

# 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,

On June 26th, we celebrated our patronal day, and were reminded of how Peter, our patron saint, got a fresh start in following Jesus; this time with a renewed sense of purpose molded in agape love, the kind of love God has for God's creation. Peter, with the help of Holy Spirit, was to become the new means in carrying out God's mission of full inclusion of all peoples of the world, taking him out of his comfort zone to include Gentiles as well as Jews. What started with Peter then continues today. It was fitting that on this day, we held a Peace Vigil, attended by people whom we might consider outside of our comfort zone. I was pleased to see that our church was filled with people from our community who came not only to honor the dead in the Orlando mass shooting, but also to show our identity and solidarity with the victims of intolerance, hate crimes, and gun violence.

There will be changes in our routines and in the pace of our activities over the summer. For vacations, some will be traveling distances and others will stay home and make day trips. Summer offers us a more relaxed time to connect with our family and friends. This is also a time to pick up unfinished projects. I wait for summer to read books unrelated to my work. You can see that summer has arrived at St. Peter's as we moved up our main service to 9:30 AM to catch the cooler air of the morning, and moved down the altar to the chancel to be closer to the congregation.

This summer we're continuing the program started last year for our very young children; an expanded time of learning and worshipping at the early part of our main service. The theme for this year's learning is 'our neighbors'. Thank you to Jan Wier and the adult volunteers for offering this much-needed opportunity for our children.

Gary Russell has identified a need in providing lunch during summer for children who would otherwise go without. He has organized a lunch program for area children under 18 at Barkley School. This program although challenging due to the number of volunteers needed, has received tremendous support from both within the church and the community. Starting the last week of June, this program will run for most of the summer.

On the mission front, a group of six will be leaving for El Salvador in August. This year the group will be learning the impact of global warming and unbridled development on poorer countries and communities.

On Saturday, July 16, Canon Daniel Gutierrez will be consecrated as the 16<sup>th</sup> Bishop of Pennsylvania Diocese, the most historic diocese of the Episcopal Church of the USA. The excitement in the air is palpable as the diocese looks forward to opening a new chapter in our life together in Christ's mission. Let us discover the rhythms of rest and delight summer offers us.

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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.*

### Staff

Very Rev. Dr. Koshy Mathews, *Rector*  
Rev. David Hyatt, *Assisting Clergy*  
Rev. Joseph Dietz, *Deacon*  
Rev. Dennis Coleman, *Deacon*  
Retta Sparano, *Liturgical Coordinator*  
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Maria Yanez, *Sexton*

### Vestry

February 2017 Vincent Giancaterino  
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## What's Happening At St. Peter's

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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.

Peace,

*Koshy*

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### Deacon's Roundtable

In the book of Acts we read how Paul, as he completed his second missionary journey, was on his way to Jerusalem, knowing that his trip might end in imprisonment for his proclamation of Christ. Since his journey took him close to the city of Ephesus, he decided to call together the elders of the Ephesian church so he could say good-bye to them. It is quite amazing that even now, as he was facing a very real threat to his life, Paul continued to be concerned far more with the needs of those he had evangelized than with his own needs and desires. Clearly, Paul not only taught the blessing of giving over receiving; he lived out this teaching himself.

From the time of his dramatic conversion, Paul constantly sought to advance the kingdom of God. His love for Jesus motivated him to travel throughout the known world preaching, healing, and building the church. And it wasn't always easy. Controversy and persecution seemed to follow him wherever he went—and still he continued. For Paul, it was worth all the aggravation and pain just to share with people the power of God that had so changed his life.

Jesus promises that if we do anything in service for him, we will be rewarded immensely, both

now and in the age to come. He has even built into our hearts a desire to love and to serve. It is just part of our internal makeup.

So how do we serve? Not too many of us will become traveling missionaries like Paul. Still, every day offers us opportunities to put aside our desires and tend to the needs of those around us. Perhaps one could set aside time each day to pray “thy kingdom come” and to intercede for those leading the church. Maybe one evening a week could be given over to visiting the sick and homebound or working with an advocacy group that is dedicated to helping people out of poverty. Wherever a need is seen, meet it.

Service to others can be a powerful way to manifest the love of God. That is why it is vital to remain firmly rooted in Jesus through prayer and the Eucharist. With Jesus in our heart we can build the kingdom here on earth. As we say in the dismissal at the close of the Eucharist: “Go in peace to LOVE and SERVE the Lord. Thanks be to God.”

*Deacon Joe*

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### Half of the Year 2016 Has Passed



July 1st, begins the second half of the year 2016 and all Giving Statements will be mailed from the Parish Office by July 15<sup>th</sup>. 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.

News from your Accounting Warden  
Franklin Rothenberger

The financial position of St. Peter's through May, 2016 is outlined below.

- Income
  - Total open plate donations through May were \$11,484 which is about \$3.6K in excess of budget and pledges were \$102,893 which is about \$2.7K in excess of budget.
  - Total operating income was \$124K through May after removal of pass-through accounts, Clinic rental and non-recurring income. Operating income is about \$12K in excess of budget primarily because of pledge and open plate donations exceeding budget expectations.
  - Total income, including pass-thru income of \$17K, was \$153,400.
- Expense
  - Total operating expenses were \$113,056 which were sufficiently covered by operating income with a surplus of \$10,636.
  - Operating expenses continue to be less than budget at about \$4.5K through May. Expenses are controlled through May because actual expenses continue to be less than anticipated.
  - Total expenses, including pass through expenses of \$16.5K, were \$129,512 through May.
- St. Peter's reported net income of \$24,078 through May.

Additional detail on income and expenses is available upon request.

Account Balances (as of 5/31/16):

- Checking: \$22,441
- Savings: \$39,037
- Certificates of Deposit: \$12,126
- Youth Group: \$1,136
- Pantry/Outreach: \$14,478
- Mission: \$7,018
- Building Maintenance: \$26,821
- Concert Series: \$3,231
- NEW Capital Campaign: \$33,062
- Petty Cash: \$200
  - **Total Cash: \$159,550**

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

## Children's Summer Worship Program



The Children's Summer worship program began Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup> and runs through Sunday, August 28. The program is for children ages 3-9. Younger children may attend with a parent or guardian. Older children may volunteer to assist – email [janwier@comast.net](mailto:janwier@comast.net) to volunteer.

The program starts when the service begins at 9:30 and runs until Peace time. Children will process up the aisle with the leaders at the beginning of the service.

Our theme this summer is “*Neighbors*”. We will start with the parable of the Good Samaritan and talk about who our neighbors might be. On following Sundays, we will welcome neighbors of St. Peter's – a firefighter, a nurse, a yoga instructor, a police officer, a business owner, and representatives of St. Mary's Shelter.

Please bring your children to church this summer. There is always a welcoming place for them at St. Peter's.

Volunteers to facilitate each Sunday are needed. Consider selecting one Sunday over the summer and spend it with our wonderful children's group. Contact Jan Wier at [janwier@comast.net](mailto:janwier@comast.net) with questions or to volunteer.

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Welcome, Visitors!

Judi Hans



We celebrated the arrival of a record number of new members this spring during the New Member Liturgy and reception in May. Saint Peter's has been described as a friendly

community who extends a warm welcome to all visitors and newcomers to our church. Even though we might have lighter attendance and activities during the summer months, we also have many visitors who are looking for a church home. You might wonder what you can do to continue our welcoming ambiance. Here are some suggestions:

- Acknowledge the visitor by saying “hello” or “welcome.” Even though many visitors do not want a lot of attention, ignoring a visitor does not send the right message.
- Sit near a visitor. If he or she might be having difficulty with following the service or using the hymnal, offer some assistance.
- At the time of communion, let the visitor know that all are welcome at the table.
- During the time of the peace, share a warm message of peace.
- Introduce yourself to the visitor when leaving after the service, and invite the visitor to coffee hour.
- At coffee hour, introduce yourself and family to the visitor. Allowing the visitor to stand or sit alone is not a welcoming gesture.

You are invited to join the New Member/Growth Ministry. We meet monthly to plan strategies and activities to attract, follow up and incorporate new members into the body of our church.

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## Summer Lunch Program for Children

Gary Russell



School subsidized lunches are not available when school is out for the summer, so what do hungry children do? Fr. Koshy asked this question and provided the answer in the same breath. St. Peter's Outreach has recruited and trained 50 volunteers to offer free lunch meals every weekday to kids in our neighborhood. We enjoy a real ecumenical spirit here in

Phoenixville, and our SFPS volunteers, like our lunch partners at St. Peter's, include folks from churches and civic organizations – St. Peter's, St. Ann's Church, St. Peter's Episcopal in the Great Valley, Grimes AME Church, St. John's Lutheran Church and Diversity in Action. Our lunches will be provided by the Great Valley School District, funded through the USDA "Summer Food Service Program", and served five days per week at the Barkley Elementary School.

This is one more way St. Peter's Outreach / Pantry can honor the exhortations of our Savior Jesus, "Love God and Love Your Neighbor".

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## Music at St. Peter's

Karen Greene



The Choirs are the faces and voices of the music at St. Peter's! We are so fortunate to have the accomplished core group of singers that we have in both the Adult and Treble Choirs. It has worked very well to have the groups singing together on Sunday mornings but rehearsing separately on Sunday mornings. We have all enjoyed one anthem or another, some more or less on any given Sunday.

We will continue to have the choirs sharing the choir loft. The younger members of the choir so enjoy their singing and their participation is vital to the corporal life of St. Peter's. Both choirs need additional members. Joining the choir doesn't mean that you're scheduling your Sundays away. I think we need to turn the idea around that a choir member needs to be at every rehearsal/service every week. If you speak with a choir member, you will discover that they indeed have weekend events that take them away from the choir loft, but they are dedicated to their ministries when they are able.

With that being said, I would hope that some would try out the choir. The main requirement is that you like to sing. You may miss singing in a choir? Please pray about this ministry. You don't have to commit to an entire season. Try us out for a week and see how it goes. Why not try a month? Or a season? Maybe Advent? Or Lent as a discipline? We are a very friendly, welcoming group!

The Concert Series went very well this past season under Karen Martz's direction. We had a greater overall attendance this year than any previous season. We will have the Amici Strings and Trevor Gordon Hall returning in our next season. The Brandywine Harps will also pay us a visit. Besides being free of charge, this is a wonderful opportunity for younger people to get to listen and learn about various instruments and styles of music. The programs are usually 45 minutes to one hour in length. I hope that more folks will take advantage of this series. We will once again be raffling off our baskets come September/October to raise the funds to pay the musicians! Your past generous support has made this Concert Series possible in the coming year.

During sermon time, I have been going downstairs to the Children's Chapel to sing with the little ones. They are such a delight! We are learning all those old Sunday School songs and the children seem to love them so I will continue teaching that genre. Genevieve Hughes has been so helpful and kind with this programming and I thank her and look forward to working with the Children's Chapel.

If there is interest, I would be willing to start another group of adults that would meet on a mutually agreeable weekday morning to just get together to sing and socialize. The group would occasionally sing in public if the group desired. Please be in touch if you have an interest in such a group. We would start probably in mid-October.

On Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, St. Peter's Patronal Festival Sunday, the choir also sang at a Peace Vigil at 2:30 pm in the afternoon, which

included brethren from other faith groups in Phoenixville. It is our intent to continue these Vigils periodically throughout the year to keep awareness of gun violence on our collective radar screen. We are not advocating the elimination of guns, but the identification of those who have guns and the intent to use them for killing innocents. (i.e., much in the same way that the woman who established MADD was not advocating the abolishment of the liquor industry in this country, she wanted to get the drunk drivers off the highways.) We hope you will join us for prayer, music and meditation.

Finally, let me say that I have so enjoyed my first year at St. Peter's. Thank you for your support and your welcoming manner. I look forward to our next 'season' together.

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### Mission News

Gary Russell



Thank You to all parishioners that contributed to our recent Dollar A Day campaign. We appreciate your faithful support of our volunteers traveling to El Salvador. Our Indian Dinner on Saturday night, June 11, was a great success as we enjoyed a plentiful buffet of two classic Indian entrees, along with appetizers and desserts. The proceeds of both these events will go toward lessening the financial burden of the travelers, with a combined cost per person including tuition and air travel at \$1,990.00. The total raised in these two events was \$2,923 which will allow a supplement of \$487 for each 6 travelers. We will be studying in a course titled "Liberation Theology, Liberation Science" and learning how global warming and the changing ecology affects the poor and marginalized population. We thank you again for your generosity!

**Save the Date:** on the evening of Friday September 16 we will enjoy cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at the home of Mike and Erica Logar. Noah Bullock, Executive Director of Cristosal, will bring us up to date on the exciting work being done by Cristosal.

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Welcome to St. Peter's!



In June, we received a letter of transfer from St. James' Episcopal Church, Colledgeville for Catherine Cooney. Welcome to St. Peter's, Catherine.

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Save These September Dates!

**Friday - September 16, 2016**  
Time to be announced



**Mission Committee event for the benefit of Cristosal at the home of Michael and Erica Logar**

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**Sunday - September 18, 2016**  
2:00 p.m.

Parish Picnic



Copperfield Inn at Lakeside, Limerick, PA

## July Celebrations!

### Birthdays



2 Carmine Schiavone  
 3 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  
 24 Shirley Dietz  
 26 Donald Brock  
 27 John Jacobs  
 31 Dan Coleman

### Anniversaries



9 Dennis and Jonie Coleman  
 15 Joe 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

### *Acolytes*

5 Sydney Alling  
 12 Vernet Spence-Brown  
 19 Michael Logar  
 26 Thomas Hammaker

### *Greeters - 8:00 am*

5 Glenn Murray  
 12 Joan Grunwell  
 19 Jack Susskind  
 26 Lisa Scott

### *Greeters - 9:30 am*

5 Anne Andrews, Mary Tackett  
 12 Lady Rennie, Judi Hans  
 19 Michael & Rosemarie O'Rourke  
 26 Anne Atlee, Vernet Spence-Brown

### *Lectors - 8:00 am*

5 Lisa Scott  
     Lisa Scott *chaliceist*  
 12 Ron Gaugler  
 19 Henry Young  
 26 Lisa Scott

### *Lectors - 9:30 am*

5 Retta Sparano, Jan Wier  
     Shelly Brennfledk *intercessions*  
     Joanne Arnold *chaliceist*  
     Peter Druckenmiller *chaliceist*  
 12 Ron Druckenmiller, Joanne Arnold  
     Trevor Hall *intercessions*  
     Beverly Burkhardt *chaliceist*  
 19 Carol Russell, Susan Mathews  
     Vernet Spence-Brown *intercessions*  
     Carol Russell *chaliceist*  
 26 Georgette Druckenmiller, Jan Wier  
     Curt Quaintance *intercessions*  
     Peter Druckenmiller *chaliceist*

### *Ushers*

5 Clem Young, Sam Smith  
 12 Vincent Giancaterino, Robert Parker  
 19 Curt Quaintance, Carl Rennie  
 26 Bruce Alling, Jim Tackett

## August Celebrations!

### Birthdays



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

### 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

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## August Worship Service Participants

### Acolytes

2 James Hammaker  
 9 Vernet Spence-Brown  
 16 Katie Parker  
 23 Sydney Alling  
 30 Natalia Tackett

### Greeters - 8:00 am

2 Glenn Murray  
 9 Joan Grunwell  
 16 Jack Susskind  
 23 Lisa Scott  
 30 Glenn Murray

### Greeters - 9:30 am

2 Cindy Giancaterino, Kim Thornton  
 9 Marva Young, Anne Andrews  
 16 Judi Hans, Pat Howse  
 23 Michael and Rosemarie O'Rourke  
 30 Lady Rennie, Anne Atlee

### Lectors - 8:00 am

2 Ron Gaugler  
 Ron Gaugler *chalicist*  
 9 Lisa Scott  
 16 Ron Gaugler  
 23 Henry Young  
 30 Henry Young

### Lectors - 9:30 am

2 David Brennfleck, Joanne Arnold  
 Katie Druckenmiller *intercessions*  
 Ron Druckenmiller *chalicist*  
 Joyce Paster *chalicist*  
 9 Vernet Spence-Brown  
 Beverly Burkhardt  
 Shelly Brennfleck *intercessions*  
 Joanne Arnold *chalicist*  
 16 Georgette Druckenmiller  
 Ron Druckenmiller  
 Trevor Hall *intercessions*  
 Vernet Spence-Brown *chalicist*  
 23 Susan Mathews, Joyce Paster  
 Retta Sparano *intercessions*  
 Peter Druckenmiller *chalicist*  
 30 David Brennfleck, Shelly Brennfleck  
 Phoebe Foerster *intercessions*  
 Ron Druckenmiller *chalicist*

### Ushers

2 Clem Young, Sam Smith  
 9 Vincent Giancaterino, Robert Parker  
 16 Curt Quaintance, Carl Rennie  
 23 Bruce Alling, Jim Tackett  
 30 John Andrews, Mark Hammaker