

## JANUARY

6.....Feast of the Epiphany  
(8AM & 10AM Mass)  
6.....Christmas Pageant  
(10AM Mass)  
18.....Confession of St. Peter  
25.....Conversion of St. Paul  
26-27 .....Camelback Overnight trip

## FEBRUARY

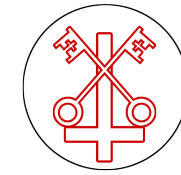
### Black History Month

2.....Presentation of Jesus  
in the Temple  
25.....St. Matthias (transferred)

## MARCH

5.....Shrove Tuesday  
6.....Ash Wednesday  
19 .....St. Joseph  
25.....The Annunciation  
30.....Daughters of St. Peter  
Sight & Sound Jesus Trip

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# St. Peter's Key - Winter, 2018

## Stewardship

# HANDLING OF GOD'S BLESSINGS HIS WAY AND FOR HIS GLORY

By Neville Maynard

**F**rom the very beginning, God created all things in the air, on the land and in the sea. He then created mankind and gave dominion over all His creations on Earth. So we have God as Creator and owner and man as manager or steward of His creation.

God has also equipped us with the tools and instructions for handling this great responsibility.

**(I.) The Talents:** In Matthew: 25:14-30, Jesus gave us a perfect example of how to use our talents wisely and for the dividends we receive. Let us not bury our talent and be condemned. There is always work to be done in God's kingdom.

**(II.) Time:** Let us tithe of our time each day by spending time in worship, prayer and bible study. We should also take time to be our brother's and sister's keeper by feeding the hungry and thirsty, clothing the naked and visiting the sick and imprisoned.

**(III.) Treasure:** The tithe is required. Abram—later to be called Abraham—tithed of all his possessions after he was blessed by Melchizedek, king of Salem. Genesis 14:18-20. Although the tithe is the recommended standard of giving,

God still blesses those who through a conscientious effort who give willingly remembering that God loveth a cheerful giver.

Let us pray for the right use of God's gifts: Almighty God, whose hand has given us all that we possess: Grant us grace that we may honor you with our substance, and, remembering the account which we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (1979 Book of Common Prayer, page 827.)





## Editors' Note



*Brothers and Sisters in Christ,*

*As we look forward to celebrate God's precious gift, the gift of love, let us not forget the reason for the season. Let us remember the marginalized, the poor, the stranger and the oppressed. In this issue, we will reflect on our activities during the fall. Our centerfold, which features The Bishop's Cross Award celebrates some outstanding members of St. Peters. We journeyed with the Last Hurrah throughout the decades at St. Peters. The island of Barbados celebrated its 52nd year of independence and our Ministry Spotlight focuses on the Chalice Assistants and their service within the church. We will continue to focus on our wellness by learning how to maintain a healthy spine. We will also read about the replacement of the roof under the stairs and the stewardship of how to handle God's blessings. The Endowment Fund introduces a new addition, The Tree of Life. The Annual Dinner Dance was a night to remember along with Youth Night. Please continue to support St. Peters as we look forward to our spring activities: our overnight trip to Camelback Lodge and Indoor Water Park and our trip to Sight and Sound.*

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

*The members of The Key would also like to wish your family and friends A Merry Christmas and a blessed and prosperous 2019!*

## Rector's Message

*Dear Beloved in Christ,*

The Thanksgiving feasting is over, the leftovers are of the past. Our local and national community has shifted gears so quickly, we are inundated with the sales, the lights, the decorations and the block competition over Christmas decorations. Kids are writing their lists and praying that Santa Claus will be faithful to his promise whether they were naughty or nice. I am sure you can remember your first letter to Santa. I wished, hoped and prayed for a bicycle and Santa never delivered. Perhaps because there was no chimney or milk and cookies. However, it never dashed my spirits. I eagerly awaited Christmas Day, the preparations and food. Whatever gift I received, I was grateful because it was given in love. As a community of faith what does it mean for us to give to each other the gift of love in the season of "Happy Holidays and Season's Greetings!"?

Yes, hearing that may seem awkward. Since, as you know, I have a reluctance to using such phrases; just like the gifts we await, whether as children or adults, the season of Advent is preparing us to receive God's precious gift. The gift of LOVE comes as the Incarnate Child of Bethlehem, Our Lord and Savior Jesus. As folks like Dionne Warwick and Burt Bacharach sang "What the world needs now, is love sweet love, it's the only thing." I think that they are correct. Our global community has vast food, oil, precious minerals, money, and weapons to wipe out each other, yet we often miss this ingredient, LOVE. You and I, members of the Body of Christ, not only have experienced it but we were showered with it at baptism. Also, we are sent to witness and proclaim it to this hurting world. Even when we forget about it, we are reminded at least twice a year. Is it that we

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## Photo Gallery



~ Senior Appreciation ~



~ St Luke's Guild Lifesaving Training ~



~ Thanksgiving Baskets ~



~ Veterans Recognition ~



~ Dinner Dance ~



~ 110th Last Hurrah Skit ~



# Photo Gallery



~ Costume Party ~



~ Flu Shots ~



~ Harvest 2018 ~



~ Legal Eagles Violence Awareness ~



~ Pastoral Care AAA Presentation ~



~ Presiding Bishop Curry Diocesan Anniversary ~

have become so self-absorbed in this individualistic and materialistic enterprise, that we have forgotten to share the reason for the season?

Recently, I came across a writing of Thomas Merton, a Trappists monk, called more formally Cistercians of the Strict Observance. While attending an international conference on Christian and Buddhist monasticism in Bangkok, Thailand, he was accidentally electrocuted on December 10th, 1968. (There is no mention of him being an Episcopalian who lived in the Diocese of Long Island and attended Zion Douglaston before conversion.) He wrote “It is not enough for love to be shared: it must be shared freely. That is to say it must be given, not merely taken. Unselfish love that is poured out upon a selfish object does not bring perfect happiness: not because love requires a return or reward for loving, but because it rests in the happiness of the beloved. And if the one loved receives selfishly, the lover is not satisfied. The lover sees that his or her love has failed to make the beloved happy. It has not awakened the capacity for unselfish love. Hence the paradox that unselfish love cannot rest perfectly in a love that is perfectly reciprocated: because it knows that the only true peace is found in selfless love. Selfless love consents to be loved selflessly for the sake of the beloved. In so doing, it perfects itself. .... He concludes, “If we know God, our identification of ourselves with those we love will be patterned on our union with God and subordinated to it. Thus, our love will begin with the knowledge of its limitations and rise to the awareness of its greatness. For in ourselves we will always remain separate and remote from one another, but in God we can be one with those we love. We cannot find them in God without first perfectly finding ourselves in him; therefore, we will take care not to lose ourselves in looking for them outside of him. For love is not found in the void that exists between our being and the being of the one we love.... We are obliged to love one another. We are not strictly bound to “like” one another. Love governs the will; “liking” is a matter of sense and sensibility. Nevertheless, if we really love others it will not be too hard to like them also. If we wait for some people to become agreeable or attractive before we begin to love them, we will never begin. If we are content to give them a cold, impersonal “charity” that is merely a matter of obligation, we will not trouble to try to understand them or to sympathize with them at all. And in that case, we will not really love them, because love implies an efficacious will not only to do good to others exteriorly but also to find some good in them to which we can respond.” What is Merton try-

ing to tell us? I am sure he is not challenging us about love of self; but how do we respond to the other with selfless love which God has showered us. How do we respond to God’s love by selflessly loving the other?

My beloved in Christ, I invite us in this season of preparation, to heed John the Baptist’s call to return to the wilderness. It may be a place of quiet, a place of repentance, a place of shedding the layers and walls, so we can make room for the gift of Love to embolden us. We can be transformed. In turn, we can transform the world through caring for the least, the marginalized, the destitute, the stranger and the oppressed with the gift of Love that comes to enlighten the Gentiles and fill our hearts with the joy that our Redeemer is here.

I pray this Advent season may be filled with opportunities of holy preparation and waiting. I pray your Christmastide may be illuminated with grace, peace, joy and happiness. I pray and invite you to share your gift of Love with others.

*Merry Christmas and Blessings!*



*Your Rector, friend and brother*



# Last Hurrah...

By Karen Mayne-Lee and Yvonne Robinson

There were several celebratory activities marking the St. Peter's 110th Anniversary, commencing with the St. Peter's Day Service and the Youth Service that included performance from past and present Sunday School and Youth Group members; enhanced annual events such as the Tea Party, St. Peter's Got Talent Show and The Fall Dinner Dance. All these events were met with the excitement and enthusiasm of the 110th Anniversary Committee members, parishioners, family and friends.

Given all these events, how could we culminate this yearlong celebration making it an enjoyable and memorable experience? With shared ideas, debates and some skepticism from Committee members, we came up with the idea of a Last Hurrah, encompassing the journey of St. Peter's over the years 1907 to 2017. This was conveyed in several artistic forms, such as a play entitled St. Peter's 110 Years Journeying In Faith, written and directed by Judi Alloko and Yvonne Robinson, depicting St. Peter's origin and growth over the decades. This included cast members Andrew and Cassandra Trotman, Wayne Campbell, Keisha and Clanson Simpson, Lorna Evans, Sandra George, Monica and Zechariah Carrington, Hettie Powell, Antonio Rodriguez, Dianne Darbouze, Judy Alloko, Antonia Allen, Phyllis Nicholas and Chloe Shaw. Set designer Antonia Allen created a backdrop and props that made a very realistic depiction of St. Peter's journey through time.

Another highlight of the Last Hurrah was the Vintage Fashion Show coordinated and choreographed by Keisha Simpson, Phyllis Nicholas and Antonia Allen. Models - Sharon Locker, Antonia Allen, Dianne Darbouze, Clanson and Keisha Simpson, Damoy Green, Lorna and Shadiyah Evans, Chloe Shaw, Renee and Layla Adetimirin, strutted their stuff in fashions indicative of each era, to the rhythmic genre of music selection suitable for each era thanks to DJ Joey.

To top off the evening there was a St. Peter's Over The Years slideshow, created and edited by Karen Mayne-Lee that took us down memory lane of St. Peter's organizations and members then and now and for the future. But how could we forget the photos of what some of our members looked like back then? Photos were made available thanks to Patti Rookwood, Dianne Darbouze, Sandra George, 110th Committee and Vestry members.

Though Mother Nature provided anxious moments for us to carry out this event, we won the battle and were able to make the day a success lighting our pathway with praise, thankfulness and joy, setting the pace for the next 100 years.





# BARBADOS Independence

By Miriam Ann Alleyne

Sunday November 25, 2018, was a special day for Barbadians at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Rosedale, Queens, New York.

Barbadians-(Bajans) along with other church members celebrated Barbados' 52nd year of Independence. The occasion began with a morning mass. Deacon Tony Bowen delivered a spirited sermon, which was followed by some festivities in the parish hall.

The guest speaker was Professor Sam Taitt who in his remarks brought the audience up to date on the progress Barbados has made over the years. In his remarks, Professor Taitt spoke of the barriers, challenges, trials and tribulations that this young country had to overcome and by extension, he impressed upon the audience that they too, had to break down barriers to make progress in their own personal lives. To top off the afternoon, all were treated to a host of Bajan delights and delicacies such as conkies, pudding and souse, and old fashioned bakes.

The actual day of Barbados' 52nd year of Independence was November 30, 2018.

## God Bless Barbados



## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

### Sunday

8:00 am - Mass (Rite I)  
10:00 am - Sung Mass (Rite II)  
10:00 am - Sunday School  
(Sept. - June)

### Wednesday

9:30 am - Morning Prayer  
10:00 am - The Holy Eucharist  
7:30pm - The Holy Eucharist  
(followed by Bible Study)

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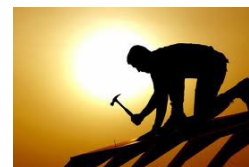
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## THE ST. PETER'S PROPERTY UPDATE DECEMBER, 2018

By Phyllis E. Harris-Williams, Chairperson

The Property Committee members, the Vestry, the Heads of Organizations and members of the congregation are working hard to upkeep the interior and exterior of St. Peter's property. We have replaced the roof on the flat part of the church over the stairs where previously, you could see the water marks on the tiles. The next phase will be to replace the tiles.



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

Focus on Wellness

## HEALTHY SPINE

"Age is measured by the flexibility of the spine; to stay young, stay flexible"

∞Yogi Bajan∞

By Judi Alloko

According to the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS), lower back pain is the leading cause of job-related disability. Back pain can reduce the quality of life for many persons causing them to miss out on work and social activities and prevent them from undertaking daily tasks. While not all back pain can be avoided, there are certain steps that can be taken to prevent problems later on.

- Exercise and maintain a healthy weight with safe aerobic activity such as walking, bicycling, swimming and yoga.
- Engage in stretches to strengthen the abdominal and back muscles and warm up before exercise.
- Maintain good posture while walking and sitting at the computer making adjustments to your chair and computer screen and using proper lumbar support.
- Avoid lifting heavy objects and use correct bending techniques.
- Use supportive mattress and pillow.
- Use relaxation techniques for tensed back and neck muscles.
- Treat strains and sprains with rest, ice, compression and elevation.



# Ministry Spotlight

## Eucharistic Ministers



By Brenda Innis

**T**he Eucharistic minister/chalice assistant assists the priest with the distribution of the sacraments during the Holy Communion service. In our diocese, the Eucharistic minister stays in the church and the Eucharistic visitor takes the sacraments to the sick and shut in.

In our church, the Eucharistic minister prepares the altar (prayer and gospel book) and the credence table with the vessels, prior to the service and clears them at the end of the service. During the offertory they can hand the vessels to the priest as he readies the altar for the mass. At the administration of the sacrament, the chalice is given to the Eucharistic minister for distribution. When all are served, the chalice and purificator (cloth that wipes the chalice) are given to the priest who passes the ciborium with blessed sacraments, to be returned to the tabernacle.

The Eucharistic minister can give the water for rinsing the vessels, to the priest as he prepares them to return to the credence table.

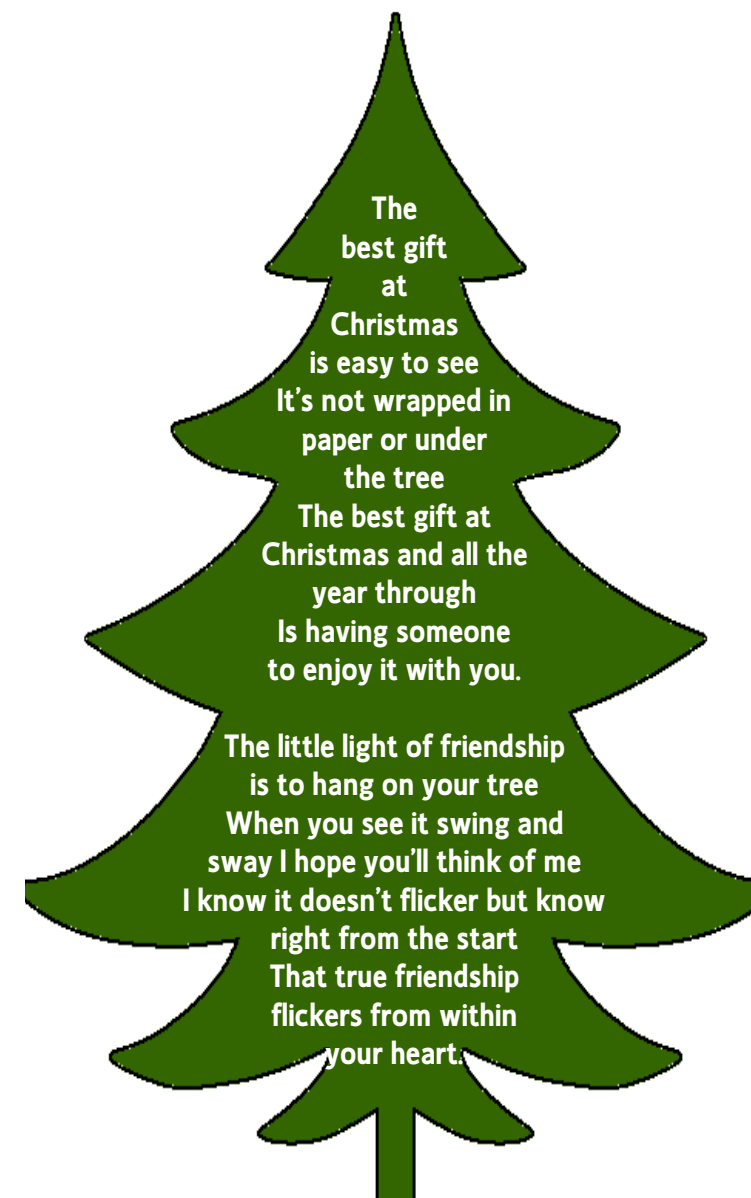
The Eucharistic ministers are vested and process with the choir and clergy. Hand sanitizer is used. The chalice is held around the base so that the congregants can grasp the base and tip the cup towards the mouth. After the wine is given there is a small turn as the cup is wiped. For those who do not drink from the cup the host remains in the palm of the hand where it is removed, dipped in the cup and placed on the tongue.

Eucharistic ministers are approved by the priest and licensed by the Bishop. Currently, training is done in the parish and information is forwarded to the Bishop for licensing.

## KIDS CORNER

### A Christmas Poem

*Written by Nadia Darbouze*



## Coconut SnowBall Cookies

### INGREDIENTS

1 cup butter, softened  
2/3 cup powdered sugar  
1/4 tsp salt  
2 tsp vanilla extract  
3 Tbsp cornstarch  
2 cups all-purpose flour  
1 cup finely shredded coconut  
2 cups powdered sugar for coating

OMGChocolateDesserts.com

### INSTRUCTIONS

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees; lined a pan with baking paper and set aside
- Mix butter on medium speed until creamy in the bowl of an electric mixer fitted with the paddle attachment
- Add 2/3 cup powdered sugar and salt, mix well.
- Add in vanilla, cornstarch and finely shredded coconut.
- Continue mixing on low speed gradually adding flour and mix until evenly combine.
- Scoop 1 Tbsp dough at a time and roll into a ball, place balls on lined baking paper.
- Bake about 16 - 18 minutes (until bottoms get light golden color )
- Remove from the oven, cool a few minutes and while cookies are still warm roll them in powdered and let them on a wire rack to cool completely and then roll them in powdered sugar once again, to coat them generously.



# YOUTH NIGHT



By Andrew Trotman and  
Cassandra Regis-Trotman

**Y**outh Night provided a fun, safe and unique opportunity for the congregation and guests to get together and see what the youth of St. Peter's Episcopal Church, is made of. This is the second consecutive year for the Youth Night and once again, it was a success! There was no cost to attend. It was an evening to empower youth within the Church. We can say without a doubt the night's theme 'Let Your Light Shine' was inspirational for all that were present, old and young. The evening featured a sermon by Father Foster, as well as performances by youth solos and duets, the Junior choir and Alumni choir, along with praise and worship that really moved the attendees.

We were delighted to see some of St. Peter's oldest and youngest members standing, clapping and others even dancing together in the aisles to the live music of the Highlite Vibes band. The steel pan music accompanied both choirs, along with the keyboards played by Ms. Patti Rookwood. Feedback from those in attendance reinforced to us, the organizers, that nights like these are needed more and more at the church.

We would like to thank Father Foster for his leadership and support of the youth of our church and Justin Lowe, the President of the Young Adults, who gave a beautiful welcome to start the evening. Shadiyah Evans led the charge this time around to organize the service and was greatly responsible for its success.

The youth have a role to present their youthful vision and energy and they have a lot to offer as young Christians of the church. Through meaningful roles in the church, they too can express their faith and develop a commitment spirit to St. Peter's as a community.



By Patti Rookwood

**A**ntun's of Queens Village came alive with 360 guests from both far and near who attended the Annual Dinner Dance. The celebration began with a sumptuous cocktail hour complete with oxtail, jerk chicken and ribs. Our Rector, The Rev. Steve L. Foster, led the opening prayer and acknowledged our esteemed guests. Delicious dinners and desserts were served by Antun's outstanding staff and the tables were decorated with additional chocolate treats. DJ Roy, from Irie Jam Media Group, kept everyone on the dance floor swaying and jumping to Caribbean and pop hits all night long. Twinkling party favors added to the fun on the dance floor, and guests got the opportunity to capture the memories at the photo booth. Luxurious door prizes were given to lucky winners.

*Thanks to the Men's Guild and the Event Committee for organizing this wonderful event.  
Looking forward to another fantastic evening next year!*



Andre & Yvonne Robinson give thanks and praise to God for 32 years of marriage celebrated on November 29th.

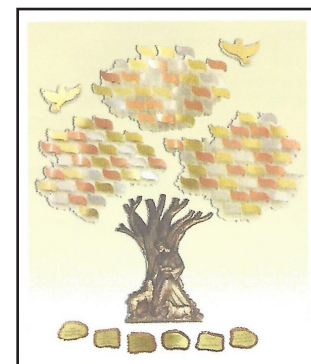
Elizabeth Bigaud celebrates the birth of her new granddaughter, Riley Elizabeth Bigaud, who was born on December 12th.

Angelie Darbouze will celebrate her 14th birthday, on December 30, 2018

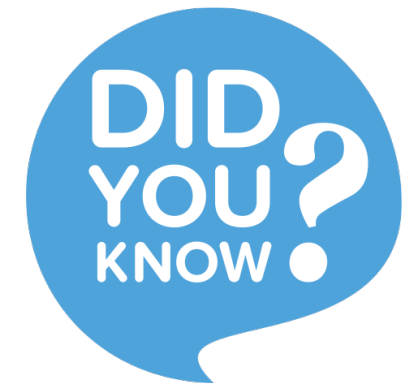
## THE TREE OF LIFE

By Sandra George

The Tree of Life is forthcoming to St. Peter's Episcopal Church. The committee is working on its brochure that should be ready for distribution in January, 2019. The tree leaves and doves inscription can be purchased in remembrance of loved ones, in honor of special occasions and expressions of thanksgiving. All proceeds will go to the efforts of our Endowment Fund. Here is a glimpse of the Tree.



**Committee: Phyllis Harris Williams, Alexis Joseph, Marva Knights and Antonia Allen**



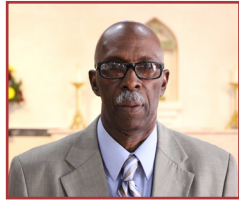
By Shadiyah Evans



The Advent wreath is a Christian tradition that embodies the passage of the four Sundays of Advent in the liturgical calendar. The wreath is made of a circular evergreen representing God's infinite love. The lighting of the candles represents an aspect of the spiritual preparation for the coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The three purple candles symbolize hope, peace, and love. The one pink candle, lit on the 3rd Sunday in Advent, also known as Gaudete Sunday, symbolizes joy. They are a reminder that Advent is a time of prayer and sacrifice to prepare for the second coming of Christ. The white candle in the center, which is lit on Christmas Eve, represents Christ's arrival.



# BISHOP'S CROSS AWARDEES 2018



**Dr. H. Wayne Campbell:** Dr. Campbell's unwavering drive and commitment as an Officer in the Men's Guild since the 1990's has resulted in his nomination by the organization. He has been a member of St. Peter's, and the Men's Guild since 1991, serving as a Vice President and President. Over the past 27 years he has been involved in a number of other ministries, such as the Choir, Lay Reader, Eucharistic minister/Chalice assistant, and Vestry member. Dr. Campbell held membership in the original Health ministry, but could not continue when it reformed as the St. Luke's Guild. Over the years, he has also been able to devote time to attend and lead Bible Study.

**Mrs. Cynthia Craig:** Due to her dedicated years of service and willingness, organizing several special events including the fellowship hour after the 10:00 AM Mass, Father's Day Luncheon, Harvest Supper and Chairperson of the fellowship committee, Mrs. Craig has been chosen by her fellow committee members to be honored. Despite Mrs. Craig's busy work schedule, she still found time for church and has been actively involved in several organizations since becoming a member of St. Peter's. She has been a member of the Vestry, The Daughters and previously served on the Health Ministry. Mrs. Craig is a strong believer of Christ and will continue to do His work.

**Mrs. Linda Fraser:** Linda Charles Fraser has been a member of St. Peter's Church since 1992. She joined the Altar Guild in 1996 and has been a Team Leader for many years. Linda carries out the mission of St. Peter's Altar Guild with dedication, leadership and outstanding service. Linda is a member of the Stewardship Committee and the Daughters of St. Peter and has also served as Clerk of the Vestry and Warden. In 2013, Linda was invited by Canon Betit to serve on a human resources committee to review employee benefits and to prepare and finalize a new employee handbook for the Diocese. Linda served as Chair of the Discernment and Search Committee in 2011-2012, charged to seek a new rector for St. Peter's Church. She also served as a member of St. Peter's Centennial Committee in 2007 and co-chair of events and entertainment.

**Mrs. Batha Elaine Gordon:** Mrs. Gordon has been a Sunday School teacher for more than 22 years. She served under three Superintendents, Mrs. Innis, Mrs. Adams and Mrs. Powell and has taught every grade in our Sunday School, from kindergarten to the 8th grade. She actively participates in Sunday School assembly and devotion and is always teaching new songs that correlate with lessons taught. Additionally, Batha helps the kindergarten children to memorize their lines for church plays and creates the song sheets for all our plays. Mrs. Gordon is a life-long member of the Episcopal Church and lives in Rosedale with her husband and sons.

**Mrs. Dahlia Henriques:** Mrs. Henriques' dedication and hard work in the Daughters of St. Peter over the years has made her deserving of this honor. She attended her first Sunday service at St. Peter's in the late 1970's, thanks to a home visit from Rosa Fraser and Barbara Daley. After joining, she became a member of the Daughters of St. Peter and two years later as an active member, became the president of the group. During her 7 years of leadership, the Daughters went on many exciting and unforgettable trips. They explored The Spirit of Philadelphia, took a bus ride to Lake George, The Cotton Club and many other local trips. One of her favorite and most interesting trip, was the visit to the Musical Water Show and theater presentation at the Sight & Sound Theater and dining at "Good & Plenty" restaurant. Mrs. Henriques also served on other committees, such as the Ushers, St. Luke's Guild, Episcopal Charities, and is still an active member of the Daughters.

**Mrs. Brenda Innis:** Brenda Monaghan Innis started her spiritual life at St. Peter's when Rosedale was becoming a changing community, that is, people of color were taking up residence in the area. There were not many members in the church and the Sacristan asked her to be the fourth member on the Altar Guild.

Her first ministry after the Altar Guild was to become Sunday School Superintendent and during this time, not only religious education was provided but also field trips and picnics. Brenda became one of the coordinators for the Alpha program which taught us more about our Christian faith. She was a Lay Reader and in later years became the Sacristan of the Altar Guild. Brenda was one of the founding members of the St. Peter's Key and the Senior Appreciation Program. She was also the first person to coordinate the Father's Day luncheon outside of St. Peter's lawn. When St. Peter's celebrated the 100th year anniversary, she was part of the committee and this year, for the 110th anniversary, she collected the most donations for the "Dial A Friend" project.

As a member of the Vestry, she was the first female Junior Warden and head of the Property Committee. She chaired the writing of the By-Laws and the current Church Directory. Presently, she is a member of the Daughters, Pastoral Care, St. Luke's Guild, the Audit Committee, Lay Readers, and Eucharistic Ministers. Brenda feels that these ministries have helped to prepare her to be a Eucharistic minister and serve at the altar.

**Mrs. Evelyn Irving:** Mrs. Irving has worshipped with her family at St. Peter's for over 30 years. Mrs. Irving is responsible for starting the St. Peter's Youth group in the late 1980's and served as Director until the early 2000's. Mrs. Irving was very committed to the Youth and her aim as Director was to awaken the Youth of the Parish spiritually and to encourage them to participate more fully in the life of the church. Mrs. Irving also served as President of the Daughters of St. Peter from 2008 through 2017, and under her leadership the mission of "Sisters in Christ through prayer and supplication supporting at all times our parish family and those in need," was established; she is still an active member. Mrs. Irving has served on the Property Committee and the Fellowship Committee and is a past Vestry member; she is also currently a member of the Audit Committee. Mrs. Irving continues to give her time and talent to St. Peter's whenever needed.

**Mr. Justin Lowe:** Justin's humility and diligent work ethic without a doubt has resulted in this honor from his peers. He has been a member of St. Peter's since his family moved to Queens in 1999. Over the years he was active in the Sunday School and in the Youth Group. He is currently the president of the Young Adults for Christ, an Acolyte, and a member of the St. Peter's Key. He was also a recipient of the St. Peter's college scholarship.

**Ms. Barbara McDowall:** Barbara McDowall is chairperson of the Pastoral Care Committee and previously served as co-chair. This committee was founded in 2007. She is a servant leader who is dedicated to fulfilling the mission to visit and communicate with the sick, shut-in and bereaved of the parish. She compiles the names from the church's prayer list and divides them so each member offers daily prayers on behalf of the sick and shut-in. Together with her team, Barbara has organized sessions on Estate Planning, Elder Law, Power of Attorney, Living Wills, Medicaid Planning, Trusts, and also a fun-filled therapeutic Paint Nite. Barbara is deeply committed and involved in the work of St. Peter's Church. She served for two terms as a Vestry member and was part of the search committee for the calling of the VI Rector. She also served as Vice President of the Daughters of St. Peter and continues to be an active member. She is currently a member of the Stewardship Committee and an Acolyte.

**Mr. Arthur McKenzie:** Arthur McKenzie has worshipped with his family at St. Peter's for over 30 years. Mr. McKenzie was a founding member of the Men's Guild Ministry. He served as the first President and is still an active member. He is also a past Vestry member, a past Junior Warden and past president of the Property Committee. Mr. McKenzie has been singing to the glory of God as a member of the St. Peter's Choir for many of his years at St. Peter's. He is currently a member of the Property Committee, the Finance Committee and also the Audit Committee where he serves as the Chairperson. Mr. McKenzie carries out the work of St. Peter's with dedication, leadership and outstanding service. He is an active member of the church and can be relied upon to assist in any area of need.

**Mrs. Lamarcia Parkin-Bascombe:** Lamarcia and her family joined St. Peter's Church some twenty-four years ago. She believes in service and is dedicated to the people and communities. She is the secretary of St. Luke's Health Guild, Secretary of The Pastoral Care Ministry, Leader of the Senior Citizen's Appreciation Day and a member of St. Peter's Choir. Lamarcia is committed to her faith and whatever task is set before her. She exemplifies leadership and gets the job done with patience and love for the people of God.

**Mr. Oswald Trotman:** Compton Oswald Trotman or Ozzie, as he is affectionately called, has worshiped as a member of St. Peter's for over 25 years. He has been a long-term member of the Pastoral Care Committee, Men's Guild, where he is the secretary, and serves as an Usher. Ozzie is seen as one of the most reliable members of the team ushering on Sundays, during mid-week services and on feast days. He has always been willing to fill in for a team member who is sick or unavailable on a particular day. He has provided training and mentoring for newer members consistently as the ministry has expanded over the years. It is Ozzie's 'can do' attitude, easy going nature, and steadfast faithfulness that makes him the Ushers' awardee for the Bishop's Medal.