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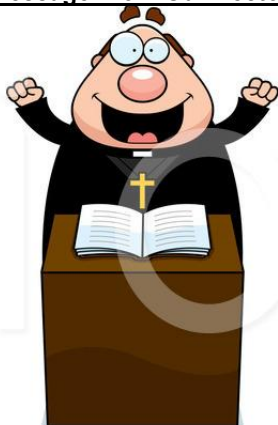
'You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church.' *Matthew 16-18*

## Come to Worship – Leave to Serve Fourth Sunday of Easter



May 3, 2020

### Message From Our Rector



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These are different days for sure. I am writing this while waiting for the Province to announce the first stages of the easing of restrictions concerning the Covid-19 crisis. We thank God that together we have made a difference in "flattening the curve" on this pandemic in our midst.

We should not forget that the Church and our Parish sort of operates the same way.

We do not function in isolation even when we are practising social distancing. We succeed when we work together to support each other in acts of love and acceptance. We celebrate and thank God for all the support shown to the Conception Bay South Food Bank and for all its volunteers. It is wonderful to hear of people who stay in contact with each other, making sure that we try to keep each other's spirits up. It is actions and practises such as these that make St. Peter's be an attractive Parish to belong to.

The future is going to be different whatever the announcements will say because we have been shown that its people working together standing up for the love of God shown to us in the Risen Christ that will show us the way forward. We have made some new connections by way of emails and Facebook Live streaming that will continue long after the pandemic passes. Perhaps too we have a new way of seeing, accepting, and showing the Love of God to all we meet.

I pray we will all stay positive and will continue to stay safe.

We thank God for all those on the Frontlines contributing to our safety and health.

In His Service

**Rev. Bill+**

Weekly Offering Report		
Sunday	Contributions	Budgeted Weekly Contribution Income
April 19-2nd Sunday of Easter	\$3,177.50	\$3,434.62
April 26-3rd Sunday of Easter	\$2,562.80	\$3,434.62
Year to Date	\$44,477.70	\$58,388.47
Contributions include all voluntary offering since the previous Sunday		

On behalf of Rev. Bill, Rev. Letto and myself, I want to thank those parishioner and others who have contributed to St. Peter's during this past week through envelope offerings, pre authorized giving or email transfers. To all those who have found it difficult to get to the office or otherwise send your donation, please consider giving during the next week as your help is much appreciated during this unprecedented time to meet our financial obligations. May God Bless you during this difficult time. Stay safe. **Ray**

### **Please call us**

Please call the Church Office if we can be of any help in picking up groceries, prescriptions or any other item important to you. (*Sorry, we cannot offer transportation at this time*).

### **Cancellations/Postponements**

As you are probably aware, all events scheduled for the Church and Parish Hall, for the foreseeable future, has been cancelled and will be rescheduled, where possible, for a later date to be announced.

### **Sunday's Service**

**LECTIONARY FOR THIS WEEK, — May 3<sup>rd</sup>;** ACTS 2:42-47; PSALM 23; 1 PETER 2:19-25; JOHN 10:1-10

### **Collect**

O God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make us perfect in every good work to do your will, and work in us that which is well-pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **First Reading**

#### **A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS**

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts,

praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved. **ACTS 2:42-47**

### **Psalm**

***REFRAIN The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.***

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters. **R**

He revives my soul and guides me along right pathways for his name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. **R**

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. **R**  
PSALM 23

### **Second Reading**

#### **A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PETER**

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one

another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.  
1 PETER 1:17-23

### **Gospel**

## **THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO JOHN**

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."  
JOHN 10:1-10

**LECTIONARY FOR NEXT WEEK, Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 10th - ACTS 7:55-60; PSALM 31:1-5, 15-16; 1 PETER 2:2-10; JOHN 14:1-14**

### **This week we are praying for:**

All Church Leaders, especially +Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; +Linda, Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada; +Ronald, Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada, +Geoffrey, our Bishop; Bonnie+, our Deacon, Irving+, our Honourary Assistant, and Bill+, our Rector.

**In the Anglican/Lutheran Cycle of Prayer—** ACC-Archbishop Anne Germond, Assisting Bishop Thomas A. Corston, Retired, the clergy and people of the Missionary Area of Moosonee. ELCIC-The dean, council, and congregations of the Winnipeg South Area of the Manitoba-Northwestern Ontario Synod.

**In the Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer,** The Parishioners and Clergy of the Parish of Gander Bay and the Parish of The Good Shepherd, Mt. Pearl.

**We pray for those who are sick or otherwise in need, especially:** Rodney Andrews, Brian Gosse, Deneal Haines, Mackenzie Jones, Glenys O'Brien, Lucy Thistle, Mary Bussey, Payton Best, Judy Barker, Robert Moulton, Yvonne Lawlor, Geraldine Piercey, Ray Styles, Vince Wiltshire, Murdoch Peddle, Sylvia Gillespie-Miller, Norman Tibbo, George Moore, John Butters, Steven & Chris Dawe, Vasili Flogeras, Alan Drover, George Morgan and Stephen Walsh.



### **Food Bank Report from Betty and Jim**

Betty and Jim Howell, St. Peter's Reps at the CBS/Paradise Food Bank is very thankful for all you are doing in helping to keep the shelves stocked at the bank. They want to send their gratitude for the food and monetary donations and we know St. Peter's is second to none in contributions. We want to let them know that St. Peter's is a loving, caring and compassionate parish who will stand with those in time of need and beyond. We are here for you, today and everyday!!

Betty also advises that the bank is in shortage of the following at this time: **spaghetti, chef boy ardee and alpagetti.** Betty further points out that Dominion (this week) has the spaghetti and chef boy ardee on sale for \$1.00 each. I'll be placing the collection box outside again next week, however if you would like, and feel safe in doing so, please drop by to the hall and I will buzz you in to the foyer to make your contribution in the box provided (just inside the main door). Thank you and stay safe!!

### **Let us all at St. Peter's pray for the Victims of the Nova Scotia Tragedy Including the victims of the Canadian Forces Helicopter Crash**

Let us pray for our neighbours in Nova Scotia who are experiencing extreme grief, pain and loss due to the recent tragedy that claimed 22 innocent lives. We pray the Lord gives them strength to get through this and to move forward. Let them know that the love of God has no limits and he is at their side at ALL times. He is there to comfort them and carry their burdens. We pray this in the name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. AMEN.

### **Remember, St. Peter's Prayer Shawl Ministry is Here for You!**





***Today's bulletin is offered to the Glory of God in loving memory of:***

***Alfred Crews*** (remembering his birthday on May 5<sup>th</sup>) From his wife Ruth.