



Your Stewardship is Important

As we approach the summer months you may not be in Church at St. Peter's as regularly as you are during the rest of the year. Yet, it is important for you to continue your stewardship of your financial resources all year long. Frankly, it is also important to your Church, the mission and ministry of Jesus through St. Peter's continues.

Please consider your regular giving throughout the summer months:

- 1) Drop off or send your offering to St. Peter's;
- 2) Sign up in your online checking account to have a check sent to St. Peter's regularly;
- 3) Go to stpetersmedford.org and click on the button that will take you to our account on Faithstreet or scan the QR Code on your mobile device;
- 4) Text to give, directions below.

Thank you for your continuing stewardship in furthering the Kingdom of God through St. Peter's.

5 Benefits of Online Giving

You're committing to fulfill your good intentions. Most of us want to give regularly but busyness, absences and distractions frustrate our good intentions.



You'll simplify your life. Your giving is automatically deposited on the schedule and date you decide. No writing a check, remembering to bring it, or sending it to church if you miss.

You have complete flexibility. Contribute whenever and wherever you want. Make a one-time gift or schedule recurring gifts. Set the schedule you desire: weekly, monthly, twice monthly, etc. Stop, start, or change the schedule or amount any time. You're exercising your faith. By scheduling your contributions, you're deciding in advance to give.

You're helping the church. Counting, depositing and tracking donations is easier with online contributions. Scheduled contributions help with budgeting and planning.

Calendar Highlights

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WWW.STPETERSMEDFORD.ORG

June 3 Rite 13 Dinner

June 5 Rev. Canon James L. Moore Memorial Golf Outing

June 11 St. Paul's Breakfast Program 7:45 a.m.

June 14 Vestry Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Text-to-Give

1. Text a gift amount to your church's giving number

646-832-4848

2. Click on the link, enter your church's Quickcode and complete a one-time setup

Your quickcode here

3. Text the amount you'd like to give to this number anytime, anywhere (save it to your contacts!)

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FROM PULPIT TO PEW

by The Reverend Canon Donald J. Muller

There's an opportune time to do things, a right time for everything on the earth: A right time for birth and another for death, A right time to plant and another to reap, A right time to kill and another to heal, A right time to destroy and another to construct, A right time to cry and another to laugh, A right time to lament and another to cheer, A right time to make love and another to abstain, A right time to embrace and another to part, A right time to search and another to count your losses, A right time to hold on and another to let go, A right time to rip out and another to mend, A right time to shut up and another to speak up, A right time to love and another to hate, A right time to wage war and another to make peace. (Ecclesiastes 3:1-11, The Message)

Rumors are beginning to fly regarding when I will retire. I believe the right time for me to retire as Rector of St. Peter's will be July 1, 2018. Next spring I will turn 65 and in early June of that year I will celebrate the 38th anniversary of my ordination to the Diaconate.

On September 5, 1981 Lynn and I were married. Since then she has followed me to Pelham Manor (NY), Montrose (NY), Beach Haven (NJ), Wilkes-Barre (PA), and back to Medford. Five times I have asked her to pack up, move, and redecorate our home. Each time she has also left a job to find another one. When we moved to Medford, rather than retesting to get her LCSW (Licensed Clinical Social Worker) in New Jersey (it didn't transfer from Pennsylvania), Lynn retired. Our older son Dave lives in Beachwood, NJ with his wife (Chris) and three children (Jake at St. John's University, Sean finishing 11th grade, and Megan finishing 9th grade). Our other son Darren lives in the Wilkes-Barre area with his wife (MaryAnne), and their children (Mara going into Middle School and Kelsey going into 5th grade). It is the right season to have more time to see our grandchildren grow up and share in some of their activities. Lynn has some medical issues that limit her activity, so before her health gets worse we would like to do some traveling.

But, this is not the right time to retire (next year is). I don't plan to coast this last year, neither should you. **WE** have much work to do for the Kingdom of God, to strengthen the mission and ministry of Saint Peter's. **WE** are following Jesus out of our buildings and comfort zones to help him. **WE** can share the love, mercy, peace, justice, joy, and forgiveness of Jesus.

O God, by whom the meek are guided in judgment, and light rises up in the darkness for the godly: Grant us, in all our doubts and uncertainties, the grace to ask what you would have us to do, that the Spirit of wisdom may save us from all false choices, and that in your light we may see light and in your straight path may not stumble; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (Book of Common Prayer 1979, page 832, prayer #58 For Guidance)

In Christ,

Fr. Don

KIDS' CORNER

By Sue Legnani

The spotlight has really been on the youth of St. Peter's this spring. On April 30th the children in grades 1-3 celebrated the completion of their Eucharist program. Through this program they had the opportunity to learn the background and meaning of how and why we celebrate the Eucharist in church each week. Thank you, Jenn Brownlee, Debbie Worsdell, Geri Blum and Beckie McCammitt, for your leadership and witness.

On May 21st the Journey to Adulthood class and other members of our congregation were confirmed. The J2A class had the opportunity to learn, grow and experience what it means to be "church". As they prepared for the step of taking on the responsibilities of publicly proclaiming their willingness to follow Christ, they also learned what it means to support one another in their life in Christ both inside and outside of the church walls. Thank you, Dave Lusk and Tiffany Myers, for your leadership and witness.

Finally on June 4th the Rite 13 class will have their Rite 13 Celebration. This celebration marks their step toward becoming adults in the world and in the church. They have two more years in the Journey to Adulthood program during which they will prepare for their confirmation through study, outreach and experiences of the many ministries at St. Peter's. Thank you, Steve and Sheila Miller, for your leadership and witness.

In addition to the Sunday Christian Formation hour we have had a monthly "field trip" for the youth in Rite 13 and J2A called Destination Unknown (see the bulletin board in Williams Hall for pictures and descriptions) led by Michelle Scarpulla and parent drivers/chaperones. These weren't just fun trips, but opportunities for the group to bond and discover that what we call church can be anywhere we are. Thank you, Michelle and the parent helpers, for your leadership and witness.

I can't leave out the leaders in our grade 4-6 class. They have served faithfully this year and I've heard some pretty lively conversations coming from the classroom on Sunday mornings. Thank you, Kristine Adler, Ken Montgomery, Alexis Gosewisch and Chris McCrum, for your leadership and witness.

The Godly Play class led by Tina Sunlitis, Nancy Shumen, Barbara LaRue and Tina Rubano tell stories and engage the preschool and kindergarten children in story, song and community each week. We are very fortunate to have them to work with the youngest members of our parish. Thank you for your leadership and witness.

I'm really only getting to the tip of the ice burg. There is so much more going on here than I can fit into this article. I think it goes without saying that the adults who lead each class provide a safe place for our children and youth and help them to feel like they are part of the church family. They are also real and authentic to our children and youth through showing them the message of Christ by just being themselves and being available to the kids.

There is always room for more adult leaders in our Christian Formation program. If you are interested please talk to me about what you would like to do.

Interfaith Hospitality (IHN)

By Joe Santangelo

St. Peters will be hosting homeless families the week of October 15-22. I want to thank everyone who volunteered in January and look forward to your support in October.

We need a chairperson and volunteers for each of the following committees before our members start their summer vacations. As a chairperson or committee member, your role will be to coordinate the functions of your committee and get volunteers to participate the week of October 15-22.

*Transportation- pick up our guests each day at 5 pm from Interfaith Hospitality(IHN) on Main Street in Moorestown and drive them to St. Peters. At 6:45 am drive our guests from St.Peters to IHN . The van is provided by IHN.

*Overnight lodging at St. Peters- each night we need two adult members of St. Peters to stay with the homeless. Volunteers will arrive at St. Peters around 8:30 pm and leave at 7 am. Cots will be provided for all volunteers.

*Entertainment- coordinate with St. Peters youth groups to play games or other activities with the homeless after dinner. Volunteers will be at St. Peters from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm.

*Set up and take down of cots and convert Sunday school classrooms to bedrooms- After the 10:15 service on Sunday, October 15, remove school tables and chairs, set up cots, install window treatments, make the bed for each homeless guest and lay a towel and wash cloth on each homeless guest's cot. On Sunday October 22 around 8:45 am, take down the cots and place them into the storage trailer, set up the tables and chairs in the classrooms, remove the window treatments and drive the van and storage trailer to the next church.

*Laundry- wash sheets, blankets and towels.

As I have said before, it takes a village to provide food and housing to the homeless. Please send me an email (reference homeless) to volunteer to be on one or more of the above committees. Thank you for your continued support.

Joe Santangelo Joes413@yahoo.com

Body and Soul

By Edith Green, RN

Easter season is still upon us and will be until the day of Pentecost, which is coming soon. Three unusual things happened on that first Pentecost: Rushing wind, tongues of fire and speaking in tongues. What did this mean? It was the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles.

Some interesting things happened that day. Thomas became a missionary instead of a doubter, Peter became a preacher instead of a denier. It actually changed the world of the followers of Jesus. Ordinary men and women became evangelists for Jesus Christ and were ready to lay down their lives for him. The work of the Holy Spirit did all this.

Just one day in a room filled with frightened men wondering how their lives would play out and suddenly it all changed. The Holy Spirit came upon them.

I wonder how many of us have had this experience? No, I don't mean you are in a secret room and suddenly saw flames and language you didn't know coming from your mouth. No, I mean how often have you experienced what Oprah calls an Ah Ha moment?

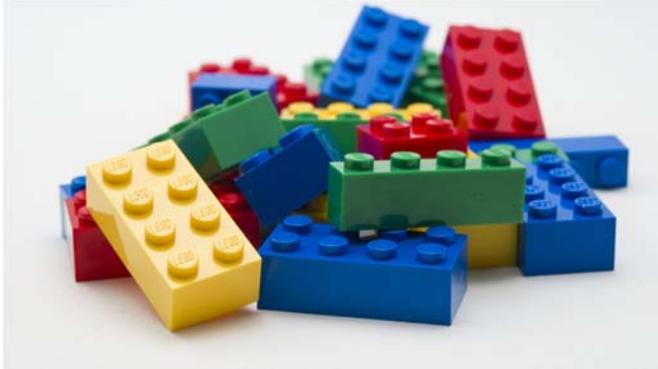
A moment when you finally got it? A moment when you felt Jesus near and realized the answer to a problem was right at hand? Or even simpler: something triggers a feeling you have and suddenly, or it seems like suddenly, a problem you've been struggling with is solved? It can happen if you let yourself be open to the idea.

And, finally: Don't cry because it's over smile because it happened.

Dr. Suess

DEACON'S BENCH

By Deacon Helen M. Orlando



Almost nine-hundred Legos were stacked together to complete our scale model of Redemption School, in Gonaives, Haiti. Although the project is now complete, the process made me wonder how others have been inspired by the little blue, red, and yellow bricks. I was led to the following article written by Steve Klusmeyer. In it, I am reminded of the joy and fellowship we experience while doing God's work, the assurance that no failure is so great that it cannot be redeemed, and, especially, the affirmation that each of us is valuable and needed just as we are as members of Christ's Body on earth, the Church. I invite you to share with me your own and your

children's insights.

Deacon Helen

Life might be less complicated for all of us if we each received our own LEGO kit at birth. Yes, I realize there is a choking hazard for children under three. But when you are old enough, you can learn a lot from LEGOs. I have learned that:

Size doesn't matter. When stepped on in the dark, a 2X2 LEGO brick causes the same amount of pain as a 2X8 brick.

All LEGO [people] are created equal (1.5625 inches tall). What they become is limited only by imagination.

There is strength in numbers. When the bricks stick together, great things can be accomplished.

Playtime is important. Sometimes it doesn't matter what you are building, as long as you're having fun.

Disaster happens. But the pieces can be put back together again.

Every brick has a purpose. Some are made for a specific spot—most can adapt almost anywhere—but every one will fit somewhere.

Color doesn't matter. A blue brick will fit in the same space as a red brick.

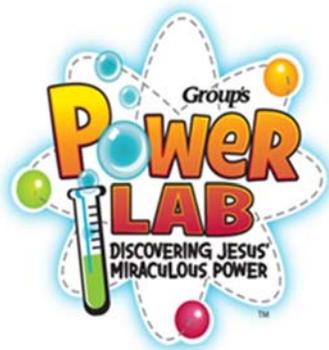
No one is indispensable. If one brick is unavailable, another can take its place.

It doesn't always turn out as planned. Sometimes it turns out better. If it doesn't, you can always try again."

Prayer: *Dear God, please help me to remember that I have a part to play in your body, the Church, and that I am not any more or less important than any other member. Help me to know where I fit best, and play my part faithfully so that my life will bring honor and glory to your name. Thank you for hearing and answering my prayer...In Jesus' name, Amen.*

(Quoted from the website of ACTS International, www.actsworld.org.)

PARISH NEWS



Power Lab VBS Discovering Jesus' Miraculous Power

St. Peter's Episcopal Church
1 Hartford Rd.
Medford, NJ
609-654-2963

See www.stpetersmedford.org for registration form

July 9th-13th (Sunday to Thursday)
6:00-8:00 pm

For children ages 4yrs. – Grade 5

Thursday night is Family Fun night for the whole family! Plan to come for dinner, music, games, Power Lab fun, Legos and family time.

PARISH REGISTER

BAPTISMS

None

WEDDINGS

None

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Joan Aljoe, April 24, 2017

Dorothy Sears, May 6, 2017

CONFIRMATION/RECEPTION CLASS

Anthony Robert Castiglia, Elisabeth Rae Cullen, Mekenna McGrath Montgomery, Alec Barnaby Rodden, Donovan Teh Wu, Andrew Thomas Chiaradonna, Megan Christine Chiaradonna, Patricia Jean Alvarez, Jose Alvarez, Emma Caroline Paolini

PARISH PHOTO ALBUM



Top Left: Mekenzie poses with other Scholarship recipients from around the diocese.

Photos courtesy of: Father Don, Tiffany Myers, Ken Montgomery.



Top Right: Mekenzie poses with her Dad, Ken, Fr. Don and her grandparents.

*Right: J2A class in their classroom before confirmation
Bottom: Confirmation Class*



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Saint Peter's Church is a blessed community of faith, grounded in the power of God's transforming love, where Jesus Christ welcomes all to abundant life. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we follow Him in prayer and praise, study and service.

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Service Schedule

Saturday	Eucharist.....	5 p.m.
Sunday	Traditional Eucharist	7:45 a.m.
	Family Eucharist.....	10:15 a.m.
Weekdays		
	Wednesday, Healing Eucharist.....	10 a.m.
	Morning Prayer (Monday-Friday).....	9 a.m.

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