



The Newsletter

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A Summer Letter from Bishop Itty

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The summer season is indeed upon us. Our days are longer, warmer, and filled with wonderful opportunities for refreshment and relaxation. This is a season to renew and restore our physical and spiritual selves so that we can strengthen our common witness to Jesus Christ. This is also a time to give thanks for the many blessings that we have experienced through life's many journeys. It has been a season of graduations, births, marriages, transitions, and new life. It has also been a time of sadness, mourning, and the loss of loved ones. Despite whatever comes our way, this is a season of new opportunities to look at life, priorities, and our spiritual essence from a different perspective. Despite the challenges of the past, the future holds the potential for receiving new blessings and renewed life from the hands of Almighty God.



St. Peter's continues to be blessed with so many devoted and caring persons who give the best of their time and energy in service to the Lord in our common witness. As our members travel to different places to rest or visit family, friends, and loved ones, may we always remember to go to a nearby church and worship God. May the mind of Jesus continue to work through each of us as we bring greetings and good wishes to others. And may we learn from the thoughts and spiritual experiences of others who worship in another portion of our Lord's great vineyard.

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.

I pray that this season of refreshment and renewal will strengthen our zeal and commitment to be more faithful disciples of Jesus Christ as we reflect on these encouraging words of scripture:

“Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?...No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Romans 8:35,37-39)

May God’s grace and abundant blessings fill you with joy, peace, good health and much happiness throughout the summer season.

Faithfully Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Johnny Itty". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small cross symbol above the first letter 'J'.

Bishop Itty

Summer Services at St. Peter's

BEGINNING SUNDAY, JULY 1
THROUGH SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

8:45 AM - BIBLE STUDY IN THE LOUNGE
9:30 AM - HOLY EUCHARIST IN ST. EDMUND'S CHAPEL

SERVICES IN JULY WILL BE RITE I
SERVICES IN AUGUST WILL BE RITE II

PLEASE NOTE: Most photos in this issue are courtesy of Clyde Payne, Nancy Maia, and Mark Engelhardt.

Summertime = Sabbath Rest

WOW! What a busy season we have had at St. Peter's this Winter and Spring! The following pages give but a glimpse of the end result of so many activities, but they can only hint at the time, energy, and devotion required to make each event happen.

Summer is here! That hopefully means some time for rest, relaxation, and perhaps some reflection thrown in for good measure.

Why reflection? Reflection implies careful thought, maybe even meditation. When we reflect upon our events of the past, we have a chance to re-live those moments, but we also have a chance to think about whether we want to recreate those events in the future, enhance them, or abandon them altogether and do something different.

I have always found my time away from my desk (or organ bench) to be valuable and precious. This summer, I'll be taking the month of July as

MARK'S CORNER



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a “staycation” painting much of the interior of my home, getting that grass to grow in those bare patches in my lawn, while trying to figure out what are weeds and what are flowers and plants in that garden. Planning for the coming season usually comes easy for me while I’m wielding that paintbrush or pushing that lawnmower. Time away from the “grind” opens me up to new thoughts, new ideas, new ways of doing “what I do.” And that reminds me of the first verse of one of my favorite hymns: *“New every morning is the love our wakening and uprising prove; through sleep and darkness safely brought, restored to life and power and thought.”*

THAT for me is Sabbath Rest.

Wishing you all a Holy Sabbath during these summer months!

— Mark



FROM THE DESK OF THE SENIOR WARDEN:

Summer is finally upon us. I guess now people will plan their vacation time, but remember Jesus would like to be part of that vacation also. So . . . let's not forget him as we make our plans. Include Jesus on Sundays where ever you go. He is always with you and your family. Enjoy the summer and continue to pray for the people who can't enjoy the summer. Also, remember to keep up with your pledges . . . we need to keep our regular income flowing, even in the summer. Keep St. Peter's and Jesus in mind!

Have a happy and safe summer!

Sal

Spring Scrapbook 2018



Brunch, Lunch, Dinner the Farm, and the Yard Sale! Food, fun, and fellowship reign supreme at St. Peter's, and we had our share of all . . .

The ECW hosted a **Family Brunch** in February celebrating their 130th anniversary at St. Peter's!

The volunteers of the **Lunch Program** produced thousands of nourishing lunches on Sundays for distribution to Bay Shore's homeless population.



Vestry member and Chef extraordinaire **Bill Kern**, along with several *sous chefs* of the parish, produced a delicious traditional Corned Beef Dinner on St. Patrick's Day.

Sal Basile and volunteers have worked tirelessly to get the farm in shape for the season. That work continues on, and volunteer help is appreciated!



Many volunteers assisted in the hard work of producing the "Outdoor Yard Sale" (which was held indoors due to inclement weather). The Thrift Shop was also represented by items for sale and the dedicated staff!



Our Youthful Presence plays a vital role in our parish community.

Boy Scout Troop 43 and Cub Scout Pack 153 continue a long tradition of representing St. Peter's by their civic presence. This year they were seen at Calverton Cemetery on Memorial Day and afterwards, collecting the flags placed at the gravesites . . .



Sunday School and Treble Choir give our young people an opportunity to learn and to offer their services in choir, projects, and the monthly Youth Service.



St. Peter's Preschool had a great year culminating in the ever heart-warming "graduation" ceremony. Miss Sara and Miss Lana, along with Miss Linda, Miss Angela, Miss Bonnie, Miss Erin, Bishop Itty, Mr. Sal, and Mr. Mark work to keep the wheels turning smoothly!



Music at St. Peter's Concerts were abundant!



We hosted the Suffolk Chapter of the American Guild of Organists' annual Children's Choir Festival with over 50 children from around Suffolk County participating.

Cross Island Ensemble played a "return" engagement concert in April.



Chris Reames, staff tenor, sang a full recital in February, and Victoria Wolfe, soprano; Kristin Starkey, contralto; Chris Reames, tenor; and Matt Ilardi, baritone; accompanied by Kanako Reames performed the third annual "Art of Song" concert in May.

The Women's Ensemble of eVoco Voice Collective sang their "Spring Collection" in June.



Zachary Schurman, Organ Scholar at St. Peter's and student of Mark Engelhardt, played a full organ recital to close out the season.

Island Symphony, our Ensemble-in-Residence rehearsed weekly in the parish hall, and we look forward to welcoming them back in the fall under the direction of their new conductor, Eric Stewart.



THE PARISH OF ST. PETER'S IS COMMUNITY! Fellowship and support are ever present

A fond farewell to three members of the choral program: Chris Reames, off to a teaching position in Tennessee; Cindy diStefano, moving to Pennsylvania; and Zac Schurman, headed to Trinity College, Hartford.



St. Peter's ECW awards a \$500.00 scholarship to Zac as he begins his studies at Trinity College and his duties of Organ Scholar to the

Gorgeous flower arrangements adorn worship every Sunday prepared by our very talented and dedicated Altar Guild.



We celebrate birthdays and anniversaries . . .



and enjoy the company of one another!

NEWS OF PARISHIONERS: Amy Freeze from Good Morning America interviewed parishioner Michael Becker (son of Angela Becker) in his surfboard shop in Sayville, NY “Natures Shapes.” Michael builds custom surf boards for all ages, beginners to professional surfers. Congratulations, Michael!



HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS TO ST. PETER’S “CONNECTIONS” GRADUATES:

John Basile and Nicolette Basile, Sal’s grandchildren: John is moving up from Udall Middle School with High Honors and will be starting West Islip High School in the fall; and Nicolette is moving up from Beach Middle School to West Islip High School.

Julie Anne Itty, Bishop Itty’s daughter, graduated from New York Institute of Technology College of Osteopathic Medicine, and has begun her Family Medicine residency at Ohio Health Systems.

Taylor Jones, daughter of Michelle and Harvey Jones and granddaughter of Connie and Clyde Payne, graduated from Duke University with a BA in Political Science and a minor in Media Studies and Journalism. Taylor is currently in South Africa working on a news publication for Duke University.

Matt Kraus, a member of the Parish Choir, has graduated from Stony Brook University with a Bachelor’s degree in Germanic Language and Literature with double minors in Music Technology and European History.

Jessica Taylor Sander, granddaughter of Paul and Ada LeBron will graduate from Massapequa Park High School with High Honors and will be attending SUNY Albany in the fall.

Zachary Schurman, organ scholar at St. Peter’s, will graduate from East Islip High School with High Honors, and will be attending Trinity College, Hartford pursuing a double major in mathematics and music, and assuming the position of Organ Scholar to the Chapel at Trinity College.



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