

Peta Cappello is in Need of a Kidney



Long time St. George's parishioner Peta Cappello has just received the news that she has been approved as a candidate for a kidney transplant. All who know Peta know that she loves life. She loves being alive and she loves making other people's lives better. Twenty seven years ago Peta became a heart and lung transplant recipient, and she has never taken for granted a single day of the life that she was gifted.

As she has just been placed on the kidney transplant list, it could take up to seven years for her to receive a new organ from a deceased donor. However, that could be speeded up considerably if she were able to receive a kidney from a living donor. In addition, kidneys from living donors have a better success rate after transplantation. Peta's husband, Mike, had

planned to donate one of his kidneys, but Mike's recent health issues have made that impossible.

Peta is hoping to raise awareness about living donation for people who may desire to help. You don't have to be a perfect match to help Peta (whose blood type is O+). Johns Hopkins Hospital Comprehensive Transplant Center, where she is registered, has kidney exchange and altruistic donor programs, where multiple people can be helped through living organ donations. Peta's health insurance will cover the full medical cost of anyone who donates a kidney to her.

For information about the living donor program visit <https://unos.org/transplant/living-donation/>. If you are interested in being screened call **The Living Donor Kidney Team's contact phone number: 410 614-9345 or 1-888-304-5069** to obtain more detailed information about the donation process. If you call, let them know that you are interested in donating for Peta.