



ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 6, 2015

*“Enter reverently, meditate quietly, worship devoutly, leave gratefully,
serve Christ faithfully.”*

WELCOME TO ALL OUR VISITORS! If you are interested in knowing more about St. Peter’s, please see an usher or one of the greeters who stand with the clergy after the service.

TODAY AT ST. PETER'S

8:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Rite I
9:00 a.m.	Breakfast
10:00	Holy Eucharist Rite II Nursery available
11:15	Parish Meeting: By-Laws

CHILDREN’S CHAPEL: All children, age 3 through 2nd grade are invited to be a part of Children’s Chapel which meets during the 10:00 a.m. service. Children meet in Daniel Hall immediately before church for a worship service and continue their worship in the church at The Peace.

LOOKING AHEAD AT A GLANCE: (See announcements below)

- **December 9:** Blood Drive
- **December 10:** JOY Trip
- **December 10:** Interfaith Coalition to End the Death Penalty
- **December 13:** All the Single Ladies
- **December 19:** Cameron O’Riley’s Ordination to the Diaconate
- **Christmas Service times:**
 - December 24: 5:00 p.m. & 11:00 p.m.
 - December 25: 10:00 a.m.

LAY MINISTERS: (8:30) Reader/Prayers/Chalice Bearer—Tricia Richards.
(10:00) 1st Lesson—D’Ann Downey; 2nd Lesson—Randa Mixon; Prayers—Wade Carpenter;
Chalice Bearers —Sunny Knauss, Annette Morris, Tom Dasher, and Adam Tarrant.

DECEMBER CANDLES are given by Wesley Martin family to the glory of God and in memory of W.C. Owen and Kiki Petropole.

ADVENT CANDLES are given by Carol McCann to the glory of God and in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Johnson and Bill Johnson.

CHURCH ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Terry and Beth Hughes to the glory of God and in memory of departed loved ones.

CHAPEL ALTAR ARRANGEMENTS are given by Mr. and Mrs. Wright Smith to the glory of God and in memory of Joyce and Steve Smith and William E. Hackett.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to those celebrating birthdays this week (December 6-12): Frieda Yeary, Will Sparks, Barry Wright, Charles Dean, Lynnette Bonner, Alice Enloe, Emily Taylor, Hank Crawford, Andrew McDaniel, Jackie Mooney, and Sophie June.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER LIST: Harry McConnell, Charlie Rutledge, Cheryl Ranwez, Dana Davis, Lacy Hodges, Jan Davis, Steve Davis, John Morris, Mary Ann Knight, Cynthia Murphy-Burnes, Lisa Steudl Londolina, Susan Kelly, Margaret Olivera, Gabrielle Falk, Bob Brinson, Harriet Mowry-Owens, J.J. Owens, Jim Burton, Opal Hicks, Ginger Noble, Delores Nowell, Judie Camak, Toby Gilmore, Jim Harrington, Britton Gilbert, Frankie Gill, Jim Austin, Lou Ella Hobgood, Jim Reed, Randy McGill, Missy White, Dagmar Schmitz Carlton, Michael York, Alicia Segars, Melissa Frisch, Suzanne Ludlum, Tori Brown, Matthew Breese, Jeff Deleo, Grace Truman, Scott Davis, Nell Riggins, Shawn Broussard, Beverly Elliott, Judy Barcik, Fred White, Treven Bedwell.

ADULT FORUM: Join us for Adult Forum that meets after the 10:00 a.m. service.

Dec 6: No Adult Forum

Dec 13: We begin our series Advent and Christmas: Bridges to Contemplative Living with Thomas Merton. The booklets will be available to pick up in Willingham House. The series opens the writings of Thomas Merton in easily digestible pieces and eloquently pairs them with the words of other great spiritual thinkers. The topic for the Third Week of Advent is Compassion.

Dec 20: Series continues with the theme Tenderness

Dec 27: Series continues with the theme The Word Made Flesh

Jan 3: Coffee & Conversation

PARISH DINNER: Join us this **Wednesday, December 9**, for **Family Dinner! Menu: Look for an email this week. The cost is \$5 for Adults, \$3 age 10 and under, \$20 family max.** Dinner service begins at 5:30 p.m. Reservations required by noon on Tuesdays. To RSVP, call the church office at [706-291-9111](tel:706-291-9111). Nursery will be available for the littlest angels. All members are invited to participate. **Please let us know if you plan to attend so we can ensure adequate food and resources are available. Those without reservations will be served after those who have made reservations.**

ALL THE SINGLE LADIES will hold their annual Christmas Party on December 13 at 6:00 p.m. at the clubhouse at the Village of Maplewood. Please RSVP to Marny Busbin at 706-291-8913 or marnyr@bellsouth.net by December 6. Our Christmas project this year is a donation to the priests' discretionary funds. Please bring cash or grocery gift cards.

CANTERBURY CLUB wishes all our members a safe, happy and healthy Christmas vacation! See you again in the New Year...

ST. PETER'S POLO SHIRTS AND SWEATSHIRTS, COMING SOON!

SAINT PETER'S
ROME



Order Now and get them in time for Christmas!

Just when you thought Episcopalians couldn't look any cooler, now you can get your very own St. Peter's polo shirt (red) for \$25.00 and your very own St. Peter's Sweatshirt (heather grey) for \$35.00, with the exceedingly cool logo (tastefully embroidered on upper left chest of the polo and beautifully screen printed on the center front of the sweatshirt). ALL PROCEEDS HELP SEND OUR STUDENT PILGRIMS TO IRELAND!! Thanks for your support!!

GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE THIS CHRISTMAS! Did you know that when you donate blood, you can save up to three lives! Sign up to donate blood on Wednesday, **December 9 from 4-7 p.m. at Rome First United Methodist Church.** This quarterly Blood Assurance blood drive is sponsored by St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Rome First UMC, First Baptist Church, and First Presbyterian Church. The blood drive rotates among these churches allowing members of all the churches to donate up to four times each year. Make your donation appointment now at: www.bloodassurance.org/romefirst or by calling 706-235-9853

YOU ARE JUST IN TIME TO JOIN THE ST. PETER'S JOY GROUP as we take a very special Christmas Tour of **The Governor's Mansion** on **Thursday, December 10.** Our special guest will be Kennesaw State University history professor Dr. Jennifer Dickey, one of the co-authors of *Memories of the Mansion* (featured in the Atlanta Journal Constitution on September 26). Autographed copies of the book will be available at the Governor's Mansion. Lunch (on your own) will follow at the iconic **Marietta Diner** (as seen on Food Network). Depart St. Peter's at 8:30 a.m. Return by 3:00 p.m. Cost: \$25 includes transportation and admission. Guests >21 always welcome. Call 706-291-9111 to reserve your space.

ORDINATION: The Right Reverend Robert Christopher Wright, by the grace of God, the Bishop of Atlanta will ordain Lori Cameron O'Riley to the Sacred Order of Deacons in Christ's One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church on December 19, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Philip, 2744 Peachtree Rd NW, Atlanta. A reception will follow the Atrium.

DECEMBER OUTREACH PROJECT: The Mission and Outreach committee are collecting toboggans, scarves, gloves, and socks for the men at the William Davies Shelter and the women at the Salvation Army shelter. You can also make checks payable to St. Peter's designated for December Mission Project.

THE INTERFAITH COALITION TO END THE DEATH PENALTY invites you to an educational summit and prayer vigil on **Thursday, December 10, 2015.** The summit will be at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception (48 Martin Luther King Jr. Dr. NW, Atlanta, GA 30303) from 2:30 – 4:30 p.m. and the prayer vigil will be at Liberty Plaza from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. Check-in begins at 2:00 p.m., and a procession from the shrine to the plaza starts at 4:30.

Speakers will include Ambassador Andrew Young, Bishop Rob Wright of the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta, and other experts on the death penalty including retired Chief Justice of the Georgia Supreme Court Norman Fletcher. Please join us for this incredible opportunity to be informed and mobilized about abolishing the death penalty in Georgia.

The faith traditions represented on the coalition include Baptist, Presbyterian, Catholic, Methodist, United Church of Christ, Episcopalian, Vedanta, and Buddhist. The link to register is <https://secure.archatl.com/np/clients/archatl/event.jsp?event=3541&>

NOTE CARDS: To help support Youth Formation Pilgrimage to Ireland, note cards featuring pictures of St. Peter's windows are **available for sale before breakfast and before the parish meeting today. Look for Andye Moss.** These cards will be on ivory stock and sold in packs of 10 for \$10 each. They will make terrific gifts for friends and family as well as for the buyer. All of the proceeds from the sale of the cards will go to the Ireland Pilgrimage Fund as there is no cost publication cost to the parish thanks to the generosity of some parishioners.

EYC WEDNESDAY...we'll be eating at Schroeder's. Students are welcome to walk with a group leaving here at 6:30 or to meet us at Schroeder's. Please bring \$5.00 to defray costs. Parent's pick up is at 8:30 at the church.

CHILDREN'S CORNER: Second Sunday in Advent

Today in:

Children's Chapel- After reading the gospel lesson, the children learn about John the Baptist telling us to get ready to welcome Jesus. What are some ways we can get ready for Jesus?

Weaving God's Promises (pre-K through 5th grade) – Today, the children learn about the season of Advent. Teachers will meet with their class in the sanctuary for fun Advent activities with Mo. Nikki+. Parents can pick up their children from their respective classrooms at noon.

Rite 13- (6th & 7th grades)-This is a 2 year class focusing on recognizing the gifts God has given us, celebrating our creative potential, and learning to interact as a community of faith. Students study scripture, engage in prayer, and enter discussion on a variety of topics which offer them tools for faithful living in our church community and in the wider world.

J2A (Journey to Adulthood)- (8th and 9th grades minimum, older students are welcome) Students study scripture, engage in prayer, and enter discussion in which they learn and practice six basic skills of adulthood: active listening, negotiation, assertion, research & information management, partnership and leadership.

YAC- (Young Adults in Church)- Older high school students (through Seniors) engaged in ministry in St. Peter's meet with their mentor, Dr. Andy Anderson for discussion. **We are gathering today, December 6, in Willingham House during Sunday School time.**