

St. Peter's Weekly News

November 6, 2019

Honoring Our Veterans: THIS SUNDAY Rev. Laura will preach about her work among veterans. She will also lead our adult forum in which she will tell us more of her story as a journalist during the Vietnam War and her book, *Shrapnel in the Heart*, which shares letters and remembrances left at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

Remembering Our Friend: Dave Thompson Sr. died peacefully this past week. Most recently he had been living in California with his son. We will celebrate his life in a Memorial Service on Saturday, November 23 at 3 p.m. with a reception immediately following in the parish hall. Please keep Dave, Jr. and the entire Thompson family in your prayers. *Rest eternal, grant to Dave, O Lord and let light perpetual shine upon him.*

Seamen's Church Institute Ditty Bags: The sea persons who service the port of Philadelphia are accurately characterized as the migrant workers of the sea. The Seamen's Church Institute of Philadelphia and South Jersey (SCI) works hard to lessen the suffering of the people who bring us our goods. They will appreciate warm hats, scarves and socks and are especially asking for shampoo, deodorant and shaving cream. Final day of the collection is Sunday, November 10.

Lectionary Bible Study: As the seasons turn, so does the liturgy. Summer is clearly gone and, in the liturgy, we turn our attention from creation to Advent. Already? Well, not quite, but in a few weeks. So, the readings this week and next will focus on the coming of the Lord. But, which coming? As usual, we'll look for answers, make connections, and, of course, ask more questions. Bring your cookies and coffee to the Library after the service for a lively, informative discussion.

Panera Bread: Sunday is our Panera Bread "Bucks for Brains - Yummies for You" day. Stop by the Panera bread table in the Parish Hall. Make a donation that will be shared between scholarships for the youth of Guatemala and funding for research into the cause and treatment of Alzheimer's disease. Then, take home some Panera bread or pastry!

Stewardship In-Gathering Sunday on November 17: This is our annual celebration of our community and God's abundance among us. During the service members are invited to take a moment to reflect on all their blessings and to fill out a pledge card and intentionally place it before the altar as your offering to God.

Intergenerational event: We will be having our first "Turkey Trivia" fellowship event on Sunday, November 17. Grab your favorite refreshment and treat at fellowship and get ready to play. Games should not last longer than 1pm so please plan accordingly.

Children & Youth: Special thanks to all the Ghouls and Boos who created a spooky coffee hour last Sunday. Special thanks to Dave Kipphut and Wendy Hartung for their assistance! If you missed it, ask to see pictures! It was very creepy! Here are upcoming service learning opportunities:
Giving Gobbler – November 27, 5:00 - 8:00 pm)
Mary Pat's Cookies – December 7, 10:00 am to pack cookies.

Next Musicking Event: The Unheard Voice: Arias by Barbara Strozzi on Sunday, November 24, 4:00 p.m. Please join us to hear some unknown arias by female composer Barbara Strozzi. This concert celebrates Strozzi's 400th birthday in 2019. The concert will feature Elissa Edwards, Music Education & Outreach Officer & Voice Instructor at the Washington National Cathedral, as the soprano soloist. She will be joined by Philadelphia local musicians: Elena Smith (viola da gamba), Joyce Chen (harpsichord), and John Orluk Lacombe (theorbo). The concert is free and accepts donation to support the music ministry at St. Peter's and future concert events. Please spread the word and come!

Consider Serving! The Nominating Committee is preparing a slate of candidates for those willing to serve in the leadership of our parish. We will be electing vestry members, as well as lay representatives to the Deanery and lay deputies to Diocesan Convention. If you are willing to offer your time and your talents to our parish or diocese, please speak with Matt Moore, Chair of the Nominating Committee - matthewpmoore@gmail.com. Thank you!
Your Vestry.