

# THE WAVE FEBRUARY 2022

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

## ***DEAR PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS***

The Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ is fixed in the calendar on February 2. This follows the story in Luke 2:22-40, where Mary and Joseph follow the ancient Law of Moses prescribing the first male child be “consecrated to the Lord” (Exodus 13:2, 11-16) Simeon was in the Temple when the parents brought in the infant Jesus, and Simeon “took him up in his arms and blessed him...”

Simeon's song of praise is the traditional anthem said during Evening Prayer, the Nunc dimittis (B.C.P. p. 66). He called Jesus “a light to lighten the Gentiles...” In England this feast became known as “Candlemas”. Candles for use in the church were blessed and Christ is celebrated as “The light of the World”. We will observe this important day on the first Sunday in February, the 6<sup>th</sup>.

On the last Sunday in February, the 27<sup>th</sup>, we will mark another important event in Jesus' life – the Transfiguration. The glory of God rests on Jesus when he is on the mountain top with his 3 closest disciples – Peter, John, and James. When he comes down, he tells his disciples he must go to Jerusalem. This Sunday is the last in the season of Epiphany. It is sometimes called “Transfiguration Sunday” because this gospel story is always read before Lent begins. During the 2 middle Sundays of February, we will consider 2 of the great New Testament chapters – Luke 6 and 1 Corinthians 15. Luke 6 is an account of Jesus' “Sermon on the Plain”. This is very similar to Matthew's account of the Sermon on the Mountain. In the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter of 1 Corinthians, St. Paul outlines his belief in the Resurrection. These verses are often read at a Memorial Service and/or Burial.

These Sunday scriptures in February remind us of how important the Bible is for our daily lives. I enjoy our weekly Bible Study sessions on Tuesday. I find the daily offerings in “Forward Day by Day” to support my daily reading of the lectionary. I hope all of our parishioners find their lives enriched and strengthened by biblical reflection and reading.

We know how important the scriptures were for Jesus. He quoted the psalms from the cross. We know how important the Bible is for the daily and Sunday liturgies of the church. The scriptures are one “leg” of the 3 legged “stool” of our Anglican Faith (along with Tradition and Reason). I look forward to our shared biblical pilgrimage in the month ahead.

Grace & Peace,  
Bob  
Rev. Bob Malm  
Interim Rector

## *THE VISIBLE VESTRY*

The Vestry met on January 18, 2022.

- The Vestry approved the budget for 2022.
- A Vestry slate for 2022 has been established.
- At this time, nothing new from the Search Committee. They will be reconvening in February.
- The Annual Meeting will be February 13th - either in the church or Stephenson Hall depending on the Covid numbers.
- There will be no luncheon for this year's annual meeting.
- We need to update our active parishioners list as the numbers will affect the Parochial report and assessment.
- The new Vestry will review the By-Laws.
- We are looking into establishing a Memorial Book.
- There will be a Vestry retreat in March.
- Bill Eloranta made additional keys at no cost to St. Peter's.
- We had a mice problem - Aaron took care of it - at no cost to us.
- Reports for the Annual Report are due to Sue Hebb ASAP.
- We will have Stations of the Cross during Lent.
- We will be establishing a committee to plan for the 75th St. Peter's anniversary. Bishop Gates will be here that Sunday. To date, four people have expressed an interest in helping with the planning; more are needed.
- Vestry meetings will now be held on Tuesdays.
- The Annual Meeting will be on February 13, 2022.

The next Vestry meeting will be on Tuesday, February 15, 2022.

The Substance Abuse Prevention Committee will be having a Super Bowl Square Fund Raiser to help raise funds for the Bourne Substance Free Coalition. There is an explanation up in Stephenson Hall. Squares will be \$5.00 each. There will be four winners - first quarter, half time, third quarter, final. Half of what is raised will be donated.

***Celeste Hankey, Senior Warden***

**ANNUAL MEETING**  
**SUNDAY FEBRUARY 13<sup>TH</sup> 2022**

THERE WILL BE ONE AND ONLY ONE SERVICE ON SUNDAY FEBRUARY 13<sup>TH</sup> AT 9 A. M., FOLLOWED BY THE ANNUAL MEETING.

**HELP WANTED!**

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

**Altar Guild** - this is approximately a once a month commitment. Set up for Sunday services on Saturday, reset the altar between services and then clean up. There is more of a commitment during Lent and Christmas time. There will be training and pairing up until you are sure of yourself.

**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

Thank you, Celeste Hankey, Senior Warden and Patti Metcalf, Vestry, Search Committee  
[patmijo@comcast.net](mailto:patmijo@comcast.net) 508-685-5582

**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

*SEARCH COMMITTEE NEWS*

The committee will be meeting in the near future to discuss any changes or revisions to our Parish Profile that will reflect a more accurate view of how St. Peter's has been enduring, evolving and flourishing since it was first created. As always, we thank you for your support and prayers.

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.**

*FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS*

DATE		DATE	
8	Howie Moore	26	Ken Fox
21	Merry Smythe	27	Elizabeth Gary
23	Chuck Conway		

*FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES*

DATE 20 David and Dianne Cartmill

## ***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 Saint Peter's could help. Education opportunities were developed and presented and to the congregation and a fundraising campaign was begun to support the Bourne Substance Free Coalition.

The group was able to meet a few times in 2021. As we continue to meet, we will be trying to look ahead to see where we at St. Peter's can continue to help those in need. We have again started placing our fundraising jug out at the second Sunday of each month in support of the Bourne Substance Free Coalition and are considering more ways to help the group including a "super bowl square" fundraiser.

The Aids Support Group of Cape Cod has refreshed our in house Narcan Kits and we are working with them to develop some educational programs including Narcan Training. We hope you can join with us in prayer and conversation the next time we meet. "All Are Welcome"

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

## ***SANDWICH-BOURNE LIONS CLUB "COATS FOR KIDS AND FAMILIES" UPDATE***

Thank you Saint Peter's 58 coats along with scarves, hats and gloves have been donated by our parish. With refugees from Afghanistan settling in the area there will be a greater need for warm clothing this year. With our church's contributions, the Sandwich-Bourne Lions were able to provide 587 coats to this year's drive.

## ***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.

## ***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.

## *FEBRUARY 2022*

6	Sunday		
8	Tuesday	11:00 a.m.	<b>Bible Study</b>
13	Sunday		<b>One Service at 9 a.m. followed by Annual Meeting</b>
15	Tuesday	11:00 a.m.	<b>Bible Study</b>
15	Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	<b>Vestry Meeting</b>
18	Friday		<b>Newsletter Deadline</b>
20	Sunday		
22	Tuesday	11:00 a.m.	<b>Bible Study</b>
27	Sunday		
March 1	Tuesday	11:00 a.m.	<b>Bible Study</b>

## 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

### *St. Peter's Episcopal Church -on-the-Canal Staff*

Rev. Robert Malm, Interim Rector  
Lisa Platanitis, Music Director and Choir Director  
Liesl Crehan, Pianist and Organist  
Kimberly Leahy, Parish Secretary  
Susan Hebb, Newsletter Editor

### *Vestry*

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