

Welcome to *St. Peter the Fisherman*

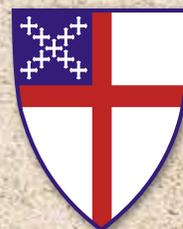
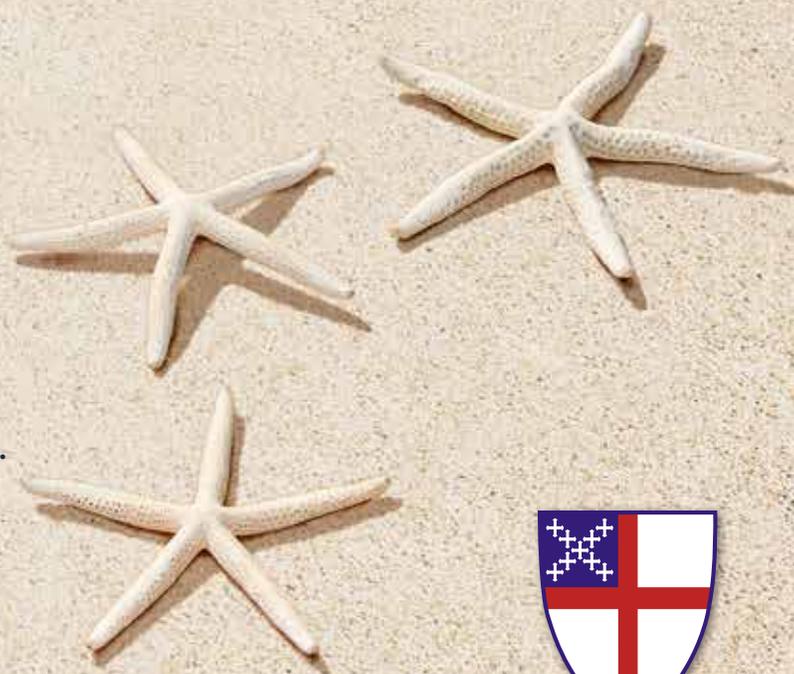
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

We invite you

to learn about our parish family
through the words and images
created for this Parish Profile.

We encourage you

to read of our life together,
why we are called here and how
we strive to share God's love with others.



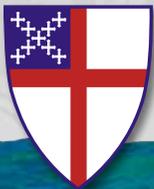
New Smyrna Beach, Florida



We hope that those who find their way to St. Peter's
will recognize God's hand in bringing you to us.
We pray that you feel God's presence when you
worship here and know that you belong!

*With joy in service to our
Lord and Savior,*

*The Members of the Vestry and
Rector's Search Committee*



Parishioner
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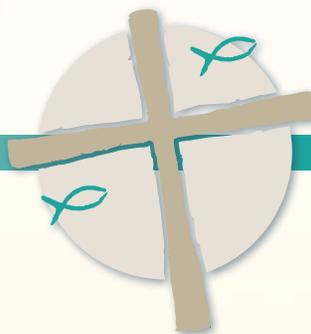


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GOD'S CALL

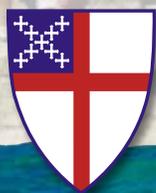
Mark 1:17 And Jesus said to them,

"Follow me and I will make you become fishers of men."

WE ARE THE CHURCH

At St. Peter the Fisherman Episcopal Church we take inspiration from our patron saint. We believe that God brought us here to be the church, to be fishers of all people. We are called to "know Christ and to make him known". We are seekers, believers, and followers of Jesus, challenged to be the Body of Christ in this beachside community of New Smyrna Beach, Florida.

Jesus called Simon Peter, a simple fisherman, to be an example of someone who could be considered inadequate for the title that Christ gave him. Jesus looked at Peter's heart, not his doubts, failures or shortcomings. Christ stirred up a passion in Peter to learn more about who Jesus was and what Jesus had to offer. Jesus stirs up that same passion in each of us too.



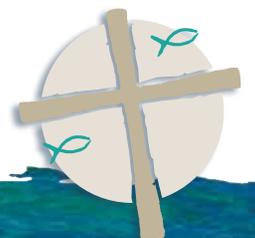
GOD'S CALL



OUR MISSION

St. Peter the Fisherman Episcopal Church is here to offer to all the opportunity to come to **KNOW JESUS**. We are a welcoming community in which individuals are invited and encouraged to grow in a personal relationship with the living God, to love one another as God loves us.

As followers of Jesus and members of the Episcopal Church we seek to live like Jesus. **We MAKE JESUS KNOWN** by following his example of servanthood. We are serious about cultivating loving, liberating, and life-giving relationships with God; growing relationships with each other; and all of creation.



WE RESPOND TO GOD'S CALL

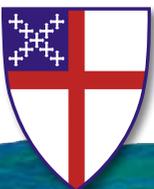
Matthew 7:24

"Everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house upon the rock."

Our core values are exemplified through our words and actions.

- We celebrate Eucharistic Spirituality, centered on the presence of Jesus Christ in the sacrament of Holy Communion at every Sunday and Wednesday worship service.
- We are known for our hospitality in welcoming all to be a part of our parish family, offering a place "to belong" no matter where the individual is on their spiritual journey.
- The Word of God inspires the sermons we hear and we feel connected through the uplifting of our spirits and the challenges the Word offers to us personally to grow and change.
- We act as a loving family, accepting of our differences, valuing open thinking, being responsible for each other and those in our broader community.
- We represent Christ to others through our continuing pastoral care and outreach to the needy around us.
- We encourage each other to recognize the Christ within us and the opportunity to grow in our faith through the gifts God has given each of us.

There is the comfort of familiarity and unity felt most clearly as we worship in the Episcopal tradition and sing together, "Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place". We are liturgically centered by the Book of Common Prayer. Our style is a blend of the traditional and the informal, within the Sanctuary, on the public beach, or via the internet. We may be in a casual beach setting but we are serious about our commitment to **"FOLLOW JESUS"**.



1 Cor. 3:11

“For no other foundation can any one lay than that which is laid, which is Christ Jesus.”

WE BUILD WHERE WE ARE PLANTED

To continue in the work begun here, **OUR VISION** is that **WE**, as the **CHURCH**, share God’s joy filled love, nourish ourselves through celebrating the Holy Eucharist, welcome all with the love Jesus demonstrated, and engage in continuing outreach to the New Smyrna Beach community. In looking to the future we pray that...

- Our ministries invent new and creative ways to accomplish the mission of St. Peter the Fisherman Church, “To Know Christ and To Make Him Known”
- We model that the sharing of the Eucharist is a tangible way that all can be invited to experience the presence of Christ



OUR VISION

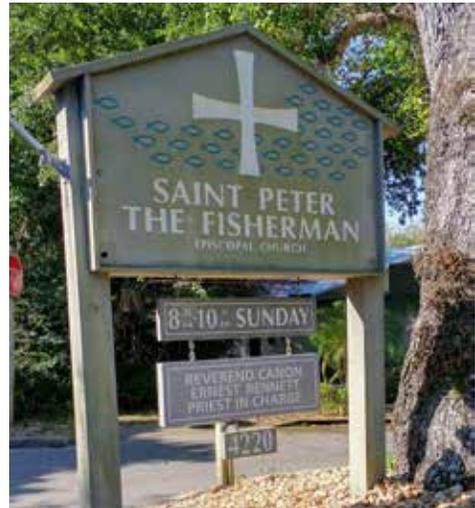
1 Peter 5:10

“As each has received a gift, employ it for one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace.”

WE GROW THROUGH GOD’S GRACE

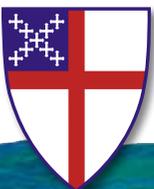
In **OUR VISION**, as delineated in our Strategic Plan, we hope to build on the current strengths of our parish. *We identify these strengths as:*

- A welcoming spirit
- Care and acceptance of one another
- A firm commitment to keep working together
- A determination to maintain and expand our pastoral and outreach ministries.



With God’s guidance and through parish surveys, discussion groups and reflective discussion, we have also identified areas we believe ***God is calling us to improve and grow.***

- We will seek to expand our ministries in care and outreach to families.
- We plan to develop and implement church leadership training.
- We have begun our goals of improving communications and being a beacon in the community through the launch of our new website.
- As an extension of our commitment to sound stewardship, we will encourage parishioners to celebrate the joy of spiritual giving by asking each person to find something TO DO to serve as the Body of Christ.
- Through our ***Search Committee Parish Survey*** we heard the repeated desire for us
 - to seek, encourage and serve younger families
 - to expand our music offerings
 - to reestablish more and varied fellowship activities



St. Peter the Fisherman began services on the beach in July 1970, with Bishop William Folwell presiding over the first summer service. On a hot Sunday morning, around a surfboard altar on the sand outside Surfside Condominium, the first “surfers mass” was held. Father Larry Lossing, then the rector of St. Paul’s Church, New Smyrna Beach, continued the services as an outreach of the mainland church to the summer and weekend visitors. Following Larry Lossing, many other priests participated in that innovative tourist ministry. Due to traffic problems, the “surfers mass” was discontinued in 1983.



In 1985, there was a **desire to start a congregation beachside**, which led to the beginning of year-round worship at Coronado Elementary School. During that year, Father Tyrell Dear was asked to become the interim vicar. During his tenure, attendance grew and property was purchased for a church building. In 1987, St. Peter the Fisherman was officially organized as a mission of the Diocese of Central Florida and Father John Liebler was called as vicar. In 1988, The Rock Campaign was launched, to raise money for the building of the church, a multi-use building for worship and fellowship. The first service was held in the new sanctuary in November 1989.



At the Diocesan Convention in 1992, **St. Peter’s was granted Parish status**, after demonstrating its ability to remain financially independent. In 1994, funds were raised to purchase the Parish House next door. In 2000, the “Faith, Hope, and Love Campaign” was launched to raise money for the parking lot and expansion of the facility. In 2002, ground was broken on our current facility that doubled the capacity of the previous structure. At the same time, after fifteen years as rector, the Reverend John Liebler was called to a new parish. On June 29, 2003 Bishop John Howe both dedicated the expanded facilities and celebrated the new ministry of the Reverend James Spencer.



OUR HISTORY

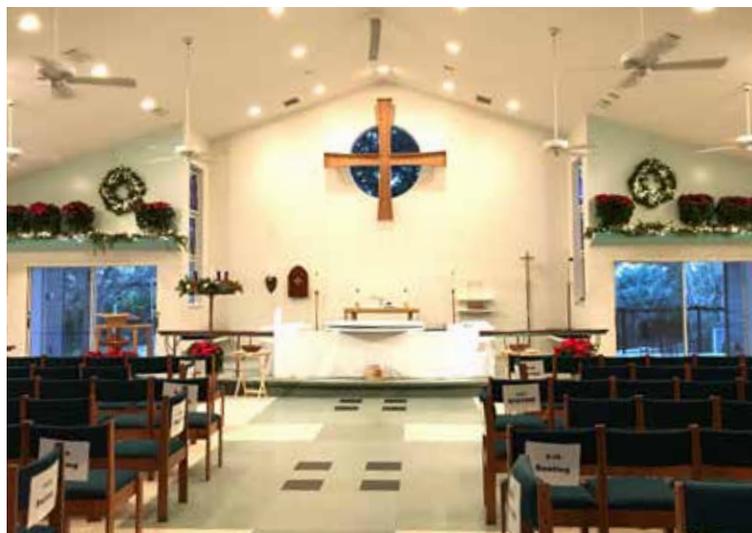
For the next 19 years, Father Jim Spencer led and nurtured our congregation to its potential. Under Father Jim's leadership, the parish was able to adjust to any situation and remain healthy. He guided the vestry to create an endowment fund and established policies to manage it. A pet cemetery was established on the grounds. In August of 2003, following a meeting with parish members, Father Jim made a decision to return St. Peter's to its roots and held the first beach service in 20 years. The Sunday evening beach service became an extension of the worship experience at St. Peter's and has continued without interruption to this day. In 2021, the average attendance at the beach service was 53.

Our parish is known in the community for its outreach efforts.

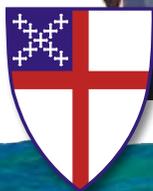
Not only was Father Jim dedicated to establishing a rapport with other pastors in New Smyrna, our parishioners as representatives of St. Peter's became involved in many community organizations. In 2020, so much changed abruptly as Covid presented many obstacles to normal church life, but Father Jim, our laity, and staff developed ingenious methods for keeping us connected and to perpetuate communion.



Today, St. Peter the Fisherman has 308 households and 258 baptized members. We welcome hundreds of seasonal residents who worship with us regularly. St. Peter's continues to



be characterized by a sanctuary that respects the beauty of God's creation, a ministry of welcome to residents and visitors of all ages, an eager generosity in all kinds of outreach, and a relaxed, yet deeply spiritual worship style. ■



OUR COVID EXPERIENCE

During Covid, we became creative in ways for our parishioners to worship and interact safely with each other. St. Peter's was welcoming to many people searching for their faith connection when many church doors were closed. We never considered closing St. Peter's pastorally. When the church sanctuary was closed in March 2020, a safe way to offer communion was created; many lined up in their cars on Sunday morning for the drive through communion, with an average attendance of 145. This continued until June 2021 for those not comfortable worshipping indoors. A parking lot service was also offered May 17-June 14, 2020, with approximately 42 attending weekly.

- Our congregation embraced the delivery of communion using our creatively designed "lazy susan" in the sanctuary
- Christmas 2020 we held an outdoor Christmas Eve drive through communion "From Secular to Sacred," an experience both children and adults will be sure to remember
- Easter Sunrise service 2021 was held on the beach with over 200 in attendance
- Children's Christmas Eve 2021 service was outdoors with a living nativity, communion, and a message



OUR STAFF AND LEADERSHIP

CURRENT STAFF

Priest- in- Charge

The Rev. Canon Ernest Bennett

Deacon

The Rev. Jonnette DeMarsico

Financial Administrator

Claire Odell

Sunday School Director

Claire Odell

Office Coordinator & Web Admin.

Katie Matson

Facilities Manager

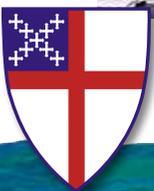
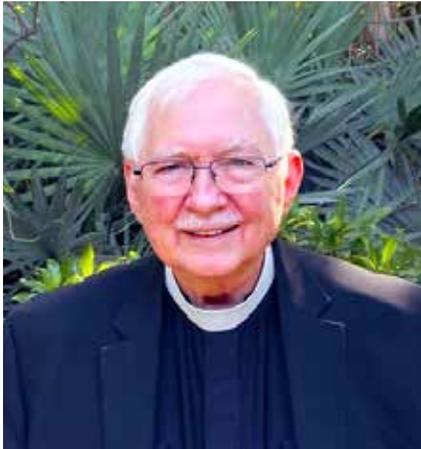
Dana Brown

Music Directress

Mary Lou Keenan

Nursery Caregivers

Debbie Johnson and Haillee Odell



OUR STAFF AND LEADERSHIP

MEMBERS OF THE VESTRY

Our Vestry consists of ten elected members.

Senior Warden	Brad Valdyke
Senior Warden	Don Schubert
Junior Warden	Jerilyn Lorch
Treasurer	Jeaneen Witt (appointed, non-voting)
Members	Gilly Aguiar, Virginia Breazeale, Dick Deppoliti, David Jolly, Betty MacDonald, Rick Martin, Rick Nicholson



RECTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE

The Search Committee is comprised of 10 members representing our parishioners including two vestry members.

Chairperson	Marie Ladley
Co-Chair	Terry Becker
Vestry Members	Jerilyn Lorch and Rick Nicholson
Members	Kelli Gladding, Richard Jodoin, Donna Martin, Denis Odell, Dori Peterson, Chip Witt



OUR LIFE TOGETHER

OUR WEEKLY WORSHIP

Sunday – 8:30 a.m. (Holy Eucharist, Rite II)

A quiet, reverent service, perfect for early risers featuring a sermon and Holy Communion. There is no music.

Sunday – 10:30 a.m. (Holy Eucharist, Rite II)

This service features music, including traditional hymns in addition to a sermon and Holy Communion with nursery care and Sunday School.

Sunday School – 10:15 a.m.

Children meet for Sunday school in the Parish House and join their families in the Sanctuary during the passing of the Peace.

Sunday Evening – Beach Service EST 5:00 p.m. (fall/winter) DST 6:00 p.m. (spring/summer)

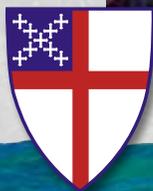
A modified service of scripture readings and homily with Communion is held on Bethune Beach in the early evening. In every sense a beach service, bring your own beach chair, as the majesty of the ocean serves as the backdrop for the message.

Wednesday – 10:00 a.m. (Holy Eucharist Rite II)

A 30 minute service for spiritual renewal, prayers for healing, a message, and communion.

Average Sunday attendance

2018 – 235 | 2019 – 248 | 2020 – 116 | 2021 – 184



WORSHIP MINISTRIES

Altar Guild – A volunteer group of the parish, whose ministry is to care for the altar, vestments, vessels, and altar linens of the parish. Altar Guild members prepare the sanctuary for the liturgy of the day and the celebration of life services. They clean up afterwards.

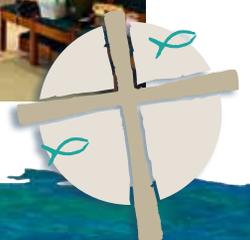
Flower Guild – This is a group of dedicated and devoted volunteers who have the responsibility of arranging and placing flowers within the church for regular worship and special services, beautifying the worship space at St. Peter's. They also transform the Sunday flowers into bouquets for Monday delivery by our volunteers to hospitals, homebound, and for special occasions.

Lay Eucharistic Ministers (LEMS) – A lay person who assists the priest in administering the sacraments of Holy Communion, the consecrated bread and wine. They may also take the sacraments to those who are unable to attend church. At St. Peter's our LEMS also serve as a Reader and as Crucifer, carrying the cross during the church's procession.



Lectors/Readers – For each Sunday service there are lectors who read passages appointed for that particular Sunday.

Ushers/Greeters – These are the friendly faces of St. Peter's that make everyone feel welcome when they enter the church. They greet and identify visitors, pass out the bulletins, help guests find their seats, assist with the offering, and bring the unconsecrated elements to the altar.



OUR LIFE TOGETHER

OUR MUSIC PROGRAM TODAY

St. Peter's has had an organized music program dating back to the 1990's, at which time we used both the 1982 Episcopal Hymnal and more contemporary favorite hymns, one of which was "Surely the Presence." To this day, we still consider this to be our church's theme song. St Peter's currently has a small choir of mixed voices who help lead on special church days. In addition, we have two talented vocalists who perform at the 10:30 am Sunday service on a weekly basis, accompanied by a gifted pianist who has led our choir for many years. Our choir director, along with our congregation, is excited to continue our existing offerings, as well as expand the music program. They will welcome the participation from both our parishioners and the greater community.



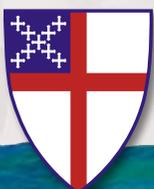
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday School/Nursery Care – St. Peter the Fisherman offers a nursery service for our children newborn to five years of age at our 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday morning. There is also a Sunday School for our older kids ages 5-15. Our Sunday School currently uses the Hands on Bible Curriculum. We have a small group of students, so a one room schoolhouse approach is used. Our Sunday School Director works with the Rector to provide a Family Easter service along with an Easter Egg Hunt. They also work together to provide a popular Family Christmas Eve service.

Bible Study – Bible Studies at St. Peter's are held on Wednesday morning at 8:30 am and again at 11:00 am following the Wednesday service. There is an evening Bible Study on Tuesday at 6:00 pm. These are simple gatherings intended to explore deeper into our faith and to help us grow in our understanding of scripture.

Special Programs –additional programs are offered during the year

- Advent Retreat
- Lenten Study
- Quiet Days
- Easter Egg Hunt for the Children



OUR MINISTRIES

FELLOWSHIP MINISTRIES AND GROUPS

- **Episcopal Church Women (ECW)** This ministry affirms women's gifts and helps offer them in service to others. All the women in the parish are members.
- **Daughters of the King** host our Sunday Coffee Hour between the Services, providing cookies, taking care of clean-up, and greeting and welcoming everyone they serve.
- **Supper Clubs** (temporarily halted due to Covid)
- Holiday craft and jewelry sale, festive fellowship event with apple cider
- **ECW** boxed cookie sale
- Chili Cook-off
- Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
- Cookie Ministry



IN THE PARISH

OUR MINISTRIES PASTORAL CARE

Daughters of the King (DOK) is an International Order of women called to serve Christ through prayer and service, grounded in God's love. Their mission is continuous joy filled service, reverent prayer, and sharing God's love. They facilitate many activities during the year at St. Peter's.



Military Ministry – This ministry sends a greeting card every month to active duty military personnel and gift cards twice a year. We place American flags in our memorial garden on Memorial Day and Veterans Day, honoring those veterans who chose our memorial garden as their final resting place. We hold a reception in November on our church deck honoring our veterans.

Monday Flower Delivery – Volunteers take bouquets transformed from the Sunday Altar flowers to hospitals and those who are homebound. Sometimes the flowers say thank you or recognize birthdays and anniversaries. A note is included to bring a little of the church into their lives.

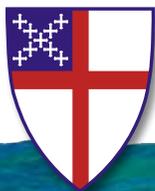
Newcomers – Gift bags are provided to our guests on their first visit to St. Peter's

Cooking for the King – This group gathers to prepare individual meals and freeze them, healthy soups and comfort food, to send out when someone is sick, recovering from a hospital stay, or to provide a meal for a caregiver who needs a break.

Office Angels – A group of volunteers assisting our office coordinator and financial administrator.

Medical Equipment – St. Peter's has an inventory of medical supplies that are available to anyone in the parish, their friends and family, or anyone you know in need.

Funerals - At St. Peter's we have a group of volunteers who assist families with the planning of funeral receptions, depending upon the time of the year, when they may be held on the back deck. They also can serve as hostesses for the reception.



St. Peter's is actively involved in outreach, both locally and abroad. \$12,000 from our Operating Fund is specifically allocated for St. Peter's Outreach. In total, St. Peter's Outreach disbursements in 2021 exceeded \$30,000, with parishioners donating to specific causes to which their hearts were most led.

In Our Community

Gifts of Love Food Pantry – A food bank serving those in need with collections weekly at St. Peter's

Colors of Hunger Soup Kitchen – St. Peter's is a founding member of a consortium of 4 churches who serve the hungry in New Smyrna Beach, providing individuals and families a hot meal and fellowship in a safe environment. The program is supported with volunteers who prepare meals and the donations of corporate sponsors. Colors of Hunger served 4,381 meals in 2021.

God's Bath House – This is a mobile shower unit that operates twice a week in New Smyrna Beach, providing hot showers for the homeless, a clean set of clothes, and new underwear and socks. At St. Peter's we not only have many volunteers helping with God's Bath House, we have designated the last Sunday of the month "Undie Sunday," collecting packages of new underwear and socks for men and women.

Edgewater Animal Shelter – During the year, we offer an ongoing collection of pet supplies, including canned and bags of dry dog and cat food that are given to the shelter.

Children's Christmas Toy Drive – Soccer balls, dolls, coloring books, crayons, and art supplies are collected in December, distributed to children of migrant farm workers in Pierson, FL

Angel Tree – We provide gifts for 30 children at Christmas, purchases made from their wish list

Additional Ministries Supported by St. Peter's annually

- Chisholm School Sneaker & School Supply Drive
- Mr. T's "Back to School Backpack Project"
- Westside Ministries
- Kairos Prison Ministries
- Council on Aging, Meals on Wheels Program
- Good News Jail and Prison Ministry
- Grace House Pregnancy Center
- Little Pink Houses
- Blood Drive
- Beach Clean-up Day



National Church (ECUSA) and the World

El Hogar, St. Vincent's Center, Our Little Roses, and S.A.M.S.

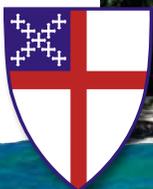


OUR CAMPUS

St. Peter the Fisherman is located in New Smyrna Beach, overlooking the Indian River Lagoon wetlands. The campus is a Designated Conservation Area where native flora and fauna are protected. The Parish is committed to maintaining the natural beauty of the area and sustaining its peaceful environment, conducive to contemplation and spiritual renewal. From the church campus the sound of the ocean can be heard, just blocks away.

The Sanctuary – St. Peter’s worship services are held in our contemporary sanctuary which seats 250. This lovely building also serves as a multi-use community area for large functions. There is a deck located on the back of the sanctuary for post service fellowship and gatherings, with a view of the estuary and our Memorial Garden.

Our Sanctuary building also has a residential kitchen, nursery, 1,400 sq. ft. of administration and meeting space, sacristy, narthex, and our newer flower guild room.

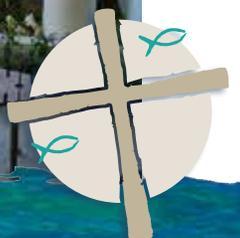


OUR CAMPUS



Parish House – St. Peters has a 3,000 sq. ft. Parish House on site, used for Sunday school, small group meetings, our Coffee House, and weekend retreats. The Parish House overlooks the marsh, with beautiful views from 2 balcony decks. In addition to the Church Library and St. Francis Chapel, the house also has kitchen facilities and a 2 car garage.

St. Francis Chapel – A small chapel is located on the ground floor of the Parish House, used for small group meetings, our Church Library, and the all night vigil on Maundy Thursday.



OUR CAMPUS

Memorial Garden – St. Peter's has a lovely memorial garden located on the property, consecrated as a cemetery for the ashes of parishioners and their families. It flanks the edge of the estuary. There are memorial benches located throughout the garden and a path to walk along the estuary.

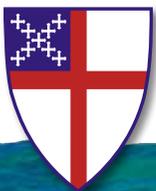
Pet Memorial Garden - A separate pet memorial garden has been designed in which the ashes of your loving friend may be placed. In the fall St. Peter's celebrates the St. Francis Day Blessing of the Animals in a special service.

A **Playground** is located at the back of the church, just off the deck where children can play in the shade of large oak trees.



UPKEEP AND RENOVATIONS TO FACILITIES

The Vestry at St. Peter's is committed to improving and maintaining our buildings and grounds, so that we can better serve our church family and community today and in the future. It has always been our practice to never defer maintenance on our church campus, with projects scheduled as needed. This includes the recent exterior repairs and painting of our main building and sanctuary. We have completed major enhancements to our Parish House, including interior and exterior painting and the rebuild of walkways and decks. Throughout the church campus we have made improvements to drainage, lighting, and the parking lot. We also had a major upgrade to our sanctuary speakers and sound system, our video system, as well as our internet capabilities. ■



WHO WE ARE

Number of Baptized Members	Communicants in Good Standing
2017 – 272 members	255 members
2018 – 269 members	311 members
2019 – 274 members	329 members
2020 – 257 members	288 members
2021 – 258 members	308 members

OUR FINANCES

Pledges Received Amount

2017	108	\$ 194,810
2018	103	\$ 209,950
2019	108	\$ 227,249
2020	111	\$ 222,765
2021	98	\$ 233,371
2022	82	\$ 201,265

BUDGET

2021 Income Statement Summary

	2021 Actual	2021 Budget	2021 Variance
Income	\$ 418,386	\$ 419,906	\$ (1,520)
Expenses	\$ 398,779	\$ 419,906	\$ 21,127
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ 19,607	\$ 0	\$ 19,607

2022 Operating Budget

Income	\$ 354,212
Expenses	\$ 354,212
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ 0



OUR FINANCES

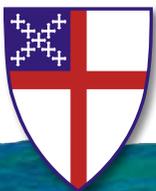
ENDOWMENT FUND

	December 31, 2020	December 31 2021
Episcopal Church Foundation Fund	\$ 248,765	\$ 269,835
Inlet Securities LLC	347,085	397,832
Total Asset Value	\$ 595,850	\$ 667,667

ASSETS

Buildings	\$ 1,439,710
Personal Property	\$ 124,000
Endowment Fund	\$ 667,667
TOTAL	\$ 2,231,377

LIABILITIES NO DEBT



OUR SURF SIDE COMMUNITY



NEW SMYRNA BEACH

New Smyrna Beach is a quaint Florida City founded in 1887 and located on the Eastern side of Volusia County, Florida. It's a surf hub known for its beautiful coastal dunes including the Canaveral National Seashore to its south. The historic downtown Canal Street District has many art galleries, shops, restaurants along with the New Smyrna Museum of History. A popular tourist destination is the Flagler District located beachside adjacent to the North causeway where it boasts popular restaurants, live music, monthly events and hotels.



OUR SURF SIDE COMMUNITY

EDUCATION:

There are 3 Volusia County Elementary Schools, 1 middle school and 1 high school in NSB.

Higher education universities nearby:

- Daytona State College
- Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
- Palmer College of Chiropractic FL Campus
- Bethune-Cookman University
- Stetson University
- Epic Aviation
- University of Central FL (Branch campus)

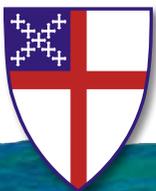


Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University

LOCAL DEMOGRAPHICS

Age	New Smyrna Beach	Volusia County
0-5 years	3.1%	4.7%
6-18 years	12.4%	17.5%
19-64 years	46.5%	52.9%
65+	38%	24.9%

2020 Census	New Smyrna Beach	Volusia County
Population	30,142	553,543
Square Miles	34.69	1,101.02
Homestead	12,529 (67%)	216,495
Single Family	\$256K	



OUR SURF SIDE COMMUNITY

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Given that NSB is a tourist destination along with a high number of retirees, the hospitality industry is a vital commerce in the community. All types of dining experiences are offered from high end seafood and steak restaurants to the seafood baskets and burgers on the water. Another important industry to our region is fishing and eco-tourism. The outdoor activities are endless with the Atlantic Ocean accessible through the Ponce Inlet from the Indian River Lagoon and the Mosquito Lagoon. These lagoon habitats are the most biologically diverse estuaries in North America and are an extremely sensitive ecosystem. Conservation is highly important within our community based on the diversity of the plants and animals and the need to protect these habitats. Additional industries in the community are manufacturing, education, government and health care.

New Smyrna Beach offers a variety of activities, whether it's a weekend watching "old" race cars at the New Smyrna Speedway track or strolling through the Saturday morning Farmer's Market downtown which is filled with locally grown and made fresh foods and items. Annually there are more than 10 festivals to attend and you may enjoy everything from art and jazz to seafood. The traditional Christmas parade, along with the unique Christmas boat parade, is a time of joy and celebration as the community comes together to welcome the secular traditions of the holiday season. With the birth place of space exploration just to the south of NSB, it's a thrilling experience to watch and feel a rocket launch from the beach or from your back yard.

There are plenty of opportunities to stay busy and be involved within the community as many of our parishioners are. But if you enjoy the calm and quiet, the beach air and sound of the surf provides the perfect moment to simply breathe and pray. The sunrise over the ocean is an incredible time to refresh your soul and feel God's spirit waking within you with a new day.



OUR SURF SIDE COMMUNITY

LOCAL ATTRACTIONS:

In New Smyrna Beach

- New Smyrna Museum of History
- Arts on Douglas
- Atlantic Center for the Arts
- Marine Discovery Center
- Artist Workshop, Inc.
- The Hub on Canal
- The NSB Little Theater

In Volusia County

- Ponce Inlet Lighthouse and Museum: 20 miles
- Volusia County Marine Science Center: 20 miles
- Museum of Arts & Sciences: 19 miles
- Jackie Robinson Ballpark: 19 miles
- Daytona International Speedway: 23 miles
- New Smyrna Speedway: 13 miles

REGIONAL ATTRACTIONS:

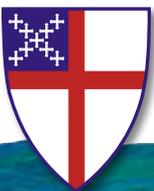
- Walt Disney World: 82 miles
- Sea World: 73 miles
- Universal Studios: 69 miles
- Dr. Phillips Performing Arts Center: 60 miles
- Camping World Stadium: 61 miles
- Spectrum Stadium: 51 miles
- TIAA Bank Field: 111 miles
- St Augustine Amphitheater: 76 miles
- Kennedy Space Center: 41 miles

AIRPORTS:

- New Smyrna Beach Municipal Airport: 6.5 miles
- Orlando International Airport: 69 miles
- Orlando-Sanford International Airport: 48 miles
- Daytona Beach International Airport: 22 miles
- Jacksonville International Airport: 124 miles



Weather	Months	Temp	Rain Per Month
HOT	June-Sept	70's-90's	5 1/2"
Not-as-Hot	Oct-May	50's-70's	2"



OUR NEW RECTOR

St. Peter the Fisherman Episcopal Church seeks a new rector who believes in their heart that we are the church God has called them to pastor, a priest who will develop a long-lasting relationship as our rector.

We pray that the person whom God calls to be our new Shepherd will have the following strengths and gifts and will have demonstrated abilities in the following:

- A Christ-centered servant who is compassionate, empathetic, and caring for all
- Someone who is personable, friendly, sincere, humorous, and gracious
- A person who has been transformed through Jesus' teachings and scripture
- A joyful soul



We are looking for a leader who is ready to meet people where they are and guide them to where God intends them to be. We desire a preacher whose sermons are inspirational and based on scripture, how it relates to one's personal experience, with knowledge of how it relates to today's world, and someone who has the ability to include humor and humility.

St. Peter's is looking for a Rector with experience in Episcopal Ministry and administration, a loving pastor with the financial and administrative skills to inspire our parish to fulfill God's mission for us as a church.

We seek a leader who can help us grow our congregation with an emphasis on reaching out to young families. We need someone who can offer more opportunities for ministry to these young families and encourage them to become an active part of Christ's ministry. We also seek someone who can enable and encourage our parishioners with God given musical and hospitality gifts to use those gifts for God's purposes. ■



WHAT ST. PETER'S HAS TO OFFER

St. Peter's is blessed with many gifts from God that we have to offer to our new Shepherd. With gratitude for these gifts and a desire to share them with our new Rector we offer:

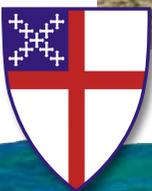
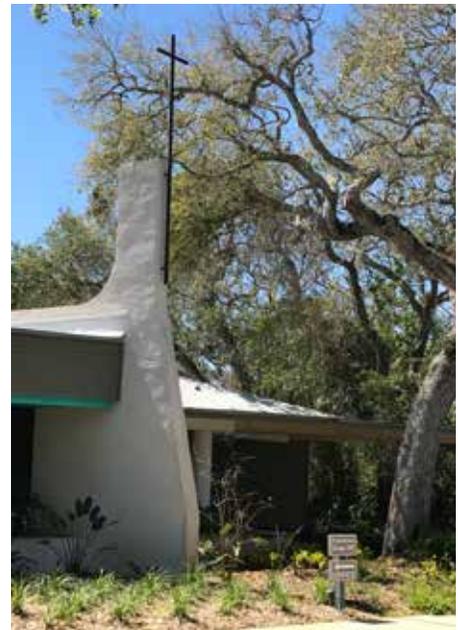
- A congregation that has a “do, adapt, and change” attitude in response to new circumstances and the challenges God puts before us
- An enthusiastic and devoted Deacon to share in the ministry
- An outstanding and dedicated administrative staff
- The experience of celebrating the Holy Eucharist on the beach
- A loving and welcoming congregation
- Caring volunteers and a faithful and committed Vestry
- A financially stable church with well-maintained properties
- A beautiful beachside location

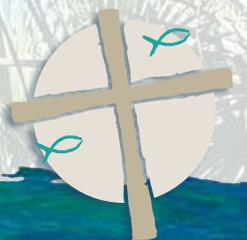
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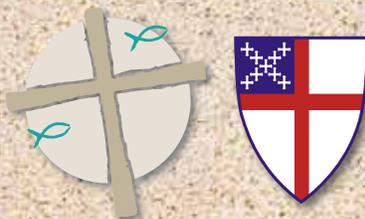
For further information please email the Canon to the Ordinary of the Diocese of Central Florida,

The Rev. Canon Scott T. Holcombe at
sholcombe@cfdiocese.org.

Thank you.







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