

EVERY SUNDAY

7:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II

*** Service Change ***

Sunday, May 12

Bishop Symlie Visit

One Service 9:00 AM

Fr. RJ Johnson's Installation

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**HEALING SERVICE**

Tuesdays-10:00 AM  
In the Chapel

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MORNING & EVENING PRAYER

Monday - Friday
8:15 AM & 4:00 PM

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**WOMEN'S COUNCIL**

1st Wednesday - 9:00 AM

St. Nick's Crafters  
Weekly - 9:00 AM

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VESTRY MEETING

3rd Wednesday - 5:30 PM

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**RED DOOR**

Thursdays, 10:00 - 3:00 PM

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MUG & MUFFIN

Saturday, May 11
10:00 - 11:30 AM



May 2019

The Crossed Keys

Fr. RJ Johnson

It is taken as axiomatic that children and youth are the future of the church. This statement is true in the sense that our children are the future of our family. The problem with this statement comes when we say it without the recognition that the children and youth are also full members of the church today. I would not deny that my children are full members of my family today. They may move through different levels of responsibility and privilege, but that does not mean that they are any less part of the family. The children and youth of the church may move through various levels of responsibility and privilege, but as soon as they are baptized, they are full members of the church. At the end of our liturgy for baptism, the celebrant says, "Let us welcome the newly baptized," and everyone responds, "We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood."

Understanding this should inform the way that adults, youth, and children interact in the church. We must not push the youth and children off into a separate congregation as though what we adults are doing is important and someday they will get to be a part of it. That would be a little like a family moving their children to separate quarters until they reached a pre-determined age.

All of this does not mean that we never have separate times when children and youth have a separate program. There are certainly times where that is appropriate and necessary. What it does mean is that the faith formation of the youth and children is not the sole responsibility of their Sunday school teacher, youth leader, or some other person to whom we decide to relegate that responsibility. The faith formation of the children and youth is the responsibility of every member of the parish.

About 50% of students raised in the church leave the church when they transition from home to living on their own. Fuller Youth Institute conducted an extensive study to understand what made the difference between those who left the church and those who stayed. Several key factors emerged. One factor was a 5 to 1 ratio.

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...Fr. RJ Johnson

Those who remained in the church were likely to have at least five significant intergenerational relationships within their church. That means for every child that remains in the church it takes five adults.

A second factor that emerged was the importance of participation in the ministry of the church, including both the worship of the church and the outreach of the church. Children and youth who were allowed age-appropriate roles in the ministry of the church are much more likely to integrate their faith into their life in a way that makes their faith stick when they are adults.

My primary concern for the children and youth of St. Peter's is that the faith they are given here will stick with them throughout the rest of their lives. It would be better to have twenty children and youth in the church who remain faithful as adults that have fifty children and youth who abandon church as adults.

To that end, we will be undertaking new initiatives over the coming months. First, we will engage a consultant to assist us in developing an intergenerational faith formation program. I hope that every member of the parish who is able will participate. Remember the 5 to 1 ratio. There will be more details on this program coming soon.

Second, we will be looking for ways to involve the children and youth in the ministry of the church in more meaningful ways. This may include inviting them to be greeters, ushers, readers, or take on roles in the liturgy other than those that have traditionally been seen as "their roles." We will also be looking for ways that they can participate in the outreach ministries of the parish. If you have youth or children at home, please ask them if there is an outreach ministry that they would like to see. Then, let me know what that ministry is.

Together, we can ensure that our children and youth have a faith that will stick with them into adulthood.

Peace be with you,

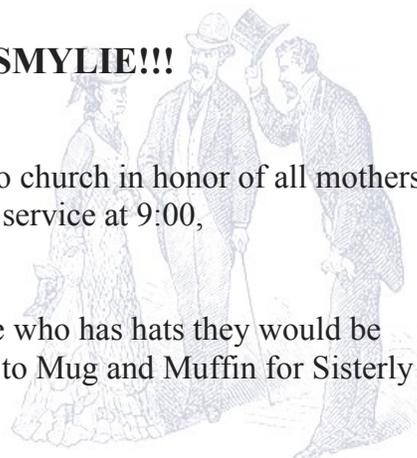
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HAT'S OFF TO MOTHERS & BISHOP SMYLIE!!!
Sunday, May 12,

Sunday, May 12, we are inviting all ladies of St. Peter's to wear a hat to church in honor of all mothers and Bishop Smylie who will be visiting. Remember we have only one service at 9:00, so please don't forget to wear your favorite hat!

If you don't have a hat, we've got you covered . We are asking anyone who has hats they would be willing to loan to bring them to Mug and Muffin on May 11. So come to Mug and Muffin for Sisterly Spiritual Fellowship and a hat, if you're in need of one for Sunday!



The Lord be with You

By

Fr. Andy Cruz Lillegard

Embedded directly into our Episcopal worship is one of the most joyful, hope-filled expressions of welcome one Christian can direct to another; “The Lord be with you.” This simple phrase is known as “the Salutation” - a gesture or utterance made as a greeting or acknowledgment of another's arrival or departure. This unique greeting, used regularly in our worship, is initiated by the individual who is leading a liturgical service (clergy or layperson), and is directed toward all others who are present and participating in the liturgical act of worship. This obligatory statement of address can be found in various places throughout the rites of our Book of Common Prayer (BCP 54; 67; 97; 121; 413; 425; 469; etc.). However, the sentiment expressed by this salutation is ultimately derived from numerous points in Scripture (II Chronicles 15:2; Ruth 2:4; Matthew 28:20). The appropriate response of the people varies depending on whether this greeting is being used in the context of a Rite I service (“And with thy spirit,”), or a Rite II service (“And also with you,”). But regardless of the particular wording of the response, be it traditional or contemporary, the initial greeting remains unchanged; “The Lord be with you.”

Within our Sunday Eucharistic worship, this salutation is partially-employed to mark the two distinct pieces that makeup our singular liturgy – the Liturgy of the Word (BCP 325; 357), and the Liturgy of the Table (BCP 333; 361). In both places, these words serve as both a welcoming of the people; and an invitation for them to participate in the prayers which stand as the offerings of the Church.

Beyond serving as a means of denoting the parts of our liturgy, the phrase “The Lord be with you,” should also be understood as the ultimate Christian welcome. This salutation far surpasses any “hello” or “welcome” that Fr. RJ or I could muster, because contained within these five words are a faith, hope, and love that originate not from our sinful-selves, but from our Lord Himself. “The Lord be with you,” says; “welcome,” and “hello,” and “we’re so glad you’re worshipping with us.” And more than that, it says, “God can do for you, what I cannot; and so, I pray and hope and trust that He will be with you - now and when you leave this place.” No other secular greeting or culturally-approved form of welcome can compare to the one that is already part and parcel of our liturgy; and the faithful people of God deserve nothing less from those who are called to lead them. In light of that truth, I say to you; The Lord be with you!

‘You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart.’ Jeremiah 29:13

TRUTH

"He, (Jesus), was betrayed and judicially murdered, deserted at the end by all his friends. . . . put to death by the envy and malice of the professional men of religion." -The Dangers of Advent J.B. Phillips

All were afraid of the "Truth".

Some thought they could pretend the Truth was something else.

Some thought they could run away from the Truth.

Some thought they could fight and kill the Truth.

The fact, the reality, the "Truth" is that:

1. We can never really pretend that something else is the Truth. In a place deep in our souls is the knowledge of the Truth. Our hearts and minds can fight with our souls and everyone has felt the effects of this internal struggle. We can battle all our lives, but Truth always has the final victory.

2. We can try running away from the Truth, but the Truth lives in our souls and is a basic reality of life. We can never out run the Truth. It is in us and all around us. As soon as we tire of running, we see it, hear it, and feel it.

3. We can fight the Truth, internally and externally, trying to change the reality of what is true. We can even try to kill the Truth, but in the end, we will always lose this battle. Truth can never die. We crucified Christ on the cross. We continue to crucify Christ. But He has risen. He has come again in the Spirit to dwell and grow in any heart ready to receive Him - to receive the "Truth".

At the end of this world, He will come again - in mind, body, and soul. He will come physically, embodying the Truth for all to see. We will no longer be able to run from the Truth. The pretending and fighting will cease. Truth will have His final victory, and all will be forced to face the Truth and bow down before Christ. It will be a day of horrendous pain for all who have lived their lives trying to avoid the pain of the Truth, who, in their attempts to escape the pain of Truth missed all the joy that comes from living in the Truth. For all who have attempted to live in the Truth, it will be a day of great rejoicing for they will be taken up in all the glorious joy that is "Truth".

Submitted by: Deacon Juanita Smith

'Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.'
Hebrews 10:23



Coffee Hour is a great way to connect with other parishioners on Sundays!
Please check the new sign-up sheet, for hosting times. We have a whole new year to be filled! Thank you!!!

St. Peter's Event Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Satur.
<p>HE I-Holy Eucharist 7:30 am BCP Study, Sunday 9:00 am HE II-Holy Eucharist 10:00 am HS-Healing Service 10:00 am (Tuesdays) AM-Morning Prayer-8:15 am (M-F) PM-Evening Prayer -4:00 pm (M-F) Bible Study in the Library 8:45 am</p>			<p>1 AM Prayer 8:15 Women's Council 9 am PM Prayer 4:00 pm</p>	<p>2 AM Prayer 8:15 Bible Study 8:45 am Red Door 10-3 pm PM Prayer 4:00 Choir 5:30</p>	<p>3 AM Prayer 8:15 PM Prayer 4:00 Fr. Andy-Day Off</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5 3rd Easter 7:30 HE I BCP Study 9 am 10:00 HE II</p>	<p>6 AM Prayer 8:15 PM Prayer 4:00 Fr. RJ's-Day Off</p>	<p>7 AM Prayer 8:15 HS-10 am PM Prayer 4:00</p>	<p>8 AM Prayer 8:15 PM Prayer 4:00 Vestry 5:30 pm</p>	<p>2 AM Prayer 8:15 Bible Study 8:45 am Red Door 10-3 pm PM Prayer 4:00 Choir 5:30</p>	<p>10 AM Prayer 8:15 PM Prayer 4:00 Fr. Andy-Day Off</p>	<p>11 Mug & Muffin 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.</p>
<p>12 4th Easter Bishop's Visit 1 Service 9 am Happy Mother's Day! </p>	<p>13 AM Prayer 8:15 PM Prayer 4:00 Fr. RJ's-Day Off</p>	<p>14 AM Prayer 8:15 HS-10 am PM Prayer 4:00 4:00</p>	<p>15 AM Prayer 8:15 PM Prayer 4:00 Vestry 5:30 pm</p>	<p>16 AM Prayer 8:15 Bible Study 8:45 am Red Door 10-3 pm PM Prayer 4:00</p>	<p>17 AM Prayer 8:15 PM Prayer 4:00 Fr. Andy-Day Off</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19 5th Easter 7:30 am Rite I BCP Study 9 am 10:00 Rite II</p>	<p>20 AM Prayer 8:15 PM Prayer 4:00 Fr. RJ's-Day Off</p>	<p>21 AM Prayer 8:15 HS-10 am PM Prayer 4:00</p>	<p>22 AM Prayer 8:15 PM Prayer 4:00</p>	<p>23 AM Prayer 8:15 Bible Study 8:45 am Red Door 10-3 pm PM Prayer 4:00</p>	<p>24 AM Prayer 8:15 PM Prayer 4:00 Fr. Andy-Day Off</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26 6th Easter 7:30 am Rite I BCP Study 9 am 10:00 HE II</p>	<p>27 AM Prayer 8:15 PM Prayer 4:00 Fr. RJ's-Day Off</p>	<p>28 AM Prayer 8:15 HS-10 am PM Prayer 4:00</p>	<p>29 AM Prayer 8:15 PM Prayer 4:00</p>	<p>30 AM Prayer 8:15 Bible Study 8:45 am Red Door 10-3 pm PM Prayer 4:00 Choir 5:30</p>	<p>31 AM Prayer 8:15 PM Prayer 4:00 Fr. Andy-Day Off</p>	



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May 2019 Calendar

LAY READERS

MAY 5
 7:30 Forrest Asmus
 Sandy Asmus
 10:00 Lynne Outland
 Holland Duell

MAY 12
 Bishop's Visit
 One Service 9:00 AM
 Mike Evers
 Laura Galloway

MAY 19
 7:30 Peter Clark
 Carol Clark
 10:00 Lynne Outland
 Holland Duell

MAY 26
 7:30 Sharon Bedard
 10:00 Paul Haworth
 Christina Haworth

ACOLYTES

MAY 5
 10:00 Ian Gale
 Kate Alsup

MAY 12
 Bishop's Visit
 One Service 9:00
 Isaac Fritz
 Maya Fritz
 Nate Haworth

MAY 19
 10:00 Ella Bilyeu
 Sydney Bilyeu

MAY 26
 10:00 Nate Haworth
 Ian Gale

7:30 GREETERS

MAY 5
 Donna Kuehne

MAY 12
 Bishop's Visit
 One Service 9:00AM
 Karen Ferguson
 Cara Nicholls

MAY 19
 Lois Hall

MAY 26
 Carol Clark
 Peter Clark

10:00 USHERS

MAY 5
 10:00 Pam Standish
 John Standish
 Ruth Morton
 Carl Morton

MAY 12
 Bishop's Visit
 One Service 9:00 AM
 Karen Ferguson
 Cara Nicholls

MAY 19
 10:00 Mary Dailey
 Brandi Bilyeu
 Chris Bilyeu
 Frank Smedley

MAY 26
 10:00 Stan Peddicord
 Anne Vaughan
 Sandy Tharaldson

ALTAR GUILD

MAY 5 Team 7
 Sandy Asmus
 Georgia Boley
 Roberta Thompson

MAY 12 Team 1
 Debbie Ebia
 Karen Ferguson
 DuAnne Diers

MAY 19 Team 2
 Sally LaBore
 Liz Swanson
 Carmen Rideout

MAY 26 Team 3
 Vesta Gale
 Cara Nicholls
 Shari Peddicord

Happy Birthday!

- 5/2 Connie Zemple
- 5/3 Daniel Alsup
Anna Calkins
Cutter Fletcher
- 5/4 Jane Rader
Mary Obermiller
Michael Roe
- 5/5 Jessie Chapman
- 5/6 Stephen Campbell
Douglas Enloe
Gustuv Kaminsky
Charlie Gibbons
- 5/7 Lynn Gordon
- 5/8 Grace Henderson
J.T. Craft
- 5/9 John Heyneman
Dan Berens
- 5/12 Mike Evers
- 5/14 Melanie Townsend
Kalvin Eisenach
- 5/15 Bill Ferguson
- 5/16 Austyn VanDyke
- 5/17 Grant Isakson
- 5/18 Jack Sorvik
- 5/20 Taylor Crosby
Paul Haworth
- 5/21 Amy Smedley
- 5/23 Daniel Mediate
Augustin Gibbons-Pelayo
- 5/24 Forrest Asmus
Gustavo Craft
- 5/27 Scott Bentzen
- 5/29 Steve Jennings



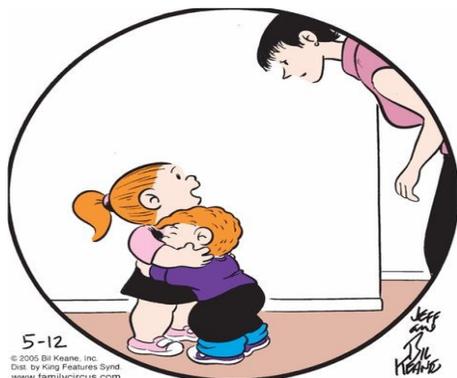
SAVE THE DATE!

VBS—June 3-7

Theme: To Mars and Beyond
 Hosting Church: First United Methodist
 with activities here at St. Peters
 9 a.m.– Noon
 4 yr. olds - 6th grade



May 12, 2019



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"Look, Mommy! We're pretending to love each other."

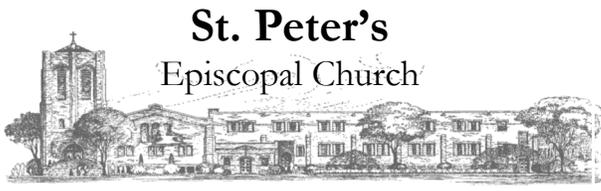
Mom...A title just above Queen!

Silence is golden.
 Unless you have kids.
 Then, silence is suspicious.



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"Mommy, where are the eyes that Billy says you have back here?"



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