St. Peter's at the Light
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost, September 20, 2026



Pat Feeney – 5th	**Angela & Alan Thomas – 7th**	**Joanne Kranch – 8th**
Eleanor & Pat Stasio – 9th	**Jim Follett – 10th**	**Holly Sullivan – 10th**
Pam McGivney – 10th	**Maria Rodriguez – 14th**	**Lisa & Michael Dolan – 14th**
Susanne Gilbert -15th	**Sofia Grace Aguilera – 16th**	**Ken Enders & Chris Fry – 19th**
Reg Smith – 22nd	**John Breitling – 22nd**	**Barry Putt – 23rd**
Pat Stasio - 27th	**Mae Duffy - 28th**	**Daniel Duffy – 28th**
Sharon Sappington – 28th		**Richard Stoops – 29th**



Welcome Canon Susan Fortunato as our visiting Priest for the Weekend of September 19th!

The Rev. Canon Susan B. Fortunato serves as Canon to the Ordinary for the Diocese of New Jersey, a position she began on April 1, 2026. As a member of the Bishop's staff, she works closely with congregations and clergy throughout the Diocese in matters of mission, leadership, and church transitions.

Canon Fortunato brings more than 25 years of ordained ministry experience, having previously served as Rector of Christ Church in Poughkeepsie, New York, and St. Stephen's Church in Pearl River, New York. Throughout her ministry, she has been recognized for her gifts in pastoral care, congregational development, outreach, and church leadership.

A graduate of Seton Hall University and Drew Theological School, Canon Fortunato has also served in numerous diocesan and churchwide leadership roles, including as a Deputy to General Convention.

We are pleased to welcome Canon Susan to St. Peter's Chapel and are grateful for her ministry among us during this season of transition.

Pastoral Care Needs as We Begin the Process of Calling a Priest

If you or someone you know has a pastoral care need, please contact Wardens:
Tom MacArthur – 732-930-4659 or
Maria Schmidt – 908-391-3864

Pastoral care needs are not always immediate matters such as baptisms or weddings. Often, they arise during life's unexpected moments—illness, hospitalization, last rites, the death of a loved one, or other personal concerns when a conversation with a priest can provide comfort, guidance, and prayer.
Clergy support is available and arrangements can be made as needed.

Schedule of Visiting Clergy update from Warden Maria Schmidt

Date	Visiting Clergy	Current Church / Ministry	Notes
September 13	Canon Susan Fortunato	Canon to the Ordinary, Diocese of NJ	Canon Susan joins us once again. The Canon is also supporting our ongoing transition process.
September 20	Canon Susan Fortunato	Canon to the Ordinary, Diocese of NJ	Canon Susan joins us once again. The Canon is also supporting our ongoing transition process.
September 27	Rev. Susanna Cates	Priest-in-Charge of Christ Church in Shrewsbury, New Jersey	Mother Susanna returns! She was with us on July 12th assisting in Burgers & Blessings.
October 4th	The Very Rev. Terence Lee	Trinity Cathedral, Trenton, NJ	Acting Dean of Trinity Cathedral and member of the diocesan staff.

Blessing of the Animals – Saturday, October 3rd, at 10 AM

Critters and their caretakers are invited to gather for blessing of the animals in the Memorial Garden or in the Church if the weather is inclement.

Our visiting priest for the weekend of October 3rd, Father Terence Lee, has graciously agreed to lead us in prayer for the Blessing of the Animals. Father Lee has a pup named Carter, so we expect he may also be in attendance.

Parish Directory is available for pickup!

Thanks to the diligence and dedication of Laura Van Orden,
the new St. Peter's at the Light Parish Directory is now available for pickup at the church office If you are new to St. Peter's and would like to be included in the directory, or if you have any changes or corrections to your current listing, please send it to Chris at officestpeterslbi2@gmail.com by September 27th.

The Commission on Ministry is holding a Day of Discernment for all those who are sensing a call to ordained ministry, both Priesthood and Diaconate.

Register here for the event on Saturday, September 26th from 10-2 at the Cathedral in Trenton.
Lunch will be served. Registration is open through September 16th.
(Registration Form is attached at the bottom.)

This day is for those who have thought about ordained ministry and have spoken to their priest, for those who have applied for postulancy and for those who are recently admitted to postulancy. It will be formatted to be informational and members of the Commission will be available to answer questions. There will also be time in the afternoon to have brief gatherings with each individual Nominee with members of the Commission to begin informal dialogue.

Registration Form Click on: ..:: Learning Stream ::..

Bible Study every Friday

Friday mornings at 10 a.m. (except on the Friday preceding a holiday weekend)

The Spirit is alive and well here on Friday mornings! We have a wonderful and welcoming inter-faith/inter-denominational Bible Study. Join us for a study of Deuteronomy.
EVERYONE is welcome!

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89164760353?pwd=eGF0YXI2RHlGVXVtT3Q2TmpuQUsxZz09
If the link does not work for you,
go to https://zoom.us; then click "join meeting"
Meeting ID: 891 6476 0353 ~ Passcode: 395168

Lunch Bunch - Wednesdays at 11:30 AM

Join us each Wednesday at 11:30 AM for a simple lunch, good conversation, and fellowship. We gather for about an hour and a half to share stories, laughter, and friendship.
Everyone is welcome!
If you know someone who could use a little company or would enjoy getting together with others, invite them to join us.
Need a ride? We're happy to help with transportation.
Interested in providing lunch? Jackie Sullivan coordinates our lunch hosts, and expenses can be reimbursed. Contact Jackie, or call Chris O'Rourke, our Parish Administrator, at 609-824-1955 and she will be connect you.

Check out our Ongoing Ministries and Activities throughout the Year!

Upcoming Contemplative Prayer Schedule to be Announced!

Everyone is welcome to this experience!

Any questions and further details, please call Barbara Sweeten 609-290-0843

Every Other Friday Lunch Outing! Next Date, Friday September 25th!

Destination – Elements, 635 Route 72 East, Manahawkin

This is after Bible Study, so we will arrive at the restaurant at 1 p.m.
The contact person for all of the outings listed below is Bruce Allen.
If you would like to join in the fun (and we certainly hope you will) or if you need transportation, please contact Bruce at (856) 906 - 3761.

You can help alleviate hunger!
Next Date, Tuesday, September 22nd

If you are available, we need extra hands to distribute food to those in need. Everyone is welcome to join us as we distribute food with St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Pleasantville. All volunteers are welcome, and carpooling is possible!
If you have any questions, please contact:
Don Mann at (609) 902 – 7487 or Bruce Allen (856) 906-3761

SAVE THE DATE!!! MONDAY, OCTOBER 12TH
22nd Bishop George E. Councell Memorial Golf Outing

Further details can be found in the Weekend Constant Contact Email Update.