



## **ST. PETER'S WAVE SEPTEMBER 2023**

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

Dear Friends and Parishioners,

September is a month of transitions. We might say that about several months, but so many of us have been shaped by the “school year” which really gets going in September – even though many schools now begin in August.

You don't have to be a football player or fan to know football games start in September. Football is the sport that is so influential in our national culture. I played for 10 years – beginning in the 4th grade and ending as a college freshman. There's always huge excitement about the start of the season.

Of course, in September Summer ends and Fall begins (on the 23rd). Normally we have some wonderful “Indian Summer” days in September as the leaves begin to change color.

Our Sunday liturgical life is really not in transition. We continue on through the long green Pentecost season. We will observe the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels on Sunday the 24th.

St. Peter's continues through the long process of transition. It is wonderful to see many newcomers visit and stay with us. We are a very welcoming parish and our transition to build an even stronger community is a top priority.

I'm reminded of the hymn “God is working his purpose out.” (534) We are a part of this work. I look forward to working with you in September.

Grace, Peace, Love,  
Bob  
Rev. Bob Malm  
Interim Rec



## LITURGICAL NOTES

### The Offertory

The offertory is that part of the service between the Peace and the Eucharistic Prayer. It marks the first of the 4 eucharistic actions: offer, bless, break, share. And it symbolizes our giving to God, as expressed in the ancient prayer, “And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy and living sacrifice unto thee...”

The offertory includes the collection of donations, the preparation of the altar for Holy Communion, words of scripture and music (at sung services).

The Book of Common Prayer lists several possible scriptures to be said by the Priest to begin the offertory (pgs. 343- 344, 376-377).

At St. Peter’s we often hear “Let us walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. At the 8am Sunday service we often conclude the offertory with “All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee”...

Our musicians and choir normally share a special anthem or hymn during the offertory. This may conclude with a setting of “Praise God from whom all blessings flow...” When the Priest holds up the bread and wine at the end of the Eucharistic Prayer and the people proclaim “Amen,” we are reminded that all of our lives are an offering to God.



**VISIBLE**

**VESTRY**

**August 15, 2023**

Financially, we are doing okay.

The pre-school gave St. Peter’s \$750. towards the replacement of a pump downstairs.

We have set up a Vanguard Account for our legacy donations.

We will have 2 confirmands in September. Confirmation will be Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 at St. Gabriel’s in Marion.

The canal cruise was a huge success – we had a beautiful night and 40 folks participated.

Canal Day is Saturday, 9/16. We will have donation parking and, hopefully, other activities.

We will be having a Parish Picnic on October 1<sup>st</sup>. One service, then a pot luck picnic.

Ken Lihzis and Margery Buckingham will be our delegates at convention

We are going to purchase an AED for the church – Donna Beers and Celeste Hankey are working on this.

We would like to consider a new columbarium – we are running out of room in our current location.

We have a leak in the steeple – they are coming to repair.

Mark is looking into the Ring System so we have a camera and bell at each door.

We are going to go back to passing the collection plates at both services.

We are considering going back to drinking from the large chalice.

Bourne Substance Free Coalition will be hosting Bingo on October 11<sup>th</sup> – fund raiser for St.Peter's.



### **Volunteers Needed**

We are looking for volunteers for a number of upcoming and ongoing events/projects.

1 – Sallie Garden needs weeding – we need a few gardeners to gather and clean up the garden. There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex.

2 – Canal Day – we will have donation parking, but depending on how many volunteers we will increase the activities. There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex.

3 – Pot Luck Picnic – October 1<sup>st</sup>. One service followed by a pot-luck picnic. We will need people to organize. There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex.

4 – Coffee Hour – a limited number of people are hosting coffee hour, but many are enjoying it. There is a calendar in the kitchen where you can sign up to host a Sunday or two. It's pretty easy. As the weather cools, we will again be serving coffee. Hosting is just setting up coffee, cold drinks and a goodie – then clean up. Please consider hosting.

5 – Acolytes – currently have 3 active acolytes but could really use a few more. Please consider this mission – you will be fully trained before you actually serve on the altar. Please see Fr. Bob.



With the month of September in view, we welcome the return of St Peter's choir on the 17<sup>th</sup>. If you enjoy singing and are interested in joining the choir, please come to rehearsal after church on the 17<sup>th</sup>, or speak with Lisa, Liesl, or any choir member.

"Those who sing pray twice." Author unknown, but often attributed to St. Augustine.

Peace & Love,  
Lisa



## Christmas Crafters

In preparation for the December 9<sup>th</sup> sale at St. Margaret's, the crafting group will meet once a month in the Fall. We will be meeting from 1:00 to 3:00pm on Tuesday afternoons in Stephenson Hall on the following dates: September 19<sup>th</sup>, October 17<sup>th</sup>, November 14<sup>th</sup> and December 5<sup>th</sup>. People of all skill levels are always welcome.



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## THE MIDLERS

We are excited about our new ministry for the “middle-aged” people of the parish, The Middlers! The purpose of the group is to offer those who are still working, those with younger families, singles or couples, an opportunity to connect through social activities both inside and outside the church walls. The Middlers will continue to have events throughout the month. Keep your eye out for information about upcoming events in the weekly email!

Peace,  
Lisa & the Middlers~



## Spiritual Surprises for the Second Half of Life

Wise leaders and our own experience tell us that the first half of life is about building up – our homes, our families, our careers and our reputations. The second half of life is more about letting go – downsizing our houses, losing loved ones, retiring from paid work, and becoming aware of our limited time here on earth. Our spiritual priorities also change. Our focus is more on our personal relationship with God and less on sin, dogma and judgement. If you are nodding in agreement or just curious, please join us on **Saturday morning September 30<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 – 12:30** in Stevenson Hall for prayer, meditation and conversation about spirituality in the two halves of life.



## Substance Abuse Prevention and Support Group Update for September

As fall approaches, we re-gather to study ways that our St. Peter's family can continue supporting the Bourne Substance Free Coalition, and keep our parishioners informed on the dangers facing our community related to substance abuse and ways to prevent and reduce these dangers.

The St. Peter's family has been very generous in helping this cause. We ask you to join us at our next meeting on Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 3:33pm as we plan our programming for the new academic year. If you have any questions about our group and its mission, please contact one of our members after church on Sundays.

Larry Higgins, Celeste & Jim Hankey, Bob & Nancy Sherwood, Jane & Jim Lima, Kathy Letzeisen, Donna Beers, and Diane Bergeron.

Below are some information sources that are available in our area:

### **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](mailto: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. EVERY LAST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH 5pm to 7:00pm 1338 Route 28, S. Yarmouth at the Family Table Collaborative. Questions at [ysac@yarmouth.ma.us](mailto:ysac@yarmouth.ma.us)

Massachusetts Substance Abuse Hotline      1-800-327-5050

Learn to Cope      [www.learn2cope.org](http://www.learn2cope.org)

AA Zoom      425-436-6360  
Access Number n42293

## 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  
10am - Holy Eucharist Rite II w/music  
(unless otherwise noted)  
Mondays: 4:30pm - Friendly Kitchen To Go  
Tuesdays: 11am - Bible Study  
1-3pm - Crafters (monthly – see article)  
Thursdays: 8:30am - TOPS  
1<sup>st</sup> Saturday, 8:30am - Men's Breakfast (returns in October)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Monday, 3:33pm - Substance Abuse Team  
3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 6:30pm - Vestry

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