



## ST. PETER'S WAVE MAY, 2024

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

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

In May we continue to celebrate the Easter season, culminating with the gift of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. Luke is the one Gospel that gives us an actual account of Jesus' Ascension 40 days after the Resurrection. And then, 10 days later, the great powerful experience of the Spirit being poured out upon thousands gathered in Jerusalem for the Ancient Jewish Feast of Weeks, the offering of first fruits. The Greek word is Pentecost because it fell on the 50<sup>th</sup> day after Passover.

In John's account of the first Easter Evening when Jesus appears to the 10 disciples (20:19-25) he "breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit..." John links together the Resurrection and the giving of the Holy Spirit.

Pentecost is often considered the "birthday" of the Church. Yet we know from John that the Church started as soon as the disciples realized the Resurrection.

May it be so for us today. As we know the Easter victory, we know our call to be the Church in our own day and time. We can receive the gift of the Holy Spirit to empower us all to be ministers in the Body of Christ.

Grace, Peace, Love,  
Bob +



## LITURGICAL NOTES "ALLELUIA"

In the Easter season we add our use of "Alleluia" to the liturgy. The service begins with "Alleluia. Christ is risen." And at the dismissal at the end of the service, we add a double "Alleluia." Of course, so many of our hymns use "Alleluia," including the well-known, "Alleluia, sing to Jesus." The only seasons when we don't use alleluia are in Lent and Advent.

The word, alleluia, is the Latin and English translation of two Hebrew words that are joined to make “Hallelujah” – “praise the Lord.” So many of the psalms include “Hallelujah.” Every Sunday we “praise the Lord” in our worship. Easter season is a joyful, exciting time to “praise the Lord,” sing Alleluia,” with all our heart, mind and soul.



Our website needs updating – we will be working on having this done.

We have purchased security cameras/doorbells – they will be installed in May.

Celeste has been contacted by the former pastor of the church in Swansea. He would like to discuss the possibility of one priest for both churches. Celeste and Bob will meet with him.

We need to inventory the entire church property. Committees will be set up to handle each different area.

We are having Sallie Garden cleaned up and plants that don't need so much care will be installed.

The parking lot will be paved where we had to dig it up due to flooding in the day care area.

We will be removing the back pew on the right side of the church and installing a half pew to accommodate wheelchairs.

The meeting room is being painted.

The parish profile needs to be updated.

Mark put new numbers on the front of the church in compliance with the fire department.

The Bourne Substance Free Coalition and the Middlers are considering a Karaoke fund raiser.

There will be a meet and greet with the candidates for Bishop on May 8<sup>th</sup> in Barnstable.

On May 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 there will be a Walk for Hope – 3 mile walk in Falmouth.

## **?? DID YOU KNOW ??**

Dianne Cartmill regularly sends cards to parishioners who may be ill or grieving or just in need of our prayers. She has been doing this for many years now. We could all give Dianne a helping hand in this important ministry by supplying her with cards. I know that I often get blank notecards from non-profit groups that I support, perhaps you do too. If so, please consider donating your cards to Dianne. Thank you all! And Thank You to Dianne for her ministry!

# JOURNEY OF *Faith*

It is with great joy that we announce that Lisa Platanitis has been accepted into the Master of Divinity Program at the General Theological Seminary in New York City. This is the oldest seminary of the Episcopal Church, founded in 1817. There were 90 applicants, with only 20 accepted – Lisa being one. She was selected based on her passion for ministry. Lisa will start her 2024 Hybrid Program in August of this year. This program will allow Lisa to do a lot of her studies on-line, so she will still be with us. Lisa will attend classes in New York at three different times in the future.

It is customary that the sponsoring church assist their candidate through this process. Lisa has been told that the initial cost of the program will be \$2,000. due by August 1<sup>st</sup>. The vestry has voted to pay these initial costs. Some parishioners have indicated that they would also like to help Lisa financially. If you would like to help, please make your check payable to St. Peter's and in the memo line write Lisa. If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Bob Malm. And please keep Lisa in your prayers.



**November 23rd 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

Our first Christmas Fair Meeting was a success with lots of input and wonderful ideas! We have Margery's Ornament Angels who will be making hand-made ornaments, wonderful hand knitted goods by our faithful and busy Knitting Club, Millie's beautiful stained-glass items, our Santa's Second's table, The Davin's Dazzling Crafts for Kids (while adults' shop), Johns's Java station, and Amy's Amazing Baked Goods table, Lisa's Woodworking Wonders, and Linda's Super Silent Auction! What fun!

Think about how you might like to help. You may start to bring in your gently loved Christmas decorations for the Santa's Seconds tables so we can find loving homes for them. Margery will gladly welcome more Ornament Angels, and don't worry if you feel like you're not crafty...she provides instruction. Stay tuned for more info on when that will begin. Also, there will be a need for extra hands at the kids' craft table. Watch this space for more information and ways you can help to make this fair a success.

Blessings,  
Patti Metcalf



## RECTOR SEARCH

It has been quite some time since there has been news from us. This discernment process for a new Rector began in October of 2019, and what a long, strange ride it's been. We all have been through lots of stuff, plus a pandemic and just look at St. Peter's now! We are growing, and welcoming new people every week it seems, celebrating baptisms of all ages, fresh ideas, refurbishing spaces, bringing back some programs for parishioners and our community, forming new friendships, praising our Lord in prayer and song! So many blessings!

Speaking of blessings, our committee was blessed to have Jim Lema, Elisabeth Kershaw and Doug Harper, our Search Consultant, sharing their talents and love of St. Peter's during this process, With Elisabeths' keen eye for detail and being a "newer" member of the church, and Jim having been a long-time parishioner (who probably knows every nook and cranny of our church), and Doug's' informative and patient guidance, they provided a great balance and blending of ideas. They are unable to continue their commitment, but we thank them for their support, insight, and wish them God's blessings for their dedication.

In the near future, Rev. Bob, Warden Celeste and the committee will meet to discuss steps to proceed, with perhaps choosing new committee members. We thank you for your continued prayers and support.

Yours in Christ,  
Matthew Bruce, Larry Higgins, Nancy Kennedy, and Patti Metcalf



Our seventh get together was held on April 6, 2024. Health issues and vacation opportunities held the attendance to seven attendees. None the less, a good time was had by all!

Our next breakfast get together will be held on **Saturday, May 4, 2024 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 signup 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

# INVENTORY

One of the things that arose in our audit is the need to have the property of St. Peter's church inventoried. The vestry thought the best way to accomplish this is to break down different areas of the church and have small groups individually inventory each area.

If you would like to be part of this undertaking, here are the areas to be inventoried:

Office and office closet – will be done by Kim.

Church and narthex

The kitchen and Stephenson Hall

The meeting room

The meeting room closets

Shed

The sacristy – will be done by Altar Guild

Music room – will be done by musicians

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Please let Celeste know if you are willing to help out. Thank you.



## BISHOP'S ELECTION; MEET & GREET NOMINEES

The Diocese of Massachusetts will elect a new bishop on May 18. Profiles of the 5 nominees may be found on the diocese' website [www.diomass.org](http://www.diomass.org). A series of meetings to hear from the nominees themselves are planned, the nearest to us being at **St. Mary's Church in Barnstable on May 8 at 10am**. All members of the church are welcome to attend. If you are interested in attending and would like to carpool, a sign-up is posted in the Narthex. Please indicate if you would like to carpool, and if you are willing to drive. Please take a few minutes to read the nominees' profiles and let Margery Buckingham and/or Ken Lihzis, our delegates to the convention, know who you would like them to support. Margery & Ken will be available after the 10am service on May 12.

## 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  
1<sup>st</sup> Saturday, 8:30am - Men's Breakfast  
2<sup>nd</sup> Monday, 3:33pm - Substance Abuse Team  
3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 6:30pm - Vestry

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