

THE WAVE JUNE 2021

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

DEAR PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS,

It is wonderful to be back in the church at St. Peter's, celebrating the Holy Eucharist on Sundays. I feel very blessed and excited to join the parish as Interim Rector. We have many possibilities for mission and ministry as the restrictions for Covid end.

After celebrating Pentecost and Trinity Sunday, we move into the "long green season". June sixth begins 5 1/2 months when we observe the Sundays in Pentecost season. Green is the liturgical color used, symbolizing new life and growth.

What new life and growth do we hope for at St. Peter's? My work as Interim is to help the parish consider and prepare for the future. I look forward to visiting with many of you in the weeks and months ahead.

In addition to Sundays, I plan to be at the church on Mondays and at least one other day during the week. Please contact me if I can help in any way. In the short time I've served at St. Peter's, I have discovered a loving, committed community in Christ.

Grace and Peace,
Rev. Bob Malm

THE VISIBLE VESTRY

The Vestry met on May 18, 2021,

The 2020 Audit was reviewed and approved.

Finances are now being done internally; we are no longer using an outside accountant, which will save St. Peter's \$300.00 per month.

The following expenses were approved: Audit Fee, purchase of two computer applications, Donation and Adobe Acrobat Pro DC; these will update and speed up our computer systems.

We have been told that we are getting relief money from the Diocese because of the pandemic; we just don't know yet how much.

It was decided to have a "Got Junk – Just Point" type service come and remove all the old tables and chairs that are in the meeting room. Lots of stuff up in the attic will also be removed.

We need to have a shredding company come in and shred very old records; this item was tabled until the next meeting.

The Garden Club of Bourne would like to put planters in front of the church; Mark Taylor has agreed to water them.

Once we are able to have coffee hour, we will need a new coffee pot; this will cost about \$500-\$600 and someone has said they would like to purchase it for us.

At this time, there is nothing new from the Search Committee, but we are hoping that as the pandemic subsides, more rectors will be interested in moving.

The end of Smalley Street needs to be repaved, the cost is \$4000. This was tabled until next month.

The Paper Pantry and the Drug Free Committee have not yet met, but hopefully will meet soon.

Rev. Bob has been visiting parishioners in their homes.

The next Vestry meeting will be June 14th, not the 21st.

Celeste Hankey, Senior Warden

GREETINGS FROM YOUR SEARCH COMMITTEE!

It has been so wonderful to be able to see each other on Sundays, and when our masks come off we will see more of each other!

We have not received any new candidates lately, but St. Peter's has been blessed with the presence of Rev. Bob Malm as our new interim Rector. Welcome Bob and Leslie!

Apparently spring and summer is a popular time for Rectors to begin to look around to make a change. We remain open and available on the Diocesan website for that special person who is called to be our Rector.

Happy summer all!

Yours in Christ,

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

Thank you for your continued prayers.

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.*

Yours In Christ,

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

UPDATE YOUR EMAIL

We will soon be updating our email lists. Please notify Robin Higgins, via email, 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

SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION AND SUPPORT GROUP

Dear Friends:

With things loosening up, is there any interest in getting the group back together?

We previously would meet on the third Monday of the month at 3:33 p.m. If there is an interest in regathering to discuss the issue of substance abuse and how Saint Peter's can be an Avenue of Support, please contact Larry Higgins at lr.higgins@yahoo.com

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

O blessed Lord, you ministered to all who came to you. Look with compassion upon all who, through addiction, have lost their health and freedom. Restore to them the assurance of your unfailing mercy; remove from them the fears that beset them; strengthen them in the work of recovery; and to those who care for them give patient understanding and preserving love. AMEN

Larry Higgins

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.

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.

JUNE 2021

6 Sunday
7 Monday 11:00 a.m. **Bible Study**
13 Sunday
14 Monday 11:00 a.m. **Bible Study**
14 Monday 7:00 p.m. **Vestry Meeting**
18 Friday **Newsletter Deadline**
20 Sunday
21 Monday 11:00 a.m. **Bible Study**
27 Sunday
28 Monday 11:00 a.m. **Bible Study**

UPCOMING DATES

Weekly Schedule

Sundays	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite I Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Mondays	10:00 – 4:00	Church Office Open
Fridays	10:00 – 4:00	Church Office Open

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Staff

Rev. Robert Malm, Interim Rector
Lisa Platanitis, Music Director and Choir Director
Liesl Keller, Pianist and Organist
Kathy Letzeisen, Parish Secretary
Susan Hebb, Newsletter Editor

Vestry

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