



ST. PETER'S WAVE JUNE 2024

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

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

June is always a month of transitions. We celebrate graduations and the end of the school year (although this starts in May for many students). This month is popular for weddings and many of us have June anniversaries. In the Church the "long green season" of the Sundays after Pentecost is celebrated. And, of course, we have the longest day of the year and the start of summer.

This June the Episcopal Church will hold its General Convention in Louisville, Kentucky on the 23rd-28th. This convention meets every 3 years and is made up of The House of Bishops and The House of Deputies- clergy and lay elected leaders from each of our 110 Dioceses.

There are several legislative sessions. The General Convention is responsible for Prayer Book revision, Constitution and Canons, budget, various reports and every 9 years, electing a new Presiding Bishop. This convention will elect the successor to The Rt. Rev. Michael Curry, the 27th P.B. elected in 2015.

Enjoy the changes ahead. As Christians we embrace God's continuing revelation and the transformations God's love brings.

Grace, Peace, Love,
Bob



LITURGICAL NOTES

THE CREEDS

In the Book of Common Prayer, we have 3 historic creeds for use in the liturgy – The Apostles' Creed, The Nicene Creed and The St. Athanasian Creed. The word "Creed" comes from the ancient Latin word "credo", meaning "I believe..." Each of our B.C.P. creeds is a statement of belief and the church used them to combat heresies and help people to grow in their understanding of the Christian Faith.

The creeds developed historically with the Apostles Creed being the earliest, probably from the 2nd century for use during Baptisms. It is appointed for use at Morning and Evening Prayer. It also forms the first part of The Baptismal Covenant (see B.C.P. p. 304).

The Nicene Creed was formulated in the 4th century as a response to heretical teachings questioning the full divinity and humanity of Jesus Christ. The middle section details the basics of Jesus' incarnation, "...of one being with the Father... And was made man..." This creed is appointed for use during the Holy Eucharist on Sundays and Major Feasts.

The Creed of St Athanasius is rarely used in our liturgy. It is found in the "Historical Documents" of the B.C.P. (see p. 864). It dates from the 5th century and is a detailed statement of the Holy Trinity and the Incarnation. The first B. C. P. in 1549 appointed it for use on 6 feast days, later Prayer Books increased usage to as many as 12 days. The first American B.C.P, in 1789 didn't include it. The current 1979 B.C.P. is the first American revision to include this creed.


VISIBLE VESTRY
May 2024

Our finances are looking good.

We discussed tax implications on financially helping Lisa through her "schooling". If there are questions, please see Alan Kershaw.

We are developing a new Building Use Policy for both church members and folks from the outside that would like to use the church/grounds.

Seven St. Peter's folks attended the Bishop Meet and Greet meeting in Barnstable - the new Bishop is Julia Whitworth.

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry will be retiring this year.

Amy Farris is trying to plan for some social functions – will be posted in the Blast and Wave.

Four members of the Altar Guild attended the annual meeting in Saugus.

The security bell system has been installed.

Mark installed new railings on the ramp.

We are hoping to be involved in Canal Day – the third Saturday in September.

Sallie Garden is going to be cleaned up.

The Search Committee is seeking an additional member.

The Bourne Substance Free Coalition is planning a game night on August 7th

The next meeting of the Vestry will be June 18 at 6:30pm

 **CELEBRATE OUR CHOIR & MUSICIANS** 

Join us as we celebrate and give thanks for our choir and musicians! We will have a picnic following the 10am service on June 9. Burgers and dogs will be provided. You are asked to bring a dish to share and a comfy chair for sitting outside (weather cooperating!) We look forward to seeing you all on June 9!



SILENT AUCTION

I know it seems early to think about Christmas, but fairs take a lot of early organization and many helpers to make it a success. That means We Need You!

The Goods & Services silent auction is looking for folks who would like to donate an item or a service for our booth. We will store any item you would like to donate in advance of the November fair, so give us a call! We would love to hear from you!

For more information, contact Linda Masson at 508-423-1550 masson4@verizon.net or Dianne Cartmill at 774-269-4348 dianne.cartmill@gmail.com.



Our eighth get together was held on May 4, 2024. Despite continued health issues we had eight attendees and enjoyed a fun time!

Our next breakfast get together will be held on Saturday, June 1, 2024 at 8:30 AM. This will be the last breakfast before the summer break!

As usual, we will gather at Persy's Place, 3198 Cranberry Highway, East Wareham. If you would like to attend, please add your name to the signup sheet posted in the narthex. If you forget to sign up, don't let that prevent you from coming. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Jim Hankey at 781-534-2604. I look forward to seeing you at Persy's!

Jim Hankey

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.*

JUNE EVENTS

Wed., June 5

12:00pm - Women's Bible Study

6:00pm – Canal Walk & Ice Cream

Sat., June 8

2:00pm – Middlers planting on church grounds

Sunday, June 9

11:00am – Celebrate Musicians picnic

Wed., June 19

12:00pm – Women's Bible Study

RECURRING EVENTS

Sundays: 8am - Holy Eucharist Rite I

10am - Holy Eucharist Rite II w/music

(unless otherwise noted)

Tuesdays: 11am - Bible Study

Thursdays: 8:30am - TOPS

1st Saturday, 8:30am - Men's Breakfast

2nd Monday, 2:22pm - Substance Abuse Team

3rd Tuesday, 6:30pm - Vestry

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