II 6:00pm - Senior High Dinner	<b>13</b> 7:30pm - Prayer Group 7:30pm - Finance Committee Meeting	<b>14</b> 7:30pm - Second Tuesday Meetings	<b>15</b> 7:00pm - Godzilla	<b>16</b> 10:15am - Thursday Ears	<b>17</b> 7:30am - Women's Bible Study	<b>18</b> 7:45am Godzilla Trip to King's Dominion 12:00pm - Icon Writing
<b>19</b> 8:00am - HE, Rite I 9:00am - HE Rite II 10:00am - Adult Forum 11:00am - Baptism & HE, Rite II 7:30pm - Senior High Gathering	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 7:00pm - Vestry Meeting 12:00pm - Lunch Bunch	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 10:15am - Thursday Ears	<b>24</b> 7:30am - Women's Bible Study	<b>25</b> 12:00pm - Icon Writing
<b>26</b> 8:00am - HE, Rite I 9:00am HE, Rite II 10:00am - Adult Forum 11:00am - HE, Rite II	<b>27</b> 7:30pm - Prayer Group	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 10:15am - Thursday Ears	<h1>2011</h1>	