

The Wave **SEPTEMBER 2019**

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

HELLO TO ALL ST. PETER'S FOLKS!

The summer is quickly winding down, but your Vestry has been busy at work throughout the summer!

We are proud to announce that we have an Interim Priest starting at St. Peter's on September 15th. Rev. Pattie Handloss has agreed to come on board at St. Peter's and be with us as we search for a permanent priest for our parish.

Pattie, this is what she would like to be called, retired in 2009. She has served in Massachusetts, Missouri and Maine. She has been a Life Coach since 2011. Pattie is very in-tuned with the environment. She was part of a group asked to draft the first Episcopal Church statement on the environment and participated in the Global Forum for Environmental and Economic Justice in Konya at the invitation of the Prime Minister of Turkey.

Pattie is excited to be here and is looking forward to starting up Bible Study again as well as getting involved with our other parish ministries. She has said that she will be available 24 hours a day and to please call her, don't wait for the "hours she's working".

Pattie lives with her partner, Cathy, and their two dogs. WELCOME PATTIE AND CATHY!

We also have a committee lined up to start the search for a permanent priest. Our search committee consists of Matthew Bruce, Larry Higgins, Elisabeth Kershaw, Jim Lema, Karen McGinnis and Vestry member Patti Metcalf; Patti will be the liaison between the Vestry and the Search Committee. Please keep them in your prayers as they begin the search for our new priest.

Henri Masson has been very busy this summer: the church and sacristy received new carpeting and the bathrooms received new flooring. The sheds were painted and Henri is talking to folks about cleaning up the landscaping around the church; more to come!

If there is anything you would like brought up at a Vestry Meeting, please feel free to contact me and let me know.

And keep in your prayers all those going back to school in a few days.

Peace to All.

Celeste Hankey, Senior Warden

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THE DEACON'S CORNER

September. A time for new beginnings. Kids going back to school. People coming home from summer vacation. The Patriots are getting ready for a new season. The Red Sox are trying to break our hearts again. St. Peter's will be welcoming an Interim Priest on September 15th. Many, many new beginnings.

You haven't heard me mention my old friend Buddy for quite a long time. I still think of him a lot. He's nearby, I can feel him even though I can't ruffle the fur between his ears any more, but he's definitely neither gone nor forgotten. Two weeks ago we got an e-mail from Gayle, who runs Friends of the Plymouth Pound (we call it the "Daisy Hill Puppy Farm"). It's where we rescued Bud. The note said that we'd been without a puppy for far too long and would we consider "fostering" one of their rescue dogs. She said she had one in particular she wanted us to meet. We talked it over and decided that it was indeed time. Nancy called and told her we'd love to meet the homeless dog. It turned out that the dog she had in mind was a six-year-old female of questionable parentage, but she looked like a fox terrier, rat terrier or mini-Pinscher, and, oh yes, she weighed about twenty pounds and her name was "Bagel." Twenty pounds! Bagel! Yikes! It'd take four of her to make one Buddy. We drove to Kingston several days later to pick her up. We warned Gayle that we had no confidence we would make good "foster parents". We expected that we would fail quickly, and want to adopt her into our family, and that's what happened. Just three days after bringing her home, we completed the adoption and told Bagel she was now in her "forever home". Since then our house has begun to resemble an annex of a kennel. New food and water bowls, a Bagel-sized soft crate, pink, femmie collars with her name embossed on them along with her telephone number, several harnesses and a loooooonng pink leash. Well, she looks like a smooth coat, miniature Buddy (same coloring, markings, etc.) and a personality as big as Buddy's. I call her a "pocket rocket" because she never does anything slowly. When she's excited, she levitates at least 5 feet off the ground (I kid you not, she can jump up to about my chin level!). She has a gentle disposition, has already been somewhat well-trained, but there's still room for improvement, which we will be working on. The Vet says she's healthy, although recovering from Lyme disease. I'm sure you'll have an opportunity to meet her when we bless the animals on St. Francis Day, maybe sooner. You'll love her. I think Buddy definitely approves!

Deacon Bob Sherwood

THE VISIBLE VESTRY

The Vestry met on Monday, August 19, 2019, at 7:00 p.m.

- The minutes from the July meeting were approved.
- Financial Report – Chuck Soule gave the vestry an update of our finances.
 - The Vestry voted to increase Kathy Letzeisen and Lisa Platanitis salaries for the additional work they are doing during the transition period.
 - The Vestry voted to approve the contract for the Interim Priest, Pattie Handloss.
- Our Interim Priest, Pattie Handloss will be starting here at St. Peter's on September 15th.
- Deacon Bob Sherwood reported on the pastoral issues in the church.
- A Search Committee has been established consisting of: Matthew Bruce, Larry Higgins, Elisabeth Kershaw, Jim Lema, Karen McGinnis and Pattie Metcalf as liaison between the Vestry and the Search Committee.
- The Vestry is looking into a new Time and Talent form to be distributed to the parishioners.
- The Vestry voted to lock the back door to the church at 7:55 and 9:55 with a note saying to please go to the front door for admittance. This is being done as a security measure.
- Henri Masson reported that he is looking into having landscapers come in and clean up and winterize the property as some of it has gotten overgrown.
- The Farrell Family has agreed to allow us to have someone come in and clean up Sallie's garden and winterize it.
- Henri Masson is looking into having the stained glass windows repaired.
- We are going to look into having the chimes repaired – right now they chime at certain times of the day but no longer play a hymn.
- Help is still needed in the Friendly Kitchen
- 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.

The next Vestry meeting will be on Monday, September 16, 2019

Celeste Hankey,

Senior Warden

SAINT PETER'S SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND PREVENTION SUPPORT GROUP UPDATE

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 who is suffering addiction, or anyone 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, September 9th, at 3:33pm all are welcome. Please join us.

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 September, we will be collecting mops and brooms.** 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 (September 18), 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 **October** issue is Friday, **September 20**. Send all articles to Susan Hebb at susanhebb@comcast.net

UPCOMING DATES

SEPTEMBER 2019

1	Sunday		
8	Sunday		
9	Monday	3:33 p.m.	Substance Abuse and Prevention Support Group meeting
15	Sunday	The Rev. Pattie Handloss,	Interim Priest
16	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Vestry
17	Tuesday	3 p.m.	Paper Pantry
20	Friday		Newsletter Deadline
22	Sunday		
29	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 5:15 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Church Office Open 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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