

THE WAVE JULY 2022

St. Peter's Episcopal Church-on-the-Canal - Buzzards Bay, Massachusetts

DEAR PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS

Bishop Alan's visit in mid-June was a wonderful beginning to summer. It was also a reminder of how far St. Peter's has come since we "re-opened" in May of 2021. The Bishop truly enjoyed his time with us as we celebrated 75 years on Main Street and the Renewal of Baptismal Vows with 3 adult parishioners presented for Confirmation and Reaffirmation.

July begins with our National Holiday on the 4th. We look forward to the return of the Bourne parade and other festivities. Mattapoisett hosts a 5 mile road race – started some 50 years ago. In the 1980's while living in Boston, then in Portsmouth N.H., I often ran. I hope to run this year- after an absence of 34 years!

The summer months normally offer us a change of pace. Some take vacations, trips, and welcome visiting friends and family. In our part of the world, we are blessed with beautiful beaches and fantastic boating. The sun rise is early, the sunset is late. We enjoy the long, warm days – as long as it's not too hot!

I hope to see many of you on Sundays at 8 or at 10. The 8 am Eucharist is a short 35-40 minutes long. Our service at 10 am includes hymns, but is not normally more than 50 minutes long. Both offer plenty of time for summer activities later in the day.

My prayer is for our summer season to renew each one of us individually. I also pray for St. Peter's to continue to be renewed and to continue to grow. Please be on the lookout for newcomers and give them a warm welcome, and please invite your visitors and friends to join us on Sundays.

Grace and Peace
Rev. Bob Malm
Interim Rector

THE VISIBLE VESTRY

June 21, 2022

Copies of the updated By-Laws will be in Stephenson Hall for parishioners to look over. Once read over, we ask that you initial the sheet next to the by-laws if you approve. If you have questions, please contact anyone on the vestry. The Mission Statement has been streamlined.

We are looking into a church canal cruise. Time and dates available will be posted soon. The cost is \$30.00 per person.

We are in the process of interviewing candidates for the church secretary position.

Marc Fuller has been repainting the sign in the front of the church.

We will not be having anything on the church front lawn for the 4th of July parade. We could not get vendors and the cost of meat products has gotten so high, it might not be to our advantage to have a cook out. We're going to focus on Canal Day in September. Rev. Bob will be out of town, so Lisa Platanitis will be celebrating Morning Prayer for both services on 6/26.

In July, we will be bringing back the collection plate.

We are hoping to have more social functions for all parishioners, ie. dinners, cookouts, concerts, etc.

Rev. Bob reported that Bishop Gates really enjoyed his time at St. Peter's.

The Search Committee is going to update the profile because of how Covid changed things.

Friendly Kitchen 2Go will start up July 11th. There will be a meeting after church on 6/26.

The Vestry will not meet in July, our next meeting is August 16th.

Celeste Hankey, Senior Warden

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The monthly Men's Breakfast event will be discontinued until the month of October.

Jim Lema and Henri Masson

SEARCH COMMITTEE NEWS

As we continue to update our parish profile, we remain open to receiving clergy candidates who may be graduating or searching for a change to a new parish now that the pandemic seems to be waning in many areas.

As always, we thank you for your support and prayers.

Yours In Christ,

Matthew Bruce, Larry Higgins, Nancy Kennedy, Elisabeth Kershaw, Jim Lema and Patti Metcalf

PRAYER FOR A NEW RECTOR

O God, you know us better than we know ourselves. Guide us in our search of a new clerical leader, empower each one of us to use our unique ministries, to share open and honestly our thoughts, to respect the opinion 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.*

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

Joseph Benting, grandson of Bob & Lin Benting, has graduated from Mass Maritime Academy.

Meghan Kennedy Haupt, granddaughter of Jack & Nancy Kennedy, graduated from Quabbin Regional High School in Barre, MA. Meghan will attend Westfield State College in the honors program.

Katie Kennedy, granddaughter of Jack & Nancy Kennedy, graduated from Yorktown High School in Arlington, VA. Katie will attend the University of Mary Washington in Fredericksburg, VA in the honors program.

Madeline Tsiaras, granddaughter of Marlene O'Connor, graduated from Durfee High School in Fall River. Maddie will be attending Suffolk University in the fall, majoring in Communications & Media Studies.

Congratulations to all the graduates and their families. We wish them all the best in their future endeavors!.



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HELP WANTED!

St. Peter's is up and running but we need additional people for some of the ministries.

Altar Guild - this is approximately a once a month commitment. Set up for Sunday services on Saturday, reset the altar between services and then clean up. There is more of a commitment during Lent and Christmas time. There will be training and pairing up until you are sure of yourself.

Acolytes - you will be assisting on the altar during services. Most of us could almost help now as we've seen the acolytes every Sunday on the altar. There will be training, of course.

Ushers - all you need to do is be pleasant, greet everyone coming into St. Peter's with a smile! This is a really fun ministry - and the people coming in are happy to see you!

Please contact **Celeste Hankey** if you would like to participate in any of these ministries. I look forward to my phone or email being flooded!

thehankeys@verizon.net or 617-710-5346

Thank you, Celeste Hankey, Senior Warden and Patti Metcalf, Vestry, Search Committee
patmijo@comcast.net 508-685-5582

WEEKLY E-BLAST

Please notify Robin Higgins via email at ptown.robin@yahoo.com with any **changes** to your email address **OR** if you have not been receiving the weekly email news and would like to do so in the future. We promise not to bombard you with emails! Robin Higgins

JULY BIRTHDAYS

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18 Jack Kennedy
23 Donna Tripp

ANNIVERSARIES

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***SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION AND SUPPORT GROUP
UPDATE FOR JULY***

You can't open a newspaper or listen to newscasts without hearing or reading about the ever-present dangers of substance abuse and its effect on all segments of our society. Our group at Saint Peter's, with your help and support, continue to reach out to the community through the Bourne Substance Free Coalition.

This past month the group participated in their "Sticker Shock" program placing reminder stickers on bags at many of Bourne's package stores encouraging designated drivers and warning of the consequences for furnishing alcohol to minors. They also sponsored several educational programs for the community and High Schools. Thank you, Saint Peter's family, for your continued support through our donation jug.

We hope you can join with us in prayer and conversation the next time we meet. "All Are Welcome".

Sincerely Submitted:

Substance Abuse Prevention and Support Group, Celeste and Jim Hankey, Jane and Jim Lema, Nancy and Bob Sherwood, Donna Beers, Kathy Letzeisen, 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 CHAIN

The Emergency Prayer Chain is up and running! When you have a prayer request, please contact Lynne Brune at 508-295-6146, or Priscilla Ellis at 508-563-7786.

If you would like to join the Emergency Prayer Chain and commit to praying for those in need, please contact one of the individuals listed above and specify if you would like to receive information by email or by phone.

Individuals will remain on the Prayer Chain for 2 weeks unless updated. All requests will be treated confidentially and only shared with those on the Prayer Chain. Please let us know if you would also like to add the prayer request to the Sunday bulletin.

WE CAN SEND "THE WAVE" TO YOUR COMPUTER

We make THE WAVE available electronically to anyone who would prefer to receive it via e-mail. This enables us to save money on both paper and postage. When you send your e-mail address, along with your name and mailing address (for clarification) to susanhebb@comcast.net, she will add your name to a list, and you will receive the next month's newsletter by that means; subsequently your name would be removed from the print mailing list.

CALENDAR
JULY 2022

3	Sunday	
5	Tuesday	No Bible Study on this date
10	Sunday	
12	Tuesday	11:00 a.m. Bible Study
17	Sunday	
19	Tuesday	11:00 a.m. Bible Study
19	Tuesday	No Vestry Meeting in July
22	Friday	Newsletter Deadline for August WAVE
24	Sunday	
26	Tuesday	11:00 a.m. Bible Study
31	Sunday	

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sundays	8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite I
	10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Tuesdays	10:00 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Church Office Open
Wednesdays	10:00 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Church Office Open
Thursdays	10:00 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Church Office Open

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