

THE WAVE NOVEMBER 2022

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

DEAR PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS

I will be away two Sundays in November. On the 13th I will be in South Carolina helping to “babysit” two of our grandchildren. On the 27th I will be in Ohio visiting our daughter, son-in-law and newest grandchild, Hannah, who is 6 months old, and who I haven’t seen since she was a newborn.

Our children and grandchildren live far from Massachusetts. Only one in four families could visit this summer. I am glad to work out with the Vestry a time agreement that allows me to be away several Sundays each year.

And I’m glad we have Lisa Platanitis, our Music Director, who leads Morning Prayer and preaches in my absence. This is a wonderful opportunity for Lisa since she plans to begin working with a Parish Discernment Committee to enter the long process possibly leading to Ordination.

In November we hope to finish our 2023 Pledge Campaign “With Angels and Archangels.” Please submit a pledge if you have not done so. As I write, we are ten pledges away from our 2022 total. And this represents a short fall of some \$10,000 plus for pledge revenue. The Vestry will begin considering the 2023 budget and finalize the new budget in January.

I love the Sunday celebrations in November: All Saints’ Sunday on the sixth (also the day we move the clocks back an hour); the 20th, a celebration of “Christ the King” and the end of the liturgical year; the 27th the first Sunday of Advent, with the change in Gospel readings to Matthew for Year A and a beginning look to the “coming” of Jesus Christ. Of course, we always look forward to Thanksgiving Day as well. Remember St. Paul’s encouragements, “...give thanks to God always” and “give thanks in all circumstances...” (1 Thessalonians 1:2 and 5:18)

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

Tuesday, October 18, 2022

- Finances – we're doing okay. Hoping a few more pledges will come in as we're down a little from last year.
- The meeting with Kelly and the Senior Warden from Middleboro will meet 11/9/22 to discuss sharing a rector.
- We are starting a budget for 2023.
- The Vestry slate for next year is being worked on. Please see separate article regarding the slate.
- Women's Luncheon has over 20 participants – we are going to have the next one at a time that all can attend; some folks who wanted to attend could not because of working schedules.
- We are looking into buying a new outdoor columbarium as the one in the church is full.
- We will have Christmas Eve services at 4:00 p.m and 7:00 p.m. There will be no church on Christmas day. We will be having one service on New Year's Day.
- We are looking into getting a new sign for the front of the church.
- Larry Higgins will be orchestrating a coat and jacket collection again this year.
- Lisa Platanitis is looking into going to seminary. A discernment committee is being established.
- We would like to have a list of folks who are ill or shut-in; please let Rev. Bob Malm or Celeste Hankey know of anyone who would like a visit.
- We have someone to plow if we get any snow this winter!
- The frames around the stained glass windows need repairing – we will look into this again in the spring.
- The Search Committee is working on updating our profile.
- Friendly Kitchen to Go has been growing each week.
- The Anti-Drug committee will be hosting a Bingo Night in February as a fund raiser for the Bourne Drug Free Coalition. St. Peter's folks only.
- The November Vestry meeting will be on November 15th; the December meeting on December 13th.

Celeste Hankey, Senior Warden

MEN'S BREAKFAST

After a successful kickoff in October with 11 attending, our next gathering is scheduled for ***Saturday, November 5th 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. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Jim Hankey at 781-534-2604. We look forward to seeing you!

Jim Hankey

VESTRY SLATE FOR 2023

We will be electing a new Vestry slate for 2023. If you are interested in any position, please let Rev. Bob Malm or Celeste Hankey know of your interest. Here are the positions:

<i>Position</i>	<i>Currently Serving</i>	<i>Term Up</i>	<i>Can Reup</i>
Senior Warden	Celeste Hankey	2023	Yes
Junior Warden	Len Hathon	2023	Yes
Treasurer	Alan Kershaw	2023	Yes
Asst. Treasurer	Kathy Letzeisen	2023	Yes
Clerk	Robin Higgins	2023	
	No (has fulfilled maximum terms)		

Members at Large:

Jack Kennedy	2023	Yes
Patti Metcalf	2023	No
	(has fulfilled maximum terms)	
Dianne Cartmill	2024	
Mark Taylor	2024	
Donna Tripp	2025	
Donna Beers	2025	

As you can see, all officer positions are open as well as 2 members at large. Please think about joining this team.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

3	Emily Johnson	22	Bob Benting
16	Priscilla Ellis	25	Larry Higgins
17	Jane Lima	27	Nancy Kennedy
20	Lin Benting	30	Jean Scully
21	Jane Goershel		

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

7	Wesley and Emily Johnson
8	Donald and Jane Goershel
29	Georgie and Bob Frampton
29	Larry and Robin Higgins

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, our Senior Warden Celeste Hankey and the Wardens of The Church of Our Savior in Middleboro will be meeting on Wednesday, November 9th, at St. Peter's to discuss the possibility of sharing a priest. Please keep Celeste in your prayers.

We wish you and your family and friends a very Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving!

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.*

A LITTLE NOTE FROM THE MUSIC ROOM

Come, ye thankful people, come! Raise the song of harvest, home! We have so much to be thankful for here at St. Peter's! I would like to give special thanks this month of November to St. Peter's Choir and Musicians.

Every Sunday they raise their voices and instruments in songs of thanksgiving and praise, and lead us in sung prayers throughout the liturgical seasons. Thank you, choir and musicians, for your dedication, love and joy that you bring to our church community!

A look ahead:

The First of Advent	November 27th
Carillon Concert	Date to be announced
St. Peter's Christmas Caroling Prelude	Christmas Eve

Peace and Love, Lisa Platanitis

***SANDWICH-BOURNE LIONS CLUB
"COATS FOR KIDS AND FAMILIES"***

Saint Peter's will again participate in the "Coats For Kids and Families" drive sponsored by the Sandwich-Bourne Lions Club and Anton's Cleaners. There will be a box in the Narthex for gently used coats, sweaters, gloves and hats for winter use. Items collected will be brought to Anton's Cleaners for cleaning and then distributed to needy families in the south-eastern Massachusetts area. For questions or information see Larry Higgins. Last years Saint Peters donated 58 coats along with hats and gloves. Please consider helping out this year. The collection will run from October 30th through December 1st.

Larry Higgins

GREETINGS FROM THE FRIENDLY KITCHEN CREW!

November is a special time of the year, when we often express aloud our thanks. The Friendly Kitchen crew is thankful for the increased number of recipients of "2GO" meals this past month.

We are now serving around 24 meals. In October, we served hot meals which have been warmly received and we will continue offering through the cooler months. Please keep in your prayers those who are serving and receiving this ministry.

Blessed Thanksgiving,

Your FK2GO Crew, Melissa Scannell and Lisa Platanitis

GROWING THROUGH GRIEF

It has been said that, "Only through great love or great suffering do we access the greatest spiritual teachings." You are invited to spend a reflective morning in prayer, conversation and meditation as you deal with bereavement of any source. By acknowledging your sorrow, you will learn to recognize the grace that is guiding you through recovery and to a redefined identity.

It will be on Saturday morning December 3rd , from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 in Stevenson Hall and in the Church.

Let us know if you plan to attend so that we will have plenty of coffee, snacks and materials for everyone.

The program is facilitated by St. Peter's parishioner, Margery Buckingham, who has recently completed a master's degree in applied spirituality in Ireland.

10:00-10:30 Morning Prayer

10:40-10:50 Diads or Triads: Share your loss with someone else.

10:50-11:00 Report back to Whole Group: Share two similarities and two differences.

11:00 Margery will talk about her recent dissertation: Widowhood as a Catalyst for Spiritual Development.

11:15 Documenting Grief Resolution: Graph your recovery, post on wall, share if willing, with whole group.

11:40 Guided Meditation or Visio Divina on Positive Results of Bereavement: Share if desired.

12:00 Feedback and evaluation.

12:15-12:30 Noonday Prayer back in Church. Psalm 126, Romans 5:5. Alternative Lord's Prayer from the New Zealand Prayer Book.

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

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, January 9, 2023, 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

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

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 two 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.

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

CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 2022

6	Sunday		Daylight Savings Time Ends, Turn Clocks BACK
7	Monday	4:30 p.m.	FK2GO *
8	Tuesday	11:00 a.m.	Bible Study
13	Sunday		
14	Monday	4:30 p.m.	FK2GO *
15	Tuesday	11:00 a.m.	Bible Study
15	Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Vestry Meeting
20	Sunday		
21	Monday	3:33 p.m.	Substance Abuse Prevention Team Meeting
21	Monday	4:30 p.m.	FK2GO *
22	Tuesday	11:00 a.m.	Bible Study
24	Thursday		THANKSGIVING DAY
25	Friday		Newsletter Deadline for December WAVE
27	Sunday		
28	Monday	4:30 p.m.	FK2GO *
29	Tuesday	11:00 a.m.	Bible Study
30	Sunday		
31	Monday	4:30 p.m.	FK2GO *

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

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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