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We kick off our program year on Sunday, September 18th with a parish picnic following the 10am service. Come see your old friends and meet new friends from the parish! Saint Peter's will provide the hamburgers, hotdogs, and drinks and you are asked to bring a salad, desert, or chips to share. If you have questions, please contact Ronald.

Onward

*A newsletter for and about
the people of
St. Peter's Church*

September 2011

A special service of Remembrance and Hope

Sunday

September 11, 2011

10:00am Service

Outreach Ministries

Christ Church Soup Kitchen

With temperatures hovering around 100 degrees, Christ Church's Soup Kitchen was full. Serena and I were able to serve 69 guests with the help of a few wonderful people. Our guests were treated to a BBQ chicken lunch with cold pasta salad, green salad, cornbread, fresh fruit, brownies, lemonade & iced tea.

A big thank you to all who were able to contribute food items. Our service to these guests is only possible because of the generous donations we receive.

We will be serving again October 22nd. If you would like to contribute to please call.

Stephanie Cutting

Christine's Kitchen

St. Peter's Manly Men remember to mark your calendars and dust off those Chili recipes!

October 22, we are scheduled for Christine's Kitchen. Remember there are three ways to help out:

1. Certainly we need volunteers to serve food on Saturday morning – this is a 10AM-2PM commitment.
2. But even if you're busy that day you can help out by cooking in advance or buying portions of the food and staples.
3. If you are new or just want to get your feet wet with this ministry: Christine's Kitchen

Pantry is asking for cake mix and frosting. Just buy a box and leave it on the bench at the rear to the church or chapel. We will gather it up and bring it with us.

I guarantee that a trip to Christine's Kitchen is a worthwhile experience.

See Alan Pulitano at coffee hour or call 973-228-0328 for more details.

Caldwell Food Pantry

For the month of September, we will be collecting snacks: cookies, crackers, dried fruit and granola/health bars for the Caldwell Food Pantry. If there is something you feel can or should be included and is not listed, please feel free to donate those items. Donations can be placed in the baskets at the rear of the church and chapel.

In addition to the monthly items, the Food Pantry is also looking for donations for travel-size toiletries (soap, shampoo, toothpaste, etc.), as well as plastic or paper bags that you receive when food shopping. The bags are needed to pack the groceries for those families in need. If you can donate these items in addition to our monthly request, please leave them in the baskets at the rear of the church or chapel.

If you have any questions, please feel free to phone or send and email Beth DePrenda at 973.216.6184 or bdeprenda@comcast.net.

Thank you for your support!

St. Peter's Welcomes John Pivarnik, Organist & Choirmaster

John Pivarnik, pianist, is organist/choirmaster at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Essex Fells and also works as a freelance instrumental and vocal accompanist and performs solo recitals in the metropolitan area. Mr. Pivarnik did undergraduate studies at Susquehanna University majoring in piano performance. As a Rotary Exchange student in high school he studied in Haderslev, Denmark, studying organ with Paul Aagaard Pedersen. He pursued graduate piano study at Temple University in Philadelphia, PA and studied Lied-Begleitung and piano with Gunter Ludwig at Cologne Musik Hochschule, Germany and serving as organist in Cologne-Marienburg. He is currently a student of Susan Starr. John Pivarnik teaches piano privately at his home studio in Madison and at Christ Church in Short Hills and performs frequently with the Baroque Orchestra of New Jersey and Opera at Florham. He has performed at Grace Church, Madison for the annual Baroque Music Festivals. Mr. Pivarnik has served most recently as organist/choirmaster at Christ Church in Short Hills, NJ and has supplied as substitute organist throughout the metropolitan area. John lives in Madison with his wife Esther and their French bulldog, Nellie.



Coming Soon: Parish Photo Directory

Do you sit one row behind and slightly to the right of the same person every Sunday? Shake hands at the Peace, and later wonder, "What exactly is her name?" Just want to put a face on a name you hear around the Church all the time? Get ready for the upcoming Parish Photo Directory. This directory will be stored on our website, with full security and password-only access. We will also be making up some printed copies.

There are three ways to be included in the directory:

- Email a photo to photodir.stpeters@gmail.com
- Drop off a photo at the Office, we will scan it and return it to you
- Watch for our friendly photographers after services beginning in September

Photos do not need to be particularly formal; show your personality with a fun shot. Family shots should include all school-age children, and college-age children if possible. Please identify each person in the photograph in order.

So start smiling, and be included. You are An Important Piece of St. Peter's Church!

Wonderful News!!!

St. Peter's has just received a donation of a \$100,000 gift for a fund to be established for individuals and families in need. The donor wishes to remain anonymous, but hopes that this donation to the church will encourage others to give to St. Peter's. We come together to learn and live out the love of Jesus Christ in this world. Together, may our legacy be that of giving love to a world that so desperately needs it. Have you remembered St. Peter's in your will?

St. Peter's Choristers Attend Royal School of Church Music Choir Camp

Brittany Hill, Laurel Gupton, Natalie Yavorski and Julia Corso attended the Royal School of Church Music's choir camp at Kings College in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania for a week this summer. They sang with a choir of 182 adult and youth members each day at the Cathedral. On Sunday they sang at the 10:30AM and Even-song 3:30 service at St. Stephen's Cathedral in Wilkes-Barre.

Calling all Bread Bakers!

Do you like to make bread? Would you like to give it a try? The Rector would like to start offering bread, leavened or unleavened, at our communion services. One can sign up for a given Sunday for your given service. Please send an email to Stephanie at revmothers@gmail.com if you'd like to give it a try!

*Grace and Peace,
Stephanie*



The OpShop

A Successful Year - The past year was very successful at The OpShop due to the support and dedication of our parish family! And for that we are grateful.

Donations Welcome - We are gearing up for the fall opening on September 24th and need your help! Please think of The OpShop as you clean out your attics and basements this summer! All donations are welcome. We are particularly in need of:

Boys and girls clothing (3T-18); jewelry; housewares and other home-goods; vintage collectibles; art; gift items; books, CDs and DVDs; small hardwood furniture.

Your no longer needed items will become someone else's bargain in The OpShop! Donations can be dropped off in the marked bins on the parish porch 24/7.

OpShop SetUp: September 15th & 18th

Please join us in getting the shop setup on Thursday, Sept. 15th from 10am-2pm and Sunday, Sept. 18th from 11:30am-1:30pm. It's a wonderful chance to enjoy fellowship with parishioners. We'll provide cold refreshments as we sort and hang clothing & display homegoods.

Did you Know?

Proceeds from sales are used to support the David St. George Fund and other outreach activities of St. Peter's. Need a donation receipt for tax purposes? Just stop by the shop during regular hours or ask Eileen in the parish office.

www.facebook.com/TheOpShop
opshop.stpeters@gmail.com

Angel Food Helpers

"Calling all Cooks"! Our Angel Food Ministry is in need of a few cooks willing to occasionally bake or make a simple meal....a perfect way to give back to our St. Peter's Family with a simple act of thoughtfulness! Contact Peg Aery, Coordinator, 973-226-3016 or meal3@msn.com.

If you know of a person who is in need of a supper or a gesture of support with soup or cookies, please let Sally Munson, RN or Peg Aery, Coordinator know.

*Sally Munson, RN
Parish Nurse*

Planned Giving

Have you named St. Peter's in your will?

This year donations from IRA required minimum distribution (RMD) to the charity of your choice can be made with no liability for income tax. For questions or more information on how you can provide a lasting gift please contact Mark Livingston for the Planned Giving Committee by phone at 973-493-4769 or markliv2003@yahoo.com.

Mark Livingston

*Healing Service begins
September 14th
Noon
In the chapel*

STREET FAIR

The Street Fair was extraordinarily well received and attended. We were so delighted to see so many new and old families helping to run a booth or cook a meal. We are especially thankful to the many volunteers that helped with setup including 3 jr. firemen from the Essex Fells Fire Department. Setup went quicker and was easier with more than double the volunteers this year over last!

Lisa Beland is the Chair for the Street Fair in 2012. Please let us know if you would like to help and share with us any thoughts you may have for changes. Please email Lisa Beland at lbeland@kpmg.com, Pam Au at pau@its.jnj.com or Ronald Young at rbyoung.stpeters@gmail.com.

Karen Hunt and Pam Au

St. Paul's Shelter

Fall is the beginning of the year for our commitment to St. Paul's Shelter in Paterson. St. Paul's is a "sister church" that provides hot meals for men who are unable to find food and shelter due to some adversity in their lives. Typically, on the first Monday of every-other-month, St. Peter's parishioners send a full meal: main dish, salad and bread as well as a dessert...enough to feed 40 men. A driver from our church takes the meal to Paterson, and serves.

The driving and serving process takes about 1 1/2 hours. We are hoping to see some new faces this fall, please consider making this a priority in your daily life and ministry. Meals

And delivery will be needed on October 3, December 5, February 6, April 9 and June 4. In a week or two, there will be a sign-up sheet hanging in the upper coffee room. You can also reserve your day by emailing Jmccain36@aol.com or calling Jill McClain at 973-228-2756. This is a ministry the entire church should support, so please consider dedicating your time soon.

Jill McClain

Milestones

Baptisms	Solomon Drayden Watkins Soriente, son of Terry Soriente Mia-Marie Jordan Thomas, daughter of Leslie Thomas Olivia Anne Gromada, daughter of Tony & Kristen Gromada, grandaughter of Sue & Tom Mura and great- granddaughter of Chick & Anne Summers Luke Allen Latson, son of Larry & Sarah Latson Brooks Carroll Daviet, son of Christopher & Sherry Daviet
Deaths	Charles E. North

Eagle Scout Service Project Helps Community FoodBank

Dear St Peters Family,

Hunger is a major issue for families in New Jersey, especially with the economy like it is. When I volunteered at The Community FoodBank, I discovered that they provide food for 900,000 people every year, but was shocked to learn that 43% of those were children. This motivated me to help, because everyone, especially children, should have enough to eat.

I have been involved with scouting since the age of 6 and I am currently a member of Boy Scout Troop 12 in Livingston and Venture Crew 77 in Madison. For my Eagle Service Project, I am working to raise awareness about the hunger issue in New Jersey and collecting food for the Community FoodBank of New Jersey.

This project began as a community food drive for the Borough of Madison, NJ, but has grown with the support of organizations in other communities as well. I really want to get St. Peter's involved too. So on **Saturday September 24th, from 10AM to 1PM**, members of this year's confirmation class will be in the front driveway of St. Peter's with me collecting food to help the Community FoodBank of New Jersey.

I've also set up a "Virtual Food Drive" for those who would rather donate funds and have us do the shopping for you. Starting today you can go to www.njfoodbank.org/madison and make a tax deductible contribution to help feed hungry families in New Jersey.

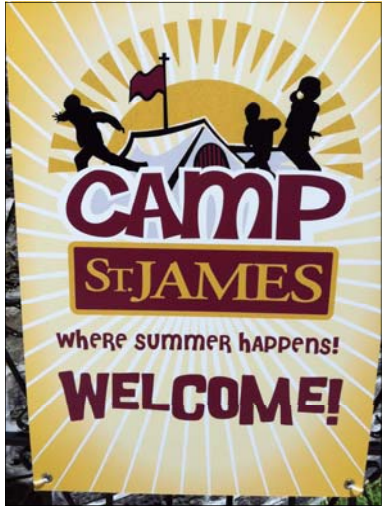
Please consider donating food or funds to support this important cause, every bit makes a difference.

Sincerely,

Dan Collins

P.S. I also have a facebook page with more information about my hunger action program. Please consider visiting www.facebook.com/madisonhungeraction and "Like" the page to keep up with my progress. And please tell a friend, or two and ask them to get involved. Together I think we can make a big difference.





Mission Trip 2011

Fourteen youth and three adults from our parish, and group of seven from Saint Elizabeth's Ridgewood, spent a week at CITY Camp. City Camp is a ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Philadelphia for urban mission in an underserved north Philadelphia neighborhood. The overall mission is to provide an revitalized Episcopal presence serving neighborhood needs, specifically the opening of a middle school this fall, the operation of a summer camp, and an after-school enrichment program for children. Our mission was focused on support of the summer day camp and readying the property for the opening of St. James School this fall. It was a very different mission experience from past years as we were working as part of an ongoing effort rather than a discrete project. For more information on the work we supported please see <http://www.stjamesphila.org>.



Sunday School First Class September 18th

Sunday School is a ministry to the children of the parish from Pre-kindergarten through Grade 6. Sunday School meets begins at 10am and the children come up and join their parents at the peace. It is an opportunity for faith formation for children and an opportunity to make new friends. We have

three Sunday School classes; PreK and Kindergarten, Grades 1-3 and Grades 4-6. Sunday School meets approximately three times/month and does not meet when there is Family Church. At Family Church, children not only attend the whole service, but participate in the service in the ministries of usher, reader, chalice bearer, and element bearer.

Sunday School Registration: We ask that all parents register their children for Sunday School each year. This allows us to keep accurate records and to track children. Registration forms will be available in each of the Sunday School classrooms and at the back of the church. You can also send me an email (rbyoung.stpeters@gmail.com) with your children's names, date of birth, grade (as of September).

ADULT EDUCATION

Renunciation, Domination or Engagement:
Christianity and the "World"

Sundays, September 18th, 25th and October 2nd at 9:00am in the Living Room

How is Christianity supposed to relate to the wider society, often referred to as "the world?" Do we withdraw from full participation in society and focus only on the church? Or do we try and Christianize society, blurring the distinction between church and society? These are the two approaches that Christians have practiced for centuries and which many Christian traditions continue to advocate. The contemporary question is whether either approach is appropriate for today's globalized and religiously diverse society.

This class examines the history of Christianity's relationship with "the world" and considers a new model of engagement that is appropriate for the globalized and religiously diverse twenty-first century.



Saint Peter's Youth

First SPY Meeting:

Sunday September 25th

Jr. SPY 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm
(grades 6-8)

Sr. SPY 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm
(grades 9-12)

All youth are invited. Youth may bring friends and guests.

Jr. SPY – Confirmation Class Event:

Saint Peter's is supporting the Madison Hunger Action Food Drive on Saturday September 24th from 10am to 1pm. We need your help. Please make an effort.

SPY and Confirmation Class Parent Meeting:

Sunday September 25th following the 10 am service. There will be a short SPY and Confirmation Class *parents meeting* following the 10am service in the undercroft. The meeting will discuss the SPY program year and the requirements for youth confirmation. Confirmation is open to youth age 14 (8th grade) and older. Parents of youth seeking confirmation next spring should attend this meeting.

Confirmation Class

Youth Confirmation is the beginning of a young adult's journey in the Christian faith in the Episcopal Church. In the Episcopal Diocese of Newark, confirmation is open to youth age 14 (grade 8) and older. If your youth is interested in confirmation in April 2012, please contact Ronald at the office or by email. Please also see the SPY information on a Confirmation Class event on Saturday September 24th and a parents meeting on Sunday September 25th.

Adult Confirmation And Reception

Saint Peter's will be offering an opportunity for adults to prepare to make mature affirmation of their faith in our Episcopal tradition later in the year. Please watch for details.



Jr. SPY Overnight June 2011