St. Peter's Weekly News January 2, 2020

The Feast of The Epiphany: This Sunday we will celebrate the journey of the Magi. All adult and children's education and nursery care will resume. Please join us for this special celebration.

Emergency Training: Sunday at 1 p.m. in the Parish Hall, Abington Police Department Emergency Management Coordinator Tom McAneney and Lt. Earl Saurman will give a presentation on what do if an emergency happens at St. Peter's during a service. This session will offer up guidelines for several scenarios and both men will be on hand to answer questions afterward.

A Special Thank You: to all Worship Ministers, Pageant Organizers, helpers and children, flower arrangers, Choir Members, Musicians, Bell Ringers, Altar Guild Members, photographers and St. Peter's Staff for making the Christmas season such a beautiful and joyous one! Christmas Blessings, Emily+

Many Thanks: to all who participated in Mary Pat's cookie baking and delivering for our homebound members, our parish Christmas card exchange, decorating our Mitten Tree and giving to the CVAC Christmas Toy drive. Your generosity is much appreciated in this season of hope and joy.

Lectionary Bible Study: The wise men come from the nations in the Matthew reading this week. At the end of Matthew, which we'll read in June, the disciples are sent to the nations with the good news. A coincidence, or does Matthew have a plan? As usual, we'll look for answers, make connections among the readings, and, of course, ask more questions. Bring your cookies and coffee to the Library after the service for a lively, informative discussion.

Jazz & Joe: Mark your calendars! The third Musicking event of 2019-2020 would be on Sunday, January 12 at 4:00 p.m. with Alan Segal and the Jazz Sanctuary. This Jazz and Joe event will take place in the Parish Hall; all proceeds will go to Music ministry. Please come and invite your friends to a relaxing and warm Sunday afternoon. Please direct any questions to Joyce at stpeter654music@gmail.com

Blood Drive: The Red Cross will be coming to St Peters on Monday January 13th from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. We are seeking Lifesavers. One donation can help three patients in the Delaware Valley area. You can sign up online by clicking HERE or you can contact Kate Boyce at 215.657.8539 or yellowkabl@gmail.com with any questions or if you would like her to make your appointment for you.

Youth Game Night: Sunday, January 19 from 5:30-7:30 pm at the Rectory. All youth in the 6th through 12th grades are invited to a fun evening of pizza & games. Please bring your favorite game to share! Thanks, Emily & Helen

Laura's Ordination Gift: We will be presenting Laura with a green stole which matches mine and our new green banners. It will serve as constant reminder of our love and prayers throughout her ministry to the priesthood. If you would like to make a contribution to this gift, please write a check to St. Peter's Church with Laura's Ordination gift in the memo line. Thank you, Emily+

Christmas Offering: Each year the Christmas offering is shared between our ministries here at St. Peter's and selected ministries beyond our walls. This year we will dedicate a portion of our special offering to Cradle of Hope ministry. Cradle of Hope offers housing and support services mothers and their children for up to 12 months in the greater Philadelphia area. Special envelopes for the offering can be found in the pews or on the table outside of the chapel.

Mitten Tree: The tree will continue to be out from Advent through the New Year. All donated items will be sent to ECS and Mattie Dixon Shelter in Ambler. Thank you to all of you who have already donated!! Connie Clinefelter.

Pledge Cards: If you have not as yet filled out and turned in your 2019 pledge card, please take the time to do so. Every gift counts! Every pledge makes a difference in the life of our community! You may put your card in the offertory plate or in Patty McDonough's mailbox. Extra cards can be obtained by contacting the church office. Thank you to all who have already made a commitment!