



# A Chosen Generation

**MAY 2024**

**MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

## A Message From Our Priest-in-Charge

*By The Rev. Natalie Blasco*

Easter Sunday is easily my most favorite day of the liturgical year. As I said in my Easter sermon, I feel that even the birds know of the magnificence that we are celebrating on that marvelous morning when Jesus rose from the grave. Nevertheless, I am equally ecstatic for Easter to be over, only because it is so much work, for everyone involved, to celebrate the occasion accordingly. We now enter a time that I call "liturgical rest". This gives us the time to do all the other things that we are called to do to grow and care for our Church.

This month, we will be getting together for our first Strategic Planning session. It will be what I call a "dreaming session". At this meeting, we will have the opportunity to dream of what we would like to see our Church look like, both physically and spiritually. Maybe we would like our buildings to look a certain way or add facilities for the possibility of extending our services. Maybe we would like more programming for Bible study or spiritual renewal. Maybe we would like to see this community extending out into the greater community in a different or expanded way. Whatever your dreams are for this place, we would all like to hear them. We may not have the money or the resources, right this minute, to make those dreams reality but, if we don't have a wish list, we won't ever grow. This is our opportunity to create a priority list for our growth in the next five to ten years.

I pray that we can come together to begin this first step in a process that will allow us to be the presence that the Lord would like us to be in the world. Most of you have been here, at St. Peter's for a long time and you have seen this church at its best and also at its worst and yet you are still here. You are the person that God has called to be at St. Peter's.

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## Mark Your Calendar

- 1 11:00AM Exercise Class (*see pg. 4*)  
6:00PM Bible Study
- 2 **National Day of Prayer**
- 5 9:30AM Worship Service  
11:00AM Vestry Meeting  
12:00PM Spanish Service
- 12 **HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!**  
9:30AM Worship Service  
12:00PM Spanish Service
- 14 10:30AM Glory Circle
- 15 Newsletter Deadline  
6:00PM Bible Study
- 16 11:30AM Grace Circle
- 18 10:00AM Strategic Planning Meeting
- 19 **PENTECOST SUNDAY**  
10:00AM Bilingual Service  
11:30AM Potluck Luncheon
- 20 6:30PM ECW Prayer Circle
- 25 8:00AM Core Outreach
- 26 9:30AM Worship Service  
12:00PM Spanish Service
- 27 **MEMORIAL DAY**  
Church Office Closed

## From the Priest-in-Charge

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yours is the voice that needs to be heard, and you are an essential part of the history and of the future of this place. Please, help us dream.

Once that initial session is done and we have gathered all the information collected on that day, we will schedule other meetings so that we begin to lay out that 5–10-year plan in writing. That plan will serve as our roadmap to prioritize, strategize, and budget for a long-term goal (our dreams).

I don't know about you but, to me, that is exciting. There is so much love in this place, not only for each other but also for the rest of the world. We are truly living out Christ's mission in the world and, working together in Christ's name, we can achieve every goal we set for ourselves. We are the Body of Christ.



### CHURCH STAFF

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Newsletter

**Lori Prevatt**

Social Media

**Virginia Pillsbury**

Projection

**TBD**

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# National Day of Prayer: May 2

*From the National Day of Prayer Task Force*

The National Day of Prayer is observed annually on the first Thursday in May.

This day observance, designated by the United States Congress, asks people “to turn to God in prayer and meditation.”

*troop, and by my God I can leap over a wall. This God—his way is perfect; the word of the Lord proves true; he is a shield for all those who take refuge in him.*

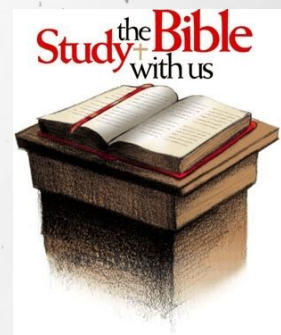
2 Samuel 22:29-31, ESV

For more information, visit [nationaldayofprayer.org](http://nationaldayofprayer.org)

*For you are my lamp, O Lord, and my God lightens my darkness. For by you I can run against a*



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**Wednesday  
May 1 & 15**

Starting with dinner  
at 6:00PM

**TOPIC: Genesis**

Contact: Virginia Pillsbury  
904-307-6808 or email  
[vpillsbury1126@gmail.com](mailto:vpillsbury1126@gmail.com)

# Memorial Day, May 29

*Submitted by JoAnne Rodriguez, Church Office Mgr.*

On Sunday, **May 26**, we will honor our fallen men and women who’ve served our country.

Please write the full name of the deceased you wish to honor on your Sunday Connect Card and place in the offering plate. Names must be received by **Wednesday, May 22**.

Contact: JoAnne Rodriguez ,  
[jrodriguez@stpetersjax.org](mailto:jrodriguez@stpetersjax.org) or call  
778-1434, ext. 101.



## “Exercise for Jesus” Starts May 1

*Submitted by Virginia Pillsbury, Vestry Senior Warden*

Led by Lita Hutcheson, Exercise For Jesus will start on May 1 and will be offered every Wednesday. Classes start at 11:00AM in the Parish Hall and last for 30 minutes. Each class will consist of:

- 10 minutes gentle stretch
- 10 minutes gentle yoga
- 10 minutes stability ball
- 2 minutes cool down with line dancing

Bring bottled water, Yoga mat, and stability ball if you have one.



### St. Peter's



Senior Warden  
**Virginia Pillsbury**

Junior Warden  
**Collin O'Hara**

Clerk  
**Linda Boyd**

Treasurer  
**Tina Griffin**

**Leo Nazario**

Due to Mother's Day, the next meeting is scheduled:

**May 5**

at 11:00AM  
Church Library

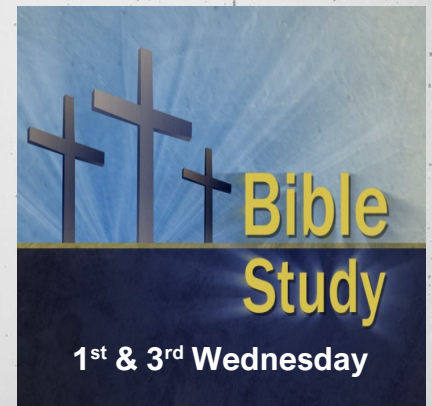
## Wednesday Night Bible Study

*By Virginia Pillsbury, Vestry Senior Warden*

Our Wednesday Night Bible Study will continue in May on Wednesday, **May 1** and Wednesday, **May 15**. The evening begins at 6 pm with dinner and continues with our current study of Genesis.

We meet the first and third Wednesday of each month, unless otherwise specified.

Please join us! For more information, contact Virginia Pillsbury, 904-307-6808.



# Office Space Available For Rent

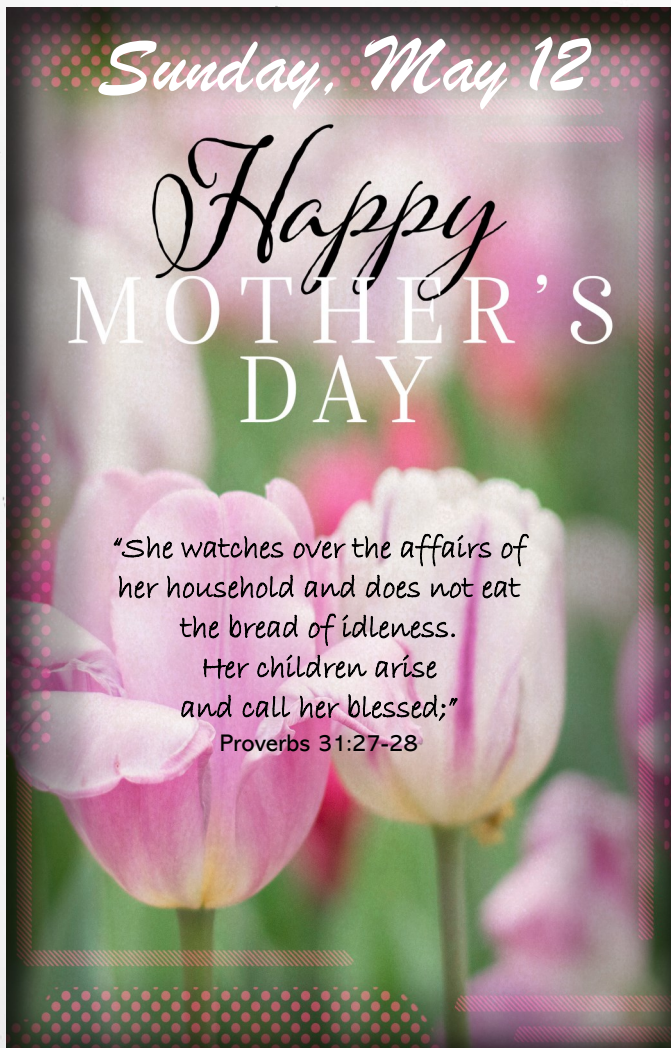
By Virginia Pillsbury, Vestry Senior Warden

Small office spaces are available, starting immediately, in our administration building. We have offices available, with internet, and plenty of parking space. Three are available for \$400 per month, and two are available for \$500 per month.

If you are a new or small faith-based 501 (c) 3 nonprofit, and need

an office space, please call 904-778-1434 or email [vpillsbury1126@gmail.com](mailto:vpillsbury1126@gmail.com).

Welcome to Blake Childress of Veterans Claim Service who is our first renter. Blake is also a worship leader and we appreciate the music that he provided during our Easter Sunrise Service.



If you have a family member graduating from

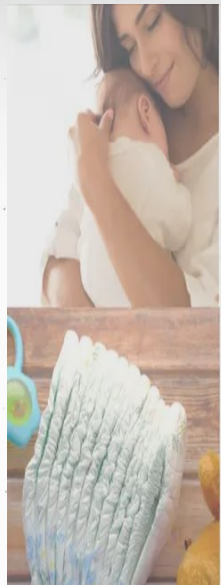
**High School, College or Trade School**

please write their name(s) on your Sunday Connect Card and place in the offering plate, or contact the Church Office, so we can honor them on

**Sunday, June 2**

Contact: Church Office,  
904.778.1434, x101  
or [jrodriguez@stpetersjax.org](mailto:jrodriguez@stpetersjax.org)

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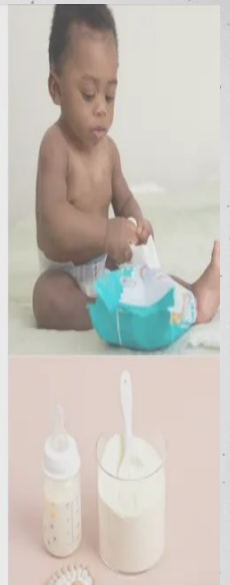


## COMMUNITY HEALTH OUTREACH *Baby Luv*

A program of Community Health Outreach providing diapers, wipes and formula for low-income parents.

*Showing the love of Jesus by feeding, clothing and healing since 1988.*

**OPEN: Wednesdays from 9:00 to 11:00AM**

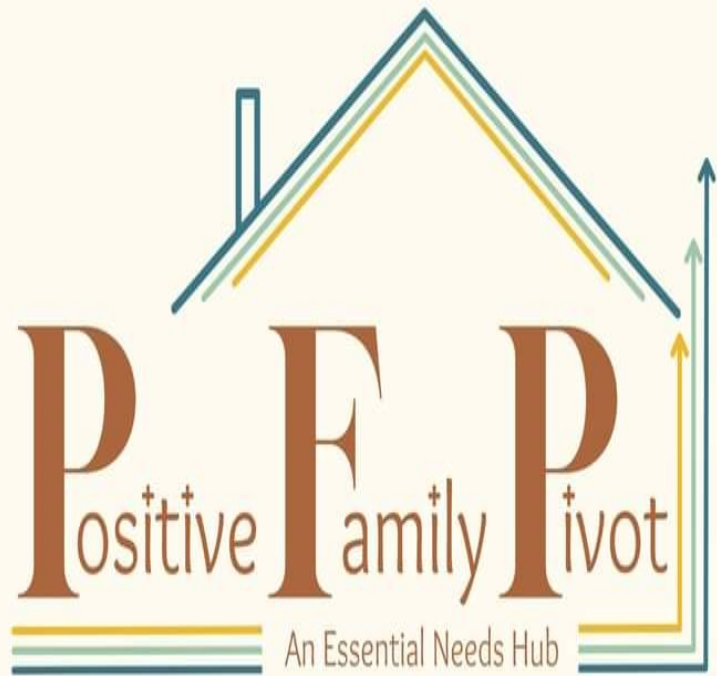


The Lord's Pantry  
Distribution hours:

**SATURDAY  
7:00AM**

until all bags  
are distributed.

**5126 Timuquana Rd.**  
*Entrance along  
Ortega Farms Blvd.*



**2nd & 4th Saturday**  
**12:00-2:00 PM**

 [positivefamilypivot@gmail.com](mailto:positivefamilypivot@gmail.com)  904-383-7135  
 [positivefamilypivot.com](http://positivefamilypivot.com) 5042 Timuquana Road Jacksonville, FL 32210

# Diaper Drive

By Chrystal Parks, Founder of Diaper Bank for Northeast Florida

The world's largest Diaper Drive is upon us! We will be collecting diapers the entire month of May this year.

Please bring your diaper donations to the Sanctuary and place in the marked box in the main lobby

downstairs. Thank you for supporting the Diaper Bank for Northeast Florida. For more information, visit [www.jaxdiaperbank.org](http://www.jaxdiaperbank.org)



**WORLD'S LARGEST  
DIAPER DRIVE**

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**MAY 1 - 31, 2024**

Benefiting  **diaperbank**  
for Northeast Florida

## ST. PETER'S MISSIONARIES



*Go therefore and  
make disciples of  
all the nations...  
Matthew 28:19 (NIV)*

### GUATEMALA

Kurt & Sally Jackson

Care packages:  
A-0027

P.O. Box 669004  
Miami Springs,  
Florida 33266

Monetary Donations:  
P.O. Box 10805  
Jacksonville, FL 32247

E-mail:  
[firststepskc@yahoo.com](mailto:firststepskc@yahoo.com)

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## Volunteers NEEDED

We are looking for volunteers!

July 13: Set Up  
\*July 15-July 19: Camp Week\*  
July 20: Clean Up

Sign up here



[www.RakadDanceCamp.com/volunteer](http://www.RakadDanceCamp.com/volunteer)



# Core Outreach Village

By Virginia Pillsbury, St. Peter's Partner Ministry Liaison

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 **May 25**.

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.



## SATURDAY CORE OUTREACH

Come get **FREE** resources available to our neighbors in need:  
• Lunch • Clothes • Hygiene Items • Nonperishable Groceries •

**Last Saturday of Every Month from 8-10am**  
**In the front parking lot of St. Peter's Episcopal Church**  
**(5042 Timuquana Road)**

- April 27
- July 27
- October 26
- May 25
- August 31
- November 30
- June 29
- September 28
- December 29



EMMANUEL PROJECT



### Episcopal



### Church Women

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

**GLORY CIRCLE:** Bible Study the **2<sup>nd</sup>** Tuesday each month, next meeting **May 14 at 10:30AM** in Room 100. Study Chapter 7 in Max Lacado's book, "3:16".

**Contact:** Ann Weeks, 904.287.7103

**GRACE CIRCLE:** Bible Study the **3<sup>rd</sup>** Thursday each month, next meeting **May 16 at 11:30AM**. **Location to be determined.**

**Contact:** Tina Griffin, 904.207-3223

### **VIRTUAL PRAYER CIRCLE:**

Intercessory prayer **3<sup>rd</sup>** Monday of each month via conference call. Next prayer circle **May 20** at 6:30PM.

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

**Contact:** Ann Weeks, 904.287.7103 or [rowahw@aol.com](mailto:rowahw@aol.com)

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

We need YOU!

# ST. PETER'S PLANNING MEETING



**SATURDAY  
MAY 18TH  
10 AM TO 12PM  
ST. PETER'S  
LIBRARY**

Come share your thoughts  
and dreams for our church.

Coffee, Tea, and pastries will be served.

# **PENTECOST SUNDAY**

**BILINGUAL SERVICE  
AT 10 AM.  
WEAR RED  
FOLLOWED BY POTLUCK BRUNCH**

**SIGN UP SHEETS AVAILABLE.  
WE NEED VOLUNTEERS  
FOR SET UP, SERVING, AND CLEAN UP.  
CONTACT LITA HUTCHESON TO SIGN UP.**

¡Te necesitamos!

# IGLESIA DE SAN PEDRO

## REUNIÓN DE PLANIFICACIÓN



SÁBADO 18  
DE MAYO  
10 A. M. – 12 P. M.  
BIBLIOTECA  
DE SAN PEDRO

Venga a compartir  
sus pensamientos y sueños  
para nuestra iglesia.

Se servirá café, té y pasteles.

# DOMINGO DE PENTECOSTÉS

**SERVICIO BILINGÜE  
A LAS 10 AM.  
VÍSTASE DE ROJO  
SEGUIDO DE UN BRUNCH COMPARTIDO**

HOJAS DE INSCRIPCIÓN DISPONIBLES.  
NECESITAMOS VOLUNTARIOS PARA MONTAR,  
SERVIR Y LIMPIAR.  
COMUNÍQUESE CON LITA HUTCHESON  
PARA REGISTRARSE.

July 15-19, 2024

## Join the Movement!

You're invited to Rakad Dance Camp,  
a local week long day camp  
for all girls ages 5 and older.

At Rakad, we share the love of Jesus,  
empower girls, & dance with joy  
(no previous dance experience is necessary)!

Registration closes June 30th.  
Scholarships are available upon request.

Visit our website for more information.

[www.RakadDanceCamp.com](http://www.RakadDanceCamp.com)

### ONLINE GIVING

For your convenience,  
scan the QR code here.



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

[stpetersjax.org](http://stpetersjax.org)



Rakad Dance Camp is a registered 501(c)(3)  
nonprofit organization in the state of Florida.

Rakad Dance Camp does not discriminate against  
any person on the basis of race, color, national  
origin, disability, religion, or age in admission,  
treatment, or participation in its programs,  
services, and activities.

# Thank-You-Notes

We give praise and thanksgiving to Guitarist, Ray Taber, accompanying our singing team on Sunday, April 28. Also, a big THANK YOU to Lita Hutcheson for reaching out and securing Ray to assist in our service.

The Rev. Natalie Blasco  
and St. Peter's Vestry

Many thanks go out to the following:

- Marlene Miller for joining the Lector team!
- Tina-Marie Greene for being a great Liturgical Assistant.
- Mtr. Natalie for leading our Wednesday Bible Study!
- Lita Hutcheson for Munch and Mingle, Choir, Exercise for Jesus. Thank you for all of the ways that you are stepping up and helping.
- Tony, Mtr. Natalie, David Mena, and Leslie Oxford for helping with our NASJAX volunteer clean up day.
- Mtr. Natalie for making the tickets to The Philadelphia Eleven available to us.
- JoAnne for all of your years of service and love at St Peter's. We are blessed to have you.

Virginia Pillsbury,  
Vestry Senior Warden

I would like to thank everyone for my birthday cards. A milestone—75 times around the sun!

Chere Dale, Parishioner

My sincere gratitude to my St. Peter's Church family for honoring me on Professional Administrative Day on April 24. The luncheon was wonderful! I am truly blessed by your generosity and showering me with beautiful flowers, potted plants, cards, gifts and your heartwarming words. A special thank you to Mtr. Natalie, Virginia Pillsbury, and Leslie Oxford for putting it all together. Last but not least, thank you to the Altar Guild, Glory Circle, Lavern O'Hara, Scott & Lorna Smith, Andy & Marilyn Whiddon for your presence in my honor. It was such a nice surprise.

With Love,  
JoAnne Rodriguez,  
Church Office Mgr.

A huge THANK YOU to Tony Buehler for helping us in the Church Office with IT matters in addition to moving and organizing our copier/printer to a new location and much more to say the least.


With gratitude,  
Church Office Staff



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

Pete Santiago..... 4  
Gail Denson..... 15  
Edna Richardson ..... 31

Do you have a Facebook and/or X account?



If so, visit us as follows:

**FACEBOOK:**  
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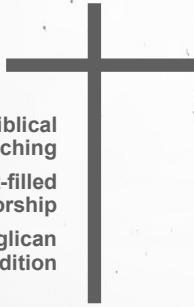
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Biblical  
Teaching  
Spirit-filled  
Worship  
Anglican  
Tradition

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Pentecost Sunday

May 19 at 10:00AM, (See pg. 11)



**MEMORIAL DAY**

**MONDAY, MAY 27**

**Church Office Closed**

### St. Peter's Service Schedule

#### SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES:

† 9:30AM English Service

† 12:00PM Spanish Service

*Children's Ministry available 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday each month.*

#### 7:00PM MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

Website: stpetersjax.org

