

A Chosen Generation

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



We Have a Lot to Be Thankful For!

By The Rev. Natalie Blasco, Rector

We have a lot to be thankful for at St. Peter's By-The-River.

When November arrives, I am surprised at how fast the year has gone by. I feel the same this year, especially since we have been having such a good time together. November 1st is the one-year anniversary of my being here at St. Peter's. Although we started off a little rocky and the future of St. Peter's looked a little bleak, today we are a vibrant community that is striving to grow by being the hands and feet of Jesus on the Westside of Jacksonville. Together, WE faithfully partner with the Holy Spirit to understand how we can continue to be the presence of God's Kingdom here on earth.

Thank you all for the celebration of Clergy Appreciation Month in October, and for all the love and support that you have shared with my family and me. It has been a true blessing to serve you, and I pray every day is a blessing to each and every one of you. The wonderful thing about celebrating our anniversary together, in November, is that this is the official month for giving thanks for all that God has blessed us with.

On Thanksgiving Day, we will do something a little different this year. At 10:30AM on **Thursday, November 28**, we will celebrate the Eucharist. I invite you to bring an item that represents something that you are thankful for. You could bring a frame with a picture of your kids/grandkids or maybe a keepsake from someone near and dear to you. We will collect these items in a basket, during the offertory, and present them at the altar to give thanks to the Lord for all the blessings in our lives. Don't worry – you will be able to pick up your items right after the service.

Afterwards, we will gather, at 12 noon, for a Thanksgiving potluck lunch in Weeks' Hall. My family will bring a large turkey and other fixings, and all are invited to join us. All that we ask is that you bring a side dish to share.

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Special points of interest

- Belk Charity Event
- Election Day
- Thanksgiving Blessing Bags
- Thanksgiving Service/Lunch
- Thanks-for-Giving Brunch
- Time Change
- Veterans' Day

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We know that many of you already have plans to get together with your own families, but we want to make sure that everyone has a place to spend the holiday with “family”.

My prayer for you all is that you continue to experience God’s blessings and that his perfect peace and love be with you always. *O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples. Sing to him, sing praises to him, tell of all his wonderful works. Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. 1 Chronicles 16:8-10*

November Calendar

1	Family Movie Night - <i>Coco</i>	7:30 pm
2	CHO Food Pantry - <i>Open</i>	7:30 am
3	ALL SAINTS’ SUNDAY English Service	9:30 am
	Spanish Service / Xmas Play Rehearsal	12:00 pm
5	ELECTION DAY	
6	Bible Study	6:00 pm
9	CHO Food Pantry - <i>Open</i>	7:30 am
10	English Service	9:30 am
	Spanish Service / Xmas Play Rehearsal	12:00 pm
11	VETERANS’ DAY - Church Office Closed	
12	ECW Glory Circle	10:30 am
15	Newsletter DEADLINE	
16	CHO Food Pantry - <i>Open</i>	7:30 am
	Thanks-for-Giving Brunch	10:00 am
17	English Service	9:30 am
	Spanish Service / Xmas Play Rehearsal	12:00 pm
18	Virtual Prayer Circle	6:30 am
20	Bible Study w/dinner	6:00 pm
21	Grace Circle	11:30 am
23	CHO Food Pantry - <i>Open</i>	7:30 am
24	English Service	9:30 am
	Spanish Service / Xmas Play Rehearsal	12:00 pm
28	THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY Thanksgiving Service/Lunch	10:30 am
	<i>Church Office Closed</i>	
30	CHO Food Pantry - <i>Open</i>	7:30 am
	Core Outreach Village	8:00 am



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS

**Remember to set your
clocks BACK one hour
at bedtime on
Saturday, November 2.**

Thanks-for-Giving Brunch

By Virginia Pillsbury, Senior Warden

Let's celebrate Mi Familia, our successful stewardship campaign!

On Saturday, **November 16**, from 10:00AM to 12:00PM, we will honor all those who have submitted their Pledge Card with a Thanks-for-Giving Mimosa Brunch in Weeks' Hall.

Come and enjoy being part of the

St. Peter's family with fellowship and brunch! We will have new St. Peter's By-the-River T-shirts for sale and we will also have a homemade quilt raffle.

For questions, contact Virginia Pillsbury at 904-307-6808, or email vpillsbury1126@gmail.com.



Wednesday
November 6 & 20
Starting with dinner
at 6:00PM

TOPIC: The Chosen

Contact: Virginia Pillsbury
904-307-6808 or email
vpillsbury1126@gmail.com



Fill a grocery bag to help local families
in need this Thanksgiving season.

Grocery bags will be available to pick up
on Sunday November 10 and
need to be returned by Sunday November 24.



St. Peter's Episcopal
Children's Ministry

Bilingual Christmas Play

This will be a bilingual retelling
of the Christmas nativity.

For children and teens ages 5-18

Practices start Sunday November 3rd

Practices:
Every Sunday
12pm until 1pm
(Snacks included)

Dress Rehearsal:
Sun. Dec. 8
12pm until 2pm
(Snacks Included)

Performance:
Sat. Dec. 14
at 2pm
in the Sanctuary

Volunteers are needed! Contact 904 307 6808

Pastor Appreciation Sunday and Stewardship Campaign Kick-Off

By Virginia Pillsbury, Senior Warden

We had a wonderful Pastor Appreciation Sunday and Mi Familia Stewardship Campaign Kick-Off on Sunday, October 20. Our bilingual service was followed by a delicious potluck lunch where we also celebrated the October birthdays. Mother Natalie received gifts from the church to celebrate Pastor Appreciation Month. Thank you for loving us so well; we love you too!

Our Mi Familia Stewardship Campaign kicked-off with Mtr. Natalie and Ann Weeks speaking on the importance of financial stewardship to St. Peter's. The Mi Familia Family Tree is on the bulletin board in Weeks' Hall. As you make and turn in your pledge, please fill out a leaf with your name and put it on the tree! We will have speakers throughout the campaign that will end on November 17 with another bilingual service, potluck lunch, and November birthday celebration.

On Saturday, **November 16**, there will be a celebration brunch in Weeks' Hall for all who turned in a pledge card.



Mtr. Natalie with newly framed official Letter of Institution from the Vestry.



Mtr. Natalie with her Senior and Junior Wardens: Collin O'Hara and Virginia Pillsbury



Leslie Oxford opening up the Stewardship Campaign Kick-Off.



Our Stewardship Campaign Theme - Mi Familia
Created by Leslie Oxford, Children's Ministry Director

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Mtr. Natalie translating for Ann Weeks to the Spanish members.



Ann Weeks placing her leaf on the Tree after submitting her pledge.



Lavern O'Hara writing her name on a leaf to post after submitting her pledge.



For your convenience,
scan the QR code here
or visit our website

Stpetersbytheriver.org

click on **donate**

*Thank you for supporting St. Peter's
Episcopal Church and its Ministries.*



Belk Charity Event Sale: November 8-11

By Leslie Oxford, Rakad Dance Camp Director



All women are welcome to join the following monthly small groups.

GLORY CIRCLE: Meet on the 2nd Tuesday, each month. Next meeting **November 12**, at **10:30 a.m.** in Room 100. Study on Lesson 9 of Max Lucado's book, "3:16".
Contact: Ann Weeks, 904.287.7103 or email rowahw@aol.com

GRACE CIRCLE: Meet on the 3rd Thursday each month. Next meeting **November 21**, at **11:30 a.m.** Location to be determined.
Contact: Tina Griffin, 904.207-3223

VIRTUAL PRAYER CIRCLE: Intercessory prayer the 3rd Monday of each month via conference call. Next prayer circle **November 18**, at **6:30 p.m.**

- † Call: 408-418-9388
- † Access Code: 799 169 983
- † Password: 37299826

Contact: Ann Weeks, 904.287.7103 or email rowahw@aol.com

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." Philippians 4:6

By purchasing a \$5 ticket to the Belk Charity Event Sale at the Orange Park Mall, 100% of ticket sales will benefit Rakad Dance Camp.

You will have access up to 60% off of selected brands and \$5 off your entire purchase all day **November 8** through **11**.

Buy **five** tickets and get a complimentary Rakad Christmas ornament.

It's a win-win and an easy way to support Rakad Dance Camp.

Tickets are available at the Church Office or go online to rakaddancecamp.com

4 DAYS ONLY CHARITY SALE NOV. 8-11 IN STORE

SHOP THE SEASON'S BEST DESIGNER EVENT

SAVE WITH EXCLUSIVE COUPONS & DISCOUNTS

GIVE TO NONPROFITS IN YOUR COMMUNITY

KNY LUCKY BRAND adidas FRENCH CONNECTION Nike
Calvin Klein LEVI'S STEVE MADDEN GUCCI Columbia
VINCE CAMUTO TOMMY HILFICER UNDER ARMOUR NAUTICA PERRY ELLIS

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Veterans' Day: November 11

Submitted by JoAnne Rodriguez, Church Administrator

On Sunday, **November 10**, we will honor our Active Duty, Reservists, and Retired Veterans.

If you are a Veteran, or you have a family member who's a Veteran, please submit his/her **FIRST and LAST** name on your Connect Card enclosed in the Sunday Service Bulletin and mark it "Veteran" or contact the Church Office, 778-1434, ext. 101 or via email jrodriguez@stpetersjax.org.

Please submit names by:
Wednesday, November 6



Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, submissions for St. Peter's

DECEMBER

issue of

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DUE: NOVEMBER 13

Did you know that St. Peter's accepts submissions from all Area of Ministries (AOM) and any member of the church?

The newsletter is only as good as the content it receives, and that depends on the members.

Don't be shy – it's easy, it's good exposure and it's FREE!

Email your information to:

newsletter@stpetersjax.org

A large advertisement for a family movie night. The background is a vibrant red color. At the top, there is a pile of white popcorn. The text "FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT" is written in white, bold, sans-serif font, slanted upwards. Below it, the text "FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1" is written in white, bold, sans-serif font. Underneath that, "Showtime 7:30PM" and "Featuring COCO" are written in white, bold, sans-serif font. To the right, "FREE POPCORN" is written in white, bold, sans-serif font, slanted upwards. Below that, "Concessions \$2.00" is written in white, bold, sans-serif font. At the bottom, "Bring your lawn chairs / blankets." and "Join us the 1st Friday each month." are written in white, italicized, sans-serif font.



The Core Outreach Village is held in St. Peter's front parking lot the last Saturday of each month from 8:00 to 10:00 AM.

The next Outreach Village is scheduled for

NOVEMBER 30

This outreach aims at serving those in our community who are either experiencing homelessness or struggling with other living needs in their lives.

Volunteers are always needed.

All you need to do is come on the last Saturday of each month and share God's love with our community.

For more information, contact Virginia Pillsbury, 904-307-6808 or email vpillsbury1126@gmail.com

GIVE BLOOD

GIVE THANKS

November 30 | 8 a.m. - 11 a.m.

St. Peter's Episcopal Church

Donors get a t-shirt, \$25 e-gift card, and the satisfaction of saving lives in their community!

LIFESOUTH
Community Blood Centers

Diaper Bank for Northeast Florida

By Chrystal Parks, Founder of Diaper Bank for Northeast Florida

Last Friday, we celebrated our 5th birthday in an extra special way. Employees from DanielKids helped us unload 260,000 diapers from Huggies. Through our membership with The National Diaper Bank Network and their founding sponsor, Huggies, we received this donation to support Northeast Florida families who struggle to afford diapers. Thank you, Huggies!



St. Peter's Trunk or Treat

By Virginia Pillsbury, Senior Warden

A few years ago after a long hiatus of our annual Trunk or Treat, Shavon Malanga came forward and asked about starting our Trunk or Treat tradition again. She was working at Baby Luv the Community Health Outreach ministry of Jacksonville and wanted a safe place for the neighborhood to dress up and collect candy.

Thanks, Shavon, for your love of this community!

On Sunday, October 27, we had another successful Trunk or Treat event. Thanks to all who helped! Timucuan Elementary School Teachers and faculty; Shavon Malanga and her family, and our Girl Scout Troop!

Pictured here are Rakad Campers and family.



The Baker Family



L-R: Isabella Boyer, Meilani Boyer, and Fadwa Benhabbou



L-R: Lyla Peacock, Avery Peacock, Luna Malanga, and Sophia Malanga



The Minions! Mtr. Natalie & Family
L-R: Margie & David Mena, Tony & Mtr. Natalie



Our Minions:
David & Margie Mena



Our Altar Guild L-R: Linda Boyd and Marlene Miller



Our Acolyte/Altar Guild Member:
Katharine Boyd

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Girl Scout Troop #74940
Leader: Devin Murphy



Shavon Malanga



Teachers and Faculty of Timucuan Elementary School

Stewardship Campaign Continues

By Virginia Pillsbury, Senior Warden

Our beloved church administrator, JoAnne Rodriguez, spoke about the importance of stewardship during our service on Sunday, October 27. *Mi Familia: Growing Together* is the theme for our stewardship campaign, which continues through November 17.

Those that have already submitted their pledge card, have placed a leaf marked with their name on the tree, pictured here, and have also received a car magnet with St. Peter's new logo. Please remember to fill out a pledge card for 2025, if you have not done so already.



Donations Needed for CHO

Submitted by JoAnne Rodriguez, Church Administrator

The Food Pantry is always in need of **paper grocery bags**. They also accept plastics bags in addition to. When you shop at the grocery store, please alternate by asking for paper and donate the bags to CHO.

For your convenience, you may bring your donations along with you to Church on Sunday.

The CHO Food Pantry is open for donation drop-off on **Friday** between 9:00AM and 3:00PM. Thank you for your support.



St. Peter's



Senior Warden
Virginia Pillsbury

Junior Warden
Collin O'Hara

Clerk
Linda Boyd

Treasurer
Tina Griffin

Vestry Meeting
the **3rd Sunday** each
month in Room 2.

Next meeting:

November 17

at 12:00 noon



ELECTION DAY

Tuesday, November 5

Duval County Early Voting

Ends November 3

Monday- Friday 7am - 7pm

Saturday- Sunday 8am- 5pm

**For more information and
early voting locations visit:**

duvalelections.com

Thank-You-Notes

A huge THANK YOU to Jayne Bickerstaff for her willingness to serve and be on-call as needed. She is a true and faithful servant and we are grateful for her service to St. Peter's and all that she does behind the scenes.

We appreciate Edna Richardson and Jeanne Wright for their dedication as our front desk receptionists on Tuesday and Thursday. We are grateful for their time and assistance each week and more. Last but not least, thank you to Laverne O'Hara for assisting in the back office.

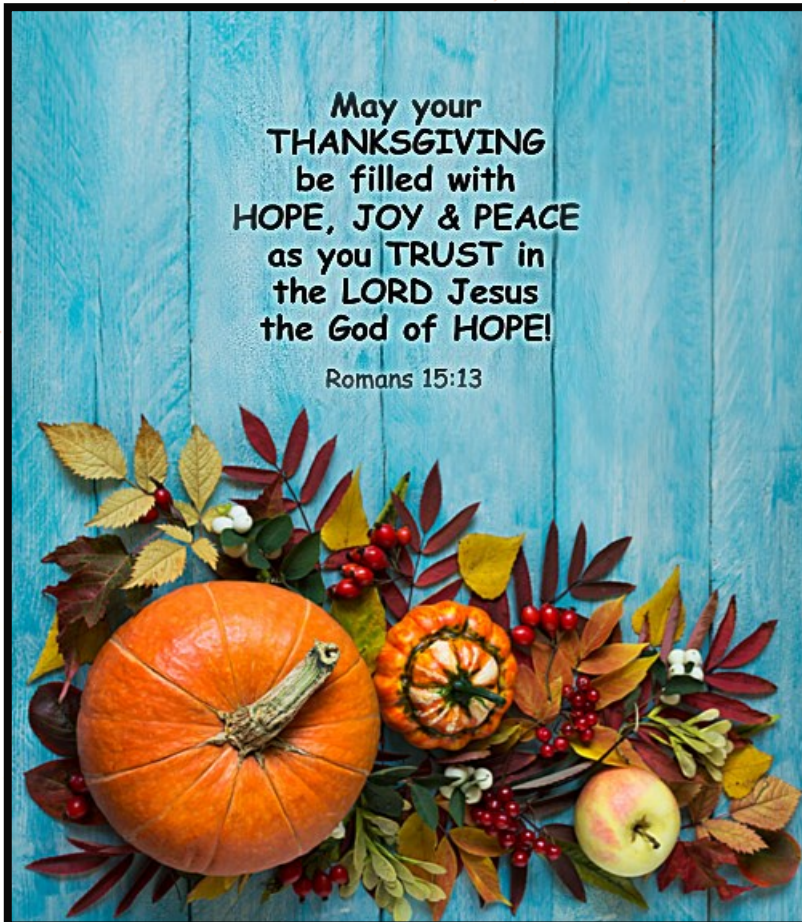
Mtr. Natalie Blasco and JoAnne Rodriguez

Thanks to Margie and David Mena for providing our cakes for our potluck lunches.

Thank you to all who helped at our Work Day: Walter Pillsbury, Collin O'Hara, Scott Smith, Jeanne Wright, Marlene Miller, Tina Marie Greene, Linda Boyd, Katharine Boyd, David Mena, Margie Mena, Natalie Blasco, Tony Buehler, Leslie Oxford, and community volunteers Thomas Wedding, Marques Burney, Patrick Williams, and Hazel Williams. Thanks to you we were able to work on a lot of projects at St. Peter's!

Thanks to all who helped with our first Movie Night on November 1!

Virginia Pillsbury, Senior Warden



NOVEMBER Birthdays & Anniversaries

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

- Collin & Laverne O'Hara 5
- Charlie & Sara Arnold 13

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- Charlene Lentz 8
- Laverne O'Hara 4
- Virginia Pillsbury 26

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ELECTION DAY

Tuesday

NOVEMBER 5

7:00am to 7:00pm

**For more information visit
duvalelections.com
or clayelections.gov**

St. Peter's Service Schedule

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES:

† 9:30AM English Service
3rd Sunday Bilingual Service

† 12:00PM Spanish Service
Children's Ministry available.

MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY

1st & 3rd Wednesday each month.

Starting with dinner at 6:00PM.

St. Peter's Business Office Hours

Monday thru Thursday | 9:15AM to 2:00PM

Closed Weekends/Federal Holidays

904.778.1434

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