

# *THE WAVE MARCH 2022*

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

## *DEAR PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS*

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 2, this year. We look forward to the fullness of this season to help us prepare for Holy Week and Easter, which will be Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. In 2020, the Covid shutdown came in the middle of Lent. Last year St. Peter's was not worshipping in person during Lent.

Our Sunday worship sets the tone for this season of penitence and preparation. We do not use the word "Alleluia". The Great Litany, the 10 Commandments and the Penitential Order help us to begin the liturgies.

The word "Lent" is derived from an old Anglo-Saxon word meaning "Spring", when the days lengthen (from the same source word as Lent). In the history of the church, the weeks before Easter were set aside for preparing adults for Holy Baptism. This also became a time for self-examination, prayer, and acts of mercy. Eventually, 40 days were set aside, symbolizing Jesus' 40 days in the wilderness at the start of his ministry.

The popular practice of "giving something up" for Lent can be a great help in finding time for prayer, reading, exercise, serving in some meaningful way. If I choose to give something up, I need to consider what I'll take on, add to my life.

In addition to our Sunday worship, we'll have some Lenten resources available, and we will gather at noon on Thursdays in the church for the Stations of the Cross and Holy Eucharist.

I look forward to our Lenten pilgrimage this year at St. Peter's. May the weeks ahead fill us with God's grace, love and peace.

Grace & Peace,  
Bob

Rev. Bob Malm  
Interim Rector

## *ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2<sup>nd</sup>*

This year we will observe Ash Wednesday with two services, one at 12 noon, without music, and one at 5:30 p.m. with music. Both services will include the imposition of ashes and the full Book of Common Prayer liturgy. The Diocese has asked that ashes be administered by using individual Q-tips for each person.

## *THURSDAYS IN LENT*

Starting on March 10<sup>th</sup>, and continuing for the 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> of March, we will gather in the church at 12 noon to use the devotion, "The Way of the Cross", marking the 14 stations traditionally observed. These stations are on the walls of the church nave at St. Peter's. Since we do not have any side aisles, we will simply observe each station from our places in the nave.

Booklets will be available. A passage from the Bible is read at each station followed by a prayer. A verse from the hymn, Stabat Mater, (Hymnal 159) is read as we "move" from station to station.

This tradition began as pilgrims in Jerusalem marked Jesus' final journey from Pilate's courtyard to Calvary. The Franciscans popularized the practice in local churches through-out the middle ages. Eight of the stations are based on events recorded in the Gospels. Six are based on tradition.

After we use "The Way of the Cross" we will share Holy Communion, preparing for Maundy Thursday, when we celebrate Jesus' institution of the Holy Eucharist. The entire service will take about 45 minutes. There will not be music.

Assuming Covid restrictions will allow as we move closer to spring, parishioners and guests are invited to bring a bag lunch and gather for informal discussion after the liturgy. We will discuss the stations and the "Way of Love," the devotion Presiding Bishop Michael Curry has given us.

## *MEN'S BREAKFAST*

We are pleased to announce that the monthly men's breakfast will resume on Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, at 8:30 a.m. 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 or Henri Masson at 508-498-7256. We look forward to seeing you!

Jim and Henri

## *THE VISIBLE VESTRY*

The Vestry met on February 15, 2022.

Our new Vestry members were introduced:

Jack Kennedy - 1 year - finishing Chuck Conway's term  
Donna Tripp - 2 years - finishing Nancy Moore's term  
Kathy Letzeisen - Assistant Treasurer

The Parochial Report was approved with changes.

It was reported that the Annual Meeting went well on February 13th.

We will be reviewing the By-Laws.

Kelly O'Connor from the Diocese would like to have St. Peter's look into Priest Sharing.

We are sending out a letter to parishioners to prepare to update Saint Peter's Parish Directory.

Ash Wednesday services will be at 12:00 noon and 5:30 p.m.

We will have Stations of the Cross during Lent, starting Thursday, March 10. After the Stations, we will have Communion and then a "bring your lunch and discussion".

Sign up sheets will be posted in the Narthex for the following activities:

- ***St. Peter's 75th Anniversary, with Bishop Gates' visit on June 12th***
- Possible 4th of July and Canal Day participation.

***Celeste Hankey, Senior Warden***

## *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 month of February has flown by and hopefully the snowy weather with it! Search Committee members were not able to meet in February, but “Hope Springs Eternal” and Spring starts in March so hopefully we will be able to meet this month. 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.***

## *BIRTHDAYS*

JANURY BIRTHDAY INADVERTANTLY MISSED: DON GOERSHEL, JANUARY 7<sup>TH</sup>

*A Belated Happy Birthday, Don !*

## *MARCH*

22 Diane Bergeron  
27 David Cartmill

***SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION AND SUPPORT GROUP  
UPDATE FOR MARCH***

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 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 loose-change jug out on the second Sunday of each month, in support of the Bourne Substance Free Coalition and we are considering more ways to help the group.

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." We are taking a short break due to the recent outbreak of Covid and will meet again on March 21<sup>st</sup>, at 3:33 p.m. at the Church.

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

## ***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.

**CALENDAR**  
**MARCH 2022**

1	Tuesday	11:00 a.m.	<b>Bible Study</b>
2	Wednesday		<b>Ash Wednesday</b>
6	Sunday		
8	Tuesday	11:00 a.m.	<b>Bible Study</b>
10	Thursday	12 noon	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>
13	Sunday		
15	Tuesday	11:00 a.m.	<b>Bible Study</b>
15	Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	<b>Vestry Meeting</b>
17	Thursday	12 noon	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>
18	Friday		<b>Newsletter Deadline</b>
20	Sunday		<b>Vernal Equinox</b>
22	Tuesday	11:00 a.m.	<b>Bible Study</b>
24	Thursday	12 noon	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>
27	Sunday		
29	Tuesday	11:00 a.m.	<b>Bible Study</b>
31	Thursday	12 noon	<b>Stations of the Cross</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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