

The Wave - JULY 2018

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

FROM THE RECTOR
The Reverend Sue Lederhouse

SUMMERTIME – A TIME FOR SEEKING GOD

Sometimes we just get too busy. We get so involved in our everyday pursuits that time just flies by and we can't even say for sure how we spent that time. We just know we were busy. And sometimes it's good busy – doing a lot of things we enjoy doing and seeing people we enjoy being with. But other times, it seems like we are flooded with things that occupy our time and don't renew us in any way. Take income tax time, for instance! Or the time we decide we need to look for cheaper insurance and then we spend a lot of time hunting down quotes and trying to get the best price.

Often in the midst of our busyness, it seems as if God is buried under all the things we need to do. We don't feel as close to God or as in tune with our prayer life. Sometimes we even feel like we're too busy to come to church or to set aside some time just to be still and seek God's presence.

Summer is an opportunity to renew our relationship with God – to find some moments outside on a walk by the Canal or at the beach to stop and breathe and pray and give thanks to the God that made all this beautiful natural world around us – the God that made those people we love – and the God that made us and loves us even when we seem to give Him second place in our lives. It's a time to spend a little more time at St. Peter's. Perhaps you might even come in on a Monday or Friday when the building is open and spend some time looking at all the wonderful art work in the church. You might pray as you sit beside the stained glass windows or by Marc Fuller's incredible Stations of the Cross.

Summer is a time to clear our minds of the stuff that inhabits it the rest of the year. A time to relax (obviously when we're not working or battling traffic!) and perhaps hear that small still voice of God urging us into a new direction.

I wish for all of us a blessed summer filled with God's presence and God's love and a renewed awareness of God's care for each of us as well as for this beautiful place we call home.

Blessings and love to you all –

Sue Lederhouse+

THE DEACON'S CORNER

Deacon Bob is recuperating from his back surgery and I'm sure would welcome your continued prayers for him and for his family. We look forward to his return to St. Peter's and his ability to perform his daily activities without pain or fear of falling.

I miss you, my sidekick at the altar!

Sue Lederhouse+

VISIBLE VESTRY

The Vestry had their monthly meeting on Monday, June 11, 2018. Next meeting will be July 16.

1. Terry Robinson will perform our annual audit on July 11.
2. Good News! Our annual Diocesan assessment is only increasing by \$568.00 this year. The formula used to determine this amount by the Diocese is based on our expenses as we report them in our annual Parochial Report.
3. Big Hearted Books has still not been able to pick up the drop off bin due to legal bankruptcy issues. The bin is completely full, and we are no longer accepting any more drop offs.
4. Clean up day on Saturday, June 9 was very successful. Thank you to Len Hathon for organizing the day. Thank you also to all who participated. The grounds look terrific!!! Great job everyone who worked on the inside and outside of the church!!!! **Now please sign up in the Narthex to help by vacuuming the church and taking out trash on Fridays. With Frank Walker's departure, we need to make sure the church continues to look good while we assess how to deal with this vacancy.**
5. Doesn't that parking lot look fabulous!!! A wonderful sealing and striping job, and what a difference it makes out there now to see those stripes and arrows.
6. More good news. Our new kitchen stove has been ordered and should arrive within the next couple of weeks. Storm power losses will no longer be a problem for our stove and kitchen workers. Hooray!!!
7. June 17 will be the last Sunday for choir, however, they will still be making some cameo appearances throughout the summer, and Lisa will make sure there is plenty of good music while choir takes their seasonal break.
8. We have two baptisms scheduled for July 22 and two on August 12. All at the 10:00 service. This makes 10 baptisms for this year!

9. We had 95 people in attendance for Muriel Kindberg's funeral. Thank you to Celeste, Lynne and Linda for organizing the reception and to all who jumped in to help with the clean-up. The extra hands were very much appreciated.

10. We had 20 plus women who attended the annual ladies luncheon on June 4 at Lindsey's restaurant. A good time was had by all, despite a day of heavy rain.

11. Compassionate Friends will have their meeting here at St. Peter's on June 21.

12. Please take note of the sign-up sheet for donations and workers for our 4th of July Craft Fair to be held from 9:00-3:00. We have approximately 15 crafters who have contacted Patti Metcalf about having a place on the lawn. Parade is at 10:00. We will be serving food as well as selling jellies, bake goods, Cat's Meows and special St. Peter's decals (new product) designed by our own John Platanitis. Please come and help support this fair. If shopping for food items is difficult for you, gift card donations for groceries are always welcome.

13. Stay tuned for our Bake-less Bake Sale coming within the next month.

14. October 6 from 9:00-3:00 we will be having our Yard Sale. Blessing of the Animals will be on October 7. Save the date. More info to come soon.

15. Vestry approved the purchase of two canopy tops to put over our food tables and the tables that guests will sit at to eat when we have outside functions such as the upcoming 4th of July.

16. Deacon Bob will be having his back surgery on June 27. Please keep him in your prayers. He had his last service for the school season at the Mass Maritime and expects to continue sometime in the fall.

We ask the congregation to remember in prayer our soldiers, our freedom of religion, and our country as we celebrate the 4th of July. Given the horrible world news we experience frequently about the suffering, evil, and tyranny that so many of our fellow human beings suffer and live with every day, we should continuously be so thankful to God that we live in the "Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave". Loving one another and standing together for the rights of all, has been the foundation of our survival and freedom as a great country.

Some thoughts on Brotherhood:

"Let's remember that it takes both the white and black keys of the piano to play *The Star-Spangled Banner*." Author unknown

"A great many people think they are thinking when they are merely rearranging their prejudices."
William James

"He drew a circle that shut me out - Heretic, rebel, a thing to flout.
But love and I had the wit to win; we drew a circle that took him in!" Edwin Markham

"Jesus was the only teacher tall enough to see over the fences that divide the human race into compartments." Frank Crane

Prayer: From an Old English Inn:

Give us, Lord, a bit o' sun A bit o' work, and a bit o' fun;
Give us all in the struggle and splutter, our daily bread and a bit o' butter.
Give us, Lord, a chance to be our goodly best, brave, wise, and free,
Our goodly best for ourselves and others, till all men learn to live as brothers.

Linda Masson - Senior Warden God Bless America!!

ST. PETER'S ON THE FOURTH OF JULY

On the Fourth of July, get your favorite lawn chair and head to the front lawn of St. Peter's to have a great seat for the Bourne on the Fourth of July parade at 10 a.m. Already set up on the lawn will be a craft fair with outside vendors which will run from 9 -3. We will also be selling our signature jams and jellies as well as baked goods. And we will have hamburgers and hot dogs at lunch time – along with fried dough! In addition, we'll have the wooden representations of the church for sale as well as a new item – a vinyl decal of the Episcopal shield with "St. Peter's Episcopal Church on-the-Canal, Buzzards Bay, Massachusetts Welcomes You!" on it designed by our own John Platanitis.

A sign up sheet is posted in the Narthex. Contact Patti Metcalf for more information (508-685-5582 or patmijo@comcast.net)

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES - JULY 8

We will celebrate July birthdays and anniversaries on the second Sunday this month, **July 8**, at both services.

AMAZING GRACE CAMP PRESENTATIONS - JULY 15

On July 15, we will have the opportunity at both services to hear some more about the Amazing Grace Camp plans for this summer. Julie Lytle and Carol Bolstad, Program Coordinator and Camp Director of Amazing Grace, will return to speak with us again. In addition, they will be available to talk with people and answer questions after both services.

Amazing Grace Camp is for children who currently have, or have had, a parent incarcerated. The camp experience demonstrates unconditional love, with the intention of breaking the chain of intergenerational incarceration. This is the 4th year for the camp which now includes Amazing Grace I for ages 7-11 and Amazing Grace II for ages 12-15.

This year the camp will run from **August 19 to August 24 at Camp Burgess in Sandwich.**

Over these past 4 years, we have had multiple parishioners from St. Peter's actively involved as volunteers at the Camp and at programs during the school year. For the summer program, Amazing

Grace is looking for volunteers, 18 and older, to share their passions and skills with the kids attending the Camp. Volunteers would serve as Camp Mentors (morning, afternoon, or overnight shifts) or Camp Specialists (1-3 hours sharing a skill/talent) during the Camp experience. There are also behind-the-scene opportunities for Program Developers, Story-tellers, Recruiters, Fundraisers, and Implementers. In addition, there are opportunities for Activity Volunteers who will interact with Amazing Grace kids at school-year activities and events. St. Peter's hosted one of these events last November. Amazing Grace can always use more volunteers and financial support. Pray about how you might be able to help!

HEALING SERVICE - JULY 15 - 9:00 A.M.

Each month, a faithful group of parishioners gather to join in a service of prayers for healing, anointing, and laying on of hands. This service is held on the third Sunday of the month, which will be **Sunday, July 15, at 9 a.m.**

ST. PETER'S SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION AND SUPPORT GROUP

At our last meeting, we discussed having a "change jar" out in the Narthex during the 8:00 a.m. service and in the Parish Hall during the 10:00 a.m. service. The money collected will be donated to the Bourne Substance Free Coalition. This will begin on July 8.

Some of the upcoming Coalition plans include participating in the parade on July 4 and co-sponsoring "Playing Above the Influence." This event takes place prior to the Bourne Braves game against the Falmouth Commodores on Wednesday, July 11, from 4 to 5:30 at Doran Park (Upper Cape Regional Technical School). Activities will include:

- Complementary event t-shirt and food
- Free raffle to win signed baseball
- K9 Unit Demo by the Barnstable County Sheriffs' Department
- Vision Goggle Obstacle Course
- Fire Department slip and slide
- Police Cruiser and other vehicles

Bring your kids to this great family event!! Both the St. Peter's Substance Abuse Prevention and Support Group and the Bourne Substance Free Coalition are looking for volunteers. Dates of meetings for both groups will be posted.

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!

PLEASE HELP CLEAN OUR CHURCH!

With the retirement and move to South Carolina of our Building Manager, Frank Walker, we need to have some help in keeping up with some of the cleaning duties. Sign up in the Narthex to spend a few hours on a Friday vacuuming and taking out trash. It won't take long and you can do it while the Office is open. Len Hathon (lenhathon@msn.com / 774-678-0169) can tell you all you need to know. Many hands make light work and you'll love the results on Sunday morning – as will all your fellow parishioners. Sign up TODAY!

WEEKLY EMAIL

Hopefully you are receiving the weekly email blast we started sending earlier this year. This email is a brief reminder of lessons for the upcoming Sunday, servers for that Sunday, calendar and upcoming events. It will also be used to notify parishioners of service or event cancellations (in the case of snow, etc.). If you are not receiving the weekly email and would like to, please call or email the Church Office (508-759-5641 / saintpeters@verizon.net) and leave your email address with Kathy. (You might also check your Spam folder to see if the weekly email has wound up there!)

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 July, we will be collecting paper products and cleaning supplies.** 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.

WOODEN REPLICAS OF ST. PETER'S CHURCH FOR SALE

Small wooden replicas of St. Peter's Church are available for purchase. The price is \$15.00 each. Please make your check payable to St. Peter's or pay in cash. If you have any questions, please contact the Church Office (508-759-5641).

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 the Rev. Sue Lederhouse at 508-240-2853, or 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 (July 18), from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Corpus Christi Parish Hall, 324 Quaker Meeting House Rd., East Sandwich.

ALIENATED GRANDPARENTS ANONYMOUS, INC.: Meets on the second Wednesday of each month, from 2:00-3:30 p.m., at the Barnstable Senior Center, 825 Falmouth Rd., Hyannis. [NOTE: CURRENTLY ON HOLD]

WOMEN'S RECOVERY GROUP: For any woman needing help with addiction to alcohol or drugs: Meets weekly on Thursdays at 6 p.m. at the Bourne Community Center, 229 Main Street, Buzzards Bay. [NOTE: COMMUNITY CENTER IS CLOSED FOR REPAIRS AT PRESENT TIME].

ALZHEIMER'S & DEMENTIA CAREGIVER EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT GROUP: Meets on the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays from 10:00-11:30 a.m. at the Bourne Community Center, 229 Main Street, Buzzards Bay. [NOTE: COMMUNITY CENTER IS CLOSED FOR REPAIRS AT PRESENT TIME].

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The Newsletter Deadline for the **July** issue is Friday, **July 20**. Send all articles to Susan Hebb at susanhebb@comcast.net

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4	Wednesday	9 - 3 10:00 a.m.	Craft Fair on the Lawn Parade
8	Sunday		Birthdays & Anniversaries Observed
11	Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Audit
15	Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Healing Service AMAZING GRACE PRESENTATION @ BOTH SERVICES
16	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Vestry
19	Thursday	10 - 4 6:30 p.m.	Office Hours Compassionate Friends
20	Friday		NO OFFICE HOURS NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
22	Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Baptisms
23	Monday		NO OFFICE HOURS
24	Tuesday	10 - 4	Office Hours

Upcoming Dates

August 12	Baptisms	October 6	Yard Sale
October 7	Blessing of Animals	November 3	Diocesan Convention

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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