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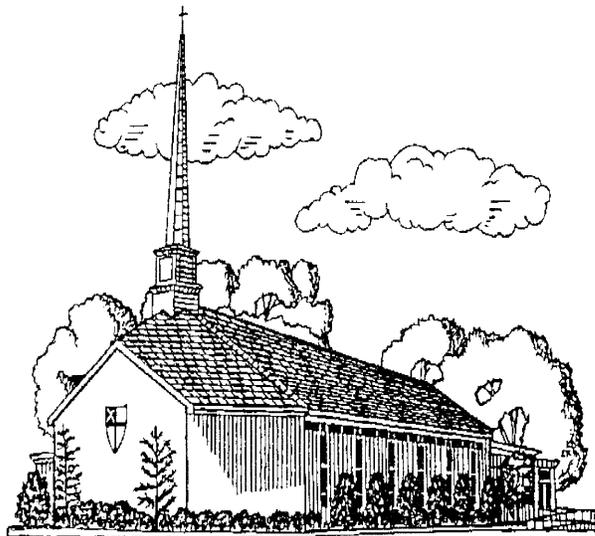
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Saint Peter's Church is a blessed community of faith, grounded in the power of God's transforming love, where Jesus Christ welcomes all to abundant life. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we follow Him in prayer and praise, study and service.

2018 Annual Parish Meeting
September 30, 2018 at 11:30 AM

AGENDA

Opening Prayers..... The Reverend Canon Dr. Alan Salmon, Supply Priest
Prayer for St. Peter’s Annual Meeting.....The Reverend Canon Dr. Alan Salmon, Supply Priest

*Almighty God,
Giver of every good gift;
Look graciously on St. Peter’s Church,
and so guide the hearts and minds of those
who shall choose the new Vestry members, delegates and committee persons.
And that once chosen, they shall do all the good works you have chosen for them to do.
Lead them in wisdom;
through Jesus Christ our Savior, AMEN*

Report of the Nominating Committee.....Loren Manni and Beckie McCammitt
Nominations from the Floor

Appointment of Tellers and Distribution of Ballots.....Jennifer F. Buzby, Sr. Warden

Declaration of Open Polls (1/2 hour).....Jennifer F. Buzby, Sr. Warden

Brunch -

Approval of Minutes of the October 1, 2017 Parish Meeting.....Barbara Kelly

Sr. Warden Thanks.....Jennifer F. Buzby, Sr. Warden

Remarks by Jr. Warden.....Michelle Scarpulla, Jr. Warden

Deacon’s Report.....The Rev. Helen M. Orlando, Deacon

Ministry Reports.....Vestry Members

Announcement of Election Results.....Jennifer F. Buzby, Sr. Warden

Adjournment of Annual Meeting

Closing Prayers..... The Rev. Helen M. Orlando, Deacon

Annual Financial Meeting to take place of Sunday January 27, 2019 at 9:00 AM

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

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Report of the Nominating Committee

Nominations - 2018

The Nominating Committee for 2018 included Loren Manni, Beckie McCammitt, John Colaianni, and Michelle Scarpulla.

The following nominations were made by members of the parish and the Nominating Committee. They are listed below.

Warden, two year term: Jennifer Buzby

Vestry members: four - three year terms: Beverly Scollay, Andrew LaRue, Sheila Miller and Natalie Boyle

Delegates to Burlington Convocation: (6 & 6 alternates)

1. Jack Hobson
2. Ben Jones
3. Betty Jones
4. Mike Orlando
5. Beth Toale
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Deputies to Diocesan Convention: (3 & 3 alternates)

1. Daryl Albury
2. Jack Hobson
3. Ben Jones
4. Betty Jones
5. Lisa Taylor
6. Beth Toale

Candidate Biographies

For Warden

Jennifer F. Buzby

I have been a member of St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Medford for 55 years. During my years at St. Peter's, I have seen many changes within the Parish and decided that it was time to "give back." Joining the Vestry seemed to be a good way for me to do that.

I have been on the Vestry for the past 5 years, first as the communications chair, then Junior Warden and, for the past year, Senior Warden. I attend the 7:45 A.M. service where I take responsibility for coffee hour and encourage fellowship.

In the days leading up to Fr. Don's retirement at the end of June, I had the fortunate opportunity to spend numerous hours with him. He provided spiritual guidance and insight as to what the days ahead might bring during the discernment process and the daily operations of the church. I feel very fortunate to have had that time.

I have been a lifelong resident of Birchwood Lakes, Medford. For the past 18 years, I have been the Executive Director of the Southern New Jersey Regional Early Intervention Collaborative serving children aged birth to three with special needs and their families in the seven southern counties of New Jersey.

For Vestry

Andrew LaRue

My wife and I have been a member of St Peter's since 2001. Prior to living in South Jersey, we were members of St. Luke's in Metuchen where we were married. In 2003, I was received into the Episcopal Church. I currently serve on the Vestry and as a Eucharistic Minister. I am also a volunteer as an assistant scout leader for my son's Boy Scout Troop 14. My wife, Barbara and I live in Marlton and have 2 children, Danny and Charlotte.

Natalie Boyle

I have been attending St Peter's for some time now. I have done some work for the Altar Guild and served as Eucharistic Minister for a few years. Saturday evening is my preferred service. As the mom in a U.S. Marine Corp family, I bring experience from congregations all over the United States. Two of my children are U.S. Navy vets. Myself, I am retired from state government as a tax auditor.

Sheila Miller

I live in Mount Laurel with my husband Steve and two sons, Brian and Jack. I have been attending St. Peter's for 18 years. I was married in St. Peter's, and my younger son, Jack, was baptized in St. Peter's and our older son, Brian is his godfather. Early on, I participated in Alpha four different times: the first two times as a participant and the last two times I was trained to help in a leadership role. Alpha is a four month program that met weekly and included a weekend retreat. As a leader, the commitment was to attending twice a week in order to prepare. I was also an usher years ago.

For the past 9 years my commitment to St. Peter's has been as a Sunday School teacher. I have been co-teaching with my husband the same class of students as they have progressed through our religious education program since 1st grade or 2nd grade (they are now in 9th and 10th grade) which means I have taught multiple years in the 1st – 3rd grade classroom, taught

multiple years in the 4th – 6th grade classroom, taught the two year Rite 13 program and am currently completing the 2nd year of the J2A (Journey to Adulthood) Class which included preparing our class for confirmation last year and facilitating an overnight retreat. For the past year our class has served breakfast to the homeless in Camden once a month at St. Paul's in Camden.

For many years now, my family has attended the 7:45am Sunday mass where my son is the weekly acolyte. Sunday morning is a family event in my household where we all attend mass together and then each of us is involved in Sunday School; Jack attends, my husband and I teach, and my older son is a helper in the 1st-3rd grade classroom.

My career is in education. I was a 5th grade teacher for 12 years and am currently a Curriculum Supervisor where I evaluate, train, and support teachers. I have also taught graduate courses for Fairleigh Dickinson University.

**2017 Annual Parish Meeting
October 1, 2017**

Fr. Don opened the meeting with prayer at 11:45 a.m., October 1, 2017, in Williams Hall. Senior Warden Debbie Banecker presented the nominating committee report, which was unanimously approved.

A motion to dispense with reading the minutes of the October 2, 2016 annual meeting unanimously approved. Minutes unanimously approved.

Appointment of Teller and Distribution of Ballots: Fr. Don.
Polls opened at 12:00; buffet brunch.

Attendee Remarks

Ben Jones (pledge fulfillment), Sue Legnani (Christian formation), Michelle Scarpulla (Christian formation), Brendan Moore (choir participation and rehearsals), Beverly Scollay (coffee hour), Pat Lusk (Order of St. Luke), Becky McCammitt (Millennials), Ruth Pagoda (altar guild), John Colaianni (property and grounds, ongoing clean-up), and Andrew (stewardship campaign).

Deacon's Report: The Rev. Helen M. Orlando, Deacon

Dcn. Helen shared a story of Gonaves, Haiti, and Redemption School. She invited everyone to join the international outreach team. She thanked Deacon-in-training Ken Carpinelli.

Remarks by the Wardens

Debbie Banecker thanked outgoing and current vestry members, and encouraged congregation-wide participation in 2018 committees and projects. Jennifer Buzby will move up from junior warden to senior warden. Jennifer thanked Fr. Don for his continued guidance and leadership. Jen attended a diocesan meeting on clergy benefits and compensation to gain information for calling a new rector in 2018.

Polls closed at 12:30.

Election Results:

- Junior Warden: Michelle Scarpulla
- Vestry members: Scott Fallon, Jack Hobson, and Tiffany Myers
- Endowment Board: Debbie Banecker and Cynthia Cullen
- Delegates to Burlington County Convocation: Jim Smith, Mike Orlando, Pat Lusk, Joe Kelly, and Mary Allan. Alternates: Ben Jones, Bob Spalding, and Lisa Taylor
- Delegates to the Diocesan Convention: Mike Orlando, Dave Lusk, Joe Kelly. Alternates: Pat Lusk, Jim Beard, and Ben Jones

Old Business (none)

New Business

Fr. Don thanked Lynn, outgoing senior warden Debbie Banecker; outgoing finance chair Ben Jones; Lisa Taylor (resigned); Mike Krug (resigned); current vestry members Jen, Andrew, Loren, Chris, Beckie, and Barbara. He thanked Dcn. Helen, Brendan, Sue, Lisa, Danielle, Ken, and Mark; Jeff and the Moore family for the golf outing.

Calling a new rector in 2018:

- Fr. Don spoke about calling a new rector following his planned retirement on July 1, 2018.
- Continuing to pray about God's call for St. Peter's should be paramount.
- The vestry must decide to hire an interim rector or to engage supply priests each weekend.
- Episcopal Church canons must be fulfilled but diocesan policies are not strictly required.
- A profile committee and a search committee must be formed.
- Most churches hire a consultant to guide them through the process.
- Fr. Rob Droste will conduct a third vestry leadership retreat.
- Vestry members will attend a 2.5-hour anti-racism seminar; parishioners will be invited. Daryl Albury is certified to lead the seminar.
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Attendee Remarks

Laurel Smith, Anita Beard, and Jim Beard raised questions and issues about the interim period and search process.

Conclusion

A motion to adjourn the meeting was unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 1:20 pm. Dcn. Helen led the Order of Service for Noonday.

PARISH STATISTICS FOR JANUARY – AUGUST 2018

COMPARED TO JANUARY – AUGUST 2017

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Celebrations of the Holy Eucharist	151	151
Baptism	4	12
Marriages	1	0
Burials	8	5
Prayer Book Offices	77	53
Confirmed	9	9
Total Sunday Attendance (<i>includes Saturday service</i>)	5,152	5,018
Total Attendance at All Services	6,682	6,184
40 Private Communion (as of 9/5/18)		
Active Households as of 9/28/17	265	
Includes 8 new families		
Active Households as of 9/28/18	244	
Includes 5 new families		

CLERGY/STAFF REPORTS

REPORT OF THE DEACON – THE REV. HELEN M ORLANDO, DEACON

As a deacon in the Church, you are to study the Holy Scriptures, to seek nourishment from them, and to model your life upon them. You are to make Christ and his redemptive love known, by your word and example, to those among whom you live, and work, and worship. You are to interpret to the Church the needs, concerns, and hopes of the world. You are to assist the bishop and priests in public worship and in the ministration of God's Word and Sacraments, and you are to carry out other duties assigned to you from time to time. At all times, your life and teaching are to show Christ's people that in serving the helpless they are serving Christ himself. (BCP, p. 543)

The above words, part of the “Examination” contained in the liturgy for the Ordination of a Deacon, describe the life and work to which I truly believe God and his the Church have called me.

In response to the vows I made that day and renew each year, I have devoted the majority of my energies over the past fourteen years to “[interpreting] to the Church” the “needs, concerns, and hopes of the world” as a member of our diocesan Anti-Racism Task Force, chair of St. Peter’s International Outreach Team (previously MDG Team), and active member of our diocesan Global Goals Task Force. Although I have held many other roles over the almost-eighteen years I have served here, this work is the one through which God speaks to my heart and energizes me.

My regular responsibilities at St Peter’s include serving as deacon at all or most weekend and special services, including weddings and funerals; contributing to the monthly newsletter, crafting the weekly Prayers of the People, maintaining the parish prayer list and serving as Prayer Vine coordinator, welcoming and assisting interim, visiting and supply priests, and recruiting, training and overseeing the work of St. Peter’s Eucharistic Ministers, Eucharistic Visitors, Lectors and Worship Leaders. The recent retirement of our previous rector, the Rev. Canon Donald J. Muller (a/k/a “Fr. Don”), has given me full charge of the pastoral care of our congregation. In that role, I serve as St. Peter’s “on-call” clergyperson, visiting and carrying Holy Communion to those who are hospitalized, on hospice, or whose health or lack of transportation prevents them from attending services at St. Peter’s. Our faithful and very able Eucharistic Visitors assist me with this work. I meet and work with families planning funerals for their loved ones, will be responsible for instructing those preparing for Baptism or the Baptism of a child, and look forward to being the first point of contact for those planning to be joined in Holy Matrimony. In order to better serve you during this interim time, I have established regular office hours for those who seek counsel, prayer, an ear, or a shoulder. Please feel very welcome to come see me.

On behalf of St. Peter’s, I continue to serve as clergy deputy to Diocesan Convention, clergy delegate to and secretary of Burlington Convocation, and attend many of the fellowship and educational events provided by our Bishop and the Diocese. In an effort to maintain and strengthen St. Peter’s ties to area religious groups and the wider community, I have resumed active participation in the Medford-area Fellowship of Religious Leaders, represent St. Peter’s at ecumenical and interfaith events, including the upcoming Ecumenical Blessing of Animals, recently gave the invocation for the Kick-off of Camp Ockanickon’s Capital Campaign, and will be leading the Medford Leas Vespers service on October 28 of this year.

Thank you for allowing me to serve you and with you. I am humbled by your generous support of the 400 students of Redemption School, Haiti. Individually and together, you serve Christ as

you serve the helpless. Closer to home, your faithful work on behalf of those in our community who suffer from poverty and injustice has earned for St. Peter's the designation of "Center for Jubilee Ministry" and given you the responsibility of modeling that ministry for others. Please see the separate "Report of Jubilee Ministry at St. Peter's" for more information about Jubilee Ministry.

Thank you also to the Rev. Canon Dr. Alan Salmon, for his faithful and caring presence with us, to your Wardens and Vestry members for their hard work and support during this interim time, and to Ken Carpinelli, who will surely be a most excellent deacon.

Respectfully submitted,
The Rev. Helen M. Orlando, Deacon

REPORT OF THE SENIOR WARDEN – JENNIFER BUZBY

In my many hours of conversation with Fr. Don leading up to his retirement at the end of June, the following parting words of wisdom continue to resonate with me as I write this report:

"Trust God. Through the transition process God will love St. Peter's; be open to failure and change; embrace that the landscape of the future will look different than it does today; trust God and let our actions flow through that trust; communicate and pray."

His retirement has left a huge void within our parish. However, we have not skipped a beat. We have secured weekly supply clergy through the beginning of January 2019. Through the tireless efforts of our dedicated staff -- Deacon Helen, Lisa Miner, Sue Legnani, Brendan Moore, Mark Cantarella, Danielle Colaianni, the daily operations of the church have continued.

In addition to the staff, there are numerous other individuals who give their time and talent and have been "called" to support the various ministries of St. Peter's: those who teach our Christian Formation program, including Sunday School and Vacation Bible School; those who pray through our Intercessory Prayer List; vestry members; Eucharistic visitors; those who assist with hospitality; members of the International Outreach Team, those who donate to many collections we take up such as the Giving Tree, food collections, backpacks, and gift baskets to Weisman Children's Hospital; those involved with Caps and Laps; those who assist with worship (acolytes, altar guild, choir, choir director/organist, ushers; those who minister to the homeless families through Interfaith Hospitality network; and to those who minister through St. Paul's breakfast program in Camden, and many more.

St. Peter's continues to be deeply rooted within our community well beyond those who worship with us on a regular basis. We provide a home to Alcoholics Anonymous; Narcotics Anonymous, Big Band Express, TOPS (Taking Pounds Off Safely); MOMs Group; Rutgers Reading Program, Pastoral Counseling provided by Thelma Kerschner and Henrietta Lavengood; Red Cross Blood drives, the Art Teacher and others who may be comforted by St. Peter's in any way.

During the past year, your vestry continued to be face with the challenges of how to reduce the budget in order to meet our financial obligations to the diocese. We continue to work to find ways to address the budget deficit. We were fortunate enough to have three successful fundraisers: The Cannon Moore Golf Outing, organized and headed by Jeff Moore; Designer Bag Bingo organized and headed by Cindy Cullen, Loren Manni, and Debbie Banecker; and finally, Pallet Painting party organized by Cindy Cullen These fundraising events are a necessity for the fiscal viability of the parish. While they are fun to attend, it takes a tremendous amount

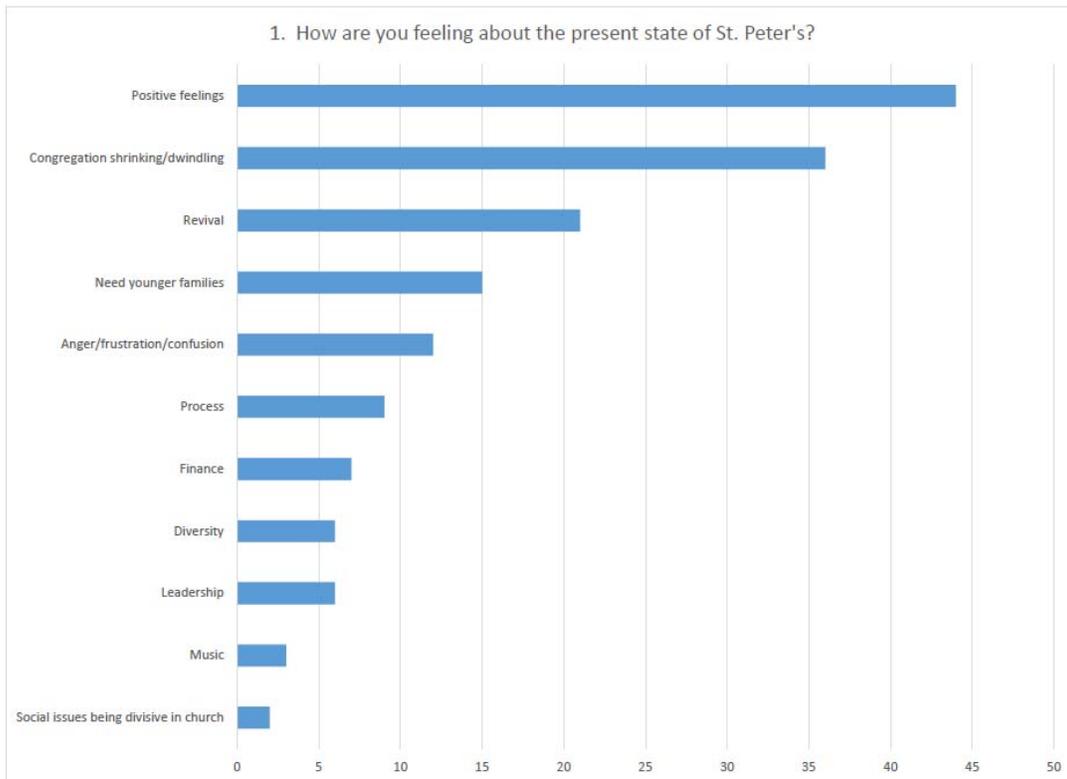
of work behind the scenes to pull off these events, and we appreciate all those who participated in making them a success. Some final thoughts regarding fiscal matters – we appreciate that you keep your pledges current. We need you to continue supporting and participating in these events, including our upcoming Consecration weekend, so that we can meet our financial responsibilities here at St. Peter’s, to our community near and far, and to the diocese.

Finally, change is an inevitable process, necessary to help us grow to meet the future challenges we will face. Change and transition are never easy; however, I am confident and optimistic that St. Peter’s has a very bright future. As we approach the coming days we have to ask ourselves “*what is God asking us to do; be curious about the unexpected and be open to Jesus and all will be well.*”

Respectfully Submitted,
Jennifer F. Buzby

REPORT OF THE JUNIOR WARDEN – MICHELLE SCARPULLA

This past year has been one of great change for St. Peter’s. I have heard people in our parish use many different words to describe how they are feeling about our transition: uncertain, anxious, and sad, but also optimistic, hopeful, and excited. I saw these feelings echoed in the themes that emerged in your response to Question 1 from the Congregational Conversations. Below is a graph that displays the key themes.



The results of your responses to this question (and actually all 4 of the questions!) were enlightening and heartening to me. It shows that the parish has the same feelings about St. Peter’s that the vestry does, and echoes many of the concerns that we have been discussing over

the past few years. We, too, are concerned about the dwindling numbers at our services. We, too, have felt some frustration and confusion at the process of calling a new priest. We, too, are feeling like our parish can use a bit of a revival. But overall, we, too, are feeling positive about the present state of St. Peter's. We know that St. Peter's is a community that is guided by the love of God. We know that it is a community that is welcoming and accepting of all people, and is especially welcoming to children and youth. And we know that it is a community that cares deeply about the welfare of others near and far. These are powerful building blocks upon which to call a new priest, one who will listen to us and guide us to being a stronger and more vibrant parish. Please continue to pray for St. Peter's, for the vestry, the discernment committee, the staff, and for all of its members, that we may grow stronger together through this transition time.

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Scarpulla

VESTRY REPORTS

REPORT OF THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE – ANDREW LaRUE

I want to thank all of our parishioners who participated in our Stewardship Campaign this past year by completing their pledge card and supporting St. Peter's. Your participation in our Stewardship Campaign enabled the Vestry to make a budget that enabled us to plan and organize the various parish activities over the past year. We look forward to a successful year and to increase our pledge commitments from last year.

Stewardship is not just making a financial pledge on Consecration Sunday; it is a combination of our treasure, time and talent.

This past year was a very rewarding one for me in being part of the Vestry as the Stewardship Chairperson. I am going into my third year on the Vestry. In this endeavor I've made great friendships and have been given a better understanding of what it takes to run a church like Saint Peter's. Stewardship is very important and we need to have strong commitment for the next coming year and afterwards. By having strong stewardship, we will have the best candidates come forward for our search for a Priest in Charge. We will be using the familiar Consecration Sunday program for this year's Stewardship Campaign. "It's Coming, October 13, & 14, 2018."

Finally, I look forward to another successful year in stewardship for St. Peter's.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrew LaRue

REPORT OF COMMUNICATIONS – TIFFANY MYERS

The overreaching goal of Communication is to tell our story, to present St. Peter's as a vibrant community both to ourselves and to the outside world, reaching both parishioners and those who may be looking for a church home. Sometimes telling our story is passing along information, sometimes it is letting people see and read about what has happened, sometimes it is just to touch or inspire.

St. Peter's has a Twitter account and an Instagram account now, from which I try to share a few lines of scripture and a photograph (often taken at St. Peter's) several times per week. These are meant to inspire.

Have publicized St. Peter's events on Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook , such as the Rummage Sale, Golf Outing, Vacation Bible School, etc.

St. Peter's is on the Episcopal Asset Map now, which is a tool developed by the Episcopal Church to help people find and/or learn about parishes around the country/world. Our description right now is bare-bones, and fleshing it out is a goal.

I met with the communications director for the diocese over the summer, who had a lot of good ideas, including connecting with other South Jersey Episcopal church's communications persons.

Goals are to follow up with connecting with other church communications persons; to get our description filled out for the Episcopal Asset map; to continue to tell our story on social media and try to improve communications with St. Peter's ministries and groups in order to have a heads-up and a reminder to publicize events a few weeks to a month ahead of time; to involve the youth and other groups in telling our story on social media.

If you have ideas or would like to help, please contact me! It would be great to have a communications team to share about all the many activities that go on at St. Peter's.

Respectfully submitted,
Tiffany Myers

REPORT OF PROPERTY AND GROUNDS - JOHN COLAIANNI

I am honored to follow in the footsteps of the prior Vestry Chair for Buildings and Grounds, Marty Banecker. Thank you Marty for all you did at St. Peter's. You left very large shoes to fill. I sincerely hope YOU will consider helping Buildings and Grounds this year! Volunteering your time and efforts is one way. Trust me, I have projects for all abilities and ages. Even if you cannot yourself perform any physical work, you can still help! Please contact me if you're interested. You can also contribute financially, and that too is a wonderful gift. Perhaps you would be willing to donate flowers, or bulbs, or mulch, all great and wonderful contributions. Upcoming potential volunteer projects: Greening of the Church for Christmas; indoor painting; light landscaping. Please keep an eye out for these and other opportunities!

If you have a project you'd like to help with, or see something that you think should be fixed or changed, please let me know as soon as possible at 609.792.4055 (cell), 609.654.5644 (home), or john.colaianni@stpetersmedford.org or john.colaianni@gmail.com.

GROUNDS

We have continued our relationship with SLS Landscaping lawn cutting and with Russo's Snow Plowing. Both companies serve us faithfully and competitively. Nevertheless, it is time to put these services out to bid to ensure that we are getting good deals.

Snow removal services were provided on December 15, January 4, January 9, and most significantly on March 7th for the largest snowstorm of the season.

There was no heat in the office wing in mid-January for nearly 1 week. Harriett's performed the repairs and we thank the Staff for bravely soldiering on without complaint.

A leak was detected above the Narthex on March 17th. Nuss Construction performed the repair at no charge.

Prior to Father Don's retirement and Bishop Stokes' visit for Confirmation, we as a Parish made a big push to improve the grounds. We cut down overgrown weeds that we thought were bushes, in the front area of our property along Hartford Road. A significant cleanup along the front wheelchair ramp flower beds and around to the Office Entrance was performed, bushes were trimmed, and the beds cut-in and mulched.

Five (5) trees fell on our property this year and the work of many was required to cut them up and dispose of them. Special thanks go to Tom Williams and Scott Fallon who took care of the two biggest trees. Joe Moore and family did incredible volunteer work, painting the cross and wall on the outside of Moore Chapel. The Moore brothers also helped immensely with grounds cleanup, as well as cleaning our signage.

Additionally, we were again blessed to have our Boy Scout Troop perform volunteer work at St. Peter's. This year, the Troop cleaned up the flower bed near the entrance to the vestibule in Williams Hall. They removed our old wooden signage letters, replaced them with maintenance-free lettering, replaced the change-able sign on the brick wall, and added a seating area as well. Please try to remember to thank our Scouts when we honor them at an upcoming service. We are in the process of planning to continue to perform both volunteer and paid work on our grounds in 2019. There is a lot to do to continue our cleanup and beautification, as we as a Parish had neglected our grounds for quite some time. Design work by Parish volunteers is being done for the front sign at "The Point", as well as at the Rectory and in front of the Church's main entrance.

I don't have the space here to thank all the volunteers who participated over the course of the year to our grounds cleanups, so please indulge me for thanking some special stars, and forgive me if I've missed your name. Special thanks to Joe Moore, Jeff Moore, Lisa Miner, Jeff Miner, Michelle Scarpulla, and Ben Jones for their ongoing and faithful help.

BUILDINGS

Last year we brought in an art teacher who pays rent each month for classes she teaches in what would otherwise be an empty classroom during the week. We still welcome our friends from Anonymous groups that meet regularly at St. Peter's, as well as Big Band Express, Boy Scouts, the Rutgers Reading Program, and the Moms Group.

We continue our HVAC service agreement with Harriett's. We had our annual termite service agreement extended, and passed a full termite inspection with no activity found (a good thing). Our water usage increase from 2017 was addressed, boiler piping was fixed, and our usage and billing returned to normal levels. Routine pest management service continues. Old window unit air conditioners that no longer function have been removed. The gutters are cleaned regularly. Our HVAC systems at the Church and Rectory are serviced regularly for preventive maintenance.

The solar panels are now the property of St. Peter's Parish! What this means is that while we still have a reduced energy bill each month, we will no longer have a bill each month to pay for the panels. This will produce savings on the order of \$ 7,500 per year moving forward! Fun fact - our solar panel system produces the amount of energy consumed by six (6) average Medford homes over the course of an entire year!

New carpeting was installed in the Narthex this year. Volunteers removed, adjusted, and reinstalled the interior doors in the Narthex to accommodate the new carpet's elevation. Interior painting of the Sanctuary walls was started by Jeff Moore and continued by Tiffany Myers and Maureen Joos. There is still more painting to be done, so if you're even a little handy with a brush, please step forward!

The Choir Robe Room ceiling finally gave way. Thanks to the Scarpulla family the existing ceiling was taken down, and the entire Robe Room was thoroughly cleaned. All of the carpets in the Sunday School Wing were shampooed by Vestry volunteers prior to the startup of Sunday School.

New exterior lights were installed at the main Sanctuary entrance, at the Memorial Garden doors, and at the rear door. Thank you to all of those who contributed to this call for donations: Roger Norris, Colaianni Family, Buzby Family, Kelly Family, Wu Family, Orlando Family, Unger Family, Ben & Betty Jones, Bev Scollay, Josie Nealis, Thomas Family, Harry & Gretchen Campbell, Charles Family, Anderson Family, Herrick Family, Albury Family, Borrell Family, Crawford Family, Hobson Family, Scarpulla Family.

We still have several electrical upgrade/replacement needs at the Parish, including lights that shine on the steeple, lights inside the main sanctuary, as well as the parking lot stand lights. It is our hope to address the parking lot stand lights first, and to replace our existing ballast and bulb system with an LED system that will last us 15 years or more without having to change a lightbulb.

Father Don and Lynn Muller left the Rectory for us in very clean condition. That said, we still need to consider some updating and upgrading prior to the calling of a new Priest to our Parish. Some of the proposed upgrades include painting the interior of the house, replacing the hardwood flooring in the lower level, and adding some ceiling fans and lights to bedrooms and the kitchen. Competitive bids were pursued for these improvements.

We are blessed to have a Rectory that is mortgage-free. Also, the systems at the Rectory – tankless hot water heater, high efficiency heater and central air – are in very good condition. The two full bathrooms were remodeled fully only a few years ago, and the washer and dryer are also only a few years old. The kitchen is in good condition with average, clean appliances. The roof is in decent condition and should last for a number of years.

At the Rectory, we need to have the trees trimmed back away from the house, and we need to perform a good deal of weeding and gardening. The old shed behind the Rectory needs to be demolished and removed. And, when all is said and done, we need to perform a thorough cleaning prior to inviting a new Priest to move in to the Rectory.

Thank you. Please contact me directly with questions, concerns, and volunteer offerings. Service hours for youth will be provided.

Respectfully submitted,
John Colaianni

REPORT ON EVANGELISM MINISTRY – BECKIE MCCAMMITT

St. Peter's Millennial Group Activities:

- 👍 February 10, 2018: Escape Room Challenge! We were able to narrowly escape the Pharaoh's Tomb in the Marlton Escape Room with just about one minute left!! - Sean Cureton, Jamie Smith, Mandy Hunter, Brian Hunter, Krissy Lusk, Jillian Floyd, Brandon Manni, Beckie McCammitt
- 👍 March 17, 2018: Game Night! Sean Cureton hosted Jamie Smith, Krissy Lusk, Jillian Floyd and Beckie McCammitt for an afternoon of fun board games and video games and great fellowship!
- 👍 October 21, 2018: Pumpkin Picking! Planned at Johnson's Farm after Sunday church, Medport lunch and then off to celebrating fall with some pumpkin picking!

Other Evangelism Activities:

- 🍂 Assisted in making cards mailed to parishioners who have not been recently present in church to let them know we are missing them and thinking about them as a parish. Cards are present in William's Hall and anyone is welcome to address one to a fellow parishioner.
- 🍂 Created cards with fun logos including "Wash your hands and say your prayers, 'cause Jesus and germs are everywhere!" for parishioners to hang at home, in the workplace or give to friends. These are meant to be a conversation starter as well as an invitation for any and all to join St. Peter's.
- 🍂 Oktoberfest- due to a lack of volunteers and a very busy time of year especially with St. Peter's in transition, the Vestry decided to forego St. Peter's booth at Oktoberfest this year and instead pursue the booth again next year. Materials designed for a photo booth at Oktoberfest were put to great use for the first day of Sunday School!
- 🍂 CROP walk scheduled for October 14 - promoted through Social Media and during church services for a St. Peter's team. Last year we raised close to \$250 and had about 6 walkers. This year hoping to raise \$300 and have closer to 10 walkers.

Respectfully submitted,
Beckie McCammitt

REPORT ON COMMUNITY MINISTRIES – BARBARA KELLY

Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. — Rom. 12:13

This verse from Paul's letter to the church in Roman is that the heart of the many outreach missions at St. Peter's Episcopal Church. Our congregation is always ready to minister to the needs of our brothers and sisters in South Jersey and beyond. Under the leadership of many talented people, St. Peter's has established an extensive outreach program, providing life-enhancing and life-saving assistance to needy and deserving people.

St. Peter's local ministries provide food, clothing, school supplies, and spiritual assistance to hundreds of individuals and families in Burlington County and surrounding areas. St. Peter's is the largest contributor of nonperishable food to the **Christian Caring Center** in Browns Mills, NJ, which serves the hungry and homeless. Thanks to you, St. Peter's provides a steady supply of critically needed food to the CCC pantry. The monthly collection effort is led by **Joe Kelly**. We also support the CCC's Easter and Thanksgiving meal collections and Christmas gifts for children.

Virtua Early Intervention Christmas Adopt-a-Family, led by **Barbara LaRue**, completed its fourth successful year. St. Peter's sponsors a family by combining our efforts with the CCC giving tree. Parishioners donate new toys, clothes, and personal items. Children in the program have physical, mental, and emotional disabilities and their families experience financial hardship.

The **St. Paul's Church Breakfast Program** is a long-standing ministry. A group of St. Peter's volunteers drives to St. Paul's the second Sunday of each month to cook a hot breakfast for Camden residents. They feed an average of 90 to 100 individuals, and sometimes as many as 120, during each visit. This ministry also provides gently used clothing. Volunteers include 10 to 20 adults and teens, providing high school students with valuable hands-on experience caring for others. Participants this year included, but were not limited to, **Harry and Gretchen Campbell, Ken Carpinelli, John and Danielle Colaianni, Mandy and Brian Hunter, Beckie McCammitt, Lisa Miner, the Montgomery Family; the Myers Family, and Kelly Trimble.**

St. Peter's Caps & Laps, a group led by **Mary Allan**, provides new, hand-stitched items to the youngest and oldest members of our community. These include caps to group newborns at local hospitals and babies baptized at St. Peter's blankets, and prayer shawls to the sick and elderly. Caps & Laps also collects new calendars and greeting cards each year for residents at The Evergreens and CareOne. Each Christmas, Caps & Laps assembles and delivers gift bags of calendars, cards, stationery, and pens.

Operation Fill-a-Backpack benefits local children with emotional and behavioral disabilities through Oaks Integrated Care in Mt. Holly, NJ. St. Peter's Operation Fill-a-Backpack drive begins each year in August. In 2018, the large collection bin in the narthex was again overflowing with 19 backpacks, mostly full, and 13 more bags of much-needed supplies.

St. Peter's year-round clothing collection, led by **Danielle Colaianni**, provides gently used items donated by parishioners to the Seneca High School thrift shop and to St. Paul's Church, Camden. Thanks to Danielle, John, and Lisa for sorting and delivering items each month.

Through **ChildFund International**, we provide financial assistance and friendship to Rubino in Bolivia and Thiago in Brazil. Our annual sponsorship provides them with medical care (including immunizations), dental checkups, food, textbooks, and school supplies. Our Christmas gifts enable them to purchase much-needed items. The ChildFund project in their countries provides a school facility and teaching staff; labor and materials for capital projects, such as plumbing and electricity in community buildings; visiting healthcare workers; and adult classes in nutrition, child care, and agriculture. Please follow the Thiago's and Rubino's progress on the community ministries bulletin board in Williams Hall.

I am privileged to be involved in community ministries and am grateful to all of you for your generous support. Please contact me with comments or suggestions for additions and improvements to our programs.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Kelly



JUBILEE

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord. Luke 4:18-10

The mandate of the Jubilee Ministries program is to be a ministry of joint discipleship in Christ with poor and oppressed people, wherever they are found, to meet basic human needs, and to build a just society. Thus, the designation of Jubilee Ministry Center is granted to Episcopal congregations and organizations who can show that their mission and ministry is involved among poor and oppressed people, wherever they are located; that it is rooted in worship; and that it includes several programs, including at least one human rights advocacy program and one human services program. The Executive Council of the Episcopal Church officially designated St. Peter's as a Center for Jubilee Ministry at its January 26, 2018 meeting and St. Peter's was recognized as such at the 234th Diocesan Convention.

Being given the task of writing the application for St. Peter's Jubilee designation has been a blessing. It enabled me, for the first time to gain an overview of the full scope of the many ministries that make up who St. Peter's is to our surrounding community. Please take the time to read the following, which is the summary page from St. Peter's application to the Executive Council:

St. Peter's Episcopal Church proclaims the Good News of God in Christ by providing direct human services to the poor and by supporting the work of local programs that empower those struggling with homelessness, literacy issues, addiction issues, physical or emotional distress, and isolation from the larger society.

Direct human services include providing gently-used clothing and preparing and serving monthly hot breakfasts to poverty-stricken residents of Camden, NJ; providing food and financial donations to the Christian Caring Center, which serves the rural poor and homeless; providing backpacks and school supplies to clients of Oaks Integrated Care, which offers behavioral health services to adults, children, and families; providing Christmas gifts to children served by the Christian Caring Center and Virtua Hospital's Pediatric Early Intervention program; providing books, games, puzzles, and coloring books for patients of Weisman Children's Rehabilitation Hospital and Nemours Rehabilitation Hospital; raising funds to combat area poverty through annual participation in Church World Service's CROP Walk; and providing meals, housing, showers, activities, and transportation for temporarily homeless mothers and children through Burlington County's International Hospitality Network.

As advocates for those struggling with homelessness, literacy issues, addiction issues, physical and emotional illness, and isolation, we help our Interfaith Hospitality Network guests rebuild their lives and gain confidence to speak on their own behalf; empower those in need of permanent housing by working together with them as they build their own Habitat for Humanity homes; support the Rutgers Summer Reading Program for children and distribute books via the K-Love Radio book donation program; host multiple weekly meetings of Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, and the "Take off Pounds Sensibly" weight loss group; and provide calendars, cards, notepaper and pens to residents of area senior facilities to make it possible for

isolated seniors to reach out to families and friends. We respond to those oppressed by spiritual or emotional distress, physical disability, or behavioral health issues by providing office space for two pastoral counselors who provide care at a reduced rate and by supporting the work of Oaks Integrated Care (behavioral health) and two area rehabilitation hospitals. Our annual participation in Church World Service's CROP Walk, helps us educate our own congregation about the prevalence of poverty in this country and throughout the world and also to visibly raise our community's awareness of these same issues.

Unlike some churches, whose outreach ministries are provided for in the church budget or through specific bequests, St. Peter's outreach ministries are entirely lay-led and accomplished largely through your donations of money, material goods, time, and energy. Well done, good and faithful servants! Special thanks are due to Barbara Kelly and Joe Kelly, Joe Santangelo, our Sunday school leaders and staff, the many others who have led us in our outreach to the many oppressed and poor in our area, and to Father Don, for his leadership and support.

It is tempting to sit back and rest on our laurels, but neither the Jubilee Ministry program nor our identity as baptized members of the Body of Christ allow us to do so. By submitting our application to our diocesan Jubilee Officer, Bishop, and Executive Council, St. Peter's agreed to "demonstrate the operation of our programs to others who are interested, maintain "how-to" files, act as a resource center and funnel for information, and commit to an annual review of our ministry and renewal of our covenant with the Bishop and the Diocesan Jubilee Officer." In other words, we are meant both to continue and expand our ministry and to serve as an inspiration and resource to others. As Baptized Christians we have made a covenant with God to live our lives proclaiming by word and example the Good News of God in Christ by seeking and serving Christ in all persons, loving our neighbor as we love ourselves, striving for justice and peace among all people, and respecting the dignity of every human being." With God's help, we will.

Respectfully submitted,
The Rev. Helen M. Orlando, Deacon

REPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH TEAM – DEACON HELEN

In April 2016, the Rev. Roger Bowen, an Episcopal priest then serving as the U.S. Liaison to the Haiti Partnership Program, was preparing to celebrate the Eucharist at one of the ninety-five Episcopal Churches in Haiti. As he was putting on his vestment's the Haitian priest-in-charge told him: "Of course, after the service, you will bless the chairs." "Bless the chairs? What could that mean?" asked Father Bowen? "You will see," said the priest.

Episcopal churches in Haiti use a French translation of our own *Book of Common Prayer*, so the service following that brief conversation differed little from our own. Although many of its members were struggling to feed their own families, this particular congregation had a long-standing practice of using this what we call "coffee Hour" as a time to provide a meal not only for its members, but also for anyone in the surrounding area in need of food. Many of the guests at that meal, unable to stand or walk, had only been able to make their way to the church" by sitting on discarded pieces of cardboard and scooting along the ground. Their disabilities had forced them to live and move always in the dust of others' activity.

After the meal, the priest-in-charge of the congregation sent six young men to "go get the chairs." Each returned quickly, carrying a plastic lawn chair, now transformed into a wheelchair by the addition of bicycle tires. As Father Bowen told of watching six of the most disabled guests gently placed in the chairs which would now to be theirs, he said, "For the first time in their lives, these people were no longer living in the dust and dirt and could move. This was a miracle

to them. The church had fed both their stomachs and their souls.” He blessed those chairs, and those whose lives had now been changed, with tears in his eyes. We hear so many negative things about the government, culture, and people of Haiti. The above true story is witness to the generosity and love of this people towards and for each other.

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St. Peter’s and Redemption School in Gonaives, Haiti are now beginning the fifth year of our companion relationship of prayer, presence, and financial support. Since 2014, we have prayed for Redemption School whenever we gather in worship and have been remembered by the people of Redemption School as a part of their parent church’s monthly cycle of prayer. Although our “presence” to one another has been mostly conducted via email, we happily welcomed Father Jean Fils Chery, then priest-in-charge of Redemption School, to St. Peter’s in January, 2015. Redemption School welcomed us in return, when current priest-in-charge, Father Joseph Diegue, welcomed Sue Legnani and me both to the school and to his home when we visited Haiti in April, 2016. Thanks to hard work, the donated pledges of our Sunday school children and youth, your purchase of Acme and ShopRite gift cards, and your support of our other fundraising activities, we continue to faithfully fulfill our annual financial pledge \$2,200.00 (\$2,000.00 to Redemption School/\$200.00 to the Diocese of Haiti Partnership Program), which pays faculty salaries at “Redemption.” During this past year, matching funds provided by our diocesan Global Goals Task Force enabled Father Diegue to resume work on a long-needed canteen where students will soon be able to gather to eat their lunches.

Although I continue to chair the IOT, I am slowly stepping back from that role, and thank team members for stepping up to fill in the gaps. Mary Allan has taken over responsibility for the weekly scheduling of those who sell Acme and ShopRite calendars and for sending out weekly reminders, Edie Green has become our written publicity chair, and Ben Jones, Betty Jones, and Edie Green have offered to speak about our work during service announcement times. Tiffany Myers continues as St. Peter’s Episcopal Relief & Development representative and creates our bulletin board displays. Together with Danielle and John Colaianni, Mary Allan and Sue Legnani chaired last year’s Rummage Sale and will do so again this year. Ken Carpinelli was the inspiration for our February Friendly’s FUNRaiser, chaired by Bev. Scollay. Together, we welcome new member, Jo Sherwood.

Notable Events during the Past Year

- **Narrated Slide Show and Discussion about Haiti** presented by Sue Legnani and Deacon Helen following all services the weekend of February 24 and 25, 2018:
- **Friendly’s FUNRaiser**, Tuesday, February 27, 2018. This event proved to be a great community builder for parish and raised \$281.81 + \$70.00 in donations to support the work of Redemption School.
- **Episcopal Relief & Development Weekend**, weekend of March 3 & 4, 2018: Tiffany Myers, our ERD Representative, did a great job planning and leading our 2018 Episcopal Relief & Development Weekend. We welcomed guest speaker, Louis Cavaliere, as our speaker at both Sunday services. Many thanks to Tiffany for speaking during the sermon time at the Saturday, 5pm service.
- **St. Peter’s Rummage Sale**, Saturday, May 5, 2018, earned 1,397.00, which was split between St. Paul’s Breakfast Program and the International Outreach Team, for the benefit of Redemption School. Thanks to Mary Allan, Danielle Colaianni, John Colaianni, and Sue Legnani for their leadership.

The International Outreach Team hopes that God will lead some of you to join those of us already working to lead St. Peter’s in its companion relationship with Redemption School. Here are some ways to do so:

Join Us – New Committee Members are needed and welcomed. Our regularly-scheduled meetings are held in the parish library every 3rd Sunday of the month, immediately following the 10:15am service. Welcome to Jo Sherwood, who joined our team at our summer meeting.

Offer your Help – If being a full Team member sounds like too much for you, offer to take a turn selling grocery store gift cards or help with other scheduled fundraisers. Better yet, come up with an idea of your own and help make it happen.

Provide financial support for the students of Redemption School by purchasing grocery store gift cards, supporting our other fundraisers, or making a donation. Did you know that the average annual cost to provide full tuition, books, formal uniform and a “dress-down-day” T-shirt for Redemption School students is less than \$1.00 per day?

Pray that God may continue to bless and guide us and the leaders of Redemption School as we walk prayerfully together to bring dignity, justice, and peace to the people of Haiti through the education of its youth.

Current International Outreach Team Members are: Mary Allan, Ken Carpinelli, Edie Green, Ben Jones, Betty Jones, Sue Legnani, Tiffany Myers, Beverly Scollay, and Jo Sherwood.

Respectfully submitted,
The Rev. Helen M Orlando, Deacon

REPORT OF THE BOY SCOUTS - Troop 26

135 Merit badges awarded to 37 Scouts since last September

25 scouts have had 29 rank advancements since last September

5 Scouts have received 10 Eagle Palms, 5 Bronze Palms, 4 Gold Palms and 1 Silver Palm

8 scouts have become Eagle Scout –Ethan Kaighn, Adam Keir, Eric Kennedy, Brian Beitel, Robert Sollitto, Marc Voorhees, Matthew Mason and Daniel Smith since last September.

Currently 2 scouts have completed their Eagle Projects and are finishing up paperwork and merit badges

Two more scouts are completing their Eagle Scout project proposals and the troop is hoping to have 4 more eagle scouts by next year.

The Troop has 43 scouts registered with the troop. We had 4 new scouts cross over in February and 1 new scout who joined us from a troop in Mount Laurel. We had 1 Scout who aged out this past year, Ethan Kaighn.

October 2017 – Finished up the popcorn sale.

- Sold \$5,225 in popcorn
- Acquired another \$3,125 in donations
- Total profit of \$4,633 for the scouts
- Sale included 6 locations over 13 days and 102 hours on sites selling
- 20 scouts participated

Ethan Kaighn Became Eagle scout #112

November 2017 – Intrepid Museum NYC

- 15 scouts, 9 adults
- Toured Intrepid Air and Space Museum
- Toured 9/11 Memorial
- Stayed overnight on the Ship

Service Project St. Peters Episcopal Church

Scouts installed new lettering for the church. The old wooden letters were rotten and broken.

The new letters are acrylic and will last a very long time.

The Troop removed old landscaping and cleared the area so you can better see the sign and Church name. Scouts also cleaned up moss on the building and the St. Peters sign along Taunton blvd. The enclosed sign under the church's name was also refurbished including a new inside, letters and plaque across the top. A huge thank you to Frank Smith for acquiring the letters and being the lead adult on the project.

Scouts participated in scouting for food.

December 2017 – Volunteer with the Sunrise Rotary at the Dickens Festival

15-20 Scouts helped setup and played holiday movies for younger kids

Adam Keir became Eagle Scout # 113

January 2018- The Troop held its annual Court of Honor at Pine Tree campground in Tabernacle and our Family Spaghetti Dinner. The scouts prepared a spaghetti dinner for the families.

February 2018- Operation Polar Bear held at Pine Hill in Berlin. 20 Scouts participated in the Klondike Derby. A handful braved the elements and camped over.

Scouts attended Scout Sunday at St Peter's.

Eric Kennedy became Eagle Scout # 114

Brian Beitel became Eagle Scout # 115

March 2018- The Troop traveled to Shawnee mountain for a day of skiing. 7 Scouts and 6 adults participated and they spent the night camping and, on the way, home stopped for a hike to Sunfish Pond.

The Troop held its annual Easter flower sale. Held at 3 locations, Harriet's oil main street, Lukoil stokes road and PNC bank on Taunton/Tuckerton.

Total Revenue of \$10,888, Total Cost of \$5,846, Net Troop Profit of \$5,042

Completely sold out of inventory early.

April 2018- The troop headed to Washington, DC for a 4-day weekend, 25 Scouts and 12 adults attended the trip which included a private tour of the Capitol building

Troop 26 along with Pack 26 participated in our first pasta dinner fundraiser. This took place across the street at Medford Methodist church. Many scouts and adults worked over several months to make this happen. At the event parents and scouts worked shifts to seat guest, serve the food and clean up the event. The majority of the money raised was to go to the new troop trailer. \$2,760 was raised for Troop and Scout Funds

May 2018 – The troop did a lot of research and purchased a new trailer to better accommodate the troops needs. Cost is \$5,485, less \$1,200 that we sold the old trailer for. Net ~\$4,300 Mr. Krakowiecki & Mr. Smith did extensive work at Yawgoog in July to add shelving and lighting to the trailer

June 2018 - 12 Scouts and 6 Adults took 4 days to complete a service project at the police building. They built a retaining wall around the new sign to highlight the sign and landscaping. The scouts also removed and pruned existing landscaping and added dirt and mulch. The township of Medford presented the scouts with a proclamation in September for all of their hard work.

On June 3rd the troop attended church service at St. Peter's and provided snacks for afterwards so we could say goodbye to Father Don and wish him well in his retirement. The troop made Father Don an honorary Eagle scout and presented him with an Eagle certificate and Eagle pins in a shadow box and a gift certificate. The troop also presented Father Don with an Eagle plaque stating his Eagle status which now hangs on the wall in the main hall, over all the other Eagle scouts in the troop.

Robert Sollitto became Eagle Scout # 116 and Marc Voorhees became Eagle Scout # 117

July 2018- Summer camp in RI, 30 scouts and 10 adults attended. 90 Merit badges were earned along with 20 partial merit badges. Both trailers were brought up to Yawgoog and several Adults brought tools and outfitted the new trailer with shelving and lighting.

August 2018- Matthew Mason became Eagle Scout # 118 and Dan Smith became Eagle Scout # 119.

September 2018- Back to school. The Troop will be holding elections for new leadership positions and the annual popcorn sale has started.

The troop also helped Shoprite with the 5k run and 1-mile walk. About 12 scouts and 12 adults helped check ppl in provide water to them and set up and clean up the area when the race was done. Troop 26's own Eagle scout #100, Rob Buzby came in first in the 5k run.

October 2018 - We have scheduled a campout the weekend of 10/19-10/21. It is local since we realize fall is a busy time for everyone and scouts might not be able to attend the whole weekend. We are planning on using Saturday as a recruitment event.

November 2018 – Camping at Fort Mifflin and scouting for food

December 2018 - The Dickens Festival. The troop sets up the towns movie equipment and shows holiday movies during the festival

In addition to the listed monthly events, the Troop participated in many other projects:

We held two Courts of Honor in January and June with the next one in October to hand out various awards and achievements.

John Scannell continues to offer his expertise and help to get the scouts their aviation and astronomy merit badges.

Peter Smith is planning on having an automotive class to get the scouts their merit badges

The Troop helped setup and takedown the Movies in the Park equipment each week. This encompassed 8 weeks utilizing 6 Scouts per night for a total of 48 Scouts. A big thanks to ASM Joe Krackowiecki for rewiring the equipment to help the event run smoother

New assistant scoutmaster – Joe Krackowiecki
New Troop Committee chairperson – Frank Smith

Don Keir has stepped down from his position as Troop Committee Chair.

Respectfully submitted,
George Youngkin, Scoutmaster

REPORT OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS – JOHN CORBETT

This year the Medford Group of A.A. celebrates the forty-sixth anniversary of both its establishment and its meetings at Saint Peter's. Alcoholics Anonymous is a spiritual fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other to solve their problem with alcohol and to help others recover from alcoholism. A.A.s have come to believe that "God is doing for us what we could not do for ourselves." A.A. meets in the church hall on Wednesday and Friday evenings. The current and past members of A.A.'s Medford Group are deeply grateful to the congregation of St. Peter's for its hospitality which, over the years, has helped the Group to save lives and rebuild families.

Respectfully submitted,
John Corbett, Leader

REPORT OF THE ENDOWMENT BOARD – FRAN MITCHELL/DANIELLE COLAIANNI

St. Peter's Endowment Board was established in 2008 to enable the Parish to more completely fulfill its mission by developing its ministries beyond what is possible through its annual operating funds. The Endowment Fund is funded through a variety of gift vehicles; including bequests in wills, charitable remainder trusts, other trusts, life insurance policies, real estate, securities, stock, other life income gifts and other property. The Board will receive and administer these gifts in a manner faithful to loyalty and devotion to God expressed by the donors, and in accord with the Canons of the Episcopal Church and the Diocese of New Jersey, and the policies of St. Peter's.

The Board is continuing the Vestry's designation of the Diocesan Trust Fund as the appropriate depository for the funds. Gifts and interest received in the past year have raised the value of the fund to \$62,489.52.

Members of the Board and others are available to assist parishioners in matters of this regard. Gifts to the Fund can be made at any time by anyone and in whatever vehicle the donor wishes to use in conformity with the gift policy.

Respectfully submitted,
Fran Mitchell, Chairman

REPORT OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION –SUE LEGNANI

How do you raise a Christian? They say it takes a village to raise a child and I'm convinced that it takes a church to raise a Christian, to show the love of Christ and his compassion in the world around us and to model this for children and teens. In the 2017-2018 school year we were blessed to have a group of eighteen adults who were willing to give of their time and talent to teach this message and mentor the children and teens in our congregation. Because of these

dedicated adults we were able to offer Christian Formation for Pre-K through tenth grade. Fr. Don offered adult classes during the year on Sunday mornings as well as Wednesday mornings.

How do you make Bible study for teens something the kids would want to do? Take them on a “Destination Unknown”! Michelle Scarpulla started this youth group in 2015 and Barbara LaRue has continued it as a compliment to Rite 13 for grades 6-8. Each month the teens were given a clue from scripture about where they were going. They arrived at church and were taken to the unknown destination for a new experience followed by a short Bible study that was related to the destination.

We gathered together several times a year for special events to prepare for the coming of Christ during Advent, and during Lent to prepare for the events of Holy Week and Easter. Our annual Christmas pageant was presented on the third Sunday of Advent. We experienced Children’s Stations of the Cross during Lent, and teens and young adults led the Good Friday Stations of the Passion.

As a Sunday School outreach project the children made St. Valentine cards on February 4th for patients at Weisman and Nemours rehabilitation centers. The cards as well as other donated items were delivered before St. Valentine’s Day for the patients to enjoy as part of their therapy. Kelly Wu delivered the basket for Weisman and Beckie McCammitt took the one for Nemours.

On the third Sunday of October, November, January, February and March Fr. Don led a shortened family Eucharist in Moore Chapel at 9 am. We invited the children to participate in as much of the service as possible. They helped to set the altar, led the Prayers of the People and some of the music as well.

Vacation Bible School, a summer tradition at St. Peter’s, was held on July 9th – 11th for children in our congregation and the community. The theme was “Spy Parables” and through Bible stories, music, games, crafts and snacks the kids learned the parables of the seed, the great pearl and yeast.

Since Sunday School and worship on Sunday can only do so much, it’s important for families to develop their own spiritual lives at home. Praying, showing the love of God and Jesus to those around them, and celebrating the cycles of the Church Year in the home are all very doable things and help reinforce the lessons we experience in Christian Formation classes Sunday morning. Periodically I send material to parents with ideas for things they can do at home with their children to prepare for major holidays in the Church Year like Christmas and Easter. If a family is looking for some new ideas or if they want to start traditions in their home there are always plenty of ideas to incorporate into their family life.

I want to thank the following teachers and assistants who made our Christian Formation program possible:

Godly Play: Tina Sunlitis, Tina Rubano

Grades 1-3: Beckie McCammitt, Melissa Garofalo, Barbara LaRue, Chris McCrum

Grades 4-5: Kristine Adler, Jenn Brownlee, Tracy Davidson, Michelle Scarpulla

Rite 13: Alexis Gosewisch, Ken Montgomery, Kelly Wu, Tiffany Myers

J2A: Steve and Sheila Miller

Destination Unknown (Youth Group): Barbara LaRue and the many parents who volunteered to drive and help in other ways.

Chapel: Tiffany Myers and Laurel Smith

Nursery: Brian and Mandy Hunter, Jillian Anderson, Elisabeth Cullen

Loren Manni: Vestry liason

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Legnani, Christian Education Director

YOUTH GROUP – BARBARA LaRUE

The Rite 13 and J2A groups got together several times for our Destination Unknown Youth Group. Last year we did a Corn Maze at Indian Acres Farm, went to look at the lights at Johnson's Farm, did a mall scavenger hunt at the Moorestown Mall, and we got together for a service project/movie night in which we watched the movie All Saints and put together 50 snack bags for Chemo to be distributed throughout South Jersey. This project was in collaboration with the Unforgotten Haven. We have many exciting activities planned for this and look forward to the new school year.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara LaRue

WORSHIP AND PASTORAL CARE

LETTERS OF LIGHT MINISTRY – MICHELLE SCARPULLA

The Letters of Light initiative continues at St. Peter's. Parishioners are invited and encouraged to send notes of well wishes and prayers to our ill and home bound parishioners. There is a table in Williams Hall set up to include pens, note cards, envelopes and a list of people who can use some cheer. Please help us to continue this initiative as many of us who have done so have heard that it brings a moment of joy to them knowing that we are thinking of them.

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Scarpulla

REPORT OF THE MUSIC MINISTRY – BRENDAN MOORE

I've had the pleasure of serving St. Peter's now for nearly two years and I must say I feel genuinely at home. I look forward to continuing my tenure with St. Peter's for years to come and am constantly inspired by your faith and caring. I look forward to working with our new rector and I know that our community will choose the right person for the job.

This year, I am working to reinstate the children's choir. With the help of Sue Legnani, Tiffany Myers, Loren Manni and the Sunday school teachers I have slowly been working with the Sunday school classes, teaching them a few songs that will be sung by them in church. It's my hope that we can move to a weeknight rehearsal next year. A children's choir is the best chance we have of continuing St. Peter's music program into the future

Our choir at St. Peter's numbers regularly about 9 members. I am grateful to all of our choir members, those who attend rehearsals regularly and those who attend when they can. I repeat my appeal for any interested singers to please contact me about joining the choir. We can always use the help! Even if you feel you can't sing, your voice would be a great help to us.

I must mention the choir library. Of approximately 480 titles we have in our library (meaning pieces of sheet music) approximately 75% of these are copies. To be straightforward, this is technically illegal. The general rule is that you can make one copy per hard copy owned. In the case of our library, however, oftentimes 15-20 copies were made per one copy. Therefore, it is my goal to replace the copied music with real sheet music over time. Additionally, real sheet music lasts longer and has no grey area in terms of copyright.

A piano was donated to St. Peter's last year, it currently resides in the chapel. This brings our total number of keyboard instruments to 5 (3 acoustic pianos, one pipe organ and one electronic organ). I am thankful to those who donated the piano to us, it has been a great resource for VBS and Children's Chapel!

I continue to encourage you to lift your voices in song on Sunday. There may be a song or two that might even be brand new; even so, remember Psalm 96 - Sing to the Lord a **new** song! There's is nothing more inspiring to me than when the whole congregation sings loudly and proudly, so again I say sing out!

Thank you all for your continued support. I look forward to worshipping with you this year.

Respectfully submitted,
Brendan Moore

REPORT OF THE ALTAR GUILD – DEACON HELEN

Altar Guild members work behind the scenes to make sure that the church and chapel are prepared for worship whenever a service is scheduled. Week in and week out, they faithfully prepare for and clean up after all weekly services and all special services such as weddings, funerals, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Ash Wednesday, Holy Week services, and Easter. They also care for all vessels, linens and other items used in worship, post hymn numbers, keep the candles filled with oil and make sure that the Sanctuary Candle is always burning, make sure the Holy Water containers are filled, and put out the headpieces for those in need of hearing assistance. Their quiet work frees the clergy to concentrate on preparing to lead worship and provides a clean, peaceful, and reverent space where all can worship.

Typically, Guild members follow a regular schedule, working one weekend a month. Special seasons, such as those listed above, require extra time preparing for more involved services. We thank them all.

Thank you to Rose Johnston, for years spent washing and ironing all of the linens used at our services; Anita Beard and Ruth Pogoda, for faithfully and quietly caring for Memorial Chapel; Stephen and Leslie Haines, for many years spent decorating St. Peter's, both inside and out, in preparation for the Christmas season; Mark Cantarella, for cheerfully risking life and limb hanging the banners that grace the wall behind our Altar; and Robert Becker, flower arranger *par excellence*.

Last but not least, heartfelt thanks are due to for the ministry of Suzanne Crawford, who has retired after spending thirteen years on St. Peter's Altar Guild, including five years as Altar Guild Director. Please join me in welcoming and supporting Barbara Dane and Ruth Pogoda, newly-appointed as co-directors of St. Peter's Altar Guild.

Current Altar Guild members: Sandra Follman, Alison Gregory, Ruth Hedden, Doris Heintz, Rose Johnston, Maureen Joos, Mark Kaczorowski, Mandy Keen, Josie Nealis

Respectfully submitted,

The Rev. Helen M Orlando, Deacon
For Barbara Dane and Ruth Pogoda, Altar Guild Co-Directors

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – DEACON HELEN

What is the most common response to the invitation to serve as a Eucharistic Minister? Almost always, it is some version of “I am not worthy.” None of us are. The opportunity to serve God, the congregation and the clergy in this way comes as a gift.

The primary role of the Eucharistic Minister is to reverently serve the chalice at celebrations of the Holy Eucharist. At St. Peter’s, most Eucharistic Ministers also serve as lectors and/or assist the deacon or priest when the altar is being prepared. As a Eucharistic Minister, you may expect to serve approximately once a month, normally at the service you regularly attend. Eucharistic Ministers also serve on major Holy Days such as Thanksgiving, Christmas, during Holy Week, and Easter. Each Eucharistic Minister is licensed by the Bishop following training by Deacon Helen.

Current Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Allan, Debbie Banecker, Natalie Boyle, Ward Davis, Jillian Floyd, Jack Hobson, Mark Kaczorowski, Andrew LaRue, Charlene Marietti, Beckie McCammitt, Ken Montgomery, Ruth Pogoda, Sue Santangelo, Eileen Sharrott, Jamieson Smith, Jim Smith, Sally Smith, Lisa Taylor

Thank you to Anita Beard and Suzanne Crawford, who have retired after many years of faithful service.

Respectfully submitted,
The Rev. Helen M Orlando, Deacon

LECTORS/INTERCESSORS – DEACON HELEN

Lectors share God’s word during worship services by reading the first and second lessons, and leading the psalm. They also serve as intercessors when leading the Prayers of the People. Many lectors report that preparing to read aloud increases, enriches, and sometimes even changes their understanding of even the most familiar passages.

Here at St. Peter’s, all lectors serve on a rotating schedule; frequency depends on the number of available lectors. Monthly schedules are emailed to all lectors and each lector’s assigned text is emailed to him or her during the week prior to the Saturday or Sunday when it will be read. Lectors and intercessors also serve on major Holy Days, such as Thanksgiving, Christmas, during Holy Week, and Easter. Although Lectors are not licensed, training is available from Deacon Helen, as requested.

Current Lectors: All Eucharistic Ministers and Elizabeth Adler, Jillian Anderson, Laurie Barbato, Jane Bersch, Russ Carvin, Danielle Colaianni, Jillian Floyd, Edie Green, Judy Herrick, Barbara LaRue, Mekenna Montgomery, Mekelsey Montgomery, Tiffany Myers, Mike Orlando, Michelle Scarpulla, Scott Semmel, Ellie Myers, and Caroline Warfield (sub.)

Many thanks to James Beard and Marilyn Flagler, who have retired after many years of faithful service.

Respectfully submitted,
The Rev. Helen M Orlando, Deacon

WORSHIP LEADERS – DEACON HELEN

A small group gathers in the chapel as the morning sun's rays stream through stained glass. The lit candles of an Advent wreath light the darkness in preparation for Advent Evening Prayer. Men and women gather in the church to follow the centuries-old practice of experiencing the Passion of our Lord as they walk the "Stations of the Cross." God offers the grace of each of these experiences to those who serve as Worship Leaders at St. Peter's.

Normally Worship Leaders are appointed by the rector or priest-in-charge and licensed by the Bishop to lead public worship. During the interim period, new worship leaders will be appointed by Deacon Helen, who also provides necessary guidance and worship materials. Regular duties include the leading of Morning and/or Evening Prayer on the weekdays of Advent and Lent and can include the leading of the Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings during Lent and Holy Week or the leading of the Wednesday Healing Service (without Holy Communion), in the absence of a priest.

Current Worship Leaders: Mark Kaczorowski, Barbara Kelly, Lisa Miner, Ken Montgomery, Mike Orlando, Ruth Pogoda, Robert Spalding

Respectfully submitted,
The Rev. Helen M Orlando, Deacon

EUCCHARISTIC VISITORS

St. Peter's Eucharistic Visitors carry Holy Communion on a regular basis to members of the congregation who are unable to attend church services for a month or more. As they bring Christ in the Sacrament and give of themselves in fellowship and loving service, most Eucharistic Visitors develop strong bonds with those whom they visit and value both blessings given and blessings received as they carry out their ministry.

Eucharistic Visitors make visits to their assigned charge(s) at least once each month. There are currently no regularly-scheduled meetings, although annual or semi-annual meetings for prayer, sharing, and fellowship may be scheduled. Each Eucharistic Visitor is licensed by the Bishop following training by Deacon Helen.

Current Eucharistic Visitors: Mary Allan, Francine Cioffi, Ward Davis, Pat Lusk

A special thank you to Anita Beard for her many years of service as a Eucharistic Visitor.

Respectfully submitted,
The Rev. Helen M Orlando, Deacon

ST. PETER'S PRAYER VINE – DEACON HELEN

We know that we can't involve ourselves in every problem, every situation in which there is need; but we can do something. Let God weave your efforts, your gifts, your prayers into what

God is already doing for that person, in that situation, in that particular place of need, and trust that somehow you can make a difference.

Brother David Vryhof, Society of Saint John the Evangelist

Each day, members of St. Peter's Prayer Vine invite God to weave their prayers into God's work, forming an invisible web of prayer, solace, and support for those who have requested prayers for healing or for the protection of those serving in the military. Prayer Vine members have no group meetings, but receive new prayer requests and updates via email or phone call, depending on what is most convenient for them. Their quiet, invisible ministry brings hope and healing to many. We are actively seeking new members for the Prayer Vine; please see or contact Deacon Helen if you are interested.

Any one may request prayer for anyone by contacting Deacon Helen, the Church Office, or entering the name and need in the notebook provided on the narthex table. Specific prayer requests and updates are kept confidential among clergy and Prayer Vine members.

Current Prayer Vine members: Hilda Baldyga, Cindy Dinoto, Helen Green, Alison Gregory, Doris Heintz, Rose Johnston, Barbara Kelly, Pat Lusk, Sue Santangelo, Susie Van Emburgh

Respectfully submitted,
The Rev. Helen M Orlando, Deacon

ACOLYTE REPORT – JACK HOBSON

The Acolytes of St. Peter's provide the youth of the church the opportunity to participate in the worship service and serve at the altar with the clergy. In this way, the young people of our parish learn the meaning of service and strengthen their commitment to the life of the church. We invite and encourage all youth in third grade or above to join in this important ministry.

This fall we will again be holding training sessions for new and returning acolytes, and a special commissioning ceremony will take place during a Sunday service. In February, the acolytes will have the opportunity to participate in the Diocesan Acolyte Festival. We had our annual acolyte recognition outing to a local amusement park in August this year.

Thanks to the following (and their parents) for this important service to the parish during the past year:

Elizabeth Adler
Matthew Adler
Jillian Anderson
Anthony Castiglia
Elisabeth Cullen
Brooke DePietropolo
Devin DePietropolo
Charlotte LaRue
Daniel LaRue
Jack Miller
Mekelsey Montgomery
Mekenna Montgomery
Ellie Myers
Mackenzie Ritter
Michael Scarpulla

Respectfully submitted,
Jack Hobson, Acolyte Director

USHER REPORT – LISA MINERD

St. Peter’s ushers faithfully serve at each of our Sunday morning services. As the first people a visitor meets, our ushers are the face of St. Peter’s to our many guests and newcomers. We thank them for greeting parishioners, visitors, and newcomers alike with a smile, for handing out bulletins and inserts, and for always being willing to cope with the unforeseen emergencies that arise. The following have served as ushers from September 2015– September 2016:

7:45 a.m. Traditional Eucharist

Dick Bland, Jason Ferguson, Ruth Hedden, Maureen Joos, Josie Nealis, Dave Smith, Mark Tressel, Chris Unger, Scott Fallon.

10:15 Holy Eucharist

Jon Andrews, Jim Beard, Jane Bersch, Russ Carvin, Rob and Nancy Castiglia, Kevin Edwards, Phil Flagler, Abby Floyd, Joe Kelly, Michelle and Evan Scarpulla, Beverly Scollay, Caroline Smith.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa MinerD

MEMORIAL GARDEN REPORT – LISA MINERD

Out of the 97 available niches in the “new” columbarium, 13 have been purchased. If you are interested in purchasing one, please come to the office for the form.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa MinerD

An Order of Service for Noonday

Officiant O God, make speed to save us.
People O Lord, make haste to help us.

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

Psalm 126

1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, *
then were we like those who dream.

2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *
and our tongue with shouts of joy.

3 Then they said among the nations, *
“The Lord has done great things for them.”

4 The Lord has done great things for us, *
and we are glad indeed.

5 Restore our fortunes, O Lord, *
like the watercourses of the Negev.

6 Those who sowed with tears *
will reap with songs of joy.

7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

At the end of the Psalm is said

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Officiant

The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. *Romans 5:5*

People Thanks be to God.

A meditation, silent or spoken, may follow.

Officiant Lord, have mercy.

People Christ, have mercy.

Officiant Lord, have mercy.

Officiant and People

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.

Officiant Lord, hear our prayer;
People And let our cry come to you.
Officiant Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, send your Holy Spirit into our hearts, to direct and rule us according to your will, to comfort us in all our afflictions, to defend us from all error, and to lead us into all truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Free intercessions may be offered.

The service concludes as follows

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

St. Peter's Episcopal Church

Wardens

Jennifer Buzby, Senior Warden
Michelle Scarpulla, Junior Warden

Vestry Members

Jack Hobson, Finance
Beverly Scollay, Parish Life
Scott Fallon, New Member Development
Tiffany Myers, Communication
Andrew LaRue, Stewardship
Beckie McCammitt, Evangelism
John Colaianni, Property and Grounds
Barbara Kelly, Community Ministries
Loren Manni, Christian Education Council Chair

Staff

Mark Cantarella, Sexton
Danielle Colaianni, Treasurer
Brendan Moore, Music Director
Lisa Minerd, Parish Administrator
Sue Legnani, Christian Education Director
Maureen Joos, Loren Manni, Parish Nurses
The Reverend Helen M. Orlando, Deacon
The Reverend Canon Ronald G. Albury, Associate Priest
The Right Reverend William Stokes, Bishop of New Jersey