

# FEBRUARY 2021

## St. Peter's Episcopal Church

*St. Peter's Church was organized in 1885 and the cornerstone was dedicated September 5th, 1886. This structure still stands on Brown Avenue in Norfolk. The first worship service at our present site was in the parish hall on Christmas Eve, 1959. All existing construction was completed in 1965.*

4th.....Finance Committee meeting, 7pm  
8th.....Vestry meeting, Zoom at 7PM  
Ladies lunch at UNO's, 12:30pm  
14th.....Valentine's Day  
15th.....President's Day, school & office closed  
17th.....**Ash Wednesday**, Imposition of Ashes  
21st.....First Sunday in Lent  
22nd—27th.....129th Annual Council, Zoomed  
28th.....Second Sunday in Lent

**“Celebrating and Proclaiming our Life in Jesus Christ!”**

## “THE CALL”

### St. Peter's Episcopal Church

224 S. Military Highway  
Norfolk, VA 23502  
Phone: 757-466-9392



## ***FEBRUARY 2021***

**Birthday & Anniversary Blessings , on the 1st Sunday of the month**

### ***Happy Birthday***

Ed Klaus	2nd
Andy Midgette	3rd
Andy Diffenbaugh	14th
Matthew Shreve	14th
Carolyn King	15th
Allison Truxell	16th
Ashley Williams	18th
Jodi McGinty	21st
Lauren DeLoatche	22nd
Yvonne Authement	23rd
Steve Kakol	23rd

### ***No February Anniversaries***

#### **ST. PETER'S CHURCH STAFF**

<b>Bishop</b>	<b>The Rt. Rev. Susan B. Haynes</b>
<b>Rector</b>	<b>The Rev. Jesse R. Lassiter</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Vel Shreve</b>
<b>Organist</b>	<b>Elizabeth Miller</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Carolyn King</b>
<b>Sexton</b>	<b>Kevin Bates</b>

#### **VESTRY MEMBERS**

<b>Bruce Comfort, Sr. Warden</b>	<b>(‘22)</b>
<b>Howard Belote, Jr. Warden</b>	<b>(‘21)</b>

<b>Charlie Pfeifer</b>	<b>(‘21)</b>	<b>Charlotte Corbett</b>	<b>(‘22)</b>
<b>Linsey Shreve</b>	<b>(‘21)</b>	<b>Ana Nowland</b>	<b>(‘22)</b>
<b>Susan Sigler</b>	<b>(‘21)</b>	<b>Jason Nowland</b>	<b>(‘22)</b>
		<b>Kimberly Truxell</b>	<b>(‘23)</b>



### **ASH WEDNESDAY**

**February 17th, 2021**

**The beginning of the Lenten Season. On Ash Wednesday, there will be Imposition of Ashes and worship. Times and more information to be announced. Keep and eye on our web page for more information!**

**The deadline for articles for the March issue of The Call is:  
February 15th, 2021**

**Send articles to :**

**vel@stpeters-norfolk.org  
or call the church office at 466-9392**

#### **THE NEXT LADIES LUNCH**

**Monday, February 8th, 12:30pm. They meet at the Uno's Restaurant in the Janaf Shopping Center in Norfolk.**



**For more information or to RSVP, call Millie Coward at 455-5887**

## PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

**Men's Bible Study**– Tuesday mornings at 7:30AM when **Covid 19 restrictions are lifted**.

**The Intercessory Prayer Group** Meet Sunday mornings at 9AM in the Diffenbaugh Library. They meet again once restrictions are lifted. If you are unable to attend any Sunday, you may request the group pray for you or your loved one by writing on a prayer card and placing it in the Prayer Box on the table in the parish hall or in the Narthex. All prayers are kept confidential within the group.

**Men's & Women's Cursillo Group** will meet again when the **Covid 19 restrictions are lifted**. They meet at 6:15PM

**Co-ed Bible Study Group** will resume Wednesdays when the **Covid 19 restrictions are lifted** They meet at 7PM.

*Please keep these people in your prayers*

June Faye & Joe	Joan	Charlie
BJ	Hazel	Niko
Lois	Sebastian	Jess
Audrey	Wayne	Josephine
Patsi	Vickie	Steve
Joyce	Joy	Billy
Xander & Family	John	Kathie
Johnny & Nancy	Debra	Lisa
Debbie & Kenny	Christine	Karen
The Benn Family	Cheryl	Jessica
Florence & Howard	Kathy	Bonnie M.
Clay & Wanda	Daniel	Ruth
Bert & Ann	Mary	Chris
Katie	Tark	Teresa
Debbie H.	Bobbi	Vickie
Carol	Rosanna	Buddy
John & Sharon	Rod	Dot

An opportunity has been brought to our attention to assist Providence Place of De Paul Assisted Living and Memory Care residents. We are putting together 50 goodie bags for the residents for Valentine's Day. We would like to continue to provide various gifts of love through out the year.

If you would like to contribute, please bring items to church and place in the basket provided. Our goal is to provide small items the residents can use. A list will be provided . For more information contact Nancy Comfort

## THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



There will be no more Prayer Shawl meetings until further notice. Hopefully restrictions will be lifted soon. We will keep you informed. Meanwhile keep on knitting, crocheting and looming. In December and January the group made 7 infant hats, 68 preemie hats, 9 baby blankets and 13 hats for the homeless. For more information on the Prayer Shawl ministry, call Millie Coward at 455-5887

### ***MANY THANKS***

To all those who continue to send their pledges and tithes to church. This helps us keep current with our bills and our expenses. Thank you!

### ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to give altar flowers any Sunday through the year, please call the church office 466-9392. We **are** allowed to have fresh flowers on the altar through the pandemic. The flowers are \$60 each week, or \$30 when two people give on the same Sunday.

## **GOD BLESS OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN**

“Finally, be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes.”. (Ephesians 6:10-11)

Joey  
David  
Kyle  
Christopher  
Jared  
Chloe

Bucky  
Bob  
Mike  
Jennifer  
Courtney  
Michael

Jarod  
Mario  
Allan  
Frank  
Jonathan  
Aaron



**SUPPORT OUR VETERANS** The Veteran’s Administration in Hampton is accepting **toiletries, candy, games, etc.** They are not accepting used clothing at the moment, due to the pandemic. Please bring the items you are donating to church and Bill Weissner will deliver them to the hospital. **Toiletries are needed the most.** Thank you for your continued support!

### **FEBRUARY ASSIGNMENTS**

#### **February 7—5th Sunday after Epiphany**

Lector

Susan Sigler

Altar Guild Duty

Vel Shreve, Dot Pierce

#### **February 14—Last Sunday after Epiphany**

Lector

Debbie Whitehorne

Altar Guild Duty

Charlotte Corbett, Vel Shreve

#### **February 17—Ash Wednesday**

Lector

Laura Kallestad

Altar Guild Duty

Charlotte Corbett, Vel Shreve

#### **February 21—1st Sunday in Lent**

Lector

Janet Chauncey

Altar Guild Duty

Nancy Comfort, Jessica Trochanowski

#### **February 24—1st Wednesday in Lent**

Lector

Not yet assigned

Altar Guild Duty

Nancy Comfort, Jessica Trochanowski

#### **February 28—2nd Sunday in Lent**

Lector

Kimberly Truxell

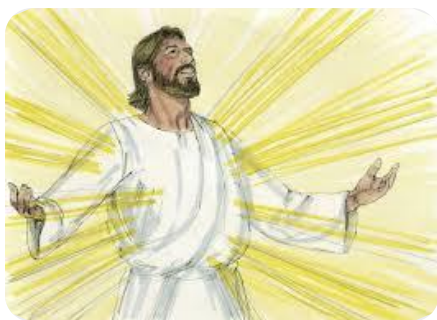
Altar Guild Duty

Millie Coward, Dot Pierce



# St. Peter's Children's Ministry

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## Mark 9:2-9 (The Transfiguration)

Have you ever seen something so surprising, so beautiful, or so exciting that you could hardly believe your eyes? Sometimes rainbows form as double rainbows that arch across the sky. The glistening colors are so dazzling that you must run to get someone to look at it with you.

Perhaps you are looking out a window on a stormy night and see lightening zip across the sky. Your mom or dad may say, "Yes, I saw that too." Maybe you have seen the Grand Canyon, a tall tree like a sequoia, or a skyscraper that seems to reach into the clouds. Objects that are very large make us question what we are seeing; we wonder if the object is really as big as it seems and we ask others to see what they think.

When Jesus lived on earth, he took three of his disciples and went to a high mountain to be apart from the crowds of people. While he was on the mountain, a great change came over him and "his clothing became glistening, exceedingly white, like snow, such as no launderer on earth can whiten them" (9:3).

The disciples were frightened. They couldn't believe what they were seeing. "A cloud came, overshadowing them, and a voice came out of the cloud, 'This is my beloved Son. Listen to him'" (9:7).

The voice was God's voice. What they saw was so surprising, so beautiful, so exciting that the disciples needed to hear God telling them that what they saw was true. God said, "This is my Son...listen to him!" (9:7).

That is the best advice for us today and every day. This is Jesus. **Listen to him!**



## Dates to Remember

- ❖ Feb 7<sup>th</sup> – Epiphany 5  
Mark 1:29-39 – Jesus Heals Many
- ❖ Feb 14<sup>th</sup> – Epiphany 6  
Mark 9:2-9 – The Transfiguration
- ❖ Feb 17<sup>th</sup> Ash Wednesday
- ❖ Feb 21<sup>st</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent  
Mark 1:9-15 - The Baptism and Testing of Jesus
- ❖ Feb 28<sup>th</sup> – 2nd Sunday in Lent  
Mark 8:31-38 - Jesus Predicts His Death

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## A Special Thank You

Thank you to the Wiseman **Bruce Comfort, Rob Truxell and Charlie Pfeifer** for bringing their wonderful gifts to St. Peters on Epiphany Sunday!



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## Corny Jokes

What do you call the world's smallest Valentine's Day card?

**A valen-teeny.**

What did the farmer give his wife for Valentine's Day?

**Hogs and kisses**

What do you say to an octopus on Valentine's Day?

**I want to hold your hand, hand, hand, hand, hand, hand, hand, hand!**

What do you call a ghost's true love?

**His ghoul-friend.**



HAPPY  
*Valentine's*  
DAY





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 <b>5th Sunday after Epiphany</b> 9AM Holy Eucharist Rite I (Virtual)	8 LADIES LUNCH at UNO's Restaurant in the Janaf Shopping Center, Norfolk, 12:30pm	9	10	11	12	13
14 <b>Last Sunday after Epiphany</b> 9AM Holy Eucharist Rite II (Virtual)	15	16	17 ASH WEDNESDAY with Imposition of Ashes	18	19	20
21 <b>1st Sunday in Lent</b> 9AM Holy Eucharist Rite II (Virtual)	22	23	24 1st WEDNESDAY in LENT Evening Prayer 7PM	25	26	27
	129th	ANNUAL	COUNCIL	(ON	ZOOM)	
28 <b>2nd Sunday in Lent</b> 9AM Holy Eucharist Rite II (Virtual)						

# Welcome

to our new Priest in Charge, Jesse Lassiter, and his wife, Sophia

Father Jesse grew up in Ormond Beach, Florida in a Methodist household, but attended the Episcopal Church from time to time. In college he sang in the Episcopal Church choir. He loves to snow board, ski, hike and rock climb, as well as cooking and reading.. While living in Germany he received a call to the priesthood. He moved back to Florida to start the ordination process. He graduated from Nashotah House Theological Seminary, near Milwaukee. It was at seminary he met his wife, Sophia, who was obtaining her Master's in Violin performance. After graduation they moved to Vermont, where they married. Sophia grew up in New England and attended Gordon College in Boston. She is currently directing the pre-college string program at Stetson University in Florida, while also maintaining a full private studio.

Jesse's favorite aspect of ministry, after the awesome privilege of administering the sacrament, is teaching how our faith integrates the Bible, tradition, and community in order to bless the world.

We are sharing Father Jesse with St. Brides Episcopal Church, Chesapeake. His first worship service at St. Peter's was held virtually on Sunday, January 17th.

*Welcome Jesse and Sophia!*

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**Registrations for the 2020/21 school year at St. Peter's Day School are currently being accepted. We teach 2,3,4 and Kindergarten age children. School began September 8th. Although class sizes are limited to small amounts this year, we are hoping class sizes will increase soon. Call now to reserve your spot. Please call the office 466-9392 for more information.**





# A Prayer during the Corona Virus Pandemic:

Heavenly Father, as our nation and our communities, and the whole world live in fear and anxiety as the COVID-19 Virus continues to spread; we pray that you would put your divine touch upon your creation and heal us completely in body, mind and spirit.

Give us the grace to seek your face and to seek your guidance and direction in all we do. Help us to draw strength from the faith you've given each of us, and protect us from all undue fear, anxiety and depression.

We pray for protection for, and give thanks for, all those who daily make themselves vulnerable and put their lives on the line to help us, heal us, and keep us safe: for all doctors, nurses and others who staff our hospitals and nursing homes and health care offices and facilities; for all first responders, for police officers, firefighters, National Guard units, and other military service people. For the employees of all food stores, home improvement centers, pharmacies, and restaurants that remain open to serve us in the midst of this crises.

For those around the world – the scientists and medical staffs who are working endless hours, using the knowledge and wisdom you have given them to find answers on how to stop the spread of this virus and to develop a vaccine to prevent it. Bless their efforts, Lord, and protect them.

For the leaders of the nations of the world, our country, and our communities; that they would look to you for guidance and direction as they make decisions about relaxing restrictions and how best to care for the people you've placed in their care.

Most of all, Lord, we pray that you would help us to remember that you are the Sovereign Lord of the universe and that you rule over heaven and earth and are in charge of all things, and that you have promised to walk with us each minute of each day. Help us to trust you and to find peace in that promise. **Amen.**

# Priest's Letter

## Family

Princess Diana once said, "Family is the most important thing in the world." She couldn't have been more right! In these strange and scary times, family has been the single greatest comfort for some of us. For me personally, my wife Sophia has been such an anchor of love. Family has also been what we might be missing the most. It hurt for me to go six months without hugging my parents, who lived just one town over from us in Florida. Most of us will not see our extended family for some time now. **But there is good news!!! St. Peter's is still a family.** A common proclamation that Episcopal churches stay together while they send off Lay Eucharistic Visitors after receiving communion is, "We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one Bread and the one Cup." This means that we are bonded together by the physical consecrated elements so that we may be a large, loving family.

The diocese of Southern Virginia, having our safety as a top priority, has restricted the ways in which we can meet as a family. We can stream services with a few helpers. We can do outdoor services for 25 people at a length of 25 minutes. We also may have "drive in" church where you may park your car in the parking lot and tune in on the radio to a service being held in the church. Lay Eucharistic Visitors, as well as myself, may distribute communion to those that want it during the week.

At this time, these are the measures allowed for us to continue to share in the one Bread and the one Cup of the Eucharist. These measures still pale in comparison to worship before the pandemic; these measures would not be encouraged in normal times. My heart breaks because I can't even meet you all at this time. However, I am still grateful that we have these measures. There are some countries in the world that won't even let priests into their churches at all. The fact that we are allowed to function on *any* level means that there is still powerful work to do!

I'd like to again express my gratitude and excitement in being your new priest; I eagerly look forward to meeting ALL of you once it is safe to do so. My wife Sophia and I are most excited to join such a loving, faithful family.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all evermore,

Jesse+