



# The Fisherman's Net

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## Worship Services

Sunday Worship: 9:30am

(Nursery Care provided)

Children's Choir Practice:

Sunday, 8:45am

Evening Prayer: Wednesday, 6:30pm

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Ellen Schmeding, Deirdre Slaughter,  
John Smart, Darlene Truver

## Vicar's Report

### On...

"...and who is my neighbor?"

When Jesus was asked "who is my neighbor?" he told the parable of the Good Samaritan. A nice story on its surface about good people doing good things for others, the parable reveals an alarming challenge to those that take it in: prejudice blinds us. We are called in this parable to recognize in a person we think most alien or adversarial to us, that same humanity and likeness that we find in our closest friends. Jesus calls us to see all humans as God sees humans—a single community that was created in his likeness.



It is easy to distance ourselves from those we think unlike us. And yet, in the faces of the poor, the teen, the relative, the coworker, and the neighbor, Christ's own likeness is cast. God revealed himself to us in his Son, who was born a human, and lived a human life. And throughout our world, we can continue to see him appearing in human form—in our life with others. The God that is with us gives us pause one person could be a friend, and another a stranger when all share humanity and God's likeness. I wonder how our distinctions of friend or foe, neighbor or pariah can continue to exist, when we have heard that all are one in Christ. The truth is, like the parables Jesus told, the gospel challenges and changes our perceptions, and we are made to see the reality of the world, through God's eyes.

This last year, perceptions of who is friend or foe, neighbor or pariah have been blurred or exacerbated. Recently, attention and action regarding those living on the streets of San Diego has increased dramatically, as has the population of those affected by unemployment, hunger, and increased housing costs. Many in search of a solution have become discouraged by the enormity of need. An outbreak of Hepatitis-A last year has made many more fearful about the presence of transients and homeless persons, furthering the divide between those who live indoors and "out-siders." The needs we share for hope, direction, and community are great. But the work already being done in our community is a source for hope. God's visions of **neighbor** and **loving community** give us pause, and language to reflect on our relationship with all of God's people, especially the most vulnerable in our communities. You are invited to take part in a workshop on **Saturday**,

*Vicar's Report Continued*

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**February 3 at St. Peter's by the Sea from 9:00 until 2:30** that will focus on how we respond in faith to the members of our communities who live on the streets. **A catered lunch will be provided.** Please contact Vicar Thomas if you or your neighbors might be interested, and for more information. **Please do RSVP for a lunch count.**

Vicar Thomas Voelp

*Parish Council News*

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The Congregation Council held an organizational meeting on January 14, 2018. The following were elected as Officers:

- President – John Smart
- Vice-President – Jim Grutkowski
- Secretary – Ellen Schmeding
- Treasurer – Darlene Morrow-Truver

And Committee Chair appointments are:

- Christian Service – Patti Pepper
- Education – Colleen & Christina Doering
- Fellowship – Jane Christensen
- Preschool – Deirdre Slaughter
- Property – Richard Nielsen
- Stewardship – Darlene Morrow-Truver
- Worship – Jim Grutkowski



Treasurer's report for December 2017:

<b>Budget Recap</b>	<b>December Actual</b>	<b>Year-to-Date Actual</b>	<b>Year-to-Date Budget</b>	<b>Difference Actual: Budget</b>
<b>Income</b>	<b>\$32,844.71</b>	<b>\$325,515.98</b>	<b>\$320,880.00</b>	<b>\$4,635.98</b>
<b>Expense</b>	<b>\$24,143.62</b>	<b>\$305,768.51</b>	<b>\$320,880.00</b>	<b>&lt;\$15,111.49&gt;</b>
<b>Difference</b>	<b>\$8,701.09</b>	<b>\$19,747.47</b>		

All Are Welcome – Restoration and Renovation Campaign:

	<b>December 2017</b>
<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>\$178,275.67</b>
<b>Income</b>	<b>\$601.52</b>
<b>Expense</b>	<b>\$3,429.82</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$175,447.37</b>

## Another new year! Many opportunities

Doris DeChenne, Music Director

I was very moved by Pastor's sermon on January 14th .....as I know we all were! I couldn't help but compare my calling from God! Quite frankly I had a different plan for my life....but God was leading all of the time.....even when I didn't care to listen. It's been so many years now that I can see part of God's plan and how he led me in certain directions. I await with eagerness and excitement the next part of the journey! As a child--I felt that God had a very special plan for me! My Father raised me to believe that I was God's perfect child! A wonderful thought! I can very clearly look back and see God's leading.

Part of that was that I played my first church service at age 13.....It's been more than 50 years now! Such a blessed person am I that I have done something my entire life that can bring joy to people! And to GOD'S people!

I hope that you were able to take in our Advent and Christmas music! It was a lot of music and it was, FUN, EXHILARATING, JOYOUS!

Now we are into our new year and our children, and our choir are back to rehearsing.

Sadly.....I had another memorial service to play for dear Elizabeth! It is not a joy....but it is a blessing to share and be a part of one of the most important transitions of life!

My work and blessings continue! Thanks be to God!

### Offering Envelopes

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New 2018 offering envelopes are available in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday or from the church office during the week. If you haven't already done so, please pick yours up. To many of you this may seem like an unnecessary tool, but allow us to explain how they are used. Offering envelopes come with a unique number stamped on the outside of each envelope. This number corresponds to one assigned in our record keeping system. This allows for the counters who process the giving to be able to identify the giver in the system quickly and easily, regardless of your handwriting, whether you use a nickname, if a check or cash is given etc. There is a space under the envelope flap for you to write in what the donation is for, so if you want to split a gift between say, current giving and altar flowers, you can identify this intent easily. It also helps us to keep all your giving straight so contribution statements are as accurate as possible. If you cannot get to church to pick yours up and would like them mailed to you, just let the church office know.

Thank you!

### St. Peter's Preschool

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St. Peter's Preschool is full and thriving with happy students and dedicated teachers. God continues to bless this ministry!

This month we are learning about children and cultures around the world, friendship, sharing and love, weather and seasons, Presidents and our Nation.

We are all enjoying our winter weather, it certainly has us bundled up on the playground and patiently waiting for spring!

Denise Langlois,  
Preschool Director



## Interfaith Shelter Network (IFSN) at St. Peter's

Dear St. Peter's family and friends,

Since fall of 2016, members of St. Peter's have been actively planning to host the **Interfaith Shelter** this spring. Interfaith Shelter Network is a San Diego-based organization of faith communities around San Diego, which take turns over a year offering a place to sleep and several meals to families and individuals who are situationally **homeless**. Through the shelter, guests have a home base from which to seek employment or commute to work. Opportunities are provided through the IFSN to meet with a case worker and receive training to meet employment and housing goals. For many people, the small act of hospitality that faith communities provide through the Interfaith Shelter Network could mean the difference between entering a cycle of life on the streets, and the route to a more stable, secure, and independent life. The aim of the shelter is offering a hand up, not a hand-out.



**March 10 through Easter Monday (April 2)**, St. Peter's by the Sea, in partnership with All Souls' Episcopal Church, will house and serve 12 guests under St. Peter's roof. Each planning meeting has engendered and fortified the sense of Christ's call to love others without conditions, and without prejudice. Our outstretched hand of hospitality and welcome to our guests is an opportunity to reveal the gospel faith working in us, with all respect for their privacy and individuality. Those that have been working diligently to plan and prepare our participation in the Interfaith Shelter have felt that the timing of our participation near the end of Lent, through Holy Week and Easter is an opportune moment to live out the gospel through our service of love, and by sharing our home. Our participation means that our journey to the cross in Lent converges with the paths of those that have been carrying heavy crosses. It also means that some of the weight may be taken up by us, through our offerings of time, resources, and care.

### *How it works*

St. Peter's, All Souls', and Pt. Loma Community Presbyterian are sharing costs for the purchase of bedding and towels. Pt. Loma Presbyterian will have finished their rotation, and will transfer cots, some supplies, towels and bedding to St. Peter's campus. Guests will remain under St. Peter's roof during the rotation for its entirety. Please consider that expedient use of our campus requires volunteers from St. Peter's to be present each day, especially overnight. St. Peter's will coordinate meals, check-ins, and check-outs for the first week (Mar 10-16). All Souls' will coordinate the second week. Holy Week and Easter (Mar 25 – Apr 2) will be a week for collaboration between our communities, as there will be many services being offered and prepared that week. Some volunteers from Agape House Campus Ministry at SDSU may join us.

St. Peter's and All Souls' will welcome guests on **March 10**, and throughout their stay, guests will be able to eat, sleep, and shower. Guests are welcomed in each day at 6:00 PM, and must leave the campus by 7:00 AM each morning. Both breakfast and dinner will be served. On Wednesday nights, guests and members will be invited to share in our Lenten Soup Supper. Overnight, guests will be staying above St. Peter's preschool. Two volunteers will stay overnight in both the cry-room and nursery each night, to ensure safety and care. Guests may not leave during the night. Our guests' possessions will be stored in their space, for safekeeping during the day while they are off-campus. Preschool staff and families are being informed, and all precautions will be taken to ensure routine, safety, and care for our preschoolers.

Guests are required by the shelter to be vaccinated for Hepatitis-A, and have been vetted by the Dept. of Health and Human Services. Children may accompany their parents while in the shelter. To ensure the health of our community, it is encouraged that volunteers receive the free vaccination that will be offered at St. Peter's by the Dept. of Health as the rotation begins. Good hand-washing, and cleaning with bleach are our best methods for maintaining a healthy environment at our church. Volunteers will receive instruction and guidelines to ensure their and guests' wellness before we welcome guests.

## *Interfaith Shelter Network Continued*

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Please contact Sandy Boelter about the plethora of ways to volunteer. Please contact Ellen Schmeding about contributions, supplies and logistics needs. Further information can be provided by our coordinators, Carolyn Irby and Darlene Truver. Or, see [interfaithshelter.org](http://interfaithshelter.org)

### ***Opportunities to assist***

The task may seem daunting, but the good news is that all the small efforts do add up.

On Sunday February 25, a fundraiser will be held after worship at St. Peter's to benefit our hosting the shelter with All Souls.

There are many opportunities to volunteer. **Volunteers** can help by providing food and hygiene supplies, organizing and moving supplies and equipment, finding deals and sales on items, preparing menus, preparing daily breakfasts and dinners, by staying overnight at St. Peter's apart from guests as chaperones, guiding guests to and from the laundromat, and set up/clean up when needed. **Contributions** are extremely helpful in making this stay a welcoming and homey environment. Financial contributions are preferred, to ensure cohesiveness when planning logistics and gathering supplies.

Thank you for your interest, and your ministries. The Spirit sends us forth to serve. Thanks be to God.

Vicar Thomas

## *GiGGLES*

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### **St. Peter's Gals in God: Gathering, Loving, Eating, Sharing (GiGGLES) starts in February**

We get together for fellowship time where each of us gets the opportunity to do anything we want to do... photos, cards, sorting, quilting, knitting, organizing, etc. Most of all, it is fun time spent together.

Second Saturdays starting in February, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

February 11

April 14

May 12

June 9

July 14

August 11

October 13

November 10

### *Valentine Dinner*

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We are in the planning stages for this year's Valentine Dinner.

Once we have the details confirmed, updates will be made in the Sunday worship bulletin and on our website: [www.stpetersbythesea.org](http://www.stpetersbythesea.org)



## Ash Wednesday and Lenten Services

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We begin our Lenten season on Ash Wednesday with a smudge of ash on our forehead and a call to repent in our heart. We desire to make this a time to be with the Lord in a special way, with prayer, fasting and almsgiving. It is a time to reflect on our baptism and to follow Jesus on his way to Jerusalem, to Golgotha, and to the final victory over death through the cross and resurrection.



Ash Wednesday service will be at 7:00 p.m. on February 14th.

The following Wednesdays we will gather for a soup and salad shared dinner at 6:00 p.m. followed by Holden Evening Prayer. Those interested in “going deeper” are invited to stay for Bible Study with Vicar Thomas.

## Bible Study

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### Lenten Bible Study: “Faces of Christ”

Stop and wonder what the face of Christ looks like. Out of all the images—the paintings, the mosaics, the posters and the statues you have seen, think of one image of Jesus that feeds your soul. Now, Stop. Take a breath. Wonder about the food you eat. Wonder about the places you have shared a meal. Wonder about the people and the food, the laughs and the conversations—were you fed only by the food? Now, bring it together; where would you place the image of Christ you thought of? Is he in the kitchen? Is Jesus seated, taking another scoop of potatoes? Is he a guest, or a family member? Is he at the dinner table? Or is he the person in line for soup at the local pantry? Maybe he is behind the counter. The face of Christ can be in all these places.

It is so easy to see Christ at meal time. In the Bible, Jesus shared so many meals with people, he was accused of being a glutton! Our images of Christ as servant, as host, and as guest offer us many places in which we can see Jesus in the many places food is present. In many more places in our world, the prayer, “give us our daily bread” is a desperate cry for real food. Christ, in turn, not only cries for food, but feeds the hungry through his church.

You are invited to join Vicar Thomas for bible study and conversation on Wednesday nights after supper during Lent, **February 21 – March 21 at 7:00 p.m.** Study will be a time to read and reflect on the face of Christ—in us, in the hungry faces of those served, and in the faces of those serving. Please contact Vicar Thomas for more information.

## Thank You's

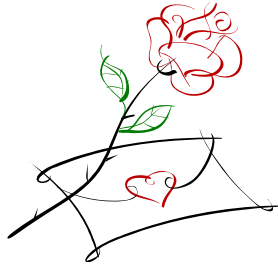
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St. Peter's Prayer Shawl Ministry,

I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for the beautiful prayer shawl I received. It will provide comfort and warmth as I travel through the next stage of my life.

Thank you and God bless you all.  
James H. Gibson

Special Thanks to St .Peter's by the Sea for use of your wonderful facilities for our November Ocean Beach Historical Society Program.



# February 2018

Worship Leaders  
Service at 9:30 a.m.

	<b>February 4</b>	<b>February 11</b>	<b>February 18</b>	<b>February 25</b>
<b><i>Ushers</i></b>	Bob Fode Evan Smart	Janine & Shawn Morrow	Gail Bennett Diane Sherwood	Ellen Schmeding Darlene Truver
<b><i>Greeter</i></b>	Sue Fode	Elaine Lauger	Elaine Lauger	Betty Wells
<b><i>Lector</i></b>	Darlene Thygerson	Gail Bennett	Diane Sherwood	Bob Fode
<b><i>Acolytes</i></b>	Maya Slaughter Elina Pepper	Jacob and Hannah Zimmermann	Ben and Amanda Fadden	Christina Doering Trent Webster
<b><i>Assistant</i></b>	Diane Sherwood	Jennifer Smart	Joan Allton	Nancy Aeling

## **Ash Wednesday – February 14<sup>th</sup> – service at 7:00 p.m.**

Worship Assistant: Vicar Thomas Voelp

Ushers: Elaine Lauger & Bob Fode

If you are unable to serve, please notify your coordinator.

Ushers & Greeters – Elaine Lauger

Lectors – Jane Christensen

Worship Assistants – Diane Sherwood

Acolytes - Trent Webster

Sunday School – Ellen Schmeding

## **WEIGHT LOSS in 2018**

Are you making bold resolutions in the New Year to “eat right” and lose weight?

Follow these simple suggestions to help you succeed.

### **New Year’s Diet Resolution No. 1: Go Slow**

Resolving to get more fiber or healthy foods into your diet is easier if you take slow, small steps.

1. Vow to add a piece of produce to your brown bag lunch daily.
2. Designate one day as fish day and another as high fiber day.

### **New Year’s Diet Resolution No 2: Water**

Water is cheap, fat-free, and gives your body a quenching boost.

1. Drink one glass first thing in the morning, before you brush your teeth.
2. Tempted by more soda? Another glass of wine? Drink a cup of water with a splash of your favorite beverage in it first.

### **New Year’s Diet Resolution No. 3: Go for the Gold ... and Red ... and Purple**

Colorful produce is packed with disease-fighting plant compounds.

1. Designate a color-a-day. Maybe Mondays are yellow, with grapefruit, golden apples, or corn starring in meals, while Tuesdays are purple with plum and eggplant.
2. Vary the rainbow -- pick up a new fruit or veggie the next time you shop.

### **New Year’s Diet Resolution No 4: Tackle Mindless Munching**

Try these tips to reign in the munchies:

1. Pop a stick of gum or a sugar-free mint in your mouth.
2. Brush or floss your teeth.
3. Pay attention -- look at each piece of food you plan to eat.

### **New Year’s Diet Resolution No 5: Stack the Odds in Your Favor**

Don’t forget to help yourself succeed.

1. Buddy up with a friend or family member with diet and weight loss resolutions. Then share your ideas, plans, and successes regularly.
2. Leave the temptations -- ice cream, chips, soda -- at the grocery store.
3. Socialize with non-food events.





### **Bonus New Year's Diet Resolution: Baby Your Body**

Do the little things that keep your body thriving.

1. Get moving 30 minutes a day most days. Go for a walk, give the car a good scrub, take a hike. Whatever gets the blood pumping qualifies!
2. Get all the snooze-time you need. Sleep helps body and soul recharge, stay healthy, and cope with stress.

Take enough steps and you'll reach any goal. Resolve to make a few small diet resolutions this year and then just watch how far you'll go!

### **Announcements**

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#### **Membership Directory Updates**

Please make the following update to your current Membership Directory:

Shirley Wallace

New address

\*Contact Church Office for details

#### **2018 Membership Directory**

We are printing a new Membership Directory this month. Please be sure the church office has your current home address, email address, and preferred phone number by February 14th. Thank you.

#### **Volunteer Nursery Attendants**

St. Peter's has hired a Nursery Attendant; you may have already met Anya Bryan who started on Christmas Eve day. We want to have two people working in the nursery at all times to ensure that our children are protected and are requesting to have church members volunteer to be the second adult, assisting Anya. Any member over the age of 14 can volunteer.

A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

#### **"Soup"er Bowl Sunday – February 4**

Once again this year, our Confirmation Class is sponsoring the "Soup"er Bowl.

Please plan to "vote" for your favored team on Super Bowl Sunday, with canned food or financial contribution. The youth will have large soup pots decorated with each team's colors. All canned food and financial votes collected will benefit LSS/SC (Lutheran Social Services of Southern California.)



## **ONGOING ACTIVITIES**

YMCA Exercise Class  
**Monday & Friday mornings, 9 am**

Christian Service Day  
(Church Mice)  
**Tuesday mornings, 9:30 am - 12 noon in the Parish Hall**

Tai Chi, short form  
**Tuesdays at 12:30 pm**

Women's Book Study  
**Third Tuesday of the month, 6 pm**

St. Peter's serves at TACO  
**First Friday of the month, 8:30 am**

Men's Book Study  
**Alternate Saturday mornings, 8:30 am**

Confirmation Class  
**First Sunday of the month, 11 am**



*Socks for the Homeless*

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Sunday, February 25, St. Peter's will collect new, white cotton sweat/tube socks to be given to our guests when St. Peters with All Souls' Episcopal will host the Interfaith Shelter March 10 through April 1. Socks will also be given to homeless individuals at the Maundy Thursday Foot Washing Event at the Episcopal Church Center in Ocean Beach on March 29. A laundry basket marked "Socks for the Homeless" to collect the socks will be available that day at the altar rail and afterwards in the fellowship hall. Thank you for your support for the fifth year in a row!

*Endowment Committee News*

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The Endowment Fund meets quarterly in January, April, July, and October. Requests for matching funds or grants are considered as the income from the Endowment Fund is distributed to missions and outreach areas of the church. Recent thank you letters include:

From the President of Loaves and Fishes, the food pantry operated by the non-profit Ocean Beach Emergency Food Incorporated:

Dear Endowment Committee of St Peter's Lutheran Church,

I would like to heartily thank your committee for the steadfast support you have provided for OBEFI / Loaves and Fishes. I speak for the Board of OBEF when I say you are excellent and generous in your concern for the people we serve in the Peninsula Community.

A special thanks to Bob Fode who rallies the committee and men at work to assist the pantry whether it be for funds for a new freezer or helping us move to our new space at Water's Edge Faith Church. Needless to say – you are awesome and we look forward to working with you in the new year.

With Gratitude and joy,  
Debbie Albe

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From Mama's Kitchen:

I want to personally thank you for your thoughtful gift of \$157.55 to Mama's Kitchen, received October 24, 2017. Your generous donation provides significant support and nutrition for our clients in need.

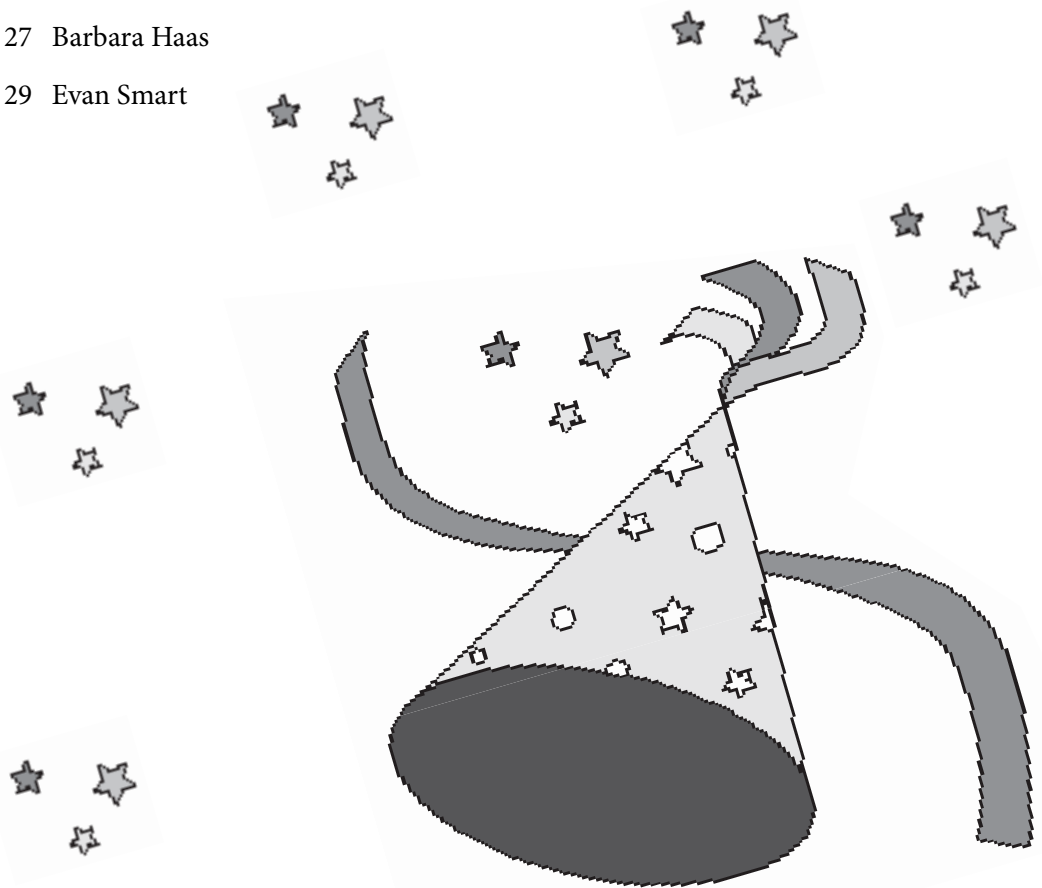
Every dollar we receive goes to work providing free nutrition services to men, women and children affected by HIV or cancer as they struggle towards better health. As shared by one of our clients, "There are no words to express what a literal lifesaver Mama's Kitchen has been for me. The sustenance I've received is far more than food for my body, but food for my soul."

Now in our 27th year, Mama's Kitchen has served over eight million meals and helped tens of thousands of our neighbors through their illnesses. Thank you for helping Mama's Kitchen nourish the heart, one meal at a time. If you would like to learn more about the Kitchen, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely, Alberto Cortes,  
Executive Director

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| 1 Lindsey Haas      | 27 Duane Beck   |
| 1 Brian Lepis       | 27 Barbara Haas |
| 3 Jack Jarzynka     | 29 Evan Smart   |
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| 6 Bruce Tippie      |                 |
| 8 Patty Sleeter     |                 |
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| 20 Amanda Nielsen   |                 |
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| 25 Sean Webster     |                 |



## In Our Prayers

Prayer leads you to see new paths and to hear new melodies in the air. Prayer is the breath of your life which gives you freedom to go and stay where you wish and to find the many signs which point out the way to a new land. Praying is not simply some necessary compartment in the daily schedule of a Christian or a source of support in time of need, nor is it restricted to Sunday morning or as a frame around mealtimes. Praying is living.

*Henri J. M. Nouwen  
from "With Open Hands"*

**We keep the following members of St. Peter's in our prayers:**

*Christina F., James, Ade, Dante*

**Our homebound members and those in care facilities:**

*Keith, Ann R., Leon, Ivy, Wayne Dora, Beverly, Della, Gerry, Phil*

**Our members with on-going concerns:**

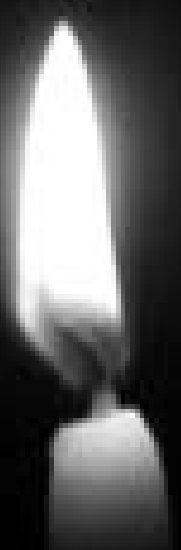
*Kevin, Rose, Steve F., Mary, Ann Z., Sandy*

**Our military, police, fire fighters, and first responders**

Thanks to all who regularly pray for the needs of our parish.

To request prayer please contact the church office or write your request on a welcome card on Sunday. Names of loved ones require regular updates to keep our intercessors informed of the continuing need.

Thank you.





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### EVENTS OF INTEREST

Feb. 4 Soup-er Bowl Food Drive

Feb. 14 Ash Wednesday

