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## Why an Icon of Jesus?

By Fr. Tom Simmons

You've probably noticed the icon of Jesus on our chapel altar. The loving labor of Tamara Tyler made that possible (see her story on the page 4.) To me it's Jesus' EYES that are most arresting!

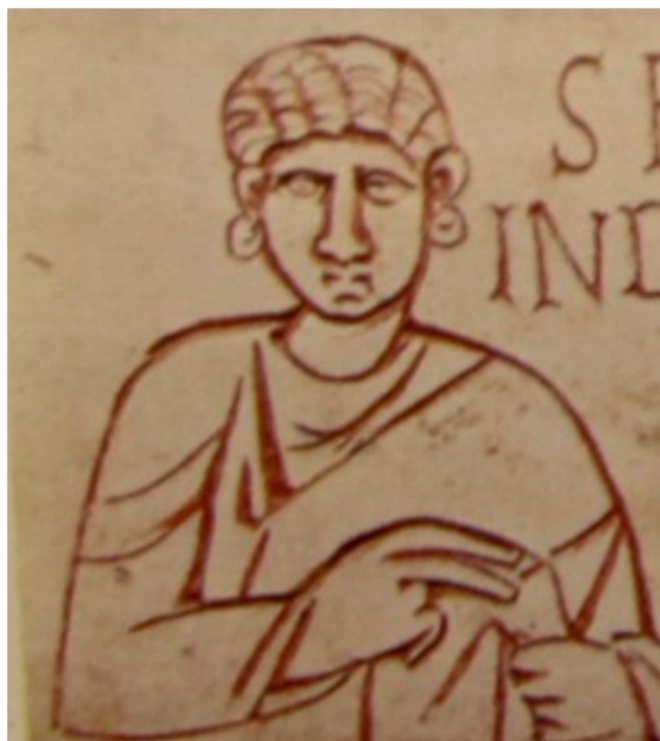
But maybe you are wondering, "Why an icon of Jesus?" I'd like to address that with a wide-ranging walk through Holy Scripture. We'll open with John's opening to his gospel. He started with these astonishing words:

"1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things came into being through him...14 And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth....17 The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.18 No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known."

John here takes us back to the opening chapters of the Bible, the creation narrative. In the most startling way possible, he puts Jesus of Nazareth smack dab at the center of that story. He was "the Word" God spoke in ordering all things. But now, John announces a change of cosmic consequence: that Word has become flesh. That creative word became part of the created order. The invisible God took on bodily form. What was Spirit became flesh and blood. The voice became a face. Paul put it slightly differently: "He is the image of the invisible God" (Colossians 1:15), and John said, "We have seen his glory." The God-made-man has fingerprints and a street address.

Given these gob-smacking facts, Christians from earliest days felt inspired to use their artistic abilities to create iconography that portrays the flesh of Jesus and the Word portrayed therein.

Before the incarnation, however, a different narrative shaped the imagination of God's people, summarized in the opening of the Book of Deuteronomy. Deuteronomy was God's charter for the people of Israel as they entered the land of Israel. These were the children of the people who had left Egypt with



*This tomb engraving is the earliest known Pantocrator from the Roman catacombs, less than 100 years after the resurrection of Jesus.*

Moses. They grew up wandering the desert, and many had childhood memories of Mount Sinai (also called Horeb) where God gave the law. In Deuteronomy, Moses restated that law for the new generation before they entered the Promised Land. He said:

"Remember when you approached and stood at the foot of the mountain while the mountain was blazing up to the very heavens, shrouded in dark clouds. 12 Then the Lord spoke to you out of the fire. You heard the sound of words but saw no form; there was only a voice. 13 He declared to you his covenant, which he charged you to observe, that is, the ten commandments; and he wrote them on two stone tablets. 14 And the Lord charged me at that time to teach you statutes and ordinances for you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy. 15 Since you saw no form when the Lord spoke to you at Horeb out of the fire, take care and watch yourselves closely, 16 so that you do not act corruptly by making an idol for yourselves, in the form of any figure."

Their experience of God, hidden in a flaming cloud atop the mountain, was the basis for the prohibition artistic renderings of Yahweh. In the religious world of the day, "graven images" were universally made to embody the presence of gods and goddesses. Israel was unique in the world at that time in its prohibition of such

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images. Since Yahweh is a Spirit, there was no way to portray him. All the Israelites knew was his voice, the Word. For them the Torah, the written word of "statutes and ordinances" mediated by prophets like Moses, was the focus of God's people.

The experience of Jesus, however, changed all that. Can you hear John, above, directly addressing Moses' words? Yahweh, veiled from our eyes in fire and cloud, has now stepped out into our midst as the Man from Nazareth. Truly "the Word became flesh and dwelt among us." John said, "No one has seen God at any time..." and Moses himself was denied the chance to "see God's face" (Exodus 33:18-23), but now "we have seen his glory" with brown eyes and olive skin. He has the resemblance of his mother Mary. Yahweh is now eye-to-eye with his people, indeed the whole world, in the loving, penetrating gaze of Jesus.



*This fresco of Christ the Good Shepherd, found in a chamber of the catacombs, used as a place of worship for about 100 people, from the mid-200s.*

What was previously unseen, and therefore beyond depiction, has now been manifested. The image of God had been impressed on humankind in creation, but in the incarnation of Jesus, that flesh now EMBODIES God himself. We have seen and touched him and can now depict him. In fact, the EARLIEST such iconic depiction was made by God himself, in the tomb on Easter morning. We call it the Shroud of Turin, which preserves a snapshot of the moment of the resurrection, just before his eyes opened. The radiant glory of Jesus' divine humanity burned an image in that linen for all eyes to see. It is the first icon. Christians ever since have taken to depicting the likeness of Jesus to symbolize his resurrected presence

among us, so every generation can say with John, "We have beheld his glory..."



*On the left is a photograph of the imprint made on the linen Shroud. The image at the right is that picture processed through digital filters. The filters do not add any information to the image, but transform it so information already present becomes more visible to the naked eye, and remove "noisy information," which hinders the appreciation of the actual face. The resulting image reveals the color information hidden in the original.*

The church, however, has been twice riven by outbursts of iconoclasm. In the Byzantine Church in the middle east, a movement opposed to the religious use of imagery followed the rise of Islam, which is militantly opposed to the use of imagery in religious devotion. From 726-842, the iconoclasts destroyed and banned images in regions under threat from Islamic armies. They ended up losing the theological argument at the Second Ecumenical Council at Nicaea in 787. Iconoclasm made a comeback in the Reformation in northern Europe in the 1500s. Iconoclastic beliefs were particularly strong among Calvinists and Anabaptists and continue to this day in Protestant churches descended from the Calvinist Puritans.

Since that time, churches that continue in the Catholic tradition (the Orthodox, Roman Catholic, Anglican and Lutheran) continue to embrace the religious use of imagery. At St. Peter's we are BOTH Evangelical and Catholic and embrace the use of iconography. Enjoy!



# An Image of the Invisible God

By Tamara Tyler



God has given us a great gift in gathering us to The Church! It's a gift he gives. It is also a gift we join in building as "co-laborers with Christ" and as stewards of our time, talent and treasure. Take a moment to look around St. Peter's and see the fruits of the loving labor of so many people.

St. Peter's is indeed a beautiful place, a transcendent place, set apart for our worship. We all appreciate how Father Tom values the beauty of this good place of worship and how much he contributes to its beauty. It has been my pleasure to share in this stewardship by contributing the Pantocrator icon and upcoming archangels on either side over the altar in the Incarnation Chapel.

I've been blessed to study iconography for the last three years. Icon writing is a liturgical art where each step is steeped in ancient tradition and is itself an act of worship and prayer.

The icon board starts in resplendent white, which symbolizes God's uncreated light. The first lines on the board signify God's will to create, when the initial dark colors are applied they make order out of chaos, and the many thin layers of highlights create form and symbolize spiritual growth and enlightenment.

Icons have been an important part of Eastern orthodox worship since earliest times, and have become increasingly understood and appreciated in the west over the last half century.

An iconographer is a servant retelling the Gospel stories in the same way they have been told by iconographers for thousands of years. Viewers are presented with easily interpreted imagery, and recognizable images to ensure a familiar encounter with the saints and stories they long to behold. An iconographer "writes" these stories using an ancient "language" of symbol and color. Creative flair may naturally occur but only begins within this language.

The western eye that is unfamiliar with the "language" of iconography might roam an icon and wonder why it is two dimensional, why the figures are not classical, and why the perspective seems to be lacking a horizon line. They may question why the facial features are elongated and without a determined expression or why

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the figures don't feel warm, soft and beautiful like many of the classical paintings they have grown to love. I've come to learn that the answers to these questions are revealed once one understands the purpose of an icon.

Christian icons are windows into heaven, meant to be a prayerful encounter with the eternal, heavenly reality. They are a visual entering into what is divine and ever present and are not meant to be a beautiful interpretation. The figures exude spiritual light rather than earthly beauty. Long features convey that the figure's senses are set apart and glorified and they are written without expression to assure an authentic encounter.

Our new icon in the Incarnation Chapel is called The Pantocrator. The word Pantocrator is Greek, meaning "Ruler of All." It expresses the divine majesty of the Creator who was made flesh, visible to us in the person of Jesus. His penetrating gaze reaches each of us who gather in his presence. "To him all hearts are open, all desires known, and from him no secrets are hid." His steady gaze embraces us, expressing serene affection and hope, anticipating great things in us.

Notice the open Bible in his hand. This Pantocrator is called also called Christ the Teacher, teaching us John 1:14: "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us," expressing the great mystery of the incarnation. His right hand is raised in blessing. You might be curious about the arrangement of the fingers on Jesus's right hand. His hand is raised in blessing and his fingers spell out the initials for Iesous Xristos, the Greek shortened to "IC XC." The little finger forms the "I," the ring finger and thumb are curved into "C", and the middle and index fingers are crossed to form the "X."

He is dressed in the traditional imperial garb of tunic and cloak. His cloak is blue signifying the mystery of His divine life. His tunic is a bright crimson red to signify his humanity and blood shed for us all. Christ's halo, the iconographic symbol for sanctity and an emanating light of God, is inscribed with a cross and the words "I AM". The halo reaches out from the recessed interior window and onto the outer frame, which represents Jesus reaching into our present world. The flanking archangels will deferentially face in toward Jesus awaiting his command.

I would be remiss without expressing an important part of contributing this icon. Most of us remember Bill and Betty Lou Reckmeyer and their many contributions to St. Peter's including our Incarnation chapel. We remember details of their journey, Betty Lou's inspiring pilgrimage and Bill's deep admiration thereof. I am certain both are floored and can't wait to share with us what they now behold! In a way they already have shared it with us: with their lives and with their gift to us of this chapel.

It has been my pleasure to be one of many to help with the vision of this lovingly dedicated chapel. With the Incarnation, this chapel points to something much bigger than ourselves: the flesh, heart and soul of the presence of Jesus in our midst. It is my prayer that the icon tryptic will help serve as a prayerful encounter with Jesus and will bring you, as Father Tom likes to say, "Eye-to-eye with the Guy."

## St. Peter's Small Group Fair

Are you longing for a deeper sense of community and connectedness?

**Join us on Back To Church Sunday, September 17, for our small group fair!** Why? Small groups are wonderful and we'd like for everyone who wants to have an opportunity to be part of a small group at Saint Peter's.

Small Groups provide a sense of belonging. They form community and friendships. They are a place for spiritual care, growth, and nurture. We have many different small groups in existence that have varied identities and interests. We may even have one or two new small groups forming! There is definitely something that may fit your need, if you are not already in a small group.

Already part of small group? Why not show up at the fair and lend your support and let others know how your small group experience has been.

What is a small group? A small group is a group of 3-12 people who gather together for the deliberate purpose of spiritual care as related to the life of the church. Small Groups may have a set time period (a few months, a year, etc.) that they meet for, or they may meet indefinitely. They all incorporate the following aspects to differing degrees: Prayer, Study of Scripture and Christian life, Fellowship, Mission, and Worship.

**McCray Hall, September 17th during coffee hours** (after each service). Contact: Jon Corbett



It's exciting to feel like you belong, isn't it? Everyone, no matter where they are in life, needs to know they belong, because something inside each of us longs to be pursued, to be valued.

The word "Church" means different things to different people. For some, it awakens warm feelings of childhood potlucks and singing. For others, it might trigger a more sour feeling, a subtle tensing of the shoulders. People's reactions to the Church are as varied as their individual histories.

But what is God's intention for the Church? When God initiated the Church, He had in mind a heartfelt connection of diverse people. He said that the greatest love we could show was to lay down our lives for our friends. There's no greater belonging than the one God intended in the Church.

The Church is a community of people committed to doing life together and knowing God. Through thick and thin, these are the friends who stay by your side. God wants each of us to find a place of belonging in His family. What a joy it is for me to find a place at the table for my family here at St. Peter's.

Our job is to help others do the same.

When we began asking our Lord, in the fall of 2015, "Lord how should we serve Purcellville?" here's what we heard, through lots of prayer and research: ***Turning Strangers into Friends into Followers of Jesus.***

After interviewing nearly 100 people we learned that people like the feel of a small-town community, but half of them said it's not so easy to connect and sink down roots in this part of the world. It's so expensive that many families are dual income, and spend multiple hours a week commuting to work.

Relationships suffer between husbands and wives, parents and children, and neighborhood friendships. It's hard to connect when people are so BUSY. And it

seems children are hardest hit, particularly during the teen years.

Jesus is calling each of us to reach out and serve. He gave the church the foundational mission: to go into the world and make disciples. We often have good intentions about helping others experience the Jesus. But there's a gap between *good intentions and being intentional*. One is wishful thinking, the other makes a difference.



We are called to be intentional in living out God's mission. Each and every one of us. How do we—right here, right now—live out that mission?

It all begins with knowing we are called to follow Christ. How did Jesus help people place their faith in him? He met people where they were and he led them into a life of following him.

In just a couple of weeks, our church will be participating in national Back to Church Sunday. We have been praying about this event as an opportunity to meet people right where they are and incite them to encounter Jesus. This special Sunday gives you an opportunity to help a friend, coworker, classmate, relative, or neighbor see Jesus.

For many of you, God has probably already placed someone on your heart who you know needs to know Jesus. There is someone in your life who is living in brokenness, heartache, sin. Will you commit to praying for that person every day?

But more than that—and this is where it gets really intentional—will you commit to inviting that person to church, so that they can experience the beauty of community and find a place where they can belong, a place where they are accepted as they are and invited to encounter the life-transforming power of Jesus?

This is your chance to take a big step to do your part ***Turning Strangers into Friends into Followers of Jesus.***



## Invitation to Meet Hope for Home Director Daryl Fulp

By Bob Loker

**The Wednesday Bible Study and the St. Peter's Missions Committee invite you to join us at 6 30 PM on Wednesday, September 27th at the church to meet Daryl Fulp, Director of Hope for Home in Guatemala.**

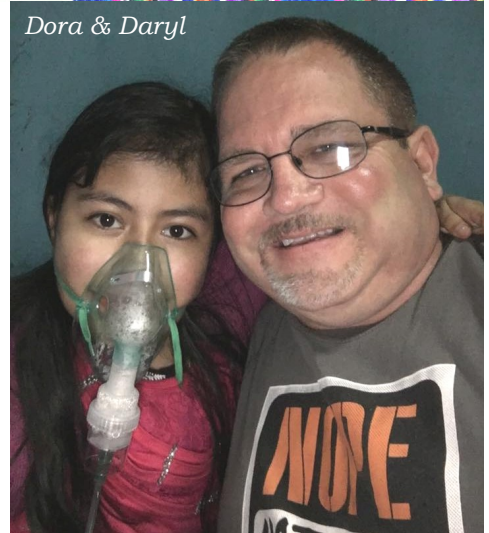


*Bob & Daryl  
in Guatemala*

Daryl and his wife, Wanda, are the parents of ten children, five adopted. In August of 2013 they opened their first family-based group home for children with special needs in San Antonio Aguas Calientes, Guatemala. Named **Hogar de la Esperanza (Hope for Home)**, this ministry provides a loving and healing home for children with disabilities. Each child receives lots of love from the Fulp family, top quality medical care, therapy, and education while also learning of the love of Jesus Christ.

The Wednesday Study, along with other donors from St. Peter's, has been supporting Hope for Home for several years. It is an amazing and sacrificial ministry. Daryl is a prolific writer and shares his heart in gripping blogs describing their ministry and family lives. (<http://hopeforhome.blogspot.com/>)

Please bring heavy finger foods to share and also your favorite beverage. We hope to see you on the 27th.



*Dora & Daryl*



## Good News from Guatemala

By Bob Loker

An important team goal for our Guatemala team when we visited Redeemer's House in June was to "be the eyes of Jesus." We wanted to be alert to see mercy needs, to feel compassion for the suffering, and to respond to those needs as God provided. At the end of our visit we prayed and decided how to spend the funds generously provided by supporters at St. Peter's.

I am pleased to report that we have already seen God bless your giving. We gave Shirley \$1000 for emergency surgery to remove a dangerous ovarian cyst. Shirley, who ministers with her husband in one of the poorest slums in Guatemala City, is recovering from her surgery and is doing well!

We also gave Redeemer's House \$1300 in "seed money" towards raising \$6000 for leg surgery for Maribel, a fifteen-year-old who had fallen down school stairs when she was nine and had broken her leg. Maribel had surgery on her leg at the time of her fall, but her bad leg is now several inches shorter than the other and she is lame and in pain. Todd Erickson, our host at Redeemer's House, has reported that Redeemer's House has conducted a fundraiser for the balance needed and they now have full funding for the surgery to lengthen Maribel's leg. So Maribel is ready for surgery!

Shirley with her son in Antigua



*Maribel in hospital*

**Thank you,  
St. Peter's,  
for your  
compassion.**



## From Nancy Sheys

Dear Father Tom,

I am sorry that it appears that I have disappeared!

Kevin, our oldest, has lived in D.C. for over 35 years and suggested it would be safer, in case of an emergency, if I lived close to him and his family. I live less than a mile from him. I will sell my car and rely on Kevin and his family or the Public Transportation for my needs.

My moved happened almost too quickly for me to say goodbye to my friends. It was a bit frustrating that I had no time to talk to you and say goodbye. My sons are both busy and found time to move me between their two vacations.

I moved to an efficiency apartment and culled many of my belongings in a very short time. I refer to my new home as my "Hobbit House." I am adjusting to living in the city. This apartment house seems to house both the very young, college kids, and people my age with a few sprinkling of those in between. It is richly diverse, including students attending Howard University right next door. I feel that I have my needs met and have close access to all of the museums, grocery, drug store, churches, doctors and more.

Last Sunday, I attended All Souls Episcopal Church. It is only 2 stops from me. My first impression was positive, not sure if it might be too liberal for me yet. There are many Episcopal churches in this area, so I am relying on the Lord's leading.

I already miss those at St. Peter's! I pray that I will be lead to a church home that offers me the same caliber of Christians and small groups I so enjoyed. This morning, I met my first Christian believer. She is 87 and we both feel blessed to meet each other.

Blessings,

Nancy Sheys

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Dear St Pete's members and friends,

What's the best news you have ever heard? We all get one life to live and deep down we're all asking the same question – what's it all about?

Starting **Wednesday, September 20, at 7 PM at The Gathering Place** at Trillium Farm a video and discussion series of **Christianity Explored** gives you time and space to think through who Jesus is and why it matters.

This is a well-attended and hugely successful program! A large variety of people, with different experiences and backgrounds, and different views and beliefs, come on the CE course.

Each session you watch a short film or listen to a short talk. There will be delectable refreshments to keep your energy level high.

Over seven evening sessions we'll learn about who Jesus was, what he said, and the claims he made, using Mark's Gospel as our reading background.

There is no pressure to read or say anything, but plenty of opportunity to engage where you have questions or issues to raise.

Come and enjoy the small group hospitality and the good food and refreshments that will be served. Bring a friend or neighbor that you want to invite to know Jesus. You will be giving them a first-class ticket! Let's show them the way we have learned to enjoy, and bring them the full life that we know.

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# Fall Sunday Morning Adult Formation Class

By Jaqueline Whalen

Heads up for everyone!!!! Please join me in exploring **"A recipe for Discipleship found in the Parables."** I would love to share some of what I have learned through my studies at Regent University. I used to be afraid to tackle any parable. They all seemed confusing and some of them just made no sense to me. However, I have found some investigative tools that are truly helpful as you read through the Scriptures and it has made my study of Scripture so much more rewarding.

Dallas Willard writes in his book *Renovation of the Heart* that each of us has six basic elements, which dictate our human nature.

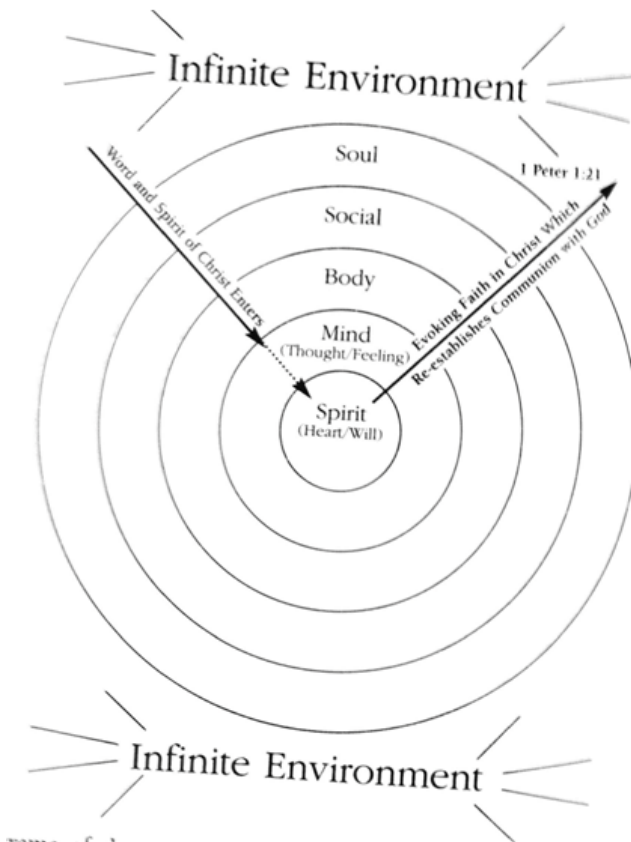
These are:

- 1) Thought (images, concepts, judgments, inferences)
- 2) Feelings (sensation, emotion)
- 3) Choice (will, decision, character)
- 4) Body (action, interaction with the physical world)
- 5) Social Context (personal and structural relations to others)
- 6) Soul (the factor that integrates all of the above to form one life)



He says that they are all related and interact with each other to form our personal self, which is the very core of our being, and for the Christian this means that all of our parts are focused around God. He states, "A person who is prepared and capable of responding to the situations of life in ways that are 'good and right' is a person whose soul is in order, under the direction of a well-kept heart, in turn under the direction of God." (p. 12)

Here is his diagram of the relationship of all these elements.



Imagine that the innermost circle is at the bottom of a well and each layer adds another element to the picture until we get to the uppermost element which is the picture of our entire self. This is what we must dedicate to the Lord. Becoming a true disciple of Christ means following the dictates of our basic elements along the path that Christ has taught us. In the Sermon on the Mount Jesus began his teaching about Christian discipleship. "And when Jesus finished these sayings, the crowds were astonished at his teaching, for he was teaching them as one who had authority, and not as their scribes." (Matthew 7: 28-29 ESV) The final verse of the sermon is a closure, but it has one important point that validates the entire text. Jesus has spoken with "authority" meaning that he has spoken on an equal footing with God and has described the Kingdom of Heaven to his disciples as one who has created the heaven and the earth. Thus, the sermon is not just a pithy, ethical list of the dos and don'ts of moral living. It is a messianic pronouncement both Christological and eschatological. He is not merely telling the words of the Lord. He speaks as the maker of the law and the fulfillment of the Old Testament. He alone knows the will of God and allegiance to him assures us a place in God's Kingdom. Thus starting here Jesus undertakes to teach us all the principles of Discipleship and one of his primary tools is found in the parabolic literature.

There is a new class coming in September. We will start on **September 17 at 9:30**. Let's explore together what the parables have to teach us about our personal path of discipleship. I am looking forward to a lively class with lots of great discussion!



## Sunday School....

By Kathleen Voss

Welcome back friends! I hope all of you enjoyed a wonderful summer break! Our program year begins again on **September 10th at 9:30AM**. Kindergarten through 5th grade will meet downstairs and our Middle School Students 6th – 8th grade, will work with Mr. Wilhelm in the Youth Room. Please feel free to register online throughout the month.

We will continue to look for teachers throughout the year! Even if you can only give a Sunday or two each month, it is helpful to have the extra adults on hand in the classrooms and for those dates that our current teachers have other obligations.

As always, attendance is important. We are blessed to have wonderful teachers with us who give of their time and talents. It is a challenge to teach a class when attendance is sporadic. Other obligations do come up and unfortunately, we all get sick once in a while, but this year, please try to make Sunday School a priority for your child.

### Please pray for all of our Sunday School Teachers

<b>Gail Donohue</b>	K - 2
<b>Tamara Tyler</b>	3 - 5
<b>Dick Wilhelm</b>	6 - 8
<b>Jon Coate</b>	9 - 12
<b>Deana Czaban</b>	Special Needs
<b>Clarissa Staggs</b>	Floater

### BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER

**Lord, use my eyes to see new friends  
Open my ears, to hear my teacher  
Open my mind, to learn new things  
Let my heart remember that you are near when I am afraid  
Help me to love others like YOU do  
Let YOUR light shine bright at my school. Amen**

## Mark Your Calendars—Sunday, October 1



**St. Peter's Episcopal Church will celebrate the Feast of St. Francis with a special outdoor liturgy at 10:30am (weather permitting) at which we will be joined by our furry, feathery, squirmy and scaly friends.**

**If you share Francis' love for all God's creatures, bring them to this liturgy for a special blessing and to express how much we are blessed by them. All creatures great and small are invited, even stuffed animals if you wish.**




These healthy chips make a yummy back-to-school snack.

**What you need:**

- 4 apples, cored and cut into 1/8" rings
- Large bowl
- Spoon
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 2 teaspoons sugar
- Baking sheets (sprayed)

**What you do:**


1. Place apple slices in the bowl. Add cinnamon and sugar. Stir so apples are coated evenly with the mixture.
2. Place apple slices on the sprayed baking sheets in a single layer.
3. Bake at 200 degrees for two to three hours, until chips are dry but still slightly soft.



# APPLE OF HIS EYE

Start each school day by remembering God's loving care for you.

*Directions: Starting at the K by the stem and going clockwise, circle each word. Then place the words in the blanks to complete Psalm 17:8.*



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PSALM 17:8, NIV

Answer: "Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings." Psalm 17:8, NIV





# St. Peter's SEPTEMBER SERVING SCHEDULE

		Sept 3	Sept 10	Sept 17	Sept 24
		13 Pentecost	14 Pentecost	15 Pentecost	16 Pentecost
LECTOR	Early	Gail Donohue	Drew Lavan	Calvin Smith	Kyle Voss
	Late	Lauren Hunt	Randy Stoutenburgh	Mark McKinley	Linda Stoutenburgh
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Early	Paul Donohue, Terry Duhring	Judy Hall, Sophiann Nunaley	Jaq Whalen, Paul Donohue	Terry Duhring, Judy Hall
	Late	Dan LaPre, Jonathan LaPre	Randy Stoutenburgh, Lauren Hunt	Dan LaPre, Jonathan LaPre	Randy Stoutenburgh, Lauren Hunt
SUB DEACON	Early	Tanya Matthews	Tim Hall	Buddy Andrews	Tanya Matthews
	Late	Linda Stoutenburgh	Tom Coate	Dave Hunt	Linda Stoutenburgh
INTERCESSOR	Early	Terry Duhring	Sophiann Nunaley	Kelly Cockrill	HL
	Late	Jon Coate	Marty Thompson	Traci Eddinger	HL
ACOLYTES	Early	Adam & Eric Gibson, Mark Matthews	Aubrey & Addie Winger, James Nunaley, Colin Donohue	Joshua, Megan & Olivia Smith, John Matthews	Adam & Eric Gibson, Mark Matthews
	Late	Dan LaPre, Lauren Hunt, Jon Coate	Jonathan LaPre, Grace Falatko	George & Henry Simmons, Lexi Eddinger, Claire Falatko	Dan LaPre, Lauren Hunt, Jon Coate
COFFEE HOUR HOSTS	Early	David & Carla Ramsey <b>FINGER FOOD POTLUCK</b>	Rick & Kelly Cockrill <b>FINGER FOOD POTLUCK</b>	Chris & Terry Duhring <b>FINGER FOOD POTLUCK</b>	Bryan & Shiloh Field <b>FINGER FOOD POTLUCK</b>
	Late	Stephen & Sally Falatko <b>FINGER FOOD POTLUCK</b>	Steve & Deanna Czaban <b>FINGER FOOD POTLUCK</b>	Randy & Linda Stoutenburgh <b>FINGER FOOD POTLUCK</b>	Brian & Amanda Daly <b>FINGER FOOD POTLUCK</b>
USHERS	Early	Mark & Nancy Baker	Bill & Beth Gibson	Bryan & Shiloh Field	Todd & Pam Johnston
	Late	Jim Heim, Bob Ryan	Mark & Katie McKinley	Tred & Debi Parry	Steve & Anne Schultz
GREETERS	Early	Rebecca Smoot	Joe Matthews	Ron Clark	John & Debby Caulfield
	Late	Jon Corbett	Brian Daly	Traci Eddinger	Tom Coate
TELLERS		Howard & Linda Evans	Pat Long & Sven Johnson	Jim & Maggie Heim	Steve & Sally Falatko
ALTAR GUILD		Pat Pearson, Linda Evans, Debi Parry, Laurraine Landolt, Jane Mitchell-Baugh, Kelly Cockrill	Pat Pearson, Linda Evans, Debi Parry, Laurraine Landolt, Jane Mitchell-Baugh, Kelly Cockrill	Nancy Dillon, Judy Hall, Una LaPre, Linda Turner, Justine Phelan	Nancy Dillon, Judy Hall, Una LaPre, Linda Turner, Justine Phelan

If you are unable to fulfill your ministry on a day you are assigned, please (1) find your replacement and (2) notify the church office of the change in schedule. Thank you for serving!

## SEPTEMBER Anniversaries & Birthdays

### ANNIVERSARIES

9-17	Brian & Kirsten Jenkins Rick & Tamara Tyler
9-18	Bill & Beth Gibson
9-19	Jim & Maggie Heim Dell & Sophiann Nunaley
9-20	Ron Clark & Theresa Beeton

### BIRTHDAYS

9-2	Tom Simmons
9-5	Ella Coffey
9-6	Alexis Didoha
9-7	Bree Babb Mary Kay DeMarce
9-8	Laurraine Landolt Woody Johnson
9-9	Paul Miller Krista Winger
9-10	Gauge Young
9-15	Justine Phelan Charlotte Tuohy
9-16	Connor Collins
9-19	Nick Moore
9-21	Robert Purnell Sherri Kakol
9-25	Josh Smith
9-27	Conor McKinley
9-30	Kimmie Donohue Mary Dye

## Mark Your Calendar!

Sept 1	Men's TGIF – Spouse Night 8pm
Sept 2	Men's Breakfast 7am
Sept 5	Vestry Ministry Mtg. 7pm
Sept 6	Mission Mtg. 5pm Bible Study 7pm
Sept 9	Plant & Bake Sale 8am Parish Work Day 1pm
Sept 10	<b>PROGRAM YEAR BEGINS!</b> SS & Christian Formation 9:30am Bible Study 5pm Youth Group 7pm
Sept 13	Vestry Exec Mtg 6pm
Sept 15	Youth Movie Night 7pm
Sept 16	Men's Leadership Mtg. 7am
Sept 17	<b>BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY &amp; Small Group Ministry Fair</b>
Sept 19	Vestry Mtg. 7pm
Sept 20	FBF Cook Out 6pm Christianity Explored 7pm
Sept 21	TOL Dinner 5:30pm
Sept 24	Newsletter Deadline Healing Liturgy Youth Group 7pm
Sept 27	Pastoral Care Team Mtg 4pm Evening with Daryl Fulp 6:30pm



### What's Happening?

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## Revised Common Lectionary Readings for SEPTEMBER

Date	Sunday	First Lesson	Psalm	Second Lesson	Gospel
<b>3</b>	13 Pentecost	Exodus 3:1-15	105:1-6, 23-26, 45c	Romans 12:9-21	Matthew 16:21-28
<b>10</b>	14 Pentecost	Exodus 12:1-14	149	Romans 13:8-14	Matthew 18:15-20
<b>17</b>	15 Pentecost	Exodus 14:19-31	114	Romans 14:1-12	Matthew 18:21-35
<b>24</b>	16 Pentecost	Exodus 16:2-15	105:1-6, 37-45	Philippians 1:21-30	Matthew 20:1-16





Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

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Sat

# PLANT SALE & FESTIVAL

## SATURDAY 8:00AM - 2:00PM

### SEPTEMBER 9

1  
Men's TGIF  
Spouses Night

2  
Men's Breakfast  
Fr. Tom's 50th!



3  
**HOLY EUCHARIST**  
Choir

4

5  
Vestry Ministry Mtg

6  
**HOLY EUCHARIST**  
Mission Team Mtg.  
Bible Study

7  
Next Step Community

8

9  
Plant & Bake Sale  
Parish Work Day

10 Program Year Begins  
**HOLY EUCHARIST**  
Choir  
SS & CF  
Bible Study  
Youth Group

11

12  
Vestry Exec Mtg

13  
**HOLY EUCHARIST**

14  
Next Step Community

15  
Youth Movie Night

16  
Men's Leadership  
Mtg.

17  
**HOLY EUCHARIST**  
Choir  
Sunday School  
Small Group Fair  
Bible Study

18  
Mt. Calvary Guild

19  
Vestry Mtg.

20  
**HOLY EUCHARIST**  
FBF Cook-Out  
Christianity Explored

21  
TOL Dinner  
Next Step Community  
Communications Mtg

22

23



24 Newsletter Deadline  
**HOLY EUCHARIST**  
Choir  
SS & CF  
Bible Study  
Youth Group

25

26

27  
**HOLY EUCHARIST**  
PC Team Mtg  
Christianity Explored  
Evening with  
Daryl Fulp

28  
Next Step Community

29  
Men's TGIF

30

KEY: CF=Christian Formation; FBF=Friends Being Friends; PC=Pastoral Care; SS=Sunday School; TOL=Tree of Life



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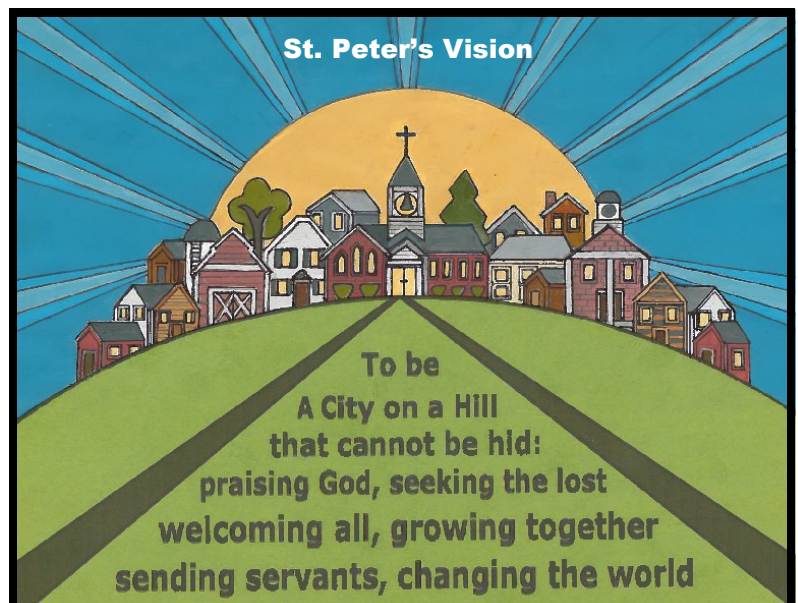
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