

# Saint Peter's Bald Head

## Bring You Springtime Greetings

### FROM BISHOP LONGEST:

#### Where Are You?

It does depend on where you are. I just re-read my spring 2006 contribution to Saint Peter's Bald Head and was surprised to discover that at the time I wrote, it was warm and the first robin had appeared. Today, here in Carroll County, Maryland, at Fairhaven, the Episcopal Retirement Community Barbara and I became residents of in April 2006, the sky is dark and the air is full of sleet and cold rain. Yesterday was the Ides of March, Daylight Savings Time has started, and next week welcomes the Vernal Equinox and spring. So, no matter where you are or what your weather may be ---summer at St. Peter's is rapidly approaching and Barbara and I along with you are getting excited about getting together again on Christian Hill and in Marmion House. We will soon be where we can be part of the worship and fellowship of the people of God who love our St. Peter's-by-the-Sea.

+Charles

### FROM FATHER LALLY

#### What is a Summer Chapel?

There is a purity about summer chapels. Chapels like St. Peter's seem just to be there. Always. Like our earliest experiences of the Episcopal churches we knew as children, these chapels have a timeless quality. So often they are built of stone that will never decay or be painted or be moved to suit taste. Their furnishings never change, for they are sacred, above the restless world of fashion.

Like the churches of our youth, these places ask nothing of you --- only to come in and draw close to God, who has been waiting for you. Here, your mind can wander, and your thoughts can drift, and you can pray without fear of interruption --- not vestry minutes being pressed into your hand not gentle queries about increasing your pledge. No. As we did as children, you enter this place of holy mystery and take any seat you want, for all of them have the same, pure quality. They are places that are just there, set aside in a consecrated space --- built out of devotion and maintained out of love for one reason: to keep alive that childlike closeness to a Lord who tells that it is such as these who inherit the Kingdom (Mark 10:15)

Welcome back to St. Peter's. And let us honor all she is --- not a place of ideological strife nor of sharp opinion, but only this: a place where God has been waiting for us, for we are His children, and His dearest wish is that we make it home safe, where He is, for I AM is His Name.

So let us return to the dear, old town that is seated by the sea ( to borrow Longfellow's words), for "A boy's will is the wind's will, / And the thoughts of youth are long, long thoughts.

Steve+

## FROM THE TRUSTEES

According to our daughter and several friends in Cape Neddick it has been bitter sub zero weather up there, but before we know it we'll be gathering to open our Church. Already the Trustees and Guild members are considering dates in May for accomplishing this process which will have St. Peter's ready for the first service June 3, 2007. Often the first service is sparsely attended. Only a few tourists will have arrived and several of our regular attendees may not have settled in for the summer. Also there are several graduations taking place at this time of the year. All who possibly can are urged to attend and help get us off to a good start for the season.

In the meantime our clergy in residence, The Right Reverend Charles Longest and our Priest, Father Steven Lally are planning the services. Barbara Longest , with the help of Terri and Grace Lally, and Guild members will have the Hospitality Hour ready for everyone to enjoy. And of course, we can expect another series of beautiful music programs from Hank Hokans and the St. Peter's Choir.

We thank Royce Morgan for his diligent production of the "Bald Head" and for his careful oversight of the St. Peter's Book Club. Many of us have read the selection for our first meeting, "The Memory Keeper's Daughter" by Kim Edwards, and think it will be a good book to discuss. Perhaps you would like to join us. The date will be published later.

Trustee Peg Richardson, Chairwoman of the Memorial Garden Committee, has been busy meeting with the committee and writing a detailed report about what should be accomplished this season. Already I have glowing reports on how beautiful the area to the south of the Church looks now that the dead trees and underbrush have been cleared off the property.

Bob and I plan to be in Maine on May 16 or 17. Bishop and Barbara Longest will arrive at Marmion House on Saturday, May 19. Until then, Fr. Lally will be on hand at his home on Kittery Point and will welcome calls at (207) 439-1723.

On behalf of your Board of Trustees I wish you all a beautiful spring time where ever you may be. We look forward to seeing you at St. Peter's by-the-Sea in June, if not before.

Faithfully yours,

Jane G. Greene, President

## Jane Says...

by Jane Greene

I just talked to Peg Richardson. She and Jon are leaving March 11<sup>th</sup> for a quick trip to Florida. She says it's too cold up there to ski and they have been stuck inside, so this may be an escape trip. They are also planning a month's trip to Italy in May. I told her she was just trying to escape the job of opening up St. Peter's for the first service. However, they are forgiven since both of them have put in long hours on plans for the Memorial Garden.

Linda Shaughnessy is going to be away a lot as well. The end of March, she leaves for Texas, dragging a trailer behind her van. It will be full of antique goodies for her to sell at our popular Round Top show. We always enjoy her visit in our home both before and after the show. Then in mid June she will head for Slovakia to greet her newest grandchild and help out for a week or two.

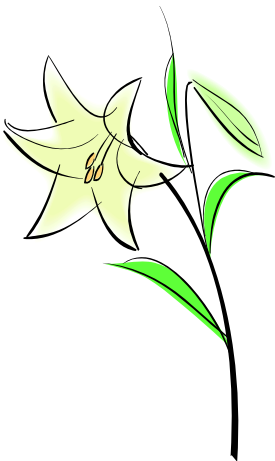
Bob and I received a delightful note from Bishop Phil Smith after Barbara passed away. He misses her so very much but says, I'll be on hand for more sherry.

The Longest are both doing very well and they report that Sarah Eastman is back to her perky self. Barbara told me Charles has her investigating a trip to Nova Scotia for the Summer.

Norm and Jeanine Storrs will have moved into their new home in Cape Neddick before you receive this newsletter. They have sold the Tucson home and are presently driving east in a hurry in order to beat the moving van. Welcome to Cape Neddick, dear friends.

I talked with Catherine Goodwin this morning and she said that John "is much better; not perfect, but much, much better." We are sure glad to hear it, John.

That's all for now and TEXAS NEEDS RAIN!!! Please send some down.



## **Barbara Taylor Smith**

1924-2007

(Mrs. Phillip A.) died on February 4, 2007 in Alexandria, Virginia and was born in Columbus, Ohio on October 19, 1924 to Leland and Janet Taylor. Educated in public schools in Columbus, she graduated from Smith College in 1946 and William and Mary (Richmond Professional Institute) with Psychiatric Social Worker Master's Degree in 1948.

She is survived by her husband, The Rt. Reverend Phillip Smith, whom she married on June 12, 1949. She was the beloved mother of Sarah Elizabeth, Ann Warren, Jeremy Taylor and the late Peter, the cherished grandmother of William, Camlyn and Willa and the caring sister of Richard T. Taylor. She worked as a guidance counselor, social worker and volunteer. Art was her principal passion or avocation, primarily exercised in classes at The Goodwin House of Alexandria. Her art work was chosen to appear in the yearly calendar for the Goodwin House six times.

A funeral service was held of Wednesday, February 7, 2007 at 2 p.m. at The Virginia Theological Seminary. Interment will follow at a later date in the Cemetery of the Seminary. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Goodwin House Foundation, 4800 Fillmore Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22311.