

THE WAVE MAY 2022

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

DEAR PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS

May is always a glorious month. Spring bursts forth with the hope of summer coming soon. Weddings and graduations are celebrated. Our nation honors all mothers on the second Sunday (May 8th), and we remember our Veterans, all who serve in the armed forces, and continue to pray for the peace of the world on Memorial Day (May 30th). Since Easter is later this year, the liturgical calendar for the entire month of May continues to celebrate the 50 great days of the Easter season. The Ascension, celebrated 40 days after The Resurrection, is on May 26. We will celebrate with a 5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist.

The New Testament records 10 appearances of the Risen Jesus. The first five are on Easter Sunday. Four are during the next 38 days; the last is on Ascension Day. Early Christians had different experiences of encountering Jesus after The Resurrection. Many who heard of these experiences did not believe.

This is how it has always been – faith vs. unbelief. We may have had times in our lives when it has been very hard to believe Jesus actually rose from the dead. We may have encountered people who don't believe in Jesus' victory over death; who don't believe in God's love and the power of love.

Without the experience of the first Easter there would be no New Testament, no church, no understanding of Jesus' role in history. The Resurrection changed everything. It continues to change everything. Evil, sin, and death have been defeated. Yet this battle continues – faith vs. unbelief; good vs evil; love vs hate; life vs death.

I look forward to our celebrations of Easter continuing all through the month of May. I pray the new life Jesus brings continues to transform me, you, those we love, and the world continually broken by evil, sin, and death.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.
The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.
Bob

Rev. Bob Malm
Interim Rector

THE VISIBLE VESTRY

April 19, 2022

- By-laws will be updated and distributed to congregation for approval after the next Vestry meeting.
- The cost to repair Smalley Street entrance has gone up from \$4,000 to \$4,500.
- We are looking into streamlining the Mission Statement to be more succinct. Should be complete for the next Vestry meeting.
- Repairs to the roof/steeple were completed - cost \$1,200.
- There were many donations for the chime repairs.
- The 75th anniversary of St. Peter's committee has had a preliminary meeting - next one is Thursday, 4/21/22 at 6:00 at the church.
- The sign on the front lawn is going to be repainted.
- Outreach - Celeste is going to develop an outreach calendar.
- Robin Higgins is going to look into who/how many people have to take the Safe Church class.
- We are having a required inspection of the kitchen vents on 4/21/22. We are also looking into whether or not we need a certified kitchen worker so we can start the Friendly Kitchen To-Go program.
- Donna Tripp will run a Bakeless Bake Sale - more information to follow.
- We are considering a yard sale as a fund raiser.
- The Search Committee is updating our Church Profile.
- A small group is going to fix up the narthex.
- The next meeting of the Vestry will be Tuesday, May 17th.

Celeste Hankey, Senior Warden

MEN'S BREAKFAST

We are pleased to announce that the monthly men's breakfast will be on Saturday, May 7, 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 and Henri

THE BELLS OF ST PETER'S...LET THEM RING!

The Bells Of St. Peter's, Update

At noon, on Good Friday, the carillon solemnly rang out the Stabat Mater, "At the Cross", to set the tone and signal the beginning of the Stations of the Cross. The bells rang again, at 8 o'clock on Easter Sunday morning, this time in jubilation of our risen Lord Jesus Christ! How wonderful it was to hear the joyful hymns ring throughout our community!

As the bells of St. Peter's knowingly call us to worship, they extend that call much further out into our community. All who hear them may be drawn to "find the source" from which the music comes. It's an opportunity for us to welcome all of God's children into the joy of God's love.

In true St. Peter's fashion, YOU all stepped up to the call, and without hesitation, provided what was needed to repair the Carillon. The love, kindness, warmth and generosity of St. Peter's folks makes this church so very special. Thank you, St. Peter's friends and families, for being YOU!!

We look forward to hearing the Carillon ring out the call to worship every Sunday, to draw people in to God's love and family.

Come on, let those bells ring out! Alleluia! Alleluia! Give Thanks, He is Risen!

Peace and love,

Lisa Platanitis
Director of Music

HAPPY 75TH ANNIVERSARY TO ST. PETER'S!

On June 12, the Bishop will be visiting us to help us to celebrate the 75th birthday of our beloved St. Peter's. The planning committee has been actively working out the agenda for this wonderful day.

One way that you, as part of our St. Peter's family, can help us is to donate either money or a grocery store gift card to help with the cost of the groceries for the light lunch, and of course a birthday cake, that we will be purchasing. You can place your donation in the basket in the Narthex, or give to Linda Masson, Lynne Brune, or Celeste Hankey.

The deadline for your donation is May 22, and please mark your calendars for this very special day!

Linda Masson, Lynne Brune

SEARCH COMMITTEE NEWS

As we continue to update our parish profile, we remain open to receiving clergy candidates who may be graduating or searching for a change to a new parish now that the pandemic seems to be waning in many areas. As always, we thank you for your support and prayers.

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

Thank you, Celeste Hankey, Senior Warden and Patti Metcalf, Vestry, Search Committee
patmijo@comcast.net 508-685-5582

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

MAY

BIRTHDAYS

4 Marlene O'Connor
19 Ruth Newcomb
22 Robert Sherwood
28 Mary Mentz

ANNIVERSARIES

25 Michael and Patti Metcalf
30 George and Sally Darling

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

Several years ago, a group of parishioners concerned about the growing problems surrounding substance abuse issues joined together to study ways that Saint Peter's could help. Education opportunities were developed and presented and to the congregation and a fundraising campaign was begun to support the Bourne Substance Free Coalition.

We were unable to meet in March due to an outbreak of colds and covid. We continue to meet; we will be trying to look ahead to see where we at St. Peters' can continue to help those in need. We have again started placing our fundraising loose change jug out at the second Sunday of each month in support of the Bourne Substance Free Coalition and are considering more ways to help the group. **Since the first of the year we have collected \$149.00 to support the efforts of Bourne Substance Free Coalition. Thank you for the continued support.**

The Aids Support Group of Cape Cod has refreshed our in-house Narcan Kits and we are working with them to develop some educational programs including Narcan Training. We hope you can join with us in prayer and conversation the next time we meet. "All Are Welcome".

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
MAY 2022

1	Sunday		
3	Tuesday	11:00 a.m.	Bible Study
7	Saturday	8:30 a.m.	Men's Breakfast at Persy's Place, East Wareham
8	Sunday		Mother's Day
10	Tuesday	11:00 a.m.	Bible Study
15	Sunday		
17	Tuesday	11:00 a.m.	Bible Study
17	Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Vestry Meeting
20	Friday		Newsletter Deadline
22	Sunday		
24	Tuesday	11:00 a.m.	Bible Study
26	Thursday		Ascension Day
26	Thursday	5:30 p.m.	Eucharist
29	Sunday		
30	Monday		Memorial Day
31	Tuesday	11:00 a.m.	Bible Study

Weekly Schedule

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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