Saint Peter’s Church
Comings, Goings & Doings in 2019

**Births:** Charlotte Boerma, Jack Casey, Alannah Dunne, Turner Halloran, Chloe Hesdon, Ryan Legans, Oscar McToo, Hugh Miller and Wendell Phillips


**Marriages:** Margaret Clark & Michael Withington, Shannon Doyle & Daniel Tonelatto, Francis Gress & Jonathan Cedrone

**Newcomers:** Erik & Kimberly Boerma w/ Charlotte, Jonathan Cedrone & Francis Gress, Carolyn Davis & Calvin Graham w/ Hugh & Alexander, Sonia Dusgupta w/ Kiryn, Elsa Enderson, Matt Hall & Ben Willis, Brian & Meredith Hesdon w/ Chloe, Mac & Sam Jones, Ann Kell, Catherine Kerrison, Diane Locheil & LeAnn Lippincott, Emily Loughlin, Roberta McGady, Charles & Elizabeth McGhee Hassrick w/ Edel, Misty Morgan w/ Maximus, Kathleen Nelson, David Ralston, Jourdie & Michael Triebwasser w/ Eliza & Kate, Claire Waugh, Kelsi Wicker

**Departures:** Francesca Bruno, David & Renee Dorsey w/ June & Parker, Joshua Glassman, Will & Karen Krogh w/ Camilla, Heather Loring-Albright, Emily Ritter, Olivia Roland, Jack Schmieig, Linda Sheridan

**Deaths:** Clifton Ogburn, Douglas Verney, Lynda Weber

Ministry leaders in 2019:
- **Adult Education** – Sean Lanigan
- **Altar Guild** – Johanna Ettin
- **Anti-Racism** – Sean Lanigan
- **Bell Ringing** – Gail Hauptfuhrer
- **Book Group** – Sharon Haynie
- **Children’s Ministry** – Sean Lanigan
- **Churchyard** – Jill Minick, Anne Eiswerth, Elaine Markezin & Meredith Piotrowski
- **Eco Committee** – Amy Cornelius
- **Finance** – Jared Cram
- **Food Cupboard** – Ben Bookman
- **Greeters** – Cordelia Biddle
- **Historic Church Committee** – Keith Betten
- **Hospitality** – Kate Randall
- **Investments** – Allen Hall
- **Knitting Group** – Pat Fusco
- **Mentor Task Force** – Darryl Roland
- **Monday Counters** – Pat Fusco
- **Music Committee** – Jonathan Miller & Hannah Poole
- **On Being** – Marjorie Muecke
- **Pastoral Care** – Kate Randall
- **Personnel Committee** – Elaine Markezin
- **Property** – Gaylord Holder
- **Sages** – Walt Peters
- **Stewardship** – Lauri Cielo
- **TNT** – Sean Lanigan
- **Ushers** – Steve Zettler
- **Vergers** – Rob Taglieri
- **VIA** – Tina Hogan & Nigel Richards
- **Writers Group** – Cordelia Biddle
- **Youth Group** – Emily Porcelli & Sam Jones

**Vestry:** Jared Cram, Accounting Warden, Cordelia Biddle, Secretary, Jennifer Childs, Rector’s Warden
Nora Adelmann, Lisa Di Cicco, Vincent DiPentino, Pam Harper, Peggy Hatch, Sharon Haynie, Jay Newlin, Christina Santos, Michael Zullo

Thanks to Vincent DiPentino and Pam Harper for their dedicated service on the vestry.

Thanks to all ministry members including Sunday morning liturgical ministers and chorister walkers and sitters.

Thanks to everyone for all your hard work in 2019!
## Sources of Cash - General Operating Fund

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<th>2018 Actual</th>
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<td>Contributions Pledged</td>
<td>463,693</td>
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<td>Routine Non-pledge</td>
<td>5,710</td>
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<td>Plate, Easter, etc.</td>
<td>29,049</td>
<td>23,826</td>
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<td><strong>Contributions</strong></td>
<td><strong>498,452</strong></td>
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<td>Routine Transfers from Endowment Funds</td>
<td>224,951</td>
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<td>Other Income</td>
<td>94,635</td>
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<td><strong>Subtotal</strong></td>
<td><strong>818,038</strong></td>
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<td>Non-routine transfers from Endowment</td>
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<td>Use of Restricted Funds</td>
<td>40,000</td>
<td>63,662</td>
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**Total Sources of Cash** 858,038 904,686 874,326

## Uses of Cash - General Operating Fund

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<td>Clergy</td>
<td>271,122</td>
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<td>Music and Choral Scholarships</td>
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<td>Education, Fellowship and Development</td>
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<td>Outreach: Parish Ministries</td>
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<td>Outreach: Diocesan Support</td>
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<td>Administration</td>
<td>151,767</td>
<td>155,852</td>
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<td>Property (including projects)</td>
<td>127,087</td>
<td>149,884</td>
<td>117,385</td>
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**Total** 853,267 876,181 874,288

**Difference: Sources and Uses of Cash** 4,771 28,505 38

* In 2019 and 2020, Parish Outreach will be funded from a bequest designated for outreach.
Associate Rector Transition
In November 2019, we said goodbye to Rev. Sean Lanigan, who had served as Associate Rector at St. Peter’s since 2015. Sean was called to be rector of St. Mary’s, Ardmore. On November 17, we celebrated Sean’s final Sunday at St. Peter’s, thanking him for being an integral and beloved member of our church these past four years. In December, we hired Rev. Sarah Hedgis as our new Associate Rector to begin in January 2020.

New Parish House Progress
We continued to make progress toward the construction of a new Parish House—The Keys at Historic St. Peter’s Church—which will be built on the parking lot at Third and Lombard. This year, changes by the Philadelphia Historical Commission required us to do an archeological excavation on the building site. We completed that excavation in July and no artifacts of historical significance were found. Also this year, we selected an engineer for the project—Wolfe Scott Builders & Construction Managers. We’ve worked with our engineers and architects in a process called “value engineering” to analyze the proposed equipment, materials, and systems used in construction to ensure our new parish house is well built, functional, beautiful, and within budget.

Food Cupboard
The St. Peter’s Food Cupboard had a very successful 2019, ending the year with a strong fundraising season that raised over $11,000 in our Feed 750 campaign. Earlier in the year, the coin drive during Lent brought not only much needed funds, but awareness and compassion for all involved. The Cupboard Door, a new biweekly e-newsletter, was introduced to rave reviews, connecting parishioners with clients through an intimate look inside the day-to-day interactions at the cupboard. Finally, key partnerships with Philabundance, Penn GSE’s Intercultural Communication program, and the St. Peter's School were strengthened with field trips, site visits, and exchanges.

SING Philadelphia Choir Camp
In June 2019, we welcomed 32 children from 13 Philadelphia schools to our SING Philadelphia choir camp—the highest attendance yet! The camp reaches out to a diverse group of families who are new to our program, and we offer sliding scale tuition so that all can participate. In addition to having two choir rehearsals each day, campers also participated in drama and art instruction. A number of children who attended SING Philadelphia enrolled as choristers in our year-round Chorister Academy.

Memorial to the Lost
St. Peter's partnered with the faith-based organization Heeding God's Call to install a “Memorial to the Lost” in our churchyard to honor victims of gun violence in Philadelphia. Dozens of T-shirts with names and dates of those murdered by gun violence were erected in the churchyard along Third Street. St. Peter’s parishioners also participated in a letter writing campaign to our legislators, and joined with Mother Bethel AME Church and other local churches for a witness walk and remembrance service on Gun Violence Awareness Day September 22.

Churchyard Gardeners
This year we removed several dying trees and planted three American Hornbeams, a white Oak, and three Sourwoods in the St. Peter’s churchyard. This planting was part of a three-year plan for the churchyard to remove failing trees and create mini-groves of new native trees. The church received grants from the Hardy Plant Society—Mid-Atlantic group and the Society Hill Civic Association to purchase and plant the trees.

Accessible Box Pews
During the summer of 2019, we made adjustments to two box pews on the east end of the church to make them ADA accessible, with a ramp to enter each pew box and room for a wheelchair to maneuver. This makes the church more welcoming and accessible to those in walkers and wheelchairs.
Pilgrimage
This summer, 12 St. Peter’s parishioners and friends went on pilgrimage to Northern Britain. The group, led by Rev. Claire Nevin-Field, began on the remote island of Iona, then traveled to the beautiful ruins of Melrose Abbey, the magnificent Durham Cathedral, and the historic shrine to St. Cuthbert. The pilgrims sent back daily reports to the parish, telling of the ways they experienced God, worshipped together, and formed a community.

Stewardship Campaign
During our stewardship campaign in the fall of 2019, 192 households pledged to financially support St. Peter’s Church in 2020; altogether pledges totaled $483,071. We received an increase in number of pledgers and revenue from last year—including 27 new pledgers!

Chorister Academy
In fall 2019, we extended the Chorister Academy from 3-6 p.m., allowing more working families to participate. The Chorister Academy, an after-school music training program for children ages 6-17, is the most racially and socioeconomically diverse group of children we have had in generations. We recruited more parishioner volunteers this year to support the Chorister Academy, and a core team of parishioners has been working diligently on plans to further expand and market the Chorister Academy.

Grounds That Shout!
St. Peter’s was one of three historic Philadelphia churches that served as a venue for a series of performances in May 2019 curated by award-winning choreographer Reggie Wilson. Grounds that Shout! (and others merely shaking) responded to the layered histories of Philadelphia’s religious spaces through contemporary dance and reflected on the relationships and connections between practices of movement and worship. The performances were made possible by Partners for Sacred Places and Philadelphia Contemporary. More information is available here: https://sacredplaces.org/2019/11/06/grounds-that-shout-and-others-merely-shaking/

Eco-Committee
St. Peter’s continues its dedication to living as sustainably as possible. In 2019, St. Peter’s conducted a trash audit—a study of the trash we make. To help reduce trash and recycling contamination, we put clearly labeled recycle bins and compost containers in both the parish house kitchen and parlor. We recycle and compost as much as we can and have zero-waste coffee hours and receptions. In addition we recycle thin film plastic, use nontoxic cleaning products, and belong to an energy coop which not only means all our electricity is wind or solar powered, but we are also saving money on energy costs.

Creation Season
St. Peter’s observed a season of Creation in October and November, beginning on the Feast of St. Francis with a Blessing of the Animals in church. We also hung a 54-inch inflatable globe of our planet Earth from the ceiling of the sanctuary to bring attention to our beautiful blue-green world and renew our commitment to caring for it and all of God’s creatures.

Gravestone Cleaning
A group of parishioners worked this year show our dirtiest headstones a little TLC and give them a good cleaning. Parishioners cleaned the stones with a safe, biological cleaning solution to remove moss, algae, and mold. The cleaning makes the headstones more legible and beautiful and slows further erosion of the stones.

Wapiti Retreats
Two vibrant ministries – our TNT 20s & 30s group and the St. Peter’s Writers – both gathered regularly in 2019 and traveled to the Wapiti Retreat Center in Maryland (TNT in May and Writers in September) to grow in fellowship.