HAPPY EASTERTIDE!

We are in the season of Easter, which lasts from Easter Sunday until Pentecost Sunday, May 15th. This time is also called “the Great Fifty Days” in the church. Long after chocolate bunnies have been consumed and the Easter lilies have faded (and maybe been planted), we are living in the joy of our Lord’s resurrection and our new life. How appropriate that Easter season takes place in the spring when signs of new life are all around us. Even with our April snow fall this year, the birds are out, the grass is already green, and a few green shoots are appearing out of the ground. “Alleluia!” is our shout of joy.

Notice on Sundays that we do not say a general confession during our Eucharistic services during the Easter season. We are reminding ourselves of Jesus’ defeat of sin and death through Jesus’ own death and resurrection. In Jesus’ resurrection, he defeated death forever and we are promised life eternal with God. As John the Baptist declared, Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. You are invited and encouraged to include a confession of sin during your personal prayer time, especially while we have removed the confession from corporate worship. If there is anything on your heart that you wish to confess to a priest, you are welcome to make an appointment with Catherine. We can make, and a priest can hear, a confession at any time.

Rejoice in the risen Lord! Rejoice in knowing that there is nothing that can keep us from the love of God.

Happy Eastertide!

Rejoice!

In Christ,
Catherine+
Thank You Notes

Thank you to everyone for the cards and prayers for my Dad, Dan Lindsay. For all of you who helped with his beautiful memorial service and also the reception afterwards, thanks to all of you! And especially to Catherine, for helping our family through this difficult time. You are all blessings in our lives!

A few years ago, when my Dad was still able to do his own shopping and errands, his one complaint was that he would smile and say good morning to people in the grocery store, etc…and they would give him a dirty look or just ignore him. He said, “I'm only trying to be friendly.” Since then I make an effort to give everyone a smile whether they return it or not. Please remember my Dad when you are going about your daily lives and remember that a smile doesn't cost anything and could make a lonely persons day! God’s blessings to all of you!

Patty and Bill Gillett

I wish to thank all who came to Judy’s rescue after her fall on Palm Sunday. I have no idea where everyone came from, but I wasn’t sure what I was going to do. Also, thanks to all who have called afterwards to see how Judy was doing. She is doing fine.

Bob Shepherd

Social Ministries Update
Social Ministries Commission – April 2016

CROP Walk to Fight Hunger – Sunday, May 1st

This year’s annual CROP Walk to Fight Hunger will be held at Henrietta Veteran’s Park on Sunday, May 1st. Registration begins at 12:45pm in the Henrietta Town Hall, Lower Level. The hike will begin promptly at 1:15pm. If you would like to be a hiker, see Britt Hopkin for a donation envelope. This year, we really want to encourage sponsoring your hiker on-line as much as we can. This means that your donation goes to work for Church World Service, and it greatly simplifies donating with your hiker. Those wishing to give on-line should click on the link shown below. That will take you to our team page where you can register and either donate directly to the team or click on a hiker and donate through the hiker.

https://www.crophungerwalk.org/henriettany/Team/View/20115/St-Peters-Henrietta
Remember that 25% of your gift supports the Rush Henrietta Area Food Terminal here in Henrietta, while the remaining 75% supports hunger fighting projects around the world.

**Rochester Storybook Project at Monroe Correctional Facility Now in Operation**

The Rochester Storybook Project, started through St. Peter’s and working in the Monroe Correctional Facility located on East Henrietta Road, began operating this February. We are making recordings of prisoners reading children’s stories which we then send to the prisoner’s children. The recording is on CD format, along with the storybook, so the child can follow along as his or her parent is heard reading the story. This project, similar to one operating in the Ontario County Jail, is the first here in Rochester. It is being enthusiastically received by the prisoners and is enjoying full support from the jail staff. Through these recordings, incarcerated parents can keep in touch with their children, give their children some comfort while they are away, and promote parent child reading together during this time of separation and when then return to the family.

To date we have several volunteers from St. Peter’s along with volunteers from several other participating churches as well. **We welcome additional volunteers both to help making recordings, as well as for publicity, classroom presentations, book procurement, and other activities.** For more information or for interest in volunteering, contact Britt Hopkin.

**Ronald McDonald House Dinners This Summer**

We are scheduled for two dinners at Ronald McDonald House this summer. They will be held on **Monday, June 13th, and Wednesday, July 20th.** As in previous years, we will serve the dinners at 6:00 PM and expect approximately 40 guests for each dinner. **Contact Britt Hopkin if you would like to participate.** We always find this to be a rewarding experience – and the food is good!

**Habitat for Humanity – Roger Cross House Nearing Completion**

Our Habitat House at 57 Ries Street in Rochester’s Josanna neighborhood is almost complete. At this moment, Flower City Habitat does not have an owner identified, but expects to finish that process soon. Therefore the dedication on this house has been delayed until sometime this summer. Meanwhile, our Habitat coalition, Harvest Home, will be announcing another fundraiser event soon to complete its financial obligation for building this house – we’re very close to fully funded. Information for the next event will be passed along as soon as it is available. **Anyone interested in volunteering for the finishing touches on the 57 Ries Street house or on any of the other Habitat houses should sign up on the Habit website, or contract Britt for more information.**

Sincerely,
Britt Hopkin -- Chair

**Full Tummys**

St. Peter’s continues to provide generously to the Rush Henrietta Area Food Terminal on the first Sunday of the month and delivery to RHAFT is made on Monday morning following our monthly collection. The staff is so grateful for our donations. St. Peter’s donated 31 bags of food in January and 17 bags in April.

We inquire on a regular basis as to any specific needs they might have and then pass that information along to all of you. Thank you all for your continued generosity. And thank you also to the individuals who have helped with making the announcements for Full Tummys on Sunday mornings and for those of you that have assisted in loading the grocery bags into my car after church.

Our next collection will **be Sunday, May 1.**

And … several people at St. Peter’s have been inspired to reach out to people who have a need for diapers and baby wipes. These items are not covered by other programs. RHAFT, recipient of our Full Tummys food donations, will also distribute diapers to families in need. We may be able to distribute supplies to people who already come to us – the families who come for the WIC (women, infants, and children) benefits. We are also investigating reaching out through another organization that provides baby supplies to families in need of them. To kick off this **Baby Closet** ministry, and in **honor of Mother’s Day**, we will have a **special collection on Sunday, May 8th**. Please consider donating a box of diapers or other diapering supplies; we will send this offering to RHAFT. St. Peter’s has applied for and received some grant funds from the Diocese of Rochester that will further support the **Baby Closet** ministry. We can make a difference! In future months we hope to collect baby supplies as part of the Full Tummys ministry. Thank you for reaching out!

Jeanne Hallman

**Daughters of the King**

Our next meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, April 17 at 12 noon** in the parish hall. Last month we started a service project/ministry that we are very excited about! We are sending cards to our fellow parishioners on the anniversary of their baptism. Given that our baptism is such an important event in our spiritual life, we feel it is worthy of remembering and celebrating! Please look at your records and make sure that the church office has your baptismal date. While we have been able to gather a good bit of information from our registers, we do not have baptismal information for everyone. Help us honor the sacrament of baptism in your life.

We would also like to welcome and encourage all women in the parish to join the Daughters of the King by either attending any of our meetings or participating in the study to become a Daughter of the King. We are currently **meeting on the third Sunday of the month at noon**. Meetings are usually one hour to one and a half hours in length. It is a time of enjoyable fellowship and prayer. **Please join us!**

Jeanne Hallman
Ushers and Greeters

First of all, I wish to thank all who filled in for me in January and February while I was very ill with bacterial pneumonia. I still have a cough, but was told that the coughing will last a couple more months.

Second, the ushers and greeters ask that you please take care of and dispose of your soiled tissues. If there is no hand wash or tissues available for your use, please let the ushers know so that we can restock. Thank you very much.

People are very appreciative of being greeted when they come into the church, and the work of an usher is also a great form of hospitality. Please consider joining this important ministry. Especially during the summer, when parishioners are on vacation and we have summer visitors to welcome, a few more ushers and greeters would be very helpful. If you are interested in becoming an usher or greeter, please let Bob Shepherd know as soon as possible. You can reach Bob at 359-2544 or see him after services on Sundays.

Bob Shepherd, Chairperson of Ushers and Greeters

Memorial Garden

The Memorial Garden Committee meeting was held on Sunday, April 10th to review Memorial Garden guidelines and to get ready for summer upkeep and care. Let Bob Shepherd know if this area of ministry would be one with which you’d like to be involved. We have a beautiful garden and we will like continue to offer use of this special place.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Mary Holley on being named WXXI’s “Volunteer of the Year”. Mary was recently honored with this prestigious award at a dinner in her honor. Mary, as the station has said, “you are a treasure”. We here at St. Peter’s agree with that statement. May you continue to enjoy your volunteer positions for many years to come. Well done, Mary!!

Congratulations

St. Peter’s congratulates Judy Shepherd for her upcoming graduation from EfM (Education for Ministry). EfM is a four-year distance learning certificate program in theological education based upon small-group study and practice. EfM helps its students encounter the breadth and depth of the
Christian tradition and bring it into conversation with their experiences of the world. Students study, worship, and engage in theological reflection together. Participants are given weekly assignments to study with the help of resource guides. Participants spend between two and four hours in study and preparation each week and attend a weekly class in person or via the internet. Judy started the program attending an in-person class and completed her third and fourth years via an online group.

EfM graduation for the Diocese of Rochester will be held at St. Peter’s on Sunday, June 12th. Watch the bulletin for further information. Donna D’Angio is an EfM mentor and the co-leader of another EfM class in Rochester. St. Peter’s would love to hold a class here, so let Donna or Catherine know if you are interested. Remember, you commit to one year at a time.

Congratulations, Judy, on your achievement!

Vestry at Work

You may have noticed that the “Rental Space Available” sign has appeared on St. Peter’s front law once again. As you know, St. Peter’s is facing a crucial period financially. One strategy the Vestry is continuing to pursue is to secure long-term rental of the lower level space which is well suited for office use. Don’t worry; Sunday School space will be preserved.

A small committee of Vestry members came together following the Vestry retreat in March and put together some strategies and next steps to update activity toward the rental goal. The notes from that meeting are posted on the bulletin board. The group will continue its work and the help of the entire parish with this project would be greatly appreciated!

Think about:

- Who do you know that might be looking for space?
- Where might we advertise the space?
- What creative ideas do you have for potential renters?

All ideas regarding rental are welcome. Just pass them along to Tobin, Carl, Catherine or any vestry member.

Bible Study News

Bible Study will resume the regular schedule (1st & 3rd Thursday) in April 2016. The dates for April and May are listed below:

April 21 (Reading 86-90)
May 5 (Reading 91-95)
May 19 (Reading 96-100)

We will finish our “e100” Bible study at the May meeting – hurray for reaching this goal!
Financial Planning

The Vestry has also been tasked with preparing a plan to address our financial well-being by early May. So while you are being a creative thinker, the Vestry would also appreciate your thoughts on other ways to address this issue. Again, all suggestions are welcome, just pass them along ASAP!

Think about:

- What gifts and talents do we have to share with the community that may be used to invite people in and help our congregation grow?

- Should we look at hosting other fundraising events? What volunteer areas would you be interested in?

- How can we “best market” the joy of worshipping at St. Peter’s?

Thank you from your Vestry,
Tobin, Carl, Harry, Bill, Rita, Jeanne, Shawnna, Susan, Vivian

Meet Our Parishioners

Featured this edition is Norm and Helen Johnstone

Norm is originally from Canada and Helen is from Belmont, Alleghany County, NY. Norm graduated from the University of Toronto in 1951 with a degree in Electrical Engineering. After serving in the Canadian Army, he was employed by General Dynamics in Rochester. Norm and Helen met in 1953 at the Rochester YMCA Outing Club and were married in 1955. They recently celebrated their 60th anniversary. Norm was an Engineering Manager at General Dynamics and in 1972 Norm left General Dynamics to take a new job at Eastman Kodak, where he stayed until his retirement in 1991. Helen attended Rochester Business Institute and after graduation secured a job in the Accounts Receivable Department at Superba Cravats (a manufacturer of men’s ties).

As for hobbies, the Johnstones garden, ski, read, and spend time at their cottage in Canada. Norm also walks St. Peter’s 5K race in the fall; he placed 1st in his age group in 2015, beating 2nd place finisher Bob Shepherd. Their family consists of three grown children: Ann, Carol, and Peter. They are the proud grandparents of six grandchildren.
Norm and Helen first attended St. Peter's when the Congregation was meeting at the American Legion Hall on Middle Road in Henrietta. At the time the church was under the auspices of The Rt. Rev. Stark. The Vicar was the Rev. Charles Bollinger, who lived in the vicarage on Clay Road, Henrietta.

Sunday School and Vestry meetings were held in the basement of the vicarage! It was there that the plans and details of our current church were formulated. Norm, Dudley Stark (son of Bishop Stark), Charles Clark, and Stanley Blohm comprised the Building Committee.

The following is how Norm and Helen remember the history of the building of the new St. Peter's. After much searching and evaluation of what they felt could be financed, they went to see some churches in Elizabeth, MA which were built by Stanmar and were of the design that the building committee was looking at for St. Peter's. As a result of their visit, the same design was used for our church. Norm says that there are three replicas of St. Peter's, but he was not quite sure where all three of them were located. Norm says that one of the details he was involved in was selecting the altar rail design. Some felt it should be closed at the front, and others thought it should be open. After several (heated) meetings, it was decided to design the rail with a swing gate so it could be open or closed. *(The current rector's editorial comment: Oh, the things we get passionate about!)*

The Johnstone's saw The Rev. Bollinger and The Rev. Grant Schwartz come and leave. The Rev. James Rockwell became an interim Vicar. Then there was The Rev. Peter Courtney, the last priest to occupy the vicarage. At that time, for a year or so, the vicarage was rented until the problems with tenants made it desirable to sell. It was sold while Father Rockwell was the priest and the sale was very much against his wishes. Some of the proceeds were used to pave the parking lot. Following Father Rockwell, The Rev Marilyle Sweet Page became the first female Vicar in the Diocese. She brought the church from a Mission to a self-supporting Church; in so doing she became the first Rector of St. Peter's. In the 1970s, the boiler system sprang an underground leak. In addition, there were no bathrooms upstairs, so a planning committee was formed and renovations were underway to have new bathrooms in the Sacristy. The Altar Guild would hear nothing of the sort, so the restrooms were installed across the hall. Rich McIntyre was instrumental in this project and also with the Fire Sprinkler System.

Then The Rev. Sharon Karl came on board, and during her term, the West and East walls were replaced as well as the organ, and the flooring and carpeting in the nave. The West wall was replaced from the window sills down. Professionals did the replacement of the East Wall because of the challenge of working around the stained glass cross. Also at this time, a capital campaign provided the funds to replace all of the siding on the church.

Next, the Rev. Sharon Karl was the Rector and her husband Rev. John Karl was the Priest Associate. After that, The Rev. Julie Cicora came on board as our Rector with The Rev. Peter Harter as Priest Associate. The Rev. Sid Symington and The Rev Suzanne Johnston came on board as Deacons. The Rev. Johnston worked with the deaf community and The Rev. Symington was ordained and became St. Peter’s Priest Assistant. The Johnstones’ saw one of our youth, Sara D’Angio-White, go through the ordination process: she graduated from seminary and was ordained to the transitional diaconate And then to the priesthood. When the Rev. Julie Cicora was called to the Diocese full time, the Rev.
Canon Al Keeney and the Rev. Dr. Dan Linnenburg served as supply priests. The Rev. Catherine Tatem was called as our Rector in November, 2012.

Norm has served on the Vestry and was Warden two or three times. He has also served on the Building and Grounds Committee, a couple of Search Committees, was a Sunday School Teacher, and has sung in the Choir since the Legion days. He enjoys playing the bagpipes and has participated in the Tattoo at the Rochester War Memorial, marched in parades and participated in a Bagpipe Program here at St. Peter's. Helen has served on the Altar Guild at St. Peter's and at the Episcopal Church Home; was Treasurer of the Sunday School, was a Greeter, was the St. Peter's representative to the Interfaith League and a member of the Social Ministries Committee for many years.

When you see Norm and Helen, let's give them a big St. Peter's HELLO AND HUGS.

Interviewed and written by Bob Shepherd

Community Breakfast

If good conversations with great people and delicious food is your thing, please come and join us the first Wednesday of each month from 9:00 – 11:00 am for breakfast, coffee, and community!
2016 Vestry

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