

HOLY EUCHARIST SUNDAY

*7:30 AM Rite I
9:00 AM Bible Study
10:00 AM Rite II*

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**DEMENTIA WORSHIP SERVICE**

*2nd Sunday - 11:30 am  
In Memorial Chapel*

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MORNING & EVENING PRAYER

*Monday – Friday
8:15 AM & 4:00 PM
In Memorial Chapel*

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**HEALING SERVICE**

*Tuesdays -10:00 AM  
In Memorial Chapel*

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BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays - 8:45 AM

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**WOMEN'S COUNCIL**

*1st Wednesday 9:00 AM*

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CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

*Saturday, November 23
9:00-2:00 PM*

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**MUG & MUFFIN**

*2nd Saturday  
10-11:30 AM*

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VESTRY MEETING

*3rd Wednesday
5:30 PM*

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**RED DOOR**

*Closed Thursday, Nov. 21st  
Open Nov. 23  
Christmas Bazaar !*



**November 2019**

**The Crossed Keys**

*Fr. RJ Johnson*

In his book, *The Screwtape Letters*, C.S. Lewis presents fictional letters from Uncle Screwtape, a senior demon, to his nephew, Wormwood, a demon who is just getting started in the business of tempting people. In one of the letters, Screwtape expresses his disappointment that Wormwood's "patient" has become a Christian. Screwtape, however, notes that all is not lost for Wormwood.

"One of our greatest allies at present is the Church itself," writes Screwtape, "I do not mean the Church as we see her spread out through all time and space and rooted in eternity...But fortunately [that Church] is quite invisible to these humans...When [your patient] gets to his pew and looks around him he sees just that selection of his neighbors whom he has hitherto avoided. Make his mind flit to and fro between an expression like 'the body of Christ' and the actual faces in the next pew."

There is some truth in what C.S. Lewis observes. One frequent objection to the Christian faith that I have heard is that the Church does not reflect the message of the Gospel of Christ. At first glance, this might seem like a legitimate objection. Some people will point back to the Crusades. During the Fourth Crusade, for example, Christians from Rome decided to sack Constantinople, another prominent Christian city. Others will point to the child abuse scandal in the church. Still others will simply point to someone who attends church regularly but does not live out the gospel in their business dealings the rest of the week. "The church is full of hypocrites," they will say.

Some have tried to defend the church by pointing out the fact that the church started the first hospitals. Churches feed the hungry. Churches have created homeless shelters, and provide space for recovery groups. Churches have literacy programs and provide clothing for the poor. "The church is also full of generous loving people," its defenders will say.

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Both of these arguments miss an important part of what the church really is. True, there are people in the church who do not always act honestly in their business dealings. It is also true that there are people in the church who feed the hungry. Sometimes it is the same person who has acted dishonestly in his business dealings who then turns around to take part in feeding the hungry.

In reality, the church is the family of God which has been redeemed by the sacrifice of Christ. Until Jesus returns, it will be filled with imperfect people who share one great thing in common. They all share the fact of their redemption through the mercies of God. That is why the portion of the church where the people sit has traditionally been called the nave, from the Latin Navum. The church is like a ship, like Noah's Ark, in which we are sailing to our salvation. We are all in this ship together.

The accusation of hypocrisy leveled at the church is over broad. It is true that there are hypocrites in the church. However, the hypocrites are far fewer than imagined. The only hypocrites in the church are those who say they have already attained perfection. The rest of us are here, in the church, because it is the only ship that can carry us safely to salvation.

That is why I love the church. I do not love it because of the good works that it does, though I do value those good works. I don't love it because church people are more kind than others. Some are, and some are not. I love it because we have been called together to move toward the perfection to which Jesus has led us. Even the "worst" of church people, if they are truly of Christ's Church, represent the fact that God is at work in the world bringing all things to a new creation.

*Fr. Andy Cruz Lillegard*

### **The Importance of Being...**

Evelyn Underhill's *The Spiritual Life: Four Broadcast Talks* can be a helpful guide for those who wish to engage, more deeply, the question of Christian discipleship. In that work Underhill makes this profound statement about the human condition; "We mostly spend [our] lives conjugating three verbs: **to Want, to Have, and to Do**. Craving, clutching, and fussing, on the material, political, social, emotional, intellectual - even on the religious - plane, we are kept in perpetual unrest: forgetting that none of these verbs have any ultimate significance, except so far as they are transcended by and included in, the fundamental verb, **to Be**: and that **Being**, not **wanting, having** and **doing**, is the essence of a spiritual life," (Underhill, *The Spiritual Life*, p. 24).

The inherent struggle, which Underhill notes here, between **Being** and **Doing** - if I may reduce it to that, for the purpose of this article - is one which most every self-aware human being can attest to. And that struggle will become even more pronounced when that being is actively participating in the Spiritual Life, which Underhill masterfully describes as; "simply a life in which all that we do comes from the centre, where we are anchored in God: a life soaked through and through by a sense of His reality and claim, and self-given, to the great movement of His will," (*The Spiritual Life*, p. 36). But while proving the reality of this struggle requires little more than our own human experience, Underhill's insistence that our focus should be placed on **Being**, over and above **Doing**, is a belief that is likely to draw as much cultural debate in 2019 as it did when *The Spiritual Life* was first published, in 1937. We live in a world that insists, as it always has, on setting the value of human life squarely in the realm of **Doing**.

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Throughout our culture, value is assessed according to capability: a good husband and father is the one who provides an adequate “living” for his family; the best employee is the woman in the office who can accomplish the most tasks, with the least mistakes; and entire HR departments are built around the idea that “human resources” can be defined and managed on the level of production. This is an inescapable reality of any and all human socio-economic ventures: from the focus of Communist officials, on the “utility” of a worker, to the most obscene “merit-based” salaries, of the purest *Laissez-faire* Capitalism. However, God’s economy places value somewhere that seems to confound all human logic; and it’s from His cues that Underhill draws her conclusions.

That is to say, Underhill’s seemingly illogical insistence that a life centered in God will ultimately recognize its value in **Being**, rather than **Doing**, is entirely Scriptural. In Exodus, when Moses is trying to hedge all his bets, before beginning the mission God has set for him, one of the pieces he attempts to shore-up is the question of who God is; “Moses said to God, ‘If I come to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ and they ask me ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?’ God said to Moses, ‘I AM who I AM.’ He said further, ‘Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘I AM has sent me to you,’” (Exo 3:13-14). What God is revealing here is that His essence is entirely contained in His **Being**. All that He **does**, flows from all that He **Is**; hence, “I AM who I AM.” All the good that God does, and all the good that He bids us to participate in, is only possible because God is good – God **does** good, because God **Is** good. We benefit from what God **does**, but His true value is in His **Being**. And when, for us and for our salvation, God sent His only Son, who is of the same **Being** as the Father, He told the same exact story.

Particularly in John’s account of the Gospel (though not exclusively), we find what biblical scholars call the “I AM sayings.” These are fifteen-plus sayings of Jesus, that are meant to invoke God’s self-revelation of the importance of **Being**, as found in Exodus: “I AM the bread of life,” (Jn 6:35, 48) “I AM the light of the world,” (Jn 8:12) “I AM the way, the truth, and the life,” (Jn 14:6), to note a few. What each of these statements show is that the various gifts and graces which Jesus brings to humanity are a matter of His **Being** – What Jesus does for us, flows out of what He is. One place where this can be most clearly seen is around the death of Lazarus (Jn 11:17-27). In her grief, Martha questions why Jesus did not act, in order to save her brother; “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” Next, she further pushes Him to act; “But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.” In response, Jesus seeks to comfort Martha, by reassuring her of the resurrection of the dead; “Your brother will rise again.” Once she acknowledges her faith in this promise, Jesus immediately reveals; “I AM the resurrection and the life.” In other words, Jesus is saying the thing that you want me to **Do**, is what I AM – it is the nature of my **Being**.

So, when we view Underhill’s statement about the struggle between **Being** and **Doing**, in the light of Scripture, it becomes obvious that this isn’t a struggle between two “goods,” vying for the place of the “best,” but is instead a struggle between what is real and what is make-believe. A struggle that ultimately plays-out in the Spiritual Life, until it finds its conclusion in the most shocking and beautiful truth: because God’s **Being** is of ultimate value, those whom He has made for Himself, in His own image and likeness, are of ultimate value. One, single Human **Being** is of more value to God, than every human **doing**, that has been, or ever-will-be, undertaken. You are infinitely more than the sum total of your **wantings, havings, and doings**; as **is** your neighbor. You have been gifted precious **Being**, consisting of spirit and matter. You **are**, therefore you matter...



## Bell Choir at St. Peters - Bell Choir Members

Our first gathering to play the bells is the 2nd Monday of November.

**November 11th the at 5:30 pm—6:30 pm**

Come to the Community Hall (basement of St. Peters)

Please use the kitchen door entrance.

Bring with you a pencil with an eraser (No pens or highlighters)

**Contact : Gary McKnight .... [clarin1918@gmail.com](mailto:clarin1918@gmail.com)**

### **Please Read:**

**Luke 13:22-24** *Jesus went through one town and village after another, teaching as he made his way to Jerusalem. Someone asked him, "Lord, will only a few be saved?" He said to them, "Strive to enter through the narrow door; for many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able.*

**Those who applied for the job of being a disciple often worried Jesus. The learning curve was sky high. The hours were terrible. The pay was minimal. One's colleagues in this line of work could drive one batty. The boss, well, the boss was very unpredictable. And promotions took a lifetime. Following Jesus was hard work.**

**We live in a society where the constant goal is to make life easier. We have time-saving devices in our kitchens, our offices, and even our cars. So how strange it is to hear Jesus warning that following him involves a lot of striving. If he isn't going to make our lives easier, why bother? Because he alone can lead us to salvation. Yet getting to that salvation is like struggling to squeeze through a narrow, little door.**

**In fact, the door is so narrow that we can't hold onto anything and still make it through. Not our trophies and achievements. Not our relationships. Not even our dreams. We have to drop them all if we're going to fit through the door called salvation. Yet that is just one of the ways Jesus leads us to hope. None of those things we are holding will save us. Only Jesus, and we have to come to him empty-handed.**

**On the other side of the narrow door, you'll discover that Jesus is waiting for you, holding all the things you cherish. They weren't your salvation. They were your blessings. And you'll never be able to enjoy them until you stop counting on them to be your savior.**

From: [An Extravagant Mercy](#) by M. Craig Barnes

## St. Peter's Christmas Bazaar Saturday, November 23



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Bazaar: 8 am – 2 pm  
Lunch from 11 am – 1 pm

Please consider the following items to donate:

- homemade bread, cakes, jellies, etc.
- candies, fudge, cookies
- crocheted and knitted items, quilts, aprons, towels
- collectibles, antique pieces and small furniture
- all jewelry – necklaces, earrings, rings, bracelets
- ornaments – new and handmade
- silent auction items

We will serve lunch from 11 am – 1 pm. Luncheon cost is \$7 per person. The menu includes lasagna (beef, chicken, vegetable), caesar salad, homemade bread, pie and beverages.

The luncheon is possible only because all of you contribute so graciously – please see the sign-up sheets in the parish hall for listing of lasagna and pies and for recipe information\*.

Tobie Alsup and Carmen Rideout will again chair the luncheon.

All the women of St. Peter's should be very proud of our bazaar. The money raised is given to many charitable organizations in Sheridan and around the world. You are an important part of the bazaar and we need your help to achieve our goals. Thank you for your part in making each bazaar a great success!

If you have any questions/ideas/comments, please contact Linda Ernst at 672-2293, Kathy McNickle at 752-5745 or Karon in the church office - 674-7655.

## Bazaar Week Schedule



November 18-23



Wednesday Nov. 20, 9 am .....set up booths & tables  
Thursday Nov. 21, 9 am .....decorate booths  
Friday Nov. 22 (all day) .....bring projects (baked goods, booth fillers, pies for lunch)  
Saturday Nov. 23.....Bazaar Day Booth chairs to price.  
Sunday Nov. 24.....Take down bazaar after second service.

We finish quickly if everyone helps.

### Booths

Parish Hall Mercantile.....Christian-based gift items, Bibles, prayer books, and many new arrivals  
Country Store.....baked goods, preserves, yummy goodies  
Handiwork.....needlework, quilts, pillows, hand-knit items  
Holiday Center.....wreaths, garlands, table center pieces, gift items  
Jewelry.....earrings, bracelets, necklaces, rings  
Ornaments.....large, small hand made Christmas decorations.  
Treasures.....gently used, cherished items, collectibles and art  
Candies & Cookies.....homemade delectables to tempt your sweet tooth  
Coffee Bar .....cinnamon rolls, donuts, coffee  
The Red Door Thrift Shop.....downstairs home goods, holiday fashions for the whole family  
Community Hall Downstairs .....Paintings by Sally LaBore



*Our hope is that you will be able to attend the bazaar  
and enjoy the fruits of the labor  
put into this wonderful fundraising event.*

*We thank all of the ladies and gentlemen who help.  
Your time and talents are very much appreciated!!*

**Peace to Everyone! Have a Merry Christmas!**

# NOVEMBER EVENT'S CALENDAR

| SUNDAY                                                                                                       | MONDAY                       | TUESDAY                                                                                                                                                                           | WEDNESDAY                                           | THURSDAY                                                                       | FRIDAY                                      | SATURDAY                                      |
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| <b>MP-Morning Prayer-8:15 am</b><br><b>EP-Evening Prayer -4:00 pm</b><br><b>HS-Healing Service 10:00 am</b>  |                              | <b>HE I-Holy Eucharist 7:30 am</b><br><b>HE II-Holy Eucharist 10:00 am</b><br><b>DFWS-2nd Sunday</b><br><b>Dementia Friendly Worship</b><br><b>Service 11:30 am in the Chapel</b> |                                                     |                                                                                | 1<br>MP-8:15am<br>EP 4 pm                   | 2<br>Daylight Savings Time!<br><b>Nov 3</b>   |
| 3<br><b>All Saints' Day</b><br>7:30 HE I<br>9:00 Bible Study<br>10:00 HE II<br>11:30 DFWS                    | 4<br>MP-8:15am<br>EP-4:00pm  | 5<br>MP-8:15am<br>HS-10:00am<br>EP-4:00pm                                                                                                                                         | 6<br>MP-8:15am<br>Women's Council 9 am<br>EP-4:00pm | 7<br>MP-8:15am<br>Bible Study 8:45 am<br><b>Red Door 10-3 pm</b><br>EP-4:00pm  | 8<br>MP-8:15am<br>EP-4:00pm                 | 9<br>Mug'Muffin 10-11:30 am<br>Parish Hall    |
| 10<br><b>22 PENTECOST</b><br>7:30 HE I<br>9:00 Bible Study<br>10:00 HE II<br>11:30 DFWS                      | 11<br>MP-8:15am<br>EP-4:00pm | 12<br>MP-8:15am<br>HS-10:00am<br>EP-4:00pm                                                                                                                                        | 13<br>MP-8:15am<br>Vestry 5:30 pm<br>EP-4:00pm      | 14<br>MP-8:15am<br>Bible Study 8:45 am<br><b>Red Door 10-3 pm</b><br>EP-4:00pm | 15<br>MP-8:15am<br>EP-4:00pm                | 16                                            |
| 17<br><b>23 PENTECOST</b><br>7:30 HE I<br>9:00 Bible Study<br>10:00 HE II                                    | 18<br>MP-8:15am<br>EP-4:00pm | 19<br>MP-8:15am<br>HS-10:00am<br>EP-4:00pm                                                                                                                                        | 20<br>MP-8:15am<br>EP-4:00pm                        | 21<br>MP-8:15am<br>Bible Study 8:45 am<br><b>Red Door Closed</b><br>EP-4:00pm  | 22<br>MP-8:15am<br>EP-4:00pm                | 23<br><b>Christmas Bazaar!!!</b><br>8 am—2 pm |
| <b>Let's get ready for the Christmas Bazaar!</b>                                                             |                              | <b>Booth / Table set up - 9:00 am</b>                                                                                                                                             |                                                     | <b>Decorate Booths 9:00 am</b>                                                 | <b>Bring Projects &amp; Items (all day)</b> |                                               |
| 24<br><b>Christ the King</b><br><b>Last day of Pentecost</b><br>7:30 HE I<br>9:00 Bible Study<br>10:00 HE II | 25<br>MP-8:15am<br>EP-4:00pm | 26<br>MP-8:15am<br>HS-10:00am<br>EP-4:00pm                                                                                                                                        | 27<br>MP-8:15am<br>EP-4:00pm                        | 28<br>Thanksgiving Service 10 am<br><b>Church offices closed</b>               | 29<br><b>Church offices closed</b>          | 30                                            |



# Ministries

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## November 2019 Calendar

### 7:30 GREETERS

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| <b>November 3</b><br>Sharon Bedard<br>Jim Bedard | <b>November 10</b><br>Janet Holcomb | <b>November 17</b><br>Jeannene Mc Knight | <b>November 24</b><br>Lois Hall |
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### 10:00 USHERS

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| <b>November 3</b><br>Gina Thoney<br>Mark Thoney<br>Lisa Wells<br>Jeff Wells | <b>November 10</b><br>Frank Smedley<br>Mary Dailey<br>Anne Vaughan<br>Dorothy Goodwin | <b>November 17</b><br>Liz Rossa<br>Rick Rossa<br>Sandy Tharaldson<br>Stan Peddicord | <b>November 24</b><br>Chris Galloway<br>Laura Galloway<br>Brandi Bilyeu<br>Chris Bilyeu |
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### 10:00 ACOLYTES

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| <b>November 3</b><br>Alicia Thoney<br>Adriane Andrews | <b>November 10</b><br>Chris Cruz-Lillegard<br>Bailee Mentock<br>James Craft | <b>November 17</b><br>Nate Haworth<br>Ian Gale<br>Adriane Andrews | <b>November 24</b><br>Sydni Bilyeu<br>Ella Bilyeu<br>Xavier Bishop |
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### LAY READERS

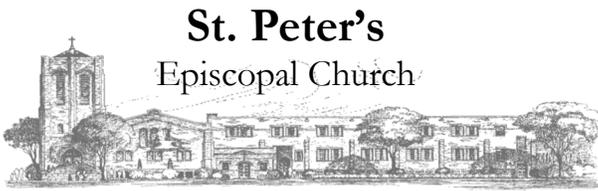
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| <b>November 3</b><br>7:30 Sandy Asmus<br>Forrest Asmus<br>10:00 Mary Beth Evers<br>Mike Evers | <b>November 10</b><br>7:30 Sharon Bedard<br>10:00 Linen Greenough<br>Lynne Outland | <b>November 17</b><br>7:30 Peter Clark<br>Carol Clark<br>10:00 Christina Haworth<br>Paul Haworth | <b>November 24</b><br>7:30 Laura Galloway<br>10:00 Shari Peddicord<br>Holland Duell |
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### ALTAR GUILD

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| <b>November 3</b><br>Ann Ernst<br>Carmen Rideout<br>Wendy Gale | <b>November 10</b><br>Ann Ernst<br>Karen Nicolarsen<br>Jaynie Spell | <b>November 17</b><br>Sandy Asmus<br>Georgia Boley<br>Roberta Thompson | <b>November 24</b><br>Debbie Ebia<br>Karen Ferguson<br>DuAnne Diers |
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*Thanksgiving Day Service*  
 November 28th  
 10:00 am Juanita Smith





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