

The Wave **MAY** 2019

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

FROM THE RECTOR ***The Reverend Sue Lederhouse***

Back in January when I announced that I would be retiring in June, it seemed so far away. But now those 5 months have turned into "it's next month." I am having a hard time wrapping my head around that.

I am reminded of the words that Jesus tells the disciples as He is preparing to leave them. He says in John 16:12, "I still have many things to say to you." I feel that way, too. There are so many things to say to you of how much I have loved being with you these 9 years – how much you have all meant to me – how much I appreciate what we have shared together. And I will share more of these things as we move closer to June 23. As the Wardens and Vestry know, I am also trying to empty my brain with them and make sure that I share with them all the things that they need to know for these days ahead.

But in the meantime we have a number of important events ahead of us in these months of May and June. We have our annual Audit coming up on May 6 to make sure that we are in compliance with the business practices of the Episcopal Church. We have a great pizza party to help support the Bourne Substance Free Coalition on May 10. Our Regional Canon, The Rev. Kelly O'Connell, will be visiting us on May 12. We will remember our friend and fellow parishioner, Ursula Cinelli, on May 18. On May 19, we will add another member to our parish through baptism. The women of the parish will gather together on May 20 at Lindsey's for lunch and we will continue our Paper Pantry outreach on May 21.

Looking ahead, we have a clean-up day on June 1. We celebrate the Feast of Pentecost with many languages and many shades of red on June 9 and we will rejoice in the youth and adults who are confirmed on June 15.

In this month of May, we continue to focus on the joy of Resurrection – the joy of new life – the joy of new hope – the joy of new faith that is the hallmark of Easter. Easter is not just one Sunday but an entire season of the church year. It began on Easter Day, April 21, but it doesn't end until the Feast of Pentecost on June 9. And as we walk through this joyful season of the church year, we continue to say:

Alleluia – Christ is Risen! The Lord is Risen Indeed – Alleluia!

Sue Lederhouse+

THE DEACON'S CORNER

I thought it was going to be winter forever, and we wouldn't ever be warm again. All of a sudden it's May! Daffodils have bloomed, my roses are pushing out buds. Warm breezes are blowing. It's good to be alive!

May brings Mother's Day, the day we honor our Mothers. Also, Memorial Day. Remember when we were kids and we would take a "road trip" to decorate the graves of veterans with flags? Did you do that or is that just an Ohio tradition?

For the faithful, the church celebrates Ascension Day on May 30. What is that all about? It is one of those "picture perfect" May events. The Resurrection has happened. Jesus has appeared to the Apostles and gradually to the rest of His close followers who have been with Him throughout His earthly ministry. He has been patiently explaining everything that has taken place since His arrest, crucifixion, and Resurrection, in order to open their minds to the truth of who He is and why He was sent. He has told them that they must remain in Jerusalem until the "Comforter" comes to explain everything and "clothe them with power" in preparation for the work He will give them to do. Then one warm spring day He took them on a long walk toward Bethany. Suddenly, He turned, blessed them, and was gone. Where did He go? Why did He go? When would He return? Luke says that they worshipped Him with great joy. Then they returned to Jerusalem where they could be found in the Temple daily, blessing God and waiting for God's good pleasure. Be sure to come to Church on the Sunday after Ascension Day and hear the "rest of the story."

Deacon Bob Sherwood

THE VISIBLE VESTRY

The Vestry meeting was held on March 15, 2019.

- Chuck Soule, our accountant, was present to go over the financial reports
- The financial reports were approved.
- The minutes from the March Vestry meeting were approved.
- Rev. Sue announced that we are receiving a significant donation – further discussion to determine how best to use this money.
- We have received donations in memory of Don Smith. They will be used to get a new display/sign up board for the Narthex.
- The Audit will be May 6th.
- Rev. Sue, Dianne Cartmill, Lynne Brune, Alan Kershaw and Celeste Hankey attended a Congregational Business Practices Workshop on April 6th at the Church of the Good Shepherd in Wareham.
- There is a baptism scheduled for May 19th.
- Stations of the Cross service has been well received.
- We have added new ushers for the 8:00 service; discussion about ushering at the 10:00 service.

- There will be a gathering for Ursula Cinelli on May 18th at 12:00. Sign-up sheet in the Narthex for the luncheon.
- Women's Luncheon will be on May 20th at Lindsey's. Sign-up sheet in the Narthex.
- Confirmation will be on June 15th at St. John's in Sandwich.
- Deacon Bob has reported that he is working on coming back to active duty.
- A small group, led by Lisa Platanitis, is working on a job description for what St. Peter's would like for an organist.
- Celeste distributed information on AEDs. There is some consideration about putting one in St. Peter's.
- Linda Masson and Rev. Sue have submitted a grant request to Cape Cod 5 Bank for the Paper Pantry. They have requested \$6,000 for the year.
- The Substance Abuse Prevention and Support group is having a pizza dinner/party on May 10 to support the Bourne Substance Free Coalition. Sign-up sheet in the Narthex.
- Rev. Sue and Bruce's Retirement Party is being planned for June 9th.
- We have a list of Supply Priests from the Diocese to be utilized after June 23rd.
- Henri presented 2 quotes for replacing the carpeting in the Church. The Vestry voted to go with the lower bid. The carpeting will be replaced after July 1st.
- The sheds need to be repaired. Henri is working on getting a written bid.
- The Vestry discussed solar panels – this has been put on the back burner for now.
- There will be a St. Peter's clean-up day on June 1st.

The next Vestry meeting will be held on May 20, 2019.

Celeste Hankey, Senior Warden

PANCAKE BREAKFAST - MAY 5 - 9:00 A.M.

We return to Pancake Breakfast on the first Sunday of the month! Our friendly and dedicated Pancake Sunday team will be back cooking up stacks of their delicious pancakes, scrambled eggs and sizzling sausages on **Sunday, May 5, at 9:00 a.m.**, so that both eight o'clockers and tenners can enjoy a treat and a visit. For more information, contact Ken Lihzis (Klihzis@gmail.com / 774-212-0453).

GREATER WAREHAM WALK FOR HUNGER - MAY 5

Sunday, May 5, is the ninth annual Greater Wareham Walk for Hunger, which raises money for Project Bread. Project Bread provides millions of dollars each year to more than 400 emergency food programs in 128 communities statewide including the community of Wareham. The walk is five miles and begins at **1 PM**. The walk starts and finishes at the Church of the Good Shepherd. Please consider walking and collecting sponsor donations for this year's Walk for Hunger. More information and sponsor

forms/instruction sheets for the walk are available on the bulletin board in the back hallway adjacent to the back entrance. Please plan to walk and/or sponsor a walker. Thank you!

PIZZA PARTY - MAY 10 - 6:00 P.M.

On **Friday, May 10, at 6:00 p.m.**, the St. Peter's Substance Abuse Prevention and Support Group is sponsoring a Pizza Party Fund Raiser to support the Bourne Substance Free Coalition. We will be offering salad, pizza and dessert. Please come and join in the Fun!!!

Sign Up in the Narthex or call the church office (508-759-5641). Cost is \$8.00 for Adults and \$5.00 for children under 10.

Remember the Bourne Substance Free Coalition jar will be out on May 12 for your loose change, too.

VISIT OF THE REV. CANON KELLY O'CONNELL - MAY 12

On Sunday, **May 12**, The Rev. Canon Kelly O'Connell, will be visiting St. Peter's. Kelly is the Regional Canon for the Southern Region of the Diocese and will be guiding the transition process for St. Peter's in the months ahead. She will be preaching at both services and will be available for conversation after each service. Come and meet Kelly and bring your questions about what will be happening after June 23.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY - MAY 13 - 12:30 P.M.

On **May 13**, we will be discussing **King Belshazzar's mother** from the Old Testament Book of Daniel. The group will **NOT** meet on May 27 because of Memorial Day. No previous Bible knowledge is required. A Bible is helpful but if you don't have one, we can provide one for you. The group normally meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at 12:30 p.m. All women of the parish are invited. Bring a bag lunch and there will be coffee/tea and goodies provided.

MEN'S BREAKFAST GATHERING - MAY 18 - 8:00 A.M.

The men of the parish will gather together for their monthly breakfast. Plan to be present for a time of food and fellowship at **8:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 20, at Persy's Place, 3198 Cranberry Highway in East Wareham**. The restaurant is on the same side of the highway as Lindsey's, next to Upper Cape Realty. All men are welcome! Contact Ken Lihzis for more information (774-212-0453 or klihzis@gmail.com)

SAYING GOODBYE TO URSULA CINELLI - MAY 18

Ursula Cinelli was a faithful parishioner at the 8:00 service for many many years and also participated in the weekly Bible Study. She was an active participant in the M & Ms women's group and hosted the Esperanza School girls when they came to visit. Ursula helped to lead the Helping Hands clothing ministry for many years as well.

Ursula died on January 31 and now we have the opportunity to celebrate her life and mourn her passing. On **Saturday, May 18, at 12 noon**, we will have a luncheon for her in the Parish Hall. **This lunch will be limited to 35 St. Peter's parishioners (the other spaces will be for family and non-St. Peter's friends.) Sign up in the Narthex for the luncheon.**

At 1:15 p.m., there will be a time of prayer and remembrances in the Church followed by Ursula's interment in the Columbarium.

Please come and remember one of St. Peter's faithful!

WOMEN'S LUNCHEON - MAY 20 - 12:30 P.M.

All women of the parish are invited to a luncheon at LINDSEY'S RESTAURANT (Cranberry Highway, East Wareham) on **MONDAY, MAY 20, at 12:30 p.m.** This will be a good chance to catch up before summer starts. Sign up in the Narthex if you are able to come or call the Church Office (508-759-5641).

HEALING SERVICE - MAY 26 - 9:00 A.M.

Each month, a faithful group of parishioners gather to join in a service of prayers for healing, anointing, and laying on of hands. Usually this service is held on the third Sunday of the month, but because of the baptism on May 19, we will be moving the Healing Service to **Sunday, May 26, at 9 a.m.** All are welcome to attend.

HELP CLEAN UP OUR CHURCH INSIDE & OUT! SATURDAY, JUNE 1, FROM 9:00 A.M. - 12 NOON

We need to spruce up our church yard for spring! Join with fellow parishioners on **Saturday, June 1, from 9-12**, to do some work on our front yard and other areas of our property. We also need some folks to do some work inside the church. Bring your own tools and gloves. Many hands make light work! Look for the sign-up sheet in the Narthex!

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 May, we will be gathering twin bed items.** 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.

TURN OFF THOSE LIGHTS!

As you may have noticed from your Eversource bills, electricity is getting more expensive. We can all help save St. Peter's some money by cutting off lights that are not in use. Every little bit helps to save some money for other uses. Thanks for your help!

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 the Rev. Sue Lederhouse at 508-240-2853, or 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 (May 15), 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 **June** issue is Friday, **May 17**. Send all articles to Susan Hebb at susanhebb@comcast.net

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5	Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Pancake Breakfast
6	Monday	10:00 a.m.	Audit
9	Thursday	6:00 p.m.	Deanery at Woods Hole
10	Friday	6:00 p.m.	Pizza Party for Bourne Substance Free Coalition
12	Sunday	SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION SUNDAY VISIT OF THE REV. CANON KELLY O'CONNELL	
13	Monday	12:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
17	Friday		Newsletter Deadline
18	Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast Gathering
		12 noon	Memorial Luncheon for Ursula Cinelli followed by Prayers & Remembrances & Interment in Columbarium
19	Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Baptism
20	Monday	12:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Women's Luncheon @ Lindsey's Vestry
21	Tuesday	3 – 5 p.m.	Paper Pantry
26	Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Healing Service
27	Monday		MEMORIAL DAY OFFICE CLOSED / NO BIBLE STUDY
28	Tuesday	10 – 4 11:00 a.m.	Office Open Bible Study

UPCOMING DATES			
June 1	Clean Up Day	June 9	Pentecost
June 15	Confirmation		
June 23	Rev. Sue Last Sunday / Bp. Gayle Visitation		

Weekly Schedule

Sundays	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite I Holy Eucharist, Rite II Choir Rehearsal
Mondays	10:00 – 4:00 11:00 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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