



# *The Beacon*

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

*August 2022*

This year's August *Beacon* differs from its customary format, and involves very little reading. It is designed to announce and highlight events and programs scheduled for August and the first two weeks of September; to provide a pictorial narrative of the diverse and exciting activities that took place in June and July; and to publish the vestry's thanks to those who went "above and beyond" for St. Peter's in June. Enjoy!

## *A Busy Mid-June Weekend*



*Menacing skies on June 11 didn't keep the youth of the diocese (and some young-at-heart volunteers) from having an afternoon of fun at Youth Jam on June 11.*

*On June 12, Bishop Gutiérrez confirmed six members of St. Peter's, two young people and four adults, and received two adults into the Episcopal Church. The service took place at the Church of the Good Samaritan in Paoli.*





### **All of August**

#### **School Supply Drive for St. James School**

All month, collection bins for school supplies for the children of St. James School will be available in the common room of the historic church to receive your donations of supplies like Crayola markers and crayons, glue sticks, index cards, #2 pencils, erasers, wide-rule loose leaf paper (all the suggested items will be published in the leaflets and Keynotes). Please take advantage of this simple but meaningful opportunity to reach out to the children of St. James.

### **August 7**

#### **First Sunday**

Our usual single service at 10 a.m. on the first Sunday of the month will be followed by lemonade on the lawn of the historic church.

### **August 28**

#### **Blessing of the Backpacks**

Each year we bless the backpacks that students from pre-school on up will use in the coming school year.

### **August 28**

#### **Summer Supper 2.0**

This is a reprise of the July summer supper, which drew so many respondents that we added a “second seating” to accommodate everyone who wanted to attend.

### **August 31**

#### **Sunday School Ice Cream Social**

This annual event reunites our children after a long summer of not seeing each other and before the opening day of Sunday school. Watch for details!



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- All of our parish volunteers who helped make the summer “Youth Jam” so enjoyable for the participants, and Celeste Fisher, (diocesan Assistant for Operations) who organized and helped lead it;
- The Rev. Kevin Dellaria, rector of St. Francis-in-the-Fields, for inviting us to attend a June Reading Phillies game with their parish and join them in singing the national anthem on the field before start of the game;
- The Bad Boys and Girls for Jesus for funding a beautiful new cupola and weathervane for the parish house, and Dave Tatum and Doug Jones for acquiring them;
- Paige Infortuna, who worked with our bank to update the list of those authorized to sign checks for St. Peter's;
- All choir members and Christian formation leaders for their work this past program year.



### ***September 4***

#### ***Parish Picnic with Games***

Following the 10 a.m. “First Sunday” service, celebrate the end of summer and anticipate the start of the program year with an all-parish picnic. Water, lemonade, hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided. Please bring a dish to share: A-K side or salad; L-Z dessert. To help with planning, set up, or clean-up, please contact Abigail ([abigail@stpetersgv.org](mailto:abigail@stpetersgv.org)).



### ***September 6***

#### ***Food Ministry at Darby Mission***

After a two-year hiatus, our Darby Mission food ministry will resume after Labor Day, although in a modified format. We need volunteers both to provide the components of the “Back to School” chicken dinner and also to help distribute the meal in the parking lot. Watch for details in Keynotes, Sunday leaflets, and the September *Beacon*.

### ***September 10***

#### ***Lay Leader “Training Palooza”***

All readers, intercessors, ushers, greeters, and eucharistic ministers are encouraged to attend this training, designed for both new and veteran lay assistants.

### ***September 11***

#### ***Called into Community: Program Year Kick-off***

Festive fellowship will follow each service as we return to our three-service schedule and Christian formation for all ages resumes.

### ***St. Peter’s Went Outdoors in June***



*After joining forces in singing the national anthem at the Reading Phillies game on June 18, members of St. Peter’s and St. Francis-in-the-Fields enjoyed the game together from the stands.*



*On June 26, parishioners enjoyed a two-mile holy hike in Valley Forge Park. They stopped along the way to worship, and the remains of a fallen tree along the trail served as the altar for the trailside Eucharist.*



## *Serving, Learning, Sharing God's Love in Navajoland: Diocesan Youth "Pilgrimission," June 25 to July 7*



For twenty-one eager young people and nine chaperones, the journey began with a pair of uneventful and on-time flights to Albuquerque, NM, where Bishop Gutiérrez treated them to lunch. Then they divided into three groups and began the joyful work of serving the residents of Navajoland in New Mexico, Utah, and Arizona. They did what needed to be done in each locale, including cleaning the inevitable dust that builds up in a parish hall located in a desert and helping repair a dwelling. As they made their way from place to place, they were also blessed to experience some of some magnificent natural features in that part of the country.

The photos and captions that follow give you a sample of the many ways they served, shared God's love, and *learned*—about Navajo culture, spirituality, values, and way of life, about the unforgiving but beautiful terrain that is their ancestral home, and about teamwork, themselves, and each other.



*Some glimpses of their work: from left to right, packing up groceries and supplies at a donation center, delivering supplies to a grateful recipients, and prepping raised beds and planting potatoes in a parish community garden.*



*After learning how to make traditional Navajo fry bread, they then turned it into pizza for a community supper at Good Shepherd, Fort Defiance, AZ.*



*They learned about Navajo spirituality and its fusion with Christianity.*





*At these two very different hogans, one free-standing and the other built into the terrain, they learned about the importance of the hogan in Navajo life.*



*During their travels from place to place, they sometimes experienced the Four Corners area on foot. From these hikes they learned in truly kinesthetic ways about creation, about how God and the forces of nature created such varied rugged, spectacular beauty that the Dine people have called home for centuries.*



*A farewell gathering of the young pilgrimissioners in the sandstone formations in Canyon de Chelly, Chinle, AZ, after 13 days of sharing God's love and doing God's work.*



[More pilgrimission photos are available on the public portion of our Facebook page.]



## *July 13: The Long Awaited Return of City Camp*

Campers from three Philadelphia parishes that are hosting City Camp this year arrived at St. Peter's ready for a fun-packed day. When they arrived, each sporting a tee-shirt in their parish's color, they were welcomed by a sizeable team of volunteers ready to lead them in activities, feed them lunch and ice cream sundaes, offer them a mini-book fair, and get to know these joyful day-campers who range in age from three to fourteen.



*Indoor and outdoor games and activities kept the campers busy the whole time: clockwise, from the upper left, they created giant bubbles, launched "rockets," made joyful music together, and got really wet on the always popular waterslide.*







*After a hearty lunch of sandwiches, fruit, and chips, the children selected books donated by parishioners to take home with them, and then enjoyed made-to-order ice cream sundaes in the rector's grove.*



*Left: Some children couldn't wait to get home to read their books, and enjoyed them along with their sundaes.*



*Right: A hearty show of gratitude from five happy campers!*

*Parishioners of all ages enjoyed lively fellowship and conversation—as well as an abundance of delicious food—at the July 17<sup>th</sup> supper at the Nestlehutts' home. And thankfully, the predicted rain never materialized. A "second seating" of this event is scheduled for August 28.*





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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  
September *Beacon*  
is **August 15.**

### ***Weekly Summer Offerings at St. Peter's***

#### ***Sunday***

**8 A.M.**      ***Holy Eucharist\* (except 1<sup>st</sup> Sun.)***  
**10 A.M.**      ***Holy Eucharist\****  
                    ***Lemonade on the Lawn follows\****

#### ***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\*\****

\* Historic church  
\*\* Virtual

***Parish office hours: 9 to 4:30, Monday through Thursday***



*Some of the Sunday school moms took time  
off from mothering on the evening of June  
26 to enjoy dinner with each other.*