

THE WAVE OCTOBER 2022

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

DEAR PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS

The start of the Fall season in the life of the Church is a time to focus on Saints and Stewardship. At St. Peter's we do this by celebrating The Feast of St. Michael and All Angels on October 2nd. On this day we are invited to bring our financial pledge cards for 2023 to the church at either 8 am or 10 am and offer them during the Holy Eucharist.

We remember the Saints because of their devotion to God – using their time, their talents, their treasure to follow Christ's call, to be Christ's Body, the Church in their own time and place.

St. Francis' Day is October 4th. Francis is truly one of the most beloved Saints. Some parishes have the blessing of the animals because of the tradition of Francis' love of all creation. Francis heard Jesus' call, "build my church..." He actually rebuilt a ruined chapel near his hometown in Assisi. Soon a community grew up around his work and later became a religious order recognized by the Pope. We have our own Episcopal Order of Franciscans. The Order has renewed the church worldwide since the 13th century.

Other Saints celebrated in October include Teresa, Ignatius, Luke, James, Simon and Jude. Of course all these celebrations lead to All Saints Eve (All Hallows Eve – Halloween) at the end of the month.

St. Paul writes, "we are called to be saints..." in many of his letters. You and I and all of us at St. Peter's are called with all the saints (capital "S" or small "s") to follow Christ. Our financial gifts are a symbol of the stewardship of every part of our lives. Jesus reminds his disciples, "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also..." (Luke 12:34).

God asks for our hearts and for our treasure.

Grace, Peace and Love,
Rev. Bob Malm
Interim Rector

Proclaiming, protecting, and praising is woven into St. Peter's Mission Statement. "St. Peter's is a community called to Love, Worship and Proclaim, and Serve."

THE VISIBLE VESTRY

September 20, 2022

- The financial report was given by Alan Kershaw. We are doing okay. The down-turn of the stock market has affected our reserve fund, but hopefully it will recover soon.
- We have signed a 3-year contract with the Day Care with a slight increase in their rent.
- Our Eversource bill was extremely high; we are looking into changing our thermostats to help control the temperatures.
- The meeting to discuss sharing a priest has not yet occurred.
- We will begin our budget discussions in October.
- There will be a Women's Luncheon on September 29th at Lindseys.
- We made a profit of \$1,253.80 for our work on Canal Day.
- Forty people went on the Canal Cruise.
- We will have a cookout at St. Peter's in October if enough people show an interest.
- Stewardship Campaign is happening now – the Ingathering will be October 2nd.
- We are looking into restarting Woman's Bible study.
- The Vestry approved \$1,500 for a new pump for the Day Care.
- The wood around the stained glass windows needs to be repaired; this will be on hold until after the budget is determined.
- We're getting ready to establish a slate for next year.
- There will be no music on Sunday, October 9th.
- Christmas and New Year's Day fall on Sunday this year.

Things we are thinking about: Legacy Fund, new sign, small sign or banner for the front of the church, a new columbarium; we're making sure we have a snow plower for this winter; The Search committee is updating its profile. FK2Go gave out 16 meals this week.

The next Vestry meeting will be Tuesday, October 18th.

Celeste Hankey, Senior Warden

MEN'S BREAKFAST

We are pleased to announce that the monthly Men's Breakfast will resume on Saturday, October first, at 8:30 a.m. 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 or Henri Masson at 508-498-7256. We look forward to seeing you!

Jim Hankey and Henri Masson

HAPPY AUTUMN FROM THE FRIENDLY KITCHEN CREW!

Our numbers are increasing and we are now planning 20 meals to go. Our familiar faces have helped spread the word and we are hoping for higher numbers for the winter. We have reached out to the new Food Pantry on Main Street and posted a few signs around town to increase our numbers. Hot meals have started too, and more to come. A special thank you to our Friendly Kitchen teams and our Sunday support team for making this ministry a success!

Lisa Platanitis and Melissa Scannell

SEARCH COMMITTEE NEWS

As Matthew Bruce continues to wrestle with fitting updated information into our existing Parish Profile, we remain open to exploring options for candidates looking for a part time Rector position. There are a few parishes in our area that are searching for full and part time rectors as well.

Our Diocesan Consultant, Kelly O'Connell, has suggested a possibility of a priest sharing with The Church of Our Savior in Middleboro. Kelly has requested that she, Celeste and the Wardens of The Church of Our Savior explore this possibility at a meeting in the near future. Meanwhile we give thanks for the blessing of having Rev. Bob Malm with us as we continue our search.

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.*

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

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

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS: 8 Patti Metcalf 27 Monica Kilmer

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES:

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| 1 | John and Ruth Newcomb |
| 2 | Henri and Linda Masson |
| 7 | Bob and Georgina Fampton |
| 30 | Moe and Sally Gosselin |

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

One of our long-time efforts is the support of the Bourne Substance Free Coalition. This group of teens and parents work on prevention efforts to keep Bourne students free from the harmful use of addictive substances. We will be placing the coin jug out on the second Sunday of each month to continue supporting this group.

There continues to be an opioid epidemic in Massachusetts. Recently it has been reported that drug-related deaths have already exceeded last year's total. We would like to bring your 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 which provides prevention and training programs that can be found on Facebook @WarehamConnects.

RICHIE'S ROAD TO RECOVERY

Weekly recovery WALK and TALK meets every Friday at 9:00 a.m. at the Lyman Reserve on Head of the Bay Road by the Wareham/Bourne/Plymouth Town Line for a leisurely 20 to 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.

the last Wednesday of every month from 5 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., at 1338 Route 28, SOUTH YARMOUTH at the Family Table Collaborative. Questions at ysac@yarmouth.ma.us

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, October 17th, at 3:33 p.m. at the Church.**

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
OCTOBER 2022

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| 2 | Sunday | | |
| 3 | Monday | 4:30 p.m. | FK2GO * |
| 4 | Tuesday | 11:00 a.m. | Bible Study |
| 9 | Sunday | | |
| 10 | Monday | 4:30 p.m. | FK2GO * |
| 11 | Tuesday | 11:00 a.m. | Bible Study |
| 16 | Sunday | | |
| 17 | Monday | 3:33 p.m. | Substance Abuse Prevention Team Meeting |
| 17 | Monday | 4:30 p.m. | FK2GO * |
| 18 | Tuesday | 11:00 a.m. | Bible Study |
| 18 | Tuesday | 7:00 p.m. | Vestry Meeting |
| 21 | Friday | | Newsletter Deadline for November WAVE |
| 23 | Sunday | | |
| 24 | Monday | 4:30 p.m. | FK2GO * |
| 25 | Tuesday | 11:00 a.m. | Bible Study |
| 30 | Sunday | | |
| 31 | Monday | 4:30 p.m. | FK2GO * |
| November 1 | | 11:00 a.m. | Bible Study |

*** FK2GO (Friendly Kitchen To Go)**

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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| Sundays | 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. | Holy Eucharist, Rite I 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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Staff

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| <i>Music Director and Choir Director</i> - Lisa Platanitis | |
| <i>Pianist and Organist</i> - Liesl Crehan | |
| <i>Parish Secretary</i> - Carol Larsen | |
| <i>Newsletter Editor</i> - Susan Hebb | |

Vestry Members

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