

THE WAVE MAY 2021

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

HELLO ALL ST. PETER'S FOLKS:

Happy Easter Season!
Happy Spring Season!
Happy Things are Getting Better Season!

I am so happy to announce to you all that we have Good News at St. Peter's!

We are so excited to announce that Rev. Bob Malm will be joining St. Peter's Church on May 1st as our Interim Rector. Bob retired from the Diocese of Virginia after 30 years there. He most recently served as Interim Rector at St. Gabriel's in Marion. Bob grew up in this area, and he and his wife are currently building a house in Mattapoisett. Welcome Bob and Leslie!

We are also excited to announce that we will be having our first IN-CHURCH service on Sunday, May 2nd at 9:30. We will be following all Covid protocols. You will be asked to wear a mask and socially distance. Ushers will be available to help you with the seating. We will have baskets available to receive pledges. If there is an overflow of participants, we will be using Stephenson Hall.

Unfortunately, we will not be able to have our usual Coffee Hour at this time.

There will only be one service for this first Sunday - at 9:30 am.

We will have name tags available in an attempt to make life easier for Bob! We have to learn only one name - he has to learn a lot more! This is, of course, optional.

We are going to be able to open our doors shortly to groups who were previously meeting at St. Peter's. Things seem to be getting back to normal.

Thank you to everyone that has worked so hard to be sure that St. Peter's continues offering Sunday worship. I would especially like to thank Lisa Platanitis, Melissa Scannell, Danielle Watson, Liesl Crehan, Sean Crehan, Matthew Bruce, Marc Fuller, all the readers, the Altar Guild and everyone else who played such a big part in this effort.

I look forward to seeing you on Sunday, May 2nd at 9:30, and we can all look forward to an outdoor concert put on by our own musicians, sometime in May!

And.... Happy Birthday in May to Marlene O'Connor, Ruth Newcomb, Bob Sherwood, and Mary Menz. Happy Anniversary to Priscilla and Len Hathon, Patti and Mike Metcalf, and Sally and George Darling!

Love and Blessings to All. Celeste Hankey, Senior Warden

THE VISIBLE VESTRY

The Vestry met on April 19, 2021:

- Pledges are okay for now as some folks have paid their pledge for the year.
- St. Peter's is moving the accounting system to Quick Books under the guidance of Alan Kershaw.
- The contract for our new Interim Rector has been completed.
- Our new Interim Rector, Rev. Robert Malm, will be joining St. Peter's Church on May 1st.
- Our first in-church service will be May 2nd - one service on this day at 9:30 A.M.
- There is going to be a mini-clean up Saturday, April 24th, done by the Vestry.
- Groups will be allowed back into the church, with restrictions.
- The town will not fix the bottom of Smalley Street, which needs patching.
- The Search Committee has no new news right now, but hopefully things will pick up once all the restrictions have been lifted.
- We are looking for someone to take over the responsibility of updating the sign on the front lawn.
- A book bin will be placed on our property, with a portion of the proceeds going to the church.
- We are hoping to clean out the meeting rooms - please let anyone on the Vestry know if you would like any of the tables or chairs.

Celeste Hankey, Senior Warden

SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

Hello Everyone,

St. Peter's will continue to stay on the diocesan website, receiving and interviewing candidates. We pray that 2021 will bring us our new Rector.

Thank you for your continued prayers.

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.

Yours In Christ,

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

UPDATE YOUR EMAIL

We will soon be updating our email lists. Please notify Robin Higgins, via email, **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! As soon as services resume, we will return to the once-a-week news format. We don't want you to miss anything! Robin Higgins

COMMUNICATIONS TEAM

We would like to thank everyone who, over the past year plus, has helped us get information out to the parish via the weekly emails and Sunday Service links. It has been a tough year but we have made it through!

We will be returning to a weekly email, and no longer publishing the Sunday Service. If you or your group/ministry has news to share please forward your info to Robin at Ptown.robin@yahoo.com. We look forward to the return of schedules, servers, gatherings, and general news items in upcoming weekly emails.

Again, thank you for your support and prayers over the past year.

Robin Higgins

Substance Abuse Prevention and Support Group

Several years ago, a group of parishioners, concerned about the growing problems surrounding substance abuse issues, joined together to study ways that St. Peter's could help. Education opportunities were developed and presented to the congregation, and a fundraising campaign was begun to support the Bourne Substance Free Coalition.

The year 2020 began with our usual meetings held on the third Monday of each month. Due to the Corona Virus, in-building meetings were suspended and our group has become temporarily inactive. With the generosity of parishioners, \$149.50 was raised through our once-a-month collection jug for the Bourne Substance Free Coalition.

During the Pandemic we have not been able to have a collection for the Bourne Substance Free Coalition. We encourage everyone to look for local substance abuse related charities and make a direct donation if able. There have been several articles in the Cape Cod Times organizations that help young mothers struggling with addiction during the pandemic.

Please continue to hold all who suffer and their families in your prayers. We hope to regroup soon, watch the weekly E-blasts for details.

The pandemic has increased the need to find ways to support those suffering from addiction as well as their families. With health care lost due to job loss and people struggling with the economy, many have fallen back on cheap street drugs to cope or to mask pain so that they can work. Please pray for those suffering and for their families.

I would like to thank the parish and members of our group, Celeste and Jim Hankey, Jane and Jim Lema, Bob and Nancy Sherwood, and Donna Beers for their dedication and efforts to keep this important issue in our minds and prayers. Also, a big thank you to our treasurer Dianne Cartmell and Robin Higgins and Sue Hebb for helping get the information out to parishioners. Please Keep all those dealing with this disease in your prayers.

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

AA Zoom 425-436-6360
Access Number
n 422932

O blessed Lord, you ministered to all who came to you. Look with compassion upon all who, through addiction, have lost their health and freedom. Restore to them the assurance of your unfailing mercy; remove from them the fears that beset them; strengthen them in the work of recovery; and to those who care for them give patient understanding and preserving love. AMEN

Larry Higgins

FROM THE PARISH SECRETARY

When we are able to re-open the church, I would like to include the Parish Prayer list in the bulletin. If you have friends or loved ones for whom you would like to request prayers, please send the information as outlined on the form below to the office. Alternatively, you may email the information or call the office. We will include the first name and last initial in the listing. The Emergency Prayer Chain is also available for prayer requests (see separate article). Please call Kathy with any questions (508-759-5641).

Sunday Bulletin Parish Prayer List

Today's Date: _____

Name(s) to be added (**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**):

Your name: _____

PLEASE PLACE THIS IN THE OFFERING PLATE OR DELIVER TO THE CHURCH OFFICE

DO YOU RECEIVE OUR WEEKLY E-MAILS?

Every week, St. Peter's sends out a weekly email which typically includes upcoming news and events, the lessons for the upcoming Sunday, a schedule of "servers" for the week, etc. This email is also used for notifications regarding deaths in the parish family, cancellations, and other timely news.

For the past several months, the content of the weekly emails has changed somewhat, and we have added a Sunday email with the link to our YouTube Morning Prayer service.

If you are NOT receiving the emails and would like to, please contact Robin Higgins at ptown.robin@yahoo.com. If you know of someone who is not receiving the email and might like to, please share this information with them! We can't just add someone to the email list – our email service requires that we have your permission to email you! We don't want anyone to miss out on events and news from the parish. Thank you!

Robin Higgins

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.

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