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## From the Vestry— A Lenten Reflection

As we enter this season of Lent let us reflect on what it means and why we are here. What does God expect from us and what do we have to give. Lent often feels like a season of subtraction—less noise, less hurry, fewer distractions. But beneath all that subtraction is a deeper invitation: God is making room to speak. Our devotion to this Lenten season centers on the idea that silence isn't empty. It's expectant. It's the space whereas God's voice becomes distinguishable from the swirl of everything else. As you enter into prayer today, imagine God not as distant or demanding, but as someone already leaning toward you—patient, attentive, ready to meet you in the quiet. You don't have to manufacture anything. You don't have to "perform" prayer. You simply show up, and God fills the space.

Let this be a day of receiving rather than striving. Put these things into practice and watch what God will do with them.

### **1. Be Still (2 minutes)**

Sit in silence. Let your breathing slow. Say quietly: *"Here I am, Lord."*

### **2. Listen (5 minutes)**

Ask God:

*"What are You inviting me toward today?"*

Don't force an answer. Just notice what rises gently. Listen for God's still voice

### **3. Respond (1 minute)**

Offer one simple sentence back to God—gratitude, longing, or willingness. Be present to Him and he will be present to you.

## Presiding Bishop:

**The Most Rev. Sean W. Rowe**

## Diocesan Bishop:

**The Rt. Rev. Susan B. Haynes**

## ST. PETER'S CHURCH STAFF

### Parish Administrator:

**Laura Kallestad**

### Organist:

**Elizabeth Miller**

### Treasurer:

**Charlie Pfeifer**

# MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS



**The Ladies Luncheon**—The ladies of St. Peter's meet at a different restaurant on the second Monday of each month for lunch and fellowship. We will be enjoying lunch at 12:00 PM on March 9<sup>th</sup> at The Egg Bistro, 1033 Independence Blvd., Haygood Shopping Center, Va. Beach. Please join us and bring a friend. If you plan to attend, please sign the list on the bulletin board in the parish hall so we have an accurate number for reservations. For more information contact Millie Coward cell 757-469-5887 or [m.jlc@cox.net](mailto:m.jlc@cox.net).

**The Altar Guild** is still making a plea for additional **HELP!!** There are currently 4 openings for both men and women in this ministry that need filling as soon as possible. You will be fully trained, at your convenience, and work with an experienced member. Only requirement for placement in the Altar Guild is that you are confirmed in the Episcopal Church. Benefits are unlimited, e.g. working with a great team, pride in knowing that you had a hand in helping to make the Altar beautiful and pleasing for our church family, and most of all the joy you will experience knowing that you are serving the Lord by preparing the Altar at St. Peter's for celebrations of worship for Sunday services, weddings, baptisms, and funerals. **Please** prayerfully consider joining this critical ministry today! Contact Millie Coward 757-469-5887 or [m.jlc@cox.net](mailto:m.jlc@cox.net).



**Prayer Shawl Ministry Needs YOU!** Though small in number, our members work diligently to provide handmade items for those in need. In February, we donated 7 baby hats, 18 adult hats, 5 scarves, 1 pocket prayer shawls, 1 soap sac, 8 pairs booties and 2 pairs mittens to various organizations. **But, we are in need of additional crafters.** We welcome new members who can knit, crochet, or loom—or who would like to learn. Our next meeting is **10:00 a.m. on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026**, in the **Diffenbaugh Library**. Expert teachers and supplies are provided. You may also contribute items from home; I'm happy to arrange pickup. Join us to share your talents and enjoy fellowship. For details, contact **Millie Coward** at **757-469-5887** or [m.jlc@cox.net](mailto:m.jlc@cox.net).

**St. Peter's Day School is not just another building — it is ministry in action!**



It is an integral part of **St. Peter's Episcopal Church**, bringing new families into our congregation, helping support church expenses, and serving children ages 18 months to 4 years.

**Now the school needs YOU.**

You can help by:

- Sharing on Facebook and social media
- Posting or distributing flyers (available now!)
- Spreading the word to parents and grandparents
- Connecting us with businesses or neighborhood newsletters
- Posting a flyer at your workplace or local gathering spots
- Volunteering for the Day School Board (meets once a month)

If you attend community meetings or belong to local organizations — **YOU can make a difference.**

For more information, contact:

Charlie Pfeifer (Chairman), Vel Shreve, Hilda Monte, Janet Chauncey, Debra Whitehorne, Liz Kress, or Laura Kallestad (Registrar).

**Support the School. Strengthen the Church.**



St. Peter's Search Committee is still actively searching for a new rector for our church. Although this process seems to be taking a long time, this is not unusual. We will continue to keep you informed on our progress by publishing news in The Call and the Sunday bulletin. Please be patient and supportive of our Committee and keep them in your prayers. Remember, our next rector is out there somewhere, searching for the perfect church with the best church family. Let's hope he finds us soon! It's in God's hands! Blessings, Vel Shreve, Search Committee Chair



## Lenten Outreach

The parish of St. Peter's is supporting the food pantry at Church of the Advent during this Lenten season.

A collection basket has been placed in the parish hall for your donations of non-perishable food items. Please be sure to check expiration dates before placing items in the basket.

Your donations will be delivered to Church of the Advent's food pantry, which provides food for approximately 500 people each month.

We encourage everyone to participate in this important ministry as we seek to fulfill God's call to care for our brothers and sisters in need.

If you have any questions, please contact Charlotte Corbett.



## Upcoming Diocesan Workshops

Racial Healing Workshops (for vestries, clergy, church staff, search committees, among others)

February 28 at Emmanuel, Hampton

April 18 at Galilee, Virginia Beach

May 30 at St. Thomas, Chesapeake

Specialized Safe Church Training (for vestries, church staff, ministry leaders, among others)

March 7 at St. Thomas, Chesapeake

March 21 at Bruton Parish, Williamsburg

June 13 at Emmanuel, Virginia Beach

Universal Safe Church Training (for keyholders, Sunday School teachers, among others)

March 19 via Zoom

April 15 at St. Paul's, Petersburg

Vestry Training Days (highly recommended for all clergy and vestry members)

February 28 at Holy Trinity, Onancock

March 28 at Johns Memorial, Farmville

April 25 at Ascension, Norfolk



## MARCH 2026

### Childrens Sunday School

March 1st: Luke 15:

The Parable of the Lost Sheep

2nd Sunday in Lent

Debbie/Josie

March 8th: Matthew 26: 1-5 & 6-13

The Plot Against Jesus & Jesus is Anointed in Bethany

3rd Sunday in Lent

Ashley/Carys

March 15th: Matthew 26:14-16

Judas agrees to Betray Jesus

4th Sunday in Lent

Debbie/Sam-Brody Acolytes

March 22nd: Matthew 26:17-30

The Last Supper

5th Sunday in Lent

Ashley/Amanda

March 29th: Matthew 21:1-11

The Final Week before Jesus is Crucified on the Cross

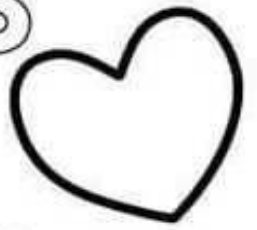
**PALM SUNDAY -Holy Week Begins**

Debbie/Josie

Beloved, let us

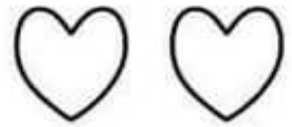
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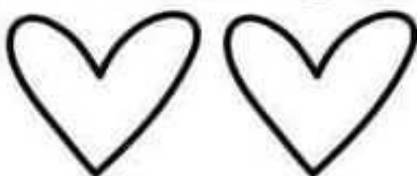
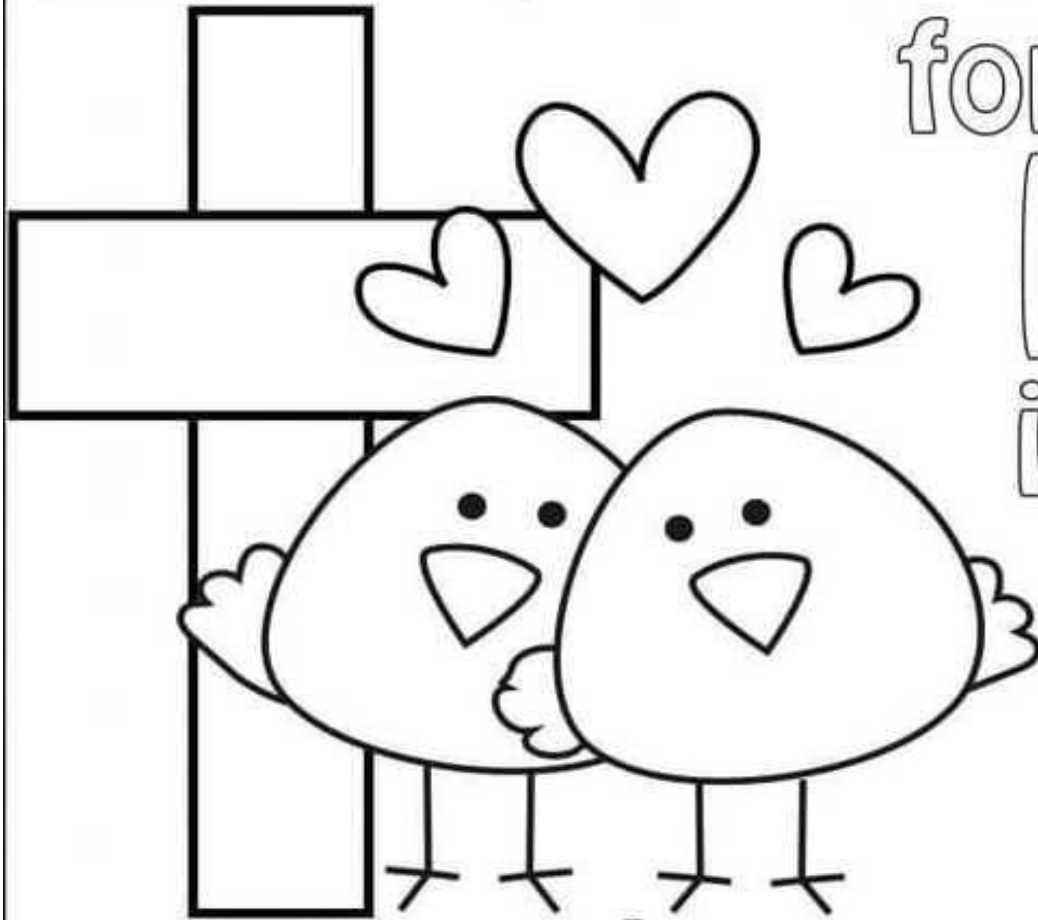
and

whoever loves

is born of God, and

knows God.

1 John 4:7





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>1 Holy Eucharist</b></p> <p>8:00 A.M. Rite I 10:00 A.M. Rite II 10:00—Christian Ed.</p> <p>The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent</p>	<p><b>2</b></p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>Prayer Shawl Ministry - 10:00 A.M.</p> <p>AA Meeting 7:00 P.M.</p>	<p><b>4 Lenten Soup, Salad and Bread—Compline—Bible Study</b></p> <p>Hosts: Sunday School and Ushers</p>	<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <div data-bbox="1388 535 1550 714" data-label="Image"> </div> <p style="text-align: right;"></p>
<p><b>8 Holy Eucharist</b></p> <p>8:00 A.M. Rite I 10:00 A.M. Rite II 10:00—Christian Ed.</p> <div data-bbox="81 955 276 1050" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent</p> <p><b>VESTRY MEETING</b></p>	<p><b>9 Ladies Luncheon - 12:30 P.M.</b></p> <p>Day School Board Meeting - 6:00 P.M.</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>AA Meeting 7:00 P.M.</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>Lenten Soup, Salad and Bread—Compline—Bible Study</p> <p>Hosts: Lectors/LEMs</p>	<p><b>12</b></p>	<p><b>13</b></p>	<p><b>14</b></p>
<p><b>15 Holy Eucharist</b></p> <p>8:00 A.M. Rite I 10:00 A.M. Rite II 10:00—Christian Ed.</p> <p>The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent</p>	<p><b>16</b></p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>AA Meeting 7:00 P.M.</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>Lenten Soup, Salad and Bread—Compline—Bible Study</p> <p>Host: Cursillo</p>	<p><b>19</b></p>	<p><b>20</b></p>	<p><b>21</b></p>
<p><b>22 Morning Prayer</b></p> <p>8:00 A.M. Rite I 10:00 A.M. Rite II 10:00—Christian Ed.</p> <p>The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday In Lent</p>	<p><b>23</b></p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>AA Meeting 7:00 P.M.</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>Lenten Soup, Salad and Bread—Compline—Bible Study</p> <p>Host: Vestry</p>	<p><b>26</b></p>	<p><b>27</b></p>	<p><b>28</b></p>
<p><b>29 Holy Eucharist</b></p> <p>7:45 A.M. Rite I 9:45 A.M. Rite II 9:45—Christian Ed.</p> <p>The Sunday of Passion:</p> <p><b>PALM SUNDAY</b></p>	<div data-bbox="406 1806 552 1984" data-label="Image"> </div> <p style="text-align: center;"></p>	<p><b>31</b></p> <p>AA Meeting 7:00 P.M.</p>	<p>April 1</p>	<p>April 2</p> <p>SEDER (5:30 P.M.) POT LUCK (6:15 P.M.) TENENBRAE (7:00 P.M.)</p>	<p>April 3</p> <p>Good Friday Service at 12:00 P.M. Stations of the Cross at 6:00 P.M.</p>	<p>April 4</p>

# MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS

## MARCH 1 -

Acolyte: Eric Evans

Ushers: Jim Jimeno, Vicky Martin

Lector: 8:00 - Susan Sigler, 10:00 - Larry Shreve

LEM: 8:00 - Bob Vanderslice, 10:00 - Kimberly Truxell

Altar Guild: Charlotte Corbett, Millie Coward

Flower Guild: None in LENT



## MARCH 8 -

Acolyte: Brody Whitehorne

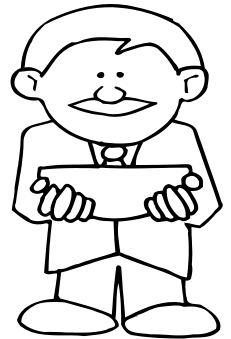
Ushers: Larry Shreve, Jim Jimeno

Lector: 8:00 - Bob Vanderslice; 10:00 - Linsey Shreve

LEM: 8:00 - Bob Vanderslice; 10:00 - Bruce Comfort

Altar Guild: Ashley Pierce, Judy Eller

Flower Guild: None in LENT



## MARCH 15-

Acolyte: Magdalena Kress

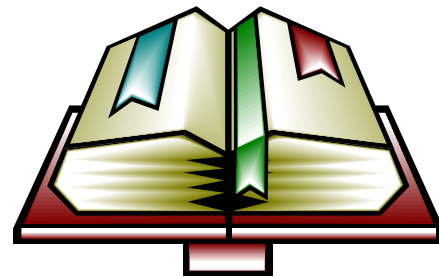
Ushers: Steve Kakol, Larry Shreve

Lector: 8:00 - Bob Vanderslice; 10:00 - Janet Chauncey

LEM: 8:00 - Bob Vanderslice; 10:00 - Charlie Pfeifer

Altar Guild: Vel Shreve, Hilda Monte

Flower Guild: None in LENT



## MARCH 22-

Acolyte: Carys Shreve

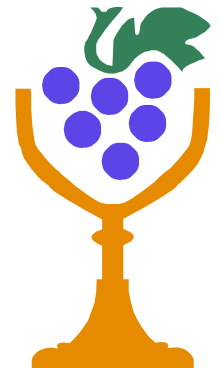
Ushers: Vicky Martin, Jim Jimeno

Lector: 8:00 - Bob Vanderslice; 10:00 - Linsey Shreve

LEM: 8:00 - Bob Vanderslice; 10:00 - Kimberly Truxell

Altar Guild: Ashley Pierce, Charlotte Corbett

Flower Guild: None in LENT



## MARCH 29- PALM SUNDAY

Acolyte: Bronwyn Shreve

Ushers: Larry Shreve, Susan Sigler

Lector: 7:45 - Jeffrey Pfeifer; 9:45 - Jeffrey Pfeifer

LEM: 7:45 - Bob Vanderslice; 9:45 - Charlie Pfeifer

Altar Guild: Vel Shreve, Millie Coward

Flower Guild: None in LENT



# Order Your Easter Lilies!

You can order in one of two ways:

**Online (preferred):** Visit [www.stpeters-norfolk.org](http://www.stpeters-norfolk.org) Click on “Flowers for the Church” at the top of the screen. Complete the order form adding in what size flower in the comment section and click on “Send”. It is as easy as that.

**In person:** Complete the bottom portion of this form and give it to an usher or place it in Laura’s mailbox in the hallway.

**Deadline: March 15, 2026**



YOUR NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

WINDOW FLOWERS IN A 6” POT: # \_\_\_\_\_ \$15.00 each

ALTAR FLOWERS IN A 10” POT: # \_\_\_\_\_ \$30.00 each (1 Left)

ORDER TOTAL: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

IN THANKSGIVING FOR: \_\_\_\_\_

IN MEMORY OF : \_\_\_\_\_

IN HONOR OF: \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Cursillo was a gift to you, can you share it with others?** Advent, Christmas and Lent are all about giving. The Father gave the most precious gift of all, his son, and our path to eternal life. For many, Cursillo was a gift. Well beyond the economic benefit of a sponsor's donation of fees, the Cursillo gift was wrapped in God's love -- in our table groups, talks, music and the kindness of Palanca. As you reflect on gifts given and received this past Christmas, consider the precious gift of Cursillo. We honor the giver by showing and sharing our gift. As we look ahead to the new year, let us all cherish the gift of Cursillo, and consider who to bless with it. People waiting to be gifted include potential candidates, and Cursillistas that would be blessed to be invited more fully into the Fourth Day. Contact our Lay Director or any member of the Secretariat at <https://www.cursillodiosova.org/about> if you have any questions.

**Our next Cursillo weekend will be May 14-17, 2026 at Chanco on the James. Allen Cersely is the Lay Rector. Applications are being accepted for team and candidates.**

## The Episcopal Cursillo Weekend:

Key elements of the Episcopal Cursillo Ministry are relationship, evangelism, and reconciliation in the home, the parish, the community, and the world.

We bring together a diverse group of people to share the richness of many modes of worship and broaden our appreciation for our Church. Lay people conduct the Weekend with two or three clergy members as spiritual advisors. Cursillo presumes that those who attend a Weekend are already well grounded in the faith. It isn't intended to be a conversion experience but an enriching and deepening of what is already there. Often, Cursillo provides new insights into our faith and fosters ministry among lay people.\*

# MARCH

happy  
birthday

HAPPY  
ANNIVERSARY

## MARCH

Debbie Whitehorne	3rd
Joseph Kallestad	4th
Stella Whitehorne	6th
Karen Evans	6th
Kakol, Katy & Kara	17th
Carys Shreve	18th
Liz Kress	23rd
Dot Pierce	29th

No anniversaries this month.

If we missed your special date, we apologize. Please contact the office so we can update our records: call 757-466-9392 or email [laura@stpeters-norfolk.org](mailto:laura@stpeters-norfolk.org).

If you'd like to donate flowers in memory, celebration, or thanksgiving for someone or something special, please place your order on our website.

Ordering online helps prevent errors and allows our Flower Guild to thoughtfully personalize each arrangement.

The suggested donation is \$50 for a Sunday, or \$25 per person when sharing a date.



**The deadline for articles in 'The Call' is the fifteenth of each month.**

**Send articles to :  
[laura@stpeters-norfolk.org](mailto:laura@stpeters-norfolk.org)  
or call the church office - 757-466-9392.**

## GOD BLESS OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN

“Finally, be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes.”. (Ephesians 6:10-11)



Joe, Michael, Matt, David, Mario, Kyle, Frank, Courtney,  
Chris, Chloe, Allan, Roger, Caleb, Josh



*Please keep these people in your prayers.  
Notify the office to remove from or add to  
these lists. Thank you.*

### The Veterans are always in need of:

Toothbrushes, toothpaste, shaving cream, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, razors, tissues & handkerchiefs (new unopened). No candy, food, or drinks right now. They **are** accepting used clothing items again.

Please bring your donations to church and place them in the baskets and box provided in the parish hall. Thank you all for your continued support!



### VESTRY MEMBERS

**Sr. Warden - Kimberly Truxell ('27)**

**Jr. Warden - Bruce Comfort ('27)**

**Charlotte Corbett ('26), Vel Shreve ('26),  
Charlie Pfeifer ('26), Nancy Comfort ('27)**

Holy Father, the navigator of our souls, hear us as we hold up before you our annual Vestry. Be with us as we chart a course together, inspired by the presence of your Spirit. Give courage to our clergy, our leaders and each of us, as we move forward with your blessing. For all we do, we do to your glory. In Jesus' name. Amen.

BJ Neaves	Karen Kakol	Joan Snyder
Niko Miyashiro	Lois Deloatche	Haley G.
Jessica T.	Patsi Walton	Mary Johnston
Barbara Bowser	Kathy Vanderslice	Edward Klaus III
Luanne Cattley	Mary Robson	Robyn Klaus
Sarah Kakol	Charlotte Corbett	Sharon Dashiell
Howard Belote	Susan Sigler	Eddie Klaus II
Nancy Davis	Dot Pierce	Joyce Caldwell
Mary Horkey	Josie C	Megan C
Val Powell	Debbie Hollister	Joan Crowther
Denise McCue	Bert Truxell	Barbara LaDue
Karleen Smith	Dianne McKnight	Bob Alford
Christine Alexander	Krista Itzen	Pam Standish
Yvonne Authement	Joan Wilson	Bill Naylor
Wanda Smith		
Eddie & Lisa Stanfield	Paul & Lee Nelson	
Bruce & Nancy Comfort	Teresa & McKinley Kerns	
Leslie & Charlie Pereira	Debbie & Kenny	
Steve & Betty Jane Baxter	Myles & Family	
Jodi & Sean McGinty	The Sarver Family	
Mary & Larry Laine	Dee & Glen Smith	
Wade & Karen Freidt	Sheila & Tom Lambert	
Evans Family	Tark & Carol Tarkington	
Wayne & Loretta Radford	Janet & Bob Chauncey	



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# „THE CALL“

We *celebrate* the love of Christ and *proclaim* our faith by *welcoming* and *servng* all.

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Organized in 1885, St. Peter's Church laid its cornerstone on October 5, 1886—a historical building that still stands on Brown Avenue in Norfolk, VA.

Worship at our current site began on Christmas Eve 1959 in the parish hall, and the present structures were completed in 1965.



St. David's Day

