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St. Peter's Weekly Vision – January 17, 2016

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What Just Happened!!!

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY:

8:00 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST Rite I

10:00 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST Rite II

Reflections from Father Perry:

Sunday's Gospel reading recalls the miracle Jesus performs at a wedding feast in Cana (John 2:1-11). I encourage you to read this Scripture for yourselves, keeping in mind the following:

- Note the abundance of the water becoming wine – 6 jars of 30 gallons each. That's 180 gallons! Remember Jesus performs this miracle to reveal the nature of God. The extravagance of the miracle mirrors God's extravagant blessings that we receive.
- Not everyone was aware of the miracle. How many miracles happen in our lives without our recognizing them as God's blessings upon us?
- Ordinary water becomes extraordinary wine! God has a way of taking ordinary people like you and me and making us extraordinary! Do we fully grasp this and accept this as true in our lives?

In light of these reflections, what is this story telling you?

Birthdays: Sunday's Bulletin announced the celebration of birthdays this week: Codi Kay (1/17), Sienna Roper (1/18). Please call or send along your own best wishes to your friends.

Don't Miss!

Sunday, January 31 at 11 a.m. – Annual Meeting

***Great Family Evening!**

Mardi Gras Pancake Supper on Shrove Tuesday February 9th from 5-7. We hope all our families young and old will come and join the fun! Masks, streamers, fancy hats are encouraged. On the last day before Lent begins on Ash Wednesday we will have a delicious pancake & sausages supper and enjoy fellowship and activities for young and old alike.

***Cabin Fever Party** Saturday, February 27 @ 7 p.m. more to follow

St. Peter's Community Outreach

Trinity Wall Street's "Trinity Institute" annual theological conference will be held Jan. 21-23, 2016, in NYC and at partner sites across the country. The title is, "Listen for a Change: Sacred Conversations on Racial Justice," and speakers include Nicolas Kristof, Eduardo Bonilla-Silva, and Presiding Bishop Michael Curry among others. In ECCT, St. John's in Waterbury, St. John's in Vernon, St. Mark's in Mystic, Trinity in Hartford, and The Commons in Meriden will each serve as a registered local site and webcast the full conference. Online registration available. A flyer is available at the back of the church. More information on the ECCT website: www.episcopaect.org

Social Security Free Information workshop at the Douglas Library, Hebron on Thursday January 21 or Monday January 25 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. The workshop will cover the new rules and basics of Social Security along with advanced strategies that could increase your benefits. Seating is limited. Call the library to sign up.

Let's Continue to Keep Connecticut's Children Warm!

Thank you all who have supported Samantha Sullivan's efforts to collect warm clothing for children in need. The drive has been so successful that Samantha will continue collecting clothes for a while longer. A box is in the narthex of the church for the collection of clothing: gently used and new coats and warm clothes sizes newborn to children's size 12. Call Kim at 860-202-8449.

Nuts and Bolts!

The Women's Club met last night at Robin Kenefick's house. Fifteen women attended and we talked about many creative ideas for the Christmas Fair next year, we had fun playing games (Left, Right, Center with prizes), eating good snacks and relaxing.

Calling All Youth! Judi Babin and Lynn Hassouna have begun a new series of discussions for youth to be held on Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. in Father Perry's office. Any young person in grades 7 through 12 is welcome to join them. These discussions will continue to be held on the second and fourth Sundays of each month. More events are being planned including a Confirmation Class starting in January.

Visit us on the Internet

Our website (www.stpetershebron.com) offers an always up to date calendar, upcoming events listed with details, news from "The Vision", the bulletin, the latest happenings, an updated photo gallery, and more!

Fr. Perry's sermons are available on St. Peter's website. If you missed Father Perry's sermon, or want to hear it again, feel free to listen from the website.

Sermons may be found at: Services > Sunday Audio Sermons

Church School schedule is now on the website – If you were not able to attend church one Sunday, or want to review a church school topic at home, the website has a schedule of church school topics including bible verses and additional information. Just go to: About Us > Church School > Church School Schedule

Check out our Comfort and Joy website designed by Pat Kell. Lots of nice sayings. <https://www.facebook.com/#!/thecomfortandjoycommunity>

From Sunday's Epistle: *1 Corinthians 12:1-11*

Reflections by "The Vision" on Corinthians: God provides an abundance of gifts – Which gift or gifts did you get?

God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Always trust your first gut instinct. If you genuinely feel in your heart and soul that something is wrong it usually is.



**The best things in life
are the people you love,
the places you've seen,
and the memories you've
made along the way.**

