



Shop Rite Gift Card Sale

MDG Team offers ShopRite Gift Cards to support Redemption School, Haiti

What if you could help children at Redemption School have a better life at no cost to you? St. Peter's MDG Team and ShopRite have found a way to do just that! Beginning on Saturday, November 1 and continuing for the next few months, your MDG Team will sell ShopRite gift cards in denominations of \$25, \$50, and \$100 following all services. Each card purchase will give you full face value and, because our MDG Team purchases the cards at a discount, will give St. Peter's a 5% profit to support our commitment to Redemption School.

We all have to eat. With the coming of the holidays, all of us will be buying even more food than usual. Please consider purchasing the ShopRite cards for all your usual food purchases, as well as for the gifts you will be giving to friends, family, teachers, your child's bus driver, coach, dance or music instructor, or whomever you may have on your Christmas list. It's easy to do and you'll be helping kids in Haiti attain a better life in the process.

We will cheerfully accept cash or checks made out to St. Peter's Church (please put "ShopRite" on the memo line). Each card purchase will give you full face value (e.g. you pay \$25.00 to receive a card worth \$25.00 at any ShopRite) and will give our MDG Team 5% of the face value of the card to support our commitment to Redemption School.

Sale Begins Saturday, November 1

St. Peter's MDG Team



Students from the Redemption School in Haiti

Why were the Saints saints?

Because they were cheerful when it was difficult to be cheerful.

Patient when it was difficult to be patient.

Because they pushed on when they wanted to stand still.

They kept silent when they wanted to talk and were agreeable when they wanted to be disagreeable.

That was all. It was quite simple and always will be.

November Calendar Highlights

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Nov. 1-2 All Saints Day

Nov. 8-9 Commitment Weekend

Nov. 9 St. Paul's Breakfast Program, 7:45 a.m.

Nov. 11 Burlington Convocation, 7:30 pm

Nov. 12 Vestry Meeting, 7:30 pm

Nov. 24 Caps & Laps 1:00 p.m.

Nov. 27 Thanksgiving Holy Eucharist, 10:00 a.m.

FROM PULPIT TO PEW

by The Reverend Canon Donald J. Muller

A parish Vestry in the Episcopal Church is composed of the Rector (who chairs the meetings), two Wardens (some parishes, such as St. Peter's designates them Senior and Junior or others Rector's and People's), and Vestrymembers (usually 9-12). By the Canons (governing rules) of the Episcopal Church, Canon I.14.2 "Except as provided by the law of the State or of the Diocese, the Vestry shall be agents and legal representatives of the Parish in all matters concerning its corporate property and the relations of the Parish to its Clergy." That Canon doesn't give much direction. In many places the Rector functions like a CEO of a corporation and the Vestry like a Board of Trustees. I don't like that model.

Today, I think Vestries share with the parish clergy in leadership of the overall life of a parish: spiritual, social, pastoral, physical, and financial. Of course, within that ministry different members of the Vestry take on particular leadership. At St. Peter's we have tried to have a committee structure with each Vestry person heading up a committee: Stewardship, Finances, Christian Education, Parish Life, Buildings and Grounds, Evangelism/New Member Ministry, Communications, and Outreach. These have changed over the years depending on the needs of the parish and the individuals elected by the Annual Parish Meeting. In truth, these ministries have not really functioned as committees so much as coordinators. The Vestry is currently looking at a new way of functioning.

The Vestry helps discern God's vision for the parish. What is it that God wants St. Peter's to be and to do at this time? A primary task of the Vestry is to oversee the "temporal affairs" (buildings, grounds, finances) of the parish. Too often these can become overriding concerns. We must always maintain a balance, remembering that the "temporal affairs" are really tools to be used to carry out God's ministry through St. Peter's. We need to look at our inward life – worship, Christian initiation and formation, discipleship, and pastoral care. But we cannot ignore an outward looking ministry as well – evangelism, serving the needs of the world in Christ's name, mission (local and foreign), Convocation, Diocese, and Episcopal Church. How we go about doing these ministries has some guide lines in the Canons, but much is about how we interpret the Good News of Jesus Christ to our own people and world in which we live, move, and have our being.

We have been blessed at St. Peter's with great Wardens and Vestrymembers who have given of themselves to the "glory of God and the furtherance of God's kingdom," for many years. May it continue to be so.

In Christ,

Fr. Don

Current Vestry: Wardens – John Colaianni, Debbie Banecker; Joe Dinoto, Barbara Kelly, Loren Manni, Laurel Smith, Jennifer Buzby, Ben Jones, Marty Banecker, Cindy Cullen

2015 Vestry: Wardens – Debbie Banecker, Jennifer Buzby; Joe Dinoto, Barbara Kelly, Loren Manni, Laurel Smith, Ben Jones, Marty Banecker, Cindy Cullen, Mike Krug, Mandy Danser

For more information about what a vestry is, see page 6.

KIDS' CORNER

By Sue Legnani, Christian Formation Director

I love the Fall holidays. While my neighbor said the other day that he preferred Spring because things are coming alive, I find I prefer Fall because I like the idea of closing up the house, getting out the Fall decorations, and preparing to hibernate for a few months. I think about making soup, something that doesn't appeal to me during the hot summer months. And I like being able to go outside without fighting the heat and humidity of the New Jersey summers.

I have come to enjoy Thanksgiving almost more than Christmas. It's a slower time to savor not only the good food on the Thanksgiving table, but it seems like there is more time to spend on that special day with family, because we aren't having to deal with the rush of opening gifts and dealing with tired children who have been up too late the night before with the expectation of Santa coming.

I feel bad that Thanksgiving has taken a back seat to Halloween and Christmas. By the time mid-October is here, the Thanksgiving decorations have been moved to the far corners of the stores to make way for Christmas decorations. (FYI: Americans spend almost as much on Halloween decorations as they spend on Christmas.) I heard that some stores are opening by 6 pm on Thanksgiving Day, and of course they stay open until Christmas Eve so they don't miss an opportunity to sell us stuff that we don't really need anyway. How are you supposed to enjoy dinner with family and friends when everyone you know is going shopping!!

I say let's stop the madness and stay in this Thanksgiving Day. Let's use it for what it is meant for...**Giving Thanks** (and eating), not shopping. That can wait until Black Friday when the rest of the stores open at 3 am.

I wish you all a blessed and thank filled Thanksgiving.



November is an exciting month for Christian Formation. Please put these dates on your calendar so you don't miss any of the fun, and opportunities to worship with us.

November 2nd is All Saint's Sunday

As a way of celebrating All Saint's Day, and to also learn about the Saints of our church, the children will be making their own Saints during Sunday School. They will join the procession into church at 10:15 am with their creations to mark this important day in the Church Year.

November 9th Christmas Pageant Organizational Meeting:

This year our new Christmas pageant will be *The King's Birthday*, a simple and charming retelling of the Christmas story. Our **organizational meeting will be in the church, on Sunday, November 9th after the 10:15 service.** All children and youth are welcome to participate in the Christmas pageant, but we need to know if you are going to participate by attending this meeting. If you have any questions please contact Loren Manni (609-923-0352) or Sue Legnani (609-654-2963).

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Body and Soul

By Edith Green, RN

Nobody asks me about my mother any more. Why should they? She's been gone for nearly 12 years now, even though it seems like only yesterday. I think that's the way it is when a parent dies.

Our relationship was complex; sometimes I loved her to death (no pun intended) and sometimes I didn't want to be around her she was so irritating. She did things that drove me crazy like mis-pronouncing words. No matter how often she was told, she'd continue to say FEELINE instead of FILENE. She'd also wear clothes which I thought were extremely unflattering then prance around like they were wonderful. (my own daughters feel the same way about me now)

She wasn't always the nicest person when she became angry. Once when she visited me and my husband and children, she complained that she wasn't treated very well because we didn't put out clean towels every day. She also thought she wasn't treated well at my husband's funeral because she was listed to go in the last car in the drive to the cemetery instead of the first or second. The fact that I didn't do any of the planning made no difference to her.

But, there were really good times. She always made sure I had a birthday celebration when I was growing up even though times were tough and money was tight. I always had a party of some kind with other kids invited. She sent me to a summer camp for two weeks one summer, which was a real treat. I often wondered as I got older how she afforded that. We lived in a small town that had a lake, not good for swimming but great for ice-skating. For Christmas one year, I got a skating outfit and new skates. She always made sure holidays were special. Since she was a single parent I imagine it was really hard.

We became much closer as she got older and I understood for the first time what her life had really been like raising a child with little money. During her last years before she lost what memory she had, we had some good times. One year she went to the shore with me and a few of my children. We went out for lunch fairly often and we went shopping. She even went to the flower show in Philadelphia one year with me and my daughter. She loved it because she'd always loved gardening. *(cont. in next column)*

After she died I prayed that she could come back for just one day so I could tell her all the things I'd neglected to while she was alive. Of course that didn't happen. The best I could do was spend a few minutes every once in a while at her gravesite and hope she knew I was there.

Even though she's been gone for a while and even though she had dementia and I know she's in a much better place, it doesn't matter. I still miss my mother.

Kids Corner *(Continued from page 3)*

November 23rd: Let's Get Ready for Advent!

On November 23rd we will be making our own Family Advent Jesse Tree ornaments during the Sunday School hour. **This will be a parent-child activity** when we will make ornaments that tell a story about our family. The ornaments will be hung on the Christmas tree in the church as the gift tags for The Christian Caring Center are removed. At the end of the Christmas season you may take your ornament home as a keepsake for future Christmas seasons.

The Jesse Tree is a tradition of making symbols that represent figures from the Old and New Testaments that tell the story of the ancestors of Jesus. We are also his ancestors, so we will make our own family symbols that tell something about our family.

Children should be accompanied by their parents for this Advent event. You might want to bring a small picture of your family and any other materials that represent the things you like to do. The scrap-booking aisle of craft stores is a good place to find these kinds of items. We will supply the basic materials like paper, glue, markers, crayons, and colored pencils. You supply your creativity and enthusiasm!



DEACON'S BENCH

St. Peter's Fall UTO Ingathering Weekend, November 22 & 23, 2014



UNITED THANK OFFERING

Ofrenda Unida de Accion de Gracias

"OUR CHANGE CHANGES LIVES"

A Prayer

Oh God, Creator of our Universe, Redeemer of our souls, and Sanctifier of our daily lives,
We thank you for this earth, our freedom, and the right to serve you.
We give you thanks for the very air we breathe and for this day.
We are grateful for the people you place in our path.
Be ever at the center of our lives, keep our hearts grateful, and let us always feel Your Presence.
Amen.

Marti Williams, Vice President, UTO Committee (1997-2000), Diocese of Mississippi

Each fall and spring, the coming of the United Thank Offering Ingathering invites each of us to pause in our busy lives to take prayerful notice of all of the large and small ways that God's abundant love and generosity have touched and continue to touch us. UTO further invites us to offer our thanks to God through monetary gifts which are used to support the work of the church throughout the world, primarily as it works to alleviate the plight of the poor. Many make it a practice to keep a "Blue Box" somewhere in their home, into which they put coins as they say their daily prayers. Whether or not you are one who uses the time-honored "Blue Box," I invite you to respond thankfully and generously to UTO's call to thank God through both prayer and, to make an offering of thanksgiving on our UTO Ingathering Weekend. Special envelopes for your donations will be available in all service bulletins. You may also mail donations to the church office. Please make checks payable to St. Peter's Episcopal Church with "UTO" written in the memo line.

With thanksgiving,
Deacon Helen

Calling all married couples!

We would like to include wedding anniversaries in the newsletter just as we do birthdays. Please let Lisa, in the office, know when yours is so that we may acknowledge it!



Vestry Responsibilities

All vestry members should strive to the best of their abilities to:

1. Have a love of God and demonstrate a commitment to following the way of Christ;
2. Be active in and knowledgeable about the congregation, its programs and governance;
3. Be fair, interact well with people and strive to earn the respect of the members of the congregation;
4. Purposefully strive to “check one’s ego at the door;”
5. Purposefully strive to be a servant of the people without the need to be the “most important person” in the congregation or the need to be the one with the right answers to everything;
6. Have enthusiasm and vitality for this ministry.

All vestry members should be able to make the following time commitments:

1. Vestry meetings, committee work;
2. Vestry retreat(s);
3. Weekly worship services (rotating occasionally if more than one);
4. Congregational events: coffee hours, meals, fundraisers, adult education programs, etc.;
5. Diocesan meetings, as necessary;
6. Annual meeting.

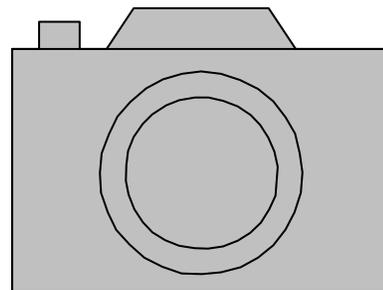
Photography Seminar

We had our first photography seminar on Saturday, October 11. We looked at different types of cameras from cell phone to big SLR and the advantages of each. We critiqued an excellent snapshot from a point-and-shoot camera and discussed how lighting is complex and important even with the subject in sunshine - large shadows are blue because the sky lights them, bright colors on the subject light shadowed objects near them, etc.

Over the next three weeks we will discuss how to get photos out of the camera, how to print photos at home, correcting exposure and color balance on the computer, and other topics as requested by the attendees. We will explore different camera types as part of each session.

We meet every Saturday in the Church Library at 11:00 AM. All are welcome, if you stow your firearms safely or leave them outside, have no outstanding warrants, and carry no serious communicable diseases such as Ebola. Non-parishioners welcome. Bring your camera and any photos you want to share or have questions about.

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PARISH NEWS

Elected at the Annual Meeting for the Year 2014

Warden: Jennifer Buzby – Two-year term as Warden

Vestry

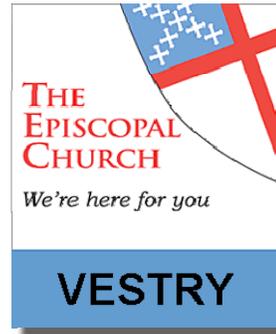
Mike Krug – Three-year term, vestrymember

Ben Jones – Three-year term, vestrymember

Loren Manni – Three-year term, vestrymember

Mandy Danser – One-year term, vestrymember

Joe Dinoto – One-year term, vestrymember



Deputies to Diocesan Convention: Cynthia Sosnowki, Jim Beard, Daryl Albury, Bob Spalding (First Alternate), Mary Shone (Second Alternate), John Colaiani (Third Alternate)

Delegates to Burlington Convocation: Cynthia Sosnowski, Pat Lusk, Jim Beard, Bob Spalding, Mary Allan, John Colaiani, Ben Jones (First Alternate), Jack Hobson (Second Alternate), Leslie Haines (Third Alternate)

Endowment Board: Brad Denn

Congratulations and thank you to all!

PARISH REGISTER

BAPTISMS

None

WEDDINGS

None

MEMORIAL SERVICES

None

New Members

Welcome to St. Peter's:

*Scott Johndro & Stephanie Wilt &
Family
Medford*

Welcome

November Happenings

All Saints Day and All Saint Sunday –November 1-2

November 1 is All Saints Day, it is one of a very few Commemorations in our church calendar that we are encouraged to carry over to Sunday. We will celebrate All Saints Day at all three Services, the weekend of November 1-2. It is our custom to remember all of our loved ones – the saints who gone before us – who have died at the Services that weekend. Please add your loved ones to the list in the Narthex or send them to Lisa in an email: office@stpetersmedford.org or mail at St. Peter’s, 1 Hartford Road, Medford, NJ 08055

Commitment Weekend – November 8-9

We will have our opportunity to make a commitment to God from our financial resources through a pledge to St. Peter’s for the year 2015 at all three Services November 8 and 9. Please bring your pledge to the Service you attend that weekend and bring it forward as your gift in response to a generous God.

The last seven years we used a program for stewardship called “New Consecration Sunday” which called for a dinner meeting of the parish leadership and catered meals following each Service on Consecration Sunday. This year we are using a different program called “Walking the Way.” Your Vestry will be providing food and beverage after all three Services on Commitment Weekend. Please plan to join on us that weekend at worship, offer your pledge, and share in the meal. No reservation is required, we will plan for everyone to be here.

Vestry Update—November 15-16

At all three Services November 15-16 your Vestry will take less than five minutes to update you on the life of St. Peter’s. This will include all that we are doing in Outreach, Education, Worship, and Stewardship (finances). There will be an opportunity for further discussion following each of the Services.

Annual Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service—Nov. 23

St. Mary of the Lakes Church at 7 pm
The service will begin at 7 pm with a Choral Concert with each choir singing one of their favorite anthems. The Order of Worship for the Prayer Service will include readings, intercessions, sermon, hymns, etc. similar to last year’s program.

Coffee Hour Hosts

Please consider signing up to host coffee hour one Sunday. It is a wonderful way to meet people in the parish and it does not take too much time. Thank you to Laurel, Dave and Jamie Smith for coordinating it all and for covering when no one else has signed up.

Date	7:45 am	10:15 am
Nov. 2	Josie Nealis	Scarpulla
Nov. 9	Commitment Sunday Vestry Brunch	
Nov. 16	Jason & Sharon Ferguson	Orlando
Nov. 23		Castiglia
Nov. 30		Tina Sunlittis Lisa Minerd
Dec. 7		Nancy Spalding
Dec. 14		
Dec. 21		Steve Haines
Dec. 28		



Emails fly between Redemption School and St. Peter's

Received from The Rev. Jean Fils Chery of Redemption School on September 28, 2014

Dear Helen,

Thank you for your email. My congregation and the school staff send greetings to St. Peter's and we thank you for your support.

[2-3 months ago] I received from the partnership program \$500 that you wired to support our school here in Gonaives. Sorry for being late in reporting to you. Since my appointment at that parish the school needed to renew the student chairs. After having some broken chairs at the end of the last academic year I decided to make some new benches for more than 20.000 Gourdes which is the equivalent of the \$500 US I received from the partnership program.

As the ministry of education in Haiti decided it the schools started their classes since September 8, 2014. We have more students this year. We give thanks to God for his blessing up on us and the school. We pray that our partnership can become stronger.

Absolutely La Redemption will be happy to welcome a group from St. Peter's

Thank you for your partnership. We send prayers, love and blessing for all the hands joined to support this partnership.

Respectfully yours,

Rév. Père Jean Fils Chery Chery
Curé St. Basile Le Grand
Église Episcopale d'Haiti

Sent by Deacon Helen to Fr. Chery on Thursday, October 16, 2014

Dear Fr. Chery,

Some News about St. Peter's:

Our 2014-2015 Sunday school began on September 8. On that date, Father Don and our students commissioned the Sunday school teachers for the year. Father Don also blessed the students' backpacks, parents' diaper bags, and briefcases to send everyone out into the world carrying Christ with them (as we all do, anyway!). We held a Ministry Fair on September 14 to showcase the many ministries available to our parishioners through St. Peter's. Among the displays was a special display about Redemption School with photos and information. Presently, our MDG Team is discussing fundraisers which will help us raise money to support La Redemption.

At this point, the best way for you and your students, faculty, and staff to see pictures of some of our St. Peter's kids is to look at the last page of our newsletter, so you will find the link to our September 2014 newsletter at the end of this email. All of the photos are from our week-long Vacation Bible School, which we held during the month of July.

Know that we pray for the students, faculty and staff of Institution La Redemption every week during our Prayers of the People.

Faithfully,
Helen

Please patronize these businesses

Please consider patronizing these local contractors who have generously provided their services to St. Peter's in 2014.

JRG DEVELOPMENT GROUP

Contact : Gary Mercy, Owner

www.jrgdevelopmentgroup.com 609-654-4999

Specialties : Residential and commercial construction, new construction and additions.

St. Peter's work : Sunday School Wing renovation

JD JAMES CONSTRUCTION

Contact : Chris McCrum, St. Peter's Parishioner Cell 609-234-0403

www.jdjamesconstruction.com 609-864-3888

Specialty : Concrete, driveways, patios, steps, pavers, retaining walls, hardscaping, concrete repairs.

St. Peter's work : Concrete walkway and drain outside the Parish Office.

MY ELECTRICIAN

Contact : Nick Eckert, Owner

888-654-4911

Specialty : Residential and commercial electrical work.

St. Peter's work : All indoor and outdoor lighting, wiring upgrades, Sanctuary lights.

SLS LANDSCAPING

Contact : Mike Powell

www.slslandscaping.com 609-518-5263

Specialty : Lawns, landscaping, tree pruning and removal.

St. Peter's work : Current landscaper and lawn mower, tree trimming parking lot and Rectory.

PARISH PHOTO ALBUM



On a beautiful fall morning, parishioners, friends and family (otherwise known as Jamie's Dirt Dogs) gathered with Jamieson Smith at Campbell's Field in Camden, NJ to support him during the Mitochondrial Energy for Life Walk. The Smith Family thanks all who walked and donated. The team raised \$2,075 and the entire walk raised over \$93,000!



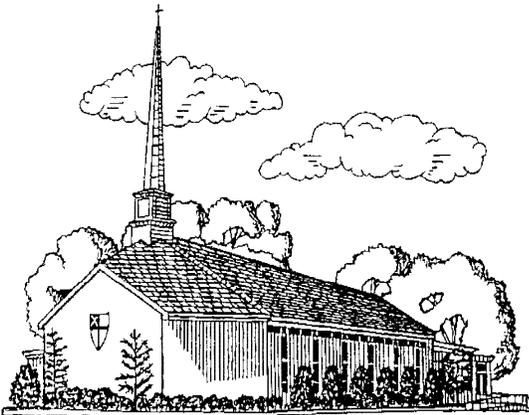
Recently, the youth group enjoyed a fall BBQ with smores on a campfire, burgers, hot dogs, frisbee, trampoline, conversation and Compline. *(Photo courtesy of Dave Lusk.)*

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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.



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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