

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 of St. Peter's,

We are at the half way time of our Lenten journey, and I trust we are experiencing the blessings of following the rigors of Lent. For some this means giving up something dear to them and for others it is taking on a new thing that is difficult and challenging. Whatever may be our discipline of choice, it is thought to be helpful for us in our inner journey towards the heart of God. Inner journey is often made easier by focusing less on the exterior, which is the gift of Lent. An inner journey would help us understand what is really important as individuals and as churches. Going after and satisfying the more immediate and visible needs throw us off from the path of our original purpose and mission in life.

At the annual retreat of your vestry in March, we talked about how we can truly become a missional church or a mission-shaped church. In a mission-based church the spirituality that we seek is more than intimacy with God and more than communion with God. Jesus would have defined spirituality in terms of loving God and loving our neighbors. In other words, we can't have a mystical experience with God if we are wrong with our neighbor. At the retreat we also listed all that we do at St. Peter's and highlighted the ones we do well under what is called Appreciative Inquiry; a management practice for organizational development. We concluded that St. Peter's is well underway in being a missional church. We see the world as the horizon for God's mission as said in our mission statement. We see our immediate neighborhood, as well as Appalachia and El Salvador, as the contexts of our mission location. We see the Spirit of God going ahead of us and calling us into mission. What we do internally in the church is to form us, inform us, and equip us to be disciples to do God's mission outside the four walls of the church. Each Sunday we are gathered in church and after our time of worship and being with each other in God's presence, we are sent out into the world as agents of reconciliation to heal the sick, feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and sooth the suffering.

Before long Lent will transition into Holy Week, which culminates in the celebration of Easter. For us and for all the Christians around the world, Easter brings the joy and hope of resurrection, not only promising life after death but also life in the here and now of our deathly Good Friday world. Easter hope does not take no for an answer; it challenges what the world wants us to believe in status quo as the given. Neither oppressive forces such as power, control or money nor systemic orders such as ideologies is strong enough to hold down the power of creator God in a tomb. This is the power we are endowed with as we are sent out into the broken world to witness the love of God to reconcile all things to Himself.

Pray that we find the remaining days of Lent a blessing, Holy Week meaningful and Easter joyful and hopeful.

Yours in Christ, **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.

Staff

Rev. Dr. Koshy Mathews, *Rector*
Rev. David Hyatt, *Assisting Clergy*
Rev. Joseph Dietz, *Deacon*
Retta Sparano, *Liturgical Coordinator*
Nicholas Lodico, *Organist/Choir Master*
Alex Smith, *Asst. Organist/Choir Master*
Judith M. Dougherty, *Parish Secretary*
Maria Yanez, *Sexton*

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2015	Susan Madden-Cox John Magee Retta Sparano
2016	Barbara Endrey Raymond Foerster Cindy Hammaker
2017	Vincent Giancaterino Judi Hans Julia Sharpe

What's Happening At St. Peter's

April 2014

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Deacon's Roundtable

As we continue to travel through Lent, let us look at what may be a meaningful period of time and instruction for us. We usually look at Lent as a time to focus on our need to repent. The opposite side of the Lenten coin is forgiveness. We are fully aware of what it is like to be hurt by someone. We are very cognizant of what happens to us when these hurts remain in our memories. They dwell within us. We ruminate over them again and again. Their presence in our lives cast a shadow over our thoughts and our actions. That is why forgiveness is so necessary.

How do we go about ridding ourselves of these depressing thoughts and actions?

First, we must deal with the situation that hurt us instead of running from it or burying it deep within our memories.

Second, we must talk through the pain this hurt has caused us either with ourselves or with a friend. Get it out into the open so that God can heal you. This is one of the reasons for the healing stations we have set up during our services on Sunday mornings.

Third, we must learn that no matter what has happened or how deeply we have been hurt, God loves us unconditionally. God not only loves us but also those who have caused us pain.

Finally, when we are ready, speak words of forgiveness for the person who has caused you pain.

No matter who we are or how far we have fallen, God loves all of us. God forgives us. God longs to draw us close to his heart. By understanding this truth, even in its most elementary level, we will find ourselves willing to forgive – yes even those we consider to be our enemies. God's love has the power to have love born within us.

When we find the grace to forgive, we allow God to free us from the resentment, anger, and guilt that have bound us up. Let us open our

hearts to the grace of forgiveness and bathe in the forgiveness that God wants to share with us.

In Christ's Love,

Deacon Joe

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Parish Work Day and

Beer Brewing [!]

Dave Brennfleck, Ray Foerster



The Property Committee and Men's Group have scheduled a work day at the church on April 5th from 8AM - 5PM. Please join in when you are available. They plan to complete multiple interior projects on the church. We will also be doing some "Spring Cleaning" of our Church Grounds. Bring your favorite work gear and any outdoor equipment you may have such as rakes, hedge trimmers, tarps, etc. Please see Mark Hammaker or David Brennfleck for details or questions.

There will also be a beer brewing demonstration: **What would Jesus Brew???** Join us on the 5th and find out. The Men's Group will be brewing their first batch of beer. Any questions, please contact Ray Foerster at foerster4@comcast.net.

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Holy Week Services



Maundy Thursday + April 17

7:30 p.m. Eucharist; Foot Washing

9:00 p.m. Vigil until 8:00 a.m.

Good Friday + April 18

1:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross

2:00 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy

Holy Saturday + April 19

7:30 p.m. Great Vigil of Easter

Easter Day + April 20

8:00 a.m. Eucharist

10:00 a.m. Festival Choral Eucharist

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Easter Altar Flowers

You are invited to share in beautifying our church for the Easter Season. Return this form to the parish office, or place it in the weekly offering plate in an envelope marked "Easter Flowers" **by Sunday, April 13**. Please make checks payable to St. Peter's Church.



Please PRINT CLEARLY

In memory of:

In Thanksgiving for:

Given by: _____

Envelope Number: _____

Food Pantry & Breakfast Ministry

Doreen Penczer

Thanks be to God! The Food Pantry survived this winter without having to cancel a pantry day, which is almost unbelievable considering the awful winter we had! The inclement weather kept some clients away, but we are convinced that now that winter is just about over the number of clients served will return to an average of 80-90.

In March, the Pantry Staff provided a lovely volunteer appreciation luncheon. The luncheon was attended by over 40 volunteers from the pantry and the breakfast ministries. Many thanks go out to Retta for helping to make it such a nice event.

The Pantry Staff is always looking for additional ways to best serve our community. The delivery to St. Peter's Place has been so well received, that we would like to extend delivery to the Jefferson House. The plan is to make deliveries on a week night, potentially on a Thursday. We would like to have at least 8 volunteers making two teams, serving once a month. It should take about 2-3 hours. If you are interested or have any suggestions, please contact Gary at grussell-21@hotmail.com or Doreen at penczer@comcast.net for more information.



The Easter Pantry is well under way. In addition to the clients regular choices, they will receive a ham. To enhance this "special" pantry, your donations of canned pineapples and canned yams will be appreciated. We are also planning to offer fresh produce such as potatoes, onions, carrots, green beans and fruit. In order to purchase these fresh items, we are in need of monetary donations. We thank you in advance for your continued and faithful support.

Sincerely, your faithful pantry staff

Dollars and Sense

*News from your Accounting Warden
Retta Sparano*



Year-to-date Operating Income & Expense through February 28, 2014

INCOME

Pledge	\$	40,182
Open Plate		2,635
Clinic Rent		3,000
Easter/Christmas		
Use of Building		400
Flowers/Candles		10
Miscellaneous		
Total Operating Income	\$	46,227
Pass-through income*		13,555
TOTAL Income	\$	59,782

EXPENSE

Diocesan Giving	\$	2,972
Personnel		28,517
Worship (Altar supplies/Music)		1,273
Administration		5,630
Mission		2,500
Outreach Recipients		300
Ministries		
Insurance		2,035
Boiler Loan		2,032
Property (utilities/supplies)		8,429
Total operating expense	\$	53,688
Pass-through expense		2,812
TOTAL Expense	\$	56,500

The above income and expense reflects budgeted items. Detail of the “pass-through” accounts such as mission, pantry, rector’s discretionary fund and specially designated funds are available on request. Most of these pass-through funds reside in separate designated accounts.

Balances as of February 28, 2014

Checking	\$ 8,419
Savings	36,368
Certificates of Deposit	12,055
Youth Group	1,532
Mission	1,735
Pantry/Outreach	27,789
Concert Series	1,504
Building Maintenance	3,001

Thank you for your financial support of our parish.

Stewardship "Time to Share"

Iris Blanche



April 5th is a new opportunity for us to share our time and talent by participating in the Spring Clean Up Day at St. Peter's.

Whether we can pitch in for one hour or the whole morning, the work that is done is very much needed after this long harsh winter.

It is amazing what is accomplished in such a short time. Seeing the results is extremely gratifying and the fellowship experienced is a bonus, as working together strengthens old bonds and builds new ones among those who lend a hand. Hope to see you there.

Stewardship is everything we do after saying, "I believe".....

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El Salvador Mission News

Cindy Hammaker



The El Salvador mission committee met on March 23rd and it is exciting to see so many new people present and interested in participating in the El Salvador mission slated for July 12-19! This years' itinerary with Cristosal's School of Global Engagement is shaping up to be quite an exciting and enriching experience and our focus will be on learning about the plight of women in El Salvador. Presently, there are 11 missionaries committed to going on this trip and 9 of them are first time missionaries. There is still room for a few more, so if interested, please contact Cindy Hammaker at chammaker1@gmail.com ASAP. You can learn more about Cristosal on their website at www.cristosal.org.

The Dollar-A-Day campaign continues throughout Lent season. Please consider donating one dollar a day as you reflect on those less fortunate around the world who have to live on just a dollar a day. You can place each donation per day in an envelope and put in the giving plate on Easter or the Sunday after. 1/2 of donations received will be given to Cristosal and the other 1/2 will be used to help defray the missioner's trip costs. Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness with supporting this effort that will surely make a difference to so many!

Thank you again for your support of the invaluable mission work of St. Peters!

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April Celebrations



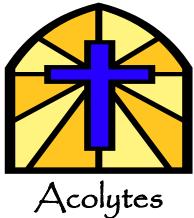
Birthdays

- [1] Andrew Quaintance
- [4] John Burkhardt, Susan Murray
- [5] Anna Campbell
- [7] Karen Martz, Steve De Prado
- [8] Michael Logar, Daniel Birkbeck
- [9] Katie Parker
- [14] Rev. Dr. Koshy Mathews
- [15] Tre Foerster, Rebecca Martz
- [16] Adam Schaefer, Barbara Rocchi
Desiree Young
- [17] George Browne, Amy Foerster
- [18] Erica Logar, Hannah Druckenmiller
Jillian Birkbeck
- [20] Sean Mitten, Dennis Coleman
- [21] Mary Lynn Kessler
- [23] Emma Martz, Lauren Hailey
- [27] Joyce Paster, Brian Martz

Anniversaries

- [3] Raymond and Amy Foerster
- [7] Joseph and Karen Tosco
- [14] Ron and Georgette Druckenmiller
- [18] Jim and Barbara Rocchi
- [22] Robert and Deborah Birkbeck
- [23] Richard and Phyllis Byndas
- [25] John and Beverly Burkhardt

Worship Service Participants For the Month of April



- 6** Brandon Rennie
Sydney Alling, Brittany Alling
- 13** Vernet Spence-Brown
Collin Parker, Katie Parker
- 17 7:30** Vernet Spence-Brown
Natalia Tackett, Thomas Hammaker
- 18 2:00** Vernet Spence-Brown
- 19 7:30** Brandon Rennie
Sydney Alling, Brittany Alling
- 20** Thomas Hammaker, James Hammer,
Libby Andrews, Jacob Schaefer,
Megan Magee, Will Brennfleck
- 27** Vernet Spence-Brown
Phoebe Foerster, Trey Foerster

Greeters - 8:00 am

- 6** Lisa Reid-Scott
- 13** Glenn Murray
- 20** Joan Grunwell
- 27** Jack Susskind

Greeters - 10:00 am

- 6** Marva Young, Anne Atlee
- 13** Robert and June Blauser
- 17 7:30** Judi Hans
- 18 2:00** Michael and Rosemarie O'Rourke
- 19 7:30** Anne Atlee
- 20** Anne Andrews, Pat Howse
- 27** Mary Tackett, Lady Rennie

Lectors - 8:00 am

- 6** Henry Young
Ron Gaugler *chalicist*
- 13** Ron Gaugler
- 20** Ron Gaugler
- 27** Lisa Reid-Scott

Lectors - 10:00 am

- 6** John Burkhardt, Nicholas Lodico
Katie Druckenmiller *intercessor*
Joyce Paster *chalicist*
Vernet Spence-Brown *chalicist*
- 13** Retta Sparano, Ron Druckenmiller
Joanne Arnold *intercessor*
Ron Druckenmiller *chalicist*
- 17 7:30** Beverly Burkhardt, Marty Bloem
Georgette Druckenmiller *intercessor*
Phil Howse *chalicist*
- 18 2:00** Jan Wier, Susan Mathews
Vernet Spence-Brown *chalicist*
- 19 7:30** Joyce Paster, Trevor Hall
Nicholas Lodico *intercessor*
Joanne Arnold *chalicist*
- 20** Iris Blanche, Shelly Brennfleck
Curt Quaintance *intercessor*
Phil Howse *chalicist*
- 27** Phoebe Foerster, Vernet-Spence-Brown
Sarah Ohansian *intercessor*
Carol Russell *chalicist*

Ushers

- 6** Victor Jackson, Vincent Giancaterino
- 13** Victor Jackson, Vincent Giancaterino
- 20** Victor Jackson, Vincent Giancaterino
- 27** Victor Jackson, Vincent Giancaterino

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Take Time

to Think:

It is the source power

to Play:

It is the secret of perpetual youth

to Read:

It is the fountain of wisdom

to Pray:

It is the greatest power on earth

to Love and Be Loved:

It is a God-given privilege

to Be Friendly:

It is the road to happiness

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