



THE WAVE

JANUARY 2023

A message from Rev. Bob...

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Epiphany is the church season between Christmas and Lent. The ancient Greek word means manifestation, revelation, a showing forth.

We celebrate 3 events in the life of Jesus Christ during Epiphany; His appearance to the 3 wise men, Magi, shortly after his birth; His baptism by John when he was 30 years old; His first miracle in Cana at a wedding.

So, after celebrating Jesus' birth, we consider how Jesus appears to us? What manifestations of God's incarnate love do we see?

The national holiday celebrating Dr. Martin Luther King on the 3rd Monday this month reminds us of all the work that has been done for civil rights and all the work we still have to do.

The Feast days of St. Peter's Confession (18th) and St. Paul's Conversion (25th) celebrate the Church's commitment to bring Jesus' Good News of God's love to all the world.

We have work to do in the year ahead. St. Peter's needs to move from post-Covid stability to growth in membership, stewardship, and programs. We will continue to discern how God is calling us to share Christ's epiphany in our own time and place.

Grace, Peace, and Love,

Rev. Bob Malm

VISIBLE VESTRY

Tuesday, December 13, 2022

A donation was made to St. Peter's – we will be having a new audio system installed in the church, including speakers in the rear of the church.

Sean Crehan belongs to a mandolin group. They would like to put on a concert, open to the public, and donate half the proceeds to St. Peter's

The budget for 2023 is being worked on.

The slate for 2023 has been established, but if anyone would like to join vestry, please let Celeste know and your name can be put on the slate. Elections will be at the annual meeting on February 12, 2023.

We collected over \$1,000 for Cataumet Village through donations.

We filled the big box in the narthex three times with coats, jackets, etc. Larry Higgins will be donating these to the Lions organization.

The one service/cookie swap/bell concert was a big success.

We now have 3 groups signed up to help with coffee hour. If you would like to take one Sunday a month, please let Celeste know.

We need to install a new pump in the day care area – this will cost around \$1,000.

We are looking into Safe Church - employees of the church have to complete this course.

The Search committee has updated the profile and it is available online for potential candidates to read.

The next meeting of the vestry is January 17, 2023.

SANDWICH-BOURNE LIONS CLUB 'COATS FOR KIDS AND FAMILIES

Thank You Saint Peter's for participating in the "Coats For Kids and Families" drive sponsored by the Sandwich-Bourne Lions Club and Anton's Cleaners. This year you donated 47 coats along with hats, scarves and gloves that will be cleaned and distributed to those in need in the South Eastern Massachusetts area.

A note from your Treasurer – January 2023

I want to thank everyone who has made a financial contribution to St. Peter's in 2022. Your annual letter detailing all of your donations/pledges is coming to you very shortly. Along with this letter I am also sending you a tax receipt which should be used to support any tax deductions that you take for the 2022 tax year.

For pledgers, all monies received in a pledge envelope count towards your pledge, whatever the notation on the envelope denotes. This is because we do not have separate funds for buildings or heating. They are treated as normal operating expenses in our accounts. Also, once you have fulfilled your pledge any further monies you give are treated as "donations" in our accounting systems. This can result in a donation being split between the category "Pledge" and "Donation". Where this occurs, your check will show as two items, one with the suffix .1 for the pledge portion and another with the suffix .2 for the donation portion. Where cash is given two separate amounts will be shown in the report, one a pledge and one a donation with both adding to the cash you actually gave.

If you would like to help with managing our money, I would be very pleased to have a few more counters. This job is an important ministry. It only takes a few minutes after the service. Please let me know if you would like to join our team or talk to one of the team who can be found counting immediately after the service. Any extra help would be gratefully received.

I am currently working on our 2022 accounts and my report for the annual meeting. I look forward to updating you all on our finances at that time.

If you do have any questions of me, please call me on 508- 224- 4018 and do remember to put 2023 on your checks!

Alan Kershaw

FROM FRIENDLY KITCHEN TO-GO

A few new members have jumped aboard to help out on Monday afternoons, with prep and distribution of meals. We have been consistently serving 18-20 meals each week. FK2GO is a wonderful ministry of St. Peter's, and we are very grateful to the generous people who have donated to provide this important ministry. Thank you to all who participate in one way or another to make this a success.

Thankfully,
The FK2GO crew

BOURNE SUBSTANCE FREE COALITION

EVERY LAST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH 5pm to 7:00pm 1338 Route 28, SOUTH Yarmouth. At the Family Table Collaborative. Questions at ysac@yarmouth.ma.us
Substance Abuse Prevention and Support Group: Update for January

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 Sundays of each month to continue supporting this group. **During 2022 \$363.52 was raised!!! Thank You Saint Peters!!**

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 to those suffering from abuse.

WAREHAM CONNECTS:

This is a youth coalition in Wareham similar to the Bourne Substance Free Group and provides prevention and training programs they can be found on Facebook @WarehamConnects

RICHIE'S ROAD TO RECOVERY

Weekly recovery walk and talk meets every Friday at 9:00am at the Lyman Reserve on Head of the Bay Road by the Wareham/Bourne/Plymouth Town Line for a leisurely 20-40 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.

Our group met recently, and we are planning a fund-raising event for early next year. Please watch this space for further details. We hope you can join us in prayer and conversation the next time we meet. "All Are Welcome". **We will meet again on Monday January 9th, at 3:33pm 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



FROM THE MUSIC ROOM

Where does the time go?? Advent and the 12 days of Christmas flew right by and now we are already into the new year. Before we talk about New Year stuff, I wanted to express my "THANKS" for their "GIVING" to the St. Peter's choir and all additional singers and musicians who always give their ALL and made Christmas Eve so special. Thank you for singing and making music for the Lord. We are so very blessed at St. Peter's to have you! This New Year we are looking forward to some new and exciting events, concerts, and musical extravaganzas! Keep your eye on the WAVE for more information. Looking forward to a year filled with wonderful things!

Peace and Love,

Lisa Platanitis ~*Director of Music*

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