

## *THE WAVE DECEMBER 2022*

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

### *DEAR PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS*

Advent is a short season celebrating the coming of Christ. We think of Jesus coming to us in three ways. . 1. As a baby born in Bethlehem who grows up to teach and lead believers into God's love. 2. As the Lord who returns at the end of time. 3. As a daily companion in our own lives filling us with his Holy Spirit.

Christmas is an even shorter season, just 12 days. At St. Peter's Christmas will be a few days longer, starting on Christmas Eve with our 2 services at 4:00 PM and 6:30 PM and then concluding with Epiphany Celebrations on Sunday, January 8, 2023.

I enjoy keeping these three celebrations as seasons, rather than just 3 days because we have a chance to live into the Mystery of the Incarnation; God coming to us as a human being, Jesus of Nazareth.

The world moves so quickly. When we slow down, reflect, concentrate, pray, worship and praise, we can see God's eternal love consecrating human life.

Please join us on Sundays and on Christmas Eve as we celebrate God's gift to us. I hope your family celebrations are filled with joy and Thanksgiving. We know these seasons can be dark, depressing and lonely for some. Let your life shine with the light of the Incarnation.

I hope and pray that you and your loved ones have a Blessed Christmas and a Holy New Year.

Grace, Peace and Love,  
Rev. Bob Malm, Interim Rector

***Proclaiming, protecting, and praising is woven into St. Peter's Mission Statement.  
"St. Peter's is a community called to Love, Worship and Proclaim, and Serve."***

## *THE VISIBLE VESTRY*

Tuesday, November 15, 2022

- Finances: we've received 45 pledges, but are still a little behind last year. We are still hoping a few more will come in.
- Celeste Hankey met with Kelly O'Connell and the Senior Warden from the Church of Our Savior in Middleboro to discuss collaboration between the two churches. It was decided to not enter into a collaboration at this time.
- Our Treasurer has started pulling together information to establish a budget for next year.
- We are working on the Vestry slate for 2023.
- Our church secretary is no longer with us. Lisa Platanitis has agreed to fill in until we hire someone.
- We have already donated 32 coats through Larry Higgins' efforts.
- The Christmas tree for Cataumet is up and we are collecting gift cards.
- We will be having one service on Sunday, December 11, at 9:00 a.m. followed by a cookie swap, chime concert and hot chocolate.
- The Search Committee has completed the profile update and has posted it on two web sites.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, December 13 at 7:00 pm.

***Celeste Hankey, Senior Warden***

## *MEN'S BREAKFAST*

The men's breakfast will take place on Saturday, December 3 at 8:30 a.m. at Percy's Restaurant. 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, don't let that prevent you from coming. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Jim Hankey at 781-534-2604. We look forward to seeing you!

Jim Hankey

## *COOKIE SWAP/CHIME CONCERT*

On December 11<sup>th</sup>, we will have one service at 9:00 a.m. After the service we will have a cookie swap with hot chocolate while enjoying a Christmas Chime Concert. Please put 6 cookies in each plastic bag and we will exchange. We would prefer all cookies be in plastic bags so nobody has to touch them – we’re being Covid careful! Thank you.

## *VESTRY SLATE FOR 2023*

We will be electing a new Vestry slate for 2023. If you are interested in any position, please let Rev. Bob Malm or Celeste Hankey know of your interest. Here are the positions:

<b><i>Position</i></b>	<b><i>Currently Serving</i></b>	<b><i>Term Up</i></b>	<b><i>Can Reup</i></b>
Senior Warden	Celeste Hankey	2023	Yes
Junior Warden	Len Hathon	2023	Yes
Treasurer	Alan Kershaw	2023	Yes
Asst. Treasurer	Kathy Letzeisen	2023	Yes
Clerk	Robin Higgins	2023	
	No (has fulfilled maximum terms)		
<b>Members at Large:</b>			
	Jack Kennedy	2023	Yes
	Patti Metcalf	2023	No
	(has fulfilled maximum terms)		
	Dianne Cartmill	2024	
	Mark Taylor	2024	
	Donna Tripp	2025	
	Donna Beers	2025	

As you can see, all officer positions are open as well as 2 members at large. Please think about joining this team.

## *DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS*

1 Robin Higgins	12 Diane Cartmill
6 Millie Funnell	14 Sheila Dostie
7 Barbara Cain	18 Celeste Hankey

## *SEARCH COMMITTEE NEWS*

The final touches of the updated St. Peter's Parish Profile are complete and it has been posted on the Diocesan website. On Doug Harper's recommendation, the position will also appear nationally on The Episcopal News Service for two weeks for free.

Thank you for your support and prayers. We wish you and your loved ones a Merry and Blessed Christmas and a very Happy New Year!

Yours In Christ,

Matthew Bruce, Larry Higgins, Nancy Kennedy, Elisabeth Kershaw, Jim Lema, and Patti Metcalf

## *PRAYER FOR A NEW RECTOR*

O God, you know us better than we know ourselves. Guide us in our search of a new clerical leader, empower each one of us to use our unique ministries, to share open and honestly our thoughts, to respect the opinion 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.*

## *SANDWICH-BOURNE LIONS CLUB*

### *"COATS FOR KIDS AND FAMILIES"*

Saint Peter's will again participate in the "Coats For Kids and Families" drive sponsored by the Sandwich-Bourne Lions Club and Anton's Cleaners. There will be a box in the Narthex for gently used coats, sweaters, gloves and hats for winter use. Items collected will be brought to Anton's Cleaners for cleaning and then distributed to needy families in the south-eastern Massachusetts area. For questions or information see Larry Higgins. Last year's Saint Peter's donated 58 coats along with hats and gloves. Please consider helping out this year. The collection will run from October 30th **through December 1st.**

Larry Higgins

## *A LITTLE NOTE FROM THE MUSIC ROOM*

Advent, a beginning, a time of preparation and waiting for the Hope of the world to arrive. It is during this time that St. Peter's choir is busy in preparation for Advent and Christmas and for our annual Christmas Eve Concert. I am so grateful St Peter's wonderful, talented dedicated and fun group of people continue give, give and give again. So, next time you see a choir member, thank them, for the dedication and gifts of music they share with us each week.

Throughout the year, we do our best to get out into the community to give back and to share the "good news" with those who cross our paths. Once again, we will be returning to Keystone community which is home to several of our long time congregants, to share the gift of song. We will be having a Christmas Carol Sing-a-long with the residents of Keystone on December 4, 2022 at 1:30 p.m. If you would like to join in this celebration of song, please be at the church by 1 p.m. and we will go over as a group. Bringing the joy of Christ to the masses and sharing that there is Hope for this world we live in is our mission.

As we venture into the Christmas season, may we be reminded of what the season is all about, Love, Hope, Peace and Joy. May we with true hearts share with others the gifts God has given.

Peace and Love in this blessed season,

Lisa Platanitis  
Director of Music

PS...

Keep your calendars open for the upcoming events:

December 4, 2022 - Caroling at Keystone 1:30 p.m.

December 11, 2022 - Annual Carillons Concert following 9 a.m. service

December 24, 2022 -Lessons and Carols 4:00 p.m.

December 24, 2022 -Christmas Eve Concert 6:30 p.m.

Christmas Eve Service 7:00 p.m.

Peace and Love, Lisa Platanitis

## *GREETINGS FROM THE FRIENDLY KITCHEN CREW!*

### **\*Friendly Kitchen 2GO**

As we come to the close of this year, we are happy to announce that FK2GO has been serving around 20-22 meals every Monday. Each week the FK2GO Team eagerly awaits the arrival of recipients. Over the past several months, we have offered to-go meals for these individuals and even though the meals aren't eaten here, we are given the opportunity to share more than just food and sustenance. A smile and wave, or words of good wishes, it's by just showing God's love through kindness to one another. We look forward to increased numbers throughout the upcoming year. Thank you for donations to keep this ministry going, for the Team members and preparation specialists and for all of your prayers for this important ministry.

A blessed Christmas to all,  
Your FK2GO Crew, Melissa Scannell and Lisa Platanitis

**\* FK2GO (Friendly Kitchen To Go)**

### *HELP WANTED!*

St. Peter's is up and running but we need additional people for some of the ministries.

**Acolytes** - you will be assisting on the altar during services. Most of us could almost help now as we've seen the acolytes every Sunday on the altar. There will be training, of course.

**Ushers** - all you need to do is be pleasant, greet everyone coming into St. Peter's with a smile! This is a really fun ministry - and the people coming in are happy to see you!

Please contact **Celeste Hankey** if you would like to participate in any of these ministries. I look forward to my phone or email being flooded!

[thehankeys@verizon.net](mailto:thehankeys@verizon.net) or 617-710-5346

## ***GROWING THROUGH GRIEF***

It has been said that, "Only through great love or great suffering do we access the greatest spiritual teachings." You are invited to spend a reflective morning in prayer, conversation and meditation as you deal with bereavement of any source. By acknowledging your sorrow, you will learn to recognize the grace that is guiding you through recovery and to a redefined identity.

**It will be on Saturday morning December 3rd , from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 in Stevenson Hall and in the Church.**

Let us know if you plan to attend so that we will have plenty of coffee, snacks and materials for everyone.

The program is facilitated by St. Peter's parishioner, Margery Buckingham, who has recently completed a master's degree in applied spirituality in Ireland.

10:00-10:30 Morning Prayer

10:40-10:50 Diads or Triads: Share your loss with someone else.

10:50-11:00 Report back to Whole Group: Share two similarities and two differences.

11:00 Margery will talk about her recent dissertation: Widowhood as a Catalyst for Spiritual Development.

11:15 Documenting Grief Resolution: Graph your recovery, post on wall, share if willing, with whole group.

11:40 Guided Meditation or Visio Divina on Positive Results of Bereavement: Share if desired.

12:00 Feedback and evaluation.

12:15-12:30 Noonday Prayer back in Church. Psalm 126, Romans 5:5. Alternative Lord's Prayer from the New Zealand Prayer Book.

## ***SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION AND SUPPORT GROUP***

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 Sunday of each month to continue supporting this group.

There continues to be an opioid epidemic in Massachusetts. Recently it has been reported that drug-related deaths have already exceeded last year's 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 which provides prevention and training programs that can be found on Facebook @WarehamConnects.

### RICHIE'S ROAD TO RECOVERY

Weekly recovery WALK and TALK meets every Friday at 9:00 a.m. at the Lyman Reserve on Head of the Bay Road by the Wareham/Bourne/Plymouth Town Line for a leisurely 20 to 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.

**the last Wednesday of every month** from 5 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., at 1338 Route 28, SOUTH YARMOUTH at the Family Table Collaborative. Questions at [ysac@yarmouth.ma.us](mailto:ysac@yarmouth.ma.us)

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, January 9, 2023, at 3:33 p.m. 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

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

[www.learn2cope.org](http://www.learn2cope.org)

AA Zoom

425-436-6360  
Access Number  
n 422932



## *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 two 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.

## *WE CAN SEND "THE WAVE" TO YOUR COMPUTER*

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](mailto: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.

## *WEEKLY E-BLAST*

Please notify Robin Higgins via email at [ptown.robin@yahoo.com](mailto:ptown.robin@yahoo.com) with any **changes** to your email address **OR** if you have not been receiving the weekly email news and would like to do so in the future. We promise not to bombard you with emails! Robin Higgins

## *SUSAN HEBB'S "Retirement"*

The entire congregation gives thanks for Susan's many years as editor of the monthly parish newsletter, The Wave.

Susan's ministry, even as her physical abilities decreased, has been dedicated and faithful. It's now time for her to give up this ministry. The December Wave will be the last one she edits. May her years ahead be filled with the love of her family and her parish.

THANK YOU, SUSAN FOR YOUR MANY YEARS OF SERVICE AND DEDICATION!

Warmly,  
Your Parish Family of St Peter's

# CALENDAR

## DECEMBER 2022

- 3 Saturday 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. **GROWING THROUGH GRIEF**  
Stevenson Hall at the Church
- 4 Sunday 1:30 p.m. **Caroling At Keystone**  
**To join in the singing, meet at the church at 1 p.m.**
- 5 Monday 4:30 p.m. **FK2GO \***
- 6 Tuesday 11:00 a.m. **Bible Study**
- 11 Sunday 9:00 a.m. **One service at 9 a.m. followed by Carillon concert  
And Cookie Swap**
- 12 Monday 4:30 p.m. **FK2GO \***
- 13 Tuesday 11:00 a.m. **Bible Study**
- 13 Tuesday 7:00 p.m. **Vestry Meeting**
- 18 Sunday
- 19 Monday 4:30 p.m. **FK2GO \***
- 20 Tuesday 11:00 a.m. **Bible Study**
- 23 Friday **Newsletter Deadline for December WAVE**
- 24 Saturday 4:00 p.m. **Lessons and Carols with the Holy Eucharist**
- 24 Saturday 6:30 p.m. **Christmas Eve Concert**
- 24 Saturday 7:00 p.m. **Christmas Eve Service with the Holy Eucharist**
- 25 Sunday **CHRISTMAS DAY**
- 26 Monday 4:30 p.m. **FK2GO \***
- 27 Tuesday 11:00 a.m. **Bible Study**

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sundays	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite I Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Tuesdays	10:00 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Church Office Open
Wednesdays	10:00 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Church Office Open
Thursdays	10:00 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Church Office Open

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*Treasurer* - Alan Kershaw      Phone: 508-224-4018  
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*Pianist and Organist* - Liesl Crehan  
*Newsletter Editor* - Susan Hebb

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