



**ST. PETER'S WAVE
APRIL, 2024**

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

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Every day in April is one of the 50 days of the Easter season. We have 4 of the 7 Easter Sundays to celebrate, but only the first two, on the 7th and on the 14th, include narratives of the Risen Christ appearing to his disciples.

On the 2nd Sunday of Easter we always hear the story of Thomas and of Jesus appearing on the first Easter evening (when Thomas isn't there), and, then, again appearing 1 week later. This year on Easter 3 we will hear the story from Luke when Jesus appears and "commissions" his disciples to be "witnesses" of the Resurrection.

The experience and understanding of Jesus' resurrection grew gradually in the hearts and minds of his disciples. Although they received the Holy Spirit in a powerful way on the day of Pentecost, their "witness" to Jesus' victory and new life, took years to mature.

So, too, with us. How we experience Easter grows year by year, as long as we work at it. Studying the record in scripture, seeing the history of the church, sharing our own stories of new life all help.

Easter is God's story of love and hope triumphing. In the month ahead each one of us can experience love and hope in a new way. Thomas found love and hope in a new way. Peter found love and hope in a new way. They inspire us to continue to ask the questions, seek the answers, know the reality of Jesus' resurrection.

Alleluia. Christ is Risen. The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Grace, Peace, Love,
Bob



LITURGICAL NOTES

The Paschal Candle

Every year on Easter Sunday a tall candle in a 5' brass stand is placed in the front of the church, just inside the altar rail on the Gospel side. This is the Paschal Candle, named from the Greek word "Pascha" meaning Passover. The church used this word to apply to The Feast of the Lord's Resurrection - Easter. The tall candle represents the Lord Jesus Christ passing over from death to new life.

Many churches will celebrate The Great Vigil of Easter sometime between sunset on Holy Saturday and sunrise on Easter morning.

The first part of the vigil is "The Service of Light." A fire is started in the dark and silence. The candle is prepared and blessed, then lighted from the fire. The minister proclaims "The light of Christ" and the people respond "Thanks be to God." (See the Book of Common Prayer pp. 284-295)

Normally the Paschal Candle has a cross with an Alpha and Omega (first and last). Sometimes the date of the year is marked. There are five small red beads that are inserted into the 4 points of the cross and the center. These symbolize the wounds of Christ in his hands, feet and side. Some congregations will have everyone hold their own individual candles, all lighted from the original flame of the Paschal Candle. And some will include a Procession. The Vigil continues by candlelight.

The Paschal Candle burns for the 50 days of the Easter Season through Pentecost Sunday. The candle will also be used for every Baptism and every Funeral, celebrating the new life we experience through faith in the Risen Christ. At St. Peter's we are blessed to have a beautiful new Paschal Candle which we just started using last year.



VISIBLE

VESTRY

The March Vestry Meeting followed the Annual Vestry Retreat
Finances are good so far this year.

The recommendations from the audit were discussed

The mandolin concert was successful – the group donated \$495.00 to St. Peter's.

The knitting group has met and will meet again April 13th.

The Woman's Bible Study group will meet on March 27th to set up how they're going to proceed.

The Vestry voted to give bonuses to Lisa and Liesl.

The WiFi has been updated and security cameras set up at both doors.

The Vestry approved John McGuinness setting up a produce stand on the side lawn. He will pay rent for the space.

Kelly O'Connell has said that the church in Swansea may be a good match for us if we consider a priest sharing plan.

Mark Taylor has a carpenter coming to talk about expanding the columbarium.

We are going to have Sallie Garden cleaned up.

Rev. Bob would like participation in the Walk for Hope on May 19th in Falmouth.

Four people have been nominated for the position of Bishop – profiles are available on-line.

We hope to have the directory finished soon.

The Altar Guild has purchased new candles for the altar – there is a wish list if anyone is interested.

Rev. Bob will be away for two Sundays – April 7th and 14th. Lisa will be celebrating Morning Prayer on those two Sundays.

The next meeting will be held on April 16th at 6:30. These meetings are open to all.



PRELIMINARY SLATE OF CANDIDATES 17TH BISHOP, DIOCESE OF MASSACHUSETTS

The Standing Committee of the Diocese of Massachusetts is pleased to announce that, after receiving the recommendations of the Bishop Nominating Committee, it has approved a preliminary slate of four nominees for election as the 17th bishop diocesan of the Diocese of Massachusetts. They are:

- The Rev. Dr. Brendan J. Barnicle,
Rector, St. Francis of Assisi Church, Wilsonville, OR
- The Rev. Canon Jean Baptiste Ntagengwa,
Canon for Immigration and Multicultural Ministries, Diocese of Massachusetts
- The Very Rev. Gideon L. K. Pollach,
Rector, St. John's Church, Cold Spring Harbor, NY
- The Rev. Julia E. Whitworth,
Rector, Trinity Church, Indianapolis, IN

More information about each nominee can be found at www.diomass.org/bishop-search/bishop-nominees.

Members of the Diocese will have the opportunity to meet the nominees at Meet & Greets at the following times & locations:

Our next breakfast get together will be held on **Saturday, April 6, 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 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. I look forward to seeing you at Persy's!

Jim Hankey



CHRISTMAS FAIR

Have you heard the news? St. Peter's is having a Christmas Fair! I know, we just celebrated Easter but it's never too soon to start planning, is it? Of course not!

Our Fair is **Saturday, November 23rd!** (Hours TBD) The members of Saint Peter's Knitting Group have lots of talent and ideas for the fair, but I've been asked to help organize and oversee it. I said Yes!

If you would like to be involved or have any ideas to share, please join the **Christmas Fair Group on Saturday, April 16th at 11:00**. Coincidentally this is the same day the Knitting Group meets. (They begin their meeting at 10:00 and you do not have to be a knitter to be involved.) At this informal meeting the goal is to discuss what we want to do and get an idea of how many people might want to be involved. In the meantime, we'd love for you search your homes for any Christmas items that might need a new home. Please bring them to church and we will lovingly store them away until November.

I'm looking forward to working with everyone!
Yours In Christ,
Patti Metcalf

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

1st Saturday, 8:30am - Men's Breakfast

2nd Monday, 2:22pm - Substance Abuse Team

3rd Tuesday, 6:30pm – Vestry

Additional events can be found on the parish website www.saintpetersbb.org and in the weekly email.

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