

The Wave *JANUARY 2020*

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

A MESSAGE FROM REV. PATTIE HANDLOSS

Dear Friends,

Soon it will be Christmas, a time of wonder, love and hope. It is in this yearly feast when we remember God's abundance for us and to us. God breaks into our lives in the innocence of a baby and the formidable courage and love of his Mother and Father.

We rejoice, sing songs, feast and pray. We do it all because we can do no other in the face of such an abundant gift given to us.

Of course the way of gifts given and received is that they need to be shared. Nothing is more true than the gift of Christmas, of love in abundance.

We would be remiss if we did not share the abundance of God's love. It is a gift freely given. It can not be earned or purchased, only accepted.

Yesterday we came to Maine to check on sensors on pipes that seemed to not be working. They were. It was 27 degrees in the kitchen. The sensors were fine, the furnace not so much. We bundled up for the night, knowing it was going to be a cold one. I slept in bits and pieces. About 3 a.m. I awoke and wondered what happens to those who have no home, no place to hide from the Arctic temperatures? Later that morning while we waited for the furnace folks we set about to give so that others might stay warm.

It is in these sorts of crunches that we find the giving we are called to do. I have noticed the generosity of the spirit of the people of St Peter's. The giving for those who have needs is done with love and grace.

This Christ Child is born to set us free, so that we might care with abundance.

Cathy and I wish for all of the people of St. Peter's on the Canal a Christmas-tide of abundance, both in receiving the gift of love and giving the gift of love. What a sweet treasure we have this year celebrating the incarnation of Love.

Happy Christmas
Blessings and love to all of you,
Pattie+

THE VISIBLE VESTRY

The December Vestry meeting was held on December 16, 2019, at 7 p.m.

- The minutes from the November meeting were approved.
- Financial Report – Chuck Soule gave the vestry an update of our finances
- Dianne Cartmill shared with the vestry the first draft of the budget for 2020.
- We have received 54 pledges amounting to \$83,202.
- Patti Metcalf updated the vestry on where the Search Committee is in the process. They are actively working on the parish profile and hope to have it completed in later January. The vestry has been asked to review the church mission, vision and core values.
- Pattie would like to have post cards with a picture of St. Peter's to send to new comers.
- We are hoping to have the Annual Meeting mid February to March 1st.
- The work on the stained glass windows has been completed.
- For Christmas Eve, we will have one service. Music and carols at 6:00, the service will start at 6:30. The bulletin was given to the vestry for review.
- We have been asked by Oakbay Brewery if they could use our parking lot for their employees, the vestry approved. Oakbay will be opening some time in May.
- The Bourne Substance Free Coalition had a raffle this year as a fund raiser. \$425.00 was raised for this project. Priscilla Ellis was the winner.
- We have placed an ad in the newspapers regarding our one Christmas Eve service.
- St. Peter's decals are available for purchase.
- We will be having an Epiphany Service on January 5th, followed by a luncheon.
- St. Peter's will be hosting a Congregational Business Practices workshop on March 14th.
- We are working to update the website.

The next meeting of the Vestry will be Monday, January 20, 2020.

Celeste Hankey, Senior Warden

ONE SERVICE ONLY ON EPIPHANY SUNDAY AT 9:00 A.M., JANUARY 5, 2020 FOLLOWED BY PARISH BRUNCH

On Sunday, January 5, there will be a joint service at 9 o'clock a.m., followed by a parish brunch. This brunch will be a modest catered meal so that no one has to do dishes or prepare food. This is the end of the Christmas season, and the remembrance of the gifts of the Magi. Our gift will be a gift to ourselves of each other's company.

PANCAKE BREAKFASTS TO CONTINUE IN FEBRUARY

Due to the parish brunch on January 5, there will not be a pancake breakfast in January. The popular event will continue on the first Sunday in February!

A MESSAGE OF THANKS FROM DEACON BOB

When I retired in October, I received many cards and letters from members of this congregation indicating that they had made gifts in my honor to the Parish Stained Glass Window Restoration Project. I tried to write "thank you" notes to all who sent me cards. Later, I discovered that many more parishioners had made donations, but hadn't notified me of their generosity. I think I know most of you, but so as to not overlook anyone who made a gift in my name, I have chosen to write a general "thank you" and publish it in "The Wave" for January. Thank you one and all! You are beautiful people.

Several of the windows have been refurbished and re-installed. I hope you will take a moment after services to appreciate the handiwork of the contractor/artist who restored them. The rest of the windows will be restored in their turn during the New Year. I thank Henry Masson for his faithful and tenacious management of this project. It wouldn't have happened without his leadership!

Bob Sherwood

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY

The Weekly Bible Study, which looks into the weekly lessons, meets at 11 a.m. on Mondays.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Women's Bible Study, which meets twice a month and studies issues of importance and interest to women, will meet at 12:30 on Monday, January 13 and at 12:30 on Monday, January 20. Ladies, bring a bag lunch to enjoy; coffee and tea are provided. We hope to see you there!

SAINT PETER'S SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND PREVENTION SUPPORT GROUP UPDATE

This fall we were able to present the program "Opioid Abuse from The Front Lines" that featured presentations from Dr. Sarah Bernier, an emergency room physician from Tobey Hospital in Wareham, a Narcan training put on by the Aids Support Group of Cape Cod and a moving display by Cheryl Bean from Parents Helping Parents.

In our efforts to support the Bourne Substance Coalition, a raffle was held and raised \$425.00; thank you to all who participated and to Celeste for spearheading the effort and finding a donor for the ticket prize. The change jug will continue to be available on the second Sunday of each month, but we will not be having another fundraiser this year

Thank you for your continued support for the Bourne Substance Free Coalition. They are most appreciative of the support from St. Peter's. 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 suffering addiction or who is 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. We will be taking a short break for the holidays and will be planning another educational presentation for the spring. The next meeting of our group will be on Monday, March 16, 2020, at 3:33 p.m. All are welcome. Please join us.

MEN'S BREAKFAST GATHERING

The Men's Breakfast Gathering meets once a month, on the 3rd Saturday, through June. The meeting this month will be **Saturday, January 18th at 8 a.m.** We meet at **Persy's Place**, located in **East Wareham** at 3198 Cranberry Highway, next to Upper Cape Realty. All men of the parish are welcome to attend.

Your brother in Christ,
Ken Lihzis

BOOK CLUB MEETING

The Book Club meets once a month **at 10 a.m.** This month, that will be **January 10th**. The meeting will be held at a **location to be determined**. Please join us! If you have any questions, you may call Linda Masson at 508-743-5139 or Lynne Brune at 508-295-6146.

WEEKLY E-MAIL FROM ST. PETER'S

Each week we send out an email showcasing highlights of the coming week, the lessons for the next Sunday, those serving, and a calendar of events. We also use this community email as a means of notifying you of church service cancellations (in the event of inclement weather), of deaths in the parish family, and other emergent news. If you are not receiving this email and would like to, please send a note to Robin Higgins at ptown.robin@yahoo.com and we will add you to the mailing list. And if you have news you would like included, you can send that to Robin as well! Please note, this is not in any way a replacement for the WAVE. It is a means of reinforcing and reminding us of events and of disbursing information in a timely manner. Thanks for your support!

Robin 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 January, we will be collecting 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.

ALTAR FLOWERS AND SANCTUARY LAMP DEDICATIONS

Altar Flower and Sanctuary Lamp charts have been posted for 2020 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 (December 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 **February 2020** issue is Friday, **January 24th**. Send all articles to Susan Hebb at susanhebb@comcast.net.

JANUARY 2020

5	Sunday	9:00 a.m.	One service at 9 a.m. followed by brunch
10`	Friday	10 a.m.	Book Club Meeting
12	Sunday		
18	Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast Gathering
19	Sunday		
20	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Vestry Meeting
24	Friday		Newsletter Deadline
26	Sunday		

UPCOMING DATES

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING WILL BE HELD IN MID-FEBRUARY 2020

Weekly Schedule

Sundays	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite I Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Mondays	10:00 – 4:00 11:00 a.m. 5:15 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Church Office Open Bible Study 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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