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# *The Wave - JULY 2016*

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

*FROM THE RECTOR  
The Reverend Sue Lederhouse*

## **SOME THOUGHTS ON INDEPENDENCE AND FREEDOM**

"Your freedom stops where another person's freedom begins."

That was one of my father's favorite sayings and there's some great truth in that statement.

Too often our concept of freedom seems to expand to encompass much more than the space and areas that we might logically conceive of as our own. Part of the responsibility of being an adult is policing our own freedom so that it does not deny the freedom of others. This has become increasingly harder in this 21<sup>st</sup> century world we live in.

In the face of so much violence today, how do we continue to work for freedom and remember the hard fought independence won by our ancestors against the British in the American Revolution? How do we teach the responsibilities of freedom? How do we remember that minority views are important, too? We fought a war against oppression; how can we justify oppression of those who call this nation their home? How do we decide who qualifies as an "American"?

These are hard questions, yet they are questions that we need to think about as we wave our flags and watch the parade and delight in this Celebration of Independence. And we need to keep thinking about these questions as the flags get taken down and all the patriotic trappings are put back on the shelf for another year.

What does freedom really mean to YOU?

God go with us all in these days –

Sue Lederhouse+

## THE DEACON'S CORNER

July is a true Red, White, and Blue Month. July 4th is our Independence Day. July 14th is the anniversary of Bastille Day, the beginning of the French Revolution. Think of the Red, White and Blue of our Stars & Stripes and the French Tricolor. Throw in Keith Lockhart and the Boston Pops for good measure. The United States and France, two countries whose histories have been intertwined in North America since the beginning. Both days celebrate the casting off of the chains and tyranny of the past by our respective peoples.

The Marquis De Lafayette, a French nobleman, served on General Washington's staff. General Rochambeau and Admiral D'Estaing lent French soldiers and ships to the cause of Washington's victory at Yorktown. General Cornwallis' band played "The World Turned Upside Down" as his soldiers marched out of Yorktown to stack arms and surrender to the American "rabble" and their French allies.

American sentiment later ran decidedly in favor of the French Revolution, but there was precious little in military aid that we could offer. President Washington enforced a policy of strict neutrality toward France and England, primarily because we were in no position to fight another war with England.

The Motto of the French Republic, **Liberty, Brotherhood, Equality**, is in tune with the words of our own Declaration of Independence:

***"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."***

The values of both our countries have been severely tested in recent months. We find ourselves once again making common cause against an enemy who hates what we both stand for. Both countries would do well to get in touch with and stay in touch with those values we profess.

As for us members of the Body of Christ, we too need to remember the one who liberated us from the tyranny of sin, and wrestle with what exactly His commandments require of us. Love God! Love your neighbor! Love one another! What does that require of us as we struggle to live in an ever more violent world? At the same time, it is especially important (I think) for us to remember that God doesn't hate anyone. We are all His children and He loves us. Time to start affirming that in response to the hate which is all too prevalent in our midst.

Peace,  
Deacon Robert Sherwood

## A THANK-YOU NOTE

Bob and I would like to thank all our St. Peter's family for their thoughtful prayers, cards, calls, visits and support through the difficult loss of our grandson, Matt.

Thank you,  
Lin Benting

## ***VISIBLE VESTRY***

Vestry held their monthly meeting on Monday, June 13, 2016.

- 1.** We received a thank you from the Diocese for our loose plate donation from Bishop Gayle's visitation.
- 2.** Steve and Cyndy De Bellis have moved to Texas and wrote us a beautiful letter with a generous donation check. In addition, they gave the office a very good shredder and some additional office supplies. We wish them the very best in their new home in Texas and thank them for their generous donations. They will be missed.
- 3.** Bruce Rockwell will be coming to do our annual audit again this year, on August 24.
- 4.** Great news from the Diocese! Our annual assessment expense for 2017 has dropped over \$1000 from 2016.
- 5.** Sunday attendance continues to be high, which we are very thankful for. June 5<sup>th</sup> we had 134 people! Our average attendance for the period May 8-June 5 was 116 per Sunday.
- 6.** John Platanitis remains on leave and Sue is in regular contact with him. There is no return date at this time. Continue to keep John in your prayers.
- 7.** Bruce Lederhouse and Lisa Platanitis will be jointly sharing their musical talents through the summer. Feedback from members of the congregation has been very favorable.
- 8.** Tom Nordquist of Christ Church/Plymouth will be substitute organist on June 26, July 3 and July 24.
- 9.** FYI : The Rev. Sarah Conner, former Priest-in-Charge at St. Peter's, is now Interim Priest at Trinity Church in Concord, MA. Quite a beautiful church. Congratulations to Sarah!!
- 10.** Rev. Sue will be on vacation from June 19 after the worship services and will be back in the office July 5. The Rev. Ken Campbell will be our supply Priest on June 26 and July 3. The Rev. Dan Bernier of Good Shepherd/Wareham, will be on call if Deacon Bob needs help with any priestly needs.
- 11.** Rev. Sue, Lynne Brune and Henri Masson will continue to meet with solar companies, per the approval of the Vestry, to see if it is something that will benefit our energy expenses.
- 12.** Our thanks to Carol Bolstad from Amazing Grace Camp for her June 12 presentation at both of our services. Unfortunately, she did not get to speak with everyone that may have had questions they would like to have asked. Therefore, contact Deacon Bob if you have further questions regarding donations or volunteering your time to this wonderful outreach program.
- 13.** Speaking of Outreach Programs...Karen McGuinness met with the Vestry to update us on the Tuesday group activities. If anyone has ideas for projects or any questions regarding how they can help or donate to this exciting new outreach program, contact Karen. There are a couple of ideas regarding group craft activities that will be offered to the congregation coming soon. See the Article in this Wave for more information. We encourage the congregation to support this new outreach opportunity. Thank you to Karen and her helpers.

- 14.** Helen Gordon was very helpful in meeting with Kathy Letzeisen, Mike and Patti Metcalf and Rev. Sue regarding website training. There may be a future opportunity for church members to assist in the office with copying, collating and folding paperwork, to free up some of Kathy's time as she works on updating our website. In addition, there will be more clearing out of old files and better organizing the office space over the summer. Kathy has done a wonderful job of making the office space, which is very limited, look much neater!!
- 15.** In preparation for advertising for our summer church services and Yard Sale, Vestry approved the purchase of ads in the Bourne, Sandwich and Falmouth Enterprises on June 17.
- 16.** Reminder that our Yard Sale will be on June 24<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-1:00. We will need some help with pricing the large number of items that have been placed in the meeting room. If you need help getting your donations to the church, or if you would like to help the day of the sale, contact Marcia Willmott.
- 17.** There is still plenty of time to bring in those holiday items you may have. You can leave those in the meeting room as well and we will sort them along with the yard sale items.
- 18.** On the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, there will be a craft fair on our lawn. To date, we have approximately 18 vendors that have committed to this fair, which will be rain or shine. Priscilla Ellis will also be selling our jellies. Hot dogs will be sold, and we could use a couple of folks to help out with serving/selling, from approximately 11:00-1:00. If you can help, please contact Patti Metcalf or Linda Masson.
- 19.** Saturday, May 21, we had 16 wonderful volunteers who helped clean up our church yard!! It made for only a few hours of labor thanks to many hands. Thank you to all who participated.
- 20.** Our generator has now been installed. Thank you to Henri Masson for the long days spent overseeing this project!! Thank you also to Leo Lass for his generous donation of the generator, in memory of Lenore. This generator assures no flooding in our Pre-school area as well as assures us power to our furnaces and fire alarm system should we have a power outage from a storm.
- 21.** We are all just loving our new refrigerator!! Again, Thank You to all for your ongoing support to the Capital Campaign Fund that made this purchase possible.
- 22.** Vestry is giving very serious consideration to what our outreach mission is and how we can do a better job of tithing toward this mission. It was approved that we will tithe 10% of any non- specified donations toward outreach. What that means is: If you make a donation to the church and do not specifically name something that you would like it to be applied to, we will tithe on your donation to outreach. We currently give to Outreach only approximately at the rate of 2%. Our goal is to assess that percentage and move to increase that percentage for 2017.
- 23.** Deacon Bob has been busy attending programs that our St. Peter's kids have been involved with such as Mercedes Suarez in the Bourne Middle School play held at Bourne High School and Donovin Tavares' in the talent show at St. Margaret's School. Congratulations to both for a great job!!
- 24.** Deacon Bob served as Bishop Bud's Chaplain at St. Christopher's where 45 were confirmed from six different parishes. He will also be acting as Chaplain to Bishop Gates on Sunday June 19 at St. Andrew's By the Sea in Hyannisport adjacent to the Hyannis Country Club. Nice assignment!!!

25. Mass Maritime Academy will have their graduation on June 18. Deacon Bob and Father Jim will again participate in the service including the invocation, homily and benediction.

26. Next Vestry meeting will be on July 18.

Linda Masson, Senior Warden

### ***GOD'S FAITHFUL STEWARDS***

The Outreach Group continues to assemble and distribute "Blessing Bags" to the local homeless community. On July 21st we are sponsoring a Zentagle Workshop to raise money to support St. Peter's outreach activities. In August we are planning to host a cookout for the families living at Village at Cataumet. During the cookout we will also provide activities for the children. For more information or to volunteer to participate, contact Margery Buckingham at 617-710-0174.

Yours in Christ,

Karen McGuinness ([rubymoon777@aol.com](mailto:rubymoon777@aol.com); 508-367-9647)

### ***ST. PETER'S ON THE FOURTH OF JULY***

On the Fourth of July, get your favorite lawn chair and head to the front lawn of St. Peter's to have a great seat for the Bourne on the Fourth of July parade at 10 a.m. Already set up on the lawn will be a craft fair with outside vendors which will run from 9 -3. To date, we have approximately 18 vendors that have committed to this fair, which will be rain or shine. Priscilla Ellis will also be selling our jams and jellies.

Hot dogs will be sold, and we could use a couple of folks to help out with serving/selling, from approximately 11:00-1:00. If you can help, please contact Patti Metcalf or Linda Masson.

### ***ALIENATED GRANDPARENTS ANONYMOUS, INC. (AGA) Next Meeting July 13, 2016 at 2 p.m. in Hyannis***

AGA provides information and support for grandparents who feel alienated or estranged from access to their grandchildren.

Alienated Grandparents Anonymous, Inc. (AGA)  
Cape Cod Area Support Group Meetings  
2nd Wednesday of each Month -- Next meeting July 13  
2 to 3:30 PM at the Barnstable Senior Center, Hyannis

Website: [www.AGA-FL.org](http://www.AGA-FL.org) Email Contact: [AGA.CapeCod@gmail.com](mailto:AGA.CapeCod@gmail.com) Phone Contact: 508-563-3567

## *THANKS BE TO GOD FOR. . .*

Those who helped out before, during, and after the Yard Sale; those who brought in items for it; and those who bought items.

William Michael Anderson and Isabella Marie Silverberg who were baptized on June 5<sup>th</sup>.

Those who travelled to Pembroke to attend the wake and the funeral for Matthew Benting (grandson of Lin and Bob Benting).

Henri Masson, our faithful Building Manager, who does many things large and small to keep the building and its systems going and the grounds looking beautiful – and thanks to his many helpers (and he can always use more!).

Our new readers: Dianne Cartmill (at 8 am) and Larry and Robin Higgins (at 10 am).

Carol Bolstad and her presentation on Amazing Grace Camp on June 12<sup>th</sup> and for those who will volunteer at the camp this summer.

Those who continue to give both items and their time to the Village at Cataumet month by month.

## *CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!*

**BOURNE HIGH SCHOOL** - Travis Johnston and Holly Weddell

**CAPE COD COMMUNITY COLLEGE** - Andrew Weddell

**UPPER CAPE TECH** - Mark Lema

We also remember Tim Willmott who “graduated into retirement” this year from Upper Cape Tech.

If there are other graduates that we have missed, please contact Rev. Sue.

## *INGATHERING FOR THE VILLAGE AT CATAUMET*

St. Peter’s has for several years provided aid to the families living temporarily at the Village at Cataumet. Parishioners have supplied various needs, choosing a different category each month. **During the month of July, we will be collecting cleaning supplies and paper goods.** Seasonal children’s clothing in good condition is always acceptable. The items can be left in the Narthex in the provided baskets under the pews.

Thank you to all parishioners who participate in this wonderful outreach. These donations have been so gratefully received by families who have endured a period of homelessness.

*IN MEMORY OF K. MATTHEW BENTING*

*APRIL 18, 1996 - JUNE 10, 2016*

The following poem was on the prayer card distributed at the wake for Matthew Benting. Its author is unknown:

**REMEMBERED JOY**

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free!  
I follow the plan God laid for me.  
I saw his face, I heard his call,  
I took His hand and left it all . . .  
I could not stay another day,  
To love, to laugh, to work or play;  
Tasks left undone must stay that way.  
And if my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joy,  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss . . .  
Ah yes, these things I, too, shall miss.  
My life's been full, I've savored much:  
Good times, good friends, a loved-one's touch.  
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief –  
Don't shorten yours with undue grief.  
Be not burdened with tears of sorrow,  
Enjoy the sunshine of the morrow.

**Please keep Ken and Laura, Matthew's parents, and Bob and Lin Benting, his grandparents, and all of Matthew's extensive family in your prayers as they walk through these difficult days.**

## *HEALING SERVICE - JULY 17 - 9 A.M.*

Each month, a faithful group of parishioners gather to join in a service of prayers for healing, anointing, and laying on of hands. This service is held on the third Sunday of the month, which will be **Sunday, July 17, at 9 a.m.** All are welcome.

## *FROM THE PARISH SECRETARY*

After services, please put bulletin inserts in the Narthex table basket to be re-used. Music inserts and special prayer service pages can be re-used week-by-week or season-by-season. Doing this will help keep down paper and printing costs. We encourage you to take home the bulletin itself to review the announcements for activities you might like to participate in or lend your special talents to, and to pray for those on our parish prayer list throughout the week. Thank you and God Bless! Kathy Letzeisen

## *NEWSLETTER DEADLINE*

The Newsletter Deadline for the **August** issue is **Friday, July 22, 2016**. Send all articles to Susan Hebb at [susanhebb@comcast.net](mailto:susanhebb@comcast.net).



## *JULY 2016*

4	Monday	9 - 3 10:00 a.m.	<b>INDEPENDENCE DAY – OFFICE CLOSED</b> <b>Vendors on the Lawn</b> <b>Parade</b>
5	Tuesday	10 – 4	<b>Office Open</b>
17	Sunday	9:00 a.m.	<b>Healing Service</b>
18	Monday	7:00 p.m.	<b>Vestry</b>
21	Thursday	7 – 9 p.m.	<b>Zentagle Program</b>
22	Friday		<b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>

### *Upcoming Dates*

<b>September 3</b>	<b>Fall Fair</b>	<b>September 11</b>	<b>Parish Picnic</b>
<b>November 4-5</b>	<b>Diocesan Convention</b>	<b>November 5</b>	<b>Holiday Fair</b>
<b>November 6</b>	<b>All Saints Sunday</b>		

## *Weekly Schedule*

Sundays	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite I Holy Eucharist, Rite II Choir Rehearsal	<b>[RESUMES IN THE FALL]</b>
Mondays	10:00 – 4:00 11:00 a.m. 5:15 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Church Office Open Bible Study Friendly Kitchen AA (Men's Closed Meeting)	<b>[RESUMES IN THE FALL]</b>
Wednesdays	7:30 p.m.	AA (Co-ed Open Meeting)	
Fridays	10:00 – 4:00	Church Office Open	

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