JANUARY	
1	THE FEAST of the HOLY NAME
	THE EPIPHANY – Mass 10:00AM (1/12 Financial Workshop)
	Annual Parish Meeting – 7:30PM Mass, 8:00PM Meeting
	THE CONFESSION OF ST. PETER, APOSTLE — MASS 10:00AM
	Annual Meeting
	Sunday School Presentation/Praise Dancers
	244th Street Block association Meeting 8:00PM to 10:00PM
	THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE — Mass 10:00AM
FEBRUARY	
1-2	Sunday school/Youth Group Camel Back Mountain — Snow Tubing
2	THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST —
2	Black History Presentation — Men's Guild
9	Black History Presentation – Legal Eagles
9	Grenada's 46th Independence Anniversary Celebration
14	Valentine's Day Celebration — Legal Eagles
16	Black History Presentation — Vestry
18	244th Street Block Association Meeting 8:00PM to 10:00PM
21	Mardi Gras Celebration
22	Defensive Driving Course — Daughters of St. Peter
	Black History Month Presentation Young Adults
	African Attire Sunday
	SAINT MATTHIAS, APOSTLE Mass 10:00 AM
	SHROVE TUESDAY – Mass 8:00PM – Pot Luck Supper
	ASH WEDNESDAY – Mass and Imposition of Ashes 6:30AM, 10:00AM, 8:00PM
	Stations of the Cross – Soup and Salad

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St. Peter's Key - Winter, 2019

Focus on Wellness

GRATITUDE AND WELL-BEING

By Marvo Forde, PhD, RD, CDN

Gratitude can be an Incredibly Powerful and Invigorating Experience.

WHAT IS GRATITUDE?

Gratitude is an affirmation of goodness; it is an emotion of expressing thanks and appreciation for what we have, and recognizing the sources of this goodness as outside of ourselves. Gratitude is more complex than a smile or a polite "thank you". It is much deeper, and numerous biblical texts explain the depths of gratitude. True gratitude involves a humble dependence on others.

GRATITUDE AND HEALTH:

Research studies have found that gratitude is a key to psychological well-being, and that people who practice gratitude report fewer symptoms of illness, including depression, more optimism and happiness, stronger relationships, more generous behavior, and many other health benefits.

EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE:

Being gracious for all you have, while appreciating others can have a big impact on your well-being. It will increase your feelings of happiness, which can reduce stress and negative emotions. You may feel more confident and satisfied with your life.

TIPS TO HELP CULTIVATE GRATITUDE

Keep a gratitude journal:

Keep a journal of all the positives in your life, it can help foster a sense of gratitude.

Compliment someone:

Say something nice to at least one person a day. This can make them feel good, and make you feel good.

Give to those who are in need: Volunteer your time and your talent.

Make gratitude a daily habit:

Everyday write down three (3) things that you are grateful for, and one thing you will do for someone.

Do not dwell on negatives:

When you turn a negative experience into an opportunity for a positive experience, it can help you grow and also learn to appreciate each experience for what it is. An opportunity to learn.



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Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Brothers and Sisters in Christ, As the cold weather comes upon us, let us reflect on the adventures we enjoyed as a parish family during the warmer season. In our Winter Edition, we will read about our Biennial Health Fair, our Gratitude and Well-being, our Annual Choir Concert, and, a must read for all teenagers, our Legal Corner. We celebrated the Independence of Jamaica, Ivory Coast, Trinidad and Tobago, and Nigeria, and learned about our first African American Bishop in our "Did You Know?" article. Our centerfold takes us on a journey to the Mediterranean with our world travelers and a trip to the Caribbean and Africa as the community joined us in our Biennial International Homecoming Day festivities. Our Annual Dinner Dance/Masquerade Ball was a night to be remembered!

Please continue to support St. Peter's as we look forward to our upcoming activities; our Annual New Year's Eve Celebration, our trip to Kalahari and Camelback Resorts and our Sight and Sound trip to see Queen Esther. We look forward to our annual Valentine's Day Dance and our first Mardi Gras celebration

We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year!

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

Happy Birthday Jesus!

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BENEfits of practicing gratitude:

Physical

Stronger immune system, better sleep and feeling refreshed upon waking more energy, enthusiasm, determination, and focus

Social

More compassionate, generous, and helpful Closer family ties Less lonely or isolated More forgiving

Psychological

Higher levels of positive emotions Optimistic about the future Stronger during trying times

"Start Each Day with an Attitude of Gratitude"

Source: Health Advocate

Photo Gallery



~ Bishop Holly Celebration ~



~ Blessing Students at Homecoming ~



~ Costume Party ~



~ Daughters Spiritual Day ~



~ Father's Day Luncheon ~



~ Father's Day Luncheon ~



~ Graduates Recognition ~



~ Harvest Celebration ~

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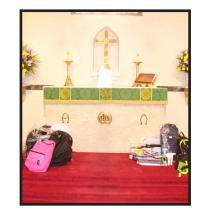
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~ Praise Dancers and Veterans ~



~ School Supply Blessing ~



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~ Sunday School Awards ~



~ Pentecostal Talent Seed ~



~ Tea Time at Spring Time ~



~ Thanksgiving Basket Distribution ~



~ Tree of Life Blessing ~



~ Dinner Dance ~



~ Veterans Recognition ~



~ Welcoming New Members ~



~ Welcoming New Members ~

Rector's Message

Christmas Message 2019

uring this Advent season, I have wrestled with not having enough time and it seems like there are not enough hours in the day. But it has allowed to embrace a new-found appreciation for the darkness. It afforded me the opportunity to focus more on Christ and the gifts He brings to fill this dark world – peace, love, joy, light and life. When we look around, we see hopelessness and despair. Have we become like John the Baptist to ask, "Are you the One to come or are we to expect another?"

Perhaps we can get an answer from the Prophet Isaiah who, although was 600 years prior, prophesied "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness on them light has shined. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:2,6) Isaiah foretells of the long-awaited Messiah who brings hope to the people. Is this the Messiah they/we were expecting? Who are you expecting this year to come and scatter the darkness from your path with light and life? The commercial world tries to envelope the darkness with the sales, the glittering lights on the trees and the hustle and bustle to ascertain the latest gadget, gismo or technological invention to make life simpler and "brighter" – is that what we are expecting?

"An artist once made a sketch of a wintry twilight. The trees were laden with snow; and a dreary-looking house, lonely and desolate, stood during the drifted field. It was a bleak and depressing picture. Then the artist took some yellow chalk and with a few quick strokes put a light in one window of that home. The effect was almost magical. The entire scene was transformed into a vision of comfort and cheer. Likewise, the birth of Christ brought the luster of hope to this dark world. You'd think people would have rejoiced and eagerly received the Savior. Instead, they lived on in their own dismal depravity, and with wicked hands



they crucified the Prince of Life. The second person of the Trinity had come to illuminate them spiritually, but they "loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil" (John 3:19). On this Christmas Day let us rejoice that Jesus the true Light visited this sin-smitten planet 2,000 years ago to cast the joyous rays of His salvation upon our pathway." How will you reflect the true Light to your family, the neighbors, the community and society as a whole?

It is my fervent prayer that, as we anticipate the birth of Christ, we may allow the light of Christ to shatter the darkness, enlightening, enlivening and empowering us to illuminate the world with Christ's light, love and peace. In so doing, our sisters and brothers may not feel alone in their darkness but know that Immanuel is here – God is with us, not only at Christmas but each day of our lives.

A blessed Christmas season and a Happy, Healthy and Spirit-filled 2020!!

Your pastor, brother and friend in Christ, Fr. Steve+

¹Quickverse, SermonBuilder 5, 6000 Plus Illustrations for Communicating Biblical Truths - The Birth of Christ



JAMAICA'S INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATION

"One Nation, One People"

By Laverne Bowers

n Sunday August 4th St. Peter's celebrated Jamaica's 57th Independence Anniversary. The church and hall was decorated in Black, Green and Gold and the congregation's voice was loud and jubilant as we belted out our National Anthem. The recessional hymn was "All for Jesus" taken from the Caribbean Hymnal and written by Ernie Smith.

There was a short presentation with various members giving information about the top 10 things everyone should know about our Island, from famous people to how we achieved our Independence. This was followed by Ms. Donna Heslop, a visiting parishioner, doing a rendition in true Louise Bennett fashion of "A Who Dat?" which was enjoyed by all.

We then feasted on a sumptuous traditional Jamaican brunch of oxtails, jerk pork, ackee and saltfish, callaloo, curried goat, rice and peas and fried dumplings. Due to the absence of some of our brothers and sisters who were on their cruise there was enough for seconds and take home. A cake decorated in the colors of the Jamaican flag was served with ginger beer. A good time was had by all and there was even a suggestion to freeze the jerk pork that was left over for later consumption.



Trinidad and Tobago's 57th Independence Day

By Monica Carrington

n August 25th 2019 at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, we celebrated the Trinidad & Tobago's 57th year of Independence. We decorated the Church and Parish Hall placing our red, white and black flags on the pews and tables. During service Father Foster prayed for our country and fellow parishioners joined us and sang the T&T (Trinidad and Tobago) anthem. We hosted the coffee hour and served from a menu of rice and peas, bussup-shut and dhal puri roti, curry channa, curry chicken, bakes & saltfish, sweet bread, currant rolls, cocktail size veggie, beef and chicken patties. Also, for dessert we shared a large T&T cake. Drinks were sorrell, mauby, fruit punch and shandy in many flavors. For entertainment we played a medley of old time Calypso music.

St. Peter's Annual Choir Concert



By Patti Rookwood

n Sunday, June 30, 2019, the Choirs of St. Peter's presented their annual concert. The Senior Choir and the Youth Trio sang a variety of pieces from the Classical and Romantic periods as well as traditional Spirituals and contemporary works. The audience especially enjoyed "The Lord Bless You and Keep You", and "Alleluia, Give Thanks".

The audience was treated to four solo performances. Mrs. Henrietta Kerr sang "Summertime," from Porgy and Bess. Mrs. Hyacinth White sang "I Stand in Awe", a contemporary worship song. Mr. Robert Newton sang the Spiritual, "I Want Jesus to Walk With Me", and Dr. Krisann Foster sang "The Lord is My Light" and "O Divine Redeemer" with her soaring soprano voice, revealing a hidden talent.

The Youth Trio sang "Panis Angelicus" in Latin, "Angel's Carol" and "Lift Thine Eyes". They also joined the Adult Choir in "He, Watching Over Israel", and "Psalm 150".

Following the concert, on a lovely evening, we had an outdoor reception. We met under the tent for wine and other beverages, cheese, fruit and crudités.

We thank the choirs for their talent and dedication. We thank Mr. Eiichi Shimada, our Organist and Choir Director for for his musical expertise and leadership. We thank the Concert Committee for planning this delightful event.



Ingredients:

- Brine
- Turkey breast (I prefer fresh Shady Brook Farm)
- Enough water to cover the turkey
- Large container
- Salt
- Rosemary
- Lemon
- Onion

If using frozen turkey breast, thaw before brining. Trim away any large areas of fat or excess skin. Clean and rinse the turkey breast thoroughly, inside and out and then pat dry with paper towels. Using a knife, place slits in the turkey breast. Submerge turkey into brine mixture. If placing in the refrigerator, you will need a large bag. Brine turkey overnight or 1hr per pound.

- Marinade
- Scallion
- Pimento
- Malt liquor

Place all ingredients in a blender and set aside.

- Jerk seasoning
- Powdered poultry seasoning
- Onion
- Rosemary leaves

Remove turkey from brine mixture and place in a large container. Sprinkle powdered poultry seasoning and jerk seasoning over turkey breast. Rub seasoning over turkey breast and into the slits. Pour marinade over seasoned turkey and place into the refrigerator for at least 4 hours.

Preheat your oven to 350 degrees. Remove turkey breast from marinade and place turkey breast side up on a roasting rack in a shallow roasting pan. Insert onion and fresh rosemary into turkey cavity. Brush turkey breast with oil and add water to cover the bottom of the roasting pan, cover loosely with foil for an hour. Remove foil and baste periodically. Turkey breast is done when pop up timer has popped. Remove from oven and let stand for 20 -30 mins. Slice and serve. Enjoy!





St. Peter's Episcopal Church SIGHT & SOUND BUS TRIP QUEEN ESTHER Saturday, March 14, 2020 Ticket Prices Adults: \$185 | Children: 3-12 YRS. \$90 PRICE INCLUDES. Ticket to Show. Lunch at Good & Plenty Resteurant Shopping at Tanger Outlet and Round-Trip Deluxe Motor Coach Deposit of \$50 per person due on Nov. 17, 2019. Payment Plan schndule: \$30 on Dec. 15, 2019. \$50 on Jan. 12, 2020 and final payment by Feb. 9, 2020 Bus boards at 6:30 AM & Departs at 7:00 AM SHARP from \$1. Peter's Episcopal Church \$90NSORED BY THE DAUGHTERS OF \$1. PETER ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH. - 1,27:23 124. *81, Rosedale. N.Y. 1122 The Rev. Steve L Foster VI Rector For tickets and more information contact any member of the Daughters or church office at (718) 238-1316

COMING SOON!!!

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15 Annual Parish Meeting

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14 Valentine's Day Celebration

> FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21 Mardi Gras

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22 Defensive Driving Course

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23 African Attire Sunday

ENDOWMENT FUND UPDATE

By Sandra George



Thank you for your continued support.
We look forward to providing to our future.

Stewardship Comer



LET US PRAY AND ASK GOD FOR GUIDANCE TO MAKE US BETTER STEWARDS

By Claudette Joseph

O Lord, Giver of Life and Source of Freedom,

We know that all we have is received

from your hand.

Gracious and loving God

You call us to be stewards of your

Abundance, the caretakers of
all you have entrusted to us.

Help us always to use your gifts wisely,
And teach us to share them generously.

Send the Holy Spirit to work through us

Bringing your message to those we serve.

May our faithful stewardship bear
Witness to the love of Jesus Christ in our lives.
We pray with grateful hearts in Jesus' name.

Amen.

From: Prayers for Stewardship,

Episcopal Diocese of Washington

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Ministry Spotlight

Legal Eagles

I share this article about my 2018 Summer intern, Thursday Williams. I share this article especially with the youths of St. Peter's and its community to inspire them to make wise choices, work hard, stay focused. This young lady came to her internship with zest, zeal, and commitment to learn. Although she partnered with Law Students, College Students and High School Students, she took the lead in the internship program. Thursday, I am very proud of you and wishing you all the successes.

By Pam Jackman Brown, member of St. Peter's Legal Eagles Committee and a Justice of Queens Supreme Court

EXCERPTS FROM THE ARTICLE WRITTEN BY CAITLIN MOYNIHAN May 9, 2019 during an interview with Thursday Williams and Rosdely Ciprian:

Being a high school student is difficult enough with trying to balance homework, extracurricular activities and a social life, but for senior Thursday Williams and freshman Rosdely Ciprian, life is even busier because they spend their evenings debating Tony nominee Heidi Schreck in the Tony-nominated play What the Constitution Means to Me on Broadway. Williams taking the stage at the Helen Hayes Theatre was something neither of them ever dreamed of doing. "I was very interested in law because where I grew up I witnessed a lot of injustice," Williams said to Ryan Lee Gilbert in a recent interview on Broadway.com's Live at Five. "I joined the Explorer's Program to work closer with cops to bridge the community. I started debating at NYU Law School my sophomore year of high school and at the Brooklyn Law School my junior year and senior year. I got really close to my theater teacher and they sent her a casting call saying, 'Looking for a young woman of color who is curious about the constitution and has experience at debate.' I auditioned, got call backed, auditioned again and here we are." For Williams, the experience also changed the way she's approaching her career goals. "I was already pretty busy," Williams said. "I'm sergeant of the Explorer's Program and have the Legal Outreach Program. The show has changed my social life, but I think for the better. I'm more focused now. Because of the show, I now know I want to run for Congress. Because of the show, I now know which issues to prioritize. Even though I lost my social life, I gained a lot." "It's more scary now that we have a Tony nomination," Williams said. "The pressure is on, so I'm more scared now than when I first started. I'm still trying to take it all in. I've never done acting before in my life so it still feels like I'm dreaming. Sometimes tears come to my eyes before I go on stage because I know what I represent and I know where I came from. Now I get to go in front of all these people and show them who I am and what I represent. That's what makes me not nervous."

I encourage each reader to read Thursday Williams exit interview written by Elizabeth Harris, a culture reporter. A Times reporter since 2009, she has covered education, retail companies for the business section, real estate and New York politics. @Liz A Harris



By Joy Okere

igeria celebrated her 59th independence from British rule on October 1st. The Federal Republic of Nigeria is a country in West Africa, bordering Niger in the north, Chad in the northeast, Cameroon in the east, and Benin in the west. The name Nigeria was given to this noble country by a British journalist Flora Shaw who got the inspiration from the river Niger. Nigeria became an independent nation in 1960 with her first president as Nnamdi Azikiwe, and became a republic in 1963. Referred to as the "Giant of Africa" due to its large population and economy, she has a population of over 200 million people. It is the most populous country in Africa and the seventh most populous country in the world with over 250 ethnic groups and 500 native languages but has 3 major tribes (Igbo, Hausa and Yoruba). The Igbos greet 'Ndewo', Hausas, 'Sanu' and Yorubas, 'Ekaro'. Nigeria's official language is English. The religion in Nigeria is divided into Christians from the southern part of the country and Muslims from the north. In 1864, Samuel Ajayi Crowther became the first African Bishop of the Anglican Church. Nigeria is the world's 20th largest economy, worth more than \$500 billion and \$1 trillion in terms of nominal GPD and purchasing power parity respectively. It overtook South Africa in 2014 to become Africa's largest economy with its crude oil, agricultural produce (beans, sesame, cashew nuts, cassava, cocoa beans, groundnut or peanut, gum Arabic, kolanut, maize [corn], melon, millet, palm kernels, palm oil, plantain, rice, rubber, sorghum, soybeans and yams).



Ivory Coast's 59th Independence Celebration

By Judi Alloko

vory Coast became independent from France on August 7, 1960. Queen Pokou led the Baoulé people from Ghana in the mid-18th century. Félix Houphouët-Boigny became the first President and was in office for 33 years. It became one of the most prosperous West African nations and the world's largest cocoa grower producing 33 % of the world's total. The Basilica of Our Lady of Peace of Yamoussoukro surpasses St. Peter's Basilica and is the largest church in the world. Footballer Didier Drogba is renowned and best remembered for his time at Chelsea. Abidjan is the city with the third largest French speaking population anywhere in the world. It boasts 4 UNESCO World Heritage Sites and is famous for its biodiversity with more than 230 mammals, 700 birds, 125 reptiles, 100 fish, over 35 different types of amphibians, and 4,700 plant species. There are around 65 native languages spoken in Ivory Coast with 60 ethnic groups represented.

St. Peter's 2019 Health Fair

By Lamarcia Bascombe

n June 15th, St. Luke's Health Guild of St. Peter's Episcopal Church held its biennial Health Fair. It was interactive and educational, providing information on basic preventive interventions and medical screenings to the people in the community. Thanks to our participating vendors - Queens Hospital, YMCA, AETNA, Holistic Care, and Age Well, who all provided health information. Some members of St. Peter's hosted tables that provided various topics which included health wellness, fitness, healthy eating, cancer screening/self breast examination, diabetes management and sickle cell disease. In addition, the Legal Eagles provided information on crisis intervention organizations and support agencies. St. Peter's Episcopal Church, working through the St. Luke's Health Guild, will continue to help build awareness of health risks and provide information on how individuals can make changes in their lifestyle to enhance their health.



SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday

8:00 am - Said 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 7:30 pm - The Holy Eucharist

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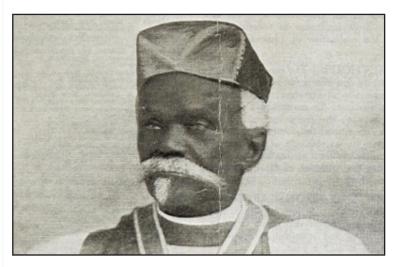
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By Donalee Thomas

Bishop James Theodore Holly (1829 – March 13, 1911)

Bishop James Theodore Holly was the first African American Bishop in the Episcopal Church. Born in 1829 in Washington, D.C., Bishop Holly was descended from freed slaves. He helped found the Protestant Episcopal Society for Promoting the Extension of the Church Among Colored People, a forerunner of The Union of Black Episcopalians (UBE).

In 1861, Rev. Holly took his family and a group of African Americans to settle in Haiti. In July 1863, he organized Holy Trinity Church. In 1874, Rev. Holly was ordained bishop at Grace Church, New York City. This made him the first Black man to be raised to the office of bishop in the Episcopal Church, and only the second Black bishop of any major denomination. He was named Bishop of the Anglican Orthodox Episcopal Church in Haiti. He also had charge of the Diocese of the Dominican Republic from 1897 until he died in 1911. He is buried on the grounds of St. Vincent's School for Handicapped Children in Port-au-Prince.

Information accessed on 9/30/19 at http://www.satucket.com/lectionary/James Holly.htm and https://standingcommissiononliturgyandmusic.org

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ITALY & GREECE TRIP

What was your favorite part of the International Trip?

- 1. The relationships I formed with the group.
- 2. Everything was well organized.
- 3. "Pushing" the Leaning Tower of Pisa.
- 4. The excursions.
- 5. Being at the Acropolis on my birthday.
- 6. The beach at Mykonos: The water was cold and the rocks were therapeutic.
- 7. Restaurants on board the ship.
- 8. On-board fun.
- 9. Climbing the steps in Santorini in 19 minutes.
- 10. The pretty, blue view at Santorini.
- 11. The singing of Ave Maria at the clock tower in Sicily.

- 12. Hanging out at the Acropolis and Santorini.
- 13. The sunset in Santorini.
- 14. Shopping in the narrow streets.
- 15. The Vatican Museum.
- 16. The white-painted houses in Santorini. It looked like heaven. I was fortunate to be there.
- 17. West Indian food on board from the Bajan Chief Chef.
- 18. The height and overlook at Santorini. I want to go back.
- 19. The hospitality of the people in Greece.
- 20. The blue sky and blue water in Mykonos.



























By Yvonne Robinson & Monica Carrington

The 2nd Annual Homecoming International Day was celebrated at St. Peter's on Saturday, September 14, 2019. People from various communities and cultures, along with the NYPD and FDNY were in attendance. The highlights of the day began with prayer followed by the Sunday School children marching in with flags from 17 countries and presenting them to their various representatives. Dignitaries who received flags on behalf of their countries were Senator James Sanders for America, Mme. Juliana Mahie Sehi Doukoure, Vice Consul of Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast), Miss Denise Donaldson, Vice Consul from the Consulate General of Jamaica and Consul General of Trinidad and Tobago, Andre Laveau. Various other personnel received flags on behalf of other countries. Each country's National Anthem was played. The anthem of Trindad and Tobago was played on the steel pan. Each country's representative spoke briefly about their beautiful country and current events. The countries in attendance were USA, Antigua, Aruba, Barbados, Cuba, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Martinique, Nigeria, Panama, St.Kitts & Nevis, St.Vincent & The Grenadines, and Trinidad & Tobago.

Hundreds of people tasted our International Cuisine and were entertained with music from Elite One Steel

Orchestra and DJ Josa. Also, our talent show was a mixture of American stepping and music, calvpsos from Barbados, Grenada, and St. Vincent & the Grenadines, Guyana folk songs and dancers, a Haiti Cultural Presentation and fashion from Cuba, Ivory Coast and Nigeria. Also on the program were Jamaican Kumina dancers and folk singers, an exhibition of Panama's national dresses, music from Martinique, and poetry & music from St. Kitts & Nevis. Children from Trinidad & Tobago paraded in costumes to soca while the steel pan orchestra played. The event was closed with prayers from our Rector, Fr. Steve Foster.

Throughout the program, all in attendance were reminded of the importance of helping our brothers and sisters in the Bahamas and that St. Peter's was a drop location for Bahamas' hurricane relief assistance.









