



# The Newsletter

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## Advent & Christmas 2017

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### A Christmas Letter from Bishop Itty

My Dear Friends in Christ,

As we celebrate the mystery of the Incarnation during this holy season of Christmas, it is important to remember that the message of God's angels have always offered words of hope and consolation and promise to the faithful. In this regard, I invite you to consider the words of the angel Gabriel to Mary, at a time of personal stress, fear, and anxiety:



*"... The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be barren is in her sixth month. For nothing is impossible with God." (Luke 1:35-37).*

Human life is always filled with anxiety and stress fully mixed in with times of wonder, excitement and joy. Christmas each year greets us with many mixed emotions. As we revel in the beauty of the season and enjoy the company of others, we remember lost loved ones. As we joyfully anticipate new paths and directions for our lives we feel sometimes overburdened by the tasks and responsibilities that always seem to demand our immediate attention. Indeed, there never seems to be any perfect time when we will be fully prepared for the mystery and majesty that Christmas tide offers to each of us.

*St. Peter's Parish seeks to worship the Lord as one loving family by serving our parish and community through prayer, music, education, and outreach.*

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This is a season for celebrating life and acknowledging the many people around us that help us to become better human beings. It is especially a time to remember that God is ultimately in control of all things in our life and in our circumstances. It is a time to remember that our faith and willingness to follow Jesus Christ should be the central focus of our efforts in the times to come. It is also a time to remember that nothing is outside of God's control or capacity to manage. It is indeed a season of miracles and wonderful expectations that can dramatically change our lives, minds, hearts, and perspectives.

I invite you, therefore, to nurture the seed of faith within you, so that you may recognize and appreciate the many miracles of life that are happening everywhere. Do not despair, give up, or yield to the many distractions that draw us away from faith. Trust, pray, persevere, and be comforted in knowing that God always responds lovingly to those who remain faithful. In this season of joyful expectations and miracles, I pray that the joy of Christ's birth will fill your heart with a renewed sense of peace. May we always find comfort in the message of God's holy angels that offer us words of encouragement and hope. And may we be especially mindful of the angelic proclamation: *"For nothing is impossible with God."*

May God abundantly bless you and your loved ones with good health, happiness, and Christ's peace during this holy Christmas tide and in the New Year to come. I remain,

Faithfully Yours in Christ,



Bishop Johncy Itty



## Christmas at St. Peter's 2017

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10 - FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS  
BY CANDLELIGHT - 4PM**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS EVE**  
*Holy Eucharist Rite I for the Fourth Sunday of Advent - 8am*  
*Christmas Pageant and Family Eucharist for Christmas Eve - 10am*  
*Festival Choral Eucharist for Christmas Eve - 9pm*

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 25 - HOLY EUCHARIST FOR CHRISTMAS DAY- 10AM**

## Welcome to St. Peter's Newsletter!

## MARK'S CORNER



Mark Engelhardt  
*Associate for Administration  
Liturgy, and Music*

Several years have passed since the last issue of St. Peter's monthly newsletter. The good work of those parishioners who expended much energy to create both retrospective of events past and a look ahead at upcoming events has not been forgotten, and the time has come to rejuvenate those endeavors.

At least for a time, The Newsletter will be published on a quarterly basis, more-or-less coinciding with the changes of the liturgical cycles of the year. Each issue will highlight some of the events of the weeks preceding the issue as well as announce upcoming events. Additionally, Bishop Itty will offer a spiritual reflection, we will feature articles by guest authors, reports from organizations and other items of general interest to the parish and beyond.

Circulation will be mostly electronic, but we will print a few copies for those not connected electronically which will be available in the narthex. Please share our "good news" beyond our parish walls. Tell the world about St. Peter's and the good work that we do.

And here is an invitation . . . Take pictures when you're

present at events and send them to the office. Even if we have several pictures from different sources for each event, think about how we might be able to feature your photographic talents in the Newsletter!

Here's another invitation . . . Submit reviews, articles, spiritual devotions, or even suggestions of public domain works which might be reprinted. Make this YOUR newsletter.

Final invitation . . . "Name the Newsletter." Be thinking of a new name that we can call our newsletter and soon we'll have a naming contest (with a modest prize, of course).

As you peruse through the following pages, I hope that you'll find items of interest, reminders of recent events, and a moment of restful spiritual reflection.

With all best wishes for a holy Advent and joyous Christmastide!

Dear Friends in Christ,

Our Lord Jesus Christ often shared important and memorable teachings through stories and a variety of illustrations. Stories, personal testimonies, reflections, and meditations have great meaning for all people. Photos, artwork, and other creative resources also enrich our understanding of life and our appreciation for the wider community in which we live.

In this regard, I invite us all to celebrate the renewal of this parish newsletter, which will be conveyed primarily in electronic form. Through this resource we have an opportunity for sharing our faith stories, poetry, photos, recopies, and a variety of church family news that will bring us closer together as stronger and more faithful disciples of Jesus.

Please feel welcome to share those things that bring you happiness, joy, and gratitude for God's blessings. We look forward to being inspired and learning from each other in our common witness as a Christian family at St. Peter's by the Sea.

Faithfully Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Johnny Itty" with a small cross symbol above the first letter of the first name.

# Fall Scrapbook

**LONG ISLAND VOICES & SOUND SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**  
PRESENT

**Concert for Peace**

This benefit concert will feature the choral and orchestral work of **Michael Bussewitz-Quarm**

**Performed works will include:**

- PAY THE FERRYMAN FOR DAVID AARON •  
Hope for Recovery Choral Consortium
- THE SONGS OF LAMIYA •  
The Childhood Refugee Awareness Choral Consortium

**Premiere Performances:**

- NIGRA SUM • (Dedicated to the children of Syria)
- PACEM RELINQUO VOBIS OF REQUIEM DIES MAGNA •  
(For Soprano and Tenor Soloists, Choir, Orchestra, Organ and Harp)

Plus AARON COPLAND'S HOEDOWN

**F.I.S.T.**  
A non-profit organization designed to organize, support, educate, guide, and provide resources to families who are struggling with a loved one's addiction.

**9-1-1 Veterans, Inc.**  
A non-profit organization dedicated to assisting Long Island's veterans and helping them through critical times of need.

**ALL PROCEEDS GO DIRECTLY TO:**

Sunday / September 17, 2017 at 4:00 PM  
• SAINT PETER'S BY THE SEA •  
500 S. Country Road | Bay Shore, NY

Children: \$10 | Celebrants & Vets: \$15 | General: \$20

Tickets available NOW on-line at [mbstudio.com/long-island-voices/](http://mbstudio.com/long-island-voices/) or in person:

**Family Melody Center**  
77 South Ocean Ave. • Patchogue, NY  
631-475-3210


**Music & Arts**  
2308-C Nesconset Hwy. • Stony Brook, NY  
631-751-2464

**September 17th:** The Long Island Voices and Sound Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Michael Bussewitz-Quarm, opened the 2017-2018 season of Music at St. Peter's with a "Concert for Peace." The program featured music composed by the director, including the newly orchestrated "Requiem Dies Magna." The full-house audience raised significant funds for F.I.S.T., an organization that assists families struggling with addiction; and for 9-1-1 Veterans, which assists Long Island's veterans, helping them through times of need.

**Music at St. Peter's by-the-Sea**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

500 South Country Road • Bay Shore • New York • 11706

**EVENSONG  
FOR THE  
FEAST OF  
ST. MICHAEL  
& ALL ANGELS  
SUNDAY  
OCTOBER 1, 2017  
4:00 PM**



**Introit: Cantate Domino - Hans Leo Hassler**  
**Responses: Plainsong**  
**Psalm 150—Anglican Chant: C. V. Stanford**  
**Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis - Mark Engelhardt in D**  
**Anthem: Behold Now, Praise the Lord - Everett Titcomb**

**The Parish Choir**  
Mark Engelhardt, Organist and Director


**Information: 631-665-0051 x. 124**

**October 1st:** The Parish Choir sang the first of two Evensong services scheduled for 2017-2018. An Evensong for the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels featured music of Stanford and Everett Titcomb, and was the Long Island premiere of a setting of the Evening Canticles by Mark Engelhardt, composed in 2008 to honor the Rector of Grace Church in Salem, Massachusetts.

**Oktoberfest**  
at St. Peter's

**Saturday, October 28, 2017**

**6 until 10 pm**



Dinner with all the Trimmings  
desserts, beer and wine, and More!

**Special Feature!!!**  
**Spooktacular Organ Concert**  
At 7:30 pm

**\$20 per person**  
**\$5 Children ages 7 - 12**  
**Free Children Under 7**  
**Come in Halloween Costume!**

**October 28th** Our own chef, Bill Kern, provided the gustatory delights once again for our annual Oktoberfest dinner. Typical German treats abounded for the multi-generational assortment of diners. Following the dinner, Mark Engelhardt presented a "Spooktacular" Organ Concert, disguised as the mystery organist from the 18th century!

*(Photo courtesy Nancy Maia)*





**Month of October:** Senior Warden, Sal Basile and Vestry member Bill Kern spearheaded a “Fall Pumpkin Sale” fund raiser by selling pumpkins on Saturdays and after church on Sundays.



**November 4th:** Clean-up day at St. Peter's! Several parishioners gathered through the morning and early afternoon to spruce up our buildings after a busy year of use!

*(Photos courtesy Dawn Johnston)*

**ST. PETER'S BY-THE-SEA EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
 500 SOUTH COUNTRY ROAD  
 BAY SHORE, NY  
 PRESENTS  
**A HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR**  
**MARK ENGELHARDT, ORGANIST**  
**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2017**  
**7:30 PM**  
 Program

|   |                          |
|---|--------------------------|
| TOCCATA AND FUGUE IN D MINOR  | J. S. BACH (1685-1750)   |
| TWO PIECES<br>THAT SINGING FEELING ...<br>JIG FOR THE FEET (TORTCHARTZ) | WILLIAM ALBRECHT (1940-) |
| FROM "PICTURES FROM AN EXHIBITION"                                      | MODERATTO (1835-1907)    |
| I GROSS   | arg. FRIEDRICH WILHELM   |
| DE THE HYP ON FOUR'S LEGS (BABA YAGRA)                                  |                          |
| X THE GREAT GATE OF KJEV  |                          |

\$10.00 SUGGESTED DONATION  
 FREE Will OFFERING FOR THOSE ATTENDING OCTOBER FEST



**November 4th:** The Center for the Arts hosted, for the second time, “Exploring Music” at the Bay Shore- Brightwaters Library. 15 children with faculty member Bevin Flemming and helpers Caitlin and Steve explored “Music and Emotion.”

*(Photos courtesy Bevin Flemming)*



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**November 11th:** On November 11, scouts and adult leaders from scout Troop 43 and cub scout Pack 153 collected donations of food and dry goods from shoppers at the Stop and Shop in Bay Shore. The donations were used to stock the shelves of the food pantries of St. Peter's and St. Patrick's.

**November 12th:** Parishioner Paul Hedemark, pianist extraordinaire, was presented by Music at St. Peter's Concert series performing solo works of Mozart and Schumann, and accompanying Cantor Daniel Rosenfeld in classical repertoire and music of the Yiddish Theater.

**MUSIC AT ST. PETER'S**  
*Presents in Concert*

**PAUL HEDEMARK**  
*Piano*

**CANTOR DANIEL ROSENFELD**  
*Tenor*

**SUNDAY, 12 NOVEMBER 2017**  
**4:00 PM**

MUSIC OF  
MOZART, SCHUMANN, SCHUBERT, BRAHMS, IVES  
ELLSTEIN, GOLDFADEN, LEBEDEFF

**ST. PETER'S BY-THE-SEA EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
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**Island Symphony Orchestra**  
Dr. Richard Wright, Guest Conductor

**47th ANNIVERSARY Season**  
**FREE CONCERT**

Featuring  
**Sylvia Kowalczyk**  
*Internationally Acclaimed Harpist*

**PROGRAM**

Gioachino Rossini: Overture to the Italian Girl in Algiers  
Antonin Dvořák: Legends, Op. 59, Nos. 1-5  
Marcel Tournier: Etude de Concert "Au Matin" for harp  
Ludwig Van Beethoven: Symphony No. 1 in C, Op. 21

Sunday, Nov. 19, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.  
St. Peter's-by-the-Sea Episcopal Church  
500 South Country Road  
Bay Shore, NY 11706

Public funding provided by Suffolk County

For further information, call 516-314-1883 or visit [www.islandsymphony.org](http://www.islandsymphony.org)

**November 13th:** Our Ensemble-in-Residence "Island Symphony" performed their first concert of the 47th Anniversary Season. The concert was played in loving memory of Howard Cinnamon, recently deceased long-time conductor.

**December 2nd:** All hands-on-deck for the Annual Christmas Fair. Baked goods, Vendors, Raffles, Plants . . . Good times, and funds raised for the Mission and Ministry of St. Peter's Church!

**CHRISTMAS FAIR**  
*at*  
**St. Peter's Episcopal Church**  
500 S. Country Road, Bay Shore

**SATURDAY, 2 DECEMBER**  
**10am to 4pm**

Vendors, Baked Goods, Homemade Cookies, Pies, Cakes,  
Soups, Jams and Jellies  
Buy a Christmas Plant! Shop for Gifts!  
Raffles! (Tickets at the Door)

Christmas Gift Table for Children Only!

Are you coming to St. Peter's for an event? Have a camera in your phone? Take some pictures and send them to Mark! It's easy . . . it's fun . . . and it helps us remember the many blessings we receive as members of St. Peter's Parish!



## A New Frontal for the Lady Chapel Altar

For many years, St. Peter's parish has enjoyed the beautiful and unusual frontal in the Lady Chapel. Due to its age,

the appliqued art was deteriorating. On Sunday, December 3, 2017, the first Sunday of Advent, a new frontal was dedicated at the special 10am service of Choral Morning Prayer and the



Holy Eucharist. The new frontal was given by individuals and parish organizations including the ECW, Altar Guild, and members of the Vestry, in loving memory of Jean Basile, the beloved wife of Sal Basile, Senior Warden.



## ECW News

St. Peter's Episcopal Church Women received the following letter of thanks from the Diocesan Board:

On behalf of the Long Island ECW Diocesan Board, I send loving thanks to the very talented ladies of St. Peter's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church, Bay Shore who donated 96 beautiful knitted and crocheted items for the Seamen's Church Institute's Christmas-at-Sea Program this fall! What a gift! They will be so thrilled and appreciative to receive these at Christmas time! Thank you all for the generous amount of items you have sent this year! The participating Diocesan churches have more than doubled their amount of items given this year! God bless!

Angie Morris, Long Island ECW Diocesan Board, SCI Liaison

## Lessons and Carols by Candlelight

Sunday, 10 December 2017  
4 o'clock in the afternoon



Choral music of Manz, Wood, Ord, Engelhardt  
Respighi, Jiménez

### The Parish Choir

Traditional hymns and Carols for  
Choir and Congregation

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**eVoco**  
VOICE COLLECTIVE  
Women's Ensemble

*Virtues & Deities*

Saturday December 16th @ 8pm  
Christ Church  
61 East Main St., Oyster Bay, NY

Sunday December 17th @ 4pm  
St. Peter's by-the-Sea  
500 S Country Road, Bay Shore, NY

Featuring  
Choral Hymns from the Rig Veda, Gustav Holst  
3 Choeurs Religieux, Gioacchino Rossini  
Dancing Day, John Rutter  
Susan Jolles, harp & Miles Massicotte, piano

Tickets  
Purchase online at [www.evoco.vc](http://www.evoco.vc)  
\$20 General / \$10 Students & Seniors 60+  
Purchase at the door  
\$25 General / \$15 Students & Seniors 60+



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