



ST. PETER'S WAVE 2023

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

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

In May I began my third year as the Interim Rector at St. Peter's. It is unusual for an interim to last more than a year or two. Prior to coming to St. Peter's, I was the Interim Rector at St. Gabriel's in Marion for 15 months.

Our situation is different because: 1. There are a lack of candidates for parish ministry positions of Rector, and 2. St Peter's can only afford a part-time Rector, given our current budget and income.

I am convinced God will bring a Rector to St. Peter's at some future point. I am also convinced that I am to continue to serve here until either a permanent Rector is called or until I sense another call to a different ministry.

Recently we read the story of the Ascension in Acts 1 and heard Jesus tell the disciples, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own Authority... you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you... you will be my witnesses... to the ends of the earth..." (Acts1:8)

So, we will continue to serve Christ through the mission of St. Peter's ("to love, worship, proclaim, and serve...") together as Priest and people for the seasons ahead. The "long green season" of Pentecost is ahead. Green is the color of growth. The 5 ½ months of this liturgical season is a time to grow in Christ and to affirm the call we hear as his "witnesses".

June brings us to summer, a season of refreshment and renewal. We will work to continue to renew and grow as a parish. Let's embrace the ministries of inviting, welcoming and connecting. Reach out in the coming weeks ahead to visitors and newcomers. Enjoy the changing seasons.

Grace, Peace, Love,
Bob

Fr. Bob Malm
Interim Rector



LITURGICAL NOTES

The Paschal Candle is the tall candle to the left of the altar (looking from the Nave) that is used through the 50 days of the Easter season, as well as at all Baptisms and Funerals. Pascha is the ancient Greek word for the Passover and for Easter.

The candle represents both “The pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night” that led ancient Israel through the wilderness during the Exodus as well as the new light of the Risen Christ.

Traditionally the candle is first lighted by the taper from the new fire that begins the Easter Vigil Service (see the Book of Common Prayer, p.285). It is marked with an Alpha and Omega, “Christ yesterday and today, the beginning and the end. Five grains of incense (or red or gold markers) are put into the large cross on the front, “ Through his holy and glorious wounds may Christ the Lord guard and preserve us.” The minister then proclaims, “May the light of Christ gloriously raising Dispel the Darkness of our hearts and minds.” Carrying the candle into the congregation this affirmation is repeated, “The light of Christ....Thanks be to God.”

St. Peter’s has a beautiful brand new Paschal Candle used for Easter this year. In addition to the Alpha and Omega, the cross and marks, there are two striking blue bands. The top one has a bursting sun, the bottom band includes the Greek letters spelling “ichthus” – an early Christian symbol meaning the sign of a fish.



MEN’S BREAKFAST

Our next gathering is scheduled for Saturday, June 3rd at 8:30 AM. As usual, we will gather at Persy’s Place, 3198 Cranberry Highway, East Wareham. If you would like to attend, please add your name to the sign-up sheet posted in the narthex. If you forget to sign up, don’t let that prevent you from coming. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Jim Hankey at 781-534-2604.

Please note that this will be the last breakfast meeting until the fall. We will be taking the busy months of July, August and September off. Have a great summer!

Jim Hankey



MEET THE MIDLERS

Learn about our new middle-aged Christian social group at St. Peter's.

Hello All! In June, we will be starting a new social group for people who are "in the middle". The purpose for starting this group is to provide opportunities for people who work and/or still care for children at home, a time to connect with one another in a social and often physically active setting.

To accommodate the MIDLERS working schedules, group activities will be planned during evenings, weekends or whenever it fits for the MIDLERS.

The first informative gathering will be announced in the BLAST and on Sunday. If you have any questions, please hold on to them until we gather together. Looking forward to this exciting new opportunity!

Peace,
Lisa Platanitis
A MIDLER TOO....



Join us on Wednesday, June 7 at 5:30 in the dining room! There is a sign-up in the Narthex for you to let us know what you will be bringing – main dish, side, dessert. We hope to see all of you there! To volunteer with set-up etc, please contact Celeste at thehankeys@verizon.net.



May 16, 2023

Right now St. Peter's is doing okay financially
The Mandolin concert raised \$625.00 for St. Peter's
Lisa Platanitis would like to start a new group – the Middles – for folks that would like to get together for fun activities
We discussed the idea of a social function on the Cape Canal Train – but it is very expensive so that idea is on hold
We will look into another Canal Cruise – maybe a longer one

attention to several new groups in the area that are working with the community to lend help for those suffering from abuse.

WAREHAM CONNECTS:

This is a youth coalition in Wareham similar to the Bourne Substance Free Group and provides prevention and training programs they can be found on Facebook @ WarehamConnects

RICHIE'S ROAD TO RECOVERY

Weekly recovery walk and talk meets every Friday at 9:00am at the Lyman Reserve on Head of the Bay Road by the Wareham/Bourne/Plymouth Town Line for a leisurely 20-40 minute stroll through nature as they chat about paths to recovery. No RSVP is required but feel free to Contact Richie Newbert at 339-832-5387 or richiesroadtorecovery@gmail.com

YARMOUTH SUBSTANCE AWARENESS COMMITTEE:

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 5pm to 7:00pm 1338 Route 28, SOUTH Yarmouth. At the Family Table Collaborative. Questions at ysac@yarmouth.ma.us

Our group welcomed our newest member Diane Bergeron this month. 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 June 5th (note change of date this month), at 3:33pm at the Church.

Sincerely Submitted

Substance Abuse Prevention and Support Group: Celeste & Jim Hankey, Jane & Jim Lema, Nancy & 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.*

JUNE CALENDAR

Sat., June 3 - 8:30am Men's Bkfst.
Mon., June 5 – Substance Abuse team (note date change)
Wed., June 7 - 5:30pm Pot Luck supper
Tues., June 20 - 6:30pm Vestry

RECURRING EVENTS

Sundays: 8am - Holy Eucharist Rite I
 10am - Holy Eucharist Rite II w/music
Mondays: 4:30pm - Friendly Kitchen To Go
Tuesdays: 11am - Bible Study
 1-3pm - Crafters
Thursdays: 8:30am - TOPS

1st Saturday, 8:30am - Men's Breakfast
2nd Monday, 3:33pm - Substance Abuse Team
3rd Tuesday, 6:30pm – Vestry
(all dates subject to change; please check weekly calendar)

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