



ST. PETER'S WAVE SUMMER 2025

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

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Life in the parish church always slows down in the summer. Many people take vacations, trips, and entertain visitors. Of course, in our area, traffic doesn't slow down, nor does the influx of "summer people" to the Cape and South coast. Much of the world around St Peter's speeds up, gets busier.

I will be doing 2 Sundays at St. Philip's in Mattapoisett - the chapel that is only open in the summer. And I'm looking forward to baptizing my youngest grandchild there on August 10th.

We will be trying a new schedule with the 10 AM service moving up to 9 AM. The choir takes a well earned "recess" until September. Weekly Bible study will also take the summer "off."

Our Gospel readings will all come from St. Luke. Without any major feasts during the green Pentecost season, we have a chance to focus on Luke's portrait of Jesus. Three major themes shine through Jesus in the 3rd Gospel - the power of the Holy Spirit, the healing ministry and Our Lord's care and concern for women and children.

I hope the weeks ahead will be a time of refreshment and renewal for all of us. And I hope I'll see many of you, and many "summer people," on Sundays.

Grace, Peace, Love,
Bob





LITURGICAL NOTES

Prayer

A defining mark of The Episcopal Church is the Book of Common Prayer. Of course our prayers and liturgies come directly from the first BCP in England in 1549, but most of these have roots in the early 4th and 5th century church. Prayer - corporate (common) and individual (private) are foundational for the Christian life.

The BCP is a full “ toolbox” for all kinds of prayer. In the Outline of the Faith (Catechism p. 856) we have an excellent teaching about prayer - defined as “responding to God, by thought and by deeds, with or without words...”

7 “kinds” of prayer are listed and defined. I like to list them in order of our familiarity and practices: 1. Thanksgiving 2. Petition 3. Intercession 4. Penitence 5. Oblation 6. Praise 7. Adoration.

St Benedict's Feast Day is July 11th. He founded an order and stressed a life of prayer which became an important part of our Anglican tradition since St Augustine, missionary from Rome to England in the late 6th century and the first Archbishop of Canterbury, was a Benedictine Monk.

The summer months of July and August can offer us time for prayer, especially on our own and outdoors. Try to work at a full rounded “diet” of prayer, maybe experimenting with some new tradition, method or type. St. Paul encourages us to “pray constantly” (1 Thes 5:17).

May the months ahead this summer give us many opportunities to “respond to God...”



VISIBLE

VESTRY

June 17, 2025

Finances are okay.

The revised By-Laws need to be approved by the congregation – this will be done at the combined service on June 29th. There will be a celebration of the choir after the service, with goodies being served.

According to the diocese, we need to adjust the housing allowance/salary for our clergy.

A new outdoor sign for St. Peter's will be ordered this week.

John McGuinness will have a vegetable stand again this year.

We continue to look for someone that can repair and reinstall the boat over the front door.

The new niches for the columbarium have been ordered – they will be built, then shipped to us.

We would like to consider having a small garden dedicated to St. Francis Assisi for the ashes of our passed pets.

For the future – we are trying to get together a committee to work on our participation in Canal Day, September 20th. It was suggested we get a LARGE picture of St. Peter's coming down the canal for Canal Day and offer tours of the church.

A service for newcomers to our area has been suggested.

Bob has offered to hold a monthly service at Keystone for the residents.

The vestry approved money for the Search Committee, if needed, to move forward with potential candidates.

A collaboration with the church in Swansea was discussed and tabled for the present time.

SAM (Substance Abuse Ministry) is on hiatus until the fall.

Services for the months of July and August will be at 8:00 and 9:00 am with a combined service on August 31st at 9:00 am.

There will be a baptism on July 27th.

There will be no vestry meeting in July.

Bob Malm will not be at St. Peter's on July 6th and August 10th.

There will be no Wave during the summer, we will have a double edition in September.

The next meeting of the vestry will be Tuesday, August 19th at 5:30.



Get your walking shoes out! St Peter's will be walking the canal again this summer. We will meet on the western side of Seaside Scoops by the Water Park in Buzzards Bay at 6:00 PM. We'll walk along the canal and then come back for ice cream. Several parishioners skip the walk and just come for the ice cream! We'll walk the second Wednesday of each month (July 9, August 13 and September 10.) Hope to see you there! Questions? Ask Amy or email amyreads42@gmail.com

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
 9am - Holy Eucharist Rite II w/music
 (unless otherwise noted)
Tuesdays: 11am - Bible Study (on summer hiatus)
Thursdays: 8:30am – TOPS
1st Saturday, 8:30am - Men's Breakfast (on summer hiatus)
2nd Monday, 2:22pm - Substance Abuse Team (on summer hiatus)
3rd Tuesday, 5:30pm – Vestry (no July meeting)

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