Letters to the Romans

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NEW
Consecration Sunday

October 28, 2018
10:00 am Worship Service
Followed by a catered lunch
Forrest Place
NEW CONSECRATION SUNDAY IS COMING.

Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church’s mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

Our congregation’s finance committee has selected the New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program as a way to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship education emphasis this year. New Consecration Sunday is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we will treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. New Consecration Sunday encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, “What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?”

During morning worship on Consecration Sunday, we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to our church’s missionary, benevolent, and educational ministries in this community and around the world.

Every attendee and member who completes an Estimate of Giving Card does so voluntarily by attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday. We urge people to attend who feel strongly opposed to completing a card. The procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card.

We will do no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards. During morning worship our guest leader will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, climaxed by members making their commitments as a confidential act of worship.

We will encourage participation in Consecration Sunday events through the Consecration Sunday team and governing board members. Since we will make no follow-up visits to ask people to complete their cards, we will make every effort to inform, inspire, and commit everyone to attend Consecration Sunday worship.

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday events.

Lloyd Griffin, Hugh Bonner, Sue Anderson, Virginia Hunter, Jennifer Sikes, Lee Niedrach, Clem Trammell, Allien McNair
PURPOSE STATEMENT OF THE DIOCESE OF ATLANTA

We challenge ourselves and the world to love like Jesus, as we worship joyfully, serve compassionately, and grow spiritually.

Chair YOGA
Tuesdays at 11:00am in Daniel Hall

LIVING COMPASS
outfitting for the journey

Heart • Soul • Strength • Mind

Mondays – 1:00pm 401 East 4th Avenue led by D’Ann Downey October 22 – Nov. 12.
Wednesdays – 6:00pm Willingham House / St. Peter’s led by Beth Novian Hughes October 3 – November 7.

The topics for discussion will be the daily meditations from Richard Rohr. Sign up to receive his meditations via email from the Center for Action and Contemplation at www.ccac.org. In the groups we will use various approaches to explore the meditations in more depth. If you are not familiar with Richard Rohr, a Catholic Priest who lives in Albuquerque, you are in for a treat. He has written several books and leads contemplative retreats. You do not have to sign up for the entire series of classes if you cannot make all of them.

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Beth Novian Hughes novianhughes@gamil.com
Dr. J. Marshall Jenkins

Has composed a week of meditations in the 2019 Upper Room Disciplines

January 1–6

Copies available online or in local bookstores.

Foyer groups will have sign ups in late 2018 for new groups forming in January 2019

Centering Prayer meets each Thursday at 6:00pm in Rhodes Wyatt Room.

Contact Jane Cunningham for more information. missjane@me.com

Bible Study weekly on Thursdays at 11:00am in Rhodes Wyatt Room.
NOTICE OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING AND VESTRY ELECTION
November 11, 2018

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 11, 2018, immediately following the 10:00am Eucharist in Daniel Hall.

VESTRY NOMINEES

Allien McNair

I started coming to St. Peter’s around 1992, when Don Dellis, a neighbor, asked me if I wanted to come to church with him one Sunday @ 8:30. I grew up in the Methodist Church, but joined St. Peter’s after starting attending.

I have been on a breakfast crew team for many years. I usher one month a year, previous Vestry member working on the Building and Grounds Committee and Chairperson, Sunday Morning Education Committee under Grey Tallent, worked on the Memorial garden, helped with Habitat for Humanity one year, helped chaperone youth New York trip, Chalice Bearer and became an alternate Verger in 2018.

I have volunteered for Soup Kitchen, October Fest, Wednesday Night Dinner, St. Peter’s Day, Easter Vigil, and assist Sheila Kennebrew with jobs around the church property when asked.

I have taught Special Education for twenty-six years, was named Floyd County Teacher of the Year in 2005, and will be retiring on October 31, 2018. I hold a Master’s Degree in Emotional Behavioral Disorders from the University of West Georgia.

When not working or volunteering at St. Peter’s, I enjoy working in my yard, working out, hiking, biking, kayaking, traveling, cleaning, organizing, and watching Sci Fi Movies.

I am the son of Joe and Ramona McNair of Tifton, Georgia, brother of Mona Cawley of Ashburn, Georgia. Bill Schoepski and I married at St. Peter’s on
Stephen Patton

Has been a member of St. Peter’s 65 years. He was baptized, confirmed and married at St. Peter’s. He currently is a substitute teacher in the Rome City and Floyd County schools. He works for Stonebridge and Coosa Country Club interacting and providing customer service for members.

He is currently an usher, chalice bearer, lay reader and greeter. As a child, he attended EYC and was an acolyte. In his adult years, he was a member of the breakfast crew, served two years and chaired a long range planning committee.

Stephen’s community involvement includes: Rome Jaycees, serving on the board and as an officer. Rome Exchange Club member since 1979, serving on the board of directors and as past president and won National Exchange Club President award. 1990-1991 graduate of Leadership Rome Class of VI; and a member of the Coosa Valley Fair Association. He coached Pee Wee football and Little League baseball. He was a member of the Family Resource Center Board of Directors, having served two terms as president; served on the Board of Rome Area Bulldog Club, served as president in 2002; and past member to the Board of Governors for Reinhardt University.

He is a graduate of Reinhardt Junior College and the University of Georgia with a BBA in marketing. He and Mary have 2 children – Margaret Ann Patton and Samuel Stephen “Pat” Patton, Jr. (wife Christina), one grandson, Samuel Stephen “Sam” Patton III and granddaughters, Rachel Elaine, and soon to be Eleanor Reid “Nora” Patton due after the 1st of the year.
Jeanne Sparks

is a lifelong Episcopalian who has been a member of St. Peter's for 28 years. Prior to moving to Rome, Jeanne was a member of St. Bede's in Atlanta. She is a graduate of the University of Georgia and Jeanne has been employed with Eli Lilly and Company pharmaceuticals for the past 14 years, currently as Field Reimbursement Manager. Prior to joining Lilly, Jeanne was employed at Darlington School.

At St. Peter’s, Jeanne has served as Sunday School teacher, Young Adult Committee Chair, Vestry Secretary, and as a member of the choir. She has also organized the Children’s Nursery, Children’s Chapel, Vacation Bible School and the Children’s Christmas pageant and has served as a Greeter.

In the community, Jeanne has been involved as a member of Junior Service League serving as Follies Chair, as President of Green Thumb Garden Club, and as a member of Quota Club, and at Darlington School as member on the Parent’s Association Board, the Booster Club, and as President of Tiger Pride. She has served on the Heart of the Community Board and has volunteered with the American Heart Association. She has also been active as a “Team Mom” for many baseball, basketball, softball, soccer and football teams over the years.

Jeanne is married to Billy Sparks and is the mother of Maggie who resides in Atlanta and Will who is a junior at the University of Georgia.
Shane Walley

has been a member of St. Peter’s since 2003 and married his wife Laura (Howse) there in 2004. While living in Dallas, Texas from 2004-2007, Shane and Laura attended Saint Michael and All Saints Episcopal Church. Shane is an Assistant Vice President and Senior Branch Manager of Sun Trust in Rome. He holds a B.S. Degree from Georgia Southern University. He is also a graduate of Leadership Rome ’02.

Shane has served on the breakfast crew and the Parish Committee on Ministry (PCOM) at St. Peter’s. He is a Board Member of the Rome/Floyd United Way and a past Board Member of Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Rome. He is also an Ambassador for the Rome/Floyd Chamber of Commerce.

Shane and Laura have two daughter, Ava McLain and Courtney Rose, who were baptized at St. Peter’s. In his spare time, Shane enjoys golf, fly fishing and spending time with his family.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS
October 7, 2018 @ 4:00pm

In addition to the Sunday morning services, there will be a Blessing of the Animals at 4pm in the pet memorial garden/grassy area beside the church office. Be sure to secure your animal companions with a leash or carrier.

Refreshments for All!

Contact the church office with the name(s) of any animal companions that have died over the past year.
ReCharge & Rejoice

Children's Ministries – Hollye Smith

Could you use some recharging and rejoicing? Then, join us each Wednesday for Recharge and Rejoice Wednesdays! Recharge with the beautiful (and brief) liturgy of the Celtic Service that is sure to lift your spirits. And then mosey over to Daniel Hall for a delicious home-cooked dinner (translation: no planning, prepping, cooking or cleaning) prepared by either Sheila Rankin or Hillery with SpeakCheesy. And then rejoice in song with Choir! Youth Choir grades 6-12, meets from 6-6:45pm and Junior Choir with Mrs. Dagmar meets from 6:15-7pm. Come Join our Song!

And the fun continues on the final Wednesday of the month with “Fun For All Ages!” We put choir and EYC on hold these nights to bring everyone together for some recharging through fun! August featured some epic BINGO matches, and September was Game Night. Join us in October for our All Hallows’ Eve Celebration!

So, give Wednesdays a try if you have not! It is a wonderful midweek chance to recharge your batteries and refill your spiritual cup! And did I mention that you don’t have to cook?!

See you there!

*Celtic Service @ 5:30pm
*Dinner begins @ 5:15pm

*Oct. 3: Rotisserie chicken, broccoli, candied yams, pineapple upside down cake.
*Oct. 10: Speak Cheesy Gourmet Grilled Cheese Sandwiches.
*Oct. 24: All Hallows Eve Celebration – Brats, German potato salad, sauerkraut, garden salad with special German dressing, Apple Spice Cake.

*Youth Choir: 6:00 – 6:45pm
*Jr. Choir: 6:15-7:00pm
*EYC Activities: 6:30 – 7:00 pm
Canterbury Club needs your unwanted 2019 calendars. Collection bins located in Daniel Hall or Willingham House.

ADULT FORMATION


October 14th – Roger Ard begins a 4-week study of “An Introduction to Moral Philosophy”. Session One: Are you a good person?

October 21st – Roger Ard Session Two: Do You have a Good Life?

October 28th – No Adult Formation due to New Consecration Sunday

JOY trip on November 27th
To the outlet Shoppes at Woodstock.
More details to follow – Mark your calendar for holiday shopping.
Mission & Outreach for October

PAWS

Items Needed:

Dry Dog Food
Wet Cat Food
Puppy and Kitten food wet or dry
Horse Pellet bedding
Heartworm test
Parvo test
Combo test
Medicated shampoo for cats & dogs
Flea & tick shampoo for cats & dogs
Flea & Tick treatments for all weights
Collars all sizes
Harnesses all sizes
Canned cheese for Kong’s
Dog & Cat treats

*Items needed about every 4-6 months*
Kuranda beds [https://kuranda.com/donate/1402](https://kuranda.com/donate/1402)
Towels
Pee Pads
Stainless steel bowls 3qt & 5qt
Kong toys
Cat toys (prefer NON fabric toys)

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY WITH BAPTISMS
November 4, 2018
St. Peter's Recharge & Rejoice Activity
Fun for All Ages - AUGUST

“BINGO NIGHT”
Words are inadequate to adequately express my thanks and love. But...words are what we got so it’s what I’ll have to use. Since I miss y’all, of course, I’d much rather give hugs, but Jesus is looking for me to trust that he has you each in his arms.

Given that hugs are then taken care of, I want to say a deep and loving thank you to Fr. John, the Vestry, Parish Life, the EYC and EYC parents, Canterbury Club leadership, the Children’s Ministry, my wonderful co-workers in the church office, and this beautiful parish family here at St. Peter’s for the overwhelmingly generous gifts (I couldn’t do it on the altar my last Sunday, but later, in surprise and great joy, I did speak in all kinds of tongues that needed no interpretation) and the lovely celebrations given for Ethan and myself. And even more so, thank you for the love and support and opportunities you have given us for the past five years. You made us family and for that we are forever grateful, we will never forget it. And by the by, if you ever travel to Athens to catch a Georgia game, we’ll get you a bulletin to bring back so Fr. John knows you weren’t playing hooky.

Much love,
Mo. Nikki+ and Ethan Mathis

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All Hallows Eve
(Formerly known as Oktoberfest)
October 24th
Carnival games & Face Painting 5:30 – 6:30
Adult beverages & Snacks 5:30
Dinner service at 6:15pm
Brats/buns with spicy mustard, German potato salad, sauerkraut,
Green salad with special German salad dressing.
Kids meal: hotdogs, chips & carrots
Adults $6.00. Children under age of 11 $3.00, Family Maximum $25.00.
Costume parade~Pie Contest-prepare your favorite recipe for a chance to be crowned Pie King or Queen.
Sympathy of the Parish is extended to Family and Friends of Georgia Hardwick.

Congratulations of the Parish are extended to grandparents Janet and Bill Byington on the birth of grandson Banks Leary Malone on September 14. Parents are Kelly and Patrick Malone of St. Simons.

**ALTAR GUILD:**
October: Nancy Hunter, Laura Frederick, Andye Moss, Peggy Nash, Nell Warren, Sue Mann, Lynnette Bonner, Virginia Hunter, Babo Segars.

November: Mary Kirkland, Bambi Berry, Cynthia Burnes, Lee Hight, Sarah Molnar, Annette Morris, Kimberly Moseley, Hollye Smith, Becca Wood, Molly Steeves.

**BREAKFAST CREW:**
October 7: Tricia Richards, Jimmy Kelly, Suzy and Peter Gilbert, David Hunter, Gayle Keith.

October 14: Bryan Johnson, David Harvey, John & Tracy Schroeder, Meredith Cole, Harold Lawrence.

October 21: Allien McNair, Clem Trammell, Bill Schoepski, Bill Byington, Craig Wilson, Bob Kane.

October 28: Doug Lansing, Russ Jennings, Jack Knight, Sasa Vance, Sam Lucas, Guy Hunter.

**GREETER:**
October: Mary Kirkland, Doug Lansing, Laura Davis, Lloyd Griffin, Beverly Schrum, Jeanne Sparks.

November: Beverly Burns, Tom Dasher, Sue Anderson, Len Woodward.
**USHER:**
November: *Wright Smith, John Kirkland, Cooper Crawford, Rob King.*

**LOAVES & FISHES:**
October: *Amanda Kinder, Virginia Hunter, Anne Kerr, Linda Voccio, Mary Patton, Mary Sib Banks, Mollie Avery, Linda Jennings, Leigh Patterson, Nell Hamrick.*

November: *Andye Moss, Jeanne Mathews, Barbara Briley, LaDonna Woods, Patti Barron, Dot Fletcher, Tammy Barron, Jennifer Moss, Lee Hight, Marie Middlemass.*

**Vestry of the Month:**
October: Kathy Steinbruegge (706 238-2301)
November: Charlie Hardaker (706 331-7454)

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**Youth Sunday**
Youth will lead worship during 10am worship on October 21, 2018
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Many thanks to Curt Yarbrough for providing all of the photographs used in the LTR.

Editor’s Note
Submissions to Letters to the Romans are welcome from any St. Peter’s parishioner and should be dropped off or sent to the church office. Please keep items brief and to the point.
News and photos of parishioners participating in community events are also welcome.
The deadline for submissions to the November Issue is by October 15, 2018.