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# Onward

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

JUNE 2017



See you at the  
**STREET FAIR!!**

June 9 & 10  
5:30pm to 9:30pm

**GAMES, FOOD & FUN!!**



When: August 7-11, 2017 (9am to Noon)

Who: Campers may register through 5th grade.  
Interested families can download a registration from the  
website (registration is filling up!).

Cost: \$60 per camper

We would love help! Volunteers are needed during the week of VBS, and people may join in the fun for one day, two days, or all week! In addition, we will be holding a Craft & Decorating Night on Monday, June 19 at 7:30 in the Upper Room. This event is BYOS (Bring Your Own Scissors!) and light snacks will be served.

# SPY

St. Peter's Youth

Final SPY Meeting

Sunday, June 4th

Jr. SPY 4:00 - 5:30pm

Sr. SPY 5:30 - 7:00pm

SPY is open to all interested youth in grades 6-12. SPY is divided into Junior SPY (grades 6-8) and Senior SPY (grades 9-12).

## Sunday School

I LOVE teaching Sunday School! Your children are amazing! They are so curious and insightful! We have talked about things like, "Is it okay to pray for something for me?" "What did Jesus look like when he rose from the dead? A zombie?" (we decided he did not, in fact, look like a zombie).

We explored what it would be like to be the one telling others that Jesus had risen. Hard? Would people think we were crazy? We are learning, exploring and growing together in Sunday School! Sadly it is almost over :( Our last day of Sunday School will be June 4th. PENTECOST! All come and wear RED!

Please think about whether Sunday School is a ministry in which you'd like to become involved. I'd be happy to talk to you about it. I promise it isn't as scary as it sounds; most of the lessons are scripted and it can be VERY fulfilling :)



## Family Church

Our May family church was WONDERFUL! Many thanks to our readers, Julia DiGiovanni, Nadira Khan and Sally Cutting who each read so clearly! Also, thanks to our ushers Richie Musser & Andrew Stern; it was the first time ushering for each of them and they did great! And we had two new helpers for the elements as well, Allan Rodriguez and Davis DeRuyter, who safely delivered their special gifts! :) I get so many complements each month on how well the children do and I couldn't be prouder!!

June 11th is our final Family Church of the year and we are going to see if Junior SPY can do as good a job as the Sunday School children! :) I already have several volunteers, but if your child is in Jr. SPY (6th, 7th & 8th grade) and would like to participate at any level please let me know. Those of you with younger children will find how much they love the "big kids" and the special bridge between these groups that exists at St. Peter's from things like VBS and Street Fair.

## Sunday School Teacher Appreciation !!!

Also, come on the 11th to thank and support our wonderful teachers this year! We, as a parish, are so blessed to have these dedicated individuals among us and I am forever grateful to them!!

PreK-K: Jennifer Jackson, Serena Watkinson and Michelle Spell (greeters - Emily Blake, Katie Butler and Emma Veffer).

1st-3rd grade: Dana Leach, Sarah Blake and Emily Blake (greeters Sarah Blake and Katie Butler).

4th-6th grade: Jasmine Barbour, Mary Beth Weber, Christina Doyle and Sarah Latson.

With Faith & Love,  
Dana Leach



## Parish Office Information

The office hours will stay the same; Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 9am - 3pm for the summer.

The last Wee Believers service (9am) will be June 18th, resuming again September 10th.

The last Wednesday Noon service is June 28th, resuming Sept. 6th.



## OpShop Ministry

The OpShop sells jewelry, home goods, artwork, clothing size 3 & up, books, & accessories.

Donations may be placed in the OpShop shed. For furniture donations, or to volunteer at the OpShop contact Lynn Livingston at [cjmlynn@gmail.com](mailto:cjmlynn@gmail.com) or 973-216-1458.

Please do not donate torn, stained, excessively worn, water damaged items, or household trash. We can not sell those items.

Proceeds from the OpShop benefit St. Peter's Church and its ministries, the David St. George Fund, and vetted local and national charities.

The OpShop will be closed while the Fair is set up in the parking lot 6/3-6/10. We'll have a Big Summer Blowout Sale Saturday, June 24th. OpShop will be closed June 25th through Labor Day.

## Milestones

Baptism	Anna Lynn Eitner, daughter of Kathleen and Brian Eitner
Death	Rita Ness

### *A Word from the Interim Rector: Living in the Spirit*

The Holy Spirit is the breath of God flowing through all creation—a life-giving presence we celebrate all through the Pentecost Sundays in the Summer. We can go without food for a long time, without water for many hours, but we cannot go without breath for more than a minute or two. Whether we know it or not, the breath of God is always sustaining us in ways we cannot imagine. God holds us, and all creation in life every minute of every day. Just as we can improve our oxygen levels through exercise and breathing practices, so we can breathe more deeply the Spirit's availability through prayer, loving service, and joy in the beauty of creation. Breathe in the Spirit through the summer days, on vacation, during Summer Sundays at Church wherever you are.

### *Special Moments in June*

**New Memorial Planting:** Memorial Day weekend, we dedicated a new dogwood tree given by Barbara Marlin and the family of Joan Waitts, who died his spring.

**Honoring our Confirmands:** Our recently confirmed boys and girls were recognized and honored at the June 4th 10 a.m. Eucharist. Congratulations to all and thanks to Fr. Anthony's teaching.

**Dedication of New Stained Glass Window:** On June 4th, we dedicated a window in honor of the ministry of The Rev. Stephanie Wethered, St. Peter's most recent Rector. The theme of the window in the "Vestry" or clergy vestment room, is the parable of the Woman and the Lost Coin. Mother Stephanie and her family were present to be honored during the dedication.

**Bishop Beckwith's Visitation, June 18:** Our Diocesan Bishop will be present for all Sunday morning services on this day to preach and celebrate the Eucharist. All members are encouraged to attend a special coffee hour and Bishop's Forum after the 10 a.m. service. Be thinking of what St. Peter's means to you, and the good it serves in the community in preparation for that discussion with Bishop Mark.

**Last Wee Believers on June 11.**

**Last Wednesday Noon Healing Eucharist on June 28.**

Both services resume the week after Labor Day.

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

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## *Saint Peter's Music Ministry Presents*



EMILY GAFFNEY & JOHN PIVARNIK  
SOPRANO PIANO

## *Voice Recital*

PERFORMING WORKS BY WOLFGANG AMADEUS MOZART,  
FRANZ LISZT, DOUGLAS MOORE, AND ANDRE PREVIN.

*Friday June 2, 2017, 7:30 pm*

IN THE SANCTUARY

ADMISSION \$20 | RECEPTION TO FOLLOW

SENIORS \$15 | STUDENTS FREE

Contact [johnpivarnik@optonline.net](mailto:johnpivarnik@optonline.net) for more information

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## ***Saint Peter's Music Ministry***

***Presents A Violin Recital***

***Sunday June 11, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.***

***In the sanctuary - Free Admission***

Please join us for an evening of music on June 11, 2017 at 6:30 PM. Maia Schmidt, a young violinist from Caldwell, NJ, will be giving a solo recital alongside pianist Michael Wittenburg. She will be performing works by Franck, Schubert, Kroll, Vivaldi, and Saint-Saens.

Maia has won prestigious awards such as American Protege and NLPA Showcase competitions. Last year, she had her New York City solo recital debut as a part of the 92Y Young Concert Artists Series and recently performed as soloist with the Washington Heights Chamber Orchestra. She plans to continue her musical studies in college at the Manhattan School of Music in the fall.

### **Come Ye to the FAIR!! June 9 & 10, 5:30-9:30 pm**

Bring your family, friends and neighbors to the St. Peter's Street Fair! It is SO MUCH FUN!!! Yummy chicken dinner, snack bar and more! Games, inflatables, ponies and music! Fish & prizes to win!

**Still Desperately need: PEOPLE!!** If you can give us a little time during the Fair, we'll take it!! We especially need brave souls for the china smash... no volunteers, no china smash booth :( **CARS!!** We could still use a couple more children's motorized cars for the Grand Prix, either to borrow or as a donation (we can provide tax form for donations). The Grand Prix is one of our most popular activities at the Fair so we need help! Contact Dana Leach, [scottdanaL@aol.com](mailto:scottdanaL@aol.com) or 973-364-7544 if you can help with either of these.

**SET-UP** is a HUGE undertaking. It is June 3rd beginning at 9:00 am. We can use anyone who has ever held a hammer :)

**BREAK-DOWN** is June 11th after church. Which means June 11th is: WEAR YOUR GRUBBIES TO CHURCH DAY. Then, after a little praying in church, in the spirit of "many hands make light work," we can whisk away the last of the Fair until next year.

If you can help with either please contact Ed Kamper, [ekpreservation@verizon.net](mailto:ekpreservation@verizon.net) or 973-228-3945

A million thanks to all who have already donated time, food, tricky tray baskets, etc!!! One last thing we need from EVERYONE...PLEASE PRAY FOR GOOD WEATHER!!! :)

## ***The Search is ON!***

The Search Committee resumed meeting on May 23 to ignite the active phase of our search for a new Rector. There was a wait period until all Diocesan financial requirements were met, demonstrating we can support a full time Rector. The Search committee, under the chairmanship of Vincent Corso, will work in concert with the Vestry to identify prospective candidates to be St. Peter's next Rector. Both the Bishop's office and the Search Committee will identify persons to be considered and interviewed for our Vestry's final decision. A timeline for the Search and more details will be announced soon. Pray for our parish leaders as they undertake this important exploration!

### **Vestry Notes from the May 17 Meeting:**

*A Summary of the minutes of Vestry Clerk Evan McLaughlin.*

**Received the investment report** with news of a 7.25% growth in our endowment for the calendar year so far.

**Confirmed** the three-quarter time hours and salary for the Building and Property Manager.

**Received the report of Pam Au** detailing plans for Christmas tree ornaments featuring the new window in honor of Mother Stephanie, as well as a long-term plans for a variety of social events this fall.

**Approved** spending \$2100 for the removal of three dead trees on the property and the removal of the wood during the summer months.

**Discussed, debated and voted** (final vote, 10-4) for the method to be used in the Rector Search: All candidates will be interviewed as prospective permanent Rectors. Both the Bishop and the Search Committee will propose candidates. The "yea or nay" for any candidate is entirely in the hands of the Vestry. When a candidate is chosen, he/she will be given a two-to-three year contract with the expectation of becoming permanent Rector, work with the Vestry on a mutually constructed development plan for the parish, and then be granted tenure as permanent Rector. (See "The Search is On" for more details.)

**Accepted the Bookkeeper's recommendation** that we change our payroll company from Paychex to ADP.

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