



THE HOLY EUCHARIST
ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 4, 2026

9:00 & 11:00 A.M.

After the altar candles are lit, we invite you to observe a time of silence to prepare your hearts for worship and to come before God in prayer.

The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him! Habakkuk 2:20

A Note About Our Worship: Last Sunday, we took a brief break from *Enriching Our Worship* as we celebrated the sacrament of Baptism. This Sunday, we return to *Enriching Our Worship* and will continue using these supplemental Eucharistic prayers through the end of October.

As a reminder, *Enriching Our Worship* gives us the opportunity to experience the richness of our Episcopal liturgical tradition through additional prayers and language. The Book of Common Prayer remains our foundation, while these authorized resources invite us to hear familiar truths with fresh ears. Our worship is both **rooted in tradition and open to renewal**—a beautiful reflection of who we are as Episcopalians.

PRELUDE

O Christ, The Word Incarnate (René Frank)

ENTRANCE HYMN

Christ is made the sure foundation (Westminster Abbey) (H 518)

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL (9:00 a.m. service only)

After prayer, children ages 4 through 5th grade are dismissed for Children's Chapel. Children under age 4 may attend with a parent or be cared for in the nursery.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be our God.
People For ever and ever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

1. Glo - ry to you, _____ Lord

God of our fa - thers; _____ you are wor - thy of praise;

glo - ry to you. _____ 2. Glo - ry to you _____

— for the ra - di - ance of your ho - ly Name; _____ we will

praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. _____

3. Glo - ry to you _____ in the splen - dor of your

tem - ple; _____ on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to

you. _____ 4. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed bet -

ween the Cher - u - bim; _____ we will praise you and

high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. _____

Descant

5. Glo - ry to you, be -

5. Glo - ry to you, be - hold - ing the

hold-ing the depths; in the high vault of

depths; in the high vault of hea-ven, glo - ry to

hea - ven, 6. Glo - ry to you,

you. 6. Glo - ry to you, Fa - ther,

— Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will

Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will praise you and

high-ly ex - alt you Glo-ry to you!

high-ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

A Reading from the book of Exodus.

¹God spoke all these words: ²I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of

the house of slavery; ³you shall have no other gods before me. ⁴You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁷You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. ⁸Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹²Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. ¹³You shall not murder. ¹⁴You shall not commit adultery. ¹⁵You shall not steal. ¹⁶You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. ¹⁷You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor. ¹⁸When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, ¹⁹and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die." ²⁰Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 19

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)

¹ The heavens declare the glory of / God, *
and the firmament shows his / handiwork.

² One day tells its tale to an/other, *
and one night imparts knowledge to an/other.

³ Although they have no words or / language, *
and their voices are not / heard,

⁴ Their sound has gone out into all / lands, *
and their message to the ends of the / world.

⁵ In the deep has he set a pavilion for the / sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its /
course.

⁶ It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it a/gain; *
nothing is hidden from its burning / heat.

⁷ The law of the LORD is perfect and revives the / soul; *
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the / innocent.

⁸ The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the / heart; *
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the / eyes.

⁹ The fear of the LORD is clean and endures for /ever; *
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous alto/gether.



¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine / gold, *
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the / comb.

¹¹ By them also is your servant en/lightened, *
and in keeping them there is great re/ward.

¹² Who can tell how often he of/fends? *
cleanse me from my secret / faults.

¹³ Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion / over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great of/fense.

¹⁴ Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your / sight, *
O LORD, my strength and my re/deemer.

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:4b-14

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Philippi.

^{4b}If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN *The head that once was crowned with thorns (St. Magnus) (H 483)*

GOSPEL: Matthew 21:33-46

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

[Jesus said,] ³³"Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. ³⁴When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷Finally he sent his son to

them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ ³⁹So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” ⁴¹They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.” ⁴²Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes’? ⁴³Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. ⁴⁴The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.” ⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Rachel McElwee

THE NICENE CREED (BCP p. 358) *All stand.*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant Dear Household of God, the law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul! So let us appeal to our Lord God, saying, “Let the words of our mouths and meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, our strength and our redeemer.”

Intercessor Loving God, you command us to have no other gods before you: give your Church such singleness of mind that we might not be distracted by the rubbish of our lives, but may strive to know Christ and the power of his resurrection.

Silence

Let the words of our mouths and meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight,
O Lord, our strength and our redeemer.

Loving God, you command us to have no other gods before you: give your Church such singleness of mind that we might not be distracted by the rubbish of our lives, but may strive to know Christ and the power of his resurrection.

Silence

Let the words of our mouths and meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight,
O Lord, our strength and our redeemer.

Loving God, you command us to keep a holy Sabbath: make us generous stewards of this planet that it may be renewed and refreshed.

Silence

Let the words of our mouths and meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight,
O Lord, our strength and our redeemer.

Loving God, you command us to covet nothing that belongs to our neighbor: give us kind and generous hearts for those with whom we share our neighborhoods. May a loving spirit rule this region.

Silence

Let the words of our mouths and meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight,
O Lord, our strength and our redeemer.

Loving God, you desire that your people be not afraid: Pour on the sick, suffering, and struggling the abundance of your mercy. Bless them with goodness and healing through Jesus the Christ.

Invite the congregation to add their petitions and thanksgivings, followed by silence.

Let the words of our mouths and meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight,
O Lord, our strength and our redeemer.

Loving God, you have made us your own: may we, and those who have run the race of faith before us, attain the resurrection from the dead through the abundant mercy of your Son.

Silence

Let the words of our mouths and meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight,
O Lord, our strength and our redeemer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

God of abundance, who has planted us in this congregation and sustains us day by day, grow us in your grace, that we may become more fully the people you have called us to be; that we may flourish by your faith in us; and that we may accomplish your will with the gifts you have given us; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept. Minister and People

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. **Amen.**

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

The Celebrant says

“Restore us, O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.”

Psalms 80

You are welcome to use this QR code to give online.

All that I have is yours, Lord Christ. Use then this gift for works of love and mercy, and unto the increase of your glory. Amen.



OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Brother James's Air (arr. Gordon Jacob)

DOXOLOGY (*verse 3 only*)

From all that dwell below the skies (Old 100th) (H 380)

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER I (EOW p. 361)

The People remain standing.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing (say):

SANCTUS *Celebrant and People*

S 127 Holy, holy, holy (Hampton)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow - er and might, hea - ven and earth are full of your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world.

Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Peter and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

FRACTION ANTHEM

God of promise, you have prepared a banquet for us.

Happy are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.

We welcome you to receive the true presence of Jesus in this Holy Communion. Come forward to the altar rail and kneel or stand with an upturned palm to receive the bread. (Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.) To receive the wine, you may either drink from the chalice or intinct (dip) your bread carefully in the chalice. If you would prefer not to receive communion, but would like to receive a blessing, kneel, or stand at the altar rail with your arms crossed over your chest. Please do not hesitate to ask for communion to be brought to you in your pew. Notify an usher, who will let the clergy know to assist you.

COMMUNION HYMN *Glory, love, and praise, and honor (Benifold) (H 300)*

COMMUNION HYMN *Humbly I adore thee, Verity unseen (Adoro devote) (H 314)*

COMMUNION HYMN *In the cross of Christ I glory (Rathbun) (H 441)*

SENDING OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Celebrant In the Name of Christ and of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

People We who are many are one body, as we share one bread, one cup. Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

BLESSING

God's Blessing be with you, Christ's peace be with you, the Spirit's outpouring be with you, now and always. Amen.

CLOSING PROCESSIONAL HYMN *Lo! what a cloud of witnesses (St. Fulbert) (H 545)*

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Christ Is Alive (J. S. Bach)*

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*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Bill Hayes
and in remembrance of Janet's birthday.*

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The rose on the altar is given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the birth of Henry Thomas Hitpas.

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MINISTERS OF THE SERVICE 9:00 A.M.

The Reverend Rachel McElwee – Celebrant & Preacher

Jean Frank, Tracy Smythe - Eucharistic Ministers

Michael Broussard – Lector | Early McCall – Intercessor

Ann Buchanan, Melanie Grimley – Greeters | Cathy & Fred Eichmann - Ushers

Children's Chapel – Brooke Hall, Mallory Watkins | Vestry Person of the Service – Diane LoCastro

MINISTERS OF THE SERVICE 11:00 A.M.

The Reverend Rachel McElwee – Celebrant & Preacher

Gaye Pappas, Chad Wykle - Eucharistic Ministers

Troy Flanagan – Lector | Sheri Van Orden – Intercessor

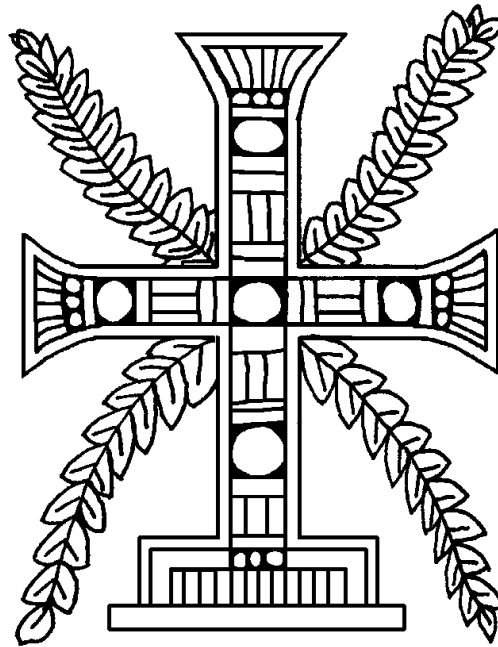
TBD – Greeter | Danny Ferreira, Bob Haas - Ushers

Vestry Person of the Service – Jayne Jeney

Others Serving Today

Jill Baker, *Bread Baker* | John Bybee, Cathy Eichmann, *Flower Ministry*

Altar Guild Team 1 | Breakfast Team 6



PARISH PRAYER LIST

Lou Brockleman, Emily Haas, Deborah Held, and Lisa Saitow who are attending Cursillo this weekend and Mtr. Sarah who is on the team; Susan Ralph, Bruce, Kasey Fitz, Gerald Gouker, Ryan Phillips, Lee Powell, Alvin Stephenson, Lillie, Ryan, Debbie, Carolyn & Joe Murdoch, Mary Lynn Torchia, Brenda, John Betsch, Jerome Richo, Patricia, Edmond Green, Connie Goff, Marion Banks, Carol Stevenson, and Jennifer Litsinger

PARISH LONG-TERM PRAYER LIST

Rosemary Hart, Teresa Drost, Jerry Torchia, Anne Britton, Charlie Vose, Debi, Tom Lake, Karen Miller, Stephanie Townsend, Amelia Senhauser, Keith, Lynell Bernard Jordan, Meighan Johnson, Dave, Steve Sjuggerud, Mike Friedrich, Eloise Harris & family, Jim Dean, Jon Dean, Clint Rauer, David Chamberlain, Judy Kent, Jan Smith, Gregory, The Heath family, Leatha, Tucker Arnold, Wilhelmina Jenkins, Antoinette, Davison Chapman, Lauren Barry, Colleen, Henry Flexon, John Younger, Layni Lentjes, Cheryl Smith, Billy Gass, Janet Dickman, Carra Lee Taylor, Jason Powell, Frank & Marie Wankowski, Heather Broussard, Charles, Barb A., Bert Way, Lilly Minotto, Rose Montgomery, Gwen Dickson, Romonda Jordan, Albert May, and Ingrid May

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Sharon Elliott

Names are added to the Parish Prayer List and are included in our prayers for six weeks.

THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays

Sunday, October 4

Annette Bell

Monday, October 5

Janet Baugh, Linda Lentjes, Ron Singleton

Tuesday, October 6

Nancy Carpenter, Sarah Minton,
Mitch Purvis, Mona Stines

Wednesday, October 7

Julie Bennett, Diana Sprouse

Thursday, October 8

Jonathan Foster, Sheri Van Orden

Friday, October 9

Ella Kanik

Saturday, October 10

David Chamberlain

Anniversaries

Friday, October 9

Suzanne & William McGhee

Saturday, October 10

Kay Stephenson & Bob Tetu

THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

Sunday, October 4

Holy Eucharist Rite 1	7:30 a.m.
Breakfast – Burns Hall	8:15 a.m.
Holy Eucharist Rite 2	9:00 a.m.
Coffee Hour – Burns Hall	10:00 a.m.
Holy Eucharist Rite 2	11:00 a.m.
Blessing of the Animals	4:00 p.m.
EYC – Wood Youth Center	5:00 p.m.

Monday, October 5

Sisters in Scripture – Room 201	10:30 a.m.
EfM – Kennard Library	5:00 p.m.
Sisters in Scripture – Room 201	6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 6

Men's Bible Study – Kennard Library	7:45 a.m.
Creation Care Meeting – Wood Youth Center	9:00 a.m.
Staff Meeting – Kennard Library	10:00 a.m.
St. Peter's Crafters – Kennard Library	3:00 p.m.
EfM – Kennard Library	5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 7

EYC High School Breakfast – WYC	7:45 a.m.
The First Good News – Room 201	10:30 a.m.
Holy Eucharist Rite 2	12:10 p.m.
Children's Choir – Choir Room	3, 4, and 5:00 p.m.
Parish Meeting – Burns Hall	5:30 p.m.
Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room	7:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 8

Centering Prayer – Church	10:00 a.m.
Peterson/Nyman Wedding Rehearsal	3:30 p.m.

Friday, October 9

Mahjong Group – Room 203	1:00 p.m.
Peterson/Nyman Wedding	3:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 10

Altar Guild Luncheon – Burns Hall	10:00 a.m.
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THIS WEEK'S NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



THERE IS DEEPER WATER

"We believe Outreach roots St. Peter's in Christ who takes us to deeper waters where we can fish for those seeking the love and fellowship we have found at St. Peter's. Our giving reaches a world hungry for Christ."

Anchored in Grace. Rooted in Christ. Growing for the Future.



INTERCESSORY PRAYER GROUP

Do you have a heart for prayer? If you do, we invite you to join the Intercessory Prayer Committee. We meet monthly to pray and bring the needs of our congregation before the Lord. Whether you are a seasoned prayer warrior or simply feel a quiet prompting in your heart to pray for others, there is a place for you here. If you feel called to this ministry or want to learn more, please email Jane Hebden at jech2011@gmail.com.

MEAL TRAIN FOR JESS ELLIOTT

We have all been saddened by the sudden loss of Sharon Elliott. If you would like to show your support, the family has requested a meal train for Jess. You can sign up here: <https://mealtrain.com/og009d>

JOIN US WEDNESDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 7 AT 5:30 P.M. – ‘ALL HANDS ON DECK’

We will talk about where we've been, what's happening in our diocese, where we are financially, and where God is calling us as we move forward together—anchored in grace. Everyone is encouraged to attend! Those who submitted an RSVP will be served first, followed by guests who attend without being included on the RSVP list. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

SISTERS IN SCRIPTURE CONTINUES ON MONDAYS 10:30 A.M. AND 6 P.M.

Sisters in Scripture is a women's Bible study exploring Paul's letter to the **Philippians**. **Sisters in Scripture** is a place to study God's Word, ask honest questions, share life, and grow together in faith. **Come as you are. Bring your Bible. Bring a friend. Come grow with us!** We hope you will join us as we learn, encourage one another, and discover the joy of walking together in faith.

CURSILLO NEWS – WOMEN'S WEEKEND OCTOBER 1-4

Cursillo Community! We have three ladies attending the Women's Weekend: Emily Haas, Deborah Held and Lisa Saitow. Mtr. Sarah is working on the team as Spiritual Advisor. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers and remember all the ways you can support these candidates.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS – TODAY AT 4:00 P.M.

Mark your calendars for the **ecumenical Blessing of the Animals**. Bring your beloved pets—**leashed or safely crated**—to receive a special blessing from one of our clergy. All are welcome to join us for this joyful celebration of the animals who bring so much love and companionship into our lives. We will also be collecting donations of pet food to benefit the Nassau Humane Society. **Bring your pets, bring a friend, and join us for this special afternoon!**

**THE FIRST GOOD NEWS: THE GOSPEL OF MARK –
WEDNESDAYS IN OCTOBER, 10:30-11:30 A.M. IN RM 201.**

Join the Reverend Dr. Marcia King as we dive into the Gospel of Mark. Why do scholars think Mark's Gospel was written first? Why was it all written at all? What are the major themes, and what does that mean for us today? No pre-registration is necessary. The only **prerequisite** for the class is to read Mark in its entirety (it is short and fast paced; reading it will take about two hours). Come ready to join the discussion and have fun. Remember, reading the Bible is thrilling!

CREATION CARE UPDATE

Review the Past / Plan the Future – Tuesday, October 6, 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. for coffee, pastries, and conversation. It has been a year since we finished the Garden, so it is a suitable time to discuss what worked, what did not and what we might like to plan for the future. All are welcome. Join us! PS: *Keep Nassau Beautiful* will soon be hosting its free tree giveaway for your garden. A number of species we used, from oaks to viburnum, are included. Check it out at <https://keepnassaubeautiful.org/events/event/tuesday-fall-2026-keep-nassau-beautifuls-free-tree-event>.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

The next Sunday scheduled for baptism at St. Peter's is **November 1, which is All Saints' Day**. If you or your child would like to receive the sacrament of baptism, please contact [Patty Lanier](#).

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS!

Boo in the Pews is **Sunday, October 25**. The service and concert begin at 3:00 p.m. followed by a Halloween carnival in Wyatt Courtyard with food, games, face painting and more! All Saints' Day is **Sunday, November 1**. We will celebrate with baptism and remember the saints who have gone before us at all the services. **Monday, November 2 at 7:00 p.m.**, we will have an All Souls Requiem mass with a full choir. Blue Grass Mass will be **Sunday, November 8 at 5:00 p.m.** This year, we will be having a chili cook-off as well!

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