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STREET FAIR JUNE 8TH & 9TH

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 after and during.

Can you donate time during the Fair?
It takes the village of Saint Peter's to make this a successful fundraising event!

We are having an organizing meeting on January 23rd at 7pm in the Church Office.

Please join us or contact Pam Au 201-960-5566,
pau@its.jnj.com if you would like to learn more and help.

Onward

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

JANUARY 2018



A Farewell Message from the Interim Rector

Dear People of St. Peters: It has been a privilege to enter into your congregational life over the past year and a quarter, and I my last Sunday with you on January 7 will be filled with many feelings. You are a Christian community with an ethic of service at your heart: mutual service to each other in so many intro-parish ways, but care and concern on the part of so many to serve the needy and the community at large. I have been carrying this parish in my heart, and so many of you individually, and that will not stop. My best wishes and prayers, and to Fr. Michael Muller, as you move into the next phase of your service to the Kingdom of God in this place.

Blessings,

Fr. Bob

Annual Parish Meeting, Sunday, January 28, 2018

Come hear Fr. Muller share his first impressions of St. Peter's, hear reports on the state of the Parish, and vote to elect new Vestry, and Convention Delegates at this post-10am service gather, with a light lunch, on the last Sunday in January.

*The Rev. Robert Corin Morris, D.D.
Interim Rector*

The Thrift Shop Ministry at St. Peter's

Participation in this ministry begun in 1943 is needed in 2018. Quite simply, if we have more hands helping at the shop we can raise more money for our church and increase community outreach! We especially need help carrying items from the OpShop shed to the shop.

In 2017 OpShop raised money for St. Peter's Church, the David St. George Fund (which gives to about a dozen charities), the American Red Cross for Hurricane Relief, the Good Shepherd Home, and the Napa Valley Disaster Relief Fund for those affected by the devastating Napa county fires.

Please contact Lynn Livingston cjmlynn@gmail.com or 973-216-1458 to help. Volunteers are needed Tuesdays 10am-12:30pm, Thursdays 12pm-3pm, and Saturdays 10am-2pm.

Littlest Parishioner's Playgroup

Our next playgroup will be on Saturday, January 6th from 9:30-11:30 in the upper room. This is for the 3 year old and under group in the parish and their parents (siblings welcome). We have had such a fun time with this darling group of children and their SUPER nice parents :)

If you have any questions you can contact Nat Bernardo, nathaliabernardo23@gmail.com or Dana Leach, 973-364-7544, scottdanaL@aol.com.



Health and Healing

Health and Healing delivered little Christmas trees complete with a miniature prayer shawl to those parishioners that we visit throughout year in pastoral visits. The tree lets them know that St Peters is praying and thinking about them even though they may be unable to attend a Christmas service. Many thanks to Judy Himes, Lisa Beland for pitching in as elves to deliver the trees!

Caroling at Cranes Mill

Our Christmas caroling at Cranes Mill was a hit with residents as John Pivarnik, choir members and parishioners traveled around the complex spreading good will and cheer. Long time members Gloria Kelley, Mary Budd and Doug McCabe joined the soirée and enjoyed seeing about 25 familiar faces from Church.

Doug McCabe joined us singing as we traveled through the complex.

Sue Negrotto, Pastoral Assistant



Spaghetti Dinner

Time: 6:00pm



Date: January 20

SPY invites you to a life changing experience of fine Italian dining! The master chefs of SPY will prepare salad, the finest Italian bread in New Jersey, spaghetti and meatballs, and, of course, their world-famous tomato sauce! All who attend will experience hospitality and service unmatched anywhere in the world!

All proceeds will go to support the 2018 Mission Trip to Gatlinburg, TN. Come out and support SPY and your taste buds will thank you forever!!!

Adults: \$10

Kids: \$5

Maximum amount per family : \$25

SPY

Saint Peter's Youth (SPY) Group is open to all interested youth from 6th through 12th grade. SPY is divided into two sections: Junior SPY (Grades 6-8) and Senior SPY (Grades 9-12). SPY has two meetings scheduled in January.

Sunday, January 7th

Jr. SPY 4:00 – 5:30 pm

Sr. SPY 5:30 – 7:00 pm

Sunday, January 20nd

Jr. SPY 4:00 – 5:30 pm

Sunday School

New Year's Resolution....Get children to Sunday School where they can WONDER and GROW in their relationship with God and Jesus. Sunday School at St. Peter's is for children aged PreK-6th grade and meets during the 10:00 service. There are 3 classes (PreK-K, 1st-3rd & 4th-6th). The children all start the month with the Baptism of Jesus. PreK-3rd grade then move to His lessons and parables. Did you know parables are gifts given to us long ago? Sometimes (often) we need to unwrap a parable multiple times to really see what is inside! 4th-6th grade will continue with the gospel and following Jesus ... what is "fishing for people?" Sunday School dates for January are the 7th, 21st & 28th. If you have

any questions or would like to become involved with Sunday School please reach out. With Faith & Love, Dana Leach, 973-364-7544, scottdanaL@aol.com.

Family Church

Our next Family Church will be on January 14th. If your child(ren) would like to be involved as a reader, usher or element bearer please let me know. This is a WONDERFUL service for the children and they take their duties very seriously and do a FABULOUS job!

In December we had SPY helping with Family Church while the younger children participated in the Christmas pageant. It was AWESOME! Thanks to all the readers and actors in the pageant and to our SPY participants, Peter Corso, Michael Butler, Donte Chance, Ryan Leach, Harry Butterfield, Emily Blake, Katie Butler and Julia DiGiovanni.

With Faith & Love,
Dana Leach
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Thanks!

Its a great time to be a kid at St. Peter's!! Many thanks to Sarah Latson for a WONDERFUL Advent Event! Many thanks to Maggie Wohltmann for her directorial debut in putting together a VERY SPECIAL pageant! We are blessed to have these beautiful souls in our parish family :)

Christmas Pageant 2017



Advent Event

