



UPCOMING INSPIRATIONS
ST. PETER'S CHURCH
Sunday, April 19, 2026

Church Office (302) 653-9691 – Hours: Mon & Fri Closed, Tues - Thurs - 9:00AM – 1:00PM
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Please take this paper home and use it as a reminder of what is going on at St. Peter's and how you can offer your gifts and talents to support the many activities.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:



April 19th- Parish meeting following the service today. Please come with any questions or suggestions you may have for the vestry.

April 22nd – WEDNESDAY---Vestry meeting at 6:00 pm in the parish hall.

May 2nd- Annual Spring Tea from 12pm to 2:30pm. Doors open at 11:30am. See Dorris Wheeler for tickets or how you can help with the fundraiser.

May 9th—Saturday--Annual Postal Service Food Drive—We will need assistance with picking up food from the post office and taking it downstairs to the pantry. Many hands make light work. Let Dorris Wheeler know if you can assist in any way.

May 19th—TUESDAY—2026 Flags for Heroes Sponsorship Forms are due to the office. Forms can be found at each entrance to the church, in the weekly newsletter and website.

Search Committee Update:

- Our posting is still open, with about a month remaining for submissions. We may extend the deadline to account for the busy Lenten and Easter season.
- The committee has been meeting for the last several weeks to formulate our interview questions and process.
- Working with our consultant and Canon Brad to organize a trial interview with a diocese priest the last week of April.

Thank you to the congregation and ask for your continued prayers and support. We are ever mindful of the incredible trust you have put in us as your servants

Prayer for the Search Committee:

Gracious and Loving God, I ask your guidance and wisdom for the search committee. Bless these individuals called to serve, grant them unity, spiritual strength, and discernment to hear your voice in their deliberations. Keep them open to one another and to your will, nurturing patience and deep trust in you. May they be sensitive to your direction as they identify the shepherd you have chosen for us, and may the chosen priest be a faithful steward of your word. Instill in all of us, the congregation, a vision of the future guided by your Holy Spirit, so that we may be united in love and gladly accomplish your mission for us.



The Educators Rising Students at the Smyrna High School are selling raffle tickets for a chance to win a beach basket bundle which includes a yeti cooler, beach cabana, beach towels and more..... Tickets are \$10 each. They are on sale in the office until Sunday April 26th. Please see Lisa to purchase a ticket.

Opportunities to Donate



The *April Outreach is the "First State Animal Shelter"*, Below is a list of items needed by the shelter or monetary donations can be made (*checks need to be made out to St. Peter's Church with "First State Animal Shelter" in the memo line*). All donations can be brought in on Sundays or brought to the church during office hours (Tues-Thurs 9AM to 1PM).

Wish List

Can Cat Food Pate, Clumping Cat litter, Cat Toys, Can Dog Food, Hard Chew Toys, Dog Treats, Clorox Wipes, Dish Soap, Bleach, Paper Towels Toilet Paper, Any size Trash Bags, Liquid Laundry Detergent, Dryer Sheets, Dish Sponges, Towels, wash clothes & Blankets



Have You Seen This?-April 2026- Each month a picture will be selected from around the church (including parish hall and office wing). There is a full color picture placed on the bulletin board across from the kitchen window and one sent in the weekly email.

To play all you need to do is look around the building to see if you can locate where the item in the picture is located. If you are playing in person, write down the location and put it in the envelope provided on the bulletin board. If playing online, email the church office at

stpeters.smyrna@verizon.net with the location.

Everyone who guesses the correct location of the picture will be placed in a drawing at the end of the month for a chance to win a \$10 gift card to WAWA.

Let's get out and look around to see how beautiful our church is!



LET'S PLAY BALL

Check out **The Net** for information on how you can attend the Diocesan Picnic at the Blue Rocks stadium or go to <https://delaware.church/parish-picnic-at-the-blue-rocks/> for mor information.

Link to The Net can also be found in the email for the weekly newsletter or on our website under the News tab.

Saturday, June 27, 2026, from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. Game starts at 6:05 pm.



The Net *all things in love*

A WEEKLY eNEWSLETTER AND OFFICIAL PUBLICATION OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN DELAWARE

Take Me out to the Ballgame! Diocesan Parish Picnic at the Blue Rocks



Tickets on Sale Now!
Parish Picnic at the Blue Rocks
June 27 | 6:05 | Frawley Stadium

- An all-you-can-eat picnic
- A diocesan-wide celebration
- A chance to cheer on one of our own **throwing the first pitch**
- Youth jersey giveaway to first 1,000 fans under age 17
- And a diocesan choir leading the National Anthem
- [More information](#)

Grab your seat early so you don't miss the faith, fun, fastballs, and fellowship for the whole family!

[PURCHASE BLUE ROCKS PICNIC/GAME TICKETS HERE](#)

Sign Up to Sing
with the diocesan choir at the Blue Rocks!

We're assembling a diocesan-wide choir to sing the National Anthem at our *Parish Picnic at the Blue Rocks* on Saturday, June 27, 2026. The game begins at 6:05 p.m., and our choir will open the evening from the field — representing the full voice of the Episcopal Church in Delaware.

Everyone is welcome to join — whether you're a seasoned chorister or simply love to sing.

[SIGN UP TO SING THE NATIONAL ANTHEM](#)





2026 Flags for Heroes

Sponsored by *St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Smyrna*



**Orders Due By
Tuesday
May 19, 2026**

St. Peter's invites you to consider sponsoring a Flag(s) around Memorial Day, 2026 in Honor of a Hero, past or present. This person can be living or deceased, military or non-military; whoever you desire to honor.

The Flags are 3 x 5 feet mounted on a ten-foot pole on the south front section of St. Peter's Cemetery on N. Main Street Ext., Smyrna; across from the George C. Wright Jr. Memorial Park.

Flags Will Be Displayed from Thursday May 21 to Monday, June 8

Weather Permitting

Sponsorship is \$50 per flag for one person or entity or organization. Each flag will have a medallion with the name of the Honoree and the Sponsor. (The medallion does not have room for more than one name.) If you have any questions, please contact St. Peter's Office by e-mail: stpeters.smyrna@verizon.net or phone 302-653-9691.

Cost of sponsorship is tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

The proceeds will be used for the maintenance of this historic cemetery, available to anyone who wishes to rest in a Christian cemetery. We want to maintain its ongoing beauty and respect for all who rest here, each of whom is a hero to those who love them.

If interested in an eternal home with us, please call our office.

2026 FLAGS FOR HEROES SPONSORSHIP FORM **(ONE FORM and Person/Entity PER FLAG) -- Please PRINT Legibly**

Rank: _____ Name: _____ Branch _____

Sponsor Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ - _____ - _____ Email _____

Please make check payable to *St. Peter's Episcopal Church* - on Memo Line write *Flags for Heroes*. Mail Form (& check, if applicable) to St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 22 N. Union St., Smyrna, DE 19977
Form and Payment can also be dropped off at the Office Tuesday through Thursday 9:00AM - 1PM

Thank you for supporting our Historic Cemetery serving the community!