

JULY		SEPTEMBER	
6.....	Dancing Under the Stars - Legal Eagles	6.....	Back to School Night
7.....	Mass on the Grass - USA's 243rd Independence Anniversary Celebration, Movie Night, Summer Schedule - Mass 9:00AM - July 7 - September 15	8.....	Contribution of School Supplies and Backpacks
13.....	International Trip Meeting	14.....	HOLY CROSS DAY - Mass 10:00AM
16.....	244th Street Block Association Meeting 8:00PM - 10:00PM	14.....	International Day
20.....	Annual Summer Festival	15.....	Homecoming Sunday/Sunday School Registration
22.....	ST. MARY MAGDALENE (transferred) - Mass 10:00AM	17.....	244th Street Block Association Meeting 8:00PM - 10:00PM
25.....	ST. JAMES THE APOSTLE- Mass 10:00AM	21.....	ST. MATTHEW, EVANGELIST - Mass 10:00AM
28.....	Parish BBQ	21.....	Pastoral Care Presentation
30.....	International Cruise Begins, Italy and Greek Isles, July 30 - August 11	22.....	Back to Regular Schedule - Sunday School Resumes
		28.....	Senior Appreciation Celebration
		29.....	Canned Food Sunday
		30.....	ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS- Mass 10:00AM
AUGUST			
4.....	Jamaica's 57th Independence Anniversary Celebration		
6.....	THE TRANSFIGURATION - Mass 10:00AM		
11.....	International Cruise Ends		
15.....	SAINT MARY THE - Mass 10:00AM		
18.....	Parish BBQ and Slideshow		
20.....	244th Street Block Association Meeting 8:00PM - 10:00PM		
24.....	SAINT BARTHOLOMEW - Mass 10:00AM		
25.....	Trinidad and Tobago's 57th Independence Anniversary Celebration		

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St. Peter’s Key - Summer, 2019

Stewardship

You and I don’t really own anything. We are guests here on God’s earth. As the writer of Psalm 24 put it: “The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it.” (Psalm 24:1) We are here on God’s property and using God’s minerals, plants, animals and land as though they belonged exclusively to us. Have you ever considered that fact?

When we do consider the gifts God has given to us, most of us surely will be prompted to be grateful for such immeasurable generosity. Every day should be Thanksgiving Day, don’t you agree? Beyond being appreciative of this marvelous and beautiful earth where we live “rent free,” people should consider what they can do to respond to God’s love. They surely will conclude that they should strive to become good stewards of all that they have been given: the earth, their bodies, minds, and spirits. Also their families, their churches, their work, their possessions ... whatever God has given to them.

An intriguing article in an issue of Stewardship focuses on this truth that we are prone to forget. In 1873, the English composer Frances R. Havergal wrote a hymn that summarizes the intent of a truly dedicated steward:

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days and let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

Prayer: *Thank you, blessed Lord, for every benefit given to us each day of our lives.*
Amen.

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Editors' Note



Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The warm weather is finally here! As we look back at Spring, let's not think about the rainy season but let us reflect on some of the activities we did at St. Peter's. Our annual Scholarship Fund Dance was a success, Guyana celebrated their 53rd independence and our Sunday school showcased their talents while spreading the word that our Savior lives. Our centerfold features Women's History Month – Women in Politics by the Daughters of St. Peter's and we learned about St. Monica and St. Augustine of Hippo in our "Did You Know" article. Our ministry spotlight will introduce us to the Fellowship Committee and their work at St. Peter's. We will continue to focus on our Wellness by learning the myths about exercise and our Legal Corner on knowing our rights as citizens. The Property Committee updates us on their continued repairs of both the interior and exterior of the church property and the Stewardship Committee on how to be appreciative of the gifts and talents that is given to us by God. Please continue to support St. Peter's as we look forward to our summer activities; Annual Summer Festival, Back to School Night, Contribution of School Supplies and Backpacks, International Day, Senior Appreciation Celebration and Canned Food Sunday.

Congratulations to all our high school and college/university students who "can do all things through Christ who strengthens them."

The members of The Key would like to thank everyone who has contributed their time and talent in making this issue a success.

Have a Fun-Filled Summer!

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday

July 7 - September 15

9:00 am - Sung Mass (Rite I)

10:00 am - Sunday School

(Sept. - June)

Wednesday

9:30 am - Morning Prayer

10:00 am - The Holy Eucharist

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday & Friday

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Wednesday & Thursday

10:00 am - 3:00 pm

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Photo Gallery



~ Teachers' Blessing ~



~ St. Luke's Depression Presentation ~



~ Nurses' Blessing ~



~ Mother's Day ~



~ Mental Health Seminar ~



~ St Peter's Praise Dancers ~

Photo Gallery



~ Easter Quiz ~



~ Fish Fry ~



~ Food for the Poor Walk-a-thon ~



~ Good Friday Stations for Children ~



~ Kathy Phillips Harding Women's Breakfast Speaker ~



~ Men Can Cook ~

Rector's Message

Dear Friends in Christ,

We have entered the season after Pentecost, which is depicted by green. This symbolizes the period of growth for the church. During this time, we hear many of Jesus' parables and teachings, which cause us to ponder our lives as kingdom builders and agents of God's grace, mercy and justice.

Reflecting on the Feast of Pentecost, it was and is the day the church remembers God in Christ's promised gift of the Holy Spirit (the third person of the Trinity) who serves as the Advocate, Counselor or Paraclete, who walks along with the people of God and leads them in their witness to the good news of Jesus Christ. If we return to the book of Acts, it was the time when the Holy Spirit lighted upon the gathered community and they were able to witness and praise God in their native vernacular or language. Although this has been misconstrued in some spheres of the church to symbolize a speaking in tongues which no one else can understand besides the Holy Spirit, we must caution ourselves not to lapse into a frenzied belief that one group has a monopoly on the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit comes to empower and help us discern our gifts and skills as they can be best utilized in the advancement of the kingdom of God. Moreover, the Holy Spirit challenges us to participate in the movement of God. That is, to move from our siloed worlds to engage in community building reflecting the kingdom of God. How can this be done? What would it mean for the St. Peter's community?

Arthur G. Gish's Living in Christian Community offers some food for thought. He writes, "Christian community is a result of surrendering our lives to God's kingdom. Our commitment to our brothers and sisters is an expression of our commitment to God and his will for our lives. Membership in Christian community involves a serious claim of God upon our lives. In Christian community this claim is recognized and accepted. Christian community is not like a service club which competes with other groups for the loyalty of its members. Commitment must be total. To participate in the kingdom of God we must give up all loyalties and commitments that in any way conflict with or hinder our commitment to God.



Christian community is more than an association of independent individuals, for membership involves the very heart of a person's being in all its dimensions. One is not truly in community unless all is committed and shared. Community always includes a price. It means giving up something else, being here rather than fear, giving up other options. But the sacrifices are nothing in light of what is received. In fact, the more we give up and the higher the cost for us, the more valuable and significant community will be for us. Those who give little also receive little. The degree of success of intentional communities is directly related to strength of commitment in those communities.

Commitment in Christian community is the degree to which a person has given up self-interest for the good of the larger community, the amount of personal investment and sense of belonging in the community, and the degree to which one's whole future is seen as linked with that of the community. This sociological definition is not enough for Christian community, however. Christian commitment

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in community is not based on the extent to which we see the community fulfilling our own needs are the extent to which the interests of the total community matches our self-interest, but rather the extent to which we have given up self in order to live the new life to which God has called us. Unless we are prepared to die for each other, we are not ready to love and live for each other. Community has many benefits, but they come at the cost of death of the old person in each of us. Just as you must give up self to know Christ, so you must die to ourselves to enter God's kingdom. The old self must die for the new to be born, for us to become the new people we are called to be.”

As I ponder Gish’s invitation, two words come to mind, surrender and commitment. How am I surrendering and committing myself to the work of kingdom building in the community? Over the summer, we have several activities varying from the Pentecostal talent seed, the International

trip, the Summer Festival, to upgrading the physical plant especially the restrooms, kitchen and office space.

Many of you may have committed to planting and taking vacation, travel or enjoy a stay-cation and exercising your green thumb. Whatever you do, I ask you to prayerfully reflect and consider how you are willing to surrender and commit yourselves to the mission and ministry of St. Peter’s. I will be doing my part in praying for us and ask you to join me, as we discern God’s direction from the Holy Spirit, in our response to the Good News of Jesus Christ.

I wish you a blessed, enjoyable and renewed summer. See you in Church at 9am.

¹Moore, Charles E, Surrender, Called to Community, The Life Jesus Wants for His People. New York, Walden, Plough Publishing House, 2016, 125-126



By Andrew Trotman

St. Peter’s Annual Scholarship Dance was held this year on Friday, April 26, 2019 and it was a night we, as a committee, were hoping to build on last year’s momentum. In 2018, we were able to revitalize the dance with some fresh ideas, a change of ambiance, and an overall newer atmosphere, but ‘Mother Nature’ almost did not give us that chance this year. The night was one of the rainiest in recent months. During our setting up that evening, there was a lot of apprehension of how the night would go. Attendance was somewhat impacted. But those that were present knew the real reason we were all there. This night was for our deserving high school graduates. Thus, enjoyment was still had by all! The beats and rhythms provided by DJ Josa and the fun and anticipation of winning various chance prizes by the night’s end kept the room’s energy up all night. This is a testament to

the dance committee that all of our preliminary work the weeks prior via ticket sales, distribution, and planning was not done in vain. The final income tally for the dance was over \$3,000. This is actually the complete amount needed to award 2 scholarship nominees in a given year! It was a feat not accomplished by the dance’s proceeds alone in recent history.

I personally would like to thank my fellow committee members, comprised of members of the Young Adults and Men's Guild. Special thanks also to those members of the congregation who made donations of food, time, and offered any other assistance to make the night a success.

Thank you, All.

Photo Gallery



~ Dept. of Sanitation Composting Demo ~



~ Disaster Preparedness ~



~ Dr. Carlene Davis Mother’s Day ~



~ Easter Baptism ~



~ Easter Baptism ~



~ Easter Egg Hunt ~



THE ST. PETER'S PROPERTY UPDATE JUNE, 2019

By Phyllis E. Harris-Williams, Chairperson

The Property Committee, Vestry, organization leaders and members of the congregation are working hard to keep up the interior and exterior of St. Peter's properties. Repairs have been done on the kneelers in the last two rows on the right side of the choir pews. Plans are being made for construction of the kitchen and bathrooms this fall. We have cleaned the bell tower and boiler rooms. We are kindly asking all parishioners to refrain from storing things in these areas. It is a fire hazard. The Garden Ministry has planted flowers to enhance the beautification of the Church.



We are not finished. Stay tuned--more to come. God Bless.

Focus On Wellness

MYTHS ABOUT EXERCISE

By Judi Alloko

There are a lot of myths about exercise. Listed below are just a few:

YOU HAVE TO SWEAT A LOT TO BURN MORE FAT AND CALORIES

Moving your body and increasing your heart rate according to your fitness level is more the goal than sweating. Moderate to vigorous activity combined with a healthy balanced diet do more to burn fat and calories.

EXERCISE TURNS FAT TO MUSCLE

Exercise cannot turn fat to muscle as they are two different cells. Strength training builds muscle and burns fat.

LIFTING WEIGHTS BULKS UP WOMEN

Women do not have as much testosterone as men, so it is difficult for women to bulk up unless they are trying to do so. Use less weight and add more repetitions if you are worried about becoming too muscular.

RESTRICTING CALORIES IS THE BEST WAY TO LOSE WEIGHT

Changing your eating habits works best when combined with an exercise program of both aerobic and strength training.

REDUCING SEDENTARY BEHAVIORS DOES NOT IMPROVE PHYSICAL FITNESS

Less sedentary activities will make you move more and lose weight.

STRETCHING BEFORE EXERCISE

The time to stretch is best done after exercise when the muscles are warm. Start slow and gradually build up speed and energy or do interval training- burst of aerobic activity followed by a slower intensity.

YOU HAVE TO JOIN A GYM OR HIRE A TRAINER TO GET PHYSICALLY FIT

Some find a gym motivating but it is not a requirement. Movement is the key: walking, house chores, chair yoga, gardening are all forms of exercise.

These are just some of the myths on exercising. The major point is to find some physical activity that you enjoy doing and stick to it. More physical activity combined with a balanced lean diet will keep you healthy, slim and trim.

Sources: secondscount.org, checkyourhealth.org



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Ministry Spotlight

Fellowship Committee



Sonia Griffith, Batha Elaine Gordon, Cynthia Craig, Benda Craig, Constance Newsome, Petrel Evelyn Irving, June Lynch, Brenda Innis

By Cynthia Craig

Fellowship hour at Saint Peter’s Church, has been in effect since 1988.

All members were commissioned and remain active in this organization. All weekly visitors and new members are invited after our 10am service to the fellowship hour downstairs in the parish hall.

Everyone looks forward to the fellowship hour each week and in particular for “the sumptuous meals” when special events are happening. The congregants use the opportunity to fellowship with each other after the service to discuss what was delivered during the sermon and to social-

ize with friends and family. It is to be noted that members stay in the parish hall socializing with each other even when the events are over.

This shows a reflection of our common life together at St. Peter’s Church and as a member in the household of God worshipping and serving fervently.

Additionally, fellowship hour provides us with aspiration and loving Christian fellowship, building the Kingdom of God to all believers.



By Kenroy Ellis

This was my second time witnessing my country of birth, Guyana, being celebrated by a multinational Caribbean Congregation.

Our Guyanese parishioners were dressed in traditional flag colors- red, black, white, yellow, and green. We sang the Guyanese National Anthem during Mass. A pamphlet with the anthem lyrics was used for those who could not remember and for others to join in and follow along.

Father Foster asked all Guyanese to stand to be acknowledged. Many people later stated to me, that they did not know I was from Guyana.

After Mass, we went downstairs for traditional Guyanese food. As a side note, I did not cook for this occasion. However, I first went for the cow foot souse and black pudding which was amazing. There was also Chicken Curry, Roti, Cook-up rice, and Chow Mein. In addition, there were pastries such as Pine Tarts, Beef Patties and Cheese Rolls.

After leaving Guyana almost 31 years ago, I am very proud and blessed to be a part of this congregation, which also celebrates and acknowledges other Caribbean countries.



Legal Advice

To the St. Peter’s and Rosedale Community, this article may be of interest for you to pay attention as to what is happening in your community. If you have any questions, regarding a stop, please speak to a Lawyer or your community elected representative.

Challenge jogger-slay probe DNA
BY GRAHAM RAYMAN, DAILY NEWS, Saturday, May 11, 2019, p. 16, col. 5. Reposted in NYLJ May 14, 2019.

No one should be considered a criminal suspect just because of their skin color or where they live, says a City Council Member who is challenging how detectives investigated the slaying of Howard Beach jogger Karina Vetrano.

Council Member Donovan Richards - who chairs the committee that oversees the NYPD - said Friday he was outraged at a Daily News report that revealed the stories of men approached by detectives demanding DNA samples during the murder probe.

"It's so baffling to try to understand how, just because of your complexion, just because of your geography, that you are automatically a suspect in a crime," Richards said.

Police are not forthcoming about how often they take a similar approach in other cases, Richards said. "There's no transparency," he said. "We don't know how often these dragnets occur. But I can guarantee that if we look, a large number are happening in black and brown neighborhoods. I think the public should be outraged. This is genetic stop and frisk."

DNA from the scene of Vetrano's August 2016 slaying pointed toward a black man as her killer, sources told The News. That led then-chief of detectives Robert Boyce to order a campaign that collected DNA swabs from 360 black and Hispanic men previously arrested in the neighborhood. The swabbing campaign proved no help to the probe - Chanel Lewis, 22, was convicted of the killing in April. His arrest came from a cop's hunch. Lewis confessed, and his DNA matched evidence at the scene. His lawyers plan an appeal.

Police have declined to comment on the swab campaign, citing Lewis' likely appeal. The department has said its gathering of DNA evidence is lawful. The Queens District Attorney issued a statement standing by the investigation that led to Lewis' arrest.

He Lives! Easter Pageant 2019

By June Lynch

With trepid but ardent spirits, our Sunday School Easter Pageant was introduced in the late '90s.

Materials garnered from our closets became props and robes and scarves became the costumes to effect the Passion of our Lord. The performances are always met with much acclamation. Over the years, this ministry has been well favored and this year, St. Peter's young thespians, successfully regaled our congregation with another stellar re-enactment of Easter.

Every year, our Sunday School teachers groom their avid disciples for performances equaling Broadway luminaries. Amid the flurry of rehearsals and costuming, they've demonstrated the meaning of Easter through drama and song, leaving its audience replete with anticipation of the next performance. Though the rehearsals might seem long and tedious, the result is always gratifying. Students, teachers, backstage managers, and wardrobe designers take pride in this annual performance.

We thank our parish families for encouraging these budding actors to showcase their talents, while spreading the word, that our Savior lives!



Avocado Salad with Tomatoes, Mozzarella & Basil Pesto



INGREDIENTS

AVOCADO SALAD

- 1/2 pound red cherry tomatoes or grape tomatoes, halved
- 1/2 pound yellow cherry tomatoes or grape tomatoes, halved
- 2 avocados, diced
- 1 cucumber, sliced
- 1/3 cup red onion, diced
- 8 ounces small fresh mozzarella cheese balls

SALAD DRESSING

- 1/4 cup basil pesto
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- salt and pepper to taste

INSTRUCTIONS

In a large bowl, combine halved red and yellow cherry or grape tomatoes, diced avocado, sliced cucumber, diced red onions, small fresh mozzarella cheese balls.

Add basil pesto and lemon juice to the salad and toss to combine. Season with salt and pepper, if desired. Use more basil pesto, if desired.



St. Peter's Episcopal Church Congratulates The Class of 2019

HIGH SCHOOL

Dion Benn:

George Washington Carver High School
Dion is an active member of the Acolyte Guild at St. Peter's. While in high school he was a member of the soccer team. Dion is planning on joining the United States Navy, where he will continue his education and obtain a degree in Naval Weaponry Technology Engineering.

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

Danielle Griffith:

B.S. Psychology-Queens College
Danielle plans to pursue a career within the field of Psychology. She also plans to continue her education and pursue a Masters degree in 2020.

Emily Joseph:

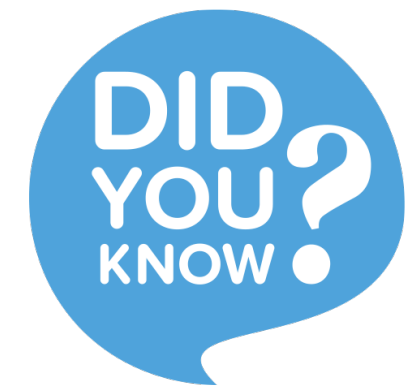
B.S. Criminology-Saint Vincent College
Emily has been accepted into a 1 year graduate program at Saint Vincent College and is currently working towards a Masters degree in Criminology Law and Society. She will also be completing prerequisite courses in biology or chemistry in order to obtain a second Masters degree in Forensics. In addition she is also working as a substitute teacher and will soon obtain a new position as a Therapeutic Staff Support Advisor.

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me"

Aretha and Luke Robinson celebrated their 2nd wedding anniversary on June 17th

Jada Campbell, Granddaughter of Elizabeth Bigaud received her Bachelor's Degree in Accounting from Brooklyn College.

Malachi Allahar, Grandson of Elizabeth Bigaud Graduated from Benjamin Cardozo High School on June 23rd.



By Shadiyah Evans

On August 27th and August 28th, Christians celebrate the feast days of two saints, St. Monica and St. Augustine of Hippo, who are mother and son. The Church recently moved St. Monica's feast day to August 27th so that it would be near her son's.

St. Monica, who is also known as Monica of Hippo, is the patron saint of mothers and fathers, and of all lost and wayward children. Though her son rejected her multiple times, she continued to love, pray and nurture him. St. Monica was admired for her patience, perseverance, prayerful disposition, and deep faith.

St. Augustine of Hippo's complete turnaround and conversion has been an inspiration to many who struggle with a particular vice or habit they long to break. St. Augustine of Hippo, best known as a theologian, had a change of belief and behavior, which led to his most influential written works, *Confessions*, and *The City of God*. The love and faith that St. Monica had for her son is a great example of God never abandoning us, even in the hardest of times.



Women's History Month Women in Politics

By Marcelle Pennycooke

Every year in March, we recognize women's inspirational contributions to history, culture and society. This year, with the largest freshman class of women being sworn into Congress, it was a unanimous decision to focus on women in politics.

Our presentation not only portrayed our featured congresswomen, but showcased the diverse and talented women right here at St Peter's. Skilled actors, vocalists, screenwriters and filmmakers brought our newsroom to life.

WHAT WE LEARNED

- It is possible to have both family and career. - **Nancy Pelosi**
- Despite our adversaries, we can do anything if we put our minds to it. - **Tammy Duckworth**
- It is important to pay it forward. - **Patricia Harris** (*Our own Sunday School Superintendent, Hettie Powell, is a scholarship recipient*)
- It's ok to be first. - **Carol Moseley Braun** (*first woman of color elected to the US Senate*)
- It's important to stand up for your beliefs. - **Barbara Jordan** (*speaking out regarding Nixon's impeachment*)
- Women can perform and sometimes outperform men in similar positions. - **Condoleezza Rice**

Let's remember that just like the Biblical women: Sarah, Hannah and Ruth -

*God of the women long put to the test,
Left out of stories, forgotten, oppressed,
Quietly asking: "Who smiled at my birth?"
In Jesus' dying you show us our worth.*

It was our intention to educate, inspire and empower our women and young people and we hope we succeeded in doing that.

