

SAINT PETER'S NET

JESUS SAID TO PETER, "FOLLOW ME, AND I WILL MAKE YOU FISH FOR PEOPLE."
MATTHEW 4:19

From the Rector

Dear Friends,

For me, September is a special time when we are worshiping together again in a full church after being away for much of the summer. As we're about to cross over into the season of Fall, let me indulge you in a bit of reflection about this summer. It was an exceptionally hot summer, and during much of it we were worried about the massive oil spill in the Gulf Coast, the deteriorating economic condition, and the worsening bitter and abusive comments over the airwaves on immigration, gay marriage, and the building of a mosque in New York City near Ground Zero. As people of faith and reason, what are we to make out of all these happenings? Are these signs of something we should pay attention to? Paulo Coelho's book, *Alchemist*, which I finally read this summer, made me think about the importance of being attentive to signs that serve us as guides in pursuit of our goal in life. There are lessons to learn, wisdom to gain, and pitfalls to avoid in paying attention to and reflecting on the things happening in the world and around us. We ignore them at our peril.

Those of us who went on the mission trip to El Salvador received a valuable lesson in listening. We were moving boulders to prepare the ground for the building of a church, and some were too huge and heavy for us to move. We tried breaking them with sheer force using sledge hammers. Seeing us getting exhausted one by one, an old man rather small in stature (Jose Molina, an elder in the church) came over, and using the sledge hammer tapped on the boulder at different places, like a doctor placing stethoscope on our chest cavity to listen to our breathing. He asked us to listen as he tapped, and stopped at a spot where he detected a certain softness and asked us to hit right there, and as we did, the boulder broke into pieces. Listening is a skill we are endowed with, however to our detriment, we seldom exercise it.

The deepening economic crisis is an anxious time and we are tested on the quality of our core values and on the depth of noble ideals. How we respond to crisis depends on how we perceive it. When we are threatened by a crisis, our natural tendency is to circle our wagons and unite against those whom we perceive as outsiders. Today we have all the ingredients for a perfect storm. Economically threatened, we see Muslims, Mexicans and gay people as "others." Do we see them as scapegoats or do we see them as a patchwork of the great American quilt adding to the diversity of its beauty? As a people of faith and citizens of a nation built on Judeo-Christian principles, we are called to rise above our base instincts and work for a solution that addresses our common concerns and needs.

In dealing with the complex questions of our day, whether it is economy, environment, immigration, religious pluralism or gay marriage, it is my hope that our common life in Christ and our study of the biblical texts would fuel our thoughts and deliberations in the coming days. I hope as we gather together again for worship in September, back from our summer moorings, we will listen to God speaking to us in the voices of our fellow parishioners and in the signs of our environment. I look forward to seeing you all again back in church soon.

Peace and Love,

Koshy

Mission Statement: *We are an inclusive, forward-looking Episcopal parish that seeks to grow in Christ through worship, education and fellowship, serves Christ by ministering to local and global communities and shares Christ in following His command to "Love one another as I have loved you."*

Vision Statement: *Our vision at St. Peter's is to be an inclusive, vibrant Christian community honoring our Episcopal heritage by achieving excellence in worship, mission, education and fellowship.*

Members of the Vestry

Terms expiring 2011

Bev Burkhardt
Gary Russell
Retta Sparano

Terms expiring 2012

Geoffrey Scott
Mary Tackett
Henry Young

Terms expiring 2013

Anne Andrews
Cindy Hammaker
Clement Young

What's Happening At St. Peter's September 2010

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A New Baby To Love



Congratulations to John Raley and Mary-Tyler Upshaw on the birth of their son, Brooks Edward Raley. Brooks was born in Bryn Mawr Hospital on July 12th weighing 7lbs. 3ozs.

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News from the Worship Committee

Our Mission:

To continuously evaluate our corporate worship as we strive to ensure a full and rich spiritual experience for all.

The Worship Committee, chaired by Carol Russell, meets monthly with the clergy to review and evaluate past services and plan ahead. Participating in the discussion are representatives from Music, Sunday School, Children's Chapel, Ushers, Altar Guild, Lectors & Chalicists, Acolytes and others involved in planning special services.



After a fairly quiet summer, on September 12th, we will resume our full Sunday worship schedule with services at 8 AM and 10 AM. Acolyte training, refreshing altar linens, setting 4th Quarter acolyte, lector, chalicist and usher schedules are some of the things that go on in the background. Several choir members have been singing anthems all summer, and full choir will resume on the 12th, as well as registration for Treble Choir.

Looking ahead there are a few special services and events to add to our calendars, and detail on each of these events will be highlighted in NET articles, the weekly e-mail blast, the Sunday bulletin, and flyers.

September:

- 12th – resume full schedule, Sunday School and Treble Choir registration
- 19th – Sunday School classes resume

October:

- 3rd – Family Service, Blessing of the Animals

at 3 PM, Open House 3-5 PM

17th – Holy Baptism

November:

7th – All Saints' Day, baptism, Stewardship In-Gathering

28th – First Advent, and at 7 PM a program of lessons and carols

December:

24 – Christmas Eve

5 PM – Pageant and Eucharist Service

10:30 PM – Music

11 PM – Choral Eucharist

No services on Christmas Day

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Sunday Church School

Anne Andrews



We are getting ready for another exciting year of Sunday Church School (SCS) for the younger children of St. Peter's; grades pre-K through 6. We welcome all returning students and look forward to children who will be attending SCS for the first time.

Sunday Church School is a wonderful way to ensure that your children are receiving a basic understanding of our faith and also fosters an environment to develop a relationship with God. The SCS program uses the curriculum, *Living the Good News*, a liturgically-based program that follows the weekly Gospel teaching and also includes instruction on bible fundamentals. Special projects will also be included to reinforce the basic Christian concept of loving our neighbors by Outreach and In-reach. These projects include a collection drive for the Chester County SPCA, a fundraiser to support the United Nations (mosquito) BedNets program and a project related to Earth Day. SCS also supports various parish In-reach efforts. Classes are divided by grade level ~ pre-K & K; 1st through 3rd; and 4th through 6th.

The 2010-2011 SCS year will commence on **Sunday, September 12th** with registration and a

kick-off meeting for parents. Please join us after the service in the Father Fifer room.

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Wanted: Sunday Church School Teachers



Join in the fun! Be a part of developing the spiritual foundation of St. Peter's youngest members. We are currently recruiting teachers for the Sunday Church School program. Enjoy a very rewarding and fulfilling role in our church life which requires a relatively small commitment of your time. This year SCS will run in 3 seasons of approximately 2-3 months each. You may teach for just one season, two seasons or all three, depending on your preference and availability. No teaching experience is required; just a big smile and a desire to inspire. Please contact Anne Andrews (610.933.7646 or anne.andrews@unisys.com) or Father Koshy if you are interested.

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Thanks and Appreciation



- To Ron Gaugler, who faithfully sets the altar for the 8 AM service each Sunday, prepares for the later service, and often also serves as lector and chalice.
- To Joanne Arnold, who every Sunday takes down the altar flowers and makes sure they are distributed, so they may continue to be enjoyed.
- To Deborah Birkbeck for sharing her graphic art talents with our parish in the designing of our many brochures, flyers and announcements.
- To Libby Andrews and Natalie Tackett for their energy, enthusiasm and very willing help in cleaning the kitchen cupboards.

Save the Date!



Saturday, October 2nd

Mark your calendars now and plan to attend a Stewardship Kickoff Party here at St. Peter's. Details will be announced when all plans have been finalized.

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Blessing of the Animals

and

Open House



Sunday, October 3rd - 3:00 p.m.

Please mark your calendars for a special Blessing of the Animals scheduled for Sunday, October 3, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. This event, coordinated by the Growth and New Member Ministry committees, will be open to and promoted within the community. Bring your pets on the day and spread the word! As St. Francis wrote, "All praise to you, Oh Lord, for all these brother and sister creatures."

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The Bible Says...

Fr. David Hyatt



The time that holds the most potential for refreshment and inspiration for us each week is the time we set aside for worship. Our congregational worship is blessed by taking place in a space rich in Christian symbols. Our services are uplifted by soaring hymns, strong singing by congregation and choir and majestic organ music. We hear three

lessons and a Psalm from scripture at each service. The lessons are thoughtfully interpreted by the clergy.

In September, the parish will be asked to take steps to deepen our worship experiences. We will be invited to:

- 1) Read, ponder and meditate upon the coming Sunday's lessons before coming to Church.
- 2) Seek to learn the order of the books of the New Testament for greater facility.
- 3) Respond to the sermon by talking with the preacher and/or by listening to the sermon again on our web site. There is an added opportunity on the web site to blog your thoughts and responses.
- 4) Come early for worship, to quiet one's mind and body, focus on the themes for that Sunday, review the lessons and pray for discernment.

This open invitation to become more familiar with the Bible is based upon the principle that each of us is responsible for our spiritual life and religious education. It is also based upon the proven scientific principle that what we focus upon, expands and grows in importance. The Church and its ordered forms of worship are powerful aids and provide a meaningful framework for this to happen.

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Vestry Meeting Highlights

July 27, 2010 via teleconference

Vestry minutes from June 30, 2010 were approved.

2011 Budget Process: Following discussion on the timing of budget requests from ministries, vestry agreed to move the date for submission to September 30, 2010. Preliminary budget preparation by Retta, Geoff and Gary will follow and be on the agenda for the October vestry meeting.

Stewardship: Vestry members were assigned tasks for the 2010 campaign

Clinic Update: See additional article in this issue of the *NET*

Kitchen Update: Lynn Schaefer has resigned from her leadership in the kitchen effective September 12th. As the individual with the food handler's license, she will continue to serve in that capacity

being available when we are serving food to the public. We now need to identify a team to head up a kitchen committee that will set some ground rules for maintaining the cleanliness of the kitchen, oversee Sunday coffee hour refreshments and work with other committees holding functions that use the kitchen.

Vestry Nominations for 2011: Several names were suggested and these individuals will be contacted.

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Accounting Warden's Financial Report



January-July 2010

Income \$ 148,790* Expense \$ 166,887*

To stay on budget, pledge income needs to be \$17,176.

Pledge Income:	January	\$16,013
	February	\$16,786
	March	\$19,730
	April	\$14,634
	May	\$17,488
	June	\$14,769
	July	\$14,769

Balances as of July 31, 2010

Checking	\$13,152
Savings	\$51,318
CD Savings	\$11,706

2nd Quarter giving statements have been mailed. Looking at the monthly pledge and open plate income above, we are falling far short of our monthly goal. Meeting utility, insurance, office, salary and benefit expenses continue throughout the year and St. Peter's depends on steady income to avoid withdrawing from savings. Please make every effort to catch up with pledges over the third quarter that ends on September 30th.

* Detail is available upon request.

Respectfully submitted,
Retta Sparano [hsparano@verizon.net]

Who's Who



The Sutter Family

Hello Everyone!

We are the Sutter family: Ryan, Stephanie, and our newest addition born in March of this year, Seamus Michael. We also feel compelled to include our 105 pound Staffordshire Terrier, Bioco, (pronounced bee-oko) to our list of family members. I have been coming to Saint Peter's Church since I was a little girl, along with my wonderful parents, Gary and Carol Russell, and my 4 siblings. Ryan joined Saint Peter's in 2006, we were married here in August of 2008, and our beautiful son was baptized here on May 23, 2010.

I earned a Bachelor's degree in Nursing from Villanova University in 1995 and have worked for the past 13 years at Lankenau Hospital. Ryan is a talented, successful contractor working mainly on the Main Line in Wynnewood.

Ryan and I met at Lankenau while I was on duty in 2005. We enjoy spending time with our families and friends, hosting small dinner parties, and going to the beach. We look forward to holidays even more now because our little boy has arrived and our families are continuing to grow.

Nothing is more important to us than family. Saint Peter's has always made us feel welcome; we feel people truly care about us and we are looking forward to raising our children here.

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El Salvador Mission News

Cindy Hamaker (610-933-3806; chammaker@verizon.net)

St. Peter's Missioners completed a successful mission to serve the poor in El Salvador from July 11-17. All 14 missioners represented St. Peter's well by living through God's teachings and showing love and support for those in need. New relationships were formed as our work centered in a village in the San Miguel area this year. Relationships from past years were also nurtured as we reunited with our friends and exchanged stories and warm emotions.

Our main work was centered in an impoverished village near San Miguel called El Carmen de ato Nuevo. Missioners endured hard and labor intensive work to achieve the goal of initiating the building of a pavilion type structure to be used as an Anglican church and place of gathering. We enjoyed working alongside villagers, especially a group of school boys who were eager to show off their strength, as well as play and savor their time with us.

When not at the work site, we were engaged with learning about the plight of the people by interacting with El Salvadoran church leaders, visiting schools, an orphanage and a group of disabled people being helped by the Episcopal church.

St. Peter's had a powerful impact by not just the work that was accomplished, but also on relationships and mutual feeling of love and respect for one another. The missioners are eager to share this sentiment and the effects it has had on the lives of all involved. To accomplish this, every month 2 missioners will prepare a brief article to be included in the *NET*.



We would like to have the 2011 mission group confirmed by mid-fall, so please contact me as soon as possible if you would like to participate. There will be a meeting of all interested participants and supporters on September 10th, 6:30 p.m. at my home.

We thank everyone for your support in making the El Salvador mission such a success. It is phenomenal to think of how the spiritual love of St. Peter's continues to reach so many!

The Clinic is Moving



The Clinic, a nationally acclaimed healthcare provider for those without other resources in the Phoenixville area, has been our neighbor, leasing our Rectory since 2002. As happens with all good efforts, they have outgrown the space and have embarked both on a search for more expansive accommodations as well as a capital campaign to support this move. Representatives from the Vestry and The Clinic have met several times over the past few months to work through details of this transition. We have been blessed by remarkable cooperation in these meetings – our joint efforts are aimed at constructing a lease that will carry both parties through the transition starting in 2012 and beyond. We also greatly appreciate The Clinic's contribution to our own Capital Campaign. Please address any questions or comments to the Vestry, including Geoff Scott who is leading the Working Committee addressing this opportunity.

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Campaign Update

Georgette Druckenmiller



There is good news and progress to report on the ongoing three year Capital Campaign to Renew and Restore St. Peter's Church. While many of us enjoyed the long and lazy summer days, the scheduled Phase One work has been all but completed on the roof areas of the church. Contractor C.J. Diirner and Sons (Chuck Diirner) reports that roof work was divided into three general areas:

Work on the slate roof: Repairs to the slate roof are complete. Approximately 168 roof slates were replaced or repaired. All flashing seams were caulked as needed and all gutters were cleaned and straightened.

Flashing replacement and re-pointing on the main chimney: All the flashing on the furnace chimney has been replaced. The old joint masonry was removed and re-pointed. The only remaining work is to spray the chimney with a water repellent coating.

Replacement of the two flat roofs and the small flat roof in the cloister: The old, torched-on roofs have been removed and replaced with new rubber roofs. This includes the installation of 1 ½ to 2 inches of insulation underneath the new rubber roofs. By September, the flashing and capping around the perimeter of each roof will be complete.

These roof repairs are critical and will eliminate further water damage to the interior of our church. The importance of these repairs cannot be overstated. With their completion, we are able to proceed with the remainder of the planned projects scheduled for Phase One of our Capital Campaign.

Projects scheduled to be finished by the end of 2010 include:

- Installation of a new rest room facility located in the current maintenance closet adjacent to the existing main downstairs bathroom
- Refurbishing existing main downstairs bathroom

Universal access bids

- Egress issues: For safety code compliance, three doors will be replaced in the lower level of the church. One is the outside door to the Florence Smith Fellowship Room. Two doors in the furnace room at the Eastern end of the building will also be replaced.
- Heating system checks and maintenance
- Repair ceiling fans in the sanctuary of the church

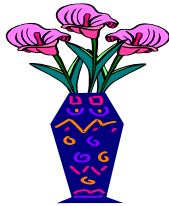
Other campaign progress notes:

- We have launched grant and foundation search for funding with the completion of our application to the Phoenixville Area Heath Foundation.
- Work will begin on the electrical system and the stained glass windows in 2011 as part of our three year campaign.
- Another important goal of this campaign is to have 100 per cent of our members make a gift. If you haven't already done so, please consider helping us achieve this goal.
- We remain at 83 per cent of our goal of \$720,000.
- By the end of September you will be able to check out our photographic progress journal on St. Peter's Web Site!

Our thanks go out to our many members whose pledges and support are making this long awaited restoration a reality. Please keep up your prayers and support for the success of this important Campaign!

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Altar Flowers



Sponsoring a Sunday assures that we always enjoy a beautiful flower gift on the altar each Sunday. The cost of these flowers for 2010 is **\$50.00** and you will be billed directly from the florist. Listed are dates that have already been taken and those that are still available, to sign up for an open flower date, please contact the Parish Office: 610-933-2195.

September

- 5 OPEN**
- 12** Rocchi Family
- 19** Grunwell Family
- 26** Arnold Family

October

- 3 OPEN**
- 10** Murray Family
- 17 OPEN**
- 24 OPEN**
- 31 OPEN**

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Pre-College Mentoring



If you have a high school student[s] in grades 9 to 12 and are looking for some “extra help” to prepare them for acceptance into the college of their dreams, Richard Liston, PHD may be able to help. Richard is the founder and President of Sphere College whose Steering Committee has met here at St. Peter’s on Tuesday afternoons for over a year. Richard has

extensive experience in higher education by earning several masters degrees, his PHD as well as having taught on the college level. He offers help with:

- Select best fit institutions
- Construct application essays
- Sharpen interview skills
- Identify volunteerism opportunities
- Assemble letters of recommendation
- Schedule on-site college visits
- Establish faculty connections at prospective institutions
- Highlight extracurricular activities and achievements on applications

For more information, please contact Richard at 484-302-1600 or Richard@spherecollege.org

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September Birthdays



- [2] Andrew Tosco, Allison Tosco
- [5] Dorothy Adams
- [7] Beverly Burkhardt
- [8] Glenn Murray
- [9] Fred Park, Minita Hivale
- [13] Katie Druckenmiller, Reece Farnum
- [16] Georgette Druckenmiller, Kavita Hivale
- [17] John Young
- [18] Jean Getzey
- [26] Joan Grunwell
- [28] James Tackett
- [29] Cathy Sullens, Kenneth Henry
- [30] Elena Bisbing

September Anniversaries



- [6] Joseph and Denise Montgomery
- [8] David and Lisa Scott
- [17] Frank and Nancy Giampietro
- [18] Ben and Sarah Ohanesian
- [24] Donald and Lisa Brock
- [30] Clem and Marva Young

September Worship Participants

Acolytes

- 5 Ryan Wier
- 12 Charlotte Roberts
Adam Schaefer, Jacob Schaefer
- 19 Vernet Spence-Brown
Brittany Rennie, Brandon Rennie
- 26 Ryan Wier
Sarah Hammaker, Thomas Hammaker

Coffee Hour Providers

- 5 Retta Sparano
- 12 New Member Ministry Committee
- 19 Youth Group
- 26 Choir

Greeters - 8:00 am

- 5 Joan Grunwell
- 12 Carol Smith
- 19 Joyce Paster
- 26 Glenn Murray

Greeters - 10:00 am

- 5 Anne Atlee, Vernet Spence-Brown
- 12 Judi Hans, Lady Rennie
- 19 Pat Howse, Mike Logar
- 26 Mary Tackett, Marva Young

Lectors - 8:00 am

- 5 Carol Smith *lector*
Ron Guagler *chaliceist*
- 12 Todd Jackson *lector*
Lisa Scott *chaliceist*
- 19 Susan Madden-Cox *lector*
Ron Gaugler *chaliceist*
- 26 Ron Gaugler *lector*
Joyce Paster *chaliceist*

Lectors - 10:00 am

- 5 JoAnn Arnold, Iris Blanche
Louise Brand *intercessions*
Vernet Spence-Brown *chaliceist*
- 12 Amber Bailey, Beverly Burkhardt
Marty Bloem *intercessions*
Carol Russell *chaliceist*
- 19 Courtney Logar, Andrew Druckenmiller
Susan Mathews *intercessions*
Ron Druckenmiller *chaliceist*
- 26 James Druckenmiller, Megan Druckenmiller
Georgette Druckenmiller *intercessions*
Peter Druckenmiller *chaliceist*

Ushers

- 5 John Andrews, Steven De Prado
- 12 Henry Young, Marie Hailey
- 19 Carl Rennie, Jacob Schaefer
- 26 Henry Young, Andrea Archer

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Do You Know???



St. Peter's correct mailing address?

121 Church Street,
Phoenixville, PA 19460

St. Peter's e-mail address?

stpeters@snip.net

**You can receive giving envelopes by
contacting the Parish Office at 610-933-2195?**

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TAKE TIME

...to Think

It is the source of power.

...to Play

It is the secret of perpetual youth.

...to Read

It is the fountain of wisdom.

...to Pray

It is the greatest power on earth.

...to Love and Be Loved

It is a god-given privilege.

...to Be Friendly

It is the road to happiness.

Author Unknown

September Events



Parish Office Hours

**Tuesday – Wednesday – Thursday – Friday
8:00 a.m. until Noon**

- [2] 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous to 8:30 – Parish Hall
- [3] **Parish Office CLOSED**
- [4] Pantry OPEN
- [5] 8:00 Eucharist
9:30 Eucharist
- [6] 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous to 8:30 – Parish Hall
- [7] *Noon* Deanery Clericus
1:00 Sphere College to 3:00 p.m. – Fr. Fifer Rm
- [8] 10:45 Service at Sanatoga Manor
12:30 PACA Meeting
- [9] 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous to 8:30 – Parish Hall
- [10] 6:30 Mission Committee Meeting - Hammaker's
- [12] **DEADLINE: 4th Quarter Schedules**
8:00 Eucharist
10:00 Eucharist. Sunday School and
Treble Choir Registration
- [13] 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous to 8:30 – Parish Hall
- [14] *Noon* Soup Kitchen
1:00 Sphere College to 3:00 p.m. – Fr. Fifer Rm
7:00 **Growth Committee Meeting**
- [15] 7:00 Girl Scout Meeting – Parish Hall
- [16] *Noon* Soup Kitchen
7:00 Narcotics Anonymous to 8:30 – Parish Hall
- [18] 8:30 **New Member Ministry Committee Mtg.**
9:00 Pantry OPEN

- [19] **DEADLINE: October NET articles / dates**
8:00 Eucharist
10:00 Eucharist. Sunday School.
- [20] 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous to 8:30 – Parish Hall
- [21] *Noon* Soup Kitchen
1:00 Sphere College to 3:00 p.m. – Fr. Fifer Rm
- [22] 7:00 **Worship Committee Meeting**
7:00 Girl Scout Meeting – Parish Hall
- [23] *Noon* Soup Kitchen
7:00 Narcotics Anonymous to 8:30 – Parish Hall
- [26] 8:00 Eucharist
10:00 Eucharist. Sunday School
- [27] 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous to 8:30 – Parish Hall
- [28] *Noon* Soup Kitchen
1:00 Sphere College to 3:00 p.m. – Fr. Fifer Rm
7:00 **Vestry Meeting**
- [29] 7:00 Girl Scout Meeting – Parish Hall
- [30] *Noon* Soup Kitchen
7:00 Narcotics Anonymous to 8:30 – Parish Hall