

# *The Wave* FEBRUARY 2019

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

***FROM THE RECTOR***  
***The Reverend Sue Lederhouse***

By now, you will have received a letter in the mail from me that you probably didn't expect. A letter that I found hard to write. If you were in church on Sunday, January 20, you heard me announce this as well.

After much prayer and conversation with my Spiritual Director and Bishop Gayle, I have decided that it is time for me to retire in June. I will turn 65 in March but my dear husband Bruce will turn 80 in December. I need to spend some quality time with him over whatever years we have ahead. Remember the words that I often use as a blessing: "Life is short and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those with whom we share this earthly pilgrimage."

But this is hard for me because I've shared this pilgrimage with all of you, too – a pilgrimage that has been so meaningful and so joyous for me. Our time together has been the wonderful and rare connection of priest and people. We have weathered storms together and built a solid foundation on Christ the solid rock in the spirit of our patron saint, Peter. And we have shared 8 ½ dynamic years together – years in which St. Peter's came back from the dying and became truly alive once more.

We have 5 more months to continue to grow together, to talk, to laugh, to rejoice, and to weep. And I am very hopeful that all of you will want to continue to journey together as a parish as St. Peter's enters another phase of its rich history after I leave.

In my Annual Report for 2017, I wrote: "Most of all, I just love being your Rector – through the good times and the bad times that are part of parish life and individual life – through the ordinary times and the exceptional times. The regular Sundays and the Feast Days of Christmas and Easter. I love smiling at you at the communion rail and sharing a conversation with you as I preach. Thank you for calling me to be here back in 2010 and for all the days and months and years since then."

Thank you, thank you, thank you!

With God's richest blessings and my love –

Sue Lederhouse+

## *VISIBLE VESTRY*

The Vestry met on Monday, January 14, 2019.

1. The final 2019 annual budget was presented and approved by the Vestry for presentation to the Annual Meeting.
2. EAV has given us a proposal for a spotlight that will be able to reach the dumpsters and better light up the rear parking lot. The lighting is very poor further into our parking lot making it unsafe at night, especially when the ground is slippery.
3. We had a wonderful baptism at the 10:00 service yesterday. What a good baby Aiden was and so cute!
4. We continue to get amazing donations in the Bourne Substance Free Coalition jar. Thank you all. The Coalition will be having a Pizza supper on May 10. More information to follow soon.
5. The Memorial Service for our recently deceased parishioner Don Smith is set for Saturday, March 30, in order to allow time for relatives to travel and attend.
6. Lynne Brune has now placed and received two orders from the Greater Boston Food Bank. We have also received some great free items.
7. The Congregational Business Practices Workshop will be held at the Church of the Good Shepherd in Wareham on April 6.
8. Adult Inquirers Class will be in February and we have at least two individuals who want to be part of that. If anyone is interested in joining, please let Rev. Sue know. Meetings will be on Monday evenings from 6:30-8:30.
9. The new Paper Pantry plans to go forward with its opening on Tuesday, February 19 from 3:00-6:00. We are still looking for volunteers to help get this ministry started. Please contact Linda Masson or Priscilla Ellis if you are interested in helping. Also, word of mouth is the best public relations advertising, so if you know of anyone who might qualify for this ministry, please spread the word.
10. Confirmation class continues with eight students. Rev. Sue, Lisa Platanitis and Melissa Scannell have been doing a great job of working with these students in their monthly gatherings.
11. Christmas Eve service attendance was good with 145 people in attendance. This is the largest Christmas Eve attendance in the last three years!!! Thank you to all who attended and to our musicians and choir who made this Christmas Eve another special evening.
12. Please write January 27 on your calendar for our Annual Meeting and Potluck meal. Note that there is only one service on that day at 9:00 a.m.

**13. Some Important dates to remember:**

March 5 Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Supper)  
March 6 Ash Wednesday  
March 7 Lenten Study Starts  
March 23 Lenten Quiet Day  
April 19 Good Friday  
April 21 Easter Sunday  
June 9 Pentecost  
June 15 Confirmation at St. John's in Sandwich  
June 23 Bishop Gayle's visitation to our Church. Attendance to support this visit is very important.

**Mark your calendars for all these important dates!**

14. The February Vestry Meeting will be part of the Vestry Retreat. The retreat will be on February 23 from 9:00-3:00.

**After six years, this is my last Visible Vestry as your Senior Warden. Your new Senior Warden will be replacing me as of the January annual meeting. It has been a pleasure keeping you informed every month as to what's happening within our Church and Vestry. Your support and positive feedback have been important to us keeping the Visible Vestry as a regular part of our monthly Wave. It is expected that Visible Vestry will continue each month. I wish the new Senior and Junior Wardens, Vestry and other Officers God's blessings, as they continue to serve St. Peter's and our church family.**

Linda Masson, Senior Warden

***PANCAKE BREAKFAST - FEBRUARY 3 - 9:00 A.M.***

We look forward to our traditional first-Sunday-of-the-month Pancake Breakfast **on Sunday, February 3, 2019, at 9:00 a.m.** Come and join us for pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausages, juice and coffee, all served up with ample smiles by our dedicated Pancake Breakfast team. **Please also take note of those glass jars in the middle of each table – they are meant for your donations to help make these breakfasts possible. We appreciate your generosity!**

***BULLETIN PRAYER LIST UPDATE - FEBRUARY 10***

A new Prayer list will begin on **February 10**. Please submit your prayer requests on the yellow forms in the Narthex. You may place them in the offering plate or bring them to the Church Office or you can email them to [saintpeters@verizon.net](mailto:saintpeters@verizon.net)

## ***SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION MEETING - FEBRUARY 11 - 3:33 P.M.***

The next meeting of the Substance Abuse Prevention and Support Group is **Monday, February 11, at 3:33 p.m.** The group continues to discuss ways that St. Peter's can be helpful to those who have addiction issues and their families. All are welcome to come and share in the discussion. Plans are in the works to host another fundraising supper with proceeds to go to the Bourne Substance Abuse Coalition. Our monthly collection will take place on **February 10** and **THE BOURNE SUBSTANCE FREE COALITION JAR WILL BE OUT AGAIN FOR YOUR SPARE CHANGE!**

## ***WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY - FEBRUARY 11 & 25 - 12:30 P.M.***

On **February 11**, we will be studying **Jephthah's Daughter** from the Book of Judges. On **February 25**, we will look at **Phinehas' Wife**, the daughter-in-law of Eli, a famous priest whose story is told in the First Book of Samuel. No previous Bible knowledge is required. A Bible is helpful but if you don't have one, we can provide one for you. **The group normally meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of each month at 12:30 p.m.** All women of the parish are invited. Bring a bag lunch and there will be coffee/tea and goodies provided.

## ***MEN'S BREAKFAST GATHERING - FEBRUARY 16 - 8:00 A.M.***

The men of the parish will gather together for their monthly breakfast. Plan to be present for a time of food and fellowship at **8:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 16, at Persy's Place, 3198 Cranberry Highway in East Wareham.** The restaurant is on the same side of the highway as Lindsey's, next to Upper Cape Realty. All men are welcome! Contact Ken Lihzis for more information (774-212-0453 or [klihzis@gmail.com](mailto:klihzis@gmail.com) )

## ***BRING IN YOUR PALMS - FEBRUARY 17 - MARCH 3***

Do you have palms from previous years hidden behind pictures on your walls or standing in corners around your house? We will be collecting those old palms from **February 17- March 3.** Look for the box in the Parish Hall and bring yours in!

***PAPER PANTRY OPENING ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2019  
3:00 - 6:00 P.M.***

**Here at St. Peters. Ongoing the third Tuesday of every month. Serving Buzzards Bay and Wareham area residents.**

If you know of anyone currently receiving Mass Health/SNAP Benefits who is eligible to take part in our new paper/personal care items supplemental program, please invite them to participate in our new Paper Pantry program. Word of mouth and personal invitation are always the best advertisement!!

If you would like to volunteer to help serve at the Paper Pantry, please contact Priscilla Ellis or Linda Masson. We are also going to inform you monthly of certain items that we could use to stock our pantry. Currently we are looking for donations for boxes of Kleenex and/or paper towels. If the towels are in multi packets, then each roll needs to be individually wrapped for sanitary reasons.

We also will gratefully accept any monetary donations as well as gift cards to any place that we can purchase personal care products or paper products.

We are very excited to be offering this program to the community as a new outreach ministry to so many families and individuals in need. Thank you in advance for your support. If you have any questions about how you can help, please feel free to contact us at any time.

Linda Masson (508-743-5139) and Priscilla Ellis (508-563-7786)

***HEALING SERVICE - FEBRUARY 24 - 9:00 A.M.***

Each month, a faithful group of parishioners gather to join in a service of prayers for healing, anointing, and laying on of hands. This service is normally held on the third Sunday of the month, but this month will move to the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday, which will be **Sunday, February 24, at 9 a.m.** All are welcome.

***SHROVE TUESDAY - MARCH 5 - PANCAKE SUPPER AND GAMES***

St. Peter's will observe Shrove Tuesday, **March 5** with a traditional Pancake Supper and Game Night starting at **6 p.m.** in Stephenson Hall. Please feel free to bring your friends and neighbors, and don't forget your favorite board games! We will also be "burying our Alleluias" again both in art work and in song. It will be a fun time for all. Please tell us how many will attend on the signup sheet in the Narthex.

***ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES - MARCH 6 - 12 NOON & 7 PM***

Lent begins with our Ash Wednesday observances on **March 6**. We will have a spoken service with Imposition of Ashes and Eucharist at 12 noon. Then there will be a service with choir and Imposition of Ashes and Eucharist at 7 p.m.

## ***LENTEN STUDY STARTS MARCH 7 - "BIBLE FOR DUMMIES"***

How much do you know about the Bible? Want to know more? This is your chance! No one of us knows everything but all of us know something and this is your opportunity to learn something more!

Last year during Lent, our "Bible for Dummies" series focused on the Old Testament. This year we will delve into the **New Testament**. You do not have to have come to last year's Lenten Study in order to be part of this year's – all are welcome!

**This study will run on Thursday afternoons from March 7 through April 11 from 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.**  
Please contact Rev. Sue if you have any questions. **SIGN UP IN THE NARTHEX TODAY!**

## ***FUNERAL FOR DON SMITH - MARCH 30 - 12 NOON***

Our friend and fellow parishioner, Don Smith, died on January 5. The family asked to delay his service so that all the family could be present and that weather might not be so much of an issue. Thus, we will be gathering together on **Saturday, March 30, at 12 noon**, to celebrate Don's life and mourn his passing. Please mark your calendar and be present to honor a man who was so much a part of the life of St. Peter's.

## ***THE VILLAGE AT CATAUMET NEEDS YOUR HELP!!***

St. Peter's has for several years provided aid to the families living temporarily at the Village at Cataumet. Parishioners have supplied various needs, choosing a different category each month to help these families. **For the month of February, we will continue to collect cleaning supplies.** These can be left in the Narthex in the provided baskets under the pews. Children's clothing in good condition is accepted every month. Thank you to all parishioners who participate in this wonderful outreach. These donations have been so gratefully received by families who have endured a period of homelessness.

## ***ALTAR FLOWERS AND SANCTUARY LAMP DEDICATIONS***

Altar Flower and Sanctuary Lamp charts have been posted for 2019 outside the Church Office. Please fill out a pink request form and submit it to the Church Office to make a request. Secretary Kathy will fill in the name(s) on the poster. Dates may be selected far in advance. Payment may be made at a later time but must be made before the chosen date (\$35 for flowers, \$7 for Sanctuary Lamp).

## ***MAINTENANCE NEEDS***

If you see something that needs to be done (a light that has burned out or some other maintenance project), write it on the list on the freezer in the kitchen. Thanks for your help!

## ***COFFEE HOUR WANTS YOU!!***

A Coffee Hour sign-up sheet is posted in the Narthex for early 2019. Share the fun and sign up with a friend! We appreciate your generous donations of baked goods, fruit, or other goodies you'd like to share! Monetary donations are accepted every Sunday to help defray the cost of St Peter's providing coffee and tea, cups, napkins and other essentials to ensure everyone enjoys this time of fellowship.

## ***PRAYER CHAIN***

When you have a prayer request, please contact the Rev. Sue Lederhouse at 508-240-2853, or 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.

## ***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 will be removed from the print mailing list.

## ***CAPE COD AREA SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS***

**CONSOLING PARTNERS / ADDICTION LOSS:** Meets on the third Wednesday of every month (January 16), from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Corpus Christi Parish Hall, 324 Quaker Meeting House Rd., East Sandwich.

## ***NEWSLETTER DEADLINE***

The Newsletter Deadline for the **March** issue is Friday, **February 15**. Send all articles to Susan Hebb at [susanhebb@comcast.net](mailto:susanhebb@comcast.net)

## ***FEBRUARY 2019***

3	Sunday	9:00 a.m.	<b>Pancake Breakfast</b>
4	Monday	6:30 p.m.	<b>Inquirers Class</b>
10	Sunday	<b>SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION SUNDAY</b> 11:45 a.m.	<b>Confirmation Class</b>
11	Monday	12:30 p.m. 3:33 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	<b>Women's Bible Study</b> <b>Substance Abuse Prevention Group</b> <b>Inquirers Class</b>
15	Friday		<b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>
16	Saturday	8:00 a.m.	<b>Men's Breakfast Gathering</b>
19	Tuesday	3 – 6 p.m.	<b>Paper Pantry</b>
23	Saturday	9 – 3	<b>Vestry Retreat</b>
24	Sunday	9:00 a.m.	<b>Healing Service [NOTE – 1 WK LATER]</b>
25	Monday	12:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	<b>Women's Bible Study</b> <b>Inquirers Class</b>

### ***Upcoming Dates***

<b>March 5</b>	<b>Shrove Tuesday</b>	<b>March 6</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday</b>
<b>March 7</b>	<b>Lenten Study Starts</b>	<b>March 23</b>	<b>Lenten Quiet Day</b>
<b>March 30</b>	<b>Funeral for Don Smith</b>	<b>April 19</b>	<b>Good Friday</b>
<b>April 21</b>	<b>Easter</b>	<b>June 9</b>	<b>Pentecost</b>
<b>June 15</b>	<b>Confirmation</b>		
<b>June 23</b>	<b>Rev. Sue Last Sunday / Bp. Gayle Visitation</b>		



## *Weekly Schedule*

Sundays	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite I Holy Eucharist, Rite II Choir Rehearsal
Mondays	10:00 – 4:00 11:00 a.m. 5:15 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Church Office Open Bible Study Friendly Kitchen AA (Men's Closed Meeting)
Wednesdays	7:30 p.m.	AA (Co-ed Open Meeting)
Thursdays	8:30 a.m.	TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)
Fridays	10:00 – 4:00	Church Office Open

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