
The Wave - JUNE 2015

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

*FROM THE RECTOR
The Reverend Sue Lederhouse*

“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.”

So begins the 3rd chapter of the Old Testament Book of Ecclesiastes. The musical group, the Byrds, took this text in the 1960s and fashioned it into the song “Turn Turn Turn” which was an instant hit. The rest of this 3rd chapter describes all the times in our lives – a time to be born, a time to die; a time to weep and a time to laugh; a time to mourn and a time to dance; and so on. So often I recommend this text for people at transitions – at happy times and at sad times.

Right now at St. Peter's we are at one of those times of transition – a sad time and a happy time.

In the spring of 2004, Addie Carrara came to be Parish Secretary at St. Peter's. She began her work with the then Rector, Father Richard Signore. After Father Richard left, she served with 2 Interim Priests, a great variety of supply clergy, and with me. She has a wealth of knowledge of this parish from these 11 years and has been a welcoming face and voice for many people as they have visited St. Peter's or called on the phone. She has helped those in need, giving them food from our Food Pantry or directing them to other community resources.

Addie has announced her retirement effective this month and she is a hard act to follow. She was particularly helpful to me when I arrived at St. Peter's. She has continued to share with me her knowledge of the Buzzards Bay community and of parish history. And she has been a steady and dependable part of our St. Peter's team.

We will be honoring Addie for her years of service to St. Peter's on FRIDAY, JUNE 12, from 1-4 pm with an Open House (with refreshments) in the Parish Hall. Come greet Addie and thank her for her good work at St. Peter's!

Although this will be Addie's last official day of work, she will be in the office the next 2 weeks to help train our new Parish Secretary.

I am pleased to announce that KATHY LETZEISEN has accepted our offer to join the St. Peter's staff. Her first day of work will be JUNE 15. Many of you already know Kathy. She came to St. Peter's in late 2013 although she had been a long term presence in the pew and at parish events when she was visiting her family, the Goershels and the Metcalfs. Kathy is the Goershels' daughter and the sister of Patti Metcalf. Kathy brings to this position a good sense of detail, a welcoming presence, and excellent computer skills. Please join in welcoming Kathy to a new role at St. Peter's.

And may God go with all of us in all our transitions in this summer ahead.

Love and blessings –

Sue Lederhouse+

THE DEACON'S CORNER

To the Saints of St. Peter's Church On-The-Canal in Buzzards Bay, greetings from your traveling Deacon!

It is good to be back among you after 10 days on the Spanish island of Mallorca, in the Mediterranean Sea. Mallorca is in the Spanish province of Catalonia and the people, Catalans, speak a dialect that is distinct from the rest of Spain.

Mallorca is a land of rugged mountains as well as gorgeous bays and beaches. Much of the interior, where we stayed, is rolling fields where farmers raise sheep and horses, struggle to coax a crop of grain from the dry, rocky ground, and of course, tend groves of olive trees.

We were told that the olive groves contained trees over 800 years old. It wasn't hard to believe because some of the trunks were at least 8 feet in diameter and unbelievably gnarled and twisted. In some cases the original trunk was hollowed out and to all appearances dead, but then new shoots were blossoming out of that same trunk.

These new shoots will eventually wind themselves around the old trunk. I was told that the trees must be pruned back regularly and vigorously or they will die. This brought to mind a recent Gospel reading about how the Lord prunes us to remove the dead branches so that we might bear even more fruit. What would appear to be drastic pruning is absolutely essential to the health of the olive tree. So it is with us. Periodically we need to let go of our old negative attitudes, anger and grudges in order to be more spiritually and emotionally healthy and open to the Holy Spirit's guidance.

We stayed in a large stone house on a country estate, not unlike those the Romans might have built there 2000+ years ago. It wasn't hard to pick out the foundations of buildings in the countryside that had long ago disintegrated into heaps of dust and the stones of which they were built. The thought crossed my mind that Mallorca may have been one of the places St. Paul intended to visit when he was planning a missionary journey to Roman Iberia (Spain), a visit he never got to make. He was called to Rome instead.

The Cathedral in Palma de Mallorca is magnificent! It sits atop the former citadel of the Roman city (there are those pesky Romans again!), between the Royal Palace and the Bishop's Residence. King James I of Aragon began building it in 1229 on the site of a Muslim Mosque. The Cathedral, one of the largest in Europe, wasn't finished until 1601. It is 121 meters long, 55 meters wide and its nave is 44 meters tall. The sheer size of the place doesn't really penetrate until you stand in the central nave and look up at the paintings on the vaulted ceiling 136 feet over your head. The huge Rose Windows (5 of them) and many stained glass windows are breathtakingly beautiful. There are many chapels on either side of the central nave, including one Royal Chapel.

The reredos in the chapels (some of them gold) are priceless works of art. It is said that several hundred years ago a Pope coveted the most beautiful of them and offered to replace it with a "silver" replica. The Bishop of Mallorca declined the honor. I can imagine him telling the Holy Father: *"Look, I was born at night, but not last night!"*

It was a much-needed time of rest and recuperation for me. To describe all that we saw and did would consume pages. In the process we managed to let the Mediterranean sun bake the cold of a long New England winter out of our bones. My attitude has been re-adjusted and I return rejuvenated from my recent misadventures in the hospital. Travel is a good thing, but it is even better to come home again, don't you think?

Peace! Deacon Bob

LENTEN/EASTER FORGIVENESS STUDY FOLLOW-UP

This year during Lent, we planned to do a 5-week study, **EMBRACING FORGIVENESS**, which featured a video presentation by The Reverend Barbara Crafton, an Episcopal priest. **EMBRACING FORGIVENESS** is a Biblically-based exploration of what forgiveness is NOT, first of all, and then, what it IS and how to find it in our lives, both personally and in community. This study was continually interrupted by our excessive winter weather and thus we were finally able to finish it on the second Thursday after Easter! Because of that crazy schedule, many were not able to make every session. So. . .we're going to have a showing of all of the 5 parts of this study on THURSDAY, JUNE 4, beginning at 6:30 p.m. It will be a chance for those in the study to catch up on what they missed BUT it's also a chance for anyone else who would like to come. It's open to everyone. If you need more information, please talk with Reverend Sue.

AFTER CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

JUNE IS BUSTIN' OUT ALL OVER

I can't believe we have come to the end of another school year! It went by so fast!
If anyone is interested in serving as acolyte on the altar during the summer, please speak with Patti Metcalf or Kenny Lihzis.

We will be celebrating our last After Church School with the congregation on Sunday, June 14th, after the 10 o'clock service,
with an ICE CREAM SUNDAY SOCIAL!

That is also Flag Day, so remember to wear your red, white and blue!

Blessings for a fun and happy, healthy summer!

Patti Metcalf

MUSIC AT THE 8:00 SERVICE

On May 3, we distributed a survey to those in attendance at the 8:00 service. This survey asked those in the congregation about their preference about having a closing hymn at the 8:00 service and also what frequency (weekly, monthly, for special services) they would like to have it. The results of this survey were mixed but there was an overwhelming interest in having some music. There were also some very real concerns about upsetting the more quiet nature of that service. Thus with those preferences in mind, we have decided to have a closing hymn at the "special services" during the Church year ONLY.

On Pentecost, our closing hymn was "There's a Sweet Sweet Spirit in This Place" followed by "Holy, Holy, Holy" on Trinity Sunday. We will have a patriotic hymn on July 5 as we celebrate Independence Day. John Platanitis and I will be working together to choose hymns for the special occasions for the rest of the year. If you have any questions or comments or concerns, please speak with me.

Sue Lederhouse+

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

On Sunday, May 17, we dedicated the latest in Marc Fuller's wonderful Stations of the Cross. The latest one is the Ninth Station, "Jesus Falls the Third Time." Marc has a wonderful sense of detail and this Ninth Station is no exception. Please take a moment to look at it on the back wall and join me in thanking Marc for this gift to St. Peter's.

ALTAR FLOWERS / SANCTUARY LAMP

Have you ever wanted to do something special to honor a loved one? How about dedicating the altar flowers or the sanctuary lamp on a special day such as a birthday or anniversary, or as a memorial? On the wall in the Narthex, there are two calendars – one for altar flowers and one for the sanctuary lamp. Check and see if your date is available – sign your name – and fill in the pink sheet that you will find in the rack underneath. Altar flowers are \$35/Sunday; the sanctuary lamp is \$7. You can write a check to St. Peter's or pay in cash. Place the pink sheet with attached offering in the offering plate on Sunday or bring it to the Office on a Monday or Friday.

VISIBLE VESTRY

The Vestry had their May meeting on Monday, May 18, 2015.

- 1) The Vestry continues to discuss what goals to work on for 2015. Three goals have been proposed:
 - a) Eight parishioners signed up at the Annual Meeting to work on an Archive Committee.
 - b) A review of Friendly Kitchen has already begun, facilitated by Mark Taylor and Lynne Brune.
 - c) Establish a committee to review ways that the congregation can serve St. Peter's internally, as well as opportunities of outreach to our community. We also need to revise our current brochure and find ways to inform visitors and our community about what our church has to offer, by means of using public media, such as local cable television, Council on Aging, or newspaper advertising. A decision regarding the best way to approach these goals will be determined at our next meeting.
- 2) Much discussion occurred at our meeting regarding renewal of the Discovery Pre-School lease contract. Our lease with Discovery is coming to an end, and fortunately, it appears that they are willing to continue their arrangement with us.
- 3) Priscilla Ellis has been in contact with a representative of the Sandwich Farmers Market and we are very excited to hear that we are eligible to rent a table to sell our jams/jellies/relish. The cost will be \$20 for each time that we set up during the season. The Farmers' Market is held every Tuesday. Patti Metcalf will be looking into the cost of having some professional signs made that we can use for our Jelly Sales, and for our fall and Holiday Fairs.
- 4) Our yard looks great, thanks to our volunteers who spent a Saturday morning weeding, picking up trash, pruning and trimming and blowing sand from our parking lot! Thank you to Henri and Linda Masson, Patti, Mike and Joseph Metcalf, Kathy Letzeisen, Emily Johnson, John and Karen McGuinness, Mark Taylor, Charlie Ellis, and George Darling. We also want to thank Marcia Willmott, Elizabeth Gary and Barbara Cain for their work on Sallie Garden. Again, many hands made for quicker work, and we finished our labors within 3 hours. Amazing team work! John McGuinness has also offered to look into picking up some free black mulch to pretty-up our bushes and flowers.

- 5) It is with a thankful and sad heart that we say goodbye to Addie Carrara who will be retiring from our church secretary position in June. Addie has been in that position since 2004, and we want to thank her for all her service to St. Peter's. (See Reverend Sue's article.) There will be an Open House for Addie on **Friday, June 12, from 1 to 4 p.m.** Please stop by and express your thanks and good wishes to Addie as she begins her retirement. Goodies and coffee will be available in Stevenson Hall during the Open House.
- 6) It is time to make plans for our Annual Audit, and Reverend Sue is beginning to research some possible leads of who will be hired to conduct that audit.
- 7) Deacon Bob is back from Spain and looking rested from his earlier surgery and ready to pick up his Deacon duties again. We are happy to have him back. He will continue his work with the Massachusetts Maritime Cadets and will plan a Reflection Day for early fall.

The next Vestry Meeting will be on Monday, June 8, 2015

Linda Masson, Senior Warden

JUNE PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Our friendly and dedicated Pancake Breakfast team will be cooking up stacks of their delicious pancakes, scrambled eggs and sizzling sausages on **Sunday, June 7, at 9:00 a.m.**, so that both eight o'clockers and tenners can enjoy a treat and a visit. This will be the last pancake breakfast until the fall.

MEN'S BREAKFAST GATHERING

During the winter that we just experienced, with record cold days and record snowfall, we never missed even one Men's Breakfast Gathering. Thank you Jesus! Now that summer is coming and the traffic becomes much heavier, we will gather together for the last time during the summer months, at **8:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 20, 2015, at Persy's Place** on Cranberry Highway in Wareham.

The next Men's Gathering will be in the fall on **October 17, 2015**, and until then, may God's grace provide each of you with a happy, relaxing and safe summer.

As this will be my last report, due to failing health issues, I am turning the reins over to Kenny Lihzis. I have enjoyed so much watching this group of men grow from the initial 6 to the current group of 14 men, and I am certain that Kenny will continue to make our gathering grow even more.

In closing, I want to thank each one of you for your understanding, your caring and your love that you provided to me over these past four years. I love you guys and it's so wonderful to have such real Brothers in Christ. I especially want to thank my two personal chauffeurs, Jim Lema and Don Smith, who always did such an outstanding task of looking after me, caring about me, as well as driving me to and from the Breakfast Gathering each month. I love you both and you know that the two of you are my true brothers in Christ. Praise God!

And so, until our next Gathering in the fall, I remain to all of you,

Your Brother in Christ, Don Goershel

BOOK GROUP

The Book Group will not meet during June, July and August, but may resume in the fall. Stay tuned!
Lynne A. Brune

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 to help these families. **During the month of June, the M & Ms request donations of anything for the beach, such as sunscreen, beach toys for children, beach balls, etc.** Clothing in good condition is accepted every month. 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.

CHILI'S FUNDRAISING EVENT FOR FRIENDLY KITCHEN

Don't forget the monthly fundraising event for Friendly Kitchen on the first Wednesday of each month at Chili's Restaurant in Wareham. Make sure to pick up a coupon (available in the Narthex and in Stephenson Hall), bring it to Chili's, and Friendly Kitchen will get 10% from your total restaurant bill. This month's date is **Wednesday, June 3rd**.

HEALING SERVICE

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 usually held on the third Sunday of the month. This month, however, the healing service and laying on of hands will be held on the second Sunday: **Sunday, June 14th, at 9:00 a.m.**

PRAYER CHAIN

The Emergency Prayer Chain is up and running! When you have a prayer request, please contact the Rev. Sue Lederhouse at 508-240-2853, or 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.

EXCHANGING THE PEACE

If you ever feel uncomfortable about exchanging the peace because of illness, feel free to indicate that to those around you. It is perfectly acceptable to bump elbows or nod or bow if you don't feel you can shake hands or hug.

CAN WE E-MAIL YOU?

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.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The Newsletter Deadline for the July issue is Friday, **June 19th**. Send all articles to Susan Hebb at susanhebb@comcast.net

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3	Wednesday		Chili's Fundraiser for Friendly Kitchen
4	Thursday	6:30 p.m.	Lenten/Easter Study Follow-up
7	Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Pancake Breakfast
8	Monday	11:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	LAST BIBLE STUDY TILL FALL Vestry
12	Friday	1- 4 p.m.	Open House for Addie Carrara
14	Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Healing Service
19	Friday		NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
20	Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast Gathering

Upcoming Dates

Sept 5	Fall Craft Fair	Sept 13	Picnic
Sept 26	Confirmation	Oct 10	Yard Sale
Oct 10	Blessing of the Animals	Nov 7	Christmas Fair
Nov 13-14	Diocesan Convention		

Weekly Schedule

Sundays	8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite I
	10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
	11:30 a.m.	After Church School [RESUMES IN THE FALL]
	11:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal [RESUMES IN THE FALL]
Mondays	10:00 – 4:00	Church Office Open
	11:00 a.m.	Bible Study [RESUMES IN THE FALL]
	5:15 p.m.	Friendly Kitchen
	7:30 p.m.	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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