

# *THE WAVE MARCH and APRIL 2021*

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

## ***HELLO ALL ST. PETER'S FOLKS:***

Spring is almost here and it brings with it lots of changes.

The Annual Meeting is being held on March 21<sup>st</sup> via Zoom. I know it's not a favorite of many but we have to have an Annual Meeting. Hopefully, next year things will be back to normal and we can have the meeting in Stephenson Hall....and the brunch!

YouTube services are still going strong and being viewed by many people, both St. Peter's and new viewers! We are so lucky to have been able to do this during the pandemic. Thank you to our musicians and readers – this has truly been a labor of love.

We will continue with YouTube services through the Easter week. There will be services for Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter. On Palm Sunday we will offer palms via a drive through system at the church, starting at 10:00 am. The service will still be on YouTube – the drive through is so we can distribute palms to those that would like to have them.

It looks like we can reopen April 19<sup>th</sup>. We are busy getting ready and hoping to reopen on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. At that time, we are hopeful that we will have an interim priest to lead the services for us.

We are in the process of interviewing an interim priest to come to St. Peter's until we are able to hire a permanent person. The Search Committee continues working hard and hopefully, as the pandemic subsides, more people will be interested in making a move to us.

### **February Birthdays/Anniversaries**

Happy Birthday to: Howie Moore, Merry Smythe, Chuck Conway, Ken Fox, Nancy Moore, Elizabeth Gary.

Happy Anniversary to: Dianne and Dave Cartmill.

### **March Birthdays/Anniversaries**

Happy Birthday to Diane Bergeron and Dave Cartmill.

Things are really looking up – spring is coming, the covid is going and soon we will be able to meet again. We have so much to be thankful for.

*Love and Blessings to All. Celeste Hankey, Senior Warden*

# *THE VISIBLE VESTRY*

*February 2021 and March 2021*

## **Vestry Meeting – February 8, 2021**

Meeting was held via Zoom. Kelly O’Connell, Regional Canon joined the meeting to discuss St. Peters’ hiring a “priest companion” until we hire a permanent priest.

To date we have received pledges totaling \$74,180.

We will be having a “drive-through” Palm Sunday.

The slate for 2021-2022 was approved by vote of the clerk. We were able to do this as we had not received any requests to be considered for the vestry.

We were able to fix the furnace instead of replacing it as previously anticipated.

Massachusetts Maritime Academy is plowing the parking lot this winter.

## **Vestry Meeting – February 22, 2021**

Meeting was held via Zoom. This was a joint meeting with the Vestry and the Search Committee. We reviewed where the Search committee was and what our options are going forward.

Jointly it was decided to consider an interim – one quarter time until the church opens, then one half time once we open.

We have received the name of a candidate and we will move forward interviewing this person. Kelly O’Connell will contact the candidate to determine if they are interested.

The Parochial Report was approved.

Alan Kershaw, Treasurer, will contact Terry Robinson from the diocese to talk about making changes to our accounting system.

## **Vestry Meeting – March 15, 2021**

The Audit will take place in mid-April.

The Vestry will meet a candidate for interim priest via zoom on Monday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

We will have the Annual Meeting via Zoom on Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 11:00.

We will have a “drive-through” Palm Sunday on March 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00

We discussed a Pizza Truck setting up in our parking lot – not allowed by the diocese.

The churches can reopen on April 18<sup>th</sup> – we are aiming for May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

We will contact groups that have been using St. Peter’s about resuming activities.

We are looking into filling in the holes in the driveway and parking lot.

*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](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! 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

## **NOTES FROM OUR PARISH SECRETARY, KATHLEEN LETZEISEN MAIL CALL!**

A reminder to use the **POST OFFICE BOX 265** address when mailing to the church. The post office will send back mail addressed to the Main Street address because we do not have a physical mailbox at the church.

## **READERS of FORWARD DAY-BY-DAY**

Copies of Forward Day-By Day are available outside the back door of the church. Copies will be available there for pick up until we are able to resume indoor services. If you would like a copy but are unable to get here to pick one up, please let Kathy know (508-759-5641) and arrangements will be made to get one to you! Kathleen Letzeisen

## *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.

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](http://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***

## ***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](mailto: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](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.

## ***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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