

The Wave -- NOVEMBER 2016

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

FROM THE RECTOR **The Reverend Sue Lederhouse**

As we come to the end of this long and contentious election cycle, I invite you to pray this *Prayer for Leadership*, a prayer written by one of the great spiritual teachers of our day, Sister Joan Chittister:

Let us pray:

Give us, O God,
leaders whose hearts are large enough
to match the breadth of our own souls
and give us souls strong enough
to follow leaders of vision and wisdom.

In seeking a leader, let us seek
more than development for ourselves—
though development we hope for—
more than security for our own land—
though security we need—
more than satisfaction for our wants—
though many things we desire.

Give us the hearts to choose the leader
who will work with other leaders
to bring safety
to the whole world.

Give us leaders
who lead this nation to virtue
without seeking to impose our kind of virtue
on the virtue of others.

Give us a government
that provides for the advancement
of this country
without taking resources from others
to achieve it.

Give us insight enough ourselves
to choose as leaders those who can tell
strength from power,
growth from greed,
leadership from dominance,
and real greatness from the trappings of grandiosity.

We trust you, Great God,
to open our hearts to learn from those
to whom you speak in different tongues
and to respect the life and words
of those to whom you entrusted
the good of other parts of this globe.

We beg you, Great God,
give us the vision as a people
to know where global leadership truly lies,
to pursue it diligently,
to require it to protect human rights
for everyone everywhere.

We ask these things, Great God,
with minds open to your word
and hearts that trust in your eternal care. Amen.

THE DEACON'S CORNER

One of the significant things about the American people is that, even in the very worst of times, we have taken the time to pause and give thanks to God for preserving us. . . as Abraham Lincoln did in January of 1863 after he signed the Emancipation Proclamation, freeing the slaves, the “strangers among us.” Again, on July 15th, 1863 he declared a National Day of Fasting and Prayer following the great blood-lettings at Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, and Vicksburg. Lincoln saw the hand of the Almighty at work, setting right the havoc that human pride and arrogance on both sides had worked.

November is the month when we remember that small band of refugees, the Plymouth colonists who paused in the late summer of 1621, after the harvest was in, to give thanks to God for preserving them during the awful “starving time” of the previous winter when half their number died. William Bradford remembers it in *“Of Plymouth Plantation, 1620-1647,”* as does an anonymous author (probably Edward Winslow) in *“Mourt's Relation, A Journal of The Pilgrims at Plymouth.”* It is significant that they too saw fit to honor God's commandment in the Law of Moses and invite the Native Americans, the “strangers in their midst,” to join them and share in the feast.

So, this November, take time to quietly give thanks to God for the love and mercy He has shown us in Christ Jesus. Then, as our forefathers did in 1621 and 1863, remember the least fortunate of our brothers and sisters whom God loves, and invite them to the feast also.

Peace, Deacon Robert Sherwood

THANKS BE TO GOD FOR. . .

Those who helped with the Yard Sale.

Those who helped with the installation of the new stove.

Father Ken Campbell and Tom Nordquist who were the supply priest and substitute organist during Rev. Sue and Bruce's time away in October.

Our new acolytes!

Those who have joined the choir.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS - TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK!

Don't forget to "Fall Back" on **Sunday, November 6**, as Daylight Savings Time comes to an end. Turn your clocks **back** one hour so you'll be in church at the right time to celebrate All Saints' Sunday!

PANCAKE BREAKFAST - NOVEMBER 6 - 9:00 A.M.

Our traditional first-Sunday-of-the-month Pancake Breakfast, under the leadership of Ken Lihzis, will be **Sunday, November 6, at 9:00 a.m.** Come and join us for pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausages, juice and coffee!

PRE-ELECTION PRAYER VIGILS - NOVEMBER 7 & 8

Our Bishop, Alan Gates, has asked each parish to provide an opportunity for prayer during the time around the election. **At St. Peter's, we will have the Church open from 10-4 on Monday, November 7, for parishioners and community members to offer prayers.** We will provide some prayers that you may use during that time. **Also, on Election Day, Tuesday, November 8, we are inviting you to participate in a VIRTUAL PRAYER VIGIL.** Sign up in the Narthex for a specific time between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m. when the polls are open. Then wherever you are during that time, pray for the election and for the leadership of this country using the prayers provided or any others you may wish to offer.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY - NOVEMBER 14 & 28 - 12:30 P.M.

On **November 14**, we will study the life of **Rahab**, an Old Testament woman and ancestor of Jesus. On **November 28**, we enter the world of **Mary and Martha**, the two delightful sisters of the New Testament and the namesakes of our St. Peter's M&Ms group of old. No previous Bible knowledge is required. Bring your A Bible, but if you don't have one, we can provide one for you. **The group meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at 12:30 p.m.** All women of the parish are invited. Bring a bag lunch and there will be coffee/tea and goodies provided.

MEN'S BREAKFAST GATHERING - NOVEMBER 19 - 8:30 A.M.

The Men's Breakfast for November will be held at **8:30 a.m. on Saturday, November 19, at Persy's Place, 3198 Cranberry Highway in East Wareham.** All the men of the parish are invited to come for a time of food and fellowship. The restaurant is on the same side of the highway as Lindsey's, next to Upper Cape Realty.

HEALING SERVICE - NOVEMBER 20 - 9 A.M.

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 normally held on the third Sunday of the month, which will be **Sunday, November 20, at 9 a.m.** All are welcome.

VISIBLE VESTRY

Vestry had their monthly meeting on Monday, October 24, 2016.

1. Rev. Sue shared the handout that she used for her presentation at the Diocesan Resource Day on October 1, regarding parishes that have experienced financial turnarounds. Bishop Gayle was very complimentary regarding St. Peter's journey to current success. We have been very blessed in the past six years and Rev. Sue was very proud, as we all should be, to share St. Peter's progress at that workshop. A copy of her handout will be attached to the Annual Report in January.
2. Stewardship letters were distributed Sunday, October 23. We hope that parishioners will give some prayerful consideration to filling out the pledge cards and returning them by November 20.
3. The beginning of the Stewardship Season started off with Emily Johnson, who gave us a heartfelt presentation of what St. Peter's means to her. We thank Emily for sharing her story with us and for bravely being the first presenter of a Stewardship Moment.
4. Carpeting has been installed in the choir room and Rev. Sue's office. The meeting room will be carpeted between November 9-11.
5. Bishop Gates has asked each parish to provide some kind of pre-election prayer vigil between November 6-8. **More details are included in another article in this Wave.**
6. The sound system installation has been completed and lavalier microphones for Rev. Sue and Deacon Bob, as well as the podium microphone, are in working order. Some tweaking of the volume had to be made, as the volume is more powerful than what we have been using.
7. The October Yard Sale, October 8, was very successful. We made a profit of approximately \$255.00 for jellies and over \$1300 for the yard sale. We thank Marcia Willmott, Diane Simski and Nancy Sherwood for their hard work on this fundraiser.
8. Our book bin has become one of Waddle Books most successful pick-ups. Wareham has imposed a tax on their bins, therefore, many of the ones there have been removed. Our bin is now one of the few or only available bins between the two communities. We received over \$180 for the month of September.

9. We are so happy that our choir has had a mini growth spurt! There is still room for anyone that feels they would like to join us. If you can't make every Sunday, but would like to join us for the holiday season, please see Lisa Platanitis.
10. We have two new acolytes at the 10:00 service: Abby and Kiana. These girls, along with Madeleine, are doing a great job on the altar!! Thank you girls!
11. A Nominating Committee for 2017 is being formed. Vestry members leaving us will be Mark Taylor and Paul Szwed. Officers are: Linda Masson, Senior Warden; Lynne Brune, Junior Warden; Robin Higgins, Clerk; and Dianne Cartmill, Treasurer. We have no current Assistant Treasurer (our Junior Warden is acting in this position). There are also 3 Deanery Delegate positions, 2 Diocesan Convention Delegate positions, and 2 Alternate Delegates for Diocesan Convention. The Vestry positions are 3 year positions. Officer and Delegate positions are 1 year positions and all Officers and Delegates are eligible for re-election.
12. We are still developing what we need in filling the Building Manager position after Henri Masson steps down at the end of December. Stay tuned for more information!
13. Our new stove recently needed to have special parts installed to bring it up to current state code requirements. Unfortunately, this has added an additional cost to the installation that was not expected when we submitted our grant. However, we were awarded more grant money than we originally asked for, so some of that additional costs will be covered.
14. We also are continuing to assess what we need for our music program and how that will work long term. We are so thankful as usual, for the Bruce Lederhouse and Lisa Platanitis team, who will get us through the holiday music season, which is always a busy and challenging time for the organist/choir director.
15. **Holiday Fair - November 5.** Bring your items to the Church Sunday or on Mondays and Fridays between 10:00 and 4:00. We will be pricing over the next couple of weeks. If you want to be involved in any part of the Fair, please see the sign-up sheet in the Narthex. In addition to holiday items, we are also accepting other good condition items that we will sell on our white elephant table, and baked goods. No clothes please. Any questions: contact Linda Masson, 508-743-5139 or Lynne Brune, 508-295-6146.
16. **HELP** - Are you interested in joining a Friendly Kitchen team?? One Monday a month between 4:30-6:00. No cooking required, only serving in the kitchen. We very much need new recruits! If you would like more information, please see Rev. Sue.
17. Deacon Bob has been very busy as usual. He attended the Diocesan Resource Day on October 1. On October 6, he assisted at a Mass with Father Jim at Mass Maritime (MMA) and they had 20 plus cadets attend. October 8, he participated in the Blessing of the Animals with about a dozen animals which included dogs, cats, one stuffed animal and of all things a fish! (Was it Nemo?) Thankfully, there were no snakes! October 15, he attended the Men's Breakfast. There were approximately ten men who participated. He also participated in the Cape Cod Deacons' meeting, which was held at the Daniel Webster Inn. Deacon Bob and Father Jim have office hours at MMA on Wednesdays between 1:00-5:00.
18. In addition to our search for new Vestry members, next month Vestry will be very busy as we begin preparing the 2017 budget. Budget time is always our biggest challenge of the year! Please turn in your pledge cards by November 20, as every pledge is so vital to us in preparing a new balanced budget for 2017.

The next Vestry meeting will be Monday, November 21.

Linda Masson, Senior Warden

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

As noted in the Visible Vestry above, a Nominating Committee has been formed to select a slate of candidates for parish leadership positions for the coming year. Members of the committee include Lynne Brune, The Reverend Sue Lederhouse, Linda Masson, Paul Szwed, and Mark Taylor. All Officer Positions and Delegate Positions are one year terms and all of the incumbents are eligible for re-election. It is not known yet if all of the incumbents will seek re-election. There are 2 three-year Vestry Positions that WILL DEFINITELY need to be filled. If you would like to be considered for one of these positions or would like to nominate someone, please contact one of the Nominating Committee members as soon as possible. For more information on the requirements and duties of these positions, contact The Reverend Sue Lederhouse.

FROM THE PARISH SECRETARY

The Parish Directory will be distributed at the annual meeting at the end of January 2017. Please be sure to let us know if you have changed names, addresses, phone numbers or email addresses over the last year. I am happy to review our current information with you anytime. You may email changes to me at saintpeters@verizon.net or leave me a note with clearly written changes through the mail slot in the office door.

After services, please put bulletin inserts in the Narthex table basket to be recycled. Music inserts and special prayer service pages, such as the yellow Eucharistic Prayer C pages, can be re-used week-by-week or season-by-season. Doing this will help keep down paper and printing costs. We encourage you to take home the bulletin itself to review the announcements for activities you might like to participate in or lend your special talents to, and to pray for those on our parish prayer list throughout the week.

If you wish to order **altar flowers** or have the **sacristy lamp** burn for loved ones at Sunday services, please first check the Narthex wall calendars (near the Parish Hall doors) to ensure date availability, then fill out a PINK request form (forms are hung on the wall below the calendars). This will ensure that I am aware of your request, have all the correct information, and am able to put a proper acknowledgement in the Sunday bulletin. Sunday flowers are usually ordered from Bourne Florist on Mondays. Deliver completed forms to the Office (through the mail slot in the door when the office is closed). **Flowers are \$35. Sanctuary Lamp is \$7.** Payment should be received prior to the reserved date and can be placed in the offering plate (marked clearly as Flowers or Sanctuary Lamp) or delivered or mailed to the office.

To ensure proper delivery, always use St. Peter's Post Office Box 265 address when sending mail to the church. The Post Office will not forward street-addressed mail to the P.O. Box for Post Office Box customers.

Please see me with any questions about the above procedures! Thank you and God Bless! Kathy Letzeisen

GOD'S FAITHFUL STEWARDS

Our craft classes at Village at Cataumet continue on the following schedule:

November 30 - Christmas Cards
December 21 - Christmas Ornaments

These classes are for everyone over the age of ten and are held from 7:00-8:30 p.m. St. Peter's parishioners are always welcome to participate in these sessions.

Contact Karen McGuinness, Nancy Sherwood, or Margery Buckingham for more information.

Yours in Christ,

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THE VILLAGE AT CATAUMET NEEDS YOUR HELP!!

St. Peter's has for several years provided aid to the families living temporarily at the Village at Cataumet. Parishioners have supplied various needs, choosing a different category each month to help these families. **For the month of November, we are collecting items for the bathroom.** These can be left in the Narthex in the provided baskets under the pews. Children's clothing in good condition is accepted every month.

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.

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.

THE BOURNE HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA CLUB PRESENTS

Disney's **THE LITTLE MERMAID**

Thursday, November 10, 7 p.m.

Friday, November 11, 7 p.m.

Saturday, November 12, 1:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Sunday, November 13, 1:30 p.m.

Beth Bourne Auditorium - Bourne High School
Students \$5.00, Adults \$15.00, Seniors \$14.00

For Reservations Call: 508-759-0699. All seating is reserved. Reservations strongly recommended.
Come see our own Joseph Metcalf!

ALIENATED GRANDPARENTS ANONYMOUS, INC. (AGA) *Cape Cod Area Support Group Meetings*

This support group meets on the second Wednesday of each month, from 2:00 until 3:30 p.m., at the Barnstable Senior Center in Hyannis. AGA provides information and support for grandparents who feel alienated or estranged from access to their grandchildren.

Website: www.AGA-FL.org.

Email contact: AGA.capecod@gmail.com.

Phone contact: 508-563-3567

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 **December** issue is Friday, **November 18**. Send all articles to Susan Hebb at susanhebb@comcast.net

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4-5	Friday – Saturday		Diocesan Convention in Mansfield
5	Saturday	9 - 3	Holiday Fair
6	Sunday	ALL SAINTS SUNDAY / DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS 9:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	Pancake Breakfast Friendly Kitchen Meeting
7	Monday	10 - 4	Church Open for Pre-Election Prayer
8	Tuesday	7 a.m. – 8 p.m.	Virtual Prayer Vigil for the Election
14	Monday	12:30 p.m.	Women’s Bible Study
18	Friday		NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
19	Saturday	8:30 a.m.	Men’s Breakfast Gathering
20	Sunday	PLEDGE INGATHERING SUNDAY 9:00 a.m.	Healing Service
21	Monday	5:15 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Friendly Kitchen Thanksgiving Dinner Vestry
24	Thursday		Thanksgiving Day
28	Monday	12:30 p.m.	Women’s Bible Study
30	Wednesday	7–8:30 p.m.	Craft Workshop @ Village at Cataumet

Upcoming Dates

December 11	Compassionate Friends	December 24	Christmas Eve
December 25	Christmas Day Service	January 1	New Year’s Day Service
January 6	Epiphany Party	January 29	Annual Meeting

Weekly Schedule

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