



THE WAVE FEBRUARY, 2023

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

February, the shortest month of the year, is always filled with several important celebrations and events. Each year we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple. St. Luke tells the story in chapter 2, verses 22-40.

In England, the Feast came to be known as “Candlemas” because candles for the year were blessed and Jesus, “the light of the world” is proclaimed. The actual 40th day after Jesus’ birth is February 2nd, but we will celebrate at both services on February 5th.

On Sunday, the 12th, we will have one service at 9 AM followed by the Parish Annual Meeting. Please plan to attend as we review the budget and hear from our Vestry leaders. For football fans the Super Bowl is later!

President’s Day is Monday, the 20th and the Sunday before marks the last Sunday in Epiphany which, of course, means Ash Wednesday is the 22nd. We will have 2 services with the full liturgy and the imposition of ashes-12 noon and 6:30 with the choir.

Sundays in Lent take a solemn tone with special beginnings to the liturgy starting with the Great Litany on the 26th. It’s good to begin thinking about what disciplines we can practice in the Holy Season as we prepare for Easter.

My hope is that the weather will not be too severe during the weeks of winter ahead. I hope we can encourage visitors who are looking for a church “home” to join us at St. Peter’s. The holiest season of the year is just weeks away.

Grace, Peace, and Love,

Bob

VISIBLE VESTRY
Tuesday, January 17, 2023

We have approved the budget for 2023.

We have 51 pledges - \$96,080.

Parochial report is due March 1, 2023.

Slate for 2023 has been formed.

We have been in contact with the town regarding a new columbarium. We are waiting for more information from the state.

The town will be installing new water pipes from Main Street to the building.

We are looking into Legacy Giving.

Annual Meeting is February 12, 2023. We will have one service at 9:00 followed by light refreshments, then the meeting. Reports are due in the office by January 29, 2023.

We are updating the directory.

Lisa Platanitis is starting her discernment in February.

Kim Leahy, who was our secretary, will be returning April of this year.

The signs at the front door need to be updated.

We are looking into updating the website and maintaining it more often.

We are considering a New Member committee, to identify, welcome, etc. new folks coming into church.

The Substance Free committee will be hosting a bingo night April 12, 2023. St. Peter's folks only.

Sean Crehan's mandolin group will be putting on a concert in April. They will donate ½ of the proceeds to St. Peter's. This will be open to the public.

Celeste Hankey, Sr. Warden



A little Note From the Music Room...

For the majority of the year, during the Presentation of the Gifts, we sing the Doxology. The very familiar words; "Praise God From Whom all Blessings Flow" was written by Thomas Ken in 1674.

Thomas Ken was called "England's first hymnist". He was born on the fringes of greater London in 1637. After his parents died, he was raised by his half-sister and her husband who enrolled him in Winchester College. After graduating, Thomas was later ordained to the ministry and returned to Winchester as a chaplain.

Thomas wanted to encourage the devotional habits of the students. He wrote three hymns in 1674. This was revolutionary because English hymns had not yet appeared, only Psalms were sung in public worship, so Thomas suggested they use the hymns privately in their rooms. For devotions, one hymn was sung upon waking, another at bedtime, and the third at midnight if sleep eluded them.

The morning hymn had thirteen stanzas, beginning with:

***Awake, my soul, and with the sun thy daily stage of duty run;
Shake off dull sloth and joyful rise, to pay thy morning sacrifice.***

The evening hymn included this verse;

***All praise to thee God this night, for all the blessings of the light!
Keep me, O keep me, King of kings, beneath Thine own almighty wings.***

All three hymns ended with the familiar stanza ,

***Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here
below; Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy
Ghost.***

For the past 349 years, these words have been sung, prayed and now the most widely spoken-sung verse in the world.

I hope that this encourages us to make use of all the great hymns- these wonderful prayers- during our own devotional times.

Praise God From Whom ALL Blessings Flow!

Peace and Love,

Lisa Platanitis
Director of Music

* Information collected from "Then Sings My Soul".



Substance Abuse Prevention and Support Group Update for February



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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 St. Peters!!**

There continues to be an opioid epidemic in Massachusetts. Recently it has been reported that drug related deaths have already exceeded last years total. We would like to bring your attention to several new groups in the area that are working with the community to lend help for 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. 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

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
AA Zoom

www.learn2cope.org
425-436-6360
Access Number n 422932

Our group met recently, and we are planning a **Bingo fund-raising event on April 12th**. Please watch this space for further details. We hope you can join with us in prayer and conversation the next time we meet. "All Are Welcome". We will meet again on Monday February 13th, 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



ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of St. Peter's will take place on February 12 following one service at 9am. Please join us for doing the business of the church, reviewing the 2023 budget, and electing officers and members of the Vestry for the coming year.



FEBRUARY CALENDAR

Sat. Feb. 4 – Men's Breakfast @ Persey's

Sun., Feb. 5 – Holy Eucharist Candlemas 8 & 10am

Sun., Feb. 12 – Holy Eucharist 9am Annual Meeting following

Tues., Feb. 21 – Substance Abuse Prevention 3:33pm

Tues., Feb. 21 – Vestry @ 7pm

Wed., Feb. 22 – Ash Wednesday services @ 12noon & 6:30pm w/Imposition of Ashes

Sun., Feb. 26 – First Sunday in Lent

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
Thursdays: 8:30am - TOPS
1st Saturday, 8:30am - Men's Breakfast
2nd Tuesday, 3:33pm - Substance Abuse Team
3rd Tuesday, 7pm - Vestry

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