

HOLY EUCHARIST SUNDAY

7:30 AM Rite I
9:00 AM Study on Daniel
10:00 AM Rite II
October 6 - One Service
Fr. John Meyer
Celebrating & Preaching
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**Dementia Friendly Worship Service -2nd Sunday of each month at 11:30am**  
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MORNING & EVENING PRAYER

Monday – Friday
8:15 AM & 4:00 PM
In the Chapel
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**HEALING SERVICE**

Tuesdays -10:00 AM  
In the Chapel  
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BIBLE STUDY –Thursdays
8:45 AM
the letter to the Hebrews
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**WOMEN'S COUNCIL**

1st Wednesday 9:00 AM  
Parish Hall

*St. Nick's Crafters*  
Weekly on Wednesday 9:00 AM  
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MUG & MUFFIN

2nd Saturday of each month
10-11:30 AM (Parish Hall)
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**VESTRY MEETING**

3rd Wednesday of each month  
5:15 PM  
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RED DOOR

Thursdays 10:00 – 3:00 PM



October 2019

The Crossed Keys

Fr. RJ Johnson

A member of St. Peter's recently asked me what I think about the difference between pleasure, happiness, and joy. I think this is a very important question. It cuts to the heart of some of our deepest cultural issues.

Is pleasure something to be pursued? Is happiness our ultimate goal? How can some people remain joyful even when everything seems to be going against them?

So, what are the differences between pleasure, happiness, and joy?

Pleasure is most often the product of an immediate experience. Quite often, pleasure is the result of consumption. A medium-rare steak from Sackett's Market brings me a great deal of pleasure. I think I could eat one every night and not lose the pleasure. I have been told I would get tired of steak, but I would really like to put that to the test sometime.

There are a couple of dangers with pleasure. The first is that the over consumption of something will result in something that is the opposite of pleasure. The first steak I consume at dinner is good. If I attempt to consume a second steak I will not find the result pleasurable. I speak from experience.

The second danger is that we can start to consume the wrong things. It is good to consume a steak with gratitude to God. It is good to find pleasure consuming the musical performance of someone who wishes to perform for the pleasure of others. It is wrong to consume people, to treat them as objects who are there to please us. It is wrong when our consumption comes at the expense of others.

Pleasure can easily turn to hedonism.

Pleasure is the most fleeting of the trio of pleasure, happiness, and joy. Once the experience is over, the pleasure begins to fade. We are often left wanting more.

Unlike pleasure, happiness can endure for a time. Happiness is usually the product of a sense of well being or contentment. When all of my relationships are going well, and I feel secure in my financial situation, and I am relatively healthy, I am happy.

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... Fr. RJ Johnson

Also unlike pleasure, happiness requires something more than consumption. It requires a number of things to be going right. If I am healthy, and secure, but one of my children is suffering, it will be difficult to be happy until that child's suffering is relieved. Happiness is, therefore, situational. It will come and go.

Joy is different from both happiness and pleasure in that it does not depend on external circumstances. Joy is a fruit of the Holy Spirit active within us. It comes from an understanding of our relationship with the Lord and our security in His love.

I had an acquaintance who was a missionary in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. She took a side trip to Southern Sudan where she gathered with a congregation of the Anglican Church of the Sudan for worship one Sunday. The church building had mostly been destroyed by prior bombings. There were craters where the altar had once been. The altar had been replaced by a small wooden table. These were people who had little pleasure in this world. They had few reasons to be happy, as most of them had lost family members in the persecution of Christians there. However, she described them as joyful. They understood that no matter what else happened, they were secure in the love of the Lord, and so, they would gather weekly for worship, even if it was dangerous to do so.

There is nothing inherently wrong with pleasure or happiness, however, both are ephemeral. Only Joy endures. It endures because it is not dependent on our circumstances. It is dependent only on our security in the Lord. If we keep our focus on our security in the love that the Lord has for us, nothing can steal our joy.

**Pastoral Calls by St. Peter's Clergy
August 21 through September 18**

Home 8

Hospital Nursing Home 10

Other ** 8

- Dates between August and September Vestry meetings
- ** Includes meetings such as lunches of a pastoral nature

Fr. Andy Cruz Lillegard

The Spiritual Life of Evelyn Underhill

Evelyn Underhill (1875-1941) was a prolific writer in the early part of the 20th century. As an Anglo-Catholic, her "Churchmanship" was traditional and orthodox. However, her theology of spirituality - including much work within the field of Christian Mysticism - stretched, and thereby expanded, the limits of her time. And it was precisely this unique coupling, of what many others in the Anglican Communion considered opposite ends of the theological spectrum, that afforded Underhill a singular opportunity: to be the first laywoman invited to lecture the all-male clergy of the Church of England, on spiritual matters. With her staunch defense of both traditional liturgical practices, and a spirituality that insisted on mining the depths of Christian experience, she not only led many clergymen and laity to a deeper relationship with Christ, but also paved the way for many other men and women in the field of Christian spiritual writing and speaking.

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Underhill's work, *The Spiritual Life: Four Broadcast Talks*, is one of her more widely known offerings. Even though this print version of four "conversations" about spirituality were originally broadcast over the radio, with laypeople as their intended audience, *The Spiritual Life* is still widely used today in many seminaries, to train clergy. A copy of this book is being provided to all who participate in the Women's Retreat. Additionally, I will be leading a discussion of *The Spiritual Life*, in two parts, on consecutive Friday evenings: Friday, October 11; and Friday, October 18. This discussion is open to men and women. If you would like to participate, and don't have access to a copy, please contact me by October 4, so I can remedy that. We will meet at St. Peter's, and begin at 7:00 pm, both nights – with the hope of wrapping-up by 9:00. Having engaged with Underhill's work numerous times in the past, including multiple interactions with *The Spiritual Life*, I can assure you the discussion will be well worth your time – whether you're a beginner in the spiritual life, or well on your way. So please join us.

Discussion and Study of Evelyn Underhill's, *The Spiritual Life: Four Broadcast Talks*:

Friday, 10/11; 7:00-9:00 pm; St. Peter's and Friday, 10/18 ; 7:00-9:00 pm; St. Peter's



Dear St. Peter's Family~

It's time to start thinking about who you will bless with an Operation Christmas Child Shoebox this year.

Are you going to bless a boy or a girl? Will they be aged 2-4 years, 5-9 years or 10-14 years?

Begin by praying for this child or children (there's no limit to the number of shoeboxes you can send!)

Next start shopping for the perfect items to fill your Shoebox. Excellent ideas can be found for each age group and gender by googling Samaritan's Purse. There will also be lists available at church with the boxes in mid-October. In the interest of the children's health and safety, toothpaste, liquids of any kind, candy and war related objects or images cannot be sent.

Lastly enclose your \$9 shipping for each box (either cash, check to Samaritan's Purse or pay online), rubber band your box (please do not tape shut); bring it to St. Peter's on or before Sunday, November 10, for a blessing at the 10:00 service. This is an opportunity to share the love of our amazing Father and the Good News he offers all of us to children around the world. Help shine God's light to children in our world who may never know His love if it weren't for your act of kindness.

“... whoever is kind to the needy honors God.”

Proverbs 14: 31b

Thank you, St. Peter's, for your loving generosity

~Mary Beth Evers

The following prayers come from **The Open Gate**, written by David Adam. At the time of the writing, David Adam was the Vicar of Holy Island, (off the coast of north-east England), and shared his love of the Celtic tradition with thousands of pilgrims to Holy Island.

I strongly believe what David Adam states in his introduction of **The Open Gate**, "**As long as we are alive, we are on the move. To become static is to stagnate and die. It is necessary for all living things to move and grow and change. Life is meant to be an adventure; change is a gift that we have to learn to use aright.**"

That said, I hope you enjoy praying these two Celtic prayers, and find exploring a different type of prayer refreshing and nourishing of your soul.

Christ, light of the world, scatter our darkness,
Let your healing spring up with the dawn.
In the darkness around us,
Let this church be a still place of light
A still place of love
A still place of peace
A still place of your presence.
From here, Lord . . .
From this place . . .
Through us
May your light flow
May your love radiate
May your peace reach out
May your presence be known.
Make us, Lord,
A sure place of your light
A sure place of your love
A sure place of your presence.
Through us
Let your light shine
Let your love enfold
Let your peace fill
Let your presence be known.

Christ of the wounds
Christ of the glory
Christ of the sorrows
Christ of the joys
Christ of all mysteries,
We place ourselves,
Body and soul,
Under your protection
This day and evermore.
O Christ of the outcast
O Christ of the poor
O Christ of the joyful
O Christ of the tearful,
Your presence be our protection,
Your presence be our peace,
This day and evermore

Submitted by: Rev. Juanita Smith



Parish Training for
Intergenerational Life Long
Faith Formation

Leif Kehrwald

This session will begin at 10:00 a.m. Anyone who plans to attend should either call or email the office to register. A signup sheet

Training Session #2 (October 19) Lifelong, Intergenerational, Event-centered Faith Formation for the Whole Community

This session will address the context and urgency for effective faith formation in the Church today, and make a compelling case for intergenerational learning as one of the ways in which people can best learn and grow in faith. We will then explore the necessary elements, strategies, and best practices for implementing effective multigenerational faith formation in the congregation.

HAND BELL CHOIR: We invite folks worshipping at St. Peter's to consider joining us to prepare music to be played during a worship service.

Contact Gary McKnight Rehearsals will begin mid October.
Contact Gary at: CB Music (673-1918) or
Email: clarin1918@gmail.com.



Hey Students (of any age),

October 3 is BRING YOUR BIBLE TO SCHOOL DAY.

What is it? Why do we do it? you might ask.

Go to <https://www.bringyourbible.org/> and find brave and convicting videos and lots of fun ideas and activities. Be sure to check out The Bible vs. Cell Phone!

Isn't it awesome to know you're not alone in sharing and reading God's Word on Bring Your Bible to School Day? You will be joining hundreds of thousands of students—and their families around the world—who are celebrating freedom and faith on this day. Even if you are just one person in your school—it's so encouraging to know that God's love is strengthening you, nationwide prayers are going with you and more than half a million others are doing the same thing at their schools.

Not a student? Don't despair—you can participate in 2 ways. Spread the word about October 3rd and pray for all the students who bring their bibles to school.



October Event's Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>MP-Morning Prayer-8:15 am HE I-Holy Eucharist 7:30 am HE II-Holy Eucharist 10:00 am HS-Healing Service 10:00 am EP-Evening Prayer -4:00 pm DFWS-Dementia Friendly Worship Service 11:30 am in the Chapel</p>		1 MP-8:15am HS-10:00am EP-4:00pm	2 MP-8:15am EP-4:00pm	3 MP-8:15am Bible Study 8:45 am Red Door 10-3 pm EP-4:00pm	4 MP-8:15am EP 4 pm	5
6 17 PENTECOST 9:00 Rite II One Service Fr. John Meyer Celebrating & Preaching	7 MP-8:15am EP-4:00pm	8 MP-8:15am HS-10:00am EP-4:00pm	9 MP-8:15am EP-4:00pm	10 MP-8:15am Bible Study 8:45 am Red Door 10-3 pm EP-4:00pm	11 MP-8:15am EP-4:00pm Evelyn Underhill's Study: 7-9pm St. Peters	12 Mug'Muffin 10-11:30 am Parish Hall
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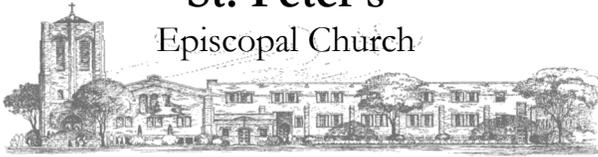
Ministries

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October 2019 Calendar

October 6 One Service 9:00 am	7:30 GREETERS				
No Greeter	October 13 Jeannene McKnight	October 20 Sandy Asmus Forrest Asmus	October 27 Roxanne Darnell		
October 6 One Service 9:00 am	10:00 USHERS				
David Standish Pam Standish Ruth Morton Carl Morton	October 13 Gina Thoney Mark Thoney Stan Peddicord Karen Ferguson	October 20 Georgia Boley Frank Boley Sarah Mentock Sandy Tharaldson	October 27 Chris Galloway Laura Galloway Brandi Bilyeu Chris Bilyeu		
October 6 One Service 9:00 am	10:00 ACOLYTES				
Maria Black Phil Dorsch	October 13 Alicia Thoney Maya Fritz Isaac Fritz	October 20 Nate Haworth David Standish Adriane Andrews James Craft	October 27 Sydni Bilyeu Ella Bilyeu James Craft		
October 6 One Service 9:00 am	LAY READERS				
Christina Haworth Paul Haworth	October 13 7:30 Sandy Asmus Forrest Asmus 10:00 Shari Peddicord Linen Greenough	October 20 7:30 Peter Clark Carol Clark 10:00 Lynne Outland Holland Duell	October 27 7:30 Sharon Bedard 10:00 Lynne Outland Isabel Wallop		
October 6 One Service 9:00 am	ALTAR GUILD				
Debbie Ebia Karen Ferguson DuAnne Diers	October 13 Sally LaBore Liz Swanson Carmen Rideout	October 20 Vesta Gale Cara Nicholls Tina Mediate	October 27 Sandy Tharaldson Linda St. Clair Shari Peddicord		

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