

The Wave **NOVEMBER 2019**

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

A MESSAGE FROM REV. PATTIE HANDLOSS

Dear Friends,

The symbol of the cross has been used in many ways over the years. At its best, the cross is used for healing and to deepen belief. What draws one to the Cross? At the very most basic, a cross is the symbol of The Christ who overcame death. The cross is a symbol of the life for which we long.

The cross is always the primary symbol for a Christian. The cross is presented in many forms. One Sunday, early in my time at St Peter's Church-on-the-Canal, I was standing facing the cross and I noticed for the first time the welcoming nature of the cross that hangs above the altar. I saw a warm Christ reaching out his arms on the cross not in suffering but in a welcome. It was a warmth of hospitality.

Christians of all stripes are called to hospitality. The welcoming of the newcomer, the welcoming of the friend, the welcoming of the stranger is all about hospitality. It is the welcoming of someone into your home. The church is the home of Jesus Christ and the home of all the followers. When a newcomer comes across the threshold, it is ours to welcome as Christ on the altar in the front of the church welcomes.

I can think of nothing more important than how we welcome somebody into our midst. I am asking for people to volunteer as ushers and greeters at the 10 o'clock service, so that when people come through the door, and they are faced with the daunting liturgy that is beautiful but which can be confusing, that there be greeters who will shepherd the new person or persons through the service. And then take them out to coffee hour at the end, get their name and contact information — generally making a person feel how very much they are loved.

We are going to be simplifying on the one hand, and extending on the other, our bulletin so that, come January, people won't be faced with so many pieces of paper.

I have read many stories over the years of people coming to a new church and then not having anyone to talk to at coffee hour or even being ignored at the passing of the peace because they weren't familiar faces. That is not what God asks of us. It is not what we are about and so I am putting out the invitation for people to sign up to usher and greet starting this coming week at the 10 o'clock service. I have been welcomed warmly by this congregation and look forward to having others experience this warmth for which St Peter's Church-on-the-Canal is known.

Faithfully in Christ,
Pattie+

Thank you St. Peter's!

I would like to thank everyone who lent their time and TALENT to making my End of Ministry service and luncheon such a memorable event. It was a perfect way to celebrate and end my ministry at St. Peter's. It was gratifying to my family and me to see so many people at both services and the luncheon and to feel the love in the Church.

Each one of you are, and will always be, special to me. Your friendship and support of my ministry will always be treasured. Many people think that clergy are "called" when they sign their names to a contract. I don't believe one is truly "called" until their ministry is demonstrably affirmed by the entire congregation. In that respect, I have felt truly "called" by you and I have been blessed to serve God with you as your Deacon. I now look forward to serving God beside you as a fellow parishioner.

Your friend always,
Bob Deacon Bob Sherwood

THE VISIBLE VESTRY

The Vestry met on Monday, October 21, 2019, at 7:00 p.m.

- The minutes from the July meeting were approved with one change.
- Financial Report – Chuck Soule gave the vestry an update of our finances.
- We have moved some of our money from the checking accounts into money market accounts so we can start gaining interest.
- Pattie will be meeting with the Lay Eucharist Ministers to help with Pastoral Visits.
- Pattie would like to have "greeters" meet newcomers and shepherd them through the service at 8:00 and 10:00 and onto the coffee hour (at 10:00).
- The Search Committee will have their first meeting Thursday, October 24th.
- The new Time and Talent form has been approved and will be distributed with the Stewardship forms.
- A Nominating Committee has to be formed in November to establish Vestry for next year.
- The Vestry approved trying out a new program for Sunday services.
- The Communications team is developing a new Welcome to St. Peter's pamphlet.
- Stained glass repair will start at the end of October, weather permitting.
- Paper Pantry is going strong – a letter is going out to other churches asking for support. According to the Diocese we are able to use some of our Outreach funds to help support this mission.
- We are looking into getting WiFi throughout St. Peter's. Comcast will be running lines so we can up-date our WiFi
- We need to update the website and are looking for people that can help. Robin and Celeste are willing to learn how to do this.
- Friendly Kitchen reported that approximately 40 people are coming on Monday evenings.
- The Bourne Substance Free Coalition will be having a raffle this year as a fund raiser to be posted in Stephenson Hall on Sundays.

Celeste Hankey, Senior Warden

GOD LOVES A CHEERFUL GIVER

2 Corinthians 9:7

*“Each one must give as he has decided in his
heart,
Not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God
Loves a Cheerful Giver”*

On Sunday, November 3, 2019, we will start our 2020 Stewardship Campaign. Everyone will receive a letter from the Stewardship Committee along with a pledge card to prayerfully consider what they can give for the coming year. We will have fellow parishioners speak on why they pledge to St. Peter's Church On-The-Canal and offer their time and talents.

Everyone will also receive an updated time and talent form. Take some time to decide what activities or programs you want to participate in. You may find something different that interests you.

On Sunday, November 24, 2019, we will celebrate our Ingathering pledges from parishioners who have prayerfully committed to give for the coming year from the bounty they have received from God. May God bless each of us for the rest of this year and the years ahead to sustain the love that comes from St. Peter's Church On-The-Canal.

Your Stewardship Committee:

Dianne Cartmill; Pattie Handloss, Interim Rector; Len Hathon

STIR-UP SUNDAY

Stir-up Sunday is celebrated this year on November 24th. It is an informal term in Anglican Churches for the last Sunday before the season of Advent. It gets its name from the beginning of the Collect for that day, in the Book of Common Prayer, which begins with the words, “Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people.”

A FEW NOTES --- FROM THE MUSIC ROOM

As autumn falls quickly upon us, I am reminded of how time really flies! Autumn is not only a time for harvest, but a time to give thanks and to show our gratitude for the wonderful things that God has given us. Week after week, as I look out into the nave, I am thankful to see your smiling faces looking back at me, but most of all, I am delighted to hear the sound of your voices unite to become one voice. A glorious sound! I imagine the heavens rejoice and there is great jubilation when our music is heard and glorified! "Let everything that has breath, praise the Lord!" Psalm 150:6.

I would like to express my thanks to St. Peter's choir and instrumentalists: Matthew Bruce, Marc Fuller and Donovin Tavares, for their time, talent, flexibility and dedication. You are all amazing!

We have been very blessed to have Tom Nordquist as our substitute organist. Tom keeps our beautiful organ alive with his wonderful preludes and postludes. His talents are very much appreciated. Thank you, Tom!

We are actively searching for an organist/keyboardist. Multiple advertisements have been placed for an individual to fill the position. I am in contact with my colleagues from the surrounding areas, including the local chapter of the American Guild of Organists. We are not alone in this boat! God always provides for his people! Amen!

A look ahead, do you have a favorite church hymn or song? Jot it down! Upcoming event: November Hymn Sing. Date to follow in the announcements.

Blessings,

Lisa Platanitis
Director of Music

MONDAY MORNING 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 Tuesday, November 12 (because of the Veterans Day holiday) and 12:30 on Monday, November 25th. Ladies, bring a bag lunch to enjoy; coffee and tea are provided. We hope to see you there!

*SAINT PETER'S SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND PREVENTION
SUPPORT GROUP UPDATE*

**Substance Abuse On the Front Lines
Thursday, November 21st, 7:00 p.m. at St. Peter's Church**

Featured Speaker: Dr. Sarah Bernier, Tobey Hospital, Emergency Department

Preceded by a Narcan Training, (***)Recommended for all who serve(***)

Light refreshments will be available.

We will be having a raffle during the month of November as our fundraiser for the Bourne Substance Free Coalition. The Raffle winner will receive \$100.00 in scratch tickets. Tickets will be one (1) for \$5.00, or three (3) for \$10.00. They will be available on Sundays, at the training session or from group members.

Thank you for your continued support for the Bourne Substance Free Coalition. They are most appreciative of the support from St. Peters. 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 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.

Please keep the Bourne and Wareham Substance Free coalitions in your prayers. The next meeting of our group will be on **Monday, November 18th at 3:33 p.m.** All are welcome. Please join us.

Larry Higgins

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

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Due to the Diocesan Convention happening on the first weekend of November, St. Peter's Pancake Breakfast will move this month to **Sunday, November 10th, 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

WOMEN'S FALL LUNCHEON

Women of the parish will gather on **Friday, November 15th at noon** at **Lindsey's Restaurant**, 3138 Cranberry Highway, East Wareham, for their fall luncheon. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend. Please call Jane Lema (508-888-4977) to reserve your spot.

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, November 16 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

BOOK CLUB RESUMES

The Book Club meets once a month on the **third Friday at 10 a.m.** This month, that will be **November 15th**. Meetings are held at the **home of Linda Masson**. Please join us! If you have any questions, you may call Linda Masson at 508-743-5139 or Lynne Brune at 508-295-6146.

GIFT CARDS FOR VILLAGE AT CATAUMET

Once again we are supporting the good work Housing Assistance Corporation does for local families in transition. Last year, St. Peter's Church provided over \$1000 in gift cards to Walmart, Shaw's and T. J. Maxx so that the staff at Village at Cataumet could buy Christmas gifts for the children living with them. Our Giving Tree will be in the narthex on November 24. Please take an ornament and return it to church with a gift card by December 8.

Margery Buckingham

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 will be collecting bathroom 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 2019 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 (November 20), 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 **December** issue is Friday, **November 15th**. Send all articles to Susan Hebb at susanhebb@comcast.net.

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3	Sunday		
10	Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Pancake Breakfast
15	Friday		Newsletter Deadline
	Friday	10 a.m.	Book Club Meeting at Linda Masson's
	Friday	Noon	Women's Fall Luncheon at Lindsey's
16	Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast Gathering
17	Sunday		
18	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Vestry Meeting
24	Sunday		

<p><i>UPCOMING DATES</i></p>

Weekly Schedule

Sundays	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite I Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Mondays	10:00 – 4:00 10:00 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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