

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,

After a long harsh winter, Summer is finally here. Graduations are behind us, schools are closed, and it is time to chill and relax. Though we all cannot get away, summer still offers us a less intense time and a more relaxed pace. Growing up in India, the heat mixed with humidity wasn't much to be desired. Except for Vacation Bible Schools and some church-run camps, our summers were mainly boring. What compensated for our summers of discontent was the abundant crop of sweet and flavorful mangoes.

Once again a group of missionaries will be going to El Salvador in July for the seventh year. Our missionaries will be attending and participating in Cristosal Foundation's Global School program on Women's Empowerment and Gender Equality; a topic we hope would shed light on sketching development in a male-dominated society.

The free lunch programs at St. Peter's will continue over the summer every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, with our parishioners providing and serving the meal on Tuesdays. I hear from Gary that we could use a few more volunteers.

Now that the Diocese has appointed Dennis Coleman here at St. Peter's, we are more equipped to serve our community and will be pursuing the missional model of going out into the community, intentionally seeking to serve the last, the least and the lost, and to be present at the brokenness of the world. We not only hope to help and support organizations that are already providing services to the underserved, but also to serve as a catalyst in forming new ones to address the concerns of the voiceless in our community. I hope St. Peter's will come through in raising funds for a micro-loan program for men who are transitioning from being in shelter to productive citizens in the community. Another great need in our community is to have a shelter for single women; I pray that St. Peter's can play a major role in making this a reality.

Most of the work envisioned in the capital campaign has been completed. The remaining major project – Universal Access and Parking Lot - will hopefully be completed by the time we all return in early September. Thanks to the various teams for keeping our lawns and premises in shipshape and the garden guild for our beautiful gardens.

I hope all of us will take time off to be with each other, to visit with families and friends, and to simply rest by reading a book or communing with nature. 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. If you happen to be attending a church other than ours, please remember to bring a copy of the bulletin of the service you attended.

Have a blessed summer of rest and renewal.

Blessings, *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.*

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*

Vestry

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

July and August 2014

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Deacon's Roundtable

This past month I have been reading a series of articles in the Christian History magazine dealing with the persecution of Christians throughout the ages. We are all familiar with the persecution of Christians in the first three centuries by the Roman Empire. People such as Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna in the first century; Felicitas and Perpetua, Christian slaves, were martyred in 200AD; Isaac Jogues, catholic missionary to the Iroquois, was martyred for his faith and teachings in 1643; and over 300,000 Christians were butchered by Uganda's president Idi Amin in 1971.

In 1917 Lenin, then dictator of Communist Russia wrote the following: *"Any religious idea, any idea of any God at all, any flirtation even with a God is the most inexpressible foulness"*. From 1921 through 1950 fifteen million Christians died in prison camps ostensibly as "political enemies" of the state. During the Boxer Rebellion in China in the early part of the 20th Century 200,000 Christians were martyred in China. Remember also the millions of Christians and Jews who were slaughtered in the prison camps of Nazi Germany during World War II.

To this very day Christians are restricted in such places as Cuba, Morocco, Algeria, Libya, Egypt, most other Arab countries controlled by Muslim rulers and laws, as well as in China and areas of Southern Asia where they are unable to obtain Bibles or other Christian literature and where anti-Christian laws lead to Christians being harassed, imprisoned and killed because of their witness. Other countries in South America, Western Africa and Indonesia are either hostile to Christians or Christians are monitored because of their faith and witness.

I bring this to your attention because we do not know how fortunate we are to be able to practice our faith in peace and without persecution. The persecution of Christians throughout the world is rampant. We would do well to follow the admonition of the writer to the Hebrews who stated: *"Continue to*

remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering." (Hebrews 13:3) We are all aware of the martyrdom of Oscar Romero and Dietrich Bonhoeffer. This same harassment of Christians continues to this very day. Pray for those who are persecuted for their faith that they may persevere and be a shining example of Christian love.

In Christ's Love,

Deacon Joe

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Half a Year Has Passed



July 1st, begins the second half of the year 2014 and all Giving Statements will be mailed from the Parish Office by July 11th. Please take a moment to ensure that all your giving has been accounted for and that your pledges are up to date. If you have any questions about your statement, please call the Parish Office, 610-933-2195, Tuesday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to Noon.

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St. Peter's Food Pantry



The Pantry continues to serve new clients at our every other Saturday "pantry day". Your continued support of the pantry by donating items for our shelves is greatly appreciated.

For the summer months, donations of cereal, coffee, tea, canned meats - i.e. 1 lb. canned hams, chicken, spam - will be most welcomed.

Calling All Gardeners



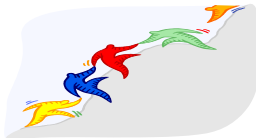
The Garden Guild is in need of volunteers, especially to help with “weed control”. If you are able to spare an hour [or more] to help us in the gardens, that would be wonderful!

We also are in desperate need 30-40 bags of black mulch to help eliminate as much weeding as we can. Please, contact Barb Endrey at 610-935-0873 to volunteer.

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El Salvador Mission

Cindy Hammaker



The El Salvador mission will be July 12-19. This year there are 10 missionaries who will participate with Cristosal's School of Global Engagement - 3 youth and 7 adults, including 7, 1st time missionaries. The emphasis will be on learning about and connecting with the people and culture of El Salvador. Also, there will be a special focus on women and social justice issues that they face. The missionaries will travel to 3 different villages where they will interact with the women and their families while learning about their efforts in striving for improved financial independence, personal fulfillment and quality of life. The missionaries will be eager to share their experiences with the parish!

Thank you for your support of this invaluable and integral mission of St. Peter's!

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Senior Sunday

11:00 a.m. – August 10th

Submitted by Beverly Burkhardt

Last August, the Pastoral Care Committee sponsored a Senior Sunday. Our house-bound and elderly members were invited to attend a Holy Eucharist in the Smith Room. A light lunch followed the service. It was such a huge success that we planning to have the service and luncheon again this year following the same format.



The Pastoral Care Team is a small group of people and we are in need of some “extra helping hands” to make this as successful as last year. If you would like to help us with this endeavor, please contact me at 610-495-7942 or by e-mail at bevburkhardt@comcast.net.

Many thanks and God Bless.

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Congratulations Sarah Schaefer!



Sarah graduated from Bucknell University with a double major in French and Music-Vocal Performance and a minor in Peace Studies. She graduated Summa Cum Laude (3.93 GPA) and was elected into the Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society. She was also awarded the French Department's senior award for excellence.

While at Bucknell, Sarah was a member of several choral groups and completed her time there with a 10 day choir trip to Salzburg, Vienna, and Prague immediately after graduation. The hills were definitely alive with the sound of music!

Sarah is going to spend some time this summer as a nanny for her sister Becky's new baby, Elizabeth, while she prepares herself for either graduate school or a job search (or both). She has an interest in teaching both French and music and also hopes to travel back to France again someday. She enjoyed her time immensely at Bucknell and is very grateful for the opportunities it offered but is now ready to face the challenges of post-graduate life.

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SAVE THE DATE

Parish Picnic

September 21, 2014



For many years, the Saint Peter's Annual Parish Picnic has been held on the last Sunday in June on the patronal feast day of Saint Peter (and Paul). This year we have been invited by Cindy and Vince Giancaterino to hold the festivities at their restaurant, the Copperfield Inn in Limerick.

We hope to have a big turnout, as families will be back from summer vacation and are into their fall schedules. The time of the event is 2:00PM to 6:00PM. There will be activities for children as well as food and drinks for all ages. More information will follow. Please plan to attend.

Summer Celebrations!



July Birthdays

2 Carmine Schiavone; 3 Devon Fraker, Jyl Harrington; 5 David Scott 6 Andrew Hans; 7 Robert Blauser; 11 Louise Brand; 19 Peter Fifer; 22 Matthew Wier, Tate Wells; 23 Vivek Hivale; 26 Donald Brock; 27 John Jacobs; 31 Dan Coleman

July Anniversaries

9 Dennis and Jonie Coleman
27 Brian and Karen Martz
30 Jesse and Mary Lynn Kessler
Frank and Caitlin Rothenberger

August Birthdays

1 Jesse Kessler; 2 Elizabeth Andrews; 3 Dean Kandle; 6 Ron Gaugler, Caleb Arsenich
9 Richard Byndas; 12 Natasha Young, Patrick Wier; 13 Cindy Hammaker; 17 Iris Blanche
19 Glynn Fraker; 21 Ethan Arsenich, Elizabeth Tackett, Emerson Smith; 28 Janet Walters; 29 Bea Quaintance; Vinea Giancaterino; 31 Andrea Archer Young

August Anniversaries

7 Mike and Joyce Paster
Carmine and Lisa Schiavone
8 Nick and Patti Petro
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

Dollars and Sense

Retta Sparano



Year-to-date Operating Income and Expense through 31 May 2014

INCOME

Pledge	\$ 90,829
Open Plate	8,064
Clinic Rent	7,500
Easter/Christmas	2,357
Use of Building	513
Flowers/Candles	527
Miscellaneous	
Total Operating Income	\$109,790
Pass-through income*	39,362
TOTAL Income	\$149,152

EXPENSE

Diocesan Giving	\$ 8,181
Personnel	71,533
Worship (Altar supplies/Music)	2,479
Administration	5,085
Mission	2,500
Outreach Recipients	300
Ministries	193
Insurance	2,176
Boiler Loan	4,064
Property (utilities/supplies)	19,635
Total operating expense	\$116,146
Pass-through expense	13,712
TOTAL Expense	\$129,858

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 31 May 2014

Checking	\$ 7,150
Savings	36,976
Certificates of Deposit	12,055
Youth Group	1,256
Mission	8,899
Pantry/Outreach	34,033
Concert Series	1,988
Building Maintenance	7,006

Your support through the summer months is appreciated.

July Worship Service Participants

Acolytes

6 Brandon Rennie
13 Libby Andrews
20 Vernet Spence-Brown
27 Katie Parker

Greeters - 8:00 am

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

Greeters - 9:30 am

6 Marva Young, Anne Andrews
13 Robert & June Blauser
20 Judi Hans, Peggy McClimon
27 Michael & Rosemarie O'Rourke

Lectors - 8:00 am

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

Lectors - 9:30 am

6 Phoebe Foerster, Iris Blanche
Courtney Logar *intercessions*
Ron Druckenmiller, Joanne Arnold *chalice*
13 Trevor Hall, Georgette Druckenmiller
James Jackson *intercessions*
Joyce Paster *chalice*
20 Marty Bloem, Susan Mathews
Curt Quaintance *intercessions*
Beverly Burkhardt *chalice*
27 Jan Wier, Joanne Arnold
Joyce Paster *intercessions*
Peter Druckenmiller *chalice*

Ushers

6, 13, 20, 27: John Andrews, Carl Rennie

August Worship Service Participants

Acolytes

3 Julia Sharpe
10 James Hammaker
17 Vernet Spence-Brown
24 Brandon Rennie
31 Sydney Alling

Greeters - 8:00 am

3 Glenn Murray
10 Joan Grunwell
17 Jack Susskind
24 Lisa Reid Scott
31 Glenn Murray

Greeters - 9:30 am

3 Pat Hose, Anne Atlee
10 Mary Tackett, Lady Rennie
17 Kim Thornton, Vernet Spence-Brown
24 Cindy Giancaterino, Judi Hans
31 Robert & June Blauser

Lectors - 8:00 am

3 Henry Young
Ron Gaugler *chalice*
10 Lisa Reid Scott
17 Ron Gaugler
24 Lisa Reid Scott
31 Henry Young

Lectors - 9:30 am

3 Brittany Alling, John Burkhardt
Katie Druckenmiller *intercessions*
Ron Druckenmiller, Carol Russell *chalice*
10 Nicholas Lodico, Trevor Hall
James Jackson *intercessions*
Joyce Paster *chalice*
17 Beverly Burkhardt, Retta Sparano
Iris Blanche *intercessions*
Joanne Arnold *chalice*
24 Sarah Ohansian, Ron Druckenmiller
David Brennfleck *intercessions*
Vernet Spence-Brown *chalice*
31 Phoebe Foerster, June Blauser
Courtney Logar *intercessions*
Beverly Burkhardt *chalice*

Ushers

3, 10, 17, 24, 31: John Andrews, Carl Rennie