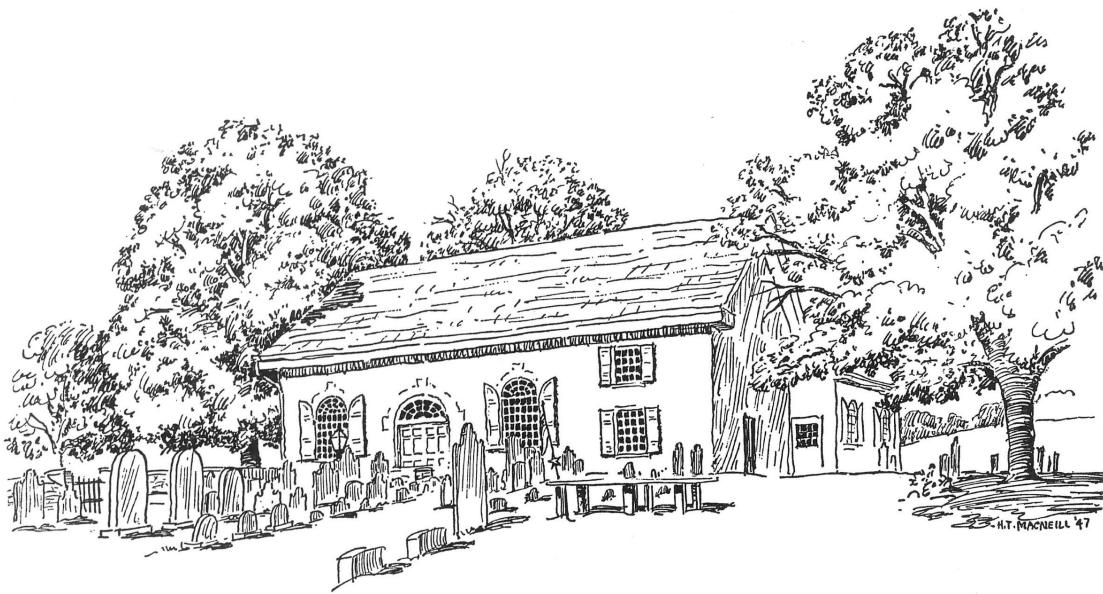


St. Peter's Church

IN THE GREAT VALLEY



THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
HOLY EUCHARIST — RITE ONE
APRIL 18, 2021 — 8:00 AM

Welcome! We are so glad to be able to worship together in the historic church today. 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, APRIL 18:

8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Rite I – Historic Church, please sign up
10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Rite II- Via Facebook Live* or sign up
11:00 a.m.	Adult Forum- Via Zoom
12:30 p.m.	Pastoral Care Commission – Via Zoom
1:00 p.m.	Youth Group at the Fire Pit

MONDAY, APRIL 19:

12:00 p.m.	Noonday Prayer – Via Facebook Live
6:00 p.m.	Pub Theology – Via Zoom

TUESDAY, APRIL 20:

12:00 p.m.	Noonday Prayer – Via Facebook Live
7:15 p.m.	Vestry – Via Zoom

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21:

10:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer and Bible Study – Via Zoom
12:00 p.m.	Noonday Prayer – Via Facebook Live
7:00 p.m.	Preschool Dad's Night

THURSDAY, APRIL 22:

10:30 a.m.	Prayer Group – Via Zoom
12:00 p.m.	Noonday Prayer – Via Facebook Live

FRIDAY, APRIL 23:

8:00 a.m.	Gathering of Men – Via Zoom
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SATURDAY, APRIL 24:

8:30 a.m.	Holy Hike – Pulpit Rock
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SUNDAY, APRIL 25:

8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Rite I – Historic Church, please sign up
10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Rite II- Via Facebook Live or sign up
11:00 a.m.	Adult Forum - Our Food and Climate Change
1:00 p.m.	Youth Group Mini Golf at Markies in Phoenixville
4:30 p.m.	Holy Hike – McKaig Nature Center

* all services Via Facebook live can also be viewed on our website stpetersgv.org

THE WORD OF GOD

The people standing, the Presider says

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Presider 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 and people

Glory be to God on high,
and on earth peace, good will towards all.

We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee,
we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,

O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Presider Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son did manifest himself to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open, we pray thee, the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

The First Reading

Acts 3:12-19

Peter addressed the people, “You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

- 1 Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; *
you set me free when I am hard-pressed;
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.
- 2 "You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; *
how long will you worship dumb idols
and run after false gods?"
- 3 Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful; *
when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.
- 4 Tremble, then, and do not sin; *
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.
- 5 Offer the appointed sacrifices *
and put your trust in the Lord.
- 6 Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!" *
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.
- 7 You have put gladness in my heart, *
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.
- 8 I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; *
for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

The Epistle

1 John 3:1-7

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

*People***Thanks be to God.**

The Holy Gospel

Luke 24:36b-48

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, “Peace be with you.” They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

Presider The Gospel of our Savior.

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Mark Nestlehutt

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 Ruth C. Kane and Carol I. Lemert, 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 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 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

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Presider Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

*Please follow the link in keynotes or phone the parish office at 610-644-2261 to sign up for in person worship.
All are welcome.*

Altar Guild: Joanne Ledbetter and Cathy Terlescki

Flower Guild: Ginger Dagit and Tammy Kraig

Reader: Tom Helm

Usher: Bud Coleman

THE VESTRY

Rector's Warden: Eileen Klein

Vestry Warden: David Graves

Secretary: Susy Baum

Treasurer: Peter Kreek

Class of 2021

Don Cheetham
Doug Jones
Eileen Klein
Charlotte Tellefsen

Class of 2022

David Graves
Linda Holden
Cathy Terlescki
Laurel Veitch

Class of 2023

Mark Clark
Mike Harman
Lyndsay Knupp
Dave Lockner

Youth Representative: Honor Nestlehutt

ST. PETER'S CHURCH IN THE GREAT VALLEY STAFF

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ST. PETER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

IN PERSON WORSHIP At St. Peter's we have returned to in-person worship on a sign up basis at 8:00 a.m. in the historic church and 10:00 a.m. in the bank barn. All pandemic related procedures are being followed including mask wearing and distancing. You may sign up using this link [St. Peter's Church in the Great Valley Registration Form \(reopen.church\)](#) The 10:00 a.m. service will continue to be live-streamed, as usual. Thank you!

RECEIVING COMMUNION One of the clergy will remain in the barn until 12:30 p.m. every Sunday so that after you have finished watching the livestream of the service you may come to receive the consecrated bread. The host will be in an individual cup on the Altar. Come, offer prayer, retrieve your communion and consume. You may spend some more time in prayer if you wish. The doors will remain open, please wear a mask and maintain any physical distancing necessary. Friendly signs will remind you of all Covid protocols.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION We have added the prayer for Spiritual Communion during the 10:00 a.m. service which will be said during the distribution of communion for those who are only able to be with us through the Livestream of the service. The prayer for Spiritual Communion is an additional way to completely connect the body of Christ together when it is impossible for all of us to join together. If you have questions, please reach out to Abigail (abigail@stpetersgv.org) or Chris (chris@stpetersgv.org)

LIVE STREAMING UPDATE We are keenly aware that many people do not wish to use Facebook to stream our worship services. Thankfully, the software that streams our service can output to more than one place at the same time. We are now sending our livestream to both Facebook and YouTube each week. For those who watch on Facebook, nothing will change. Our website feed will now come from YouTube. You can also go to our YouTube channel directly to see the service. Our YouTube channel is available here: [St. Peter's in the Great Valley - YouTube](#). If you have any problems using the YouTube channel for viewing, please contact Chris at chris@stpetersgv.org.

PUB THEOLOGY Join us at 6:00pm on Monday, April 19th, We will begin discussing Sexuality and Scripture. Our goal is to have wonderfully deep conversations about various topics. It is a conversation of curiosity. Rarely do we solve the questions, but, we explore and frequently are left with more questions to ponder in our life of faith. This will be a multi-week conversation. The Zoom link will be sent out via Keynotes on the day of.

HOLY HIKE PULPIT ROCK After being on hold for a year, our holy hikes resume on Saturday, April 24, with a hike up to Pulpit Rock. At our destination and surrounded by a beautiful view, we will celebrate a simple Eucharist. The 3.8-mile loop trail is located near Hamburg, Pennsylvania, about a ninety-minute drive from St. Peter's. Rated as moderate, this trail, with its 830-foot elevation gain, will be more challenging than our past hikes, which were more like "walks." To learn more about the trail and to preview the hike in photos, visit www.alltrails.com/trail/us/Pennsylvania/pulpit-rock. We will meet at the Pulpit Rock trailhead at 8:30 a.m. to beat the crowds that use this very popular trail. Masks are optional while hiking, but must be used when distancing from others can't be maintained. Please use this link to sign up <https://rsvp.church/r/8OKiZt95> or contact Abigail at abigail@stpetersgv.org if you have any questions.

HOLY HIKE McKAIG NATURE CENTER For those who wish a more local adventure, our Sunday afternoon holy hike will take place at the McKaig Nature Center in Wayne. We will meet at Robert's Elementary School, 889 Croton Road at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 25 for a gentle walk along trails by bubbling streams and through an old growth forest. We will walk together for at least a mile with the option of adding more distance with additional trails. Eucharist will be celebrated in the area called "The Beach." Masks are optional while walking, but must be used when distancing from others can't be maintained. Please use this link to sign up <https://rsvp.church/r/8OKiZt95> or contact Abigail at abigail@stpetersgv.org if you have any questions.

SUNDAY NEEDS - USHERS AND READERS We are moving toward expanding our numbers for in-person worship, according to diocesan guidelines. In order to do this we must increase our usher and reader ranks. To volunteer, please contact Sarah Tellefsen. Her contact information is in the parish directory. Thank you!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT We are grateful for all who have made on-going or one-time donations to support the ministry of St. Peter's. Your kind gifts may be mailed to the parish office or you can give electronically, via our PayPal account. Click [HERE](#) to make a one-time donation. You will also have the opportunity to make these donations recur every month. Again, thank you for your support.

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE AND ANNUAL MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT Our nominating committee (retiring vestrypersons Don Cheetham, Doug Jones, Eileen Klein, and Charlotte Tellefsen and at-large members Jenny Disque, Trudi Graves, Shannon Mannon, and Luci Russell) has proposed the following slate to serve as the vestry class of 2024: Philip Cauffman, Kate Mallon-Day, Steve Ockenden, and Luci Russell. You may learn more about these members through their biographies in the April Beacon. The annual parish meeting will take place on May 2 via Zoom following a single 10:00 a.m. service.

LIVE-STREAMING CREW Interested in learning something new? We are putting together a team of people to assist with live-streaming on Sunday mornings. This is a pleasant and essential task and training will be joyfully offered. Please contact Abigail at abigail@stpetersgv.org if you would like to join the team. Thank you!

FOOD MINISTRY UPDATE Thank you for your continued generosity to our food ministry porch donations! For the month of March our donations totaled 283 pounds of needed nourishment for the folks at Alianzas de Phoenixville. Additionally, Alianzas received 12 holiday hams thanks to Doug Jones' supermarket holiday ham program. Thank you to all who participated in this special holiday outpouring of food. For the months of April and May our porch donations will go to CYWA in Coatesville. They especially appreciate canned meats (tuna, chicken, beef), peanut butter, canned natural juice fruits, canned beans, pasta, tomato sauces, hearty soups, healthy cereals. They are so appreciative of all our gifts. Thank you.

NEEDLEWORK MINISTRY COMFORT AVAILABLE 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. If someone has lost hair due to chemo treatments, we have prepared chemo caps too. Or a simple prayer square can be sent. If you wish to support someone in this way, please contact Gail Malcolm. She is listed in the parish directory or you may call the parish office at 610-644-2261 for her contact information.

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 call the church office at 610-644-2261 to arrange to receive one. Thank you.

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 takes place on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom. If you would like to participate, please contact Chris at chris@stpetersgv.org or Abigail at abigail@stpetersgv.org for the necessary details.

PRAYER GROUP Join us on Thursdays via Zoom. Please contact Chris for the link details at chris@stpetersgv.org.

THE GATHERING OF MEN Please join Rod Platt 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 Rod to receive the Zoom link. Rod is listed in the parish directory or you may contact the parish office at 610-644-2261 for his information.

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!

PLEDGE ENVELOPES are available in the parish house for those who have requested envelopes. If you are not sure whether or not you have signed up to receive envelopes, please contact Mary Ann Tatum at maryanntatum5@gmail.com. If you wish to make a pledge, you may do so online at stpetersgv.org or you may phone the parish office to receive a pledge card. Thank you!