



The Beacon

*In thy light shall we see light.
Psalm 36:9*

January 2025

This is an abbreviated version of *The Beacon* because of the Christmas holidays. The normal *Beacon* will resume in February.

Special Services and Seasonal Events

Observing Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

On Monday, January 20, our nation commemorates the life and legacy of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. We are happy to recommend three opportunities for you to participate in the observation.

1. Join the St. Peter's Habitat for Humanity work crew on Saturday, January 18 for a day of service in Coatesville. You can access more information, or sign-up for Habitat for Humanity by clicking [HERE](#). For more information, please contact the Reverend Jeff Moretzsohn at jeff@stpetersgv.org.
2. Gather with us in the barn worship space on Sunday January 19 after the 9 a.m. service to help prepare 200 meals to be delivered on Sunday afternoon to the Gospel Celebration at the Coatesville Youth and Women's Alliance.
3. Participate with thousands of others on Monday, January 20 in the annual Reenactment of the historic Selma March in Coatesville beginning at 8 a.m. at Gateway Park (1st and Lincoln Highway) and concluding at noon at New Life in Christ Fellowship (1 S. 5th Ave). For more information, you may visit the [website](#), [review this flyer](#), or check the bulletin boards in the gathering spaces.

Candlemas Compline

February 2

We will observe the Presentation of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple, also known as Candlemas, with a contemplative service of Compline in the Historic Church on Sunday, February 2, at 7:30 p.m. This feast day commemorates the presentation of Jesus and the purification of Mary in the Jerusalem temple forty days after Jesus' birth, in accordance with the requirements of Jewish law. In the account found in Luke's Gospel, the presentation of Jesus was also the occasion of Jesus meeting with Simeon and Anna. Simeon's prayer of blessing is the basis for the canticle *Nunc dimittis*.

Newcomers' Brunch February 2

The Newcomer Commission and Vestry invite everyone new to St. Peter's to brunch in the parish hall of the Historic Church following the 10 a.m. service on February 2. This is an opportunity to get to know people over a meal and learn more about the parish. Our last newcomer event was last February, and so in this case "new" is anyone who began attending St. Peter's after that date or was unable to attend last year. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Helen Ockenden at helenock@verizon.net

Preschool Registration Now Open!

Preschool registration is now open for the 2025/2026 school year. We have programs for 2-year-olds through pre-K. Please contact Preschool Director Erinn White at preschool@stpetersgv.org or call at 610-644-2261 ext. 305 for more information.

November Financial Snapshot

Paige Infortuna and Eric Lien, Treasurer and Finance Commission

	Month of November	November Year to Date	Forecast (year-end)	Budget (2024)
Parishioner Contributions	28,243	425,786	505,868	494,526
*Other Income	12,845	90,663	130,227	137,615
Total Income	41,088	516,448	636,094	632,141
Total Expense	49,841	563,275	625,124	632,128
Surplus/(Deficit)	(-8,753)	(-46,827)	10,970	13

**Other Income: Interest, Rental, Endowment Distributions*

As you see from the November Financial Update, year-to-date pledge income is substantially below the budgeted amount. Please fulfill your pledge, if at all possible, even if you make your payment in January.

Outreach

Ongoing Opportunities to Volunteer at the St. James School

Gail Guthridge

St James is one of the core outreach ministries at St. Peter's. In light of our 2024-25 program theme, we HOPE you will ACT on some of these rewarding volunteer opportunities!

Go for the Gold Saturdays- Tutors are needed to assist individual students or small groups with academics. Staff is present to support you. Select Saturdays, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Contact Maggie Sanborn at msanborn@stjamesphila.org for further information.

Welcome Table- Volunteers are needed every Saturday morning, 8-11 a.m., to help organize and distribute food and clothing. Weekday volunteers are also needed, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., to pick up donations, organize, and manage storage. Contact Tiana Jones at tjones@stjamesphila.org for more information.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service and Servanthood

Eileen Klein

The second annual MLK Day celebration in Coatesville will be a three-day event. On Sunday, January 19, YOU are invited to participate in a service project during the Adult Forum (10:20 a.m. in the barn) in preparation for the Martin Luther King Day event.

St Peter's volunteers will make 200 lunches to help support the Coatesville community festivities and our partnership with CYWA. DO JOIN US to give service to this national celebration.

Christian Formation

Adult Forum

10:20 in the barn, following the 9 a.m. service

Sunday, January 12: Service as the Manifestation of God in the World

On January 12, Deacon Jeff led a conversation focused on the impact of service as the manifestation of God in the world. We discussed the theological, biological, and ontological implications of sacrificial service as well as shared personal stories of what it means to be "blessed to be a blessing."

Sunday, January 19: Martin Luther King Service

On January 19, we will put our hands to use by making 200 lunches to be used at the Gospel Choir festival that afternoon, with extras going to the marchers on Martin Luther King Day.

Sunday, January 26: Dave Kasievich and the St. James School-Based Health Center

On January 26, Dave Kasievich from St. James School will visit again, bringing students selling woodworking products and tasty treats. St. James' School-Based Health Center provides relationship-based care reflecting the school's commitment to a 'Whole Community, Whole School, and Whole Child' model. The trauma-informed paradigm is implemented at the organizational level to recognize, understand, and address the learning and health needs of students and others impacted by traumatic stress. Leah Young, director of the Wellness Center, will lead a discussion about their work, its impact, and the ways in which we can support this important component of St. James School.

Communications Corner

Do you have information to distribute to the St. Peter's community? Please see the information below to make sure your information goes to the right place. And remember, sending information to one publication **does not** constitute sending it to all. You should be specific about where your information should go.

Publication / Platform	Deadline	Send to
Keynotes	end of day, Tuesday prior	Parish Administrator (parishadministrator@stpetersgv.org)
The Sunday Leaflet	end of day, Tuesday prior	Parish Administrator (parishadministrator@stpetersgv.org)
<i>The Beacon</i>	end of day, 21st of previous month	<i>Beacon</i> General Editor (beacon@stpetersgv.org)
Announcement*(during Sunday services)	With the Sunday Leaflet, see above	---

**All announcements for Sunday morning should be submitted to the Sunday Leaflet by the end of day on the Tuesday prior. To request your announcement be highlighted by the presider, include that request with the leaflet submission.*

Upcoming Events

January 19

MLK service hour

10:20 a.m., Adult Forum, barn

January 26

Dave Kasievich

10:20 a.m., Adult Forum, barn

February 2

Combined service

10 a.m., barn

Newcomers' Brunch

Following 10 a.m. service, Historic Church parish
hall

Candlemas Compline

7:30 p.m., Historic Church



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Erinn White, Preschool Director
Gail Malcolm, Event Coordinator
Mario Delano, Weekend Facilities Manager

Deadline for the
February *Beacon*:
January 21

Our Mission:
by the power of the Holy Spirit, to nurture people of all ages in the knowledge and love of God in Jesus Christ, and to make Him known in the wider community

Weekly Offerings at St. Peter's

Sunday

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I*
9 a.m. Family Eucharist**

Sunday School**

10:20 a.m. Christian Formation**
11:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II**

First Sunday

10 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II**

Fellowship follows all services

Wednesday

10 a.m. Morning Prayer & Bible Study***

Thursday

10:30 a.m. Intercessory Prayer Group***
7:15 p.m. Compline***

Friday

8 a.m. Gathering of Men***
* Historic Church
** Bank Barn
*** Virtual

Parish office hours: 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday.