



THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
The Baptism of Our Lord

January 11, 2026 at 10 o'clock in the morning

ST PETER'S CHURCH IN ESSEX FELLS

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Welcome to St. Peter's Church

We are glad you are here, and we invite you to enter fully into worship today. No matter where you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here. We are a church rooted in Christian tradition, and open to new ideas, committed to service in community and the world as part of the worldwide Anglican Communion and the Episcopal Diocese of Newark. The work of worship is shared by all, and we invite you to participate in the said and sung responses as you are able.

All are welcome to make a gift and offering in thanksgiving to God for the many blessings we have received. To take advantage of our electronic giving options, please follow the QR code with your capable electronic device. Help us to make this a place where God's grace is freely shared by all.



The Baptism of Our Lord

The word “epiphany” means “manifestation” or “appearance.” The early Christians celebrated three “epiphanies” on January 6: the visit of the Magi to the manger; the Baptism of Jesus; and his first miracle at the wedding feast at Cana. In early Prayer Books, these Gospel passages were read on the Feast of the Epiphany at the Eucharist, Morning Prayer, and Evening Prayer respectively. Since the 1979 Prayer Book revision, the three epiphanies have been spread over the feast day itself and the two following Sundays.

The baptism of Jesus is the central part of the three-fold Epiphany celebration. In today's collect, we are reminded that Jesus' baptism with water and the Holy Spirit is the model for our own initiation into the covenant. This day is one of the four principal Baptismal Days in the liturgical calendar, and for this reason we celebrate the sacrament of Holy Baptism at today's service.

Cover: The Baptism of Jesus, Lorenzo Ghiberti, 1378-1455

HOLY BAPTISM & HOLY COMMUNION

EPIPHANYTIDE BLESSING: CHALKING THE DOORS

All gather at the west doors of the church. As Epiphanytide begins, Christians throughout the world use chalk, which has been blessed, to write the letters “CMB” and the calendar year on their doorway in a traditional Epiphany celebration. The letters represent the traditional names of the Magi—Caspar, Melchior, Balthazar—and could also stand for the Latin blessing: ‘Christus mansionem benedicat’—meaning ‘May Christ bless this house.’

As the Procession begins, the Choir sings this Introit

PSALM 122 *Lætatus sum*

Peter Hallock

Choir

*I was glad when they said unto me,
We will go into the house of the LORD.
Our feet shall stand in thy gates,
O Jerusalem.
Jerusalem is built as a city
that is at unity in itself.
For thither the tribes go up,
even the tribes of the LORD,
to testify unto Israel,
to give thanks unto the Name of the LORD.
For there is the seat of judgment,
even the seat of the house of David.
O pray for the peace of Jerusalem;
they shall prosper that love thee.
Peace be within thy walls,
and plenteousness within thy palaces.
For my brethren and companions' sakes,
I will wish thee prosperity.
Yea, because of the house of the LORD our God,
I will seek to do thee good.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.*

Please remain standing and sing this hymn as the Procession continues



1 Shall we gath-er at the riv-er, where bright an-gel feet have trod,
 2 On the mar-gin of the riv-er, wash-ing up its sil-ver spray,
 3 Ere we reach the shin-ing riv-er, lay we ev-ery bur-den down;
 4 Soon we'll reach the shin-ing riv-er; soon our pil-grim-age will cease;



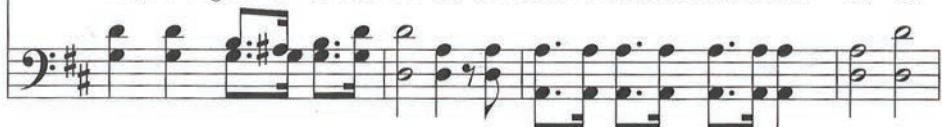
with its crys-tal tide for-ev-er flow-ing by the throne of God?
 we will walk and wor-ship ev-er, all the hap-py gold-en day.
 grace our spir-its will de-liv-er, and pro-vide a robe and crown.
 soon our hap-py hearts will quiv-er with the mel-o-dy of peace.



Refrain



Yes, we'll gath-er at the riv-er, the beau-ti-ful, the beau-ti-ful riv-er;



gath-er with the saints at the riv-er that flows by the throne of God.



OPENING ACCLAMATION

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.**

Presider God be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray. Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.

People **Amen.**

Please be seated

THE LESSONS

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 42:1-9

Reader "Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 103 *Benedic, anima mea*

Taizé

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

Cantor *It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. Refrain*

Cantor *The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults. Refrain*

Cantor *As a father has compassion on his children,
the Lord has pity on those who fear him;
for he knows of what we are made,
he remembers that we are but dust. Refrain*

SECOND LESSON

Acts 10:34-43

Reader

Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear,

not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Reader
People

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel procession and sing

HYMN 711 *Hymnal 1982*

SEEK YE FIRST

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 3:13-17

Deacon
People
Deacon

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

Deacon
People

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

Please stand

HOLY BAPTISM

Sponsors

I present Matteo Aldo to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Presider

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

Sponsors

I will, with God’s help

Presider

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

Sponsors

I will, with God’s help

Then the Presider asks the following questions of the sponsors who speak on behalf of the child

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

Presider Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in his life in Christ?

People We will.

Presider Let us join with Cooper Everett who is committing himself 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, God's 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.

Presider May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

People Amen.

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATE

Presider Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Deacon Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Deacon Open his heart to your grace and truth.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Deacon Fill him with your holy and life giving Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Deacon Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Deacon Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Deacon Send him into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Deacon Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Presider 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.

People **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Presider God 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.

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.

People **Amen.**

THE BAPTISM

Presider Matteo Aldo, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People **Amen.**

Presider Matteo Aldo, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.

People Amen.

Presider 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 him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him 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.

People Amen.

Presider Let us welcome the newly baptized.

ALL 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

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Please stand and sing

OFFERTORY HYMN

LEVAS II Hymnal, 218

Anne B. Warner and William B. Bradbury, 1862

1 Jesus loves me! this I know,
For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong;
They are weak but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

2 Jesus loves me! He who died,
Heaven's gate to open wide;
He will wash away my sin,
Let His little child come in.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

3 Jesus take this heart of mine,
Make it pure and wholly thine;
On the cross you died for me,
I will try to live for thee.

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

HYMN 380, stanza 3

OLD HUNDREDTH

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, PRAYER B

Presider

God 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 God thanks and praise.

Presider

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

LAND OF REST

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

LORD'S PRAYER

Presider
ALL

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 for ever. Amen.

BREAKING THE BREAD

Hymnal 1982, S 169



My flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in - deed, says the Lord.

Cantor

Those who eat My flesh and drink My blood dwell in me, and I in them. Refrain

INVITATION

Presider

The gifts of God for the People of God.

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Bread and Cup to be in communion with God and each other. You may receive only the bread by placing your hands together flat in front of you (Gluten-free wafers are available upon request). Afterwards you may drink wine from the chalice. If you would rather have the bread intincted (dipped) in the wine, you may hand the bread to the person administering the chalice and they will intinct and hand it back to you. If you (or your child) would rather not receive the Sacrament, you may come to the altar rail during Communion and cross your arms on your chest for a blessing.

The Bread and Cup are given with these words:

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.**

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. **Amen.**

ANTHEM

Peter Hallock

'Jesus autem hodie, regressus est a Jordane.'

[Jesus now returns this day to the Jordan.]

When Jesus Christ baptisèd was,

The Holy Ghost descended with grace;

*The Father's voice was heard in the place.
'Hic est filius meus, ipsum intende.'
[This is my Son whom I have chosen.]
There were Three Persons and one Lord,
The Son baptised with one accord,
The Father said this blessed word:
'Hic est filius meus, ipsum intende.'
Now, Jesu, as thou art both God and man,
And were baptised in from Jordan,
At our last end, we pray thee, say then:
'Hic est filius meus, ipsum intende.'*

—Medieval text

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER *Please stand and say together*

**Lord of all time and eternity,
you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father
in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son:
by the power of your Spirit
complete the heavenly work of our rebirth
through the waters of the new creation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

BLESSING

Presider

May Almighty God, who led the Wise Men by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also, in your pilgrimage, to find the Lord.

People

Amen.

Presider

May God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the Only-begotten at his baptism in the Jordan River, pour out that Spirit on you who have come to the waters of new birth.

People

Amen.

Presider

May God, by the power that turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, transform your lives and make glad your hearts.

People

Amen.

Presider

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

People

Amen.

People

The Deacon dismisses the People; all respond

Thanks be to God.

Please remain standing and sing

HYMN

RENDEZ À DIEU

Text: Carl Daw, 1990; Tune: Louis Bourgeois, 1551



1. Mark how the Lamb of God's self - of - f'ring Our hu - man
2. From this as - sur - ance of God's fa - vor Je - sus goes
3. Grant us, O God, the strength and cour - age To live the



sin - ful - ness takes on In the birth - wa - ters of the
to the wil - der - ness, There to en - dure a time of
faith our lips de - clare; Bless us in our bap - tis - mal



Jor - dan As Je - sus is bap - tized by John.
test - ing That read - ied him to teach and bless.
call - ing; Christ's roy - al priest - hood help us share.



Hear how the voice from heav - en thun - ders, "Lo, this is
So we, by wa - ter and the Spir - it Bap - tized in -
Turn us from ev - 'ry false al - le - giance, That we may



my be - lov - ed Son." See how in dove - like form the
to Christ's min - is - try, Are of - ten led to paths of
trust in Christ a - lone: Raise up in us a cho - sen



Spir - it De - scends on God's A - noint - ed One.
serv - ice Through maz - es of ad - ver - si - ty.
peo - ple Trans - formed by love to be your own.

THIS WEEK'S PARISH NOTICES

NEWLY BAPTIZED

Congratulations to **Matteo Aldo DeStefano**, newly baptized into Christ's one, holy, Catholic church.

GIFTS AT THE ALTAR

The flowers at the altar today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Williard and Jackie Haight.

COFFEE HOUR—*A special time for fellowship!*

Please consider signing up to host a coffee hour on Sundays immediately after the 10 am service. It is an important time for us to connect with one another and meet our guests and visitors. You can sign up on the sheet posted in the upper room or contact Mary Shearin at shearchaos38@gmail.com to let us know the date you prefer. Feel free to sign up with a friend! All instructions will be provided.

JOIN A CHOIR

The *Parish Choir* (Adults and older teens) rehearses on Thursday evenings at 7:30 in the Choir Room. The *Handbell Choir* rehearses on Wednesdays at 7 pm in the south transept of the nave. Contact Mark Trautman (trautman@stpetersef.org, 973.226.6500).

ST. PETER'S ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Parish will be Sunday, January 18 following the 10 am service. We will vote for six Vestry positions; three delegates to Diocesan Convention; three alternates to Diocesan Convention. Candidates must be a baptized member of the Episcopal Church who has been a member of St. Peter's in good standing for at least one year, is at least 16 years old, makes a regular financial contribution to the parish, and worships regularly at St. Peter's. *Childcare will be available during the meeting.* Annual Reports are due January 12, 2026; please send to info@stpetersef.org.

THE CALDWELL FOOD PANTRY

Is accepting donations of peanut butter; small bags of rice; kids' snacks; canned veggies (preferably beans); oatmeal (packets, not the cylinder containers); tomato sauce. Leave your donations in the baskets provided in the back of All Saints' Chapel and the narthex. *Thank you!*

ACOLYTES

We are recruiting people of all ages who would like to serve as acolytes. In the Episcopal Church altar servers are called acolytes and can be either gender. Confirmation is not a requirement to be an acolyte, but it is something an acolyte should strive for in the very near future. Training is offered on an on-going basis; contact Father Nate to join this exciting ministry.

FLOWER MINISTRY

Beautiful flowers adorn our church weekly. Flowers may be given at any time in thanksgiving or in memory of a loved one, or any other occasion of thankfulness for God's creation. A check for \$50 may be made to St. Peter's—put 'altar flowers' in the memo. To reserve a date, use the sign-up sheet in the narthex, or email the Parish Office (info@stpetersef.org).

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We had a great start to the new year last Sunday. We learned about the Epiphany and began working on a fun winter craft which will be displayed on our classroom bulletin board. I'm looking forward to our Family Eucharist this Sunday, where the children will be participating in the service. Moving forward, I will need two volunteers to read, usher, and bring forward the elements for our February 15 Family Eucharist. If your child would like to participate in February, please email me. I am having such a wonderful time working with the children of Saint Peter's, and I hope they are having just as much fun as I am!

—*Lindsay Thompson* (thompson@stpetersef.org).

ST. PETER'S YOUTH (SPY) PANCAKE SUPPER

Be sure to sign up for our pre-Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, *Tuesday February 10*, Adults \$10; Kids \$5; Families \$25; Tickets will not be sold at the door. Venmo [@Christina-Doyle-15](https://www.venmo.com/Christina-Doyle-15) (last four digits: 7878) or make your payment during Coffee Hour by February 8. Please indicate how many are attending. *The supper is being held a week before Shrove Tuesday due to school schedules.*

PRAYER LIST

St. Peter's is a community of prayer and service. Holding one another's joys, sorrows, and concerns before God in prayer is a spiritual practice at the heart of our life together as a parish family. We encourage you to pray throughout the week for these members of our parish family. We invite you to add yourself or others to the St. Peter's prayer list by submitting a request to the Parish Office.

Laurie Alcott, Joan Aliotta, Stanley Au, Amye Becker, Duffy Bell, Nancy Bivona, Kris Blake, Carl, Carl Carvell, Muriel Bowness, Kathy Calfee, Martha Capel, Frank Cintron, Adele Corcoran, Becky Dawson, Gabriel Cowell, Arnie Hartelius, Wayne Hill, Tania Jenkins, Eddie K., Jeffrey Kamel, Katherine Kamen, Robert Kazimir, Ed Kamper, Colin Kelley, Katie King, Neal King, Lauren L., Laurieann, Sally L., Mark Lewis, Ben M., Marino Family, Tom Marriott, Bill Musser, Nunno Family, Lisa & Gary Pyne, Richardson & Dickhaus families, Craig Roper, Ruth Ann, Sarah, Kathy Stanton, Michael Whatley, Frank Zupa.

ANGLICAN COMMUNION—*The Church of the Province of Central America*

DIOCESE OF NEWARK—*All Saints' Korean, Bergenfield; Christ Church, Bloomfield-Glen Ridge*

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

<i>Altar Guild</i>	Eloise Mozillo Hiris, Sheila Valenti, Carolyn Wescott
<i>Ushers</i>	Jim Irwin, Chris Shearin, Lexie Felix, Charlotte Albano
<i>Acolyte</i>	Colin Carr
<i>Readers</i>	Katerina Manfre, Wren Alexander Darville
<i>Oblationers</i>	Vivienne Thompson, Penelope Thompson
<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	Mary Shearin
<i>Cantors</i>	Michael Barretti
<i>Director of Music</i>	Mark Trautman
<i>Deacon</i>	The Rev. Virginia Jenkins Whatley
<i>Presider</i>	The Rev. Nathaniel Darville

Thanks to our Sunday School students for the leadership in today's liturgy



STEWARDSHIP 2026—*GIFTS FROM OUR SOULS*

Our annual stewardship drive, *Gifts from Our Souls*, continues. Throughout the Gospels, Jesus tells us whatever we value most will be the focus of our deepest affections. As we prayerfully consider how much we want to give, let's ask ourselves the question, "What do we love about St. Peter's, and how can help these good things grow?"

Pledges can be made online at any time: <https://stpetersef.org/donate/pledge-form>.

STEWARDSHIP THEMES FOR 'GIFTS FROM OUR SOULS':

WONDER:

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord.—*Luke 1:46*

WEALTH:

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. —*Matthew 6:21*

WORKS:

Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people. —*Galatians 6:9a*

WISDOM:

Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God,
serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.—*1 Peter 4:10*

WORSHIP:

All who worship God, come here and listen;
I will tell you everything God has done for me. —*Psalms 66:16*

Our budget for 2026 is \$420,000, which supports:

- Family Ministries, such as St. Peter's Youth Group (SPY)
- Worship Supplies, such as Bread and Wine
- Special Events, such as the Street Fair
- Maintenance of Church Buildings and Grounds, such as Snow Removal
- Salaries for Parish Staff, such as the our new Sunday School Director
- Choirs and Music programs
- Utilities, such as St. Peter's Online Presence
- The Diocese of Newark Ministries, such as our new Deacon

'TELL OUT, MY SOUL, THE GREATNESS OF THE LORD.'—*Luke 1:46*



ST PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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