

St. Peter's - Bald Head

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By the Sea
Newsletter

The Da Vinci Code Reviewed!!!

Okay, before we go any further, you are exactly right, I have absolutely NO credentials that give me any right to review such an important book of our time except the fact that I am sitting at the computer and trying to make sense of the nine books Amazon.com wants me to buy in order to prove or disprove the writings of Mr.. Dan Brown's book.

If you are one of the last two people on the planet who has not read this book of history, church tradition, deception, angels and demons, I highly recommend this thriller before you go on down the path I now find myself on: trying to separate the fact from the fiction, tradition

and legend from folklore and fallacy.

In the book, the main character's name is "Sophie" which means "wisdom", but after the author has summarized his story, as you are going over this very detailed life of "Wisdom", you realize you are left trying to connect the dots; the dots of truth, the dots of fiction and the dots of "The Gospel of Philip". (Yes, I meant the Gospel of Philip!)

Everyone who is infinitely more qualified than I for this job all seem to agree that the writing is only overshadowed by Mr.. Brown's subject matter.

Titles like **Secrets of the Code: The Unauthorized Guide to the Mysteries Behind the Da Vinci Code** by Dan Burstein; **Da Vinci Code: Fact or Fiction**, by Paul L. Maier are all waiting for my summer reading. If you haven't read The Da Vinci Code, I invite you to enjoy a great story first and then catch up with me to where we can decipher truth from fiction.

Royce Morgan

Some minds are like
concrete;
Thoroughly mixed up
And permanently set!

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Special points of interest:

- "Jane Says"
- *by Jane Greene*
- *Monthly Calendar*

Response Form

A Word From...

The Bishop:

A Summer Chapel Conference with Bishop Chilton Knudsen is being held at the Cathedral of St. Luke in Portland on Wednesday, July 14. Bishop Longest, John Goodwin, Sid White and

maybe others will represent St. Peter's.

The Baptism on July 18th is for Sophia, daughter of Joy and Jay Milo who were married at St Peter's and where Joy at-

tended as a young person with her parents.

Another baptism to watch for is of Kayleigh, granddaughter of the Rev. Canon David and Pattie Reid. Canon Reid is

Priest-in-Charge of St. Andrew's Church in Dartmouth. Kayleigh's dad is deployed in Qatar, Saudi Arabia.

Jane Says...

Jane Greene

Betty Parker turns 95 on her July 4th birthday this year. WOW! She looks wonderful as she gets out and about on a regular basis. Congratulations, Betty; we admire your spunk.

We have two new faces in our congregation, **Daryl McGann** and **Mary Elizabeth McCue**. Daryl, who is a senior accounting manager for a publishing company, lives off of Shore Road on Cragmere Way. He is a licensed chalice and will be serving at St. Peter's from time to time. He is also an accomplished chef, having graduated from the Culinary Institute of America.

His friend, Mary Elizabeth, is a graduate of Harvard Divinity School and is just beginning the ordination process. She lives down in Rye, N H and works for the Christopher Ward Art Gallery which is located in the Wentworth Hotel. We welcome them both to the St. Peter's family.

We had hoped to see **Bishop Phil** and **Barbara Smith** at our July 11th picnic but Barbara must stay in Alexandria, Va. for some medical tests. They plan to get to their summer camp in Barrington, N H in mid-July and promise to visit us at St. Peter's soon after.

John Bochart is the ultimate friend and good neighbor to St. Peter's He volunteers his services in so many ways. In the off-season, he checks on the Church and Marmion House on the outside on a daily basis. After storms of any type, he goes inside to check for damage. All year long he keeps an eye on the property and notifies us or the police of any problems. He has helped Ed Lowrie buy and plant our new garden on the north side of the Church. Thank you, John, for your help these many years.

It's good to see **Catherine** and **John Goodwin** back up here in Ogunquit and Participating in services and other church events. We missed you earlier in the season.

SPBTS Board Meets

The Board of Trustees of the Church met on June 20th. After the minutes of the last meeting were approved, the first order was the election of Royce Morgan to the board.

Due to health issues, Jay Hayden nominated Jane Greene to act as "President Pro Team" for the rest of this year.

A lot of church members who are singing, "Standing on the Promises", are just sitting on the premises!

With Jane's new position, a new clerk/secretary was elected; Lousea Gillispie.

Norman Storrs was elected to assist John Goodman as Treasurer, due to family commitments of John's.

Plans for updating the Church's regulations for weddings and other services were discussed. An open and welcoming approach while still asking that the premises be given the respect it deserves was the general consensus.

Guild Meeting

The Guild of SPBTS met on June 10th at Marmion House with 11 members and the Bishop present.

Minutes of the September 2003 meeting were approved with corrections and an updated membership list was made available for review along with the first issue of "St. Peter's Bald Head" and the new brochures which compliments our

website: www.st-peters-by-the-sea.org.

Discussions of the altar committee, flowers, the hospitality hour, the picnic, brunch and the Au Revoir Party were all handled.

A delightful lunch and lively conversation followed the meeting. Watch this newspaper for the date of the September meeting.

Comments to the Editors:

Thanks for all your help and feedback. Hopefully this issue is an improvement. We'd like to share just some of the comments we received:

"Isn't there any happy news?"
(2 obituaries)

"When was the last time you had your eyes checked?" (many errors)

"Put a hyphen in it, buddy!"
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