



**ST. PETER'S WAVE
JULY 2023**

St. Peter's is a community called to Love, Worship, Proclaim, and Serve.

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

I love July because summer is in full swing, and the month begins with our Independence Day celebrations. July 4 is one of two "National" Holy Days observed in the Episcopal Church (Thanksgiving Day is the other). When I was in Virginia, I looked forward to summer travel, mostly with and to family. Now that I am on the Southcoast of Mass., I look forward to family coming here to visit.

We have two wonderful announcements from the Vestry. First, the Vestry voted unanimously to sponsor Lisa Platanitis for continuing in the Ordination process. This vote was an affirmation of The Parish Discernment Committee's recommendation and report. Lisa will go on to meet with the Diocesan Commission in Ministry in the fall. Please keep her in your prayers. And many thanks to the Discernment Committee for their many hours of work. (Robin Higgins (chair), Lin Benting, Jim Hankey, Anita Johnston, Mike Pessia, Mark Taylor).

Second, the Vestry voted to place "the \$75,000 gift" from the Ann Jones' estate into a Vanguard Federal Money Market Fund. This fund will earn a higher interest yield than a bank savings account. It will also be a separate fund from our ongoing budget funds. At some point the Vestry may consider a specific parish use for a portion of the gift. And/or there is a possibility of investing in a permanent Parish Legacy Fund to build for the years ahead. Encouraging parishioner gifts into a Legacy Fund is a strong stewardship ministry.

Enjoy July, find time for recreation, renewal, relaxation, and reflecting upon God's many gifts of grace.

Grace, Peace, Love,
Bob

Fr. Bob Malm
Interim Rector



LITURGICAL NOTES

The Eucharistic Prayer

The 1979 Book of Common Prayer includes 6 Eucharistic Prayers – 2 for Rite I, 4 for Rite II. There are also 2 “Forms” for prayers, pages 402-405 that allow the Priest to use his/her own words in several places. The Eucharistic Prayer comprises most of the service after the Peace. It begins with “Lift up your hearts...” and ends with The Lord’s Prayer.

For centuries in the early Church these prayers were not fixed or written down. Most contained Jesus’ “words of institution” “Do this in remembrance of me...” And most included an invocation for the blessing of the Holy Spirit. A proper preface for each Sunday highlighted some aspects of the Feast Day and The Liturgical year.

Prayer I in Rite I (p. 333) is a direct descendant of the prayer in the First BCP in 1549. One interesting change is the Breaking of the Bread, which prior to 1979 took place during the prayer, as the words of Jesus followed. Now the Breaking of the Bread takes place after the Lord’s Prayer. Prayer II was written for the 1979 BCP by Fr. Greenfield of the Society of St John the Evangelist in Cambridge.

Prayers A, B, C, D in Rite II all have their own unique wording. Prayer A is often used during Penitential seasons and the long season of Pentecost. It starts off with the need for Jesus’ incarnation, “...when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death...”

Prayer B is especially appropriate for Advent, Christmas, Easter and other Feast Days. It mentions the Virgin Mary and Jesus, “the first born of all creation, the head of the church, and the author of our salvation...”

Prayers C and D are not used as frequently because they do not include the use of a proper preface. We can think of Prayer C as the “creation” prayer. It mentions “this fragile earth, our island home...” It also gives the congregation 4 responses to make during the prayer. Many clergy add “Mothers” to the words “Lord God of our Fathers...” At St. Peter’s we are currently using Prayer D and will continue through the first part of the summer. It is also used in the Greek and Slavic Orthodox churches. A revised, abbreviated form has been used by Roman Catholics. It is the longest of the Rite II prayers and offers an option of special remembrances.



VISIBLE  VESTRY

June 20, 2023

The Vestry approved moving our donation from Anne Jones into a Vanguard Account because they have better interest rates.

We are going to establish a fee schedule for events at St. Peters.

The Vestry unanimously approved the Discernment Committee's report regarding Lisa Platanitis' candidacy for entering the Ministry.

Celeste is looking into booking another Canal Cruise.

Ken Lihzis has agreed to continue as Convention Delegate – we are searching additional people.

We are going to install/have installed doorbells/cameras at both doors connected to the office for security purposes.

Tuesday Bible Study has been put on hiatus until September.

The Tuesday afternoon crafters will display their crafts for the 7/16 service for all to see.

New pumps for the bathrooms in the day care have been installed.

The Bakeless Bake Sale has raised over \$700 to date.

St. Peter's will be participating in Cape Cod Canal Day in September.

We continue to need hosts for Sunday coffee hour (lemonade for th summer)

There will be no vestry meeting in July – the next meeting will be August 15th.



Monthly Resource Drop-In Night offers resources for people and families dealing with addiction and assorted issues. Counseling and education will be available. EVERY LAST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH 5-7pm, 1338 Route 28, S. Yarmouth. At the Family Table Collaborative. Questions at ysac@yarmouth.ma.us

We hope you can join with us in prayer and conversation the next time we meet. "All Are Welcome". We will meet again on Monday September 11th, at 3:33pm at the Church.

Sincerely Submitted

Substance Abuse Prevention and Support Group, Celeste and Jim Hankey, Jane and Jim Lema, Nancy and Bob Sherwood, Donna Beers, Kathy Letzeisen, Diane Bergeron, Larry Higgins

Here are some resources that are available for those who may need help at this time:

Massachusetts Substance Abuse Hotline 1-800-327-5050

Learn to Cope www.learn2cope.org

AA Zoom 425-436-6360 Access Number: n 422932

PRAYER FOR A NEW RECTOR/SEARCH PROCESS

O God, you know us better than we know ourselves. Guide us in our search for a new clerical leader. empower each one of us to use our unique ministries, to share openly and honestly our thoughts, to respect the opinions of others, and to encourage humility, patience, and joy. Instill in us a vision of the Church's family; that guided by your Holy Spirit, we will be united in love and joyfully accomplish this mission of discovering the one you have called to serve with us as our rector. All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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 (on hold until Sept.)

1-3pm - Crafters

Thursdays: 8:30am - TOPS

1st Saturday, 8:30am - Men's Breakfast (on hold until Sept.)

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

3rd Tuesday, 6:30pm - Vestry

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