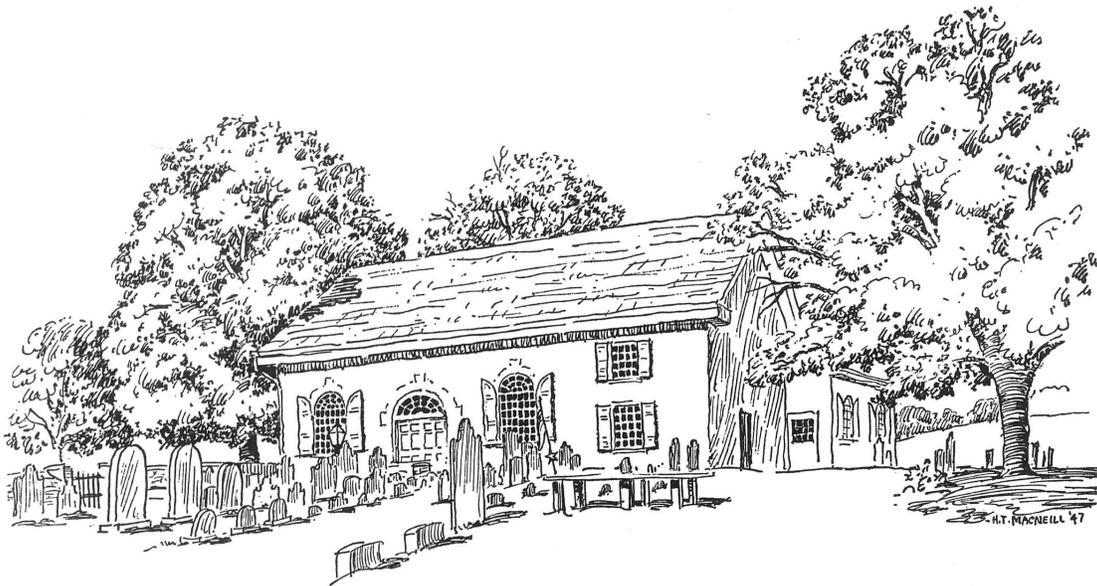


ST. PETER'S CHURCH IN THE GREAT VALLEY



THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

HOLY EUCHARIST — RITE ONE

MAY 9, 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, May 9:

- 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 – Citizen Advocacy of Chester County

MONDAY, May 10:

- 9:30 a.m. Atwater Walk
- 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer – Via Facebook Live
- 3:00 p.m. Echo Lake Bible Study at Echo Lake

TUESDAY, May 11:

- 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer – Via Facebook Live
- 7:00 p.m. Finance Meeting

WEDNESDAY, May 12:

- 10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer and Bible Study – Via Zoom
- 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer – Via Facebook Live
- 6:00 p.m. Gathering of Women – in front of the historic church

THURSDAY, May 13:

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

FRIDAY, May 14:

- 8:00 a.m. Gathering of Men – Via Zoom

SATURDAY, May 15

- 9:00 a.m. Holy Hike– Jenkins Arboretum

SUNDAY, May 16:

- 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
- 1:00 p.m. Youth Group at the fire pit

* 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, who hast prepared for those who love thee such good things as pass man's understanding: Pour into our hearts such love toward thee, that we, loving thee in all things and above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The First Reading

Acts 10:44-48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 98

Cantate Domino

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The Lord has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the Lord with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *

- shout with joy before the King, the Lord.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.

The Epistle

1 John 5:1 - 6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Holy Gospel

John 15:9-17

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

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you

friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

Presider The Gospel of our Savior.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Christopher Exley

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 John Bacon Hires, Mary Bacon Hires, Charles Edgar Hires, Thura Truax Hires, John Edgar Hires, Jacqueline Hires Groff, Marshall I. Groff, Thura Hires Schock, Mrs. Hebe Dick Baldwin, Sheila Kellogg, Ann Gray Large and Jane M. Dearnley, 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.**

*Our prayer is that today's worship has encouraged you in love, strengthened you for service, and filled you with grace.
Our worship and programs are happening in new ways, and we remain a community in which all are welcome!*

Altar Guild: Gail Guthridge, Gail McLaughlin
Flower Guild: Tammy Kraig and Ann Armstrong

Reader: John Biggar
Usher: Mike Harman

THE VESTRY

Rector's Warden: Dave Lockner
Vestry Warden: David Graves

Secretary: Susy Baum
Treasurer: Peter Kreek

Class of 2022

David Graves
Linda Holden
Cathy Terlescki
Laurel Veitch

Class of 2023

Mark Clark
Mike Harman
Lyndsay Knupp
Dave Lockner

Class of 2024

Philip Cauffman
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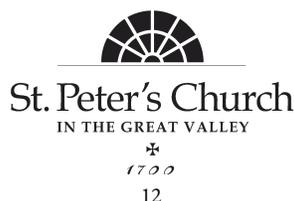
Youth Representative: TBD

ST. PETER'S CHURCH IN THE GREAT VALLEY STAFF

The Rev. Abigail Crozier Nestlehutt, Rector
Dr. Bruce W. Glenny, Organist/Choirmaster
Gail Malcolm, Event Coordinator

The Rev. Christopher W. Exley, Assistant Rector
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ST. PETER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

IN PERSON WORSHIP In accordance with diocesan guidelines we will increase our in person offerings and our number of in person worshippers. For now, we ask that you continue to sign up for the service you wish to attend. 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. 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)

ADULT FORUM Join us after our 10:00 a.m. service to hear about Citizen Advocacy of Chester County. Citizen Advocacy of Chester County is a non-profit that has been in Phoenixville since 1980. Our mission is to initiate and support a variety of long-term intentional relationships that provide advocacy for opportunity, protection from harm, sponsorship into community life, friendship, and justice for isolated people living with a disability.

GATHERING OF WOMEN will be gathering in person on Wednesday, May 12 at 6:00 p.m. Bring a drink and snack and join us in front of the historic church for fun and fellowship. All women of the parish are welcome and we can't wait to see you!

HOLY HIKE at Jenkins Arboretum on Saturday, May 15 at 9:00 a.m. Please join us for a lovely walk through a local gem. We will begin and end with prayer. Contact Abigail at abigail@stpetersgv.org to let her know you plan to be there. Thank you!

ARE YOU A LANGUAGE WHIZ? If you speak a language other than English, we would love for you to participate in reading the traditional Pentecost passage from Acts of the Apostles on May 23 at either 8:00 a.m. or 10:00 a.m. We are excited to try a new approach this year. Please contact Abigail at abigail@stpetersgv.org to let her know of your interest. Thank you.

PENTECOST PICNIC! Please join us for a Pentecost celebration on May 23. Festive worship with a special thanks to our choir at 10:00 a.m. will be followed by a parish picnic. You bring your own picnic and kite, we provide music, mini-golf, games, and more. To help us with our planning, please sign up using the usual link or email Abigail at abigail@stpetersgv.org. Set aside the afternoon to visit, relax, and have some fun at St. Peter's, in person! Thank you.

RECOGNIZING OUR GRADUATES It is commencement time of year and we want to acknowledge the achievements of the class of 2021. This means we need to know who you are! Please email beacon@stpetersgv.org if you are graduating or are the parent or grandparent of a graduate. Let us know which school is conferring the diploma as well as any honors attached to it, and a little about post-graduation plans. Please send in your information by May 20. Thank you and congratulations!

SAVE THE DATE of June 13 to help honor our longtime parish administrator, Susan House as she transitions to retirement. More information to come, for now, please save the date for sending off prayers with reception following the 10:00 a.m. service.

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.

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.

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!