

A photograph of a church choir singing in a sanctuary. In the foreground, a woman with short grey hair and glasses is singing into a microphone, holding a white sheet of music. Behind her, other choir members are visible, some holding black songbooks. The background features a large, colorful stained glass window on the left and a plain white wall on the right.

St. Cecilia

MUSIC GUILD

of St. Peter's Episcopal Church
Lewes, Delaware

2025-26
Season



Welcome to the 2025-26 Season!

Dear Friends,

We are excited to present to you the 10th anniversary season of St. Cecilia Music Guild. Founded in 2016 to bring the gift of free live music to Cape region audiences, the Guild continues today in that same tradition. In the past decade, over 12,000 people have attended a Guild concert or special choral liturgy. Our programming has evolved to include folk and jazz music, as well as classical chamber ensembles and St. Peter's own Anglican choral tradition. None of this would be possible without the support of you, our patrons and friends. Please consider lending your support by using the enclosed envelope or giving online at StCeciliaGuild.org. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Sincerely,

The Standing Committee of St. Cecilia Music Guild

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T.J. Thomas, Minister of Music



Yes! I would like to pledge my support with a tax-deductible contribution.

Scan here for online giving, or visit StCeciliaGuild.org and click **Donate**.

About St. Peter's

Since the 1680s St. Peter's Episcopal Church has been a sanctuary in the heart of Lewes. The 3rd and present building completed in 1855 was renovated in 2020 to include additional seating, restrooms, and livestream capability. Our "first church, in the first town, in the first state" is today a large, thriving congregation with touchstone ministries in music, Christian formation, and outreach.

Worship with Us

The heart of our community of faith is worship. Inspiring music, edifying preaching, and grace-filled sacraments mark our common life. We look forward to welcoming you at one of our liturgies.

Wednesday 7:00 p.m., Said Eucharist

Saturday 5:00 p.m., Said Eucharist

Sunday 8:00, Eucharist with hymns; 10:15 a.m., Eucharist with choir

Photo, Dona Jung

Get Involved in Music

Music is the very heartbeat of liturgical worship at St. Peter's. Just wait until you hear the congregation sing! Our choirs are fun-loving, talented musicians who enjoy making beautiful music to the glory of God. Interested in joining us? Please contact T.J. Thomas, Minister of Music, at 302-645-8479 or tthomas@stpeterslewes.org.

Parish Choir

A mixed voice ensemble of about 25 singers who provide musical leadership at the 10:15 Eucharist most Sundays from September through June. Singers are skilled adult volunteers, high school choral scholars, and professional staff singers. Rehearsal is Thursday night 7:00-9:00 p.m. and Sunday morning at 9:00 before the 10:15 a.m. Eucharist.

Handbell Choir

Our ringers are a joyful group who enjoy the art and camaraderie of ensemble ringing. St. Peter's rings 4 octaves of bells and 5 octaves of chimes. We have 2 groups: a beginner group who are new to reading music and ringing, and an intermediate group for more experienced ringers. Both rehearse on Tuesday afternoons.

Photos, Maria DeForrest



Calendar of Events

Friday, September 12, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

Chivalrous Crickets

Fiona Gillespie: vocals, bodhran, whistle; **Liv Castor:** harp, vocals, tenor whistle, harmonium; **Ben Matus:** small pipes, Medieval pipes, tenor whistle, recorder; **Paul Morton:** theorbo, Baroque guitar, banjo



Sunday, October 19, 2025 at 3 p.m.

Shore Jazz

John Ewart, saxophone/clarinet
Joe Holt, piano
Holly Lane, vocals
Mike McShane, drums



Same weekend as
Rehoboth Jazz Festival!



Photo, Maria DeForrest (facing page)

Sunday, December 7, 2025 at 5 p.m.

Advent Lessons and Carols

Parish Choir of St. Peter's
T.J. Thomas, Minister of Music

Wednesday, December 24, 2025

Christmas Eve

Four services will be offered this evening.
Visit StPetersLewes.org for the complete schedule.



Sunday, February 1, 2026 at 3 p.m.

Lewes Chamber Players

Sylvia Ahramjian, violin; Dana Allaband, violin; Sarah Sutton, viola;
Thomas Kraines, cello; Hiroko Yamazaki, piano



Sunday, March 8, 2026 at 5 p.m.

John Rutter's "Requiem"

Parish Choir, Chamber Orchestra, Guest Soloists
T.J. Thomas, conductor



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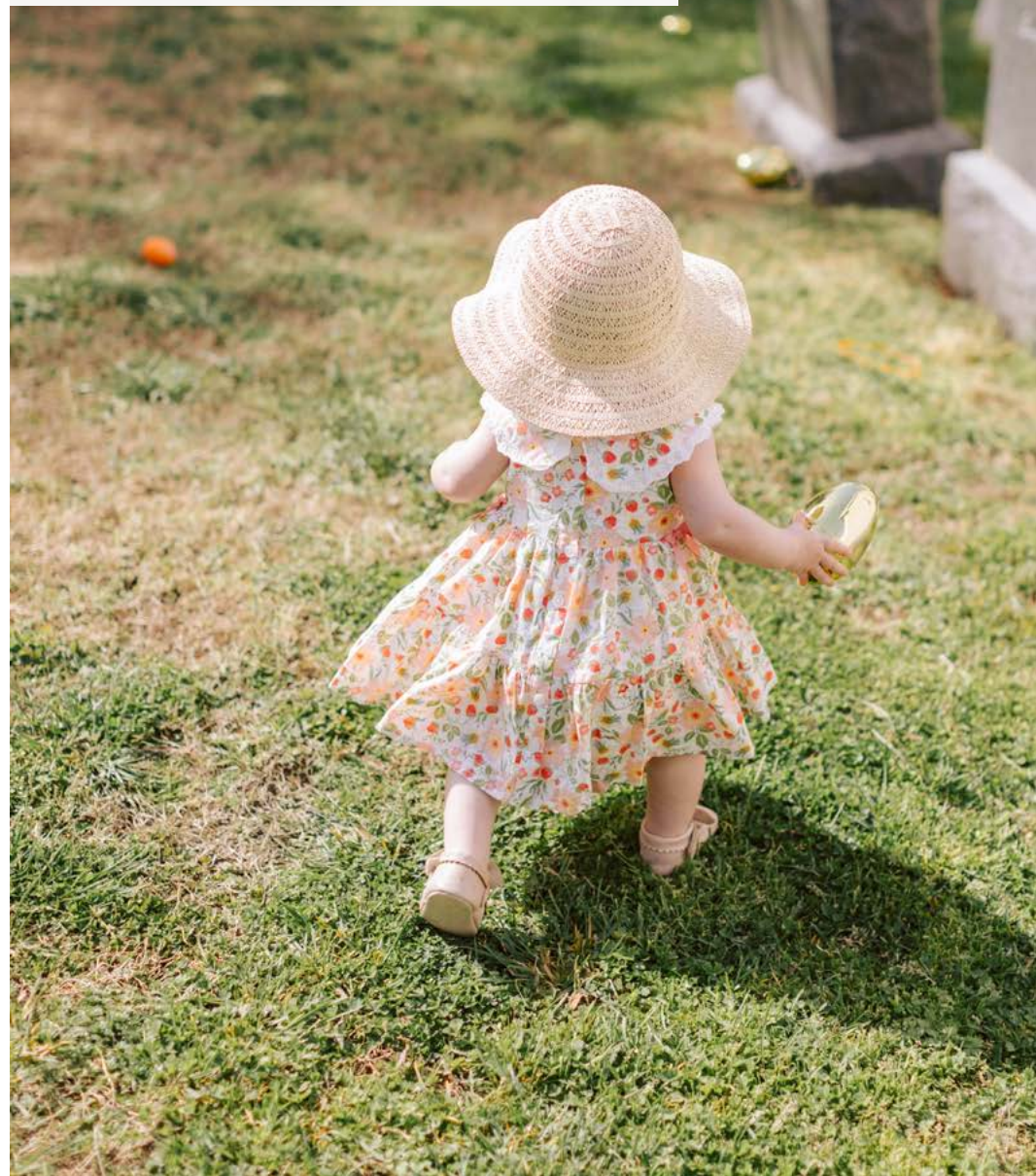
Easter at St. Peter's

Saturday, April 4, 2026 at 7 p.m.

Great Vigil of Easter
with Parish Choir

Sunday, April 5, 2026 at 8 and 10 a.m.

Easter Sunday
with Trumpets and Parish Choir



Friday, April 17, 2026 at 5 p.m.

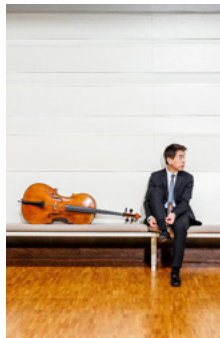
Serafin Ensemble

Eric Pritchard and Kate Ransom, violin

Adelya Shagidullina, viola

Guang Wang, cello

Gabriel Benton, harpsichord



St. Cecilia Guild



Music Scholarships

Every spring St. Cecilia Music Guild awards a \$1,200 scholarship to a graduating high school senior planning a collegiate major in music. Our 2025 scholarship was awarded to Nicole Carter, a graduate of Indian River High School. Ms. Carter will study music education at West Chester University this fall.

Nicole Carter

Music Education
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