



ST. PETER'S  
MOUNTAIN LAKES



THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
AND THE BAPTISM OF  
TARA ADELINE GUARRA  
OCTOBER 25, 2026  
10:15AM



# WELCOME TO ST. PETER'S

*The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God.*

## MINISTERS OF THE SERVICE

### Today's Servers

|                          |                                                                                                                                                                     |
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| PRESIDER:                | The Reverend Michael Muller                                                                                                                                         |
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| COFFEE HOUR HOST:        | The Edwards Family                                                                                                                                                  |

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# HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

## THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude: "If Thou Be Near" ~ arr. J.S. Bach

*(Please stand)*

Processional Hymn: #379 "God Is Love"



1 God is Love, let heaven a - dore him; God is Love, let  
2 God is Love; and love en - folds us, all the world in  
3 God is Love; and though with blind-ness sin af - flicts all



earth re - joice; let cre - a - tion sing be - fore him  
one em - brace: with un - fail - ing grasp God holds us,  
hu - man life, God's e - ter - nal lov - ing - kind-ness



and ex - alt him with one voice. God who laid the earth's foun-  
ev - ery child of ev - ery race. And when hu - man hearts are  
guides us through our earth - ly strife. Sin and death and hell shall



da - tion, God who spread the heavens a - bove, God who breathes through  
break-ing un - der sor - row's i - ron rod, then we find that  
nev - er o'er us fi - nal tri - umph gain; God is Love, so



all cre - a - tion: God is Love, e - ter - nal Love.  
self - same ach-ing deep with - in the heart of God.  
Love for ev - er o'er the u - ni - verse must reign.

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

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

*Presider:* There is one Body and one Spirit;

*People:* **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

*Presider:* One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

*People:* **One God and Father of all.**

## The Collect of the Day

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Presider:* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## First Reading: **Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18**

A reading from the Book of Leviticus.

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.

You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the LORD.

You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

The Word of the Lord.

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

## Psalm 1

- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, \*  
nor lingered in the way of sinners,  
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the LORD, \*  
and they meditate on his law day and night.
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; \*  
everything they do shall prosper.
- 4 It is not so with the wicked; \*  
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, \*  
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- 6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, \*  
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

## Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

A reading from Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians.

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

The Word of the Lord.

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

# Gradual Hymn: #560 W&R "I Love To Tell The Story"



1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove, of  
2 I love to tell the sto - ry, 'tis pleas - ant to re - peat what  
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best seem



Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love. I love to tell the  
seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet. I love to tell the  
hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest. And when in scenes of



sto - ry be - cause I know 'tis true; it sat - is - fies my long - ings as  
sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from  
glo - ry I sing the new, new song, 'twill be the old, old sto - ry that



noth - ing else can do.  
God's own Ho - ly Word. I love to tell the sto - ry, 'twill be my theme in  
I have loved so long.



glo - ry, to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

# Gospel Announcement

*Presider:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.  
*People:* **"Glory to you, Lord Christ."**

## Gospel: Matthew 22:34-46

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

'The Lord said to my Lord,  
"Sit at my right hand,  
until I put your enemies under your feet"'?

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

The Gospel of the Lord  
**"Praise to you, Lord Christ"**

Sermon

Peeka Trenkle

Procession to the Font *Parents and godparents gather at the font.*

*Please Stand*

## Baptismal Hymn: I Want to Walk as a Child of Light



I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to fol - low  
Je - sus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The  
star of my life is Je - sus. In him there is no  
dark-ness at all. The night and the day\_ are both a - like. The  
Lamb is the light of the ci - ty of God.  
Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

## Presentation and Examination of the Candidate

*The Presider says*

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*Parents, Sponsors and Godparents*

**I present Tara Adeline to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.**

*The Presider asks the parents and godparents*

Will you be responsible for seeing that this child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

*Parents and Godparents*

**I will, with God's help.**

*The Presider asks the parents and godparents*

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

*Parents and Godparents*

**I will, with God's help.**

*Then the Presider asks the following questions of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infants*

*Question*      Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

*Answer*        **I renounce them.**

*Question*      Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

*Answer*        **I renounce them.**

*Question*      Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

*Answer*        **I renounce them.**

*Question*      Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

*Answer*        **I do.**

*Question*      Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

*Answer*        **I do.**

*Question*      Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

*Answer*        **I do.**

*The Presider addresses the congregation, saying*

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this child in her life in Christ?

*People*        **We will.**

*The Presider then says these or similar words*

Let us join with Tara who is committing herself to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

# The Baptismal Covenant

*Presider* Do you believe in God the Father?

*People* **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

*Presider* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People* **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*Presider* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People* **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

*Presider* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Presider* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Presider* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Presider* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Presider* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

## Prayers for the Candidate

*The Presider then says to the congregation*

Let us now pray for Tara who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

*A Person appointed leads the following petitions*

*Leader* Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Open her heart to your grace and truth.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Send her into the world in witness to your love.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*The Presider says*

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

## Thanksgiving over the Water

*The Presider blesses the water, first saying*

*People* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*Presider*

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water*

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The Baptism

Tara, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*When this action has been completed, the priest, prays over her, saying*

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Tara, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

*The Presider says*

Tara, receive the light of Christ. Let us welcome the newly baptized.

*Presider and People*

**We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

## The Peace

*The Presider says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*All are invited to share God's peace.*

## Announcements

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence:

Choral Anthem: "O Come Everyone That Thirsteth"

from 'Elijah' ~ F. Mendelssohn

O come everyone that thirsteth, O come to the waters, O come to Him.

O come ye unto Him, O hear, and your souls shall live forever!

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

*Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings to the presider.* (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, Eucharistic Prayer A

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*The people remain standing. The Presider faces them and says*

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Presider:* Lift up your hearts.

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

*Presider:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*The Presider proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

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 125

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Presider and People*

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

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has 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

*Presider:* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People:* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

## Invitation to Communion

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.

## Choral Communion Meditation "A New Commandment" ~

A. Nazareth / S. Lagattuta

### Post Communion Prayer      Book of Common Prayer page 366

*Presider and people*

**Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

### Blessing

## Recessional Hymn #376 "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"



- 1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
- 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,
- 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.  
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;  
field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, bloom - ing mea - dow, flash - ing sea,  
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Bro - ther: all who live in love are thine;



giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.  
chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.  
teach — us how to love each o - ther, lift us to the joy di - vine.

Dismissal Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.

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

Postlude: "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" ~ arr. L. Smith

## PARISH NOTES

### OCTOBER

**25      Sunday          3pm                  Diocesan Prayer Vigil Delaney Hall**

### NOVEMBER

**1          Sunday          10:15am          All Saints Family Service & Reading of Necrology**

**1 & 2      Monday & Tuesday      7pm          Election Eve & Election Day: Prayer in Church**

**4          Wednesday      7-8pm          Regional Faith Community (COTS) "Peace"**

**7          Saturday          11:00am          Norman Myatt's Memorial Service at St. Peter's**  
**6:00pm          St. John's Boonton, Fish & Chip Dinner**  
**(See Flyer on Bulletin-board in the Parish Hall)**

**10        Tuesday      5:00 to 7:00 pm      MHA Social Club Dinner**

**13 & 14          Friday & Saturday      152<sup>nd</sup> Diocesan Convention @ Hilton Parsippany**

**14        Saturday          10:30-1:30pm      Saint John's Luncheon (Steve's Group)**

**8          Wednesday      7-8pm          Regional Faith Community (St. Peter's) "Kingdom"**

**21        Saturday          7:30-9am          Men's Breakfast**

**22        Sunday          10:15am          Holy Baptism of Kai Johnston**

**29        Sunday          10:15am          Advent 1 ~ **Advent Craft****  
**for all Sunday School Children**

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## 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

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## **The Wardens and Vestry**

Jeff Roth, Senior Warden; Hope White, Junior Warden

**2027**

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