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THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 30, 2025

10:15 AM

WELCOME TO ST. PETER'S!

The Lenten Plants are given to the Glory of God.

Ministers of the Service

Today's Servers

Presider	The Rev. Michael Muller
Preacher:	Peeka Trenkle
Deacon:	The Rev. Deacon Nancy Hansen
Verger:	Tim O'Donnell
Organist/Music Director:	Sal Lagattuta
Cantor:	Susan Fleischman
Soloist:	Helene Millar
Crucifer:	Wes Immitt
Torch Bearers:	Colson Russo & Andi Immitt
Ushers:	E.V. Janopaul & John Garrison
Lay Reader:	Fred Osborne
Eucharistic Minister:	Tim Berrios
Camera Operator:	Bob Soni
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Coffee Hour Host:	Kevin Edwards

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The Word of God

L. Couperin

Please stand at the sound of the chime

Book of Common Prayer p. 148

The Officiant at the Litany may be a lay cantor.

Officiant
 O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Officiant
 O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Officiant
 O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faith - ful, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Officiant
 O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Officiant
 We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to inspire us, in our several callings, to do the work which thou givest us to do with singleness of heart as thy servants, and for the common good,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to preserve all who are in danger by reason of their labor or their travel,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to preserve, and provide for, all women in childbirth, young children and orphans, the widowed, and all whose homes are broken or torn by strife,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to visit the lonely; to strengthen all who suffer in mind, body, and spirit; and to comfort with thy presence those who are failing and infirm,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to support, help, and comfort all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Lenten Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: **His mercy endures forever. Amen.**

The Decalogue

Celebrant: Hear the commandments of God to his people: I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.

People: **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant: You shall not make for yourself any idol.

People: **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant: You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

People: **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant: Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.

People: **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant: Honor your father and your mother.

People: **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant: You shall not commit murder.

People: **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant: You shall not commit adultery.

People: **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant: You shall not steal.

People: **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant: You shall not be a false witness.

People: **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant: You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

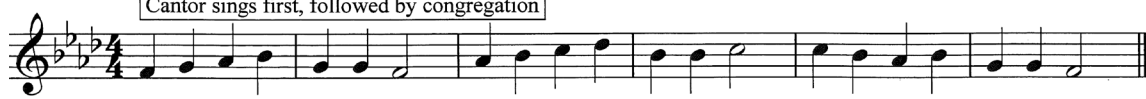
People: **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant: Jesus said “The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these **Amen.**

Kyrie Eleison


Hymnal S89

Cantor sings first, followed by congregation




Ky-ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky-ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky-ri - e e - le - i - son.

Cantor sings first, followed by congregation



Chris - te e - le - i - son. Chris-te e - le - i - son. Chris-te e - le - i - son.

All together



Ky-ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky-ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky-ri - e e - le - i - son.

Confession of Sin (*The People kneel as able*)

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. (*Silence may be kept*)

Celebrant and People

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

The Celebrant stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Lessons *(Please be seated)*

First Reading: Joshua 5:9-12

A reading from the Book of Joshua. The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year." The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 32

1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, *
and whose sin is put away!

2 Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, *
and in whose spirit there is no guile!

3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, *
because of my groaning all day long.

4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; *
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.

5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, *
and did not conceal my guilt.

6 I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." *
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; *
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

8 You are my hiding-place;
you preserve me from trouble; *
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; *
I will guide you with my eye.

10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; *
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will not stay near you."

11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; *
but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.

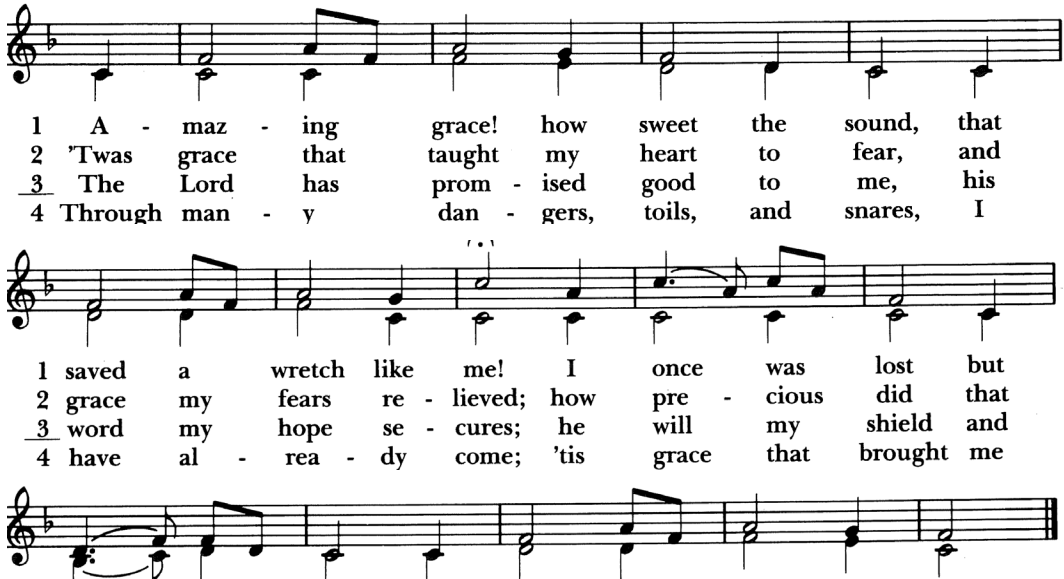
12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; *
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

A reading from the second letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians. From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn: "Amazing Grace" vs. 1-4 Hymn: #671



1 A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, that
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his
4 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I

1 saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
2 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
3 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
4 have al - rea - dy come; 'tis grace that brought me

1 now am found, was blind but now I see.
2 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
3 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
4 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

Gospel Announcement

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

People: "Glory to you, Lord Christ."

Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So Jesus told them this parable:

"There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent

everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe--the best one--and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

Response after the Gospel

“Praise to you, Lord Christ.”

Sermon

Peeka Trenkle

The Nicene Creed *(Please stand.)*

Book of Common Prayer p. 358

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.

Prayers of the People

Leader: For your Church everywhere; for Sean our Presiding Bishop, for Carlye our Bishop, for Michael our Priest, Nancy our Deacon, and for all who minister in the name of Christ, Lord, in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: For our nations and our leaders, and all in authority that they use their power for good throughout the world, Lord, in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: For all who are in crisis or need, the sick and dying, and those who minister to them. Reading their names together, we pray for **Deacon Nancy, Deborah Osborne, Dave Baker, Bob Bark, Jean Modig, Grace Wolfe, Joseph Calcagno, Barbara Gagne, Eva Cordova, Kathy Mack, Christopher Sugahara, Donal Duff, Jordyn Riley, Bob Messick, Mary Del Ojo, Glenn Clark, Dana Dean, Evelyn Watkins, Nancy Mclarin, Lee Westbrook, Nancy Pignatello, Jack Christel, Nancy Nickens, Ray Rogers, Tessie, Christopher, Martha, Dorothy, Cicely and Elyse.**

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: For our congregation and for our common life together in this community, we pray in particular today for Tim & Sheila Stafford and Jeanne Stevens; for those celebrating birthdays this week: Renee Caruthers, Hadley White and Tim O'Donnell and for Liberian students Fatumata, Princess, Maxwell, George & Derick. Lord, in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for all who have died. Lord, in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Peace

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

All are invited to share Christ's peace with each other.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence:

Choral Anthem: “Ave Verum Corpus”

W. A. Mozart

Translation: Oh true body, born of the Virgin Mary, who having truly suffered, was sacrificed on the cross for us. Whose pierced side flowed with water and blood: May our communion be a foretaste of the Heavenly banquet awaiting us.”

Presentation Hymn: “Praise God, from whom all blessings flow” Hymn #380

Representatives of the congregation bring the people’s offerings to the celebrant. (vs. 3)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving, *Enriching Our Worship*-Eucharistic Prayer 1

The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

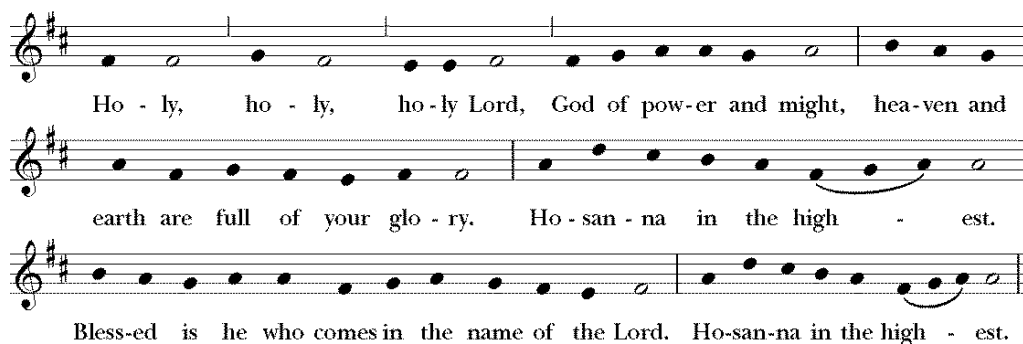
Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Hymnal S 124



The people stand or kneel as able. The Celebrant continues.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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

Celebrant and people

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

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

Fraction Anthem: "Lamb of God" *Agnus Dei* (S 160)

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Invitation to Communion

Facing the people, the Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All are invited to participate in Communion.

Communion Solo: "Were You There When They Crucified My Lord"

arr. K. Murdock/S. Lagattuta

Helene Millar- soprano

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant and people

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing

(Please stand.)

Recessional Hymn: "Love Divine all love excelling" Hymn #657



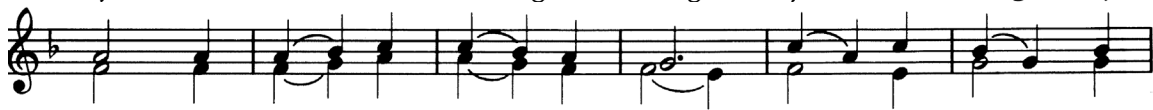
1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to
2 Come, al - mighty - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy
3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less



earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless-ing,
ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem-bling heart.
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

Dismissal: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "Love Divine All Love Excelling"

arr. A. L. Page

Parish Notes

APRIL

5 Sat - Men's Breakfast in the Parish Hall at 8 to 9:30 am

10 Thurs - MHA Social Dinner in the Parish Hall at 6 to 7:30 pm

13 Sun - *Palm Sunday* - 8 & 10:15 am

17 Thurs - *Maundy Thursday* - 7:00 pm followed by Garden Watch (NEW) at the Altar of Repose in Side Chapel of Church

18 Fri - *Good Friday* - Outside Stations of the Cross at 12 Noon - BCP Liturgy at 3 pm

19 Sat - *Great Vigil of Easter* at 7:30 pm

20 Sun - *Easter Sunday* - 8 & 10:15 am followed by Easter Egg Hunt

27 Sun - Baptism of Sebastian Gabriel Johnston at 10:15 am

30 Wed - Faith Kitchen at Trinity Lutheran in Dover

MAY

3 Sat- Ecumenical Celebration of the *1700th Anniversary of the Nicene Creed* at St. Patrick's Pro Cathedral in Freehold, NJ at 11 am.

16 Fri - *150th Diocesan Anniversary Concert* at Christ Church Short Hills at 7 pm.

17 Sat - *150th Diocesan Anniversary Worship Service* with Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe at St. Peter's in Morristown.

17 Sat - *St. Peter's 50th Anniversary Action Auction* at Rockaway River Country Club from 6 to 10 pm. Stay tuned for details.

18 Sun - Baptism of Emmet Walter Brask - *Presider & Preacher: Rev. George E. Dredde III* at 10:15 am

JUNE

1 Sun - *Episcopal Visitation of Rt. Rev. Carlye Hughes* - 8 & 10:15 am followed by Parish Town Hall with Bishop Hughes

1 Sun - *David Hegg Awards* at Church of the Saviour, Denville at 3 pm

8 Sun - *Annual Parish Picnic* at Kris & John Garrison at 10:15 am

23-26 Mon-Thurs Youth Group Local Mission Trip

29 Sun - Baptism of Chelsea Noelle Verrengia at 9:30 am

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Fridays 9 am – 12:00 pm

St. Peter's Mission Statement

St. Peter's exists to celebrate our Christian faith through worship, fellowship and the demonstration of Christian love in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

To accomplish this purpose we must

- Invite and welcome all persons into the warmth and fellowship of the St. Peter's family.
- Strengthen and support all members of our church family in their daily lives and minister to their needs.
- Create a rich environment where our common Christian values are shared and taught through worship, through study of the Bible and through example.
- Reach out to the world around us and demonstrate Christian love, sharing our gifts and talents with our neighbors and those in need of them.

The Staff at St. Peter's

The Reverend Michael Muller, Rector

Sal Lagattuta, Music Director

Susan Marshall, Parish Coordinator

Deborah Osborne, Senior Warden; Hope White, Junior Warden

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