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Join us for this year's VBS—
"HERO Central! Discover Your
Strength in God!"--August 7-11
here at Saint Peter's! The super-
hero theme is inspired by the
words of Psalm 34: "Do good! Seek
peace and go after it!"

Registration forms will be available
on Easter morning. For questions
or to become involved in this
"super" ministry, contact
spefvbs@gmail.com.

Onward

A newsletter for and
about the people of
St. Peter's Church

APRIL 2017

Holy Week Services

April 9, Palm Sunday
Palm Procession and Holy Eucharist, 9 & 11am (Church)

April 12, Holy Wednesday, Tenebrae Service
Led by David Cowell, 7:30 pm (Chapel)

April 13, Maundy Thursday
Pot Luck Supper, 6:30 pm (Undercroft)
Maundy Thursday Eucharist and Foot Washing
7:30 pm (Church)

April 14, Good Friday
Good Friday Stations of the Cross, 12 noon
Good Friday Liturgy, 7:30 pm

April 15, Easter Vigil
7:30 pm (chapel)

Easter Sunday Services

April 16, Resurrection Sunday
Holy Eucharist, 9 & 11am
Easter Egg Hunt between the Services

A Word From the Interim Rector

“Resurrection” literally means “standing up again.” As we approach Holy Week and Easter, the Scriptures tell us that resurrection is one of the Spirit’s major energies in human life. Jesus suffered everything that the powers of evil could hurl against him, but “stood up” with compassion and dignity all through it, then was “raised” to stand in power from the darkness of death. The disappointed and discouraged disciples were raised to stand courageously by the Risen Christ’s presence among and within them, just as ancient Israel had been raised from slavery’s oppression in Egypt to stand up as a people. The Spirit of the Risen One is the power that helps any of us stand up with compassion and courage for justice and the well-being of others. Celebrate this great Story of Resurrection by walking through Holy Week with us at St. Peter’s!

Easter Lessons and Carols

New this year will be an Easter Lessons and Carols service, with Holy Communion, at 10 a.m. April 23, the Sunday after Easter Day. Instead of a sermon, we will hear readings which present, on one day, the whole sweep of Jesus’ many resurrection appearances, hear Eastertide anthems, and sing a variety of Eastertide hymns. Like our Advent Lessons and Carols, this can be a great way for you to internalize the message of Easter in all its grandeur. Christ is risen, and meets us any time we worship the God he proclaimed.

March Vestry Notes

The Vestry met on Wednesday, March 15 at 7:30 for its regular monthly meeting.

Elected Kimberley Butler to the Vestry to fill the unexpired term of Peter Torok.

Elected Pam Bayard as alternative Vestry.

Accepted Betty McGovern’s resignation letter as Nursery School Head, with thanks for her service. Betty will step down as head in June. A Nursery School search committee is being formed, with Vestryperson Serena Watkinson representing the Vestry.

Received a report from the Building and Grounds committee and recommended that the Committee prepare a long-range plan and budget for the maintenance of the buildings.

Reviewed and accepted the proposed 3-year budget to present to the Diocese, which demonstrates that St. Peter’s can afford a full-time Rector.

Approved a 2% rise in salary for the Parish Secretary, Organist and Buildings Manager.

Approved shifting insurance for the truck from Church Insurance to Progressive. The truck is used often for transporting OpShop items and Christmas gifts.

SPY MISSION TRIP 2017

SPONSOR PROGRAM

To raise money to support the Mission Trip to Blue Knob, PA!

This summer we will be taking 17 youth and 4 adults on a mission trip to Blue Knob (Altoona), PA. Every year the mission trip proves to be a truly life-changing spiritual experience for our youth. A great way to be involved with this ministry and to support the kids is to become a Sponsor and Prayer Partner!

Sponsor and Prayer Partner - \$50 donation

Pray for your sponsored traveler each day of the mission trip

SPONSOR AND PRAYER PARTNER

I want to be a Sponsor and Prayer Partner _____ (\$50 donation)

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

Please make checks payable to Saint Peter’s Episcopal Church
You will be notified of your prayer partner and you will receive a note from
her/him at the end of the mission trip.

Please return the form to Saint Peter’s Episcopal Church
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Milestones

Deaths

Jim Ness & Charles Newman

Joan Waitts, mother of Diane Waitts and sister of Barbara Marlin

Episcopal Church Women (ECW)

The Episcopal Church Women (ECW) of St. Peter's will be holding a Lenten Bread sale on Palm Sunday April 9th after the 10AM service. Please help us by baking some fruit breads or any type of bread that you care to.

Bring it wrapped in a zip lock plastic bag, labeled to the Upper Room before the 10AM service. Our proceeds will go to the Crossroads Episcopal Camp Scholarship fund. Thank you for your help in baking or purchasing.

Sue Mazur

Jennifer Jackson



Street Fair June 9th & 10th



The Street Fair will be here before you know it and we need HELP!! We need people to help with lots of different things, big and small, before and during.

Can you donate time during the Fair?

Game Booths - Dana Leach 973-364-7544, scottdanaL@aol.com

Snack Bar - Peter & Danielle Torok 973-226-8552, pdtorok@verizon.net

Chicken Dinner - Dave & June Cowell 973-226-1733, dcowell@drew.edu or lovelylivinginteriors@gmail.com

Set-up & break-down - literally takes DAYS! Please contact Ed Kamper 973-228-3945, ekpreservation@verizon.net for details on how you can help!

Donations:

Tricky Tray Baskets - Can you solicit? Do you know someone who owns a business who would

donate something fun? We will have a list of sponsors this year displayed at the Fair so if you get a donation let us know so we can give credit!! Can you donate a basket yourself or join with another family to put together a basket of something exciting? The Tricky Tray makes great money for our church every year. Please help make it a success!! Chair people information to come, but in the meantime you can reach out to Dana Leach, 973-364-7544, scottdanaL@aol.com, if you have questions or can donate.

Strawberries & Shortcake - We need many quarts of strawberries for our YUMMY chicken dinner. Are you a baker? We need people to bake the shortcake! Keep an eye out for sign-ups or contact June Cowell at 973-226-1733 or lovelylivinginteriors@gmail.com, if you know you can help.

BOOKS! - Please save those gently used books, preferable newer releases, classics, cookbooks and children's books! Sadly, we don't have as big a market for older books or text books so although we GREATLY APPRECIATE all books we ask you think about the books you are donating before dropping them off. Thank you!!!!

The Street Fair is a spiritually uplifting time of bonding for us as a parish. It is also a time when we really shine out for the entire community to see!! The only way it succeeds is with help from ALL. PLEASE reach out to us!! The Street Fair is a lot of work and we will be calling you for help, but it would make it SO MUCH EASIER if you would reach out to us instead :) Our next planning meeting is Monday, April 3rd at 7:30 in the church office and we'd love to see you there!!

Reviewed and Accepted Warden Mark Livingston's report on the church Balance Sheet, showing a total of 1.4 Million dollars in investments. Current investment income of the aggregate of all accounts is 4.35%. This includes donor restricted funds like the David St. George and Needy People funds, which can only be used for those purposes. The Finance Committee will begin a process of more clearly allotting investment income proportionally to all the various funds.

Approved a proposal to take a percentage of the income for the Garth (where remains of the departed are interred) for general uses. The balance of the income is used for the maintenance of the Garth.

Received the Interim Rector's report detailing his plans to emphasize the ways in which St. Peter's can grow as a community of mutual support, the Communications new committee's work under Pat Sheeleigh's leadership to promote the parish as a place where "Faith in Action" is prized. The Rector also announced that there will be a "Minute for Ministry" testimony from a parish layperson once a month at the 10 a.m. Eucharist in the months to come. Vince Corso gave the first in March on his ministry as Pastoral Assistant.

Condensed from the minutes of Evan McLaughlin, Clerk

The Rev. Robert Corin Morris, D.D.

Interim Rector, St. Peter's Church

OpShop at St. Peter's

Thank you to Barbra and Richard Veffer, Deborah Chance, Sara Close, John Crowther, and Connor Leach for helping with our winter to spring setup. Thank you to the family, Jim and Karen Luke, for their generous donation of a 7-piece bedroom set in excellent condition! And thank you Toby West for helping us move it all!

Thank you to all who support the OpShop ministry through donating items, telling neighbors about the shop, or by volunteering your time.

OpShop proceeds benefit St. Peter's Church, the David St. George Fund, and vetted local and national charities.

OpShop is in need of new and gently used items especially jewelry, homegoods, handbags, spring/summer clothing, and wood furniture. Donations may be placed in the thrift shop shed in the church parking lot. To donate wood furniture, contact Lynn Livingston at 973-216-1458 or cjmlynn@gmail.com.

The OpShop will be closed for Holy Week on Thursday, April 13 & Saturday, April 15.



SPY

St. Peter's Youth

SPY Meetings

April 2nd

Jr. SPY 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Sr. SPY 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

(Sr. SPY is 30 minutes longer than usual because of a special diocesan program at St. Peter's)

April 23rd

Jr. SPY: 4:00-5:30

Sr. SPY: 5:30-7:00



Confirmation

13 youth from St. Peter's will be Confirmed at Trinity and St. Philip's Cathedral in Newark on Saturday, April 29 at 10am.

Please pray for them as they take this important step in their Christian formation.

2017 Confirmands: Emily Blake, Abigail Boggier, Vanessa Borg, Harry Butterfield, Donte Chance, Connor Egan, Colby Livingston, Aidan Torok, Anna Torok, Emma Veffer, Graham Weber, Ryan Weber, Katelyn Wescott.

Calendar

April 2nd - Sunday School

April 9th - Palm Sunday - No Sunday School, but children encouraged to come to "big church" for the reading of The Passion (They can think of it like a play)

April 16th - EASTER 9:00 am service for families with Easter Egg hunt immediately following.

April 23rd - Sunday School

April 30th - Sunday School

Family Church

Well, yet again, my heart nearly exploded with pride during Family Church. Kaitlyn Kaplan & Joseph Wohltmann each read for the first time in Family Church and they were outstanding! We were also blessed to have the experienced, Sophia Khan, who always does a fabulous job! Many thanks to element bearers Emma Kaplan & Lexi Vacca who were so careful with their gifts and Samantha Wohltmann & Emily Brown (and friend) who were always there to do what needed doing as ushers! I can't WAIT for the next Family Church on May 14th!!

Sunday School

In April we are well into unit 3 in Sunday School and continue on with Lent, leading to EASTER!! It is wonderful to be back in the classroom again and I am blown away by the knowledge the children are gaining! We have been reviewing the life of

Jesus in the 1st-3rd grade classroom then pausing now and then to see what items in the class can be linked to the different phases of Jesus's life. The children have linked our baptism with Jesus's baptism, the cross with his birth, the church calendar with Lent, the Wisemen with Jesus talking (and listening) to the rabbi's in the Temple as a boy... They are starting to see connections everywhere in our classroom. Some of these connections are obvious and some more subtle, but their enthusiasm is fantastic! You should all be proud of your children and their excitement for their church.

To become a part of Family Church or Sunday School or if you have any questions I'd love to talk with you!

With Faith & Love, Dana Leach
scottdanaL@aol.com, 973-364-7544



Good Friday

Children's Service - Noon

The noon Good Friday Stations of the Cross Service is a kid friendly service and great way to help your children understand the deeper meaning of Easter. Meet in the courtyard at noon.



St. Peter's children participate in Family Church



Saint Peter's Music Ministry Presents

four-hand piano
**Nan Childress Orchard
and John Pivarnik**

Music of Bach, Grieg, Rachmaninoff, and others



Join us

Friday Evening, April 7th at 7:30 p.m.

St. Peter's Episcopal Church, in the sanctuary
271 Roseland Avenue, Essex Fells, NJ

Admission: \$20, \$15 seniors, students free

Reception following



WARDENS & MEMBERS

Back: Warden Mark Livingston, Jason Brown, Tim Cutting, Alan Pulitano, Warden David Cowell, former Warden Peter McCabe. Front: Pat Sheeleigh, Caroline Medina, Vince Corso, Mary Shearin, Pamela Au, Lisa Grider, Evan McLaughlin. Not pictured: Serena Watkinson.



CLERGY & STAFF

Back: Vince Corso, Pastoral Assistant; Rev. Anthony Puca, Youth Minister; Rev. Robert Morris, Interim Rector; John Pivarnik, Minister of Music; Toby West, Property Manager. Front: Pat Sheeleigh, Media/Communications; Susan Negrotto, Pastoral Assistant; Eileen Andersen, Parish Secretary; Chris Corso, Webmaster; Dana Leach, Sunday School Head. Not Pictured: DJ Posey, Bookkeeper; Patricia Aliotta, Pledge Secretary.