



THE WAVE MARCH, 2023

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Lent is our season to prepare for Easter - the celebration of our Lord Jesus Christ's Resurrection. The 40 day period reminds us of Jesus' own time of preparation in the wilderness before he begins his public ministry. In the early church, this season was used to prepare adults for Baptism and conversion to the Christian faith.

The word "Lent" is derived from the old English word meaning "Spring" and can be traced to the same root word from which we have "lengthen". In March the days lengthen with more hours of sunlight. Each year we "spring up" with Daylight Savings, on March 12th this year, providing us with sunlight into the early evening.

The Book of Common Prayer lists some traditional practices for Lent - self-examination, repentance, prayer, fasting, self-denial, reading scripture, taking on works of mercy and outreach.

At St. Peter's in addition to using the Lenten purple, the color of preparation, we will have several changes in our Sunday worship: silent procession to start the liturgy, use of the Penitential Order with the summary of the Law and Confession before the appointed readings, and, of course, no use of "Alleluia" until Easter.

The Lenten Sundays in March include 4 well-known gospel stories from John: Nicodemus and Jesus (chapter 3), the woman at the well (chapter 4), healing the blind man (chapter 9), and the raising of Lazarus (chapter 11).

I hope the month of March will be a wonderful time for preparing for Easter and for celebrating the start of spring.

Grace, Peace and Love,

Bob

VISIBLE VESTRY

Tuesday, February 21, 2023

Due to rising costs, we asked TOPS for a slight increase for using Stephenson Hall – they are in agreement. Their cost for each month is \$200.00.

We are looking into the rent we are charging Discovery Day Care.

The Parochial Report was approved. It is due to the diocese March 1, 2023.

The town has indicated that if we put a columbarium outside, it will have to be above ground because of the flood plain.

We are considering a Legacy Giving plan for St. Peter's starting with the endowment given to us by Ann Jones.

Margery Buckingham and Nancy Sherwood will be hosting craft days beginning after Easter. The group will meet Tuesdays from 1-3 and will be making Christmas ornaments to be sold at St. Margaret's Christmas Fair. Everyone is invited to join.

Lisa Platanitis will be purchasing a Thurible for St. Peter's.

The Bourne Substance-Free Coalition will host a Bingo night April 12, 2023.

Sean Crehan's mandolin group will be having a concert in April. The concert will be open to the public. Half the proceeds will be donated to St. Peter's.

We are looking into upgrading the lights in front of the church.

John McGuinness joined us for this meeting. He and Lisa are looking into cameras that will allow us to stream services.

John also asked that we look into Green Grants from the diocese to install solar panels.

Next meeting will be March 15th.



MEN'S BREAKFAST

Our next gathering is scheduled for Saturday, March 4th at 8:30 AM. As usual, we will gather at Persy's Place, 3198 Cranberry Highway, East Wareham. If you would like to attend, please add your name to the sign-up sheet posted in the narthex. If you forget to sign up, don't let that prevent you from coming. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Jim Hankey at 781-534-2604. We look forward to seeing you!

Jim Hankey



On Thursdays in March, we will meet at St. Peter's at noon to pray the Stations of the Cross followed by the Holy Eucharist (Noontime Prayers will be read on the 16th since Fr. Bob will be away).

Those interested are invited to stay for discussion and a bring your own lunch. The liturgy will last about 45 minutes and lunch will be no more than an hour.

In addition to the Stations of the Cross, we will celebrate a special commemoration in the church calendar.

2nd - John and Charles Wesley, 1791

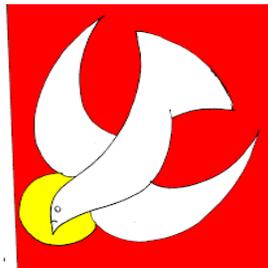
9th - Gregory the Great, 394,

16th - Patrick, 461

23rd – The Annunciation

30th – John Keble

CONFIRMATION...RECEPTION...REAFFIRMATION



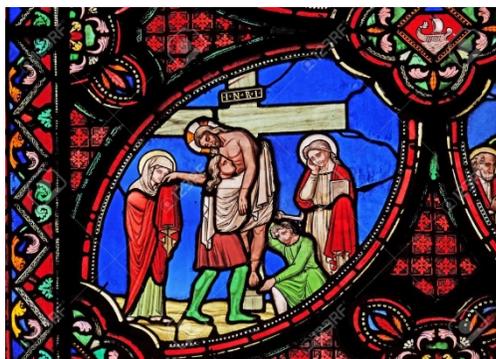
Are you interested in becoming Confirmed? This sacred rite is renewing of Baptismal Vows with the Laying on of Hands by a Bishop.

Or maybe you would like to be Received into the Episcopal Church? This is for those who have been Confirmed in another denomination (most often Roman Catholic).

Perhaps you would like to Reaffirm the Confirmation vows you have already taken in the Episcopal church?

Our bishops will be visiting Church of the Good Shepard in Wareham on May 20, and St. Gabriel's in Marion on Sept. 30 to Confirm, Receive, and Reaffirm candidates. If you are interested in any of these sacraments, please contact Fr. Bob asap. Lent is a traditional time to prepare for these sacraments.

Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted



Growing through Grief

It has been said that “Only through great love or great suffering do we access the greatest spiritual teachings.” You are invited to spend a reflective morning in prayer, conversation and meditation as you deal with bereavement of any source. By acknowledging your sorrow, you will learn to recognize the grace that is guiding you through recovery and to a redefined identity.

Please join us on Saturday March 11th from 9:30am to 12:30pm in Stevenson Hall.

This workshop is led by Margery Buckingham who holds a Masters in Spiritual Direction from the General Theological Seminary and a Masters in Applied Spirituality from SETU in Waterford, Ireland.

A Note the Music Room

Lent is perhaps one of my favorite liturgical seasons of the year. Its solemnity brings a different feeling and atmosphere. The Epiphany season brought us out of darkness into light and now the Lenten season gives us an opportunity to peel back the layers of our lives and look at our core.

On Friday evenings at 7 PM, beginning on March 3rd, we will offer Evening Prayer with meditative Taizé music. Together, we will pray, meditate and reflect during these 40 days of Lent.

Taizé (pronounced tay-zay) is a prayerful form of music known for its simple, yet rich and meditative character. Taizé music often takes the form of an ostinato (a simple melody repeated over and over) and is meant to serve as a musical centering prayer. Prayers, meditation, periods of silence, and scripture complete the service.

All throughout this season we will sing many familiar Lenten hymns and include 2 Taizé ostinato responses, one for the fraction anthem and one for the post communion hymn. I encourage us to let the music take us to the places that fill us with God’s love and mercy, and to allow the words sung to sink deep into our souls.

Peace and love, Lisa

PRAYER LIST UPDATE

The office is updating the prayer list that is published in the bulletin each week. If you have someone you would like included on the prayer list, please submit their name to the office asap, even if they are on the current list. Thank you for helping us keep the prayer list up-to-date!

MARCH CALENDAR

Thursdays 12noon Stations of the Cross

Fridays 7:00pm Evening Prayer

Sat., Mar. 4 8:30am – Men's Breakfast @ Persy's

Sat., Mar. 11 9:30am-12n – Growing Through Grief

RECURRING EVENTS

Sundays: 8am - Holy Eucharist Rite I

10am - Holy Eucharist Rite II w/music

(unless otherwise noted)

Mondays: 4:30pm - Friendly Kitchen To Go

Tuesdays: 11am - Bible Study

Thursdays: 8:30am - TOPS

1st Saturday, 8:30am - Men's Breakfast

2nd Tuesday, 3:33pm - Substance Abuse Team

3rd Tuesday, 7pm - Vestry

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