

# FEBRUARY

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## From the Vestry— A Lenten Reflection

As we enter this holy season of Lent, I find myself returning to the words of John's Gospel: *"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."* These words remind us that Lent is not merely a season of sacrifice, but a season of love—God's love poured out freely, completely, and without condition.

Lent invites us to slow down, to look inward, and to remember the depth of that love. It calls us to reflect on the ways God continues to meet us with grace, even in our imperfections, and to consider how we might reflect that same grace to others. Jesus' command to "love one another as I have loved you" becomes our compass during these forty days. It challenges us to practice compassion, forgiveness, generosity, and patience in a world that often feels hurried and divided.

This season also offers us a chance to renew our commitments—both spiritual and communal. Whether through prayer, acts of service, or moments of quiet reflection, Lent gives us space to realign our hearts with God's purposes. As we journey together toward Easter, may we find strength in our shared faith and encouragement in the presence of one another.

May this season draw us closer to God and to one another. May our prayers deepen, our hearts soften, and our lives become clearer reflections of Christ's love. And may we walk toward Easter with renewed hope, trusting that God's love is always leading us toward new life.

As we begin our Lenten season I encourage everyone to join us on Wednesday evening as we come together for soup and salad and enjoy our Lenten program with a video series by Max Lucado "3:16 The Numbers Of Hope"

Your Junior Warden,  
Bruce Comfort

## 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 12:30 PM on February 9<sup>th</sup> at Chili's, 4085 Va. Beach Blvd. 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/[m.jlc@cox.net](mailto:m.jlc@cox.net).

**The Altar Guild** is still looking for **HELP!!** There are currently 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 applying for this critical ministry job today! Contact Millie Coward 757 469-5887/[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 January, we donated 8 baby blankets, 9 preemie hats, 9 children's and adult hats, 5 scarves, 4 pocket prayer shawls, and 1 potholder 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 February 2, 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).

**Bible Study** is meeting on Thursdays at 10:30 A.M., in the Diffenbaugh Library. Bruce Comfort leads this Bible study on Revelation. All are welcome! Bring a Bible and don't forget to bring a friend.

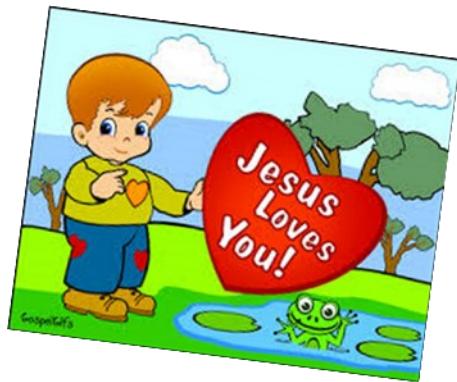


**St. Peter's Day School** isn't just another building on our property, **it is an integral part of St. Peter's Episcopal Church itself!** The school has brought in new members to our congregation, helped pay bills and continues to be a ministry of this church. They need our help to advertise - through Facebook and other social media outlets, through advertising, and by word of mouth. If you have a neighborhood newsletter, know someone who is a parent or grandparent of a child 18 months to 4 years, own a business or know someone who does, have access to other businesses that can post a flyer, attend meetings for any organizations in the area -- **YOU CAN HELP!** There are flyers ready to post, email, download or distribute. They have a Day School Board that needs new/additional members -- volunteer. They only meet once a month. If you want any more information contact them - Charlie Pfeifer (Chairman), Vel Shreve, Hilda Monte, Janet Chauncey, Debra Whitehorne, Liz Kress or Laura Kallestad (Registrar). **Please help the school and thereby help 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



## February 2026

<u>DATE</u>	<u>BIBLE VERSE</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>
February 1 <sup>st</sup> (4th Sunday after the Epiphany)	Matthew 4:1-11	Jesus is tested in the wilderness
Teachers: Debbie/Carys		
February 8 <sup>th</sup> (5th Sunday after the Epiphany)	Matthew 4:18-22	Jesus calls his first Disciples
Teachers: Ashley/Josie		
February 15 <sup>th</sup> * (Last Sunday after the Epiphany)	Matthew 4:23-25 J	Jesus Heals the Sick
Teachers: Ashley/Amanda		
February 22 <sup>nd</sup> (1st Sunday in Lent)	Matthew 5:3-12	The Beatitudes
Teachers: Debbie/Samantha		

\*\*\*\*February 17<sup>th</sup>-Shrove Tuesday- Pancake Day

\*\*\*\*February 18<sup>th</sup>-Ash Wednesday

# THE BEATITUDES

Blessed are...



...the poor in spirit,



...those who mourn,



...those who hunger and thirst



...the merciful,  
for they shall obtain mercy.



...the pure in heart.  
for they shall see God.

...the peacemakers,  
for they shall be called children of God.

...those who have been persecuted for righteousness' sake,  
for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

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HAPPY GROUNDHOG DAY



PRESIDENTS  
DAY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> <b>Holy Eucharist</b> <b>8:00 A.M. Rite I</b> <b>10:00 A.M. Rite II</b> <b>10:00—Christian Ed.</b>  <b>The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany</b>	<b>2 Prayer Shawl Ministry - 10:00 A.M.</b>  <b>The Presentation of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple</b>  <b>Groundhog Day</b>	<b>3</b>     <b>AA Meeting 7:00 P.M.</b>	<b>4</b>     <b>Cursillo Small Groups 6:00 P.M.</b>	<b>5</b>     <b>Bible Study - 10:30 A.M.</b>	<b>6</b>     	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> <b>Holy Eucharist</b> <b>8:00 A.M. Rite I</b> <b>10:00 A.M. Rite II</b> <b>10:00—Christian Ed.</b>  <b>The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany</b>  <b>VESTRY MEETING AFTER SERVICES</b>	<b>9 Ladies Luncheon - 12:30 P.M.</b>     <b>Day School Board Meeting - 6:00 P.M.</b>	<b>10</b>     <b>AA Meeting 7:00 P.M.</b>	<b>11</b>     <b>Cursillo Small Groups 6:00 P.M.</b>	<b>12</b>     <b>Bible Study - 10:30 A.M.</b>	<b>13</b>     	<b>14 Happy Valentine's Day</b> 
<b>15</b> <b>Holy Eucharist</b> <b>8:00 A.M. Rite I</b> <b>10:00 A.M. Rite II</b> <b>10:00—Christian Ed.</b>  <b>The Last Sunday after the Epiphany</b>	<b>16 HOLIDAY</b> <b>Office and Day School Closed</b> 	<b>17</b>     <b>AA Meeting 7:00 P.M.</b>	<b>18</b>  <b>Ash Wednesday services at 12:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M.</b>	<b>19</b>     <b>Bible Study - 10:30 A.M.</b>	<b>20</b>     	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> <b>Holy Eucharist</b> <b>8:00 A.M. Rite I</b> <b>10:00 A.M. Rite II</b> <b>10:00—Christian Ed.</b>  <b>The First Sunday In Lent</b>	<b>23</b>     <b>AA Meeting 7:00 P.M.</b>	<b>24</b>     <b>AA Meeting 7:00 P.M.</b>	<b>25</b> <b>Lenten Soup, Salad and Bread—Compline—Bible Study</b>  <b>Hosts: Altar and Flower Guilds</b>	<b>26</b>     <b>Bible Study - 10:30 A.M.</b>	<b>27</b>     	<b>28</b>

## MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS

### FEBRUARY 1 -

Acolyte: Bronwyn Shreve

Ushers: Larry Shreve, Jim Jimeno,

Lector: 8:00 - Bob Vanderslice, 10:00 - Jeffrey Pfeifer

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

Altar Guild: Judy Eller, Ashley Pierce

Flower Guild: Dot Pierce



### FEBRUARY 8 -

Acolyte: Eric Evans

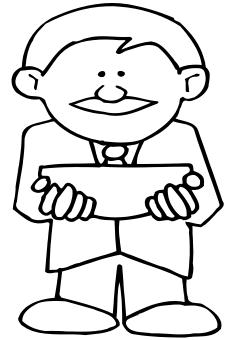
Ushers: Vicky Martin, Steve Kakol

Lector: 8:00 - Charlotte Corbett; 10:00 - Kimberly Truxell

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

Altar Guild: Josie Jimeno, Charlotte Corbett

Flower Guild: Josie Jimeno



### FEBRUARY 15-

Acolyte: Carys Shreve

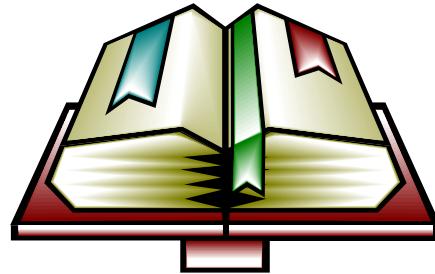
Ushers: Larry Shreve, Jim Jimeno

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

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

Altar Guild: Millie Coward, Judy Eller

Flower Guild: Jessica Trochanowski



### FEBRUARY 22-

Acolyte: Judy Eller, Brody Whitehorne

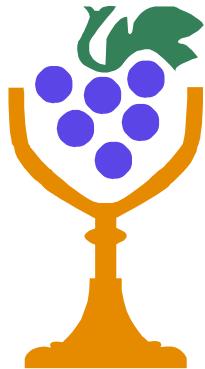
Ushers: Larry Shreve, Steve Kakol

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



**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.\*

# February

happy  
birthday

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

No anniversaries this month.

## FEBRUARY

Midgette, Andrew	3rd
Diffenbaugh, Andy	14th
Shreve, Matthew	14th
Vanderslice, Kathy	14th
Truxell, Allison	16th
McGinty, Jodi	21st
DeLoatche, Lauren	22nd
Authement, Yvonne	23rd
Kakol, Steve	23rd
Chudacek, Matthew	24th

If we missed your special date, we are **very** sorry. Please take some time to let the office know so we can update our records. Call - (757) 466-9392 or email - [laura@stpteters-norfolk.org](mailto:laura@stpteters-norfolk.org)

If you would like to donate flowers in memory of a loved one, in thanksgiving, or in celebration of a special person or occasion, we invite you to visit our website to place your order.

Using the website helps prevent errors and allows our Flower Guild to more easily and thoughtfully personalize each arrangement.

The suggested donation is \$50 for a Sunday, or \$25 per person when two individuals share the same date.

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

**Send articles to :**  
**[laura@stpteters-norfolk.org](mailto:laura@stpteters-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.

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

# BEFORE

# New Lights Installed

## AFTER



WHAT'S LEARNED HERE IS FOR LIFE.

12/23/2025

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Dear Friends,

Thank you for your generous gift of \$375.00 to Boys Home of Virginia. Your support means so much to our community, especially during the Christmas season, a time when we are reminded of the enduring gifts of faith, hope, and love.

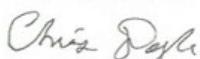


Because of you, our young men are discovering what it means to have faith, to hold onto hope for a brighter future, and to know they are truly loved by people who care. Your kindness helps us create a nurturing environment where they can grow, learn, and believe in themselves.

On behalf of our staff and all the students whose lives you are touching, thank you for making this holiday season brighter. Your generosity not only provides for their material needs but also fills their hearts with the assurance that they are valued and supported.

Wishing you and your loved ones a joyful Christmas and a blessed New Year.

With heartfelt gratitude,



Chris Doyle | Executive Director

P. S. Do you know a young man who may benefit from the Boys Home program? We are currently accepting new students and have several full scholarships available. Please contact our Director of Admissions and Evaluation Brittany Tate at 540.965.7739 or [btate@boyshomeofva.org](mailto:btate@boyshomeofva.org) to learn more.

*We acknowledge that Boys Home did not provide any goods or services to you in exchange for this contribution. Please keep this letter as a receipt for your records. Thank you. This contribution qualifies as a tax deduction under Section 501(C)(3) of the IRS Tax code.*



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

“THE CALL”

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*St. Peter's Church was organized in 1885 and the cornerstone was dedicated October 5th, 1886. This structure still stands on Brown Avenue in Norfolk, VA. The first worship service at our present site was in the parish hall on Christmas Eve, 1959. All existing construction was completed in 1965.*

