

THE KEYS



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The Rector's Ramble (In and Out of Brambles)

Community Organizations

I wanted to speak a moment about our different outreaches within the community. When I served as interim vicar in Tuxedo, NY at St. Elizabeth's Chapel (ACA), I was delightfully surprised to find that each member of the Vestry was involved in a different part of the small community of Eagle Valley (over the Hill from Tuxedo Park) and just a jaunt from the old Hamilton Estate (of *The Bishop's Wife* fame - I used to preach over George Hamilton's monument and grave but, unlike David Niven, I never argued with Mrs. Hamilton about where his monument would go in the new cathedral or whether St. George - or the Dragon! - would resemble Mr. Hamilton; I guess those parts of the movie were fiction!). There were two community centers - and really only two things - in Eagle Valley, St. Elizabeth's Chapel and the Firehouse. The Fire Chief's wife was the Senior Warden. The old Fire Chief's widow sat in on almost every Vestry meeting with two other ladies, one of whom in her 90s seemed to be the Great-grandmother of practically everyone under the age of 30 that I met! When a date was proposed at Vestry for some event or another, everyone looked at their calendar for whatever other committee they were on. Calendar conflicts were almost immediately resolved. Alas, the Church being *the* place of community (and next to that the Firehouse) and everyone on Vestry or in the meeting being tentacles out into the rest of the community through various organizations is not really the case much anymore.

Excitement over that tremendous involvement is much the way I have felt coming to St. Peter's. Because the Vestry represents various other groups and organizations, we have tentacles out there. What a blessing! Nevertheless, one thing that I would submit is that, prayerfully, we should make sure that the Rector, while supporting the good work being done by everyone in their several relationships and participating in those good works to a reasonable degree, should not do so even slightly inefficiently. (This has *not* happened, but it is probably best to speak to this anyway.) In other words, if you are already representing St. Peter's to another organization and that other organization to St. Peter's, then it is not as expeditious, and might even be a poor stewardship of time devoted to "bringing in the Harvest," (since "the night is far spent, the day is at hand" Rom. 13:12) if I were to be involved even slightly redundantly. I *always* plan to go places when invitations are received to events whenever possible and to coordinate our efforts with appropriate organizations. Yet building on your efforts, I think it the best strategy for evangelism if I err on the side of finding additional things to branch out into, such as I have already done with the Chamber of Commerce, with Cub Scouts, and with Horne Funeral Home. (If we list them out, I think we would find it staggering how many niches and places have yet to hear of St. Peter's, despite a fabulous witness and really hard work over the years exerted by everyone. There's just a lot out there!) I hope that any such action of mine is always understood as what it is, a vote of full confidence in you, the people of St. Peter's, being salt and light in the world! If, however, there is a specific way in which better connectivity and strengthening of already-laid groundwork can be facilitated by my personally being involved, I'm all ears!

A Message from Philip Pappas concerning our New Blessing Box!

Several churches and organizations in our area are installing exterior "Blessing Boxes" in order to assist in providing food for the homeless and needy families.

Non-perishable food items are being provided by the churches and any concerned individuals. At the present time, MCEAP is assisting by providing excess food donations from its food pantry to all the churches involved. A MCEAP volunteer does this several times a week. (continued next page)



St. Peter's Vestry has approved installing such a Blessing Box.

It is suggested that in lieu of our church members bringing food donations into the church in our Can A Week For MCEAP program, to simply place your donation into the blessing box prior to attending church services. Can food items should have "pop off" tops since many individuals do not have can openers.

If the food donations are depleted, Fr. Peter will has volunteered to restock the Blessing Box with food purchased from his Discretionary Fund.

New & Used!... New & Used!... New & Used!...

- **New lectern** for the Guest Register which is now in the narthex. Found at Habitat for Humanity for \$65.
- **New receiving plate** found on Ebay. New \$302. But we got it used for \$35. *What is a "receiving plate"?* When the altar server receives the alms-basins from the ushers, instead of taking his taking them from the gentlemen and then putting the two plates together, the ushers may now simply place the alms-basins in the receiving plate, and all are taken back up to the altar together by the altar server.
- **New purple humeral veil.** *The humeral veil is used during Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, especially in Lent.* So far, we have only had a white one, which, when combined with a purple cope, is not everything it could be. Barbara Von Claparède-Crola kindly relined and fixed up a free purple humeral veil from a donated pile exhibited for giveaway at Synod.

Despite all this new "stuff" the greater asset of St. Peter's is still you, the people, out there representing Christ in the Community.

News and Information

Friday, March 4th - Lenten Quiet Day in Roanoke begins.

Saturday, March 5th - Lenten Quiet Day in Roanoke continues and ends.

Wednesday, March 9th - Evening Prayer w/ 1st Part of Catechism in Practice of Religion - 7 PM

Thursday, March 10th - Mass for the 40 Martyrs of Sebaste - 12 Noon

Friday, March 11th - Stations of the Cross - 4:30 PM

Wednesday, March 16th - Mass for St. Patrick's Day - 7 PM

Thursday, March 17th - Mass for St. Patrick's Day - 12 Noon

Friday, March 18th - Stations of the Cross - 4:30 PM

Wednesday, March 23rd - 2nd Part of the Catechism in Practice of Religion, Stations of the Cross - 7 PM

Thursday, March 24th - Annunciation of the BVM (transferred) - 12 Noon

Friday, March 25th - Stations of the Cross - 4:30 PM

Wednesday, March 30th, Evening Prayer w/ Stations of the Cross, Guest Preacher - 7 PM

Thursday, March 31st - Mass - 12 Noon

Friday, April 1st - Stations of the Cross - 4:30 PM

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		[1]	[2]	[3] 12 noon HC	[4] Lenten Quiet Day	[4] Lenten Quiet Day
[6] 8:00 a.m. MP & HC 10:00 a.m. HE, SS LENT I	[7]	[8]	[9] 7:00 p.m. EP & Catechism pt. 1	[10] 12 noon HC	[11] 4:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross	[12]
[13] 8:00 a.m. MP & HC 10:00 a.m. HE, SS LENT II	[14]	[15]	[16] 7:00 p.m. HC 7:30 p.m. Vestry	[17] 12 noon HC	[18] 4:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross	[19]
[20] 8:00 a.m. MP & HC 10:00 a.m. HE, SS LENT III	[21]	[22]	[23] 7:00 p.m. EP & Catechism pt. 2	[24] 12 noon HC	[25] 4:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross	[26]
[27] 8:00 a.m. MP & HC 10:00 a.m. HE, SS LENT IV	[28]	[29]	[30] 7:00 p.m. EP & Stations	[31] 12 noon HC	LEGEND: HC - Holy Communion; FHE – Festal Holy Eucharist; HE - Holy Eucharist; SS – Sunday School; PG - Prayer Group; EP – Evening Prayer; MP – Morning Prayer; P&HU – Prayers and Holy Unction	

IN THE LORD'S SERVICE

If you cannot fulfill your assigned duty because of an urgent reason, PLEASE SECURE A REPLACEMENT.

Week beginning Sunday →	March 6	March 13	March 20	March 27	April 3
Altar Guild	V. Williams	B. Higginbotham	M. Slayton	V. Williams	B. Higginbotham
	B. Higginbotham	J. Butterfield	B. Higginbotham	B. Higginbotham	J. Butterfield
Coffee Hour	E. Paisley	C. deRosset	L. Olver	B. Von Claparede	M. Slayton
Ushers	G. Terrell	D. Drysdale	M. Slayton	P. Pappas	M. Slayton
	P. Pappas	P. Pappas	D. Drysdale	M. Slayton	G. Terrell
Epistoler 8 a.m.	G. Mauney	A. Butterfield	G. Mauney	A. Butterfield	A. Butterfield
Epistoler 10 a.m.	T. Paisley	T. Paisley	G. Terrell	P. Williams	C. Von Claparede
Server	P. Williams	P. Williams	T. Paisley	P. Williams	P. Williams
Crucifer	W. Paisley	W. Paisley	C. Von Claparede	W. Paisley	W. Paisley

2022 Vestry (term end): Dan Drysdale (‘23), Lisa Olver (‘24), Ted Paisley (‘24), Marnie Slayton (‘22), Clemens Von Claparede (‘22), Phil Williams (‘23)