



KEY NEWS WEEKLY

St. Peter's Episcopal Church
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SUNDAY, MARCH 8

- 7:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite 1
- 8:15 am Breakfast
- 9:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite 2
- 10:00 am Coffee Hour
- 10:00 am Confirmation Class
- 11:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite 2
- 11:45 am Daughters of the King Mtg
- 4:00 pm Middle School EYC
- 5:00 pm EYC Shared Meal
- 5:30 pm High School EYC

MONDAY, MARCH 9

- 5:00 pm Boys' Thunder Drums
- 5:00 pm EfM
- 7:00 pm Creation Care Mtg

TUESDAY, MARCH 10

- 7:45 am Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 3:00 pm St. Peter's Crafters
- 5:00 pm EfM

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

- 7:45 am High School Breakfast
- 12:00 pm Ecumenical Lenten Service at Memorial UMC
- 4:00 pm Choir School
- 5:30 pm Lenten Soup Supper and Program
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, MARCH 12

- 10:00 am Centering Prayer

FRIDAY, MARCH 13

- 1:00 pm Mahjong Group

SERVERS AT LITURGY

Eucharistic Ministers

Ronnie Burrell, 7:30 am
Jean Frank, Tony Perez, 9:00 am
Kathy McLean, Bob White, 11:00 am

Lectors

Chip Wood, 7:30 am
Pam Fox, 9:00 am
Bennett Pappas, 11:00 am

Intercessor

Francis Flood, 7:30 am

Ushers

Ilna & Johnell Preliou, 7:30 am
Rob Hicks, Pete Stevenson, 9:00 am
Lisa Saitow, Chad Wykle, 11:00 am

Greeters

TBD, 7:30 am
Debby Cotner, 9:00 am
Jayne Jeney, 11:00 am

Vestry Person of the Service

TBD, 7:30
Diane LoCastro, 9:00 am
Kevin Green, 11:00 am

VESTRY VOICE: COFFEE WITH THE VESTRY

See information and updates from the Vestry by clicking on the Vestry Voice page of our website (<https://stpetersparish.org>), and remember to check it for information and updates, and join us for Coffee with the Vestry on the fourth Sunday of each month.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPER & PROGRAM

Mtr. Sarah invites you to walk with her on a Lenten journey called **Belonging: Being Formed Together in Christ** on in Lent, continuing this **Wednesday, March 11**.

Lent reminds us that faith is not a solitary path, but a shared pilgrimage. Each week centers on a biblical story that invites us to explore what it means to belong - to God, to one another, and to the hope of resurrection. We will gather in Burns Hall at 5:30 p.m. for a simple soup supper provided by different ministry groups of St. Peter's. The program will follow at 6:00 p.m. Mtr. Rachel will lead a program for kids ages 5 to 13 based on the same biblical stories. The nursery will be available for children under 5.

CREATION CARE COMMITTEE MEETING

Please join us if you have an interest in the continuing ministry and activities of Creation Care at St. Peter's. We will meet on March 9, 7:00 p.m. in Room 201. We will discuss recommendations and ideas, and have an update on the next steps for the Meditation Garden. For more information, contact SPCreationCare@gmail.com.

ECUMENICAL LENTEN SERIES - DRAWING NEAR: DEEPENING OUR LIFE TOGETHER

St. Peter's is again joining our ecumenical partners for Wednesday Lenten services at noon. **Wednesday, March 11**, our service is at Memorial United Methodist Church with the Rev. Ben Mandrick, from Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, preaching. **Please note, as in past years, there will be no 12:10 p.m. Eucharist at St. Peter's when one of the other churches is hosting.**

THE RECONCILIATION OF A PENITENT (PRIVATE CONFESSION)

In the Episcopal Church, we are given a beautiful gift known as The Reconciliation of a Penitent—what many simply call private confession. There is a well-known phrase in our tradition: All may. Some should. None must. Confession is never required, but it is always available. This sacramental rite offers a sacred space to speak honestly before God, to name the burdens we carry, and to hear words of absolution spoken aloud. Sometimes we carry things silently for a long time—regrets, failures, grief, habits we struggle to break. Bringing those into the light, in the presence of a priest, can be a powerful step toward healing and freedom. Confession is not about shame. It is about grace. The goodness and grace of God are stronger and more full of love than our sin. There is nothing you can confess that surprises God. There is nothing beyond God's mercy. In this sacrament, we are reminded that forgiveness is not earned—it is given. During Lent, The Reconciliation of a Penitent will be offered on Fridays. If you would like to schedule a time, please reach out to Mother Sarah or Mother Rachel. Conversations are kept in strict confidence. If you have never participated before but are curious, we would be glad to walk you through what to expect. The rite is gentle, prayerful, and deeply rooted in the promise that in Christ, we are continually being made new. "Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love." You are always invited into that love.

Other Ministries Serving Today

Children's Chapel - Ellen Blair, Katy Schewee-Blair

Acolyte Team Green

Videographer - Steve Arbo (9:00 am)

Altar Guild Team 3

Breakfast Team 4

Bread Baker - Steve Hanson

Connect Ambassador - Debbra Sullivan

Flower Ministry - Gordon Hart, Joanne Roach

This Week's Celebrations

BIRTHDAYS

Sunday, March 8

Maddox Gillette, John Hillman,
Marion Sokolov

Monday, March 9

Vicki Beaudry, Asa Gillette

Tuesday, March 10

Hilary Lorentson, Olivia Stuntz,
Beverly Williams

Wednesday, March 11

Fran Clinkscales, Jayne Jeney,
Todd Lockhart

Thursday, March 12

Gerry Okin

Saturday, March 14

Kay Stephenson

ANNIVERSARIES

Thursday, March 12

Vicki & Larrie Beaudry

Saturday, March 14

Liza & Brett Blalock

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Sydney Lanier, Nick Roberts, Emily & David Beal, Don Yanik, Shelley Bamberger, Katie D. Sara Grace, Sharon, Nan Sands, Eloise Harris & family, Jennifer Litsinger, Mike Friedrich, and Carolyn Murdoch

LONG-TERM PRAYER LIST

Clint Rauer, Danielle J. Pendleton White, Gwen Dickson, Katie Black, Deborah Held, David Chamberlain, Romonda Jordan, Judy Kent, Jan Smith, The Heath family, Leatha, Tucker Arnold, Davison Chapman, Antoinette, Lauren Barry, Wilhelmina Jenkins, Linda Ridenhour, Colleen, Henry Flexon, John Younger, Layni Lentjes, Ingrid May, Charles, Albert May, Pat Desilet, Jim Dean, Terri Fisel, Janet Dickman, Cheryl Smith, Barb A., Carra Lee Taylor, Pete Booth, Barbara Davis, Billy Gass, Bert Way, Jason Powell, Joe Murdoch, Heather Broussard, Frank & Marie Wankowski, Ervin Watts, Ingrid, Rose Montgomery, and Lilly Minotto

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

To submit or update a prayer request, please contact the church office.

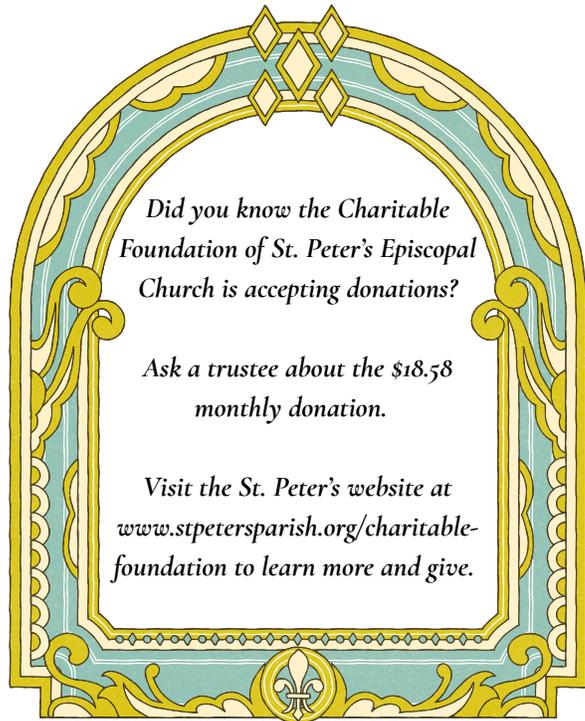
Names remain on the Parish Prayer List for six weeks. To request a person remain on the list longer, please contact Mtr. Rachel McElwee and she will help determine if they should remain on the Parish Prayer List or be moved to the Long-Term Prayer List.

STORYMAKERS CREATIVE WORKSHOP

St. Peter's is excited to announce our participation in a new project with StoryMakers NYC, a non-profit creative studio providing faith resources for children, teens, and families.

The StoryMakers Creative Worship Edition project seeks to incorporate creativity in worship, enhance worship for children, and bring the Bible to life through art and imagination. As participants in the church cohort for the Creative Worship Edition, St. Peter's will receive brand new physical and digital resources to support intergenerational worship and formation. StoryMakers is unique in its interactive approach, aligning with the liturgical calendar and making Scripture accessible through play, art, imagination, and social-emotional connections. "God is the ultimate StoryMaker, and we are StoryMakers too," says Melina Luna Smith, founder and executive director of StoryMakers NYC. "We all embody the story, connecting deeply to God's big narrative."

StoryMakers began in 2019 at Calvary-St. George's Church in New York City, where Smith sought to immerse children in Bible stories through creative arts. Today, StoryMakers serves people of all ages across the globe with resources for churches, schools, and families. Find out more at storymakersnyc.com.



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Trustees

Peter Black, Chairperson, Ken McDaniel, Treasurer, Julie Bennett, Troy Flanagan, Kim Hicks, Ginger Mock, Jeff Rogers

Ex-Officio Members

The Reverend Sarah Minton, Ken Saitow, Sr. Warden

VESTRY

Class of 2025: Leigh Coulter Beal, Rob Hicks, Ken Saitow, Sr. Warden, seniorwarden@stpetersparish.org, Beth Thornton

Class of 2026: Annette Bell, Jim Carpenter, Jr. Warden, Kevin Green, Diane LoCastro, Tracy Smythe

Class of 2027

Jayne Jeney, Laura Lee Skillman, Diane Woodside

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