

St. Peter's Bald Head

God and the Beauty Bush

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The *kolkwitzia amabilis*, outside the office window of the Rectory at Marmion House, is in full bloom. Some of you will see it in its splendor on Sunday when you attend Hospitality Hour. For some of you who can't be here, you can see it in "your mind's eye." Judy Perley was the first person to tell me something about this bush, and Barbara and I have over the last several years given this *Beauty Bush* very special care. We have pruned it; thinned it; shaped it; watered it; fertilized it after the blooms were

gone.....but most of all we have loved it. The bees love it too. The humming birds come to it to feed off it's nectar. It is one of the Rectory's "beauty marks." As I gaze upon this magnificent and stunning array of blooms, I can almost hear God-in-Christ saying, "Look at the beauty of this bush. Are you not of greater value than this bush that I have given to you and your sisters and brothers to enjoy? So know that I care for you and call you to care for each other. Each of you are one of my 'Beauty Marks.' "



(*kolkwitzia amabilis*)

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Father,
bless the person reading
this in whatever it is that
You know
they need.
Amen.

Weddings And Baptisms

We had 5 weddings at St. Peter's in June. Two were on the same weekend. All this kept Tom Vanderslice, who performs our weddings, and Hank Hokans, our organist and his wife Louise, who performs many task before, during and after each ceremony very busy.

In addition to these happy occasions, two baptisms were held on June 26th. Jesse Raymond Brodeur's parents, David and Janet, were married at St. Peter's several years ago. Deacon Steven and Terri Lally are the grandparents of Little Liam Allen Bergeron, who



came with his parents all the way from California for the ceremony.

Guild Notes

Seventeen ladies of the guild gathered on June 9, 2005 at Marmion House with Bishop Charles to discuss the season's activities and outreach events, which are listed elsewhere in this newsletter and on the web-site. Bouquets of thanks and appreciation were stated for Judy Perley who faithfully and competently served as the leader of this group for many years. She has relinquished this role due to illness in the family. Bobbi Beavers agreed to fill

in as Chair Pro-tem and a nomination committee was formed for the fall annual meeting elections. Jane Greene and Bishop Charles are exploring the possibility of a book discussion group. There will be a memorial service for Jay Hayden's mother on June 18th and one for Alma Leavitt later in the summer. Dolores Lindvall asked to be remembered to everyone, as she may not be able to return to Maine this summer. Muriel Ferguson shared

wonderful pictures of her grandson in champion aerial skiing form.

After the meeting, Barbara Longest provided us with the most marvelous luncheon and opportunity for us all to get further acquainted.

Bobbi Beavers, Chair Pro-tem

Jane Says...

By Jane Greene

Guild Chair Pro-Tem, **Bobbi Beavers**, is leaving on July 6th for Los Vegas to attend a conference put on by the American Adoption Congress. She will be the Maine State representative. Most of those attending will be social workers, adults adopted persons and parents who have adopted persons. Bobbi will be a participant in several workshops. Her major focus is a grass roots organization called **Access 2006** which is working toward legislation in Maine which will allow adopted people to see their original birth certificates. We wish you well, Bobbi!

Long time St. Peter's friend, **Jane Ritter**, who died last fall, continues to benefit her favorite charities. According to a York County Coast Star article of May 26th, Jane's

Estate presented \$25K each to the Maine Retired Teachers Association and the Ogunquit Art Association. These funds were made available from the sale of some of the works of art collected by Jane and Chris Ritter, or created by Chris. The estate also made gifts of paintings to the Ogunquit Museum of American Art.

Over their life together Jane and Chris collected over 800 pieces of art from early 1800's Old Dutch Masters to contemporary prints. In addition, Chris created about 2200 paintings. The executor of the Ritter Estate, **Brad Moulton**, has spent months cataloguing the extensive collection in anticipation of a future sale for the benefit of family members.

Nest time you are in the sanctuary please turn your attention to the prints of St. Peter's and the Marmion House that are on display on the ledge above the baptistry. There are note cards for sale. They are priced at \$2.00 for one card and \$8.00 for a pack of five. The framed prints are \$55. Checks should be made to "St Peter's Guild". Money raised helps the York and Wells food banks feed the hungry.

Daryl McGann and Mary Elizabeth McCue have moved from Rye, NH to Portsmouth. They can be reached at 603-433-3039. Glad to have you closer!

"God, be present; come what may."

When God gives you a sign, no matter what the calling is, it is best to respond to it.

Signs have been a part of our Deacon, Steven White Lally, most of his life, though he must admit, "None of the most important moments of my life are of my doing.", like being born with a twin brother, or doing rather extensive graduate and post graduate work in Medieval Studies.

But when he first met Terri Ott, he knew "she was the most decent person I'd ever known.", and they were married within a year.

It was during the 80's that a strong pull to the church began. Prior, a very suc-



cessful career with Bell Labs was taking place, where everything he had hoped for in a job was happening. By the 90's, "Strange things started to happen."; a question would be on Steve's mind and the answer would be on a license tag! Terri said, "Hanging our with you is just getting weird!" He had to say to himself, "This is about obedience.", and resigned from Bell Labs. Steve's answer to his call was, "God be present, come what may." Steve's reward to answering his call is, "Bell Lab is gone, but God's promise still shines."

Isn't that light shining bright at St. Peter's! Thanks be to God !!!

WARNING! WARNING! WARNING!

Gentlemen: Be warned that wearing a necktie into the Marmion House in recent days could be at your own and your tie's risk.

Late June, Charles and Barbara had a very talented person visiting by the name of "**Mary deMunecas**", who

takes men's ties and creates quilts and wall hangings and such (including ones from Bp.Marmion!) Her talents are endless. Be careful!

Also, at a recent hospitality hour, a Trustee was asked to divest of his neck-

wear. When told where this visitor to St Peter's could purchase an exact replica of said tie, he was told: "No, I want THAT tie!", whereupon said Trustee gave her the tie and collected a check for St. Peter's Church. Be careful; you never know what you'll be asked to do!

CAUTION! CAUTION! CAUTION!