

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

Baptisms: Charlotte Boerma, Olivia Cornell, Ariana Chiaramonte, Alannah Dunne, Beau Fitzgerald, Elliott Halloran, Turner Halloran, Chloe Hesdon, Ryan Legans, Kade McDermott, Everett & Luke Murray, Isabella Shames-Ettin, Elizabeth Triebwasser, Jordan Triebwasser, Kathryn Triebwasser

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 Dugupta w/ Kiryn, Elsa Endenson, Matt Hall & Ben Willis, Brian & Meredith Hesdon w/ Chloe, Mac & Sam Jones, Ann Kell, Catherine Kerrison, Diane Lochel & 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 Schmiege, 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 Adelman, 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!

St. Peter's Financial Report Annual Meeting January 2020

	2018 actual	2019 Actual	Proposed 2020
Sources of Cash - General Operating Fund			
Contributions Pledged	463,693	490,715	491,200
Routine Non-pledge	5,710	2,295	10,200
Plate, Easter, etc.	29,049	23,826	24,480
Contributions	498,452	516,836	525,880
Routine Transfers from Endowment Funds	224,951	230,149	233,252
Other Income	94,635	94,039	98,560
Subtotal	818,038	841,024	857,692
Non-routine transfers from Endowment Use of Restricted Funds	40,000	63,662	16,634
Total Sources of Cash	858,038	904,686	874,326
Uses of Cash - General Operating Fund			
Clergy	271,122	275,606	288,059
Music and Choral Scholarships	167,382	169,455	174,873
Education, Fellowship and Development	65,313	59,102	66,541
Outreach: Parish Ministries	4,314	*	*
Outreach: Diocesan Support	66,282	66,282	67,282
Administration	151,767	155,852	160,148
Property (including projects)	127,087	149,884	117,385
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.