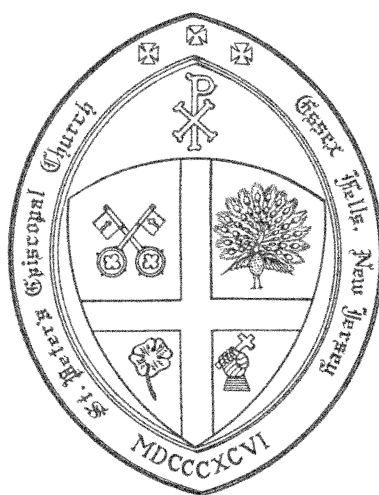


SAINT PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2015



PRESENTED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING  
31 JANUARY 2016

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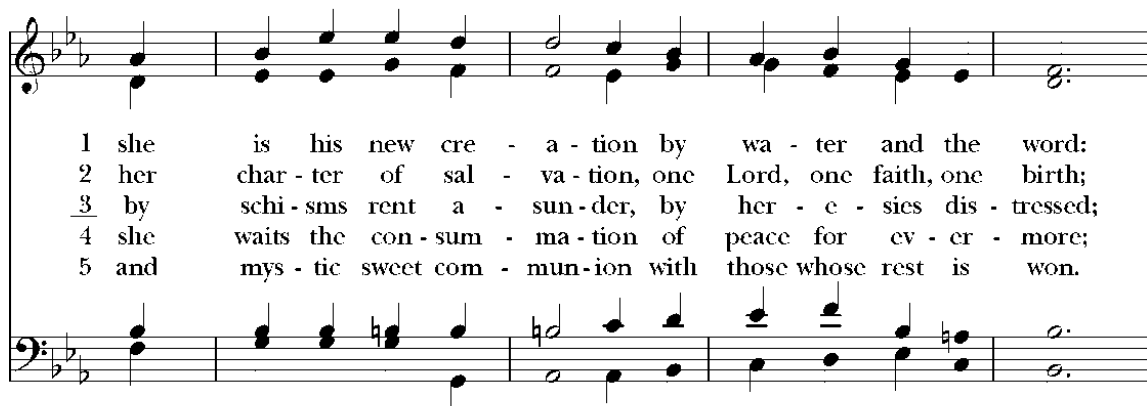
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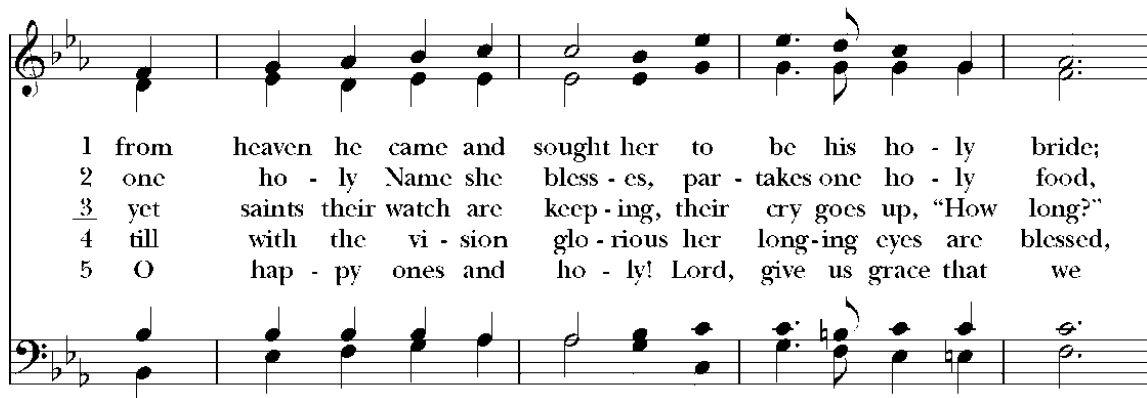
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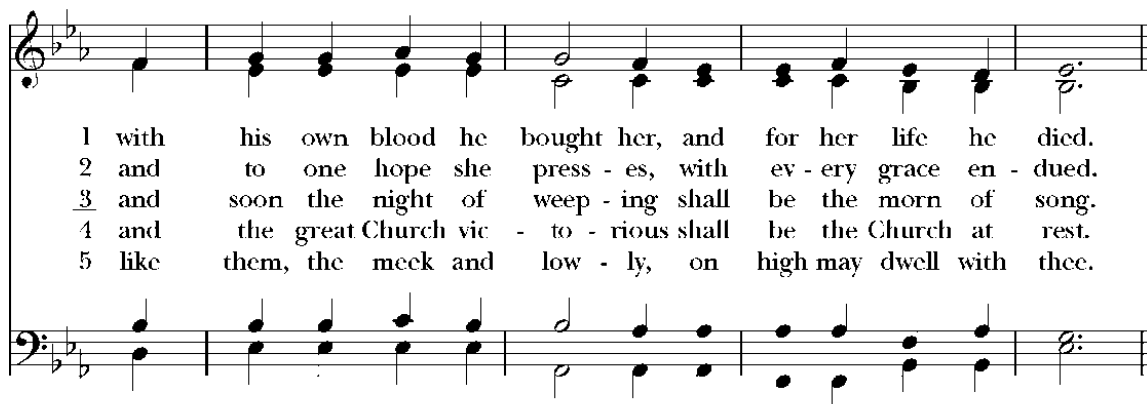
1 The Church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;  
 2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,  
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,  
 4 Mid toil and tri - bu - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war  
 5 Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God, the Three in One,



1 she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word:  
 2 her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
 3 by schi - sms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed;  
 4 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for ev - er - more;  
 5 and mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is won.



1 from heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;  
 2 one ho - ly Name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,  
 3 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"  
 4 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blessed,  
 5 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we



1 with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
 2 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.  
 3 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.  
 4 and the great Church vic - to - rious shall be the Church at rest.  
 5 like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

Words: Samuel John Stone (1839-1900) Music: *Aurelia*, Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)

# EXPLANATION

The Annual Meeting was originally scheduled for 24 January 2016, but it was cancelled due to a snowstorm. The meeting was subsequently postponed to and held on 31 January 2016.

Paper documents distributed at the meeting were all dated 24 January 2016.

This version of the Annual Report has been updated to include all reports, including those distributed under separate cover and those submitted after the meeting itself.

## INTERIM RECTOR'S REPORT

While I have been with you only since September, I somehow feel I have come to know many of you quite well. St. Peter's is a vibrant and exciting place, and sometimes that energy causes us to appear as confusing or chaotic. (And sometimes, we *are* confusing or chaotic—but that's a story for another narrative!)

As a community, we are living in the tension of the “between time,” and that can be difficult for many of us. (That also includes me, and I have engaged *only* in interim ministry in recent years!) According to one expert source, “The interim-leadership needs of a vital, mission-focused congregation that has lost its pastor, no matter what the circumstances, are not for less leadership, but for at least as much, if not more, leadership.”<sup>1</sup> That presents a special challenge to us, as I am contracted to work only *half* of full-time. It also presents a special challenge to us at St. Peter's in that our beloved former rector, Stephanie Wethered, retired because of a medical disability. So, all of the emotions that an individual experiences in grief are present in our congregation, because we have suffered such a significant loss.

People in grief experience difficult emotions, yes, but they also have choices. In the practice of pastoral ministry over 20+ years, I lump families that have experienced the loss of a loved one into two broad categories: first, there are those who come together, love each other, and try hard—in the face of great adversity—to support each other, and, second, there are those families that fight, wrestle for control, and malign each other. At St. Peter's in this interim time, we have some of each. My point is simply that this is a *choice*, and I encourage you to walk in love, to employ a hermeneutic of charity, and to help support me and our fellow parishioners. We all need to work together to the glory of God, and I need everyone's help in this regard.

Experts<sup>2</sup> tell us there are five realities that make interim ministry—and pastoral ministry in general—more challenging today than it ever has been:

- 1) *Resistance to change.* We have certainly seen this at St. Peter's. Why, there are even some who complained that we changed the style of our contribution envelopes—can you honestly imagine anything *less important* than that? We all like stability in our lives, but life without change leads to stagnation, atrophy, and death—things, I hope, we want to avoid. So, please, let's try to “go with the flow” and accept that change is inevitable and a little change can actually be helpful.
- 2) *The need to redefine purpose and mission in our contemporary context.* We are not ministering in the same context as in 1893, when this parish was founded, or 1955, when the church was built. We need to work out together what our mission is in this fast-changing environment we call the twenty-first century. We need to agree that compliance with rules and regulations is a priority, that equity for all of our people is important, and that consulting with our natural partners is a

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<sup>1</sup> Paul N. Svingen, “The Interim Minister: A Special Calling,” in Roger S. Nicholson, editor, *Temporary Shepherds: A Congregational Handbook for Interim Ministry* (Washington, D.C.: The Alban Institute, 1989), 56.

<sup>2</sup> Roger S. Nicholson, ““The Changing Church,” in *Temporary Shepherds*, xv.

helpful thing. For too long, we have relied on informal practices that do not serve us well, and we have repeatedly “re-invented the wheel” rather than ask others who have wisdom to share. Quite simply put, we do not need to make mistakes other people have made—we can learn from their experience.

- 3) *The need to exercise viable Christian stewardship.* This may be our most significant challenge at St. Peter’s, where financial giving is, quite frankly, appalling. Oh, I know: some of you are giving sacrificially, some are tithing, and some are contributing well beyond your means. But others are giving time *instead* of money, are contributing only a few dollars a week, or—worse yet—are withholding support of your parish as some kind of protest. The treasure we have is really not ours, but entrusted to our care by God, given to us with a call to responsible stewardship, to look after the needs of future generations, to provide for generations yet unborn.
- 4) *Conflict and tension resulting from social issues.* The gospel of Jesus Christ compels the church to lead in the quest for a just and equitable society. There has always been a tension between those who insist that the church must be at the forefront of this quest and those who demand that the church “stay out of politics.” This is not a tension we will resolve anytime soon. But what would it be like if we agreed to live in the tension, rather than badmouth each other simply because we disagree?
- 5) *Increasing diversity in American society and a consequent blurring of differences in religious traditions.* Writing in 1989, an expert predicted this: “The approaching new century brings with it the question of whether local congregations will be able to give up their parochial, traditional, edifice-oriented ways to further a new, more ecumenical and less competitive model of the church.” Are we even asking the right questions, I wonder?

So, that’s where we are: in the difficult “between time,” struggling to find a way forward, anxious for stability, and sometimes even afraid of what may lie ahead.

There is much at this parish church that should be celebrated and affirmed: ministries of music, pastoral caring, outreach, and youth; a competent and devoted staff; a nursery school that provides a nurturing environment to young learners; a thrift shop that offers quality discount merchandise and a listening ear to clients; and an associate rector with integrity, vibrancy, and commitment—the list goes on and on.

Yet there is also a way in which we lack the necessary infrastructure to support all this. We have a lot of work to do, my friends. We need new volunteers to help shape policy, to monitor our finances, to lead a year-round stewardship conversation, to oversee our property, to help update our history for our 125th anniversary (2018), to coordinate our hospitality, and—most urgently of all—to strategize about how to build up the body of Christ and increase our active membership.

The time is now, the need is urgent, and the call has come: please take your place in the reconciling ministry of God in Christ, testifying to the good news of God’s grace.

Yours faithfully,  
Father Barrie

# LITURGY

We have made quite a few little changes and adjustments to our worship in this interim period. The *Onward*, our monthly newsletter, contains explanations of most of these in some detail, as well as a rationale for each decision. Here's a brief summary; we are:

- Sticking to the book (using authorized rites from the *Book of Common Prayer*, with only rare incorporation of supplemental materials)
- Confessing first, for the most part
- Singing an additional hymn at 10am
- Ceased publishing a book most weeks (and instead have reverted to a simpler service leaflet)

There may be a few more tweaks here and there—just some things to try, to help us join the ecumenical consensus, or to bring us into greater conformity with what is normative in the Episcopal Church in 2016. The idea is to continue to *try* things—some of which may become permanent and some of which probably will not.

St. Peter's continues to offer Morning Prayer in the chapel. Morning Prayer is a 15-minute service that includes the reading of psalms, Bible lessons, and prayers, according to *The Book of Common Prayer*. Morning Prayer is offered Tuesday-Friday from 8:30 to 8:45am in the chapel.

Faithfully,  
Father Anthony & Father Barrie

# ALTAR GUILD

The Altar Guild plays a critical role in our worship. We prepare the sanctuary for services, including setting God's table each week for Holy Communion.

We have the pleasure of decorating the altar for the high holy days, and the church for the Advent and Christmas seasons.

We have unfortunately had to say goodbye to three of our beloved members;

Nan Ramé, who was our Director for 16+ years and an unwaveringly faithful member for decades

Peg Aery, who retired in June of 2015. She was a former Director and also a member for decades who recently retired to NC to be near her family.

Sharon Ellis, who retired in September of 2015. She served for many years as Captain and Guild Treasurer, and also coordinated Christmas greening and Easter lilies and the weekly flowers that adorn the altar.

We miss these ladies dearly. They have left a legacy of faithful and devoted service to us all.

On a very happy note, we welcome our newest member, Debra Chance!

If you feel called to serve this vital and cherished ministry, please contact us:

Faithfully submitted,  
St Peter's Altar Guild Directors  
Lisa Beland, Karen Mosher, Trish McCabe

# HEALTH & HEALING

The “Health Cabinet” is a committee of parishioners who work in conjunction with the Rector to promote well- being of the whole person...Body, Mind and Spirit. They provide a caring network for our church community through a wide variety of programs, services, and personal support. We are celebrating our 18<sup>th</sup> year as a ministry!

## **“HEALTH CABINET”**

*Sally Munson, RN*, Parish Nurse, Coordinator Health & Healing Ministries; Co-Coordinator, Lay Pastoral Care.

*Rev. Anthony Puca, Jr.*, Associate Rector, Spiritual Advisor

*Carolyn Wescott*, Administrative Coordinator, Health Cabinet and LEV’s.

*Susan Negrotto*, Coordinator LEV’s; Co-Coordinator, Lay Pastoral Care

*Kathy McLaughlin*, Coordinator, Prayer Chain; Pastoral Board

*Serena Watkinson*, Co-Coordinator, Angel Food

*Maggie Wohltmann*, Co-Coordinator, Angel Food

*Gail Marentette*, Coordinator, Prayer Shawl Ministry

*Dana Leach*, Member at Large; Liaison to Young Families; Mini Prayer Shawls.

*Esther Pivarnik*, Member at Large

*Knadya O’Kelley*, Member at Large (new)

*Pat Sheeleigh*, Member at Large

*Gloria Kelley*, Member at Large

## **Parish Nursing: Sally Munson, R. N.**

- Chaired Health Cabinet meeting (November 8<sup>th</sup>) and Lay Pastoral Care/Eucharistic Visitor (January 28 & November 11<sup>th</sup>) meetings. Hosted a “toast to Peg Aery” for Health & Healing members May 27 to celebrate her 17 years of service on the committee.
- VBS Camp Nurse week of August 3-7<sup>th</sup>.
- Made hospital, nursing home and home visitations. Provided Communion as needed. Acted as advocate, medical resource and general support.
- Held quarterly blood pressure screenings.
- Coordinated Heartsaver CPR/AED Course October 27<sup>th</sup>. (25 attended).
- Updated medical equipment supplies.
- Communications for Onward/E-blast and Bulletin Board. (Thank you to Pat Aliotta for the beautiful redo of bulletin boards in Upper Room).
- Coordinated “Taking Care of the Caregiver” event November 17<sup>th</sup>, 7:30-9:30 pm. Positive response with 15 attendees. Thanks to Vince Corso for his musical offering, Fr. Barrie, Fr. Anthony and Sue Negrotto for their support.  
(Sue Negrotto will host Caring for the Caregiver Support Group in January and March 2016).

## **Programs:**

- **Fun and Fellowship Evening**, Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup> held at Dana Leach’s home. We had a wonderful gathering of 20+ many of whom tried their hand in knitting mini prayer shawls (including Fr. Anthony). Kudos to Dana for making this evening a huge success and for her contributions in creating cards and promoting this amongst our parish. Our next “get together” will be held at the church in January 2016.



- **8<sup>th</sup> Annual Caroling at Crane's Mill** was held, December 6<sup>th</sup> with 27+ members of choir and parish participating. A special thanks to John Pivarnik, the choir and to our young families with children who spread their joy! Health & Healing hosted a pizza coffee hour prior to this event.
- **“Making the Holidays Meaningful and Manageable:** A presentation for those coping with grief held December 14<sup>th</sup>. This worthwhile offering was facilitated by Rev. Vince Corso, M.Div, LCSW-R, Bereavement Councilor Visiting Nurse Services of New York. We are blessed to have Vince's expertise and presence in our parish and a part of our pastoral team.

**Lay Pastoral Care**, Sally Munson and Sue Negrotto, Co-Coordinators

- A dedicated team of pastoral callers made visits in a variety of settings to offer companionship and an opportunity to remain part of the church family.
- Thanks to our pastoral callers Nancy Connor, Sue Negrotto, Jane Cook, Dana Leach, Mary Beth Weber. Welcome to our new callers Carolyn Faloni, Judith Himes, Leslie Young and Pam Bayard.
- In December, 18 small Christmas trees and cookies were delivered bringing Christmas cheer and fellowship to hospitalized, homebound or those undergoing treatment. Thank you to Nancy Connor, Sue Negrotto and Judith Himes for their assistance.
- Going forward, Sue Negrotto will join Fr. Anthony and me with overseeing the Lay Pastoral Callers. She will also share in some of the administrative responsibilities such as training/mentoring, chairing meetings etc. Sue is a hospital Chaplain and invaluable member of St. Peter's Health & Healing.
- Thank you to Kathy McLaughlin for “keeping up” our Pastoral Board.
- Sue Negrotto will lead the next Lay Pastoral Caller/LEV meeting in February 2016.
- Pastoral care remains a high priority at St. Peter's.

**Lay Eucharistic Visitors (LEVs):** Carolyn Wescott, Administrative Coordinator

- Commissioned Lay Eucharistic visitors brought the sacrament of Holy Communion, provided the spiritual connection and celebration of the Gospel to members of our parish who were unable to attend worship.
- Thank you to our LEVs Sue Negrotto, Lisa Grider and sub Chris Corso for this beautiful ministry.
- Welcome to Lisa Beland, our newest LEV. Sue Negrotto will be her mentor.
- It is also important to recognize the Altar Guild for their service in preparing and cleaning of the kits and our fellow Health Cabinet member Carolyn Wescott for coordinating the administrative part of this ministry.
- Sue Negrotto will take over training and assigning beginning in January 2016.
- Speak with Fr. Anthony if you are interested in becoming a LEV.

**“Angel Food” Meal Ministry:** Serena Watkinson and Maggie Wohltmann, Co-Coordinators

- This ministry of “tender loving care” consists of preparing soups, simple meals and goodies and delivering to those who are ill, convalescing or going through crisis.
- We have our own freezer. Please contact Serena (973-731-2879) or Maggie (973-769-8318) if you are interested in helping prepare or deliver and/or if you know of someone who would be a good recipient. This is a nice way to give back if you can't take on a full time volunteer commitment!

**Prayer Chain Ministry:** Kathy McLaughlin, Coordinator

- Approximately 30 of our parish family gather together in spirit to support those in need and to witness, as a community of faith, the power of prayer. Prayer Chain members are given the option

of being a part of an e-mail chain or telephone prayer chain. Call Kathy (973-403-8614) if you are interested.

- Prayer is vital to our health & healing! Join us!

**“Franny’s Shawl’s”:** Gail Marentette, Coordinator

- Franny’s Shawl’s is a very special pastoral outreach ministry under the direction of Gail Marentette. Volunteers knit shawls, blankets or mini-prayer shawls and offer prayers for those hospitalized, undergoing treatment or homebound. This ministry is named in memory honoring Gail Marentette’s sister Franny who devoted her life to giving to others.
- Please call Gail Marentette at 973-731-1104 or call the church office.
- I have had the honor of delivering some of these shawls and have personally seen the comfort and support they have provided.
- Many thanks to Gail Marentette and Marge Kisala who are the backbone of this glorious ministry. Also thank you to Dana Leach for all her work with teaching and making mini-prayer shawls. They plan to gather again in January 2016. See Dana for details!

In closing, I’d like to pay tribute to our dear Nan Ramé who died this past year. She was a faithful member of Health & Healing. Also thank you to Carolyn Wescott, Administrative Chair and to all of you who participate in these ministries of caring.

Sally Munson, RN  
Coordinator, Health & Healing Ministries

## ACOLYTES

The acolyte ministry continues to be very strong at St. Peter’s. There will be a training session for new acolytes in the late winter, with the hope of inviting new young people into this ministry. A large percentage of our acolytes are seniors in high school, so we will need to do some recruiting in the following months.

Acolytes for 2015-2016:

Ashley Au  
Kendall Au  
Brian Blake  
Donte Chance  
Caitie Evers  
Sophia Garrubbo  
Connor Leach  
Ryan Leach

Ava Lopez  
CJ Lopez  
Aidan Torok  
Anna Torok  
Emma Veffer  
Katelyn Wescott  
Emma Wethered  
Charlene White

Faithfully,  
Father Anthony+

# CHRISTIAN FORMATION

## **Saint Peter's Youth**

We continue to have an active and strong youth program at St. Peter's. SPY meets twice a month on Sunday evenings with a typical attendance of 10 kids at JR SPY (grades 6 to 8) and 15 at SR SPY (high school).

In July, 17 of our SPY kids and six chaperones, went on a mission trip for one week to Ponce, Puerto Rico, and helped build a fence and paint a house for a local family in need. This upcoming July, the mission trip will be in Virginia Beach, Va.

## **Adult Confirmation 2016**

Classes in preparation for adult Confirmation will begin in February and conclude in April. The confirmation will take place at the cathedral in Newark on April 24.

## **Lectio Divina Bible Study Group**

Lectio Divina is an ancient, monastic approach to praying the Bible, in which one encounters the Word of God through prayer, silence, and contemplation. At St. Peter's we offer group Lectio Divina, in which we share in discussion, prayer and silence in experiencing God's transforming love. There is a core group of about 8 people who attend faithfully. This group meets the first and third Wednesday of every month in the main church.

## **Adult Education:**

Advent Series on Centering Prayer

During the 2015 season of Advent, for the first time in quite a few years, St. Peter's offered an adult formation series. For the series, we explored the Christian contemplative tradition, with a particular emphasis on Centering Prayer. The class consisted of lectures, group discussion, videos, and the actual practice of Centering Prayer. The average attendance through the four week series was about 12 people.

Faithfully,  
Father Anthony+

# SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our numbers in Sunday School have been down slightly from last year with an average of 23 children each Sunday during unit 1. The biggest drop in attendance is in the 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade class with several of our regular attendees moving on to 7<sup>th</sup> grade. The wonderful and dedicated teachers have been Jennifer Jackson, Kimberly Butler, Jasmine Barbour and Dana Leach for unit 1 and Serena Watkinson, Kathy Vacca and Mary Beth Weber for unit 2. Jasmine Barbour was a new teacher this year. Carolyn Kamper continued as a youth assistant this year in the 1<sup>st</sup> -3<sup>rd</sup> grade class for unit 1 and unit 2. Sunday School continues to be a special place for our children to explore and discover their faith.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dana Leach

# FAMILY CHURCH

We have reintroduced Family Church this year in place of Children's Chapel. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month during the 10am service the children participate as lectors, ushers and element bearers. This allows 7 or more of the children of our parish to actively be a part of our worship and they LOVE IT! They are enthusiastic and clearly take their roles seriously. We have also received positive feedback from numerous parishioners not associated with the young participants. Because of the calendar we have only had three Family Church Services so far this program year, but I am optimistic that this service will continue to be a special one for our entire parish.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dana Leach

# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS is a Christian based themed program that is typically held Monday through Friday during the first week in August every year. Its open not only to our Parish, but for any children in the community that would like to come. This summer camp gives children ages 3 – 12 the opportunity each day to work on a craft, explore with a science experiment, learn some dance moves, eat a fun snack, play with their friends, and of course, hear a bible story!

There is also a "mission" component to VBS. Everyday throughout the week, we make collections on behalf of agencies that help children in need within our own community. In the past we have collected food items, school supplies and books to name a few.

VBS is run solely by volunteers and "IT TAKES A VILLAGE" to run a VBS program! We are so fortunate and thankful that we have such dedicated and amazing people here at ST. Peter's that continue to support this valuable children's ministry each year with their time and talent. The VBS experience is one that will touch your heart forever!

Karen Luke

# MUSIC MINISTRY

Chancel Choir membership has declined slightly due to illness and attrition.

Bell Choir membership has remained at 6 players with occasional guest ringers.

Youth Choir members have been absorbed into the Chancel Choir.

Children's Choir has grown to 5 singers.

In-house Choir Camp for Children's Choir has been established with weekly programs in August (before school year) and November (teacher's convention)

Combined choirs have consistently supported all worship services and liturgies

Six choristers participated in either RSCM choir camp or other summer music courses in July 2015. John Participated in King's College Course in Wilkes-Barre, PA and Pacific Northwest Course in Portland, Oregon.

Music Ministry has hosted several student performances throughout the year with participants from NJ Youth Symphony and Caldwell University

John Pivarnik

# DAVID ST. GEORGE FUND

It was a great year for the David St. George Committee! We had \$34,400 to disburse. Many thanks go to the OpShop and its volunteers for the \$20,000 they contributed this year. The additional \$14,400 was from the fund itself. We had 14 grant requests, 2 of which, St. Peter's Morristown's bilingual after school program and the Senior Resource Center, were new. We also allocated funds to Christine's Kitchen who did not submit an application; Habitat for Humanity, in memory of Tim Cutting Sr.; and the two priests' discretionary accounts.

I'd also like to thank returning committee members, June Cowell, Tamara Bross, Fred Jenkins, Bunny Jenkins & Jennifer Vonderahe (vestry), and new members, Evan McLaughlin, Mitch Goodrich, Nathalia Bernardo & Lynn Livingston (OpShop). It was a thoughtful, intelligent, caring and respectful group! This year we did things a little differently than in the past and had each committee member investigate 1 or 2 of the organizations from which we received grant applications. We then met on November 30th to "report" our findings and discuss the organizations. We took a week to each rank the 14 applicants based on their applications and our discussion, then came back together on December 7th to distribute the funds. This new way of doing things was extremely well received by committee members.

We also used a new guide (mission) developed from last year's meeting to help us in our decisions: *"The David St. George Outreach Endowment Committee is an outreach committee of St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Essex Fells, N.J. Its purpose is to distribute funds to organizations or groups, within the communities of St. Peter's and the Diocese of Newark, who seek to assist struggling individuals with food, shelter, education and/or support in hopes that they may one day be able to support and care for themselves. The distributed funds will be given in response to grant requests, submitted by these organizations, after prayerful consideration, discussion and investigation by the committee members. The aim of the committee is to not only assist individuals in need, but to focus on smaller organizations or projects for whom our limited resources would have the most impact."*

## The funds were distributed as follows:

The Apostle's House \$3,000  
The Caldwell Dept. of Human Service \$3,000 (\$2,000 of which will be in Jack's Foodtown gift cards)  
CASA for Children of Essex County \$2,500  
Cedar Hill Community Development Corp \$2,500  
Faith, Hope & Love Food Pantry \$500  
Newark School of Theology \$540  
North Porch \$2,500  
St. Paul's Community Development Corp, Food Pantry \$1,000  
St. Peter's Haven \$1,000  
St. Peter's Morristown \$2,000  
Senior Resource Center \$1,000  
Toni's Kitchen \$3,000  
Turning Point Community Services \$500  
Wynona's House \$2,500

## Special distributions:

Christine's Kitchen \$1,500  
Habitat for Humanity (in memory of Tim Cutting Sr.) \$2,000  
Rector's Discretionary Fund \$1,000  
Associate Rector's Discretionary Fund \$1,000  
Total Distributed: \$31,040; \$3,360 re-invested in David St. George fund to help with its continued growth

Respectfully submitted,  
Dana Leach

# ST. PETER'S OPSHOP

Run solely by volunteers from our parish and community, this ministry provides funds for outreach that extend well beyond our doors, which open twice a week.

The OpShop provides a welcoming place for people to browse, socialize, and find great bargains.

In 2015 St. Peter's OpShop raised \$64,000. These funds supported the following:

## **David St. George Fund**

\$20,100 with \$100 in memory of Tim Cutting, Sr.

## **St. Peter's Church**

\$19,000 as follows:

\$1,000 for SPY Mission Trip

\$15,000 to St. Peter's Church

\$3,000 for the purchase & installation of 5 basement windows for the church

## **Associate Rector's Discretionary Fund**

\$5,000 to Father Anthony to be used at his discretion

## **Select Charities**

\$5,419 as follows:

Good Shepherd Home child sponsorship \$180

Community Soup Kitchen in Morristown \$701

North Porch \$806

Susan G. Komen \$845

The Seeing Eye \$756

Lustgarten Foundation to advance research of pancreatic cancer \$500

Atlantic Home Care & Hospice \$100

New Beginnings for Tomorrow School approximately \$1531

OpShop also donates items to North Porch, Vietnam Veterans Association, Animal Shelters, and Family Intervention Services.

We anticipate an additional distribution of \$10,000 from money raised at year end (2015).

Thank you to the parish and community for donating new and gently used items.

Thank you to the dedicated OpShop volunteers - Martine Rissetto, Barbara Marlin, Stephanie Cutting, Jean Galbraith, Pat Sheeleigh, Kathy Elder, Alice Cotton, Judy Stice, Mary Shearin, Dawn Ruggiero, Lynn Livingston, Julie Bien, Duffy Bell, Mike Kamel, Stephanie Kent, Nancy & Glenn Collins, Chris Corso, & Elsa Seiner.

St. Peter's OpShop Hours

Thursdays 1-4pm

Saturdays 10am-2pm

# ST. PETER'S NURSERY SCHOOL

St. Peter's Nursery School was founded in 1972. We currently have 112 students attending a variety of different classes.

Our program provides a nurturing and enriched classroom environment where children are encouraged to explore and challenged to learn. We equally promote social, emotional, cognitive and physical development. We are accredited by the National Association for the Education of the Young Child (NAEYC) and licensed by the State of New Jersey.

At St. Peter's we team teach. Each of our staff members have college-level degrees and experience in early childhood education.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty McGovern  
Director

## PROPERTY

This year, unlike the past few years, has been very quiet.

The undercroft kitchen got a much needed big closet and the Op Shop shed was finished.

The Nursery School had a new fence installed around the playground and the play house was repaired and painted.

A new hydrangea and fern garden was planted around the big pine tree in the front of the church

We replaced 46 feet of sidewalk by the Nursery School and in front of the office.

Most of the materials and all of the labor for these projects were donated.

Last but not least Lisa and Ken Beland donated their pickup truck to the church which has made all these projects and the ones to come a lot easier.

Toby West  
Property Manager



# COMMUNICATIONS & TECHNOLOGY

With input from clergy and other staff, a weekly newsletter “Life at Saint Peter’s” is designed and distributed using Constant Contact. This weekly e-blast is sent to the diocesan office and the nursery school in addition to a general and hopefully comprehensive Saint Peter’s e-mail list. Special e-blasts are designed and sent when appropriate (i.e., special events, death notices, snow closures, etc.)

Sermons and music are recorded on a regular basis (from the 10am service) with subsequent upload to our [YouTube channel](#). Sermons now include Gospel readings in the description field; all music is credited as completely and accurately as possible.

Basic updates are uploaded to our existing web site to include major events on [Home page](#) and [News & Media page](#), updates to [Sermons page](#) with recent sermons posted on YouTube, updated listings on [Life at Saint Peter’s](#) and [The Onward](#) pages to include most recent issues.

Current work includes providing information and performing updates so we might take advantage of Google for Nonprofits, which will enable us to utilize many tools, including GoogleCalendar. Google for Nonprofits is an entirely *free* service! In addition, these changes enable us to come into compliance so we might take advantage of the [Diocesan Website Project](#).

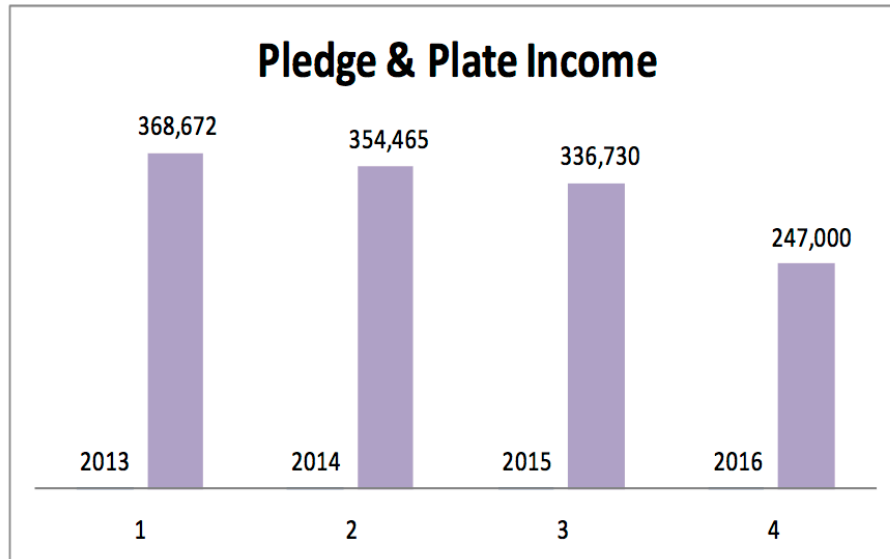
Respectfully submitted,  
Christine Corso

# FINANCE & INVESTMENTS

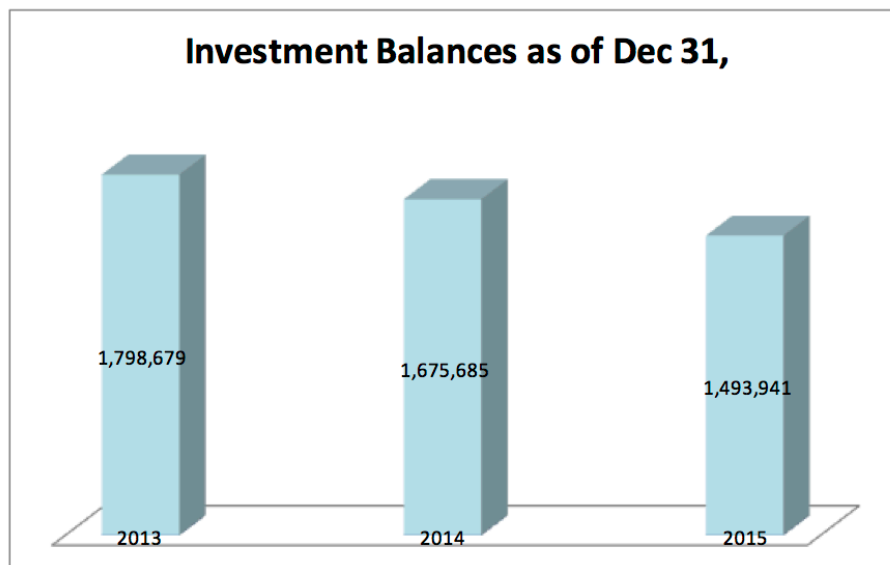


## Saint Peter's Episcopal Church

ESSEX FELLS, NEW JERSEY



Church contributions in the form of weekly collections have steadily declined and 2016 Pledge income is 27% below 2015 levels



In the past three years, the investments have decreased by \$300,00 due to the need to balance the Church operating budget and market declines in the portfolio, offset by investment income.

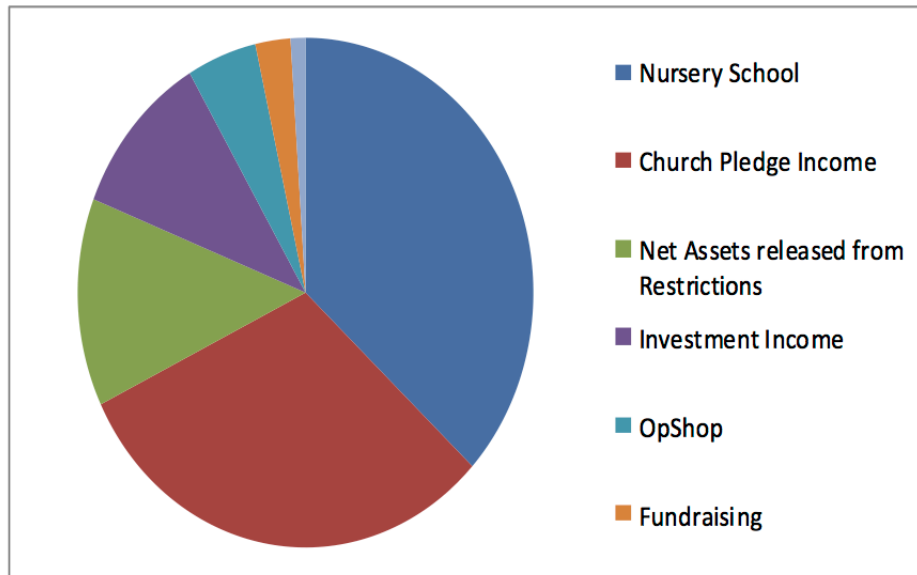


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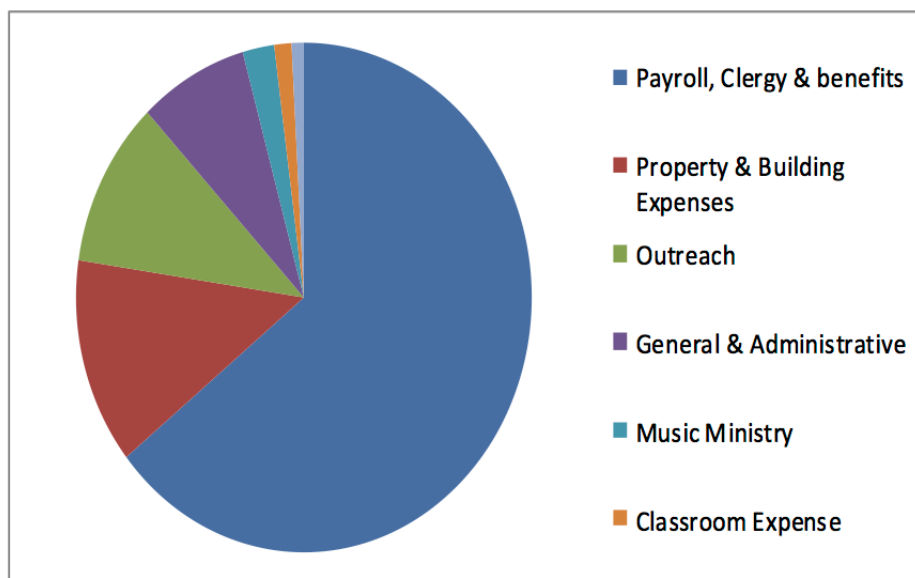
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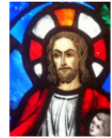
The sources of Expenses are as follows:





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ESSEX FELS, NEW JERSEY



## STATEMENTS OF SUPPORT, REVENUE & EXPENSES—CONSOLIDATED

STATEMENTS OF SUPPORT, REVUENUE & EXPENSES			
	2015		2014
	Year ended Dec. 31		Year ended Dec. 31
<b>REVENUES &amp; OTHER SUPPORT</b>			
Nursery School	434,792		424,466
Church Pledge and Plate Income	336,730		354,465
OpShop	53,893		56,825
Fundraising, Nusery School	13,085		18,940
Space Usage	8,284		12,138
Street Fair	8,779		9,654
Invest Income (Loss)	(71,531)		121,116
Net Assets released from restrictions	83,531		151,700
Total Revenues & Other Support	867,563		1,149,304
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Payroll, Clergy and benefits	607,858		644,739
Property & Building Expenses	134,465		131,713
Outreach	115,684		106,379
General & Administrative	72,497		77,615
Music Ministry	25,767		22,489
Classroom Expense	22,895		12,262
Professional Expense	8,280		8,689
Total Expenses	987,446		1,003,886
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	(119,883)		145,418

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# Saint Peter's Episcopal Church

ESSEX FELLS, NEW JERSEY



## STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

ASSETS			
	December 31,		
	2015		2014
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash & Cash Equivalents	153,845		140,155
Accounts Receivable	46,850		32,723
Prepaid Assets & Supplies	13,259		1,646
OpShop Inventory	50,000		50,000
Total Current Assets	263,954		224,524
<b>PROPERTY &amp; EQUIPMENT, net of accumulated depreciation of \$5,141,990 and \$5,109,967</b>	451,559		404,146
<b>INVESTMENTS</b>	1,498,941		1,680,685
Total Assets	2,214,454		2,309,355
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; NET ASSETS</b>			
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Accounts Payables	6,327		
Accrued Expenses & Payroll	4,665		5,264
Deferred Pledge Income	10,514		
<b>LINE OF CREDIT</b>	8,130		-
Total Liabilities	29,636		5,264
<b>NET ASSETS</b>			
Unrestricted	684,202		831,173
Temporarily Restricted	1,243,816		1,217,918
Restricted	256,800		255,000
Total Net Assets	2,184,818		2,304,091
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	2,214,454		2,309,355

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# BUDGET FOR 2016

INCOME			
4000	Pledge & Plate Income		298,623
4100	Space Usage		80,469
4200	Street Fair		10,000
	Other Fund raisers (Antiques Fair; Garage Sale Day)		10,000
4901	Amazon.com		1,100
4902	Shop Rite Cards		1,275
	<b>Total Income</b>	( <sup>'15</sup> B/A) 428,169/430,884	<b>401,467</b>
EXPENSES			
5000	Salaries		193,103
5100	Benefits		153,979
5200	Property		86,000
5300	Office		22,000
5400	Publicity		1,000
5500	Stewardship		600
5600	Hospitality		700
5800	Convention		1,500
5900	Liturgy		500
6000	Adult Ed		500
6100	Church School		5,000
6200	Confirmation		450
6300	SPY		6,000
6400	VBS** (500 get started budget)		0
6500	Music		24,000
6601	Diocese Pledge		50,000
6602	Health & Healing		2,500
6700	Altar Guild		3,300
	<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>551,132</b>
<b>NET INCOME (LOSS)</b>			<b>-149,665</b>
<b>5% 12/15 Endowment</b>			<b>≈73,000</b>
Additional Take from Endowment			<b>76,665</b>

\* Represents pledge income as of 1/22/16 + actual holiday & plate '15.

\*\*VBS is funded with 500, but the hope is that it is self-funding/break-even, therefore 500 is in notes but not in budget.

This represents roughly a status quo from 2015 using both the actual and budgeted numbers to determine the 2016 budget.

For example our sewer and water bill went up so we used actual. Where there was an unplanned and hopefully non-reoccurring event we used budget. In some cases there was a bit of a combination between the two.

## WARDENS

Barbra Veffer .....	2016
Peter McCabe .....	2017

## VESTRY MEMBERS

William Boggier .....	2017
David Cowell, <i>Clerk</i> .....	2016
David Dilkes .....	2018 (resigned 2016)
Monica Goodrich .....	2016
Sally Munson .....	2018
Alair Muzzatti .....	2016
Mario F. Verrico, Sr. ....	2018
Jennifer Vonderahe .....	2017
Karen Zoleta .....	2017
Douglas Munson, <i>Treasurer</i> .....	(nonvoting) 2016

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The Rev. Dr. J. Barrington Bates .....	Interim Rector (appointed, fall 2015)
Vincent M. Corso .....	Pastoral Assistant
Sally Munson .....	Parish Nurse
John Pivarnik .....	Minister of Music
The Rev. Anthony J. Puca, Jr. ....	Associate Rector
The Rev. Stephanie K. Wethered .....	Rector (retired, summer 2015)

## STAFF

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Valerie Conrad .....	Pledge Recorder
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Christine Corso .....	Webmaster and editor of <i>Life at St. Peter's</i> (e-news)
Alan Greenfield .....	Chief Financial Officer
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