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## Men's Night

Calling all men to join in for a fun night out!!

May 5th, 6:30 - till we run out of **BYOB!**  
The Undercroft

(Bring your own Tequila and Cervesa!)

We are ordering in from **Mexican Spice Restaurant** and need a head count to order at \$22 per person.

**RSVP** by **April 28th** to John at [johnpivarnik@optonline.net](mailto:johnpivarnik@optonline.net).

# Onward

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

MAY 2017



## St. Peter's 86th Annual Street Fair

Friday, June 9th

Saturday, June 10th

5:30 to 9:30

# SPY

St. Peter's Youth

SPY Meetings

May 7th

Jr. SPY 4:00 - 5:30pm

Sr. SPY 5:30 - 7:00pm

May 19th - 20th

Jr. SPY Sleepover, Fri-Sat

7pm to 10am

May 21st

Sr. SPY 5:30 - 7:00pm

## Sunday School & Family Church

May 7th & 21st Sunday School

May 14th Family Church AND Acknowledgement of Communion Class Participants!

May 28th - No Sunday School, Holiday Weekend

I can't wait to continue our discussions in Sunday School in May! Most of the year in our Godly Play classrooms our focal tables are draped in green. During Advent and Lent they are purple. For the next 6 weeks they will be draped in white, the color of "pure celebration!" The Season of Easter lasts 6 weeks. Some of my favorite lessons are still to come and I am so excited to share them with the children!

If your child is interested in helping with Family Church I still need some help for May 14th! Thanks to those WONDERFUL children I drafted to help carry the elements during April: Koen Vonderahe, Samantha Vitiello, Joseph Wohltmann & Samantha Wohltmann. They each took their job so seriously! Also, thanks to Rachel Vitiello for representing the Sunday School so well reading the part of the High Priest during the Palm Sunday service! I'm so proud of you all :)

Please reach out to me if you have any questions, comments or suggestions for Sunday School or Family Church. I'd love to talk with you!

With Faith & Love,  
Dana Leach  
(973) 364-7544, [scottdanaL@aol.com](mailto:scottdanaL@aol.com)



*Many thanks to Abby Boggier, Ava Lopez, Brian Blake, Donte Chance, Ryan Leach, Sarah Blake and Sophia Garrubo for helping hide ALL THOSE EGGS!!! for the Easter Day Egg Hunt*

## Youth Holy Communion Class



All children in second grade or older are welcome to learn about Holy Communion and be recognized in a special celebration on Sunday, May 14 at the 10 AM service.

Communion classes will take place on Saturday, May 6 from 9-10:30 and Saturday, May 13 from 9-12 in the undercroft.

The children will discuss the Last Supper, learn the basics of Holy Communion and bake the bread to be part of the Sunday celebration on May 14.

Since the Episcopal Church professes full inclusion in the Church at Baptism, including in the partaking of Holy Communion, this class is simply a formal way for children to learn more about Holy Communion and celebrate with our St. Peter's community in a unique and fun way.

Please RSVP to Serena Watkinson at [hop26@yahoo.com](mailto:hop26@yahoo.com) if your child is interested in participating. 😊

*Serena Watkinson*

## VBS Craft & Decorating Night!!



Monday, May 8th, 7:30 in the upper room.

Come share community and fellowship as we cut and color to prepare for another AMAZING VBS at St. Peter's!

If you have a good pair of scissors you can bring that would be lovely as we are limited in our "grown-up" scissor supply :)

**ALSO, we are in desperate need of medium sized baby food jars with lids for a VBS project so please start collecting (or if you have a neighbor or grandchild still using baby food, please ask them to save jars & lids as well!) Thanks!!**

Questions or to RSVP: Dana Leach, 973-364-7544, [scottdanaL@aol.com](mailto:scottdanaL@aol.com)

## OpShop



Thank you very much for supporting the OpShop Ministry by your generous donations of clothing, home goods, jewelry, furniture, books and artwork.

*Lynn Livingston*

## ***A Word from the Interim Rector: Easter Continues!***

Easter is not a one-day wonder! Just as Christ's resurrection was revealed over fifty days of appearances, teaching and empowerment, so also our Easter celebration continues for seven Sundays until the next great Festival Day, Pentecost on June 4. St. Paul tells us that "the first Adam was given breath, but the second Adam became a life-giving Spirit," and the whole season celebrates Christ's continuing work of resurrection in human lives: people rising from despair to hope, from sickness to restored health, from selfish destructiveness to lives of compassion and service. Christ-power is available to all who will receive it!

As part of our Eastertide 2017, I hope you will come to one or more of these special events:

### ***Labyrinth Walk — Saturday, May 6***

The quiet and meditative path of the Labyrinth (not a maze) allows heart and mind of mull over and meditate on a chosen theme (such as things to be grateful for, or my relationship to God, or answers to a particular issue I'm facing). The path of the Labyrinth always leads to the "God-center" at its center, but the winding path mirrors the winding paths of our mind, and of our journey through time. A portable Labyrinth will be spread in the Upper Room on Saturday, May 6, 10 am - 3 pm. with quiet music playing in the background. You'll be given a brief set of suggestions for a labyrinth walk, and the Chapel will be open if you wish some time to pray afterwards.

### ***"Life After Life" Forum — Sunday May 7***

From 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 a.m. after the 10 a.m. Eucharist, Fr. Morris will give a special presentation on Christian teachings and insights about life after physical death, and the meaning of "eternal life" for Christians. He will also draw on present-day experiences of "near-death experiences," both from the literature, and people he has known personally. "The human race may know more about what happens at the threshold of death than we realize," says Fr. Morris. Come with your own ideas and questions for this informative session.

## ***What is North Porch?***

The North Porch Women and Infant's Center, run through the Episcopal Diocese of Newark provide seven-day emergency supplies of formula, baby food, diapers, wipes and clothing for needy mothers and infants in the Newark, Paterson, Hackettstown, Clifton and Dover areas. The name reflects the custom of the ancient church to regard the "North Porch" as a gathering place and refuge for women.

### **How Does North Porch Serve Needy Families**

They provide a seven-day supply of infant items in order to help needy mothers stabilize and improve their lives. They have a part-time social worker that works with these mothers providing counseling, parenting classes and job referral materials.

### **What Can We Do To Help - Bring**

diapers size 1-5	baby wipes
baby cereal	baby food
Enfamil Formula	baby shampoo
diaper rash cream	clothing: from newborn to size 3

**PLEASE Help the babies by bringing any of these items to church or the church office during the month of May.**

*Thank you, Sue Mazur and Jennifer Jackson ECW*



**Blood Pressure Screening  
Sunday, June 4th  
Upper Room  
After 10:00am Service**

Health & Healing Ministry wants everyone to be ready for the summer months by having their blood pressure checked on Sunday, June 4th.

Our parishioner Suzanne Seaman, RN will be available at coffee hour in the Upper Room after the 10 o'clock service. Please say hello to Suzanne and thank her for so graciously providing her skills.

## Street Fair - June 9th & 10th

Only a month away!! It is going to be another AMAZING Street Fair, but only with YOUR help! Please check your calendar right now and volunteer. Next planning meeting is Monday, May 1st at 7:30 in the church office; all are welcome and encouraged to attend. Many thanks to all!!

### Staff needed:

\*Game Booths, especially need face painters and brave souls for china smash -

Dana Leach, 973-364-7544 or [scottdanaL@aol.com](mailto:scottdanaL@aol.com)

\*Snack Bar - Danielle & Peter Torok, 973-226-8552 or [pdtorok@verizon.net](mailto:pdtorok@verizon.net)

\*Chicken Dinner - June & Dave Cowell, 973-226-1733 or [lovelylivinginteriors@gmail.com](mailto:lovelylivinginteriors@gmail.com)

\*Set-up, June 3rd & Break-down, June 11th - Ed Kamper, 973-228-3945 or [ekpreservation@verizon.net](mailto:ekpreservation@verizon.net)

### Donations:

**BOOKS**, *gently* used, especially children's books, best sellers, hardcovers, and cookbooks. Although we are appreciative of ALL donations, please donate books you think someone would like to buy. We can't resell your college World Lit textbook, for instance :)

**Strawberries & Shortcake** - We need many quarts of strawberries for our YUMMY chicken dinner (washed, sliced, with a little bit of sugar). Are you a baker? We need people to bake the shortcake (Bisquick and recipe will be provided)! Keep an eye out for sign-ups or contact June Cowell, 973-226-1733 or [lovelylivinginteriors@gmail.com](mailto:lovelylivinginteriors@gmail.com).

**Sliced Watermelon** - new item to the fair! Contact Dana Leach, 973-364-7544 or [scottdanaL@aol.com](mailto:scottdanaL@aol.com)

**Booth replacement pieces:** Gently used footballs & basketballs, Nerf 6-shooters (N-Strike Elite) only need a couple of each if your family has outgrown them :) Contact Dana Leach, 973-364-7544 or [scottdanaL@aol.com](mailto:scottdanaL@aol.com)

### Tricky Tray

The St. Peter's Street Fair is quickly approaching and we are in need of some donations of baskets for our Tricky Tray. This was such a success last year so please consider donating a full basket or grab a friend and create one together. If you would rather give a monetary donation, big or small, we can combine donations to create a fabulous basket for you. There will be a sign up board at coffee hour after church. If you are unable to sign up, you can contact Stephanie Kent at 973-461-3243 or Quinn Egan at [quzyq@aol.com](mailto:quzyq@aol.com) and let us know what type of basket or donation you want to make. Baskets should be worth \$40 or more. Baskets should be dropped off in the church office by May 26th. We will wrap the baskets if you are not able to. Some basket theme ideas...Spirits, Spa, Gift cards, Sports, Cooking, Children, Teen, Home Goods.

Thank you so much for considering making a donation.

Peace and Love, *Stephanie and Quinn*

## *Vestry Notes - At its April 19 meeting, the Vestry:*

**Welcomed Kimberly Butler** as a new Vestry person to work on Membership Development.

**Received** an investment income report from Warden Mark Livingston showing total investments of 1.4 Million dollars up 5.2 % for the year so far.

**Approved a resolution** for the purchase of new burial urns to be used in the Garth.

**Approved** a resolution to use a percentage of the Garth Fund for the upkeep of the related Memorial Garden in the rear of the Church property.

**Looks with favor** on a proposal from Pam Au to sell Christmas ornaments with an image of the new stained glass window in honor of The Rev. Stephanie Wethered, and encouraged her committee to request a prototype of the ornament.

**Approved** a revision to Fr. Morris' contract, extending his time through August 31, 2017, and adding a third vacation week as appropriate to the extension.

**Received** the text of the Nursery School Board's Ad for a new Director, with accompanying job description, and discussed honoring the retiring Director Betty McGovern at a 10 a.m. service this spring.

**Received** the Budget Committee's quarterly report of income and expenses. Thus far, overall expenditures are in line with budget projections, and income is within normal cash flow norms.

**Reviewed** the proposed 3-year budget protection required by the Diocese of Newark.

**Discussed** ways in which to encourage more on-line giving, including automatic payment from parishioners bank accounts and **recommended** that quarterly statements be sent to pledgers.

**Approved** a resolution to assembly a notebook for all Vestry members with all Vestry duties and responsibilities, and background information about how Vestries in the Episcopal Church are to conduct their business.

**Urged** the updating of the pictorial parish directory and its restoration to the website.

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

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SAINT PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*Street Fair Volunteers Needed*

Come one, come all? Street Fair is our biggest event of the year and we need everyone's participation. Please circle at least one activity below to let us know how you will help.

Generally, committee work involves advance planning activities while volunteers are needed at or around the time of the Street Fair, June 9 & 10, 2017.

name	phone	cell
address		
city	zip	email
Advertising Committee		
Chair for 2018 Street Fair		
Chicken Dinner Volunteer		
Donations Committee		
Event Photographer		
Face Painting Volunteer		
Fundraising Committee		
Game Booth Volunteer		
Prize Booth Volunteer		
Set Up/Take Down Volunteer		
Snack Bar Volunteer		
Ticket Booth Volunteer		
Tricky Tray Committee		
50/50 Sales Volunteer		

Please place this form in the collection basket or return to the church office at  
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*Faith in Action*

Serving the community is part of what defines us at St. Peter's. Whether we are serving each other, or the broader community, the people of St. Peter's put their Faith into Action. There are many wonderful ministries at St. Peter's. Please circle at least 2 below to indicate which you will, or already do, help support.

All parishioners of high school age and above are encouraged to participate.

name	phone	cell
address		
city	zip	email
<i>Liturgy Ministry Parish &amp; Outreach Ministries Communications Ministry</i>		
Acolyte	Advent Event Chair	Life at St. Peter's Newsletter
Altar Guild	Buildings & Grounds Committee	Videographer
Chalicer	Hospitality Committee	Website/Social Media
Crucifer	Membership Development Committee	
Lector	Office Help	
Greeter	OpShop Volunteer	<i>Christian Formation Ministry</i>
Usher	Special Events Committee	Sunday School Teacher
		Sunday School Greeter
		Vacation Bible School (VBS)
		Youth Ministry Committee
<i>Music Ministry Health &amp; Healing Ministry</i>		
Bell Choir	Angel Food Committee	
Children's Choir (open to all school age children)	Elderly Transportation	
Adult Choir	Lay Eucharistic Minister	
	Lay Pastoral Caller	
	Parish Nurse	
	Prayer Chain	
	Prayer Shawl Knitter	
		<i>Finance Ministry</i>
		Budget Committee
		Finance Committee