

The Wave *FEBRUARY 2020*

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

A MESSAGE FROM REV. PATTIE HANDLOSS

Dear Friends,

This past week we remembered the Holocaust with the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz. In recent memory only the killing fields of Cambodia and the genocide in Africa equal this evil. We have lesser evil in our world but it is evil none the less. The children taken from their parents at the Southern border is tragic—and evil.

We in our family lost everyone but my grandfather to the evil of a government that grew too large. With that power, the government of the Third Reich managed to eliminate anyone the leader thought a danger to the state. A reckless and immoral genocide occurred. We were not Jewish but Catholic. The killing of the family was just one of many atrocities done as a result of the war.

It still affects those of us who heard the stories of the war and the killing. It had its effect on me. I do not trust large governmental power. For a time, I worried about the capacity of human goodness to stand against such power and hence the possibility of evil coming into our lives. I trust human goodness beyond measure because I have seen it rise to the fore often enough.

I still fear immoral leaders and we have had them in recent years on both sides of the political rainbow. But I believe we can stand up for something bigger and better than these men who have set a standard so low that I shudder when I think of those who have excused the behaviors.

We have a leader, if you will, Jesus, who set a high bar for human behavior and kept a low bar for forgiveness and acceptance. One need not be perfect to follow Jesus. We are all perfectly imperfect. And in that place there is forgiveness and love and hope.

We must remember the holocaust and how it was allowed to happen and we must use our faith as a preventive tool to defend those who are not “us” from it ever happening again. You see, we are the bearers of hope in this world. And of love. Sometimes that love will require more than we thought we could muster. But if we do not extend the love of Christ into the darkness of genocides and hate, who will?

Remember the Holocaust always. Let the memory of those who died always be a blessing to us and a reminder. It is we, as Christians, who must defend those who have no power to defend themselves.

Being a Christian is a gift. Acting as a Christian is a grace. The world needs grace and love more than ever in these days. Be the voice of love in the darkness—always.

Blessings and love, Pattie+

THE VISIBLE VESTRY

The January Vestry meeting was held on January 20, 2020, at 7 p.m.

- The minutes from the December meeting were approved.
- Financial Report – Chuck Soule gave the vestry an update of our finances
- Dianne Cartmill shared with the vestry an updated draft of the budget for 2020.
- We have received 57 pledges amounting to \$87,622.
- Patti Metcalf updated the vestry on the Search Committee. There is going to be a meeting Thursday, January 23. The committee continues to work on the parish profile and hope to have it completed shortly.
- The Annual Meeting will be February 9, 2020 followed by a pot luck luncheon.
- The Christmas Eve service was wonderful.
- St. Peter's will be hosting a Congregational Business Practices workshop on March 14th.
- Kathy Letzeisen, Robin Higgins and Celeste Hankey met with Suzanne Otte for training on the Website.
- The 2020 Vestry slate was completed.
- WiFi password is for St. Peter's people only on a need to know basis for security reasons.
- The Vestry has established a Priest's Discretionary Fund.
- There will be a healing service on the 3rd Sunday of the month at 9:00..
- The two freezers were connected to the generator – the cost about \$600.00.
- We have a leak in the steeple – we have people coming in to check it out.
- Lisa Platanitis would like to have a musical spring fling – we will be looking for help.
- The Vestry Retreat will be February 22, 2020 starting at 9:00.

The next meeting of the Vestry will be Saturday, February 22, 2020. We combine the Vestry Retreat with the February Vestry meeting.

Celeste Hankey, Senior Warden

PANCAKE BREAKFAST FEBRUARY 2

St. Peter's Pancake Breakfast will be on **Sunday, February 2, at 9 a.m.** We will be serving up pancakes, eggs, sausages, juice and coffee. Come one, come all! A great get-together for the whole church.

I'm still looking for volunteers to help with the set-up and with serving the meal. If you would like to join in this effort, please call me at 774 212-0453, email me at KLihzis@gmail.com, or see me after each service.

Your brother in Christ,
Ken Lihzis

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY

The Weekly Bible Study, which looks into the weekly lessons, meets at 11 a.m. on Mondays.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Women's Bible Study, which meets twice a month and studies issues of importance and interest to women, will meet at 12:30 on Monday, February 10 and at 12:30 on Monday, February 24. Ladies, bring a bag lunch to enjoy; coffee and tea are provided. We hope to see you there!

MEN'S BREAKFAST GATHERING

The Men's Breakfast Gathering meets once a month, on the 3rd Saturday, through June. The meeting this month will be **Saturday, February 15 at 8 a.m.** We meet at **Persy's Place**, located in **East Wareham** at 3198 Cranberry Highway, next to Upper Cape Realty. All men of the parish are welcome to attend.

Your brother in Christ,
Ken Lihzis

WEEKLY E-MAIL FROM ST. PETER'S

Each week we send out an email showcasing highlights of the coming week, the lessons for the next Sunday, those serving, and a calendar of events. We also use this community email as a means of notifying you of church service cancellations (in the event of inclement weather), of deaths in the parish family, and other emergent news. If you are not receiving this email and would like to, please send a note to Robin Higgins at ptown.robin@yahoo.com and we will add you to the mailing list. And if you have news you would like included, you can send that to Robin as well! Please note, this is not in any way a replacement for the WAVE. It is a means of reinforcing and reminding us of events and of disbursing information in a timely manner.

Thanks for your support!
Robin Higgins

A NOTE FROM YOUR SEARCH COMMITTEE

The Search Committee is working diligently to complete the Parish Profile for Saint Peter's Church. We have created a survey for St. Peter's congregation to fill out. It includes six questions that are designed to help us understand what is working well within St. Peter's, improvements that you feel might be made, as well as a better understanding of what characteristics or values you are hoping for in a new Rector. The replies are meant to be anonymous, so please **do not** include your name. Surveys will be made available on the Sundays of January 26th and February 2nd. You will also find a copy of the survey at the end of this newsletter. There will be a special box in the Narthex where the surveys to be returned. Please return your responses by **Sunday, February 9th**, which is also the date of our combined service, pot luck brunch and yearly parish meeting.

For those who cannot attend these services, please feel free to email Patti Metcalf at patmijo@comcast.net and she will email you a survey. If computer access is a problem please call Patti at 508-685-5582 and she will mail a survey to you. They can be mailed back to **St. Peter's Church, P.O. Box 265 Buzzards Bay, MA 02532. Attn: Survey.**

Our goal is to get as many responses as possible to best represent our congregation, and for all to be included. The Search Committee will be using this information to complete portions of our Parish Profile.

Thank you in advance for participating!

Yours In Christ,

Matthew Bruce, Larry Higgins, Jim Lema, Patti Metcalf, Elisabeth Kershaw and Nancy Kennedy

SAINT PETER'S SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND PREVENTION SUPPORT GROUP UPDATE

Thank you for your Continued Support This past year the total amount of funds raised was \$1,821.75. This amount was realized by hosting a pizza party, which netted \$400, a raffle which made \$425 and our monthly collection jug, which yielded \$996.75.

In our efforts to support the Coalition the change jug will continue to be available on the second Sunday of each month, but we will not be having another fundraiser this spring.

Thank you for your continued support for the Bourne Substance Free Coalition. They are most appreciative of the support from St. Peter's. Our neighbors at The Church of the Good Shepard in

Wareham offer a monthly Addiction Drop-in Center on the Third Wednesday of every month. Held in their parish hall, it is a place where anyone suffering addiction, or who is dealing with a family member who is suffering, can stop in and receive information and advice on dealing with the issues surrounding this disease. They also offer free training in the use of NARCAN at these gatherings.

From the Cape Cod Times, Thursday January 8, 2020:
"Bourne Substance Free Coalition Educates the Public"

"The members of the Bourne Substance Free Coalition are dedicated to educating our community about the dangers of substance use. We are a small group, but our members work very hard to disseminate these messages throughout the year. Our success is limited only by the size of our committee's membership and also funding.

We encourage members of our community to attend our meetings and get involved. We need you. You do not need special training or experience or training. You only need a desire to help make a positive difference in our community. We alternate our monthly meetings between morning and evenings. We meet on the second Wednesday of each month at Upper Cape Cod Regional Technical High School. The next meeting is scheduled for 11 am February 12th.

We are so thankful and fortunate that parishioners at St. Peters Episcopal Church on the Canal believe in the cause and have donated to the group. Joseph Carrara, Bourne MA"

Please keep the Bourne and Wareham Substance Free coalitions in your prayers. We will be planning another educational presentation for the spring. The next meeting of our group will be on Monday, March 16th at 3:33 p.m. All are welcome; please join us.

With special thanks to God and our team, Bob and Nancy Sherwood, Jim and Jane Lema, Celeste and Jim Hankey, Donna Beers and our Treasurer, Diane Cartmill, and parish Secretary Kathy Letzeisen.

Respectfully submitted,
Larry Higgins

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 February, we will be collecting TWIN BED ITEMS.** 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.

ALTAR FLOWERS AND SANCTUARY LAMP DEDICATIONS

Altar Flower and Sanctuary Lamp charts have been posted for 2020 outside the Church Office. Please fill out a pink request form and submit it to the Church Office to make a request. Secretary Kathy will fill in the name(s) on the poster. Dates may be selected far in advance. Payment may be made at a later time but must be made before the chosen date (\$35 for flowers, \$7 for Sanctuary Lamp).

MAINTENANCE NEEDS

If you see something that needs to be done (a light that has burned out or some other maintenance project), write it on the list on the freezer in the kitchen. Thanks for your help!

COFFEE HOUR WANTS YOU!!

Have you signed up in the Narthex to help provide goodies for our coffee hour after the 10:00 service? Coffee is already made – your pastries and fruit will make it complete. Please help make this time of fellowship a delicious one as well. And speaking of fellowship, if you see someone new, please invite them to sit with you and have some good conversation. Welcome others as you would like to be welcomed!

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.

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.

CAPE COD AREA SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS

CONSOLING PARTNERS / ADDICTION LOSS: Meets on the third Wednesday of every month (February 19), from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Corpus Christi Parish Hall, 324 Quaker Meeting House Rd., East Sandwich.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The Newsletter Deadline for the **March 2020** issue is Friday, **February 21st**. Send all articles to Susan Hebb at susanhebb@comcast.net.

FEBRUARY 2020

Sunday, February 2	9:00 a.m. Pancake Breakfast
Sunday, February, 9	9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist & ANNUAL MEETING With Pot-Luck Brunch
Monday, February 10	12:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study
Saturday, February 15	8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast Gathering
Sunday, February 16	9:00 a.m. Prayers for Healing
Tuesday, February 18	3:00 p.m. Paper Pantry
Saturday, February 22	9:00 a.m. Vestry Retreat & February Vestry Meeting
Monday, February 24	12:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study
Tuesday, February 25	6:00 p.m. Shrove Tuesday Mardi Gras event
Wednesday, February 26	12 noon and 7 p.m. ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

UPCOMING DATES

Sunday, March 8 -- Daylight Savings Time begins

Sunday, April 5 -- Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 12 -- Easter Sunday

Weekly Schedule

Sundays	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite I Holy Eucharist, Rite II
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)
Thursdays	8:30 a.m.	TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)
Fridays	10:00 – 4:00	Church Office Open

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