



ST. PETER'S WAVE OCTOBER 2023

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

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

For those of us participating in a parish church, October is a month to celebrate Saints and Stewardship. There are several days in October appointed for the commemoration of major saints. These include Francis, Teresa, the Oxford Martyrs including Thomas Cranmer, Ignatius, Luke, James of Jerusalem, Simon and Jude. Of course, on November 1 we celebrate "All the Saints".

The Communion of Saints inspires us in our own day. We like to speak of Saints with both a "Capital S" and a "small case s". Many are well known in the bible and history. Many are only known through their individual, private lives lived closely with those they love.

We are all "called to be Saints"- to follow God's call, to share God's love in our own way and day, and to build up Christ's body, the church. This faithful life is a life of stewardship- how we use our time, talent and treasure for God's work.

Saints, stewards know that "All things come of thee, O Lord. And of thine own have we given thee..." St. Peter's needs your volunteer time and talent. St. Peter's needs your treasure, financial support.

October is our month to celebrate saints and stewardship. We look forward to continuing our growth as the "Body of Christ" in Buzzards Bay and the surrounding area.

Grace, Peace, Love,

Bob



LITURGICAL NOTES

Prayers of the People

The Prayers of the People are found in the Eucharist between The Creed and The Peace (see the Book of Common Prayer p. 328 and p. 359). In Rite I the prayer is for “the whole state of Christ’s Church and the world...” This prayer was used at every Eucharist until the 1979 BCP gave us 6 other forms (see BCP p. 383-393).

We are asked to pray for the “Universal Church” for “all Bishops and other ministers”, for our local parish, for those in positions of authority, for “thy whole creation”, for those in “trouble, sorrow, need, sickness of any other adversity”, for the Faithful departed.

Among the six forms 3 read like short litanies (I, IV, V) 3 provide for more responses from the congregation (II, III, VI). There are many options for inserting specific requests and/or individual petitions and names. We are currently using Form III at both 8am and 10am on Sundays. We usually change the form through-out the liturgical year.

Our practice is to have an appointed reader come forward to the lectern and read the prayers. Parishioners in the pew and the Priest can offer specific prayers at the appointed times. We all can use this time to pray using the appointed form. Of course, there are many times for individual prayers during the Eucharist. Especially appropriate times are after entering the church before the liturgy begins, before Holy Communion, and after receiving Communion.



2024 Pledge Campaign

On Sunday, October 29th, we will celebrate the in-gathering of financial pledges for 2024. New pledge cards will be mailed to everyone on our mailing list. Parishioners are asked to bring your completed card to church at either 8am or 10am on the 29th.

Our budget for the year ahead is built upon the forecast of our pledged income. The Vestry will be preparing the 2024 budget as the 2023 year ends and in time to be presented at the Annual Meeting of the Parish this winter.

During the Sundays leading up to the 29th we will hear short testimonials from parishioners about pledging. Financial giving to St. Peter's can be based upon a percentage of income. It can also be compared to how we budget for other personal expenses. Many people contribute more to the parish than what they pledge. Our pledges support the total ministry of the parish, other than one specific ministry.

Fr. Bob

A note from your Treasurer – October 2023

As we come towards the end of 2023, I would like to thank all those who have contributed to St Peter's thus far this year. I am pleased to be able to report that our financial position has improved in 2023. This is firstly due to receipt of two legacies from a former parishioner totaling just over \$75,000. These funds are being put into a special legacies account in our books and will be reserved for specific projects. The vestry is considering certain projects which can be funded from the legacies account. Secondly, our regular income from pledges and donations is currently running ahead of budget and we should end 2023 with a net operating surplus. Over the past three years we have experienced a net operating deficit in excess of \$33,000, largely as a result of the impact of covid. Therefore, excluding the legacies we have received, we need to generate a net operating surplus of over \$33,000 just to get our financial position back to where we were around the time Reverend Sue retired in 2019. With your help we can achieve that goal. Therefore, I encourage you to keep up the good financial work we are doing and continue with your pledges and donations in 2024 by making a pledge commitment to St. Peter's.

By the time you read this you should have received your end September pledge statements. For those of you who have fulfilled your pledges you will see that all donations received after pledge fulfillment are treated as donations and not as pledge over payments. In some cases that means splitting your checks or cash donations into two in order to balance your giving to your pledge. Split checks are shown with the suffixes .1 and .2 added to the check number in your statements. Please get in touch with me if you have any questions on your pledge statements or report any discrepancies you identify to Celeste Hankey.

All pledgers and donors will receive a tax certificate for 2023 early in 2024.

If you have any questions about pledging, giving or any aspect of St. Peter's finances please do not hesitate to contact me on 508 224 4018 or by email at: kershaws@gmail.com

Alan Kershaw – Treasurer, St. Peter's Church on the Canal

Stewardship Is...



Love in Action


VISIBLE VESTRY
Sept. 19, 2023

A Stewardship Schedule has been established. The theme this year is “One Foundation”. Check out hymn # 525. We will be having speakers on October, 8, 15 and 22. The Ingathering will be October 29th.

St. Peter’s has two people being confirmed on September 30th at St. Gabel’s in Marion – 10:30 am. Bishop Gates will preside.

Canal Day was canceled due to weather.

Ken Lihzis and Margry Buckingham will be our delegates to convention.

We have done the back up work and will be purchasing an AED very soon.

We have book bin on the side yard. Please put unwanted books in as we will be receiving payments based on what is in the bin.

Columbarium – we are still researching, but now have additional helpful information.

October 1st – One service at 9:00 followed by a picnic. Mark Taylor will be cooking hot dogs and hamburgers; we will have sign up sheets for side dishes and desserts.

There will be no music at the 10:00 service on October 8th.

We are working on installing a Ring system for security.

The equipment for the chimes is here; we’re waiting for the installer.

FK2Go has been cancelled as it is, but a new program is being initiated.

Coffee Hour needs volunteers.

Bourne Substance Free Coalition will be hosting Bingo on Wednesday, 10/11.

Next meeting is October 17th.



I am pleased to announce that the new season of the monthly men’s breakfast will kickoff on **Saturday, October 7th at 8:30 AM**. 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. I look forward to seeing you at Persy's!

Jim Hankey



A few of us hearty Middlers met on a misty-evening in August for a competitive round of mini golf. We not only experienced the game but also was blessed with scriptures or uplifting words on signs positioned at each hole. "HALLELUJAH, GOD BLESS AMERICA - Matthew 5:16- let your light shine- and 1Corinthians 13- LOVE NEVER FAILS- Matthew 7:7 Ask and it shall be given, seek and you shall find, knock and the door shall be opened and perhaps the one that struck me the most, MARVELOUS INFINITE- MATCHLESS GRACE FREELY BESTOWED ON ALL WHO BELIEVE. All of God is everywhere...and we experience it on every average day. In September, we rode bikes on a portion of the Canal, the same path our church navigated many years ago. We celebrated our journey with a refreshing beverage at the local tavern. The Middlers plan to meet in October for Bowling and Beer, date to be announced. Don't miss out on the fun...come join us!

Lisa



It is a delight to have the choir back, singing with all their heart to the Lord. Thank you all for your hard work and commitment to this liturgical season! Well, you may have noticed that we are missing a few voices and faces that have been around for a while. This year marked a few of our faithful choir members taking " an early retirement" and are now honorary lifetime choir members of St Peter's. We would like to thank David and Lynne Brune, Henri and Linda Masson for all the time, talent and dedication that you've all given to the choir of St Peter's. And remember... you could follow in the footsteps of a great Patriot named Brady and come out of retirement at any time. "Singing and Making melody in your hearts to the Lord"
Peace and Love, Lisa



Substance Abuse Prevention and Support Group Update for October

The St. Peter's Family has been very generous in helping our cause and one very large donation from our last jug collection has put us in a position to change the proceeds from our upcoming BINGO with proceeds going to the parish for local mission and outreach.

Bingo and Dessert Is Back!!!!

Wednesday October 11th, doors open at 5:30

Prizes will be awarded

We will break for Ice Cream Brownie Sundaes!!!!

Please sign up by Sunday October 9th

On October 12th the Wareham Connects group will be sponsoring a resource fair To highlight substance abuse, housing and behavioral health issues, The fair will take place at 186 Onset Avenue from 3:00 to 6:30 pm and will offer: Free food, music and Lawn Games.

The next meeting of our group will be Monday October 9th at 3:33pm All are welcome!!!

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

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

Massachusetts Substance Abuse Hotline 1-800-327-5050

Learn to Cope www.learn2cope.org

AA Zoom 425-436-6360
Access Number n 422932

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)
Tuesdays: 11am - Bible Study
Thursdays: 8:30am - TOPS
1st Saturday, 8:30am - Men's Breakfast (returns Oct. 7)
2nd Monday, 3:33pm - Substance Abuse Team
3rd Tuesday, 6:30pm - Vestry

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