



ST. PETER'S WAVE JUNE, 2025

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

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

June has many special Sunday celebrations this year. On the 1st we celebrate Ascension Sunday and the next Sunday, the 8th, is Pentecost Sunday. June 15th is Trinity Sunday, Father's Day, and a day to celebrate the ministry of Deacons in our Diocese. Cathy Harper will be our guest preacher, and Bob Sherwood will participate in the liturgy.

On June 22 we mark the weekend when summer officially begins; the longest day of the year with sunlight is normally June 20 - 22. This Sunday also marks the start of the long, green (liturgical color) season after Pentecost.

June 29th is a celebration of St. Peter and St. Paul. We will have one service at 9 AM followed by a festive coffee hour. This is a wonderful opportunity for those who worship at 8am every Sunday to join with those who attend at 10am.

We look forward to summer for many months. Enjoy the start and the entire summer season "day by day".

Grace, Peace, Love,
Bob



LITURGICAL NOTES St Peter's "Day"

The 1979 Book of Common Prayer and the calendar of the Episcopal Church have 2 special Feast days for St. Peter.

On January 18th we celebrate Peter's confession - proclaiming Jesus as the Messiah, the Christ. On June 29th, we remember Peter's Apostolic ministry and his martyrdom. Both of these days give us a chance to give thanks for our parish's "Feast of Title", being named for Peter.

On the June 29 celebration St. Paul is joined with St. Peter, presumably because of their shared ministry in Rome, and because in some traditions, it is thought that they were martyred together.

The 16th century English Reformers didn't want to include 2 feast for one Saint, so they dropped Peter's January Feast and Paul's June Feast. The 1979 BCP is the first to include both for Peter and both for Paul.

Since June 29th is also the 5th Sunday of the month, we will have one special Eucharist at 9am, followed by a festive coffee hour. We hope everyone will join us to celebrate St. Peter and the start of the 4th of July week.



May 20, 2025

Our by-laws have been updated to adhere to diocesan standards and will have to be voted on and approved. We will do this after the joint service on June 29th.

Celeste and Mark will meet with Brian's Tree Service regarding the basketball net.

The mandolin concert will be held on Sunday, June 8th.

We are waiting for the town to let us know if we can install new street.

Danielle Watson was thanked for all her wonderful work on the new Facebook page.

We will not be participating during the 4th of July parade, but would like to for Canal Day.

We have quotes for adding niches for the columbarium.

We have carpenter ants in a beam in the church and in the boat over the front door – we are having this taken care of.

We had a cadet from MMA ask to park in our parking lot – we will say no as it's a liability issue.

We will be installing lights behind the stained-glass windows so they can be seen at night.

Amy Farris will be organizing coffee hour and ask that people sign up with her.

The SAM committee is looking into how they should move forward.

The idea of a sexton for St. Peter's was mentioned – we can't afford.

There is a Walk for the Homeless in Falmouth on June 1st.

The Search Committee is continuing to look into options – including collaboration with another church.

There will be a baptism this month.

There will be a funeral this month.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, June 17th



As June blesses us with five (5) Sundays AND June 29 is the Feast Day of St. Peter, we will gather for **ONE SERVICE on June 29 at 9am**. We look forward to worshipping together as one family and sharing time together for brunch following the service. Please bring your favorite breakfast/lunch treats to share and celebrate St. Peter!



It's hard to believe it is June already! The time goes by so fast.

Our Diocesan Consultant, Kelly O'Connell, has reached out once more encouraging St. Peter's to rethink priest sharing with The Church of Christ in Swansea who are also in search of a part time Rector. If we were to share a priest most likely he/she would alternate Sundays at both churches. We could celebrate Morning Worship as we do when Bob is not here. How and when to celebrate special Holy Days would need to be determined.

To begin this process both Wardens would meet with Kelly to get acquainted and to determine how this might work. In preparation for this meeting both the Vestry and Search Committees have been asked to put in writing any questions we might have for Kelly or Christ Church. Celeste will bring them to that meeting and share with the Vestry afterwards.

We ask that you continue to pray for our Vestry and Search Committees as we continue our journey. Thank you.

Yours In Christ,

Larry Higgins, Donna Beers, Matthew Bruce, Nancy Kennedy, and Patti Metcalf



SUMMER FUN WITH MANDOLINS

L'Esperance mandolin orchestra will present a concert at St. Peter's on Sunday, June 8 at 6:30pm. Tickets are \$25 online and \$30 at the door. Info www.lesperancemandolin.com



The eighth men's breakfast get together was held on May 17th to avoid conflict with the Bermuda cruise. Despite this change in schedule we had 10 in attendance.

Our next breakfast get together will be on Saturday, June 7th at 8:30 AM. **Please note that this will be the last breakfast for the 2024 – 2025 men's breakfast season.**

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 sign-up sheet posted in the narthex. If you forget to sign up, please call or text Jim Hankey at 781-534-2604 two days prior to the scheduled breakfast. This will provide an accurate count of attendees for Persy's setup. I look forward to seeing you at Persy's!

Jim Hankey



We would like to thank the parish for their continuing support through our collection jar on the second Sunday of every month. We have no meetings currently scheduled, we will attempt to regroup in the fall.

We tried to have another **"Game Night"** but didn't receive a firm commitment. Thank you to those of you that signed up, maybe we will try something new or different next year.

The Bourne Substance Free Coalition recently installed Narcan Stations at the high schools for emergency use if needed and again participated in the warning label program with local package stores. They also helped to put on an alcohol free after prom party at the community center.

If you would like to learn more about our mission, please contact one of our members to learn more. There has been some concern mentioned about the time that we meet. If you have any suggestions on a different time for when we re-group in fall, please let one of our members know your thoughts on the matter.

Sincerely Submitted,

Substance Abuse Prevention and Support members; Celeste & Jim Hankey, Jane & Jim Lema, Nancy & Bob Sherwood, Donna Beers, Larry Higgins, Diane Bergeron, and Connie Morrison.

Bible Study Summer Recess

June 17th will be the last Bible study of the school year. We will take a recess until September. The weekly scripture lessons will still be available each Sunday with the worship bulletins.



Amy Farris and Connie Morrison are going to be organizing coffee hour. If you have questions or concerns, please ask them the next time you see them, or you can email Amy at amyreads42@gmail.com. If you are willing to bring treats to nourish our fellowship time after the 10:00 service, please continue to sign up on the sheet in the narthex or talk with Amy or Connie.



Get your walking shoes out! St Peter's will be walking the canal again this summer. We will meet on the western side of Seaside Scoops by the Water Park in Buzzards Bay at 6:00 PM. We'll walk along the canal and then come back for ice cream. Several parishioners skip the walk and just come for the ice cream! We'll walk the second Wednesday of each month (June 11, July 9, August 13 and September 10.) Hope to see you there! Questions? Ask Amy or email amyreads42@gmail.com



Are you still Spring Cleaning your home? I had to start all over again when the pollen started to cover everything! If you are decluttering as well, please remember that we are still accepting donations for the Christmas Fair! Don't forget to mark your calendars for Saturday, December 6th from 9:00am - 2:00pm.

Blessings,
Patti Metcalf

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

Sunday, June 8

6:30pm – Mandolin Concert

Wednesday, June 11

6:00pm – Walk at canal

Sunday, June 29

9:00am – FEAST of ST. PETER

Joint service w/brunch following

RECURRING EVENTS

Sundays: 8am - Holy Eucharist Rite I

10am - Holy Eucharist Rite II w/music
(unless otherwise noted)

Tuesdays: 11am - Bible Study (summer recess after June 17)

Thursdays: 8:30am – TOPS

1st Saturday, 8:30am - Men's Breakfast (summer recess after June 7)

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

3rd Tuesday, 5:00pm - Vestry

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