

THE KEYS



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Introducing Fr. Peter and family

Father Peter Geromel, OHI Th.M., vicar at St. Peter the Apostle, grew up in Flint, Michigan, the son of an Anglican priest. He was raised in that tradition, and his parents before him. Homeschooled through high school, he attended VMI, completing his “Rat” year there, before transferring to Hillsdale College to study Philosophy. He attended Reformed Episcopal Seminary, earning a Master of Divinity *cum laude*, followed by a Master of Theology from Cranmer Theological House. He also holds a Master of Humanities from the University of Dallas and has taken several graduate courses at Villanova University. Presently, he is completing a Doctor of Ministry at Reformed Presbyterian Seminary in Pittsburgh (the 4th oldest seminary in the U.S.) focusing on catechesis (Christian education). He has written four books, *Christ & College: A Guide from the Anglican Way*, *Sublime Duty: Its Emphasis in the Anglican Way*, *Frankincense and Mirth on High*, and *Archers & Chariots: A Thematic Journey through Philosophy’s History*.

Unapologetically Anglo-Catholic in his theology, Fr. Geromel grew up around clergy from varied churches, Greek and Russian Orthodox, Maronite and Byzantine Catholic. He was involved in Young Life, Intervarsity Christian Fellowship, Canterbury Club, and Boy Scouts in his youth. He has been serving for over a decade in parish ministry, as well as three years as a full-time hospice chaplain, and six as an adjunct professor in Philosophy. He has served in parishes throughout the South, including South Carolina, Tennessee and Texas. He is a priest in the Order of the Holy Innocents, a society dedicated to Life and Bioethical issues. His other ministries have been varied, including working for food pantries and as a chaplain to truck drivers in New Jersey.

He is married to Kari, who is from the Carolinas, and they have three sons, Simeon, Julian and Alasdair. Kari was raised in a Bible-believing church, attended Appalachian Bible College, and was training to be a missionary to Muslims in the United Kingdom when Fr. Peter and she met. They enjoy hiking and outdoor activities and watching “Brit Crimes” and comedy together. Fr. Geromel likes to play Scottish snare drum and Bodhran to Celtic music and fiddled once upon a time.

Fr. Geromel’s focus on ministry is “Incarnational,” believing in non-anxious and prayerful presence in the community. Christ said, “ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth” (Acts 1:8). Evidently, the center of an incarnational ministry is the local “temple,” the church. The Apostles began by participating in the daily prayers in Solomon’s Temple at Jerusalem (Acts 3:1), and slowly moving out concentrically in missionary effort. Likewise, the priest (and congregation if they wish) begins with the daily prayers at the local church each day, and then the missionary and evangelistic effort ripples out from there; works of mercy and pastoral visitations begin and end at the altar of God. This is consistent with the Anglican tradition’s Benedictine model of *ora et labora* (prayer and work, or prayer and effort) and enshrined in the Book of Common Prayer (pg. 19, 1662 BCP) and Canons of the Church (Canon 12.1.01). Cf. Acts 2:42, 46; Daniel 6:10; Hebrews 10:25.

Upcoming Events and News

Our outreach to Sherriff's deputies and police officers in Christiansburg.

Fr. Geromel will be putting together something like a prayer card to be given to our local law enforcement in remembrance of Saint Michael and All Angels or "Michaelmas". The card will likely include an icon, prayer, and Scripture verses. St. Michael is the patron saint of police officers. A sample of what might be on it is below.

O Light of light, O Brightness indescribable, Christ our God, the Wisdom, Power, and Glory of the Father, Who didst appear visibly to all men as the Word made flesh, and having overcome the prince of darkness, didst return to Thy throne on high; grant to us Thy suppliants, amid this dark world, the full outpouring of Thy splendour; appoint the Archangel Michael to be our defender, to guard our going out and coming in; and admit us to a place on Thy right hand, to receive the crown from Thee. Amen.

Daniel 12:1

"And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book."

Psalms 91: 11-12

"For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. They shall bear thee in their hands, that thou hurt not thy foot against a stone."

Revelation 12: 7-8

"There was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon and his angels, and prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven."

Vestry is scheduled for Wednesday, September 16th, 7:30 pm. There will be a mass prior to this at 7 pm.

Sunday School will begin on Sunday, September 27 following the morning liturgy. On that day, we will celebrate St. Michael and All Angels with a sung mass with incense. There will be Adult Sunday School on The Book of Revelation and a young people's Sunday school as well. Please invite some to join us.

Banquet details for PRC: 2 venues are possibilities October 1st at the Slaytons & October 4th at the Parish House the program will begin promptly at 7:30 PM at both venues and guests are welcome to arrive 45 minutes to an hour prior to socialize. There is a third option for watching the video associated with the program at home without attending at any venue. Feel free to call the Slaytons with questions or to volunteer to help.

Diocesan Synod is in Leesburg, VA between September 24th and 26th. A few in the parish will be attending.

Noon mass on Thursday will resume on October 1st.

SEPTEMBER, 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[5]
[6] 10:00 a.m. HE TRINITY XIII	[7]	[8]	[9]	[10]	[11]	[12]
[13] 10:00 a.m. HE TRINITY XIV	[14]	[15]	[16] 7:00 p.m. HC 7:30 p.m. Vestry	[17]	[18]	[19]
[20] 10:00 a.m. HE TRINITY XV	[21]	[22]	[23]	[24]	[25]	[26]
[27] 10:00 a.m. FHE; SS TRINITY XVI	[28]	[29]	[30]	OCT [1] 12 noon HC	LEGEND: HC - Holy Communion; FHE – Festal Holy Eucharist; HE - Holy Eucharist; SS – Sunday School; PG - Prayer Group; EP – Evening Prayer; MP – Morning Prayer; P&HU – Prayers and Holy Unction	

IN THE LORD'S SERVICE

Please — If you cannot fulfill your assigned duty because of an urgent reason, IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO SECURE YOUR OWN REPLACEMENT!

Week beginning Sunday →	September 6	September 13	September 20	September 27	October 4
Altar Guild	B. Higginbotham	B. Higginbotham	M. Slayton	B. Higginbotham	B. Higginbotham
	V. Williams	J. Butterfield	C. deRosset	V. Williams	J. Butterfield
Coffee Hour	--	--	--	--	--
Ushers	--	--	--	--	--
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Epistoler	T. Paisley	G. Terrell	A. Butterfield	T. Paisley	C. von Claparede
Server	P. Williams	T. Paisley	C. von Claparede	P. Williams	P. Williams
Crucifer	W. Paisley	W. Paisley	W. Paisley	W. Paisley	W. Paisley

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2020 Vestry: Allen Butterfield, Ted Paisley, Phil Pappas, Marnie Slayton, George Terrell, Clemens von Claparede