

St. Peter's Church

IN THE GREAT VALLEY



THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OUTDOOR EUCHARIST — RITE ONE
SEPTEMBER 20, 2020 — 8:00 AM

Welcome! We are so glad that you are joining us today. Corporate worship is important to us and we want to do whatever we can to maintain our sense of community in a safe and responsible way.

*In this leaflet the words to be said by all are **bolded**.*



THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S CHURCH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20:

8:00 a.m.	Outdoor Eucharist Rite I (please sign up)
10:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer – Rite II – Via Facebook Live
11:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour – Via Zoom
12:00 p.m.	Kite Flying Activity until 2:00 p.m. – Holy Hill
5:00 p.m.	Youth Group

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21:

9:30 a.m.	Abigail's Atwater Walk
12:00 p.m.	Noonday Prayer – Via Facebook Live
6:00 p.m.	Pub Theology – Via Zoom

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22:

12:00 p.m.	Noonday Prayer – Via Facebook Live
7:00 p.m.	Autumn Solstice Compline – Labyrinth

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23:

10:00 a.m.	Bible Study – Via Zoom
12:00 p.m.	Noonday Prayer – Via Facebook Live
6:00 p.m.	Adult Formation – Via Zoom

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24:

12:00 p.m.	Noonday Prayer – Via Facebook Live
1:15 p.m.	Prayer Group – Via Zoom

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25:

8:00 a.m.	Gathering of Men – Via Zoom
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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26:

7:15 p.m.	Family Movie Night – Rector's Grove
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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27: Stewardship kick off

8:00 a.m.	Outdoor Eucharist Rite I (please sign up)
10:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer – Rite II – Via Facebook Live
11:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour – Via Zoom
1:00 p.m.	Pop Up Pantry until 3:00 p.m. – Barn Parking Lot
5:00 p.m.	Youth Group

THE WORD OF GOD

The people standing, the Presider says

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Celebrant says

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desire known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Presider Lord, have mercy upon us.

People **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Presider Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Presider Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, not to mind earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to cleave to those that shall abide; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lesson

Jonah 3:10–4:11

When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, “O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and

ready to relent from punishing. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” And the Lord said, “Is it right for you to be angry?” Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, “It is better for me to die than to live.”

But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?” And he said, “Yes, angry enough to die.” Then the Lord said, “You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 145:1–8

Exaltabo te, Deus

- 1 I will exalt you, O God my King, *
and bless your Name for ever and ever.
- 2 Every day will I bless you *
and praise your Name for ever and ever.
- 3 Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; *
there is no end to his greatness.
- 4 One generation shall praise your works to another *
and shall declare your power.
- 5 I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty *
and all your marvelous works.

- 6 They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, *
and I will tell of your greatness.
- 7 They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; *
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.
- 8 The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.

The Epistle

Philippians 1:21–30

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well— since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus said, “The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

Presider The Gospel of our Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

Reflections on the Readings

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all people: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, especially Edwin Rushton and Agnis Rushton Vezin, for whom our altar memorials are given, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of Peter and of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin

Presider Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence may be kept.

People **Most merciful God,**
we confess that we have sinned against thee
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved thee with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in thy will,
and walk in thy ways,
to the glory of thy Name. **Amen.**

Presider Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Please remain at your place and exchange the Peace with a wave and greeting from where you are. Thank you!

Welcome and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

All who seek a closer relationship with God, including children, are invited and encouraged to participate in Holy Communion.

Please let the clergy know if you would like a gluten-free wafer.

In order to keep everyone safe, only the bread will be distributed.

Please remain at your place, the Presider will bring the host to each person. Please use hand sanitizer before and after receiving.

Please remove your mask to consume the host after the Presider has moved on to the next person.

If you do not wish to receive communion, you may cross your arms over your chest and receive a no touch blessing.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer II

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Here, a Proper Preface is said on all Sundays as appointed.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Presider and People

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:

Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Then the Presider continues

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious

death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those

who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power,

and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Facing the people, the Presider says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

As a reminder, please remain at your place, the Presider will come to you with communion.

The Post-Communion Prayer

After Communion, the Presider says

Let us pray.

Presider and People

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all

faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Blessing

Presider The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always.

People **Amen.**

Presider Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE VESTRY

Rector's Warden: Eileen Klein

Vestry Warden: David Graves

Secretary: Susy Baum

Treasurer: Peter Kreek

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Don Cheetham
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Class of 2022

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Cathy Terlescki
Laurel Veitch

Class of 2023

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Youth Representative: Honor Nestlehutt

ST. PETER'S CHURCH IN THE GREAT VALLEY STAFF

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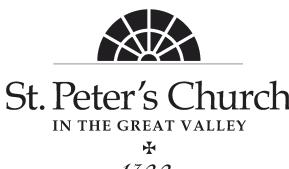
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ST. PETER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

KITE FLYING ACTIVITY TODAY Come Fly a Kite on the Holy Hill. Bring your favorite kite to St. Peter's between 12 and 2 p.m. today and enjoy an afternoon of kite-flying and fellowship on our beautiful campus. Space is currently limited to 25 people at a time. Please let Chris know at Chris@stpetersgv.org that you and your family are coming and at what time.

PUB THEOLOGY Join us on the first and third Monday evenings as we gather virtually at 6 p.m. for conversation about a variety of theological topics this fall. Our topics and conversation will follow the natural curiosity of the participants and will also be influenced by the focus of the scripture readings for the coming Sunday. We are meeting tomorrow, Monday September 21. Please RSVP to Chris at chris@stpetersgv.org or 610-644-2261 and he will send you the Zoom information. When our Covid days are behind us, we hope to be able to meet at a variety of local establishments and share both conversation and food in person!

COMPLINE FOR THE AUTUMNAL SOLSTICE Join us at the labyrinth on Tuesday, September 22 at 7:00 p.m. Please join us for a contemplative end of day prayer service with music provided by a local musician as we mark the change of seasons. You may sign up by following the link in keynotes or calling the parish office at 610-644-2261 or emailing Abigail@stpetersgv.org.

MOANA MOVIE NIGHT on Saturday, September 26 at 7:15 p.m. on the Rector's Grove. We will once again use our inflatable movie screen and projector to show movies on the Grove. Physical distancing and masks will be required. You may bring items to drink and eat, but may not share it with others, and when not actively eating and drinking, you will need to wear your mask. For children and youth movies, at least one parent must stay. Bring your own chairs. A signup genius will be going out for you to let us know you are coming. Please email Chris at chris@stpetersgv.org if you have questions.

POP UP PANTRY The Food Ministry is expanding our assistance to those who are food insecure by hosting a "Pop-up" Pantry to provide pre-bagged groceries for those who drive by our Barn parking lot on three Sundays between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. on September 27, October 4 and 11. Volunteers are needed to set-up, pack food, and distribute items. Donations of books are needed so that attendees can also have something to enjoy. Book donations can be left on the porch of the Parish House. Donated food can still go to the porch and will be given to Alianzas or CYWA as promised previously. For consistency, the Outreach Commission will purchase items for the pantry. To volunteer, please contact Eileen Klein. She is listed in the parish directory or you may call the parish office at 610-644-2261 for her contact information.

POPCORN THEOLOGY will meet on Monday, September 28 at 6:00 p.m. as we discuss *Waking Ned Devine* (1998) which is available on Amazon Prime as well as other online platforms. If you have any questions about how to access the movie or wish to participate, please contact Abigail at abigail@stpetersgv.org or 610-644-2261 so that I can be sure that you have the information you need and/or the Zoom link. Thank you!

NEW PATTERN TO WEDNESDAY EVENINGS The program year has begun and we are making a few adjustments. Wednesday evenings will take on a new pattern. The 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month will be a Zoom version of our Adult Forum with speakers addressing a variety of topics. The 2nd Wednesday each month will be the Gathering of Women. The 4th Wednesday of each month will be our usual fellowship for all who wish to join us. For now we will meet at 6:00 p.m., as usual, and the Zoom link will go out via special keynotes on Tuesdays.

ST. FRANCIS DAY BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS Bring your furry, fuzzy, scaly, or stuffed friends for our annual service of Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, October 4 at 4:00 p.m. in front of the historic church. All are welcome for this naturally covid-friendly offering. Masks will be required and we will ensure that appropriate distance is kept among households. Please sign up by following the link in keynotes or by calling the parish office at 610-644-2261 or emailing Abigail@stpetersgv.org.

YOU ARE INVITED FOR OUTDOOR EUCHARIST Please join us on Sunday mornings at 8:00 a.m. for Holy Eucharist, weather permitting. To assist us with planning, please sign up by following the link in keynotes or by phoning the parish office at 610-644-2261. However, if you do not have a chance to register or if you decide to attend at the last minute, please do! All are welcome. Masks are required, but chairs are optional. We will set up some chairs or you are welcome to use your own. Also, we will arrange worship so that parishioners are seated on the firm ground of the parking lot with a view of the historic church in order to make the space accessible to all. Thank you!

PANDEMIC RELATED UPDATES We are making a few adjustments to our 8:00 a.m. service of Holy Eucharist, outdoors. For your convenience and because we are able to accommodate many people outside, signing up for worship will become optional. Please sign up, if you are able, because it assists us with planning, but please do join us even if you have not had a chance to register. Also, in an effort to make the 8:00 a.m. service more accessible, we will set up in a way that allows parishioners to sit on the firm ground of the parking lot, while still facing the lovely backdrop of the historic church. Finally, the bring your own chair policy will become optional. We will set up folding chairs in the worship area. You are welcome to bring your own, or sit in one that is provided. We anticipate moving to indoor worship as the weather becomes cooler--mid-late October--with the 8:00 a.m. moving into the historic church and then with opening the 10:00 a.m. service for those who wish to attend in person. Worshipping online will remain an option for the foreseeable future. In early October we will send a new survey to assess the comfort level of parishioners, though please do not hesitate to reach out to Abigail with any comments or questions at abigail@stpetersgv.org or 610-644-2261.

PARISH HOUSE PROCEDURES In order to keep everyone safe, our clergy and staff continue to work from home as much as possible. Typically there is someone in the parish office on weekday mornings. Please call in advance to confirm. The number is 610-644-2261. Please note that masks are required inside the parish house and we request that you not enter individual offices. We love visiting with you, but please help us to keep you healthy by visiting from the hallway. Thank you!

FIREWOOD AVAILABLE Despite our summer heat waves, it's not too early to think about cozy nights by the fireplace this fall and winter. The Bad Boys & Girls have a large supply of split, seasoned hardwoods, mostly oak & walnut, ready for delivery. Scheduling a pick-up-truck load of wood is as easy as emailing Dave Tatum at davetatum@aol.com or calling the church office. The minimum cost for a truckload is \$150, but you can give more if you wish; please make your check payable to St. Peter's in the Great Valley and write BB&G4J on the memo line. Thank you.

FOOD MINISTRY The Food Drive will continue for the foreseeable future, although the receiving agencies may vary. The Outreach Commission will move specific support to Alianzas in Phoenixville in September. Please continue to put your non perishable food contributions in the bins on the porch of the parish house. Alianzas will welcome staple basics of rice, beans, tortillas, pasta sauce. For questions or to volunteer to deliver, please contact Eileen Klein. She is listed in the parish directory or you may call the parish office at 610-644-2261 for her contact information. Thank you for your continuing support.

FRESH PRODUCE UPDATE Please place any fresh produce that does not require refrigeration (squash, apples, potatoes, tomatoes) in the laundry baskets, ONLY on Wednesday for the Thursday delivery. *Thank you to all who left us small containers which previously held fruits and veggies to help us safely transport these items. At this time we have plenty.* Please do not leave fresh items at other times to prevent wild animals from being attracted to the porch.

SAINT JAMES SCHOOL VIRTUAL SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE Back-to-School supplies are needed for the students who will be attending in person at the St. James School. Each student has a personal desk kit and can not bring items from home. The collection will be taking place virtually through their wish-list link. This list is updated on an on-going basis and does include a range of items. As always, they are in need of the following but other options are on their wish list too. If you would prefer the Outreach Commission add to their contribution and to purchase on your behalf, please designate this goal on a check sent to the Parish Office. Needed: Tissues (boxes and individual sizes); Pencils (not mechanical); Erasers (either the pencil topper kind or hand-held); Highlighters; Pens; Folders (with 3 holes punched for binders) You can find the link to the Amazon Wish List under the donation options at <https://stjamesphila.org/donate>

NEEDLEWORK MINISTRY COMFORT Do you know someone who is struggling due to illness or grief or could simply use encouragement? The Needlework Ministry has created items to meet those needs. You can request a prayer shawl or lap blanket for someone who is ill in almost any weight or color. These also come with a cloth gift bag and booklet of prayers. If someone has lost hair due to chemo treatments, we have prepared chemo caps too. Other people could be sent a simple prayer square. If you wish to support someone in this way, please contact Elizabeth in the Parish office to make arrangements to pick up (in a Covid-safe way) a shawl or cap. Or, she can mail you a prayer square.

ST. PETER'S MASKS We have complimentary, white masks available with a small St. Peter's logo on the side available for parishioners. If you would like one, please email Elizabeth at elizabeth@stpetersgv.org or call the church office at 610-644-2261 to arrange for pick up.

ATWATER WALKS Join Abigail on Monday mornings at 9:30 a.m. for a 45-60 minute walk through the neighborhood adjacent to St. Peter's, weather permitting of course. Limit of 4 people. Please contact Abigail directly if you wish to attend.

BIBLE STUDY will continue to take place on Wednesday mornings via Zoom. If you would like to participate, please contact Chris at chris@stpetersgv.org for the necessary details.

PRAYER GROUP Join us Thursday afternoons at 1:15 p.m. via Zoom. Please contact Chris for the link details at chris@stpetersgv.org.

THE GATHERING OF MEN Please join Cliff Castle every Friday at 8:00 a.m. via Zoom. All men in the parish are invited to this virtual morning gathering. If you would like to join this group, please contact Cliff to receive the zoom link. Cliff is listed in the parish directory or you may contact the parish office at 610-644-2261 for his information.

DAILY DEVOTIONS BOOKLETS for August through October are available through the church office. While we are apart, if you would like to receive a Day by Day Daily Devotions for Disciples booklet please contact Elizabeth at elizabeth@stpetersgv.org or call the church office at 610-644-2261 and she would be happy to send one to you.

VISITING SAFELY AT YOUR HOME OR AT CHURCH We cannot sit with you inside your home, but Abigail and Chris are happy to stop by your house for a visit in your driveway or yard. You can stay at a safe distance, but enjoy a bit of face to face company. Also, our beautiful campus offers plenty of spaces to visit outdoors, and we would be happy to meet with you at St. Peter's if you prefer, following whatever the most current guidelines are at the time. Please contact Abigail at abigail@stpetersgv.org if you or someone you know would welcome a visit.

TECHNOLOGY HELP Since we have moved all church programming into the virtual space, you may be struggling with how to connect to some of the events we are having. Help is available anytime, to handle your technology and connection issues and questions. We want to help you, in any way possible, to participate in our events and worship. Please reach out to Chris at chris@stpetersgv.org or call the office at 610-644-2261.

PLEASE DRIVE GENTLY One of the blessings of this pandemic time is that we are seeing a large, but safe, number of visitors on our beautiful church grounds. Many of them walk or jog over from Atwater. If you are driving on campus, please be especially careful, particularly at the turn in the exit road. Thank you!

NOONDAY PRAYER To help keep us grounded in this time, Abigail and Chris have added daily Noonday prayer to our offerings. This will be available on Facebook live at 12:00 p.m. Monday–Thursday. Please join us virtually as you are able. Also, if you wish to spend time in either the historic church or bank barn for private prayer, please contact Abigail at abigail@stpetersgv.org or her cell at 410-829-4180 to make arrangements.

PRAYER LISTS Because our leaflets are now on a public platform each week, they do not include the parish prayer list, however we are happy to share it with you at your request. Please contact Elizabeth at elizabeth@stpetersgv.org or call the church office at 610-644-2261 and she will be happy to send one to you. Thank you.