

The Wave **DECEMBER 2019**

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

A MESSAGE FROM REV. PATTIE HANDLOSS

Dear Friends,

The darkness of winter gives us the gift of time— time is a rare commodity for many of us but it is a gift. A gift to be with a good book or a small group or listening to some music we appreciate—doing things we usually do not do when the days are long and warm. And one of the gifts of time is to take time to do for others. To do as God has done and act with others in mind.

The season that approaches us is one of the most hectic of the year for some and the saddest for others. Thanksgivings and Christmases are often times when people are alone and without anyone with whom to celebrate.

As people of faith, as people of love, we know that what we do in the seasons of Advent and Christmas is about waiting for love in the form of a baby to break into our lives. That is what we celebrate. It is that joy that brings us together and for which we wait. We wait for The Christ.

As people of faith and as people of love it is ours to be generous in our love for others who find the holiday season hard, who are lonely or in need. It is ours to be the hands and feet of our Lord. We are after all the Body of Christ. The seasons ahead allow us to be that Body of Love in profound and personal ways.

I invite you to hold the time of darkness tenderly and gratefully as you remember those who need your love. I invite you to remember yourselves in this time and take time to read a good book or have a cup of tea with a friend – reach out as you can and reach in as you must – so that your soul and the souls of others are nourished this season.

Blessings,

Pattie

THE VISIBLE VESTRY

The Vestry met on Monday, November 18, 2019, at 7:00 p.m.

- The minutes from the October meeting were approved.
- Financial Report – Chuck Soule gave the vestry an update of our finances. A new format was introduced that made understanding our finances easier.
- We are asking Terry Robinson to do the audit for this year.
- The Search Committee will be meeting December 5th. One member had to resign, requiring an upcoming recovery period due to a fall.
- The Nominating Committee has been started; one member from the congregation is needed to complete it.
- We are looking into changing the Annual Meeting date so that our financial reports will reflect the end of the year numbers.
- Liesel Keller, our new piano player, has joined St. Peter's as a member of the music team.
- For Christmas Eve, we will have one service, with music and carols at 6:00 p.m., and the service beginning at 6:30.
- Pattie would like to have a St. Nicholas service on December 8.
- We have been asked by Oakbay Brewery if they could use our parking lot for their employees; the Vestry approved.
- Paper Pantry is going strong – a letter went out to 15 churches asking for support.
- We now have WiFi and a new phone system so that Pattie and Kathy can communicate with each other via phone.
- Friendly Kitchen needs donations for the Thanksgiving Dinner that will be served on Monday, November 25th.
- The Bourne Substance Free Coalition will be having a raffle this year as a fund raiser and will have speakers come to St. Peter's to talk about addiction issues on Thursday, November 21.
- "Brian" from Honey Dew Donuts was unable to fix our old coffee pot, so he gave us a new one, and will still try to fix the old one so we will have a backup. Saved us between \$600 and \$700.

The next Vestry meeting will be Monday, December 16, 2019.

Celeste Hankey, Senior Warden

CHRISTMAS-TIME IS COMING!

If you would like to honor or remember your loved ones through the altar Christmas flowers, please fill out the form below and return it to the Church Office no later than Monday, December 16. This information will be published in the Christmas Flowers List in the Christmas bulletin.

Donations towards the Christmas season’s wreaths and poinsettias without mention in the Flowers List is also welcomed. Please write “Christmas Flowers” on the envelope and/or check to ensure proper recognition is given. Flower forms will also be available in a Sunday bulletin and in the Narthex through the December 16 deadline. Call Kathy at the Church Office 508-759-5641 with any questions.

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CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Please make your written request below:

_____ in loving memory of / _____ in thanksgiving for

_____ with special prayers / _____ other:

For: _____

Remembered by: _____

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MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

The Weekly Bible Study, which looks into the weekly lessons, meets at 11 a.m. on Mondays.

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY

The Women's Bible Study, which meets twice a month and studies issues of importance and interest to women, will meet at 12:30 on Monday, December 9 and 12:30 on Monday, December 23. Ladies, bring a bag lunch to enjoy; coffee and tea are provided. We hope to see you there!

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

St. Peter's Pancake Breakfast will be on **Sunday, December 1, at 9 a.m.** We will be serving up pancakes, eggs, sausages, juice and coffee. Come one, come all! A great get-together for the whole church.

I'm still looking for volunteers to help with the set-up and with serving the meal. If you would like to join in this effort, please call me at 774 212-0453, email me at KLihzis@gmail.com, or see me after each service.

Your brother in Christ,
Ken Lihzis

MEN'S BREAKFAST GATHERING

The Men's Breakfast Gathering meets once a month, on the 3rd Saturday, through June. The meeting this month will be **Saturday, December 21 at 8 a.m.** We meet at **Persy's Place**, located in **East Wareham** at 3198 Cranberry Highway, next to Upper Cape Realty. All men of the parish are welcome to attend.

Your brother in Christ,
Ken Lihzis

BOOK CLUB MEETING

The Book Club meets once a month **at 10 a.m.** This month, that will be **December 13TH**. The meeting will be held at the **home of Celeste Hankey**. Please join us! If you have any questions, you may call Linda Masson at 508-743-5139 or Lynne Brune at 508-295-6146.

WEEKLY E-MAIL FROM ST. PETER'S

Each week we send out an email showcasing highlights of the coming week, the lessons for the next Sunday, those serving, and a calendar of events. We also use this community email as a means of notifying you of church service cancellations (in the event of inclement weather), of deaths in the parish family, and other emergent news. If you are not receiving this email and would like to, please send a note to Robin Higgins at ptown.robin@yahoo.com and we will add you to the mailing list. And if you have news you would like included, you can send that to Robin as well! Please note, this is not in any way a replacement for the WAVE. It is a means of reinforcing and reminding us of events and of disbursing information in a timely manner. Thanks for your support!

Robin Higgins

GIFT CARDS FOR VILLAGE AT CATAUMET

Once again we are supporting the good work Housing Assistance Corporation does for local families in transition. Last year, St. Peter's Church provided over \$1000 in gift cards to Walmart, Shaw's and T. J. Maxx so that the staff at Village at Cataumet could buy Christmas gifts for the children living with them. Our Giving Tree will be in the narthex on November 24. Please take an ornament and return it to church with a gift card by December 8.

Margery Buckingham

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 December, we will be collecting ADULT TOILETRIES.** 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!!

Have you signed up in the Narthex to help provide goodies for our coffee hour after the 10:00 service? Coffee is already made – your pastries and fruit will make it complete. Please help make this time of fellowship a delicious one as well. And speaking of fellowship, if you see someone new, please invite them to sit with you and have some good conversation. Welcome others as you would like to be welcomed!

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, 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.

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.

CAPE COD AREA SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS

CONSOLING PARTNERS / ADDICTION LOSS: Meets on the third Wednesday of every month (December 18), 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 **January 2020** issue is Friday, **December 20th**. Send all articles to Susan Hebb at susanhebb@comcast.net.

UPCOMING DATES

DECEMBER 2019

1	Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Pancake Breakfast
8	Sunday		
13	Friday	10 a.m.	Book Club Meeting at Celeste Hankey's
15	Sunday		
16	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Vestry Meeting
20	Friday		Newsletter Deadline
21	Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast Gathering
22	Sunday		
24	Tuesday		Christmas Eve Services
25	Wednesday		Christmas Day
29	Sunday		

Weekly Schedule

Sundays	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite I Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Mondays	10:00 – 4:00 10:00 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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