

# The Beacon

*In thy light shall we see light.  
Psalm 36:9*

*January 20, 2021 ~ February 2021*

## ***Lent—Pandemic Style***

*by the Rev. Abigail Crozier Nestlehutt*

Thirty years ago it was almost impossible to find watermelon in a New England grocery store during the winter, so everyone in our class understood that the girl who declared she would give up that summer delicacy up for Lent was making a joke. At the time her statement seemed silly, almost disrespectful, but now I wonder if it was an honest reflection of her reality. I wonder if it was her way of saying that the demands of school, sports, and being an adolescent were quite enough and that she did not need to pile any more challenges onto her life. This possibility occurs to me now because of our present circumstances. All of us have had to take on new challenges or give up things we love because of the pandemic. As a result, we might feel as if God is not calling us to subscribe to any particular Lenten discipline this year. I understand, and I have a suggestion.

What if we approach Lent this year by wondering what gift God wants to give each of us? Maybe God wants to give you the gift of rest; if so, you might discipline yourself to carve out even just fifteen minutes a few times each week to sit quietly in a comfortable place. Maybe God wants to give you the gift of good health; if so, you might discipline yourself to budget a few extra dollars for special produce that you will enjoy eating. Maybe God wants to give you the gift of friendship; in that case you might discipline yourself to reach out to someone each week. Maybe God wants to give you the gift of making a difference; then you might discipline yourself to volunteer. Maybe God wants to give you the gift of helping to bring about the kingdom here and now; then you might discipline yourself to set aside your fear of speaking out and find a way to advocate for those who are oppressed. Maybe God wants to give you the gift of deeper relationship with the divine; if so, you might discipline yourself to a regular practice of prayer. The possibilities are endless, and many of the answers can be found here at St. Peter's.

In the pages that follow you will discover opportunities to be involved with outreach, learning, worship, fellowship, and more. This year our Lenten offerings are focused on prayer. The Wednesday evening soup suppers will follow a series from the Society of St. John the Evangelist having to do with the Daily Office. Our youth will offer Compline each week throughout the season. You might choose to take up my invitation to pray using *Daily Prayer for All Seasons*. This focus is an intentional effort to provide various opportunities to order these disorderly times with prayer. To deepen our relationship with God. To ground us in our baptismal promises. To strengthen our resolve to live our faith in tangible ways.

The new joke is that 2021 has so far proven to be not much better than 2020. Our fractured society is poised to break, and we must not let that happen. In the Ash Wednesday liturgy, we begin the holy season of Lent with repentance. We lay before God all that weighs on our hearts so that we can begin again, refreshed and renewed. Maybe you feel as if you have given up or have already taken on plenty in these strife-ridden, pandemic days. Offer it all to God in prayer, and pray for the wisdom and energy to be involved, as a Christian, in the healing that must come next.

## Shrove Tuesday

While our Shrove Tuesday pancake supper will look a little different this year, we will nevertheless have some fun with it before Lent begins. We will

### Shrove Tuesday



create Mardi Gras bags containing pancake mix and other Mardi-Gras-themed items for all who request one, and then everyone will gather for Mardi Gras via Zoom from 6 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, **February 16**, for fun and food!

Please let us know no later than Wednesday, **February 10** that you want us to prepare a Mardi Gras bag for you by signing up at <https://forms.gle/s66WkM6UfNiyMkhA9> or by calling Chris at the church office if you don't do email.

## God the Artist:

### January Conversation on Race

After a long holiday hiatus, our conversations on race will resume at 7 p.m. on Thursday, **January 21**. In this next step in working towards furthering racial reconciliation, guest facilitator Ms. Soozung Sa Rankin, MTS, will lead us virtually in considering "God the Artist," one segment of the *Dismantling Racism* curriculum that our young people are using this spring. Building on Ephesians 2:10, "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do," and with the help of



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video, conversation, and activities, this session explores diversity and how we uphold our belief that the diversity of our world is reflected in the belief that we are all created in God's image. Everyone is heartily invited to join this conversation; participation in prior conversations on race is not a prerequisite. The Zoom information will appear in Keynotes before the meeting, as usual, but feel free to get it from Chris ([chris@stpetersgv.org](mailto:chris@stpetersgv.org)) if you don't follow Keynotes or if you have questions.

Now, a few words about our guest and about the *Dismantling Race* program itself, which was created by the Diocese of Atlanta and the Absalom Jones Center for Racial Healing there. Ms. Rankin, who serves as Program Director at Church of the Holy Trinity, Rittenhouse Square, has been working with Chris and other youth leaders in our diocese to adapt its content for our diocese to use virtually during the pandemic. We chose to "pilot" this segment during the January conversation because it has special appeals for adults and also because it offers adults in the parish the chance to learn how our parish young people are tackling the weighty issue of racial reconciliation.



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## *Keeping a Holy Lent at St. Peter's*

### *Ash Wednesday Services*

We will offer the Ash Wednesday liturgy with the option of imposition of ashes at 12 noon and at 7:30 p.m. on **February 17**, both for in-person and distanced worship. We will live-stream both services for those who wish to participate from the safety of home, and we ask those who want to attend in person to please sign up at <https://reopen.church/r/38aJWofH>. We will follow all appropriate pandemic protocols.



### *Stations of the Cross*

Beginning on **February 19**, at 7:30 p.m. every Friday during Lent, we are offering an opportunity for in-person prayer and contemplation utilizing the Stations of the Cross in the barn. This is a profound time that allows us to enter into the journey Jesus took to the cross. Up to ten people will be able to sign up to participate on any Friday, and we will follow all Covid protocols. Please watch for more information in Keynotes and the leaflets as February 19 approaches. If you have questions, please contact Chris ([chris@stpetersgv.org](mailto:chris@stpetersgv.org)).

### *Come, Pray: The Prayer I Need This Day: Lenten Soup Suppers*

This Lent, between Wednesday **February 24** and **March 24**, we will accept the invitation of the Society of St. John the Evangelist, an Episcopal monastic community in Massachusetts with a rich tradition of daily prayer, to deepen our prayer lives: “After the last year in which churches around the world have been closed and congregations scattered, the SSJE Brothers invite you to ‘Come, Pray.’ Join us in receiving the daily gift of prayer—at home or wherever you find yourself. Across the weeks of Lent, listen in as Brothers discuss the rich and varied ways we pray, together in church and in our personal prayer. Then join us for worship, exploring a rich array of live-streamed services, culminating in the glories of Holy Week. ‘Come, pray in me the prayer I need this day.’”

This year's virtual Lenten soup suppers will begin with conversation at 6:15. Then at 6:30 we will watch a 20-minute videotaped conversation among the brothers as they explore and share diverse prayer practices. After the video, at 6:50 we will begin a discussion of our own based upon what we have seen. Anyone who would like to preview the videos between Sunday evening and Wednesday is invited to visit [SSJE.org/subscribe](https://SSJE.org/subscribe) and select “Monastic Wisdom for Everyday Living” to sign up for the weekly email.

The Zoom information will appear in Keynotes on February 18. For more information, please contact Melissa Shaner ([myshaner@verizon.net](mailto:myshaner@verizon.net)).

### *Daily Prayer during Lent*

*Daily Prayer for All Seasons* is a resource compiled by a diverse team of people as a guide for busy people who wish to order their days with prayer. It offers shortened versions of the Daily Office services in our *Book of Common Prayer* that follow the traditional Benedictine pattern of “hours.” In leading the noonday prayer service via Facebook during Lent, Abigail and Chris will use the service for midday.

We also invite you to include the full cycle of prayers as part of your Lenten discipline. You can buy the book on Amazon or simply download it at [https://episcopalchurch.org/files/documents/daily\\_prayer\\_all\\_seasons\\_eng\\_final\\_pages.pdf](https://episcopalchurch.org/files/documents/daily_prayer_all_seasons_eng_final_pages.pdf).

### *Lenten Compline*

Beginning **February 18**, the youth group will lead Compline at 8 p.m. every Thursday during Lent. This simple service for the end of the day will be aired via Facebook and our website. More information about this will appear in Keynotes.



### ***Vestry Nominating Committee***

In accordance with our parish by-laws, our annual parish meeting when we elect four new vestry members will take place on **May 2**. The by-laws also stipulate that, in consultation with the rector, the vestry appoint a nominating committee comprised of the four retiring members and four at-large parishioners, and that the slate of nominees be published sixty days before the meeting.

We are happy to announce that Jenny Disque, Trudi Graves, Shannon Mannon, and Luci Russell have agreed to serve along with Don Cheetham, Doug Jones, Eileen Klein, and Charlotte Tellefsen. A parishioner who wishes to suggest someone for the committee to consider should contact any of its members no later than **February 9**.

### ***Gathering of Women***

The women of St. Peter's are invited to participate in the next virtual gathering at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, **January 20**. (Honestly, how many of us imagined we would still be Zooming in 2021?) This month we will share with each other the kinds of things we did to have fun during the pandemic—whether it was learning a new craft, reading everything you didn't have time for before, reconnecting with old friends, taking walks. We want this to be a fun conversation that reveals both our resilience and some discoveries that will carry over into our post-pandemic lives. We will announce the Zoom link in an email and in Keynotes before the meeting. If you have questions, please contact Lynn Mander (lsmander@gmail.com).



Are you interested in learning a new skill? If so, we are putting together a team to assist with live-streaming on Sunday mornings. This is a pleasant and essential task, and training will be joyfully offered. Please contact Abigail (abigail@stpetersgv.org) if you would like to join the team. Thank you!

### ***Preschool to Reopen in February***

With the vestry's approval, St. Peter's Preschool will reopen on Tuesday, February 2 with all appropriate pandemic precautions and protocols in place. Although Leigh Pavoni, who served faithfully and with great energy as director, stepped down to move on to a full-time job elsewhere, happily, Denise Nuttall, the teacher in the two-day classroom, has accepted the position of director. She began her responsibilities on January 16 by overseeing a Covid-safe, outdoor registration day for all families. Many thanks and best wishes to Leigh, and a warm welcome to Denise.

### ***Celebration of Absalom Jones***

We invite you to reserve 10 to 11:30 a.m. on **February 13** so that you can join us in a virtual celebration of the life of the Blessed Absalom Jones, the first African American priest in the Episcopal Church. We will disseminate streaming information about this program, which includes music and prayer, via Keynotes once it becomes available in February.

## *Coming Up in Adult Formation: Six Guest Speakers*

Join us on Zoom for adult formation following the 10 a.m. service during the remainder of January through Lent, when we will host six guest presenters virtually. The first two programs will feature book talks with familiar faces at St. Peter's.

- On **January 24**, the Rev. Kyle Boyer, pastor of Tabernacle Baptist Church, Coatesville, returns to St. Peter's to speak about his recent book, *The Prince, the Priests and the Prophets: The Need for Prophetic Leadership in America*. The book, as one reviewer observes, ". . . examines the interplay between the American president, American religious institutions, and American prophetic voices that have resulted in continued struggles with racial injustice." He goes on to note that, using "the language of both social science and sermon, public theologian Karl Boyer argues that 'we need prophets,' and that 'the prophetic voice has been diluted for some time.'" America, the reviewer observes, "has often mistakenly looked to the president for prophetic leadership, not realizing that the prince can never be the prophet. Though prophets have often arisen from the church, the American church itself is in need of prophetic challenge."
- On **February 7**, parishioner Shannon Almquist will talk about her work in progress, *Parsonage*. It is, she observes, "my attempt, after fifty years, to describe through stories what it was like for us as a parsonage family to nurture and shelter those in need. At times funny (me chasing a naked foster son down the main street of Saddle River, NJ), at times poignant (a not-so-successful attempt at partnering our inner-city church kids with a Devon church), at times enlightening (moving a Vietnamese family of seven whom we sponsored into the parsonage with us), the book aims to describe what it has meant to take seriously the words of Jesus, 'I was hungry and you fed me . . . Feed my sheep . . . Whatsoever you have done unto the least of these . . .'"



Beginning on **February 21** and throughout Lent, Sunday morning adult formation will focus on the work of our food ministry. St. Peter's has the privilege of partnering with a number of local organizations that tackle issues of food insecurity in our region, thanks to the leadership of Eileen Klein and her team of outreach participants. Over the weeks, we will hear from and engage in conversation with Vicar Doris Rajagopal from Darby Mission, Gary Russell from the Phoenixville Ecumenical Meal Program at St. Peter's Phoenixville, Nina Guzman from Alianzas de Phoenixville, and Roger Wayne from Community Youth and Women's Alliance, Coatesville. Please support their work and our work with them by joining us on Zoom and learning about the need that surrounds us but that we do not always see. Watch for details about the schedule in Keynotes later in February and in the March *Beacon*.

## *Sunday School While We're Apart*

It has been way too long since Sunday school has met in person, and the teachers really miss being with joyful, curious children who want to learn. We miss telling stories, wondering about Jesus, doing crafts and activities, and yes, enjoying snacks. We will come back together, but for the time being we must remain apart.

Parents of Sunday school-age children will continue to receive our regular Saturday emails containing lessons, puzzles, games, coloring pages, and engaging activities. Anyone who wishes to be added to the list of recipients is invited to let us know by sending an email to [SundaySchool@stpetersgv.org](mailto:SundaySchool@stpetersgv.org).

From time to time we will schedule a Zoom gathering, and as warmer weather permits, we will perhaps be able to enjoy some outdoor activities in person. We are also hoping that maybe winter will give us another opportunity to go sledding. Since weather-dependent opportunities for outdoor gatherings arise suddenly and randomly, please be alert for announcements in emails and in future Keynotes and *Beacons*.



### ***Youth Group Gatherings***

Because of Covid restrictions, for the time being the youth group will continue to gather virtually at 5 p.m. on Sunday. As restrictions are lifted, we will make time to come together in person, so keep an eye out for information on that.

Despite Covid and its mandatory restrictions, we have done many fun things together, and as we move forward, we will integrate more faith formation topics. These are important to help us grow and learn about what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ.

### ***Dismantling Racism***

At 1 p.m. on **Sunday, January 17**, as part of Martin Luther King, Jr. weekend, there will be a virtual information session for parents and youth about our *Dismantling Racism* program, which several youth leaders in the diocese (including Chris) and Canon Betsy Ivey have been modifying for virtual use by for all young people aged 13 and over. This information session is a time for parents and youth to hear about the program and to ask any questions they might have. So please be sure to come and learn about this. Please email [youth@diopa.org](mailto:youth@diopa.org) to receive the Zoom information for the meeting.

### ***Wawa Coupons***

Thank you to all who have supported the youth group by purchasing the Wawa Shorti coupons—we have had a wonderful response. A few coupons are still up for grabs, so if you are interested in ordering some, please email Chris ([chris@stpetersgv.org](mailto:chris@stpetersgv.org)).

### ***Time Out for Virtual Yoga at St. Peter's***

Are you feeling in need of body and mind relaxation? Have you ever wanted to try yoga in the privacy of your own home? If so, or if you are just curious about this age-old practice, you are invited to participate in a free two-week Zoom offering that will walk you through some gentle yoga stretches and end with a guided meditation.

These sessions have been designed for all levels of fitness, from beginners to seasoned practitioners of yoga, and for all ages. You may attend one class, or both classes, and since they are not sequential, you can attend the second without having done the first one. Lisa Werny, a certified yoga instructor with over 15 years teaching experience and a long-time friend of parishioner Sian Myshko, will teach the classes, which will start at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, **January 27** and Wednesday, **February 3**. Interested parishioners should email Lisa ([lisawerny@yahoo.com](mailto:lisawerny@yahoo.com)), so that she can email the Zoom link before each class.

### ***Popcorn Theology***

Please join us for some popcorn theology during the waning days of the Season after the Epiphany! On Monday, **January 25**, we will discuss 2008's *The Constant Gardener*, based on the late John le Carré's novel and starring Ralph Fiennes and Rachel Weisz. On Monday, **February 8**, we will discuss *The Lunchbox* (2013), an extraordinary drama about love, loss, and yearning and a beautiful illustration of the encouraging life lesson that "sometimes the wrong train will get you to the right station." Both are available on a number of streaming services.



So just watch the film by 6 p.m. on either or both Mondays, dish up some popcorn, and pour a beverage of choice, and join us on Zoom from 6 to 7 p.m. for some lively discussion of these films! Be sure to let Abigail know that you want to participate so that she can send you the Zoom information.

## *Outreach News*

### ***Looking Back: A Special St. Peter's Christmas Season***

*by Eileen Klein*

Although the pandemic caused dislocations, disruptions, and restrictions this year, at Christmas familiar seasonal characteristics triumphed. A spirit of hope, anticipation, and quiet joy prevailed at St. Peter's and generosity of spirit spread throughout our church family. In retrospect, Advent and Christmastide 2020 were the holiest I remember, a truly holy experience.

The spirit of generosity in our church family overflowed as parishioners shared their joy and talents with others. The food donation bins were full throughout Advent and Christmastide; monetary donations to outreach and the food ministry remained high, enabling us to provide children and adults with Christmas gifts and families with gift cards for food; a number of parishioners donated their supermarket "frequent buyer" turkey and ham rewards to the food ministry to give struggling families both good nutrition and holiday joy. Other kinds of gifts also abounded: residents at Church Housing received warm knitted accessories, blankets, and bed linens; youngsters and their families at Darby Mission and at CYWA were delighted to receive Christmas gifts this year; members of Chester Children's Chorus and students at St. James School appreciated the gifts they had wished for. All this happened because of the generosity of the St. Peter's community.

St. Peter's also delivered thirty reusable holiday food bags to Coatesville CYWA, each containing a ham or chicken and the traditional components of a Christmas meal. We also filled 100 lunch bags with sandwiches, fresh fruit, nutritious bars and crunchy, healthy chips, as well as homemade masks. In addition, the folks who came for food appreciated the chance to select a warm coat from the seventy we had collected and arrayed on racks. (See photo on page 8.)

The beautiful and meaningful Christmastide services that our clergy led nourished us during this period of separation. Despite the ominous weather on Christmas Eve, the noontime outdoor Eucharist was well attended, and later in the day many, many people attended the Christmas pageant and Service of Christmas Lessons and Carols from home. Strolling at dusk from crèche to crèche put us in touch with the traditions of other parish families. Yes, this was a holy Christmas season, thanks to many generous and talented people. God did indeed, as Tiny Tim said, "bless us, Every One."

### ***Are You a "Frequent Buyer?"***

If you shop at a supermarket that offers a free holiday ham or turkey to customers who reach a purchase threshold, the food ministry invites you to donate that ham or turkey to the food ministry this Easter season. Your gift will help expand the amount of meat protein we can provide to CYWA, Alianzas, and Darby Mission. We will publish the logistical details once we firm them up, but in the meantime we encourage you to consider making the most of this opportunity to give folks who couldn't otherwise afford such a roast the gift of protein. For additional information, please contact Doug Jones ([dwj950@gmail.com](mailto:dwj950@gmail.com)).

### ***Chester Children's Chorus: Concerts Past and Future***

In February, be on the lookout for an announcement about the airing of Chester Children's Chorus' next virtual concert, "In the Spirit of The Spiritual." This thoughtful and meaningful performance features interpretations and improvisations of African American spirituals, along with readings from slave diaries. And in case you missed the CCC's virtual holiday concert in December, you can still enjoy it on YouTube via the link at [www.chesterchildrenschorus.org](http://www.chesterchildrenschorus.org). The 35-minute recording highlights some of John Alston's favorite concert selections and includes glimpses into the lives of the choristers when they are not performing.

## Some of the Blessings of Advent and Christmastide 2020



The blessing of sledding fun, despite overcast skies.



The blessing of providing both winter coats and Christmas dinner fixings at CYWA in Coatesville.



The blessing of our historic church, serene campus, and the wildlife that visits us here.



The blessing of a Covid-safe Christmas Eve Eucharist together.



The blessing of the gift of a virtual *Christmas Lessons and Carols*. [Pictured, l. to r.: Ryan Battin, Mario Delano, and Michael Tryciecky].

## ***A Stewardship FAQ: Does the Diocese Help Pay for Church Expenses?***

St. Peter's and about 130 other parishes in our five-county area comprise the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania. While Quakers founded Philadelphia, Anglicans were present almost from the beginning; Christ Church was founded in 1695, and St. Peter's in 1700, as part of St. David's.

The diocese gives parishes spiritual, administrative, and clerical support in many ways but does not, however, support them financially. St. Peter's and the other parishes help fund the work of the diocese through gifts for administration, which are mandatory for a parish to remain in good standing in the diocese. How much each parish gives is a set rate, determined by such factors as the number of congregants among others; for St. Peter's, this amount is about \$25,000 annually. In addition, the diocese asks parishes to donate voluntary gifts for mission which it uses to fulfill its mission in the community. In the past, St. Peter's has made these gifts, but because of pandemic and other financial constraints did not do so in 2020.



- Ryan Battin for creating our service leaflets;
- All the parishioners who have recorded bedtime stories for our parish children;
- All those who have helped the pastoral care commission provide comforting meals to parishioners;
- Holly Hardester for leading the Advent wreath workshop and Susy Baum for assisting;
- Sharon Holt for the Zoom lesson she taught the Sunday school children in December and Linda Parkyn for creating a Christmas video for them;
- Chris Exley for planning interactive youth meetings for every Sunday evening;
- The members of the needlework ministry, led by Brenda Grove, for the sixty items we have given to our outreach partners;
- Mary Anne Morgan for writing the script for the children's Christmas pageant and Holly Hardester for coordinating the pageant;
- Lyndsay Knupp for suggesting the idea of giving away books, Brenda Grove for designing and painting the cabinet to hold them, and the Bad Boys for setting it up;
- Abigail and Chris for leading evening prayer on Mondays during Advent;
- Mark Clark for faithfully filming Sunday services since the pandemic began in March;
- Mary Ann Tatum for spearheading the crèche window displays, Dave Tatum for assisting with the lighting, and Susy Baum for helping set them up.

## ***Art of Interfaith Understanding***

This winter and spring, Interfaith Philadelphia is co-sponsoring three "Art of Interfaith Understanding" programs with the Philadelphia Museum of Art and its Division for Community Engagement. The Rev. Dr. John B. Hougen, a consultant with Interfaith Philadelphia and a volunteer guide at the Museum of Art, will serve as the guide for these tours, which are being offered virtually because of pandemic-related size restrictions. The tours cost \$15 (\$7.50 with scholarship).

To access the program brochure or to learn more about the date and focus of each tour, you can visit [www.interfaithphiladelphia.org/art](http://www.interfaithphiladelphia.org/art), or you simply contact Dr. Hougen directly ([jbh@interfaithphiladelphia.org](mailto:jbh@interfaithphiladelphia.org)).

## ***You Asked for This!***

At a recent coffee hour, a number of us lamented the fact that the Covid has deprived us not merely of sharing meals in fellowship, but especially of indulging in those famous, delicious ice cream toppings that Florence Watson faithfully adds to our dessert tables and Sundae Sundays! That initial sense of gustatory loss thanks to Covid quickly turned to joy, however, when Florence offered to give us her recipes for publication in *The Beacon*!

So here you go. You now you have three more recipes to while away your homebound time—and also three delicious ways to use up some butter in the four weeks before Lent begins! Thank you, Florence, for satisfying our sweet tooth and bringing us together in spirit at dessert time.

### **BUTTERSCOTCH SAUCE**

- 1 pound light brown sugar
- 2 cups light corn syrup
- 1 cup unsalted butter
- 1 cup heavy (whipping) cream

Mix brown sugar and syrup in a large saucepan. Over medium heat, bring to a boil, and then boil for 5 minutes. Remove from heat. Add butter, and stir constantly to prevent a crust from forming. When cool, stir in whipping cream.

### **FRAMINGHAM FUDGE SAUCE**

*(Yield: 2 ½ cups)*

- 5 ounces Baker's® unsweetened chocolate
- 1 cup heavy cream
- 1 ½ cups sugar
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ¼ cup light corn syrup
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter

Heat chocolate and cream in saucepan over very low heat, stirring constantly until chocolate is melted and mixture is smooth. Add sugar, salt, and corn syrup. Cook and stir until sugar is completely dissolved. Remove from heat. Stir in butter. Serve warm.

Store in a covered container in refrigerator. Reheat over hot water.

### **WET WALNUT SAUCE**

- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- ½ cup unsalted butter, cut into pieces
- ½ cup half-and-half
- 1 ½ cups broken walnut pieces

In a medium saucepan over low heat, melt butter and sugar, stirring occasionally. Pour in half-and-half, and continue cooking, stirring frequently, until tiny bubbles begin to form around the edge of the mixture (about 3 to 5 minutes). Stir in walnuts.



**January 20**  
Gathering of Women  
6 p.m. (Zoom)

**January 21**  
Conversation on Race  
7 p.m. (Zoom)

**January 24**  
Adult forum  
11 a.m. (Zoom)

**January 25**  
Popcorn Theology  
6 p.m. (Zoom)

**January 27**  
Yoga  
5:30 p.m. (Zoom)



**February 1**  
Pub Theology  
6 p.m. (Zoom)

**February 3**  
Yoga  
5:30 p.m. (Zoom)

**February 6**  
Needlework Ministry  
10 a.m. (Zoom)

**February 7**  
Adult forum  
11 a.m. (Zoom)

**February 8**  
Popcorn theology  
6 p.m. (Zoom)

**February 15**  
Pub Theology  
6 p.m. (Zoom)

**February 16**  
Shrove Tuesday pancake supper  
6 to 7 p.m. (Zoom)

**February 17**  
Ash Wednesday services  
12 noon & 7:30 p.m.  
(in-person & livestreamed)

**February 19**  
Stations of the Cross  
7:30 p.m. (in-person)

**February 24**  
Lenten Soup Supper  
6:15 p.m. (Zoom)

**February 26**  
Stations of the Cross  
7:30 p.m. (in-person)

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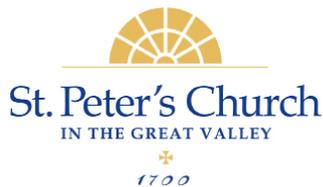
### **December Financial Snapshot**

	<b>December 2020</b>	<b>Year to Date December</b>	<b>Year-end Projection</b>	<b>Budget 2020</b>
Parishioner Contributions	\$ 58,102	\$567,563	\$571,563	\$611,305
Other Income*	11,582	158,031	158,031	135,190
Total Income	69,684	725,594	729,594	746,495
Total Expense	65,404	700,044	700,044	746,495
Surplus/ (Deficit)	4,280	25,550	29,550	0

*\*Interest, rentals, endowment distributions, fundraiser, PPP loan proceeds*

The December financial snapshot provides our 2020 figures to date. Pledge income and other parishioner contributions were \$40,000 lower than budgeted, and rental income was \$62,000 less than budgeted. On the positive side, the Payroll Protection grant added nearly \$95,000 to our operating budget, and the mild 2020 winter made for lower heating and snow clearing expenditures and fewer rental expenses than we had budgeted for. Although mail delays have kept us from closing the 2020 books by now, we expect to end the year with a positive balance, which is essential for continued operations in 2021.

To date, however, pledging for 2021 has been slow. To achieve a balanced budget not only do we need the saved dollars carried over from 2020, but we also need everyone to pledge for this year so that the essential, meaningful work of St. Peter's can continue. —Eric Lien for the finance commission



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 Gail Malcolm, Event Coordinator  
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*Our Mission:  
 by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
 to nurture people of all ages in the  
 knowledge and love of God in Jesus Christ,  
 and to make Him known  
 in the wider community*

The deadline for the  
 March Beacon  
 is **February 15.**

***Weekly Virtual Offerings at St. Peter's***

**Sunday**  
 10 A.M.      **Sunday Worship\***  
                   **Coffee hour/Adult Formation\*\***  
 5 P.M.        **Youth Group\*\***

**Monday thru Thursday**  
 12 NOON      **Noonday Prayer\***

**Wednesday**  
 10 A.M.      **Morning Prayer & Bible Study\*\***

**Thursday**  
 10:30 A.M.    **Intercessory Prayer Group\*\***

**Friday**  
 8 A.M.        **Gathering of Men\*\***

\* Facebook and Website  
 \*\* Zoom

**Covid-related concerns are expected to escalate this winter, so the staff will work from home as required. Even when not in the office, everyone on the staff can be reached by email, and the rector is available via cell. Thank you for your patience.**

***Lenten Offerings at a Glance***

***Ash Wednesday Eucharist***  
 with imposition of ashes  
 12 noon & 7:30 p.m.  
 (in-person and livestreamed)

***Adult Forum***  
 Sundays, 11 a.m.

***Compline***  
 Thursdays, 8 p.m.

***Noonday Prayer***  
 Mon. thru Thurs., 12 noon,

***Soup Suppers***  
 Wednesdays, 6:15 p.m.

***Stations of the Cross***  
 Fridays, 7:30 p.m.

***Details about each appear on page 3.***