

SAINT PETER'S NET

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



Rev William Rex, Interim Priest

A Priest of the Diocese of Pennsylvania; Port Chaplain Seafarer's International House NYC, NY; Seamen's Church Institute Philadelphia, PA; ACS Chaplain to the US Coast Guard

Rev. William M Rex a graduate of Shippensburg State College and the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Gettysburg PA and was ordained Lutheran in 1974. As a Lutheran Pastor he served parishes in Erie Pa, Pittsburgh PA, Vandergrift PA, Elderton PA and Ferndale PA. He was re-ordained Episcopalian, June 2017 by Bishop Gutierrez. Since 1974 he has served as a Pastor/Priest in many congregations, served on the boards of LAMM (Lutheran Advocates for Maritime Mission) and NAMMA (North American Maritime Mission Association) he currently works in the Port of Philadelphia & So Jersey where he holds a half time position as Port Chaplain. In the Diocese of Pennsylvania he has served as supply Priest in several congregation, interim Priest for Christ Episcopal Church of Pottstown PA and currently is the interim Priest of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church Lansdale PA. Through the years of his service he has held many positions from congregational Pastor/Priest, community activist to Port Chaplain.

Today, while still serving the church as a Priest. he gives pastoral support to the maritime community through Word, Sacrament and the ministry of presence providing for the seafarer's emotional, physical and spiritual needs. He is an advocate for seafarers in times of need and provides leadership in ways that provide the necessary tools to mitigate their situation. This position is funded by Seafarers International House (SIH) a maritime ministry and guest house based in Manhattan NYC for seafarers, asylum seekers and for the general public. This is a partnership with Seamen's Church Institute of Philadelphia/So Jersey (SCI) an Episcopal based ecumenical maritime ministry. In addition to ship visits he preaches, teaches and provides sacramental worship when asked on board ship and in congregations. He provides support to the maritime organizations in the port and to the Chapel of the 4 Chaplains in the Navy Yard. When asked he provides Ship Christenings and Ship Blessings for the Philadelphia Ship Yard for new and recommissioned vessels.

He is a graduate of the ICMA (International Christian Ministry Association) AHOY course on Filipino Seafarer Culture in Manila, Philippines (the school was co-sponsored by AOS (the Apostleship of the Sea) and (Stella Maris). He is also an USCG Auxiliary Chaplain to the United States Coast Guard for Sector Delaware Bay.

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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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In the years of his ministry for Christ he has been active in the church at many levels of leadership and in the maritime ministry both locally, nationally and internationally.

His salary and benefits are generated by SIH for one half and his work in a congregation of the Church for one half. Details and further information is available by contacting: Rev. William Rex, william.rex@verizon.net H&O 215-804-0863 Cell 215-872-7735 or by mail 87 Franklin Lane, Quakertown PA 18951.

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Deacon's Roundtable

As I write this meditation, I am preparing to conduct the funeral service for a young man who died tragically in an ATV accident. I met with the family to help them cope with their loss. It was her oldest son and she had lost her husband four years ago.

We talked and reminisced about her son with the rest of the family gathered around. They chose the scripture lessons that would best represent the feelings they and their deceased loved one had for the Lord.

Jesus came across such a scene as he entered the city of Nain in Israel (see Luke 7:11-17). It was the widow's only son, and now he was gone, just as her husband had died a few years earlier. A large crowd of mourners walked with her. Loud sobbing and prayers could be heard all around her. There was so much commotion that few noticed Jesus as he approached the procession. When he reached the coffin, Jesus touched it – and everything stopped.

As he did for this widow, Jesus reaches out to touch this young mother also. He reaches out to touch each and every one of us in our losses. How will we respond? Be open to something unexpected, and don't ignore the possibility that it might stop you in your tracks. Be still and pay attention. Let Jesus show you he is with you. Stop and listen: what is he saying to you?

The more we practice this type of attention, the more we'll recognize how often Jesus reaches out to touch us.

Jesus may wake you up in the middle of the night. Right then and there, in the dark, turn your heart to him. He may lead you to pray for a particular person or situation. Or he may simply remind you of how much he loves you.

In the middle of swirling fears about a health issue, Jesus may bring a burst of his peace into your heart and mind. Stop and receive it. Sit quietly with him and let him calm you. Jesus is reaching out to you, offering a message, an insight, a touch that will change you. Don't miss out.

I pray the mother at the beginning of this article opens her heart to Jesus love for her and for her deceased husband and son who have received their final reward and plead with Jesus' for her comfort and confidence in a glorious life hereafter. I pray that this young man and all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

Deacon Joe

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Blessing of the Animals ~ October 6th



The spirit of St. Francis will once again be celebrated at St. Peter's on October 6th at 2:00 p.m. in the garden area outside the Lady Chapel. In the interest of safety, we ask that all pets arrive leashed or crated.

Let's celebrate the special animals that enrich our lives with their unconditional love. Please encourage your family and friends to join us for this special celebration with their pets! Outreach at St. Peter's is not limited just to people!

Music @ St. Peter's
October 20, 2019 - 4:00pm



Brad Rau

Brad Rau has been performing music for over 20 years all over Boston, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware, as a classical guitarist, rock guitarist and rock drummer. He received a scholarship to attend New England Conservatory, where he studied classical guitar, receiving a master's degree in 2015 with academic honors.

In 2008, Brad was a semi-finalist in the International Texas Guitar Competition and has mentored hundreds of students of all ages, styles and levels. His unique teaching style combines music, physics, philosophy and humor, making him a well-rounded instructor for a variety of students.



St. Peter's Food Pantry Request



Now that autumn has arrived, the pantry will be gearing up for our Thanksgiving Pantry next month. We are asking for donations of canned turkey gravy, Cranberry Sauce, stuffing, olives and pickles. To compliment the holiday meal, cans of coffee and boxes of tea are items especially looked for.

Please keep your donations of personal care products and house hold cleaning products and yes, the ever popular Raisin Bran Cereal, coming.

Your continued generous support of the pantry is greatly appreciated!



September 14 Pantry Breakfast

THANK YOU! Volunteers from Pragati, the oldest American-Bengali Association of Greater Philadelphia, helped the Pantry program by cooking and serving breakfast for over 80 families for the Pantry Breakfast on Saturday, September 14th. Our own Marva Young (and Clem - not shown) coordinated and guided the group.



(L-R) - Maitreyee Chakravarty, Nilanjana Chowdhury, Debashish Purkayastha, Monosij Bagchi, Abhirup Chakrabarti, Sourav Bhattacharyya, Amlan Dasgupta, Manie Dasgupta, (Marva), Ranita Chakrabarti, Atis Chakrabarti.



What About Stewardship!



The colors of autumn now grace the Phoenixville countryside, and the Stewardship Committee of St. Peter's Church is planning the annual fall stewardship campaign -- that process which gives Vestry leaders guidance for the year ahead.

Shortly, you will receive a letter and pledge card asking for prayerful consideration as you make

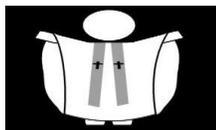
decisions about sharing time, treasure and talent for a year which promises the excitement of a new rector. As we gratefully thank God for the gift of amazing leadership provided by Fr. Koshy, we also ask for continued guidance as we make plans to serve neighbors near and far, to provide programs for our precious children and parishioners, to keep our beautiful church building in good repair, and to love and serve our risen Lord.

And, what are some of the Committee plans? Inspiring **Stewardship Moment** talks will be offered by fellow parishioners, requests will be made for **sharing your time and talents**, and you will be asked to **join in some fun!** As the campaign concludes on All Saints' Sunday, the committee plans a **Chili Bake-Off** to be held during the coffee hour that day! Bring out your recipes and plan to join the contest. Which one of you will make the winning pot of chili?

Please think about all the opportunities for service to St. Peter's Church and join with friends in making this next year one which will be meaningful to you and to those who will be touched by your gifts of treasure, time, and talent.



Discernment Committee Update



The Committee continues to make progress in the calling of a new Rector, and we believe the process will be completed early this fall. There are wonderful candidates and we are excited about discerning where our mutual call will take us. Please continue your prayers for our next Rector. The Committee will continue to keep you informed of progress as much as possible.

Capital Campaign Update Fellowship Room Lift and Bathroom Project



Over the summer the Capital Campaign Committee has been working to select a contractor to construct the lift and ADA bathroom in the back of the Fellowship Room as our initial project. Earlier in the summer we selected Collie Construction (Collie) as the primary contractor for completing this work and have since worked with Collie to finalize a full scope of work for the project, which now includes a new floor for the Fellowship Room as well as continuing to address the ongoing water issues that periodically affect the Fellowship Room. We have a signed contract in place with Collie and they have applied for the construction permits and are currently working with the lift manufacturer, Garaventa, to finalize the design of the lift prior to the start of construction. The Committee also needs to approve and sign a contract with Garaventa. Brian Thornton will be doing the electrical work on the project. The Committee thanks you for your patience while the details of the project are being worked out and all of the necessary paperwork is being reviewed and completed.

We are hoping that all of the upfront preparations equate to fewer unanticipated issues once the construction work begins. Look for periodic updates from the Committee moving forward as we continue to get closer to the start of construction, which we anticipate will be within the next few weeks. If you have any questions, please contact Mark Hammaker.



October Birthdays



- 1] Helen Young
- 2] Curt Quaintance
- 6] Marjorie Hairsine, Karen Hartman
- 7] Diane Hope
- 9] Sharon Schiele, Marva Young
- 14] Phoebe Foerster, Jenevieve Krummrich
- 15] Elizabeth Fifer
- 17] Henry Young
- 18] Mark Hammaker, William Brennfleck,
Isaac Nagy
- 19] Michael O'Rourke
- 21] Lisa Scott
- 22] Lindsey, Kaitie, Fiona Craig
- 24] Bruce Alling
- 28] W. Peter Druckenmiller, Kristen Cassidy

October Anniversaries



- 10] Randall and Margaret Hobbs
- 15] Gregory and Danielle Love
- 19] Gary and Carol Russell
Brian and Kim Thornton
- 20] Leo Guen and Sherry Ma

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A Prayer For the Harvest

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Most gracious God, by whose knowledge the depths are broken up and the clouds drop down the dew: We yield thee hearty thanks and praise for the return of seedtime and harvest, for the increase of the ground and the gathering in of its fruits, and for all the other blessings of thy merciful providence bestowed upon this nation and people. And, we beseech thee, give us a just sense of these great mercies, such as may appear in our lives by a humble, holy, and obedient walking before thee all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost be all glory and honor, world without end. Amen.

October Worship Participants

Greeters - 8:00 am

- 6 Sue Patrick
- 13 Lisa Scott
- 20 Glenn Murray
- 27 James Dallas

Lectors - 8:00 am

- 6 Ron Gaugler
Ron Gaugler *chalicist*
- 13 Lisa Scott
- 20 Ron Gaugler
- 27 Sue Patrick

Greeters - 10:00 am

- 6 Judi Hans, Anne Andrews
- 13 Mike Logar, Carmita Magee
- 20 Lady Rennie, Danielle/Vincent Jouenne
- 27 Marva Young, Cindy Giancaterino

Acolytes

- 6 Vernet Spence-Brown
Christian Wenger, Leo Wenger
- 13 Victor Jackson
Colin Parker, Sean Magee
- 20 Frank Rothenberger
Emma Martz, Rebcca Martz
- 27 Vernet Spence-Brown
Isaac Nagy, Coleman Nagy

Lectors - 10:00 am

- 6 Kent Wenger, Amy Atlee
Jan Wier *intercessions*
Richard Greene *chalicist*
Peter Druckenmiller *chalicist*
- 13 Family Service
Carol Russell *chalicist*
- 20 Mary Ellen Babbitt, Marty Bloem
Lynn Boukalik *intercessions*
Vincent Giancaterino *chalicist*
- 27 David Brennfleck, Carol Russell
Susan Thomas *intercessions*
Gary Russell *chalicist*

Ushers - 10:00 am

- 6 Clem Young, Sam Smith
- 13 Mark Hammaker, Robert Parker
- 20 Curt Quaintance, Carl Rennie
- 27 Bruce Alling, Jim Tackett

Financial Update – August 2019

from Frank Rothenberger, Accounting Warden

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

- **Income**
 - Total open plate donations were \$12,475 which continues to be above budget expectations and pledges were \$175,442 which is slightly lower than expected through August, 2019 by about \$1.6K.
 - Total operating income was \$209,776 which included \$14,079 in rent from the Clinic.
 - Total income, including pass through/designated income of \$212,411, was \$422,187. Designated income included \$180,624 in Capital Campaign funds.
- **Expense**
 - Total operating expenses were \$199,815 resulting in an operating surplus of \$9,961. Discernment expenses were \$8,649 through August, 2019 and it should be noted that payroll expenses have decreased after Father Koshy's last month in June.
 - Total expenses, including pass-through, one-time and other designated expenses of \$73,024, were \$272,838. This included \$33,026 in Capital Campaign expenses. St. Peter's reported an overall surplus of \$149,348 through August, 2019.

Additional detail on income and expense is available upon request and will be reported on at the annual meeting.

Account Balances (as of 8/31/19):

- Checking: \$9,509
- Savings: \$4,084
- Certificates of Deposit: \$43,494
- Youth Group: \$1,403
- Pantry/Outreach: \$27,585
- Mission: \$736
- Building Maintenance: \$26,358
- Concert Series: \$4,847
- Capital Campaign: \$205,694
- Ecumenical Meal Program: \$2,066
- Columbarium Project: \$2,890
- Petty Cash: \$200
 - **Total Cash: \$328,867**

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