

July 2022



St. Peter's News

A Message from the Senior Warden

God's Work Good Work

It is a blessing and a beauty to behold! As Paul said in Romans 12:4, "We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us." The offering of gifts of time, talent and treasure from parishioners during this time of transition is a blessing. Just in the last few days, I have seen gifts offered with love by Madeline, Kenyon, Chris, Sam, Bev, Bernie, Tod, Shannon, Sandy, Jonathan, Maureen, Don, Betsy, Bob, Suzanne, Steve, Louise, Alan, Rahel, McEwan, Deede, Grace, Beverly, Rahel, Rick, Paul, Gretchen, Deanna, Tim, Stan, John, Rick, Diane; and there are many others who help, pray, give, follow through, show up and love. As we learn from Ecclesiastes 3, there "is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens." Liturgically, we are in the season of green--of growing, both in our knowledge and relationship with God and as a community of faith. In this season, parishioners have been doing God's work and good work of all kinds including: gardening, painting, cleaning, ushering, hosting, serving, cooking, planning, analyzing finances, interviewing candidates, and worshiping with wonderful guest priests. He has filled our hearts with joy in this time of in between and in the season of growth. Thank you and thank God.

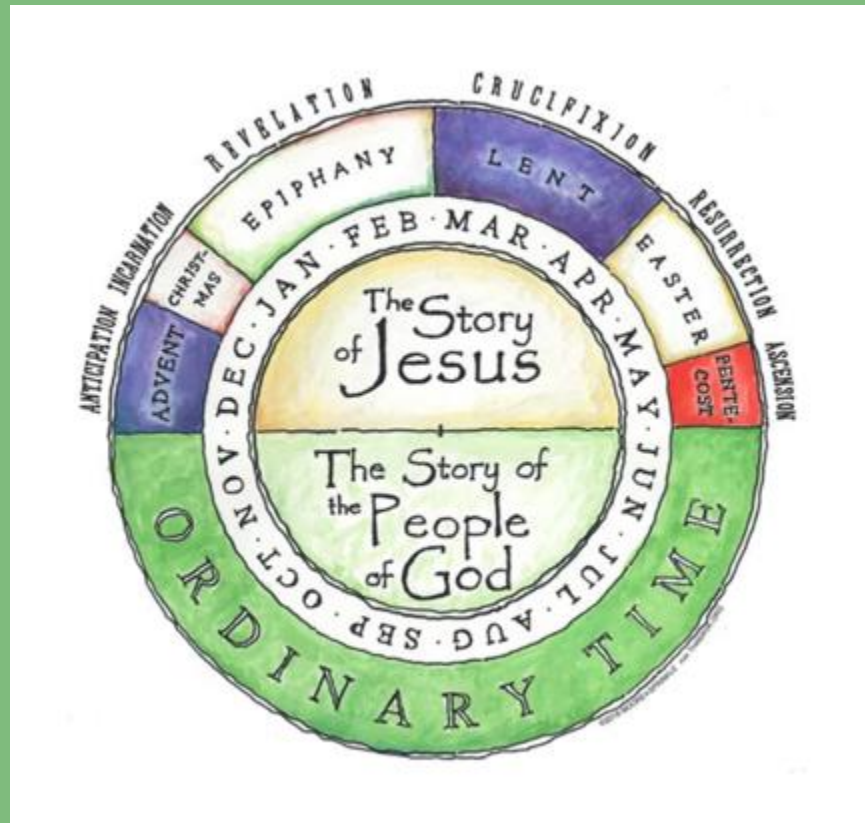
Let us continue to work together, "be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble."

1 Peter 3:8

With peace, love, joy and hope—

Cynthia Maxwell Curtin

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Did you know that we are now in the season of Ordinary Time?

This term is used in the Roman Catholic Church to indicate the parts of the liturgical year that are not included in the major seasons of the church calendar. Ordinary time includes the Monday after Pentecost through the Saturday before the First Sunday of Advent. Ordinary time can be understood in terms of the living out of Christian faith

and the meaning of Christ's resurrection in ordinary life. The term "ordinary time" is not used in the Book of Common Prayer (BCP), but the season after Pentecost can be considered ordinary time. It may be referred to as the "green season," because green is the usual liturgical color for this period of the church year. The BCP provides numbered propers with collects and lectionary readings for the Sundays of the Season after Pentecost.*

But doesn't Ordinary Time seem like special time at St Peter's Church right now? We are coming back to church without pandemic masks. More of us are coming in person back to services in our beautiful nave and sanctuary. We are preparing to bring a new rector to lead us. We have working committees. The warm weather and vacation time feel freeing. And as Cynthia has reminded us, "God is working in the Gap!"

*From: *An Episcopal Dictionary of the Church, A User Friendly Reference for Episcopalians*, diagram from The Family Burrow. created with Wix.com

Music Ministry

Maestro Larry Loh, Symphoria's Music Director, and his son Charlie provided extra special music for us during our Sunday service on June 18th. What a spirited gift! If you weren't in church that Sunday, be sure to listen to their beautiful service music as recorded on the St Peter's Church Face Book page.



Other Ministries

Tuesday Prayer Vigil

For the past 2 and 1/2 years several parishioners have held a weekly prayer service for the pandemic. In light of our emerging from our pandemic time, the prayers have been revised. The weekly prayer gathering will now be called a prayer vigil. It will continue on zoom every Tuesday at 7:00 PM.

The zoom link is:
ID 88619569500
Password 532900

Committee News



The Vestry—Reintroduced

Top, left to right: Betsy Moore, John Limmer, Sandy Petroff, McEwan van der Mandele,
and Suzanne Evans

Bottom, left to right: Tod Leggat (Jr. Warden), Bob Conway, Bernie and Bev Brown (Treasurers), Beverly Fernagut (Clerk), and Cynthia Maxwell Curtin (Sr. Warden)

The vestry is the legal representative body of the parish in all matters pertaining to its corporate property. The number of vestry members and the term of office varies from parish to parish. Vestry members are usually elected at the annual parish meeting. The presiding officer of the vestry is the rector. There are usually two wardens. The senior warden leads the parish between rectors and is a support person for the rector. The junior warden often has responsibility for church property and buildings. A treasurer and a secretary or clerk may be chosen. These officers may or may not be vestry members (at St. Peter's the treasurer and secretary are not vestry members). The basic responsibilities of the vestry are to help define and articulate the mission of the congregation; to support the church's mission by word and deed, to select the rector, to ensure effective organization and planning, and to manage resources and finances.*

At St. Peter's vestry meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month. Members of the church may attend vestry meetings. If you would like to bring up an issue at a vestry meeting, please, send a request to Cynthia. Check the church calendar for specific time and date.

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Buildings and Grounds Committee

After an organizational meeting following church services on June 19, members of the newly formed Building & Grounds/Gardens committee gathered at St. Peter's Rectory on 2033 Syosset Lane on Juneteenth (observed). The B&GG Committee consists of Don Smith, Gayonne McDonald, Madeline Hartt, Tim McCay, Janet Roods, Betsy Moore (vestry liaison) and our Sexton, Stan Relyea. Powered by Dunkin' coffee and donut holes, the work group (Tim, Madeline, Janet & Betsy) used its assembled tools & horticultural skills to start weeding all front garden areas, redefining edge of yard vs. garden beds, and planting flower pots for front steps. We had initially walked around the entire yard with Stan to get oriented to the scope of grounds work and to discuss which trees need trimming or felling. The tree work will need a professional crew with equipment and Stan will get some estimates. Stan is delighted to have a "crew" helping with work on grounds. Tim offered the services of his college-age son for weed-whacking. Work on the gardens continued for several days with donations of plants & spreading of mulch. This project has been a good bonding opportunity for us as fellow parishioners!



Search Committee

Search Committee Update

Knowing that all our parishioners are invested in the future of our church, the Search Committee reports that interviews of possible candidates for the position of our future full time rector have just begun. After the search committee finds the right candidate, the vestry will determine final approval before a candidate is called to our church.

Worship Committee

Steve Evans, Jason Law, Gretchen Lipp and Don Smith, are the members of this newly formed committee.

They decided with input from the Vestry to continue **Sunday services at 10:00 AM** throughout the summer.

A Service of the Holy Eucharist will take place on the first four Sundays in July.

July	3	The	Rev	Bryon	Bedell
July	10	The	Rev	Tom	Ferguson
July	17	The	Rev	Alan	Smith
July	24	The	Rev	Alan	Smith

On July 31 Don Smith will lead us in morning Prayer.

News of St. Peter's and the Greater Community



The yearly Cazenovia Counterpoint Art Exhibit will be on display in our Parish Hall from July 2nd to July 30th. Please come and have a look around.



The Key Consignment Shop

The Key

The Key, St. Peter's main out reach program, is bustling with shoppers and consignors now that it is summertime in Cazenovia. There will be sidewalk sales throughout the summer. New items come in continuously. If you would like to donate to the Key, you may bring in items any time the shop is open. To be a consignor, please call 315-655-3956.



**ANTI-
RACISM
COALITION of
CAZENOVIA**
Hate has no home here.



St. Peter's Church was well represented during Cazenovia's second Annual Pride Celebration. Our bishop, Bishop Deede Duncan-Probe, who lives in Cazenovia, delivered a full and beautiful blessing. Members of The Anti-racism Coalition of Cazenovia marched in the parade.

ARC-C is sponsoring a summer community book read. The book that has been selected is "The Sum of Us," by Heather McGee. This book discusses the "win-win" situation of anti-racism activities in our country. A community discussion will take place in the fall. The Cazenovia Public Library will be supplying a number of copies of this book.



Cazenovia Welcomes Refugees

a community-based initiative

We are nearing the finish line of renovations to the 43 Lincklaen St. house for our New American family. The steering committee greatly appreciates all the donations of furniture and welcome kits that have helped make the house feel like a home. We hope the new family will move here in early July.

Let's make sure we all welcome this new family!



Great job dropping off cereal boxes last month! We were able to donate 24 boxes. This month we are collecting peanut butter and jelly. Thank you for your generosity!



Come volunteer making greeting cards, scrapbooks or driving folks to medical appointments!

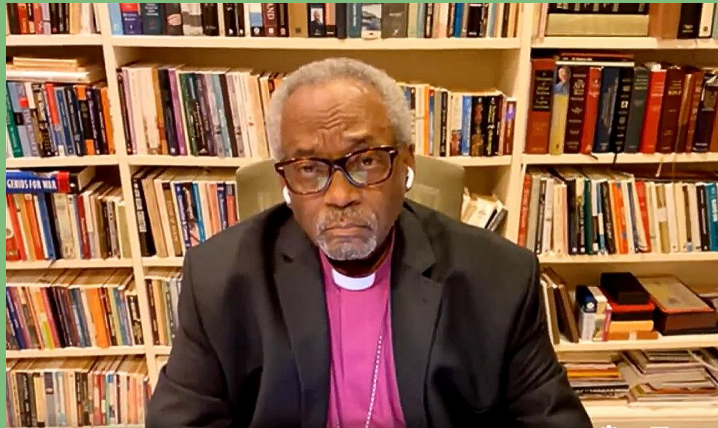
Contact Allisyn Roszel at the CRIS office:
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Diocesan News

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words.

- Romans 8:26



Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's statement about the recent Supreme Court decision on abortion is as follows:

Today the Supreme Court released its decision in the case of Dobbs vs. Jackson Women's Health Organization. The court has overturned the constitutional right to abortion that was recognized in the seminal 1973 case Roe vs. Wade. While I, like many, anticipated this decision, I am deeply grieved by it. I have been ordained more than 40 years, and I have served as a pastor in poor communities; I have witnessed firsthand the negative impact this decision will have. We as a church have tried carefully to be responsive both to the moral value of women having the right to determine their healthcare choices as well as the moral value of all life. Today's decision institutionalizes inequality because women with access to resources will be able to exercise their moral judgment in ways that women without the same resources will not. This is a pivotal day for our nation, and I acknowledge the pain, fear, and hurt that so many feel right now. As a church, we stand with those who will feel the effects of this decision—and in the weeks, months, and years to come. The Episcopal Church maintains that access to equitable health care, including reproductive health care and reproductive procedures, is "an integral part of a woman's struggle to assert her dignity and worth as a human being" (2018-D032). The church holds that "reproductive health procedures should be treated as all other medical procedures, and not singled out or omitted by or because of gender" (2018-D032). The Episcopal Church sustains its "unequivocal opposition to any legislation on the part of the national or state governments which would abridge or deny the right of individuals to reach informed decisions [about the termination of pregnancy] and to act upon them" (2018-D032). As stated in the 1994 Act of Convention, the church also opposes any "executive or judicial action to abridge the right of a woman to reach an informed decision...or that would limit the access of a woman to safe means of acting on her decision" (1994-A054).

The court's decision eliminates federal protections for abortion and leaves the regulation of abortion to the states. The impact will be particularly acute for those who are impoverished or lack consistent access to health care services. As Episcopalians, we pray for those who may be harmed by this decision, especially for women and other

people who need these reproductive services. We pray for the poor and vulnerable who may not have other options for access. We urge you to make your voice heard in the way you feel called but always to do so peacefully and with respect and love of neighbor.



The 80th General Convention of The Episcopal Church will this year take place July 8-11 in Baltimore.

The General Convention is the governing body of the Episcopal Church. To find out more, click on the link below.

[Learn more](#)

Calendar

Events in July

- 2 **Cazenovia Counterpoint Art Show begins** (Parish Hall)
- 3 10:00 pm Sunday Service with Rev. Bryon Bedell (In-Person/Zoom)
- 4 **Independence Day** (Office closed)
- The Friendship Inn is closed for the month of July**
- 5 7:00 pm Prayer Vigil (Zoom, ID 88619569500, Password 532900)
- 7 10:00 am Bone Builders (Parish Hall)
 7:00 pm Choir practice
- 10 10:00 am Sunday Service with Rev. Tom Ferguson (In-Person/Zoom)
- 11 10:00 am Bone Builders (Parish Hall)
 7:00 pm AA Meeting (Parish Hall)
- 12 7:00 pm Prayer Vigil (Zoom, ID 88619569500, Password 532900)
- 13 7:00 pm Vestry meeting (Library)
- 14 10:00 am Bone Builders (Parish Hall)
 7:00 pm Choir practice
- 17 10:00 am Sunday Service with Rev. Alan Smith (In-Person/Zoom)

- 18 10:00 am Bone Builders (Parish Hall)
- 19 8:00 am **First day of Model Mugging self defense class** (Carriage House)
7:00 pm Prayer Vigil (Zoom, ID 88619569500, Password 532900)
- 20 8:00 am **Second day of Model Mugging self defense class**
7:00 pm Prayer Vigil (Zoom, ID 88619569500, Password 532900)
- 21 10:00 am Bone Builders (Parish Hall)
7:00 pm Choir practice
- 24 10:00 am Sunday Service with Rev. Alan Smith (In-Person/Zoom)
- 25 10:00 am Bone Builders (Parish Hall)
- 26 7:00 pm Prayer Vigil (Zoom, ID 88619569500, Password 532900)
- 28 10:00 am Bone Builders (Parish Hall)
7:00 pm Choir practice
- 30 **Cazenovia Counterpoint Art Show ends**
- 31 10:00 am Morning Prayer lead by Don Smith (no Holy Eucharist)

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