



What's Up Down at Saint Peter's

A newsletter from the Parish of Saint Peter's, Birch Cove

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Unless the Lord Build the House, they labour in vain that build it – Psalm 126



Christians have been building churches for over 2000 years. Those would be the churches which are actual buildings and churches, the congregations that call those physical buildings their places of worship. In both cases those churches, in order to survive and fulfil their missions, require firm foundations. One can extend this requirement one more step. Individual Christians, the ones who do the building, also require a firm foundation.

Firm foundations in turn, require a cornerstone on which they can be constructed. Before the advent of concrete forms and steel beams , the integrity and success of an entire foundation was based on the cornerstone. While today's cornerstones are more symbolic, they do serve to document the beginning of a church's construction. Like those in early Christendom, they serve to remind us all of the need for buildings, faith communities and individual Christians to have a guiding source. As it says in Ephesians 2: 19 So then, you Gentiles are not foreigners or strangers any

longer; you are now citizens together with God's people and members of the family of God. 20 You, too, are built upon the foundation laid by the apostles and prophets,[a] the cornerstone being Christ Jesus himself. 21 He is the one who holds the whole building together and makes it grow into a sacred temple dedicated to the Lord. 22 In union with him you too are being built together with all the others into a place where God lives through his Spirit.

On Sunday April 30th, 1951 Bishop Harold Waterman dedicated the cornerstone of St. Peter's, a new church being constructed in Birch Cove. It is amazing to realize that Saint Peter's was constructed in less than a year and for the past 75 years has never faltered in its mission. On Sunday April 26th, 2026 the church's cornerstone will be rededicated, because ... THE PILGRIMAGE CONTINUES.



**The Newly Formed Saint Peter's Quilters Group
Meets in the Lounge Second Tuesday of each Month**

DIME
~~PENNY~~ AUCTION

SATURDAY, APRIL 25TH
1 - 4 PM / \$5 & \$10 TICKET OPTIONS
**3 DAKIN DR - BEDFORD ST. PETER'S CHURCH (CORNER OF
KEARNEY LAKE ROAD & BEDFORD HWY)**

PLUS ✓ **SELECT AUCTION**
✓ **DELECTABLE DESSERTS**
✓ **COFFEE & TEA**

MORE INFORMATION - CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE AT (902) 443-1969

Dates/Events/ Information

**April 25- Auction to raise funds
for the Restoration of the Good
Shepherd Window @ Daking Hall**
from 1- 4 PM (info -Glenn Taylor)

**April 26 – 75th Anniversary
Cornerstone Service – 10 AM**
Guest Speaker – Jim Curren-
United Nations Emergency
Response Team and Engineers
Without Borders

**Apr. 29 – Parenting with a
Purpose- “ Preventing
Challenging Behaviors “ @ St.
Peter's from 6 to 7 PM (info-
Kathymaeblack4@gmail.com)**

**May 7 – St. Peter's Players
Rehearsal** in the lounge from 1
until 2 PM (info Maureen &
Dennis Walsh)

May 10 – Mothers' Day

May 12 – Quilters Group meets in
the lounge (info Pat Beck)

**May 22-24 – Diocesan Youth
Camp** for youth in grades 7-12.
St. Peter's will cover the cost for
any young person who wants to
attend. For information contact
Rev. Arran.