



## **ST. PETER'S WAVE JANUARY 2024**

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

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

January begins with the celebration of the last five days of Christmas. The church recognizes a full 12 day observance of the Nativity of Jesus Christ. Our family tradition included keeping all our decorations up until at least Epiphany on January 6th, if not even longer. For many years we encouraged parishioners to bring their Christmas trees to church on Epiphany for a giant bonfire!

After the Christmas season ends, we move into a short Epiphany season in 2024 because the length of the Epiphany season is determined by the date of Easter each year. Easter Sunday is early, on March 31. We will transfer several important January feast days to the four Sundays in January:

7<sup>th</sup>, the Epiphany

14<sup>th</sup>, the Baptism of Christ

21<sup>st</sup>, the Confession of Saint Peter

28<sup>th</sup>, the Conversion of Saint Paul.

January is also the month to finish our budget preparations for 2024 and prepare for the Parish Annual Meeting on February 11. Saint Peter's continues to grow and to minister to so many in the parish and in the surrounding area. Certainly, a major parish goal for 2024 is to continue our growth and service.

Grace, Peace, Love

Bob~

## Lisa Platanitis' Formation

As many of our parishioners know, Lisa Platanitis, St. Peter's Director of Music, has begun a discernment and formation process that will eventually lead to ordination as a Priest in the Episcopal Church.

After months of meeting with a Parish Discernment Committee and with Fr. Bob, Lisa was recommended to the Vestry to proceed in the process.

The Vestry voted unanimously to affirm Lisa's call and in November she met with the Diocesan Commission on Ministry. The Commission then recommended her to Bishop Allen Gates.

Bishop Gates notified Lisa in December that he has accepted her as a Postulant for the Diocese, the next step toward Ordination.

This long process continues in the months ahead for Lisa. Background checks, medical and psychological exams, and ongoing meetings with the Commission and the Diocesan Canon for Vocation will help to lead Lisa into decisions about formal seminary training and theological education.

For now, we can support Lisa with our prayers and encouragement. She will continue as St. Peter's Director of Music.

We are all excited to see Lisa move through the ordination process and the possibilities for formation in the months and years ahead.

Fr. Bob



## LITURGICAL NOTES

### The Lectionary Year B

Readings from scripture have been a part of both Jewish and Christian worship from the earliest days. The early church normally had 2 readings for every celebration of Holy Communion, one being a Gospel.

The Book of Common Prayer, beginning in 1549 for the Church of England, included an Epistle and a Gospel for every Eucharist. There was also a schedule of readings, including Old Testament and Psalms for Morning and Evening prayer.

The most recent 1979 B.C.P. revised the schedule of readings into a 3-year cycle (A, B, C) for the Eucharist (see B.C.P. p. 888F). And a 2-year cycle for The Daily Office, Morning and Evening Prayer (see B.C.P. p.934F).

Beginning on Advent Sunday, 12/3/23, we started using year B for our celebrations of the Holy Eucharist. For those reading Morning and/or Evening Prayer, we started Year 2 this Advent.

The Episcopal Church began using The Revised Common Lectionary (R.C.L.) in the late 1990s. This follows the B.C.P. Lectionary with some minor differences. And the R.C.L. is used by most denominations in most countries around the world.

The Sunday scriptural inserts we use at St. Peter's lists the R.C.L. and Year B on the back page. They also mention, "the scripture quotations are from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible (1989)". Prior to this translation of the Bible, Episcopal Churches used the Revised Standard Version (R.S.V.) and/or the King James Version.



**December 19, 2023**

Alan Kershaw presented the budget for 2024 – the budget looks like it will be a balanced budget.

Jackie Davin gave a presentation on establishing a Family and Youth Ministries program for St. Peter's.

The Vestry slate of officers and members for 2024 has been established.

The possibility of a Christmas Fair for next year was raised.

The new furnace has been installed and the rebate applied for.

There is a leak in the daycare foundation wall. Mark is having someone come and quote on repairing it.

Rev. Bob announced that Lisa Platantis has been accepted as a candidate for the priesthood..

We were able to donate over \$1,900 to the Bourne Substance Free Coalition.

We donated over \$600. to the Cataumet transitional home.

The Annual Meeting will be February 11, 2024. There will be one service at 9:00 am, followed by coffee and the Annual Meeting.

The next meeting of the Vestry is January 16, 2024.

*Celeste Hankey, Sr. Warden*



## CHRISTMAS CRAFTERS

**THANK YOU** to everyone who helped with the Christmas Crafts Fundraiser: The group of crafters who started in May working on ornaments, the volunteers who worked at home on beautiful creations, those who worked at the St Margaret's Christmas Fair on Dec 9th, and parishioners who purchased items at the Christmas in July Preview and at the final sale after church on Dec 10th. A total of \$640 was raised for St Peter's.

*Margery Buckingham & Nancy Sherwood*

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Our third breakfast was held on December 9<sup>th</sup>. The weather was favorable and we had 12 attendees. The conversation continued to be varied and lively!

**We will be back on the normal schedule of the first Saturday of the month for January.** That will be **Saturday, January 6th** 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. However, a phone call or text would be appreciated. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Jim Hankey at 781-534-2604. I look forward to seeing you at Persy's!

*Jim Hankey*



## Substance Abuse Prevention Group: Update January

Thank you everyone for your continuing support. Our next meeting will be **Mon., Jan. 8th at 3:33pm**. Please join us as we continue to explore ways that St. Peter's can support those in our community suffering from addiction and their families. Richie from "Richie's Road to Recovery" has reached out and may be available to meet with us at our next meeting.

Wishing everyone a safe and Happy New Year!!!

Larry H., Jim H., Celeste H., Kathy L, Jim L., Jane L., Donna Bob S. Dianne B. or Nancy S.

Here are some resources that are available in our area:

### 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 at 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](mailto: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, S. Yarmouth at the Family Table Collaborative. Questions at [ysac@yarmouth.ma.us](mailto:ysac@yarmouth.ma.us)

Massachusetts Substance Abuse Hotline 1-800-327-5050

Learn to Cope [www.learn2cope.org](http://www.learn2cope.org)

AA Zoom 425-436-6360 Access number 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*.

### **RECURRING EVENTS**

Sundays: 8am - Holy Eucharist Rite I  
10am - Holy Eucharist Rite II w/music  
(unless otherwise noted)  
Tuesdays: 11am - Bible Study  
Thursdays: 8:30am - TOPS  
1<sup>st</sup> Saturday, 8:30am - Men's Breakfast  
2<sup>nd</sup> Monday, 3:33pm - Substance Abuse Team  
3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 6:30pm - Vestry

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