
The Wave - APRIL 2016

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

FROM THE RECTOR
The Reverend Sue Lederhouse

Alleluia – that's our cry as we end our Lenten journey and walk into Resurrection light! We celebrate many times during this Easter season – first on Easter Day itself and then the following Sunday (Low Sunday / Thomas Sunday) as we welcome our Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Gayle Harris, for her visitation with us. Bp. Gayle was last at St. Peter's in 2009 and it is a delight to get to show her how much things have changed since those dark days of 2009. Over these last 7 years with God's help we have achieved financial stability, made numbers of improvements to our building and grounds, welcomed many new faces, and greatly expanded our educational program for adults. We also have a renewed outreach focus and a growing partnership with the Village at Cataumet.

During the **one service on April 3 at 9 a.m.**, we will be singing several hymns that speak of the ways that St. Peter's has evolved over these last years. One is the wonderful song, "All Are Welcome," that we sang at our Celebration of New Ministry in 2013 and have sung a number of times since. The first verse invites us to **"build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live."** A house that is **"built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of Christ shall end divisions."** This theme continues in verse 4: **"Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face."** And we sing together at the end of each verse: **"ALL ARE WELCOME – ALL ARE WELCOME – ALL ARE WELCOME IN THIS PLACE!"**

On April 3, we will add a hymn that will be new to most of you. It's called "Weave," written by a wonderful Episcopal laywoman, Rosemary Crow, whom I had the privilege to meet at a parish retreat in 1988. This hymn speaks of the way that diversities become unity through Christ's presence and the way that we all work together to further Christ's mission. Read these words from verse 1:

"We are many textures, we are many colors, each one different from the other. But we are entwined with one another in one great tapestry."

And the refrain invites Christ to. . . **"Weave, weave, weave us together. Weave us together, in unity and love. Weave, weave, weave us together, weave us together, together in love."**

That's what we are about - allowing Christ to weave all our gifts and our talents together in this parish so that we can spread Christ's love and Christ's hope to others. Being the people Christ would have us be. Welcoming others and honoring diversity as we grow in unity.

May it be so for you and for me as we walk with each other in this Easter season.

Blessings on our journey together.

Sue Lederhouse+

THE DEACON'S CORNER

It's a Friday night. I'm settled in my office chair hoping that "Inspiration" will pay me a visit and help me write an article for "The Wave". At just that moment my dog and best friend #2, Buddy, saunters into the office and gives me a quizzical look, as if to say: "Whatcha doin', Dad?"

I tell him I'm writing an article for the April edition of "The Wave," but I'm not sure what I'm going to write about. "Well, what's going on in the Church Calendar in April?" he asks. (We have telepathic conversations all the time.)

☺ I tell him that the **Feast of the Annunciation** is on the calendar in April. It's normally celebrated on March 25th, but because that's in Holy Week this year the Church puts it off until April 4th, the first open day after Easter Week. Holy Week and Easter Week are considered so important that no other Holy Day is ever celebrated in Holy Week or Easter Week. **The Feast of St. Mark the Evangelist** is celebrated on April 25th. We attribute to him the Gospel of Mark. His Gospel was a principal building block of the later Gospels of Matthew and Luke.

"What's an **Annunciation**?" Buddy asks. I tell him that's when the Angel Gabriel announced to Mary that she was going to be the mother of the Christ Child. "I don't think I trust you with that," Buddy said. "Write about St. Mark, the Evangelist! You can handle history, but I'm not so sure about theological topics or birth announcements."

Beyond the fact that St. Mark wrote the earliest Gospel (circa 60-65 A.D.), there is disagreement over which Mark he was. Early church fathers identify several Marks who were members of the 70 disciples that Jesus sent out to evangelize Galilee. There was Mark who accompanied Paul and Barnabas on their first missionary journey and later became Peter's traveling companion and interpreter on his journey to Rome; and Mark the cousin of Barnabas.

The Church views the Mark who accompanied Paul and Peter on their journeys as the most likely author of the Gospel of Mark. Legend has it that he transcribed all the sermons of Peter. Whether true or not, it is certain that he returned to Alexandria, founded the church there and became its first Bishop. The church in Alexandria became the most important church in Christendom. Clement of Alexandria taught in the famous school there in the second century. According to later Coptic tradition, St. Mark was martyred in Alexandria about 68 A.D.

Tradition also tells us that his bones were stolen from Alexandria by merchants from Venice and two Christian monks in the 9th Century. They were turned over to the Doge (Duke) of Venice, and later placed in a sarcophagus in the Basilica of St. Mark in Venice when it was completed around 1100 A.D. St. Mark's symbol is a winged lion which adorns the Basilica in the city which claims him as their patron saint.

"Not bad," said Buddy, "but all this hard work helping you has made me tired. You're high maintenance. I'm glad I can't read, because you'd have me proof-reading too. I'm going to bed now."

Deacon Robert Sherwood

THE BISHOP IS COMING - THE BISHOP IS COMING - APRIL 3 - 9 AM

On **Sunday, April 3**, we will have a visit from our Suffragan Bishop, The Right Reverend Gayle Harris. A Bishop's visitation is a time of celebration – a time to welcome our Bishop and also to let her know what's happening at St. Peter's. It is a time to make her aware of all the things that have happened in this past year – all the ways that we have worked, prayed, and given for the spread of God's kingdom here in Buzzards Bay; the new people we have welcomed; the new programs and projects we have initiated; all the ways that we have tried to be God's people here in this place. It is a time for all of the family of St. Peter's to come together – both 8 o'clockers and 10 o'clockers – young and old – those that play many roles in the life of this parish as well as those who are not able to be as involved.

We will have one service at 9 a.m. where worshippers from both services can be together. This will be followed by a potluck brunch and some conversation with our Bishop. Bring your favorite dish to share! Afterward, the Bishop will meet with the Vestry.

Please Note: The loose plate offering that day will be donated to the Bishop's Discretionary Fund for Theological Education. Thank you for your generosity.

This is an important time in the life of St. Peter's – please come and meet and greet our Bishop!

VISIBLE VESTRY

The Vestry had their Annual Retreat on Saturday, March 12 and their March monthly Meeting on that day.

1. At the retreat, we broke into small groups and each group brainstormed ideas on how we can improve St. Peter's Church. The four areas were Outreach, Pastoral Care, Parish Life and Finances. The results of those group discussions are posted in the Meeting Room area for anyone interested in viewing the feedback from the groups. Rev. Sue and the Wardens will meet to organize the flip chart pages and will try to develop a few goals for St. Peter's Church for 2016. These goals will be presented to the Vestry at the April meeting for their approval. The retreat was full of positive and creative energy. We worked hard and ate well!!!! Although the day was long, it was very productive, and we are excited about presenting our ideas to the congregation and to begin organizing, and with your help, implementing some of the great ideas we produced. If anyone has any ideas that you did not see on our flip chart sheets, we would love to hear from you!!!
2. Mass Maritime cadets have started parking again at St. Peter's. We have 50 plus cars in our parking lot and in June will receive \$3,000 for the use of our lot. Yippee!!
3. Rev. Sue, Lynne Brune and Dianne Cartmill attended a Congregational Business Practices Workshop presented by the Diocese. They received some helpful information regarding church policies, procedures and other financial matters.
4. Rev. Sue, Linda Masson, and Lynne Brune attended a small church meeting sponsored by the Diocese. The intention of this group was to share concerns and also the good things that are happening in some of the other

small churches in the Diocese. It was agreed that the support of this group might be beneficial as an ongoing small church summit. I am happy to report that in sharing with others in this group, it was obvious that St. Peter's was in much better shape than most within our Diocese.

5. Barbara C. Harris Camp in New Hampshire is again offering campers an opportunity to attend camp for one week this summer. This year again, we can send a new camper for free. For other camperships, the family of the youth who will attend the camp is required to pay a \$200 fee, the sponsoring parish also pays \$200, and the Diocese through the Diocesan Together Now Campaign (that we as a parish contributed to) also pays \$200. This camp is for 4th graders through High School. We have received a \$100 donation for one of our youth to attend. Vestry agreed to pay the other \$100 for this youth slot. **[NOTE: We have now received the full \$200 in donations.]** The camp this year will run in one week increments from Sunday to Friday from June 26 to July 24th.

The Vestry has agreed to establish an ongoing fund that would be used to fund future campers from our congregation to allow them the opportunity to attend this camp.

If any parishioner is interested in donating to this Barbara Harris Camp Campership Fund, please let Rev. Sue or one of the Wardens know. **[SEE ARTICLE IN THIS WAVE!]**

6. Thank you to those who attended and also donated food for our Annual Soup Supper. Those who attended had an enjoyable evening and some even continued the night by playing *Apples to Apples*!! It is unclear whether we will continue with this particular theme for our annual party or if we will try something different next year. Vestry had some ideas for Parish Life activities that might want to try that are just as fun and exciting. Stay tuned.

7. The Bishop is Coming!!!! April 3, we will have one joint church service at 9:00. The church service will be followed by a potluck dinner and conversation with Bp. Gayle. If you would like to bring a food item to the potluck, it would be appreciated. The Bishop will be meeting around 11:30 with the Vestry for approximately an hour and a half. She has already informed Rev. Sue that she has been hearing very good things about St. Peter's. It is nice to know that we have such a positive reputation within the Diocese!!! **[SEE ARTICLE IN THIS WAVE!]**

8. Please remember to participate in all our Holy Week services. The choir has been practicing some very beautiful music to share with you, and Holy Week is always a wonderful walk from Palm Sunday, to Maundy Thursday, to the Cross on Good Friday, and the final glory of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday. Each step of the journey has special meaning so please join us in this most beautiful and meaningful time of the church year.

The Vestry would like to wish you all a very blessed Holy Week and Easter season.

Linda Masson, Senior Warden

LENORE LASS MEMORIAL SERVICE

A memorial service for Lenore Lass will be held on **Saturday, April 2, at 10 a.m. at St. Peter's**. A lunch reception follows at Mezza Luna. Burial will be at National Cemetery on Tuesday, April 5, at 10:00 a.m. (Gather at Nickerson-Bourne Funeral Home/Bourne at 9:15 a.m.) Please come as we fondly remember Lenore and support Leo and the rest of the family.

BARBARA C. HARRIS SUMMER CAMP

Over the past several years, St. Peter's has had two of our youth attend the Barbara C. Harris Camp (which is the Diocesan Camp and Conference Center for the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts). Donovin Tavares has been twice in the summer and also this year to the Winter Camp during February School Vacation Week. Joseph Metcalf went this past summer. In both cases, their first camp experience was paid for by a full scholarship from the Diocese. **This opportunity is available again for a child/youth from our parish who will be entering grades 4-12 and has never attended the Camp. The camping sessions run weekly from Sunday – Friday from June 26 – July 29. We have to submit the application by APRIL 1. If you know of someone who would be interested, please contact Rev. Sue IMMEDIATELY!!**

In addition, returning campers are eligible for Camperships which minimize the cost for each camper. In those cases, the Diocese would pay 1/3 of the cost; the parish pays 1/3 and the family pays the remaining 1/3 (\$200). Brochures are available in Stephenson Hall. Due to the increased interest throughout the Diocese, applications should be submitted ASAP.

In conjunction with our commitment to support the Camp, the Vestry at its March meeting voted to set up a fund to provide for our portion of the Camperships. We have already received several donations for this fund and more are invited. If you are interested in contributing toward this fund, please make your check payable to St. Peter's and write BCH Campership in the memo line. Thank you for your generosity.

THANKS BE TO GOD FOR THESE DONATIONS SINCE JANUARY 1, 2016...

The contributions made thus far to the Barbara C. Harris Campership Fund.

The donations toward the new Fire Alarm System (required by the Town of Bourne as of 7/1/16) and for the new purificators for our worship services.

The donation in memory of Lenore Lass which will pay for a generator to run the sump pumps preventing flooding in the lower level of the building.

The donations given for the tuning of the pianos in the Church and in the Choir Room.

The purchase of a new TV/DVD player for our educational activities (and occasionally entertainment, too!) and for the donations toward it.

The donations toward our new vacuum cleaner which has made a big difference for those who clean our building.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST RETURNS - A WEEK LATER THIS MONTH

Because of the Bishop's visit, our traditional first-Sunday-of-the-month Pancake Breakfast will be served on **Sunday, April 10 at 9:00 a.m.** Come and join us for pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausages, juice and coffee. All of this served up with ample smiles by our dedicated Pancake Breakfast team.

GOD'S FAITHFUL STEWARDS

God's Faithful Stewards will be meeting on **Tuesday, April 12, at 6:30 p.m.** to begin construction of Comfort Cases for children entering foster care and transitioning to life at the Village of Cataumet. All are welcome to attend! If you would like to donate toward this project, please contact Karen McGuinness at rubymoon777@aol.com or call 508-367-9647. Children's Bibles, story books and additional cases (available at Job Lot for only \$4 each) are still needed.

Donations are still being accepted for gallon-sized ziplock Blessing Bags for the homeless and others in need. We could use bars of soap, toothbrushes, combs, teas and cocoa, non-perishable snack items, etc. Gift cards are welcome, as well.

A huge thank you to all who participated in the Easter arts and craft project for the nine young children at Village of Cataumet on March 19. It was a wonderful outreach for these little ones, and they were very proud of their art! The center happily accepted four new Easter story books for the children from us, as well. Stay tuned for additional information regarding our outreach to the families living there!

Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

Galatians 6:2

Karen McGuinness (rubymoon777@aol.com)

MEN'S BREAKFAST GATHERING - APRIL 16

The men of the parish will join together for breakfast and a time of food and fellowship at **8:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 19th, at Persy's Place, 3198 Cranberry Highway in East Wareham.** The restaurant is on the same side of the highway as Lindsey's, next to Upper Cape Realty. All men of the parish are cordially invited to attend. For more information, please contact Ken Lihzis (Klihzis@gmail.com / 774-212-0453).

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY - APRIL 25

On **April 25**, we will focus on **Job's Wife**. Job is a major figure in the Old Testament and his wife has a lot to say about his condition and what he should do about it. No previous Bible knowledge is required. A Bible is helpful but if you don't have one, we can provide one for you. **The group normally meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at 12:30 p.m. (but NOTE that there is NO meeting on April 11.)** All women of the parish are invited. Bring a bag lunch and there will be coffee/tea and goodies provided.

INGATHERING FOR THE VILLAGE OF CATAUMET

St. Peter's has for several years provided aid to the families living temporarily at the Village of Cataumet. Parishioners have supplied various needs, choosing a different category each month. **During the month of April, we are collecting baby and toddler supplies**, to help these families. 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.

HEALING SERVICE - APRIL 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, April 17, at 9 a.m.**

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The Newsletter Deadline for the **May** issue is **Friday, April 22, 2016**. Send all articles to Susan Hebb at susanhebb@comcast.net.

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

THESPIANS THRIVE

St. Peter's Church has two young parishioners who are active in theater productions at their schools, Donovin Tavares, son of John and Karen McGuinness, and Joseph M. Metcalf, son of Mike and Patti Metcalf. Each of the young men have shows coming up soon, and your attendance at their productions is enthusiastically encouraged!



Donovin will be performing in DramaFun's production of

James and the Giant Peach, Jr.

Saturday, April 2nd @ 7pm

Sunday, April 3rd @ 2pm

Mashpee High School Auditorium

\$10 Tickets in advance at www.dramafun.com or \$15 at the door



Joseph Metcalf has two upcoming events:

Come have a PICNIC with BHSDC!

Bourne High School Drama Club (BHSDC) invites the community to a benefit performance of their Massachusetts Educational Theater Guild entry of the play ***PICNIC by William Inge on Tuesday, March 29th at 7:00 PM at the Beth Bourne Auditorium.*** Bourne has been chosen to compete with 13 other high schools in the METG State Finals held at the John Hancock Hall in Boston from March 31st through April 2nd. Admission for the performance will be by donations which will be gratefully accepted to help defray the cost of transportation and meals for students over the 3 days of State Competition. Come see St. Peter's own Joseph M. Metcalf and fellow crew and cast create a beautiful stage and story you won't forget!

AND

Bourne High School Drama Club Presents...



**Friday, April 8th at 7:00 PM
Saturday, April 9th at 7:00 PM
Sunday, April 10th at 2:00PM**

Beth Bourne Auditorium - Bourne High School
Tickets: \$6 for Students, \$15 for Adults, \$13 for Senior Citizens
Directed by Mary L. Murphy

FOR RESERVATIONS CALL 508-759-0699

*Please check your local papers for advanced ticket sale/pick up evenings.



APRIL 2016

2	Saturday	10:00 a.m.	Lenore Lass Memorial Service
3	Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Bishop Gayle Visitation – one service followed by potluck brunch / discussion
5	Tuesday	10:00 a.m.	Lenore Lass Burial @ National Cemetery (meet @ Nickerson-Bourne Funeral Home @ 9:15 a.m.)
10	Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Pancake Breakfast
11	Monday		NO Women’s Bible Study
12	Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	God’s Faithful Stewards (Outreach)
14	Thursday	4:30 p.m.	Brownies
16	Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Men’s Breakfast Gathering
17	Sunday	9:00 a.m.	BAPTISM Healing Service
18	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Vestry
22	Friday		NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
25	Monday	12:30 p.m.	Women’s Bible Study
28	Thursday	4:30 p.m.	Brownies

Upcoming Dates

May 15	Pentecost	May 29	Last Choir until Fall
September 11	Parish Picnic		

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
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)
Wednesdays	7:30 p.m.	AA (Co-ed Open Meeting)
Fridays	10:00 – 4:00	Church Office Open

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