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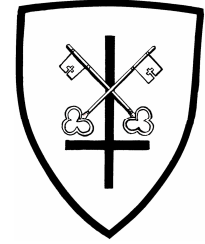
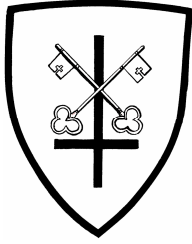
JANUARY PARISH MEMBER SERVICE SCHEDULE

January is Usher Team 2: Pete L., Chris A., Don C., Jeff C., Collins E.,

Blair F., Tim H., Jim L., Tom M., James R., Larry S.

	January 3	January 10	January 17	January 24	January 31
<u>Acolytes</u>					
8:00	Volunteer Needed	Neil G.	Volunteer Needed	Corey K.	Volunteer Needed
9:00	Corey K., Linus S., Megan Z.	Alison B., Roberta F., Tommy M. Elsie G., Sarah L., John Pierce D.	Neil G., Will L., Ward L. Alex G, Erin G., Micaela G.	Meredith R., Michael F., Emily L.	Alison B., Sarah L., Kirsten K.
11:00	Claire C., Sarah C., Angel H.			Grace R., Zoli M., Hayley M.	Elsie G., Meredith R., Caroline M.
<u>Chalicians</u>					
8:00	Tootie K.	Mike L.	Bill M.	Ed W.	Tootie K.
9:00	Thad K. Sharon S.	Kathi A. Sue B.	Sue B. Georganne J.	Thad K. Kathi A.	Sue B. Sharon S.
11:00	Alan B. Jeff C.	Judith L. Andy O.	Paul S. Larry S.	Bob W. Keith A.	Alan B. Jeff C.
<u>Lay Readers</u>					
8:00	Tom B. Suzanne B.	Linda G. Bill S.	Tootie K. Mike L.	Rob W. Suzy W.	Lee M. Erika S.
9:00	Tom G. Megan Z.	Erin G. DeAnne Z.	Jay H. Neil G.	Emily L. Kathi A.	Thad K. Kirsten K.
11:00	Don C. Paddy .	Rich D. Alan B.	Steve C. Bob M.	Larry S. Gail H.	Rob G. Alan B.
<u>Altar Guild Weekly Team</u>	Jessie N. Catharine G. Nene H.	Suzanne B. Linda G. Sharon J.	Nan W. Pat M. Fran D.	Karen S. Anne J. Jennifer B.	Pam P. Kathryn H. Diane C.
<u>Greeters</u>					
9:00	Joe D.	Matt S.& Francine R.	Peter & Karen M.	Kathryn H.	Caroline G.
11:00	Karen S.	Bill & Judy W.	Jim & Bettie J.	Alan & Jan B.	John M.

ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



THE KEY

JANUARY 2010

"Called together in Christ, Transformed by God's grace, Sent out to serve."

FROM THE RECTOR

DATES TO NOTE:

NEWSPAPER EPIPHANIES

I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know Him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which He has called you...

Ephesians 1: 17-18

One of my favorite things is to read newspapers from other cities and countries. When friends ask if there is anything they can bring me from their overseas trips, I usually say, "Please, pick me up a newspaper." Most of the papers are in languages I can read or at least muddle through. Once, however, my father returning from a business trip bought me a Turkish paper that I was unable to read; I just looked at the pictures. Now, of course, most newspapers from around the world can be read on-line. And so at night before bed I regularly look at the *Neue Zürcher Zeitung* (Zürich); *Le Monde* and *Le Figaro* (Paris); *Irish Times* (Dublin); *Frankfurter Allgemeine* (Frankfurt); *Süddeutsche Zeitung* (Munich); *The Guardian*, *The Daily Telegraph*, and *The Independent* (UK); and a few papers in languages that I do not read much at all but enjoy for the challenge of parsing out the language. These include papers from Italy, Holland, and Sweden.

I'm sure that reading newspapers from around the world is a form of vicarious

travel but I think it is much more than that. I value the novelty and the difference in perspectives. What seems so important to daily life in the metro Washington, D.C., area isn't even mentioned in the Boston, Chicago, or London papers.

At the same time it is a chance to see that not everyone views the world just the way I do or the way most Americans do. It opens our eyes and widens our perspectives. We need that sometimes because it is so difficult to get out of our own narrow view of things. Different perspectives challenge us to think again about our ideas and our deeply cherished notions of how things work.

Newspapers report the context of our daily life. They often focus on things that terrify us, from acts of terrorism and violent crime to natural disasters and human frailty and corruption. There also are many heart-warming stories of human self-giving, sharing, and understanding.

When you read the papers from around the world it becomes apparent that we all share a few things. We share the earth and we share a need for meaning and purpose.

When you read the paper, does it seem that God is present in the midst of our news? It may be difficult for you to recognize the epiphanies or manifestations of God in our world. That may be because you are looking in

- 2,9,16,23,30 - Icon Writing
- 5 - 1st Tuesday Meetings
- 6,13,20,27 - Handbell Choir Practice
- 6,13,20,27 - Adult Choir Practice
- 7 - SOME
- 7,14,21,28 - Thursday Ears
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- 8,15,29 - Women's Bible Study
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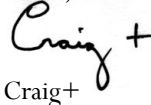
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the wrong places. God's epiphanies occur in the lives of individuals and are easy to miss. St. Paul's prayer for his fellow Christians is that "the eyes of your heart may be enlightened" so that you will be able to see the marvelous grace of God at work in the world. As you read the news, you too may need to pray that the eyes of your heart be opened so that you may see the manifestations of God in

our midst and trust in the hope to which God has called you.

With your eyes opened, who knows what you might see?

Peace,

 +
Craig+

MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN —

As I come to the end of my time as Senior Warden, I am immensely grateful both for the opportunity to serve the church in this way and for the help and good humor of everyone with whom I have worked this year. My family has been patient with the redirection of my time to church duties, and St. Peter's staff have kindly accommodated my frequent interruptions as I appear in the office wearing one or another of my church "hats." The office staff works very hard to keep us all connected, informed, and accommodated in the building, and the music staff enriches our worship and life together in many ways.

This year's vestry has been a delight to serve with—efficient, cheerful, and forgiving. In her second year as Junior Warden, Gretchen G. has worked tirelessly helping us discern how renovations or additions to our building might fit into the vision for St. Peter's as articulated by the Vision Task Force in 2008. We all owe Gretchen enormous thanks for her flexibility and creativity in working through the sometimes murky and shifting process of parish-wide discernment on this issue. The work she and the Planning Team have done will form a firm support for the efforts of 2010's vestry as they strive to identify and plan for a building project that will allow us comfortably and successfully to fulfill our mission as a parish.

Of course our building, occasionally cramped, cold, or frustrating as it can be, is not the church; we the people of St. Peter's are the church. We as a community of Christians trying to live, learn, and worship together as Christians make up the church, and this year has impressed upon me what a wonderful church we are. From delivering meals to putting on vast musicals, from traveling on mission trips to enriching ourselves through worship and study, we are a dedicated lot.

We are blessed with the love and spiritual guidance of a remarkable team of priests. The Rev. Mary Demmler has now moved on to lead her own parish in Georgia, but her ministry among us all, not only among the youth, young adults, and families with young children, formed a vital part of St. Peter's over the last three years. I look forward to engaging a new assistant rector in Mary's position who will bring his or her own style of ministry to our clergy team.

In the meantime, I have no doubt that our remaining assistant rector, the Rev. Ann Martens, and our rector, the Rev. Craig Phillips, will lead us forward into 2010 with wisdom and grace. One of the most enlightening and fulfilling aspects of being Senior Warden has been the opportunity to observe the dedication and true Christian charity with which our clergy attend to the myriad needs of us all as parishioners. I have been particularly blessed by the time Craig has spent helping me understand and grow into my role as a member of the church. My service as Senior Warden this year has been rewarding and enjoyable for me and I sincerely hope I have been able to do as much good for the parish as you all have done for me.

Catharine, Senior Warden

PARISH NEWS —**EPIPHANY PAJAMA PARTY, SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 6 TO 7 P.M.**

Once again this year we will mark the feast of Epiphany with a pajama party in our chapel. Bring your favorite stuffed animals and blankets and wear your PJs to come and hear traditional stories of Epiphany. Please bring cookies to share. Milk will be provided.

A BIG THANK YOU FROM THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Thank you so much for all the people who helped with our great Christmas pageant. A HUGE thank you most especially to Jennifer W., who directed the pageant. Thank you also to: Emily K. for accompanying us; Susie L. and Sarah M. for managing the costumes and making sure we all had one; Katie E., Diane H. and Betty G. for making the wonderful star costumes (we are so glad to finally have costumes!); Ward Le. for our special effects; Chris S. and Charlie M. for all the behind-the-scenes work; and finally, our great teachers who helped us, herded us, and made it all happen! Thank you all from the children of the Sunday School.

CHALICISTS NEEDED

Have you considered being a part of our worship service by serving as a chalicer? I never had until nine years ago when our interim rector invited me! To be honest, I just went to communion each Sunday, and never thought of joining the chalicer ranks. It is very gratifying to participate in Holy Communion in this way, and I am so grateful to the interim rector for suggesting that I participate because I've enjoyed this ministry for over nine years now. We need five chalicers every Sunday (one at the 8 o'clock service, and two each at the 9 and 11 o'clock services). While we have eight to nine chalicers that serve at the 11:00 (which allows each to serve once per month), we only have five to serve at the 9:00. We would love to have you join this wonderful ministry—at 8, 9 or 11, but we especially need people to serve at 9. We will hold training in January or February for anyone who is interested. Please see Sue B. if you are interested, or contact her for more information.

MAKE A COMMITMENT TO YOUR HEALTH IN 2010!

Breathe and stretch with yoga here at St. Peter's every Thursday morning beginning January 7 from 9:00 to 10:15 in the chapel. Please join us for this wonderful mind-body exercise. The class is ongoing and includes stretching, breathing and meditation. If you have questions or would like to be included on our e-mail list, please contact the parish office.

FINAL RESULTS FOR ST. PETER'S FIRST FALL FAIR

I am pleased to report that the final tabulation is in, and the net profit for the church from the Fall Fair was \$7936.37. This revenue result far surpassed our plans and expectations, and is a reflection of the hard work of so many volunteers. Particular thanks to the planning committee—Suzanne B., Suzannah C., Sara M., Barret H. and Sally D.—and to the Chair of the Kid's Thrift Store, Fernanda F.. Our counters, Peter C. and Keith A., were terrific. Your leadership and hard work made the Fair the success it was. For nearly all of us, this was a first time experience at a fund raiser for the church, and the team did a fabulous job. You go, guys!

Kathi A.

THANK YOU!

Thanks to everyone from St. Peter's who made this year's Christmas tree sale a big success. We exceeded last year's profit, plus we provided over fifty trees to needy families who received trees. We have received appreciation from Arlington County and the needy families for the generosity of St. Peter's for donating, delivering and setting up trees. A special thanks to Nikol in the parish office and Peter C. for their administrative support. We also want to thank those members who signed up their neighbors and friends. Another great year with many satisfied customers.

Diane & Gary C.

PARISH NEWS (CONT.)—

LENT IS COMING!

Parents: Lent will be here before you know it. Please mark your calendars:

Family Ash Wednesday Service: Wednesday, February 17, 6:00 p.m.

Children's Stations of the Cross: Friday, April 2, 6:00 p.m.

Please start making arrangements now to do what you need to do in order to come to church with your children for those two special services.

SEVEN DEADLY SINS ON THURSDAY MORNINGS

During Lent the Thursday Ears will be examining the Seven Deadly Sins on Thursdays from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. We will read two short stories about each sin and then discuss. Come join us for the fun! If you are not a Thursday Ears regular, please let the Rev. Ann Martens know you plan to come so she can order enough books.

FRIDAY MORNING LENTEN PROGRAM, BEGINNING FEBRUARY 19

This Lent, the Bible Study Group (which meets Fridays from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.) will read and reflect on the parable of the Prodigal Son told in Luke 15:11-32, using Henri Nouwen's simple and beautiful book *The Return of the Prodigal Son: A Story of Homecoming* and Rembrandt's spectacular painting *The Return of the Prodigal Son* as our guides. Join us as we explore this parable from the perspectives of the prodigal son, the older brother, and the father. Grow in your understanding of God's love and mercy. Come and appreciate how Scripture, art, and literature can come together to the glory of God, and see how Scripture speaks to us in a very real and current way.

WILD WILLY: INTERGENERATIONAL LENTEN PROGRAM SUNDAY EVENINGS, BEGINNING FEBRUARY 21

We are going to have fun on Sunday evenings. We'll be visiting a fantasy candy factory and learning about four of the Seven Deadly Sins. The evenings will begin at 5:00 p.m. with a simple supper and conclude at 7:00 p.m., February 21 through March 21. Wild Willy is a program based on *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory*. The program is for almost all ages—you must be at least five years old, but can be as old as 100! Parents, this is something perfect for you to do with your children. Look for more information in January, but mark your calendars now. We are going to have so much fun!

VESTRY NEWS —

Vestry Highlights—December 14, 2009

At its December meeting, St. Peter's Vestry:

- Approved a budget for 2010 of \$922,339 based on an anticipated total of \$800,000 in pledges and \$122,339 in other income.
- Appointed Donald C. to serve as St. Peter's Treasurer during 2010 and voted a resolution of thanks to Mira B., whom Don will succeed.
- Appointed a nominating committee to select a Building Committee that will carry on the work of the St. Peter's Planning Team toward a building program.
- Heard the rector announce the names of members of a search committee to conduct the search for an Assistant Rector to follow in the footsteps of the Rev. Mary Demmler.

MISSION COMMISSION NEWS —

St. Peter’s parishioners came through again this Christmas! Our Secret Santa partner this year was the Arlington Housing Corporation (AHC). This group develops housing for low- and moderate-income families in Arlington and sponsors such services for their residents as after-school programs and tutoring. They identified about 500 children who needed toys for Christmas and we agreed to help about 100. Mary Jane S. organized our drive again this year. She placed a Christmas tree in the Narthex in early December with 120 candy canes and tags with toy requests. Those 120 candy canes were gone by December 13, and the toys began pouring in. A final count wasn’t available at press time, but many, many toys were collected and given to the needy children helped by AHC.

For the adults in our community, we collected hats and gloves for adult men. These are men served by the Shirlington Employment and Education Center (SEEC), which operates two sites for day laborers in Arlington looking to connect with potential employers. Many of the jobs offered are outdoor work, and the workers are also often standing outside waiting to find work; hats and gloves help them to stay outside during these times. The SEEC drive was organized by Sheridan Collins and she was able to take many hats and gloves to SEEC to help the men.

The Parish Christmas Card this year, as of press time, was signed by:

Bill & Jayne S. Jack & Nancy S. The Tom and Suzanne B. & Family Janet M.	Bill Swedish & Linda G. Paddy L., Tim, Katie & Mary H. The Scott & Gwyneth R. & Family The Ed & Lynn W. & Family	Sally H. & Family Judy & Bill W. The Erika & Paul S. & Family Erwin & PK B.
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These parishioners sent their Christmas wishes to all of their fellow parishioners and donated to help the Jackson-Feild Homes of Virginia (J-F Homes), which care for young women who need alternatives to their home living situations. Our Tillie S. serves on the Board of Trustees. The J-F Homes were originally organized to help young children orphaned by disease epidemics in the Tidewater area of Virginia in the 19th century. Episcopal churches were the original sponsors and J-F Homes have been supported over the years by many Virginia churches, especially by Episcopal Church Women (ECW) groups.

The annual Christmas tree sale included a new wrinkle this year. Gary and Diane C. organized a drive to donate trees with all the trimmings to needy families in Arlington. Many families signed up with the Arlington Department of Human Services and received a Christmas tree from St. Peter’s along with instructions, decorations and a tree stand. This was a loving gesture to spread the Christmas message of hope in our community.

Fundraising for a foster home near Cape Town, South Africa, is also off to a rousing start. Wrapping gifts for cash donations was carried out by volunteers at Tysons Corner Mall and by our young people at St. Peter’s during Nicholasfest. Many, many folks attended St. Peter’s Movie Night at Tysons Corner Mall to see *Invictus* (we almost filled the theater), a new movie about the South African rugby team and its World Cup win in 1995, just after the end of apartheid.

All St. Peter’s parishioners, young and old, are invited to take part in our mission activities. Do not hesitate to jump in. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex (on bulletin boards near the front door) and contact information is always available from the church office at (703) 536-6606.

ADULT FORUM —

Adult Forum

Adult Forum sessions on Sundays at 10 a.m. are designed to serve our community by stimulating our thinking and actions in the Christian faith, exploring timely issues in our church and the world, and as an occasion for feedback from the ongoing activities in missions, worship, education and stewardship at St. Peter's. Topics range from books of the Bible and figures in Christian history to ethical dilemmas and contemporary issues of interest to our community. Discussion leaders come from within our parish community or sometimes are specially invited outside guest speakers, and we try to have two complementary forums to choose from each Sunday. The Adult Forums are open to anyone who would like to share. Please contact Jonathan Sullivan with ideas or feedback, or to volunteer.

January 3—Second Sunday after Christmas

Option I: Inquirer's Class: Anglican Spirituality—Led by the Rev. Dr. Craig Phillips

Part of a continuing series for newcomers and long-timers alike, this Forum will explore the subject of spirituality within the Anglican Communion.

Option II: Stephen Ministry Series: Understanding Hospice Care Today—Led by Erin Devine

St. Peter's Stephen Ministry is sponsoring a series of programs this year dealing with the death of a loved one, caregiving to those who are dying, and the grieving process. Our first program concerns the work of Capital Hospice—what services it offers and what they mean to the person who is approaching death. The presentation will also address the support hospice care provides to those who will grieve the loss. Please join Erin Devine for this informative and important presentation.

January 10—First Sunday after the Epiphany

Plenary Session: Rector's Front Porch

This forum will be an open-format session with the Rector in which he will take questions on a variety of topics. These sessions always turn out to be fun and informative.

January 17—Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Option I: Stephen Ministry Series: Samaritan Ministry—Led by Mary Belknap

Samaritan Ministry of Greater Washington is a community partnership bringing together homeless people and others in need with volunteers from area churches in a joint effort to improve the lives of all. During our presentation, called the Next Step Experience, you will see what draws us to work at Samaritan Ministry, the joy of helping someone to a better life. Our video shows our services in action: volunteers helping participants write professional résumés or assemble clothing for interviews, or teaching them to navigate the Internet to find jobs. You will also hear from a participant who will describe how our unique self-help approach helps people leave poverty and despair by completing one small step at a time. And best of all, you will see how your church's involvement in the work we do is a true partnership that accomplishes more together than we could do alone.

Option II: Teach Us to Pray, Part I—Led by the Prayer Group

The St. Peter's Prayer Group will lead a discussion of prayers of praise, thanksgiving, and adoration based on a preaching series by the Anglican Brothers of the Society of St. John the Evangelist in Cambridge, Massachusetts. The focus will be on Epiphany, with time for practicing some special prayers.

ADULT FORUM (CONT.) —

January 24—Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Option I: Science and Faith, Part IV: Conclusions—Led by Jeff C., Mary L. and Doug M.

There has been a greater than usual media emphasis on science this year, partly because 2009 is the 400th anniversary of Galileo's telescope and the 150th anniversary of the publication of Charles Darwin's *The Origin of Species*. In the first part of our series we covered a lot of scientific territory: the cosmology revolution of the 16th century; the investigations of Nicolas Copernicus; Galileo and the Roman Inquisition; the scientific method; science vs. pseudoscience; Darwin and his theories of natural selection and the descent of man; the Scopes Monkey Trial of 1925; spirituality and brain science; neurotheology; imagery from the Hubble Space Telescope; creation; and the origins of the universe. In our final wrap-up session we will focus on faith: what it is, the faith of the New Testament, how some of the major theologians have defined faith, what the difference is between faith and beliefs or "belief systems." We will also allow time for anyone to take the floor to share convictions and perspectives on the issues of science and faith. We hope that you will join us.

Option II: TBD

January 31—Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Option I: Rector's Sabbatical—Led by the Rev. Dr. Craig A. Phillips

The rector and his wife recount their experiences in Africa, the Mediterranean, and England while on sabbatical in early 2009.

Option II: The Apostles' Creed—Led by Jayne S.

The Episcopal Church is a creedal church. What is the importance of the Apostles' Creed to our faith? Do you mumble through it? Do you wonder whether it still speaks to us today? Come learn about and get comfortable with our creed. We will be using a short book written by Rowan Williams as our guide for the session.

MUSIC AT ST. PETER'S —

CONCERTS AT ST. PETER'S CONTINUES IN 2010

Concerts at St. Peter's continues its 2009–2010 season on Sunday, January 31, at 4:00 p.m. with the return of the Washington Saxophone Quartet. This concert follows the quartet's highly popular appearance in our Concerts at St. Peter's series in 2006. If you missed the 2006 concert, be sure to make plans to attend this one, since the quartet's music is remarkable and full of wonderful surprises. Members of the quartet are: Reginald Jackson, Soprano; James Steele, Alto; Rich Kleinfeldt, Tenor; and Rick Parrell, Baritone. (If you listen to NPR's *All Things Considered*, you hear the WSaxQ almost every day!) Learn more about the quartet at their Web site, www.wsaxq.com.

About Concerts at St. Peter's: Our concerts are informal, and can be enjoyed by music lovers of all ages. Come as you are and bring a friend! Nursery care is provided, and post-concert receptions offer a great opportunity for fellowship.

**Concerts at St. Peter's
Presents*****Washington Saxophone
Quartet*****Sunday, January 31, 2010
4 p.m.****Admission Is Free
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Kathi A. (2009)
Sue B. (2011)
Suzanne B. (2010)
Jim B. (2009)
Margaret C. (2011)
Gary G. (2011)
Barret H. (2011)
Ward L. (2009)
Jack S. (2010)

Volunteers:

Treasurer: Don Campbell
Key Editor: Rob Gibson

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