

# 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 Friends and Members of St. Peters,

People ask me these days, "Koshy, what will you be doing after you retire?" I realize that I am not comfortably prepared to answer them. The change that awaits me is related to my personal identity. Who would I be if I am not a rector? A few years back one of our little ones seeing me one day outside the church whispered to her mother, "Mommy, Father Koshy has legs." That was the first time she saw me without my Sunday morning garb which covers my body from neck to ankles. This little girl's observation of my physical appearance is illustrative of my identity without the title of my occupation.

One thing I need to remind myself is that I will continue to be a priest, even after retirement as priesthood is my calling and it is for life. I should see my priesthood in retirement as an invitation to pay attention to see life as being, not as much as doing, which is the main concern up until retirement. How do I visualize my 'being' during my retirement days coming up in less than three months? As I look ahead, I feel quite vulnerable to what is unknown; it is going to be a time without any daily worship related tasks, pastoral visits with people, routine Eucharistic services or diocesan meetings. My days will be free of appointments and community involvement. Will I still get up early, what will I do all day? It is all going to feel strange and odd. Would this freedom from structured routines and tasks make my mind atrophy, and would I become irrelevant? I take comfort in the belief that just as God has been with me over these past years guiding me, he will guide me during my upcoming retirement years as well.

In a short time, as a church we will be experiencing separation and a new beginning. We live in a dynamic world which always challenges us with changes and provides us with opportunities for growth. Change is woven into the fabric of life, and the pattern for growth is Order, Disorder and Reorder. In this journey our present order undergoes disorder and comes out reordered. We continue to evolve through this unchanging pattern of change. I thank God for the time we journeyed together. We will continue on this journey though separately into the future God has already prepared for us.

April beckons us to follow through the rigors of what is left of the Lenten season, make our way through Holy Week and come out victorious on Easter. In this reenactment of the story of God's redemption of God's creation, we once again acknowledge the pattern of our life, the cycle of order, disorder and reorder.

I pray that our observances of Lent, Holy Week and Easter will help us grow spiritually into mature Christians.

May God bless us in our journey into God's future for us!

With much love and peace, *Fr. Koshy*

**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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## What's Happening At St. Peter's April 2018

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## Deacon's Roundtable

As we bring our Lenten rituals to a close with the triumphal resurrection of our Savior on Easter Day, we should be reminded that every Sunday is a little Easter—a re-celebration of the Easter mystery. This celebration is made manifest in the Eucharist which was instituted by Christ on the night he was betrayed to and vilified by the forces of evil. In the breaking of the bread, as his body was broken and in the sharing of the cup, as his blood was shed, he asked that this be continued in remembrance of him. Thus we give thanks in the Eucharist for his saving grace.

Dom Gregory Dix, in his book *The Shape of the Liturgy*, had the following to say about the Eucharist: “Was ever another command so obeyed?” (Do this in remembrance of me.) “For century after century, spreading slowly to every continent and country and among every race on earth, this action of the Eucharist has been done, in every conceivable human circumstance, for every conceivable human need from infancy and before it to extreme old age and after it, from the pinnacles of earthly greatness to the refuge of fugitives in the caves and dens of the earth. Men have found no better thing than this to do for kings at their crowning and for criminals going to the scaffold; for armies in triumph or for a bride and groom in a little country church; for the wisdom of the governing bodies of a mighty nation or for a sick old person afraid to die; for the soul of a dead lover; in thankfulness for a miraculous healing; on the beach at Dunkirk. One could fill many pages with the reason why men and women have done this, and not tell a hundredth part of them.”

Lest we forget—God became incarnate in Jesus Christ. Through his death he gave us life, and the life he gave us is sustained as we partake of his Body and Blood in the Eucharist. For this reason we have ordained bishops, priests and deacons to represent Christ to the people of the Mass. Thus we have commissioned Eucharistic Ministers to carry the precious Body and Blood of Christ to those who are unable to make their communion at the church.

I pray we all have a meaningful and Holy Lent and experience the Christ in the Resurrection of Easter Sunday.

*Deacon Joe*

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## Meals for St. Mary's Shelter

April 8-12



Volunteers are once again needed to prepare meals for St. Mary's Shelter. You do not have to prepare a meal “alone”, make this a family event or ask a friend or relative to join you. If you are able to prepare a meal or have any questions please contact Natalie Famous at 610-716-3758 to participate in this outreach of St. Peter's Church.

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## Holy Week Schedule of Services



**Holy Week**

April 18, Maundy Thursday

7:30 p.m. Eucharist, Foot Washing

April 19, Good Friday

1:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross

2:00 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy, Eucharist

April 20, Holy Saturday

7:30 p.m. Great Vigil of Easter, Baptisms

April 21, Easter Day

8:00 and 10:00 a.m. Eucharist

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## Capital Campaign Update

**We have almost reached our goal!** Because of the generous support we have received, we are at 86% of our goal of \$500,000.00. Our most recent tally brings our total to **\$433,090**. If you have not already returned your pledge card, please submit it soon. If you need one, they are available in the back of the church or email Fr. Kim Guiser [PastorG340@gmail.com](mailto:PastorG340@gmail.com) or Mark Hammaker [markhammaker1@gmail.com](mailto:markhammaker1@gmail.com) for a new pledge card. The gift you give might be the one that gets us to our goal.

Our church is very important to *all* of us, so let's *all* help to make our church more accessible, accommodating, and welcoming for *all*. *Imagine what we can do together!*

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## Sponsorship of Altar Flowers



Did you know that you can place Sunday Altar Flowers? There are quite a few “open” Sundays on our list and flowers can be placed in thanksgiving, birthdays, anniversaries or in memory of a loved one. Our “in house” florist, Ron Druckenmiller, arranges the flowers and will bill you directly. The placements can be made “one-time-only” or on an annual basis.

For availability of a Sunday, contact the Parish Office, at 610-933-2195 Tuesday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to Noon, or by email: [saintpetersphoenix@gmail.com](mailto:saintpetersphoenix@gmail.com)

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## Cristosal's Global School



St Peter's presence has been felt outside our borders as 3 missionaries (Gary Russell, Mona Chylack, and Cindy Hammaker) participated in Cristosal's School of Global Engagement in El Salvador March 10 to 17th. The title of the seminar was Human Rights and Resistance: Organizing for Change. There were 5 others who joined us with 3 from the US, 1 Salvadoran and one Honduran. Our group of 8 comprised all very proactive and socially minded people who were eager to grow together in learning and developing tools for taking action. Cristosal takes a human-rights based approach to strengthening communities and this human rights focus was highlighted throughout the seminar. Expert speakers informed us of the impact and cause of violence in communities and the innovative strategies Cristosal is taking to improve community justice conditions and protect and support those fleeing from violence. There was also focus on innovative community research and development and the link between how a healthier, safer community is one that recognizes all citizens' full human rights. We enjoyed memorable and inspiring field visits every day too such as: visiting historical sites to learn more of Oscar Romero and the civil war during the 1990s; visiting and listening to leaders from a community that successfully transformed from being an unsafe, undesirable place to a community offering hope and prosperity; visiting a community under gang and police brutality control, and listening to women leader's testimonials while sharing our words of support for them; and enjoying a little fun and beauty of the country while walking the rim of a volcano in San Salvador and relaxing in the picturesque town of Suchitoto and nearby lake. Wow, - what an experience!-.giving valuable knowledge to share and an enlightened energy to keep the positive forces of societal change going in our country and through our continued support for Cristosal's great work!

St. Peter's has an honorary relationship with Cristosal in being the longest standing supporting church in the US! Since 2008 we've sent St. Peter's missionaries to the Global school annually and have hosted Cristosal's director since 2010, Noah Bullock, into our community to raise funds and grow awareness. **Please mark your calendars for April 27 and 28<sup>th</sup> when Noah will speak at a fundraiser event at the home of Michael and Erica Logar, 7PM on the 27th! He will also give the sermon during the 10AM service on the 28<sup>th</sup>.** All are welcome and encouraged to hear Noah and learn about the invaluable and transformative work of Cristosal! **We will also be collecting your Dollar a Day donation on the 28<sup>th</sup>.with the plate collection.** Thank you for your show of faith and support for this vital outreach mission of St. Peter's!

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### Women of El Salvador



Dear St. Peter's Friends,

Recently, I had the good fortune to attend a seminar in El Salvador at Cristosal Global School. Our class, a group of ten North Americans and Salvadorans of various ages and backgrounds engaged in classroom sessions and field experiences on the topic Active Resistance and Human Rights: Organizing for Change.

As part of this study, the class traveled to a community experiencing severe human rights violations near San Salvador known as La Selva. We spent several hours meeting with women of the community who shared stories of their day-to-day lives and the anxiety and fear they experience due to gang violence and extortion as well as police brutality. The stories of beatings, robbery, false imprisonment and even murder told by these women are heartbreaking.

In conversation before our group left the community, I promised the women I would pray for them and that I would also ask my church family to pray for their safety and well being. I hope you will join with me in offering prayers of comfort for these lovely women and their family members.

Blessings and deepest thanks,

*Mona Chylack*

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### April Birthdays



- [1] Andrew Quaintance
- [4] John Burkhardt, Brian Thornton
- [5] Anna Campbell
- [7] Karen Martz, Steve De Prado  
Frances Stengel
- [8] Michael Logar
- [9] Katie Parker
- [11] Erin Hall
- [14] Koshy Mathews
- [15] Trey Foerster, Rebecca Martz
- [16] Adam Schaefer, Desiree Hatton
- [17] Amy Foerster
- [18] Erica Logar, Hannah Druckenmiller
- [20] Sean Mitten, Dennis Coleman
- [21] Mary Lynn Kessler, Blake Pongras  
Jill Moser
- [23] Emma Martz
- [25] Nigel Jenkins
- [27] Joyce Paster, Brian Martz
- [29] Leo Wenger, Christian Wenger

### April Anniversaries



- [3] Raymond and Amy Foerster
- [14] Ron and Georgette Druckenmiller
- [21] Brian and Megan Prato
- [25] John and Beverly Burkhardt
- [30] Christopher and Megan Wilson

# Worship Service Participants in April

## Greeters - 8:00 am

- 7 Volunteer
- 14 Lisa Scott
- 21 Glenn Murray
- 28 James Dallas

## Lectors - 8:00 am

- 7 Alexis Wilson  
Ron Gaugler *chalicist*
- 14 Lisa Scott
- 21 Ron Gaugler
- 28 Alexis Wilson

## Acolytes

- 7 Victor Jackson  
Emma Martz, Trey Foerster
- 14 Frank Rothenberger  
Sean Magee, M.J. Kiernan
- 18 7:30 Vernet Spence-Brown  
Emma Martz, Trey Foerster
- 19 1:30 Vernet Spence-Brown
- 20 7:30 James Hammaker, Vernet Spence-Brown  
Sean Magee, M.J. Kiernan
- 21 Victor Jackson, Brandon Rennie  
Isaac Nagy, Coleman Nagy
- 28 Frank Rothenberger  
Leo Wenger, Christian Wenger

## Greeters – 10:00 am

- 7 Mike Logar, Kim Thornton
- 14 Judi Hans, Carmita Magee
- 18 7:30 Judi Hans
- 19 1:30 Judi Hns
- 20 7:30 Michael and Rosemarie O'Rourke
- 21 Lady Rennie, Anne Andrews
- 28 Marva Young, Cindy Giancaterino

## Lectors – 10:00 am

- 7 Mona Chylack, Beverly Burkhardt  
*No intercessions this day*  
Ron Druckenmiller *chalicist*  
Vernet Spence-Brown *chalicist*
- 14 Jan Wier, Jolie Chylack  
Susan Thomas *intercessor*  
Vincent Giancaterino *chalicist*  
Richard Greene *chalicist*
- 18 7:30 Ron Druckenmiller,  
Georgette Druckenmiller  
Lisa Scott *intercessor*  
Carol Russell *chalicist*
- 19 1:30 Vernet Spence-Brown, Beverly Burkhardt  
Georgette Druckenmiller  
Kent Wenger *intercessor*  
Gary Russell *chalicist*
- 20 7:30 Susan Mathews, John Magee,  
Carol Russell, Retta Sparano  
Marty Bloem *intercessor*  
Beverly Burkhardt *chalicist*
- 21 Shelly Brennfleck, Trevor Hall  
Amy Atlee *intercessor*  
Vernet Spence-Brown *chalicist*  
Carol Russell *chalicist*
- 28 David Brennfleck, Mona Chylack  
Vincent Taviani *intercessor*  
Ron Druckenmiller *chalicist*  
Carol Russell *chalicist*

## Ushers

- 7 Clem Young, Sam Smith
- 14 Mark Hammaker, Robert Parker
- 21 Curt Quaintance, Carl Rennie
- 28 Bruce Alling, Jim Tackett

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**Financial Update – February 2019**  
from Frank Rothenberger, Accounting Warden

The financial position of St. Peter's through February, 2019 is outlined below.

- Income
    - Total open plate donations were \$2,238 which is on pace with budget and pledges were \$51,921 which is higher than expected through February, 2019.
    - Total operating income was \$58,710 which included \$3,183 in rent from the Clinic.
    - Total income, including pass through/designated income of \$50,675, was \$109,385. Designated income included \$36,640 in Capital Campaign funds.
  - Expense
    - Total operating expenses were \$56,199 resulting in an operating surplus of \$2,511. Operating expenses included a \$2K boiler repair invoice.
    - Total expenses, including pass-through, one-time and other designated expenses of \$20,863, were \$77,062. This included \$13,910 in Capital Campaign expenses.
- St. Peter's reported an overall surplus of \$32,323 through February, 2019.

Additional detail on income and expense is available upon request.

Account Balances (as of 2/28/19):	Checking: \$12,790	Savings: \$4,081
Certificates of Deposit: \$43,494	Youth Group: \$1,402	Pantry/Outreach: \$37,975
Mission: \$2,877	Concert Series: \$5,072	Building Maintenance: \$15,424
Ecumenical Meal Program: \$5,923	Petty Cash: \$200	Columbarium Project: \$2,514

○ **Total Cash: \$212,048**

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

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*Altar Flowers For Easter*



You are invited to share in the joy of beautifying our church for the Easter Season. There is **NO** suggested contribution. Please, return this form to the parish office, or place it in the weekly offering plate in an envelope marked "Easter Flowers" **by Sunday, April 14**. Please make checks payable to St. Peter's Church. All names will be printed in the Easter bulletins.

**Please PRINT clearly all names.**

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

In Thanksgiving for: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_ Envelope Number: \_\_\_\_\_