

SAINT PETER'S NET

JESUS SAID TO PETER, "FOLLOW ME, AND I WILL MAKE YOU FISH FOR PEOPLE."
MATTHEW 4:19

From the Rector

Dear Members and Friends,

I am proud to be an Episcopalian, especially these days when I see our church leaders are voicing their concerns openly on the breakdown of public and private morality and basic human decency at the highest levels of our political life. I am proud to see our diocesan bishop and presiding bishop making statements in support of the most vulnerable in the world, especially those migrants who are fleeing violence and seeking asylum in our country but end up getting separated from their children. I am proud to see our Episcopal and Anglican liturgies of Barbara Bush's funeral and the Royal Wedding broadcast on world-wide media. Wasn't our Presiding Bishop's homily on 'Love' a great witness to our faith in this world marked by greed, hatred and walls of separation? Yes, indeed, I am proud to be a Christian and an Episcopalian who blesses the whole world and not just one country.

Friends, I am heading out to Austin on Monday July 2nd for two weeks for the 79th Triennial General Convention of our Church as a deputy from the diocese of Pennsylvania. As this is my first time going to the General Convention, there is much to do in preparation. In addition, I am submitting a couple of resolutions on Israel/Palestine, but not very hopeful they will see the light of day as there is much opposition to bring up anything even remotely critical of Israel in their treatment of Palestinians. I also understand this convention will give attention to the consideration of whether we are ready for another revision of Book of Common Prayer. The last convention in 2015 thought it was a good idea to begin thinking about a revision. However, as this was not something that generated from the field, one of the proposals at this convention is to begin a conversation in our individual churches on our Book of Common Prayer in its present form to understand what it is that we need to revise.

Keeping this in mind, this summer, at St. Peter's, we will begin to use the Book of Common Prayer itself rather than printed bulletin liturgy for worship. Each Sunday we will use a different Eucharistic Prayer including Rite 1. Our Eucharistic prayers begin with a brief introduction for educational purpose. On a Sunday or two we will say Morning Prayer, a way of worship more common than Eucharist up until mid 20th century. I look forward using a different liturgy for each worship during this summer. Our Book of Common Prayer is a very rich resource for faith development as the saying goes, "Praying shapes believing." My hope is that by using the prayer book each Sunday for worship we will get exposed to the other parts of the book as well. And once we have a sufficient understanding of what it offers, perhaps we can begin to think of ways of revising it.

I trust this summer will offer each one of us time to relax, reflect and to be relational. In your travel I hope you may be able to go to houses of worship other than what you are used to or familiar with. In your exploration, if you come across something we can use at our church or in our worship, please

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Mission Statement: We are an inclusive, forward-looking Episcopal parish that seeks to grow in Christ through worship, education and fellowship, serves Christ by ministering to local and global communities and shares Christ in following His command to "Love one another as I have loved you."

Vision Statement: Our vision at St. Peter's is to be an inclusive, vibrant Christian community honoring our Episcopal heritage by achieving excellence in worship, mission, education and fellowship.

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July and August 2018

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share them with the leadership of our worship committee or New Member Ministry. Let us discover the rhythms of rest and delight summer offers us. While we enjoy the easy pace of summer and delight being away on vacation or at the shore, please keep your church and its ministries in your thoughts and prayers.

Blessings,
Fr. Koshy

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Deacon's Roundtable

Some time ago an acolyte came up to me and asked what the letter IHS meant. These letters are usually found printed on altar crosses, processional crosses and on hangings we use on the altar, lectern and pulpit.

In the earliest Greek Christian manuscripts, it was common to abbreviate certain "holy names." That of Jesus was abbreviated IHS with a line over it. These were the first three letters of Jesus' name in Greek: Iota (I), eta (H) which is pronounced with a long e sound and sigma which looks like an italic E. This abbreviation was so popular that it was even used in Latin manuscripts. Latin speakers, who knew no Greek, misunderstood the eta (which is shaped like an H). They even misspelled the Holy Name as IHESUS.

The monogram IHS became even more popular in the late middle ages with the rise of devotion to the Holy Name. In modern times, everyone knew that IHS was an abbreviation, but they did not understand it, so they added periods after each letter I. H. S. This led to much speculation about its meaning, and the most common explanation was *Iesus Hominum Salvator*--"Jesus, Savior of Man." But the abbreviation really stands for the name of our Lord, Jesus.

The letters INRI are often seen on crosses over the corpus depicting the crucifixion. These letters represent the Latin phrase *Iesus*

Nazarenus Rex Iudaeorum--"Jesus of Nazareth King of the Jews." These are the words written by Pontius Pilate for the placard that was placed on the cross on which Jesus was crucified. This same phrase was also written in Aramaic (or Hebrew) and Greek. Latin, Aramaic and Greek were the major languages of the people in the time of Christ. Pilate wanted to make sure everyone knew who was being condemned to death and the crime he had committed.

Let us keep these symbols in mind as we celebrate the life of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ during this long period of Pentecost. May our Blessed Lord be with each of you as you vacation this summer. I pray that you will be led to find a sanctuary of worship while you are away from St. Peter's and that you will returned refreshed and renewed. Peace.

Deacon Joe

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Introducing...



Please join us in welcoming Derek Maninfior, our new Director of Music. Derek comes to us with extensive training and experience in piano performance, teaching, rehearsing, accompanying, and leading the musical aspects of worship. Derek has served as Director of Music at The Presbyterian Church of Chatham Township, New Jersey and principal organist at St. Charles Borromeo Church in Charleston, Illinois, where he provided music for worship services and led the church choirs. He has also served as accompanist and associate instructor of piano at the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music, as well as collaborative pianist at

Eastern Illinois University and associate counselor and coach at the Indiana University Piano Academy.

In 2015, Derek was first prize winner of the Bradshaw & Buono Piano Competition and also performed at Carnegie Hall. In addition to other honors in prior years, Derek was named Gilmore Fellow at the Gilmore Piano Festival in Kalamazoo, Michigan in 2014 and was awarded the Artistic Excellence Fellowship at Indiana University in 2012. Derek received his Bachelor of Music in Piano Performance at Eastern Illinois University and his Master of Music in Piano Performance at Indiana University. Derek lives in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, with his wife Elizabeth.

Special thanks to our Music Director Search Committee: Marty Bloem, Shelly Brennfleck, Ron Druckenmiller, Emma Martz, Karen Martz, and Catherine Wenger for their help and dedication to finding our next Director of Music.

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A Heartfelt Thank You



Dear St. Peter's Family,

Thank you all so much for your participation in the prayer and laying on of hands during the 10:00 a.m. worship service, your very generous money gift, and for all the delicious sweet and savory goodies at the coffee hour. All were very much appreciated by myself and my husband, Richard. Your love and concern have touched each of us deeply. We are looking forward to worshipping with you and participating in the life of St. Peter's,

With much love, Karen Greene

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Summer Environmental Ministry Programs for Children During Sunday Church Services



Members of the Environmental Committee are very much looking forward to working with the youth of our congregation and community this summer as we explore the wonders of God's creation, our world! Children are asked to join us each Sunday at the start of the 9:30 AM church service for a 45 minute lesson thematic lesson that will conclude during the exchange of "The Peace". While we plan to offer the topics listed below, the Environmental Ministry team would like to mention that activities are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances such as weather. All participants are asked to dress comfortably with outdoor shoes and clothing.

July 1: "Sunday Sunshine Clean Up Walk" – Taught by Amy Atlee: Let's get outdoors and soak up some sun, enjoy nature all around us, and beautify our grounds by simply picking up trash. We'll cover the church property, the clinic, and head down to St. Peter's Place. As a "green team" we'll learn to serve the community and work together to become stewards of our environment. To finish, we'll talk about trash, environmental pollution, and analyze the trash that we collect. (Please wear sensible shoes and bring garden gloves.)

July 8: "Exploring the Environment With Michelle" - Class Taught by Michelle Engle: During this session, Michelle will work with the students to explore the many ways gifts of nature can help us enjoy our days to the fullest.

July 15: Saint Peter's Family Camping Trip to the Poconos (KOA) – Dave/Jolie: Join the Saint Peter's Family for a weekend of camping and fellowship in the Poconos Friday, July 13-Sunday, July 15!

July 22: Saint Peters Raised Bed Garden Planting – Taught by Dave Brennfleck : How does our garden grow? Join us for a trip to the new raised bed community gardens at Saint Peter's and learn how much fun we have planting and sharing the things that grow here!

July 29: "Summer Salad Time" – Taught by Jolie Chylack: Summer Salads are SUPER! Join us for this lesson in the Saint Peter's community garden

and kitchen where we will learn the difference between fruits and vegetables! We will also have fun creating healthy, delicious and fun summer salads with locally sourced produce and vegetables from our own community garden!

August 5: “Squirmy Wormy Composting” – Taught by Jolie Chylack: So we had a few fruit and vegetable scraps from last weeks “Summer Salad Time” lesson! Do we need to throw them out? No! Let’s make our own personal squirmy wormy compost bin and learn how worms and even microscopic critters can transform our scraps into black gold for the garden!

August 12: “Connecting With The Universe Yoga” – Taught by Amy Atlee: Taking time to develop a respect and love for the natural world can help us appreciate some of the mysteries of life and enhance our inner world. Connecting with nature can be a source of contentment and calm for adults and children. We’ll explore the continual rhythm of the breath – our own and the breath of the earth. Learning some simple yoga poses and BREATHING, we can easily find our inner calm in the midst of nature.

August 19: “Ready, Set, Recycling!” – Taught by Dave Brennfleck: On your mark, get set, RECYCLE! Kids will have a great time learning the “R’s” of recycling as they participate in a relay race and other fun activities that inspire us to reduce, reuse and recycle!

August 26: “Leave No Trace Walk” – Taught by Jolie Chylack: Hiking is so much fun! Is there a way to enjoy and respect our natural landscape without leaving any of our human “traces” behind? Learn the seven “Leave no Trace” ideas and begin your own Nature Journal so that you can keep the things you love most about nature “close to your heart” without ever even picking them up!

need to challenge herself and she chose to walk 18 miles and raise money for the hungry and chose our Pantry to be the recipient of her efforts. Using her talents with social media she raised over \$1000. This year the walk will start at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, August 4 at the Snyder’s trail head of the Perkiomen Trail.

Please, watch your bulletin and email blast for more information about times and how you can help if you don’t want to walk or want to donate to this wonderful event. Please feel free to contact either Doreen at penczer@comcast.net or Gary at grussell21@hotmail.com with any questions.

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Summer Giving



Are you planning to be away on vacation this summer? We wish you a great vacation! Your church never goes on vacation – St. Peter’s is here when you leave and St. Peter’s will be here when you return. In that regard, church expenses continue to accrue during the summer in the same way as the rest of the year. If you do plan to be away, would you consider continuing to meet your pledge during that time - this will have a significant impact on ensuring that St. Peter’s continues to meet its financial obligations this summer. Thank you for your consideration!

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4th Annual Walk For Hunger



We are busy putting together the final plans for this event. Three years ago Juliana Flora felt the

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Financial Update – May 2018
from Frank Rothenberger, Accounting Warden

The financial position of St. Peter's through May, 2018 is outlined below.

- Income
 - Total open plate donations through May were \$7,229 which were below budget of \$10,000 by \$2,771; however, this was again offset by \$117,185 in pledges through May that are higher than the budget of \$113,740
 - Total operating income was \$150,261 which is more than the expected income of \$136,018. This includes \$7,957 in Clinic rent that is deposited directly into the maintenance savings as well as \$5,000 received in a grant from the Diocese for the Capital Campaign.
- Total income, including pass through income of \$19,649, was \$169,982.
- Expense
 - Total operating expenses were \$146,236 which were above expected budget of \$128,489.
 - Operating expenses were impacted by higher than expected winter utility bills and repair/maintenance costs expensed in the first quarter of 2018.
 - Total expenses, including pass-through expenses of \$24,062, were \$170,298. St. Peter's reported a year-to-date operating surplus of \$4,025 through May. St. Peter's reported a marginal deficit of (\$315) through May, 2018.

Additional detail on income and expense is available upon request.

Account Balances (as of 5/31/18):

- Checking: \$7,470
- Savings: \$9,067
- Certificates of Deposit: \$42,490
- Youth Group: \$593
- Pantry/Outreach: \$27,529
- Mission: \$1,355
- Building Maintenance: \$13,251
- Concert Series: \$4,446
- Capital Campaign: \$41,133
- Ecumenical Meal Program: \$6,089
- Petty Cash: \$200
 - **Total Cash: \$153,623**

Thank you all for your continued and generous support of St. Peter's.

July Birthdays



3 Jyl Harrington
 5 David Scott
 6 Andrew Hans
 13 Joseph Sutkowski
 15 Robin Barker
 19 Peter Fifer
 20 Molly Barker
 22 Matthew Wier, Tate Wells, Catherine Wenger
 23 Vivek Hivale
 24 Shirley Dietz
 26 Donald Brock
 27 John Jacobs
 28 Robert Cassidy
 29 Evelyn Fifer
 31 Dan Coleman, Kim Guiser

July Anniversaries



2 Robert and Kristen Cassidy
 9 Dennis and Jonie Coleman
 15 Joseph and Shirley Dietz
 27 Brian and Karen Martz
 30 Jesse and Mary Lynn Kessler
 Frank and Caitlin Rothenberger

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July Worship Service Participants

Greeters - 8:00 am

1 Joan Grunwell
 8 Glenn Murray
 15 James Dallas
 22 Lisa Scott
 29 Joan Grunwell

Lectors - 8:00 am

1 Alexis Wilson
 Ron Gaugler *chalice*
 8 Ron Gaugler
 15 Alexis Wilson
 22 Lisa Scott
 29 Ron Gaugler

Acolytes

1 Vernet Spence-Brown
 8 Frank Rothenberer
 15 James Hammaker
 22 Sydney Alling
 29 Isaac Nagy

Greeters – 9:30 am

1 Michael and Rosemarie O'Rourke
 8 Vernet Spence-Brown, Judi Hans
 15 Cindy Giancaterino, Pat Howse
 22 Lady Rennie, Anne Andrews
 29 Marva Young, Anne Atlee

Ushers

1 Clem Young, Sam Smith
 8 Mark Hammaker, Robert Parker
 15 Curt Quaintance, Carl Rennie
 22 Bruce Alling, Jim Tackett
 29 John Andrews, Jim Tackett

Lectors – 9:30 am

1 Leo Guen, David Brennfleck
 Beverly Burkhardt *intercessions*
 Vincent Giancaterino *chalice*
 Vernet Spence-Brown *chalice*
 8 Asha George-Guiser, Retta Sparano
 Phoebe Foerster *intercessions*
 15 Trevor Hall, Todd Jackson
 Marty Bloem *intercessions*
 Peter Druckenmiller *chalice*
 22 Catherine Wenger, Karen Martz
 Susan Mathews *intercessions*
 Ron Druckenmiller *chalice*
 29 Lynn Boukalik, Ron Druckenmiller
 Georgette Druckenmiller *intercessions*
 Peter Druckenmiller *chalice*

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August Birthdays



- 1 Jesse Kessler
- 2 Elizabeth Andrews
- 4 Genevieve Hall
- 6 Ron Gaugler, Courtney Sutkowski
- 12 Natasha Young, Patrick Wier, Lincoln Weiss
- 13 Cindy Hammaker
- 16 Jean Hofscher, Mira Pongras
- 17 Iris Blanche
- 20 William Hamilton
- 21 Emerson Smith
- 22 Jolie Chylack
- 29 Bea Quaintance; Vinea Phillips
- 31 Andrea Archer Young

August Anniversaries



- 7 Mike and Joyce Paster
- 15 Curt and Bea Quaintance
- 20 Todd Jackson and Jyl Harrington
- 22 Ryan and Stephanie Sutter
- 28 David and Susan Hyatt
W. Peter and Katie Druckenmiller
- 30 John and Anne Andrews

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August Worship Service Participants

Greeters - 8:00 am

- 5 Glenn Murray
- 12 James Dallas
- 19 Lisa Scott
- 26 Joan Grunwell

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Lectors - 8:00 am

- 5 Alexis Wilson
Lisa Scott *chalicist*
- 12 Lisa Scott
- 19 Ron Gaugler
- 26 Lisa Scott

Acolytes

- 5 Frank Rothenberger
- 12 Phoebe Foerster
- 19 Vernet Spence-Brown
- 26 James Hammaker

Greeters – 9:30 am

- 5 Kim Thornton, Judi Hans
- 12 Michael and Rosemarie O'Rourke
- 19 Vernet Spence-Brown, Cindy Giancaterino
- 26 Anne Andrews, Pat Howse

Lectors – 9:30 am

- 5 Mona Chylack, Catherine Wenger
Mali Warren *intercessions*
Richard Greene *chalicist*
Carol Russell *chalicist*
- 12 Mary Ellen Crowley, Shelly Brennfleck
Marty Bloem *intercessions*
Vernet Spence-Brown *chalicist*
- 19 Karen Martz, Lynn Boukalik
Kent Wenger *intercessions*
Vincent Giancaterino *chalicist*
- 26 Asha George-Guiser, Jolie Chylack
Mona Chylack *intercessions*
Ron Druckenmiller *chalicist*

Ushers

- 5 Clem Young, Sam Smith
- 12 Mark Hammaker, Robert Parker
- 19 Curt Quaintance, Carl Rennie
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