

THE WAVE APRIL 2022

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

DEAR PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS

We will enjoy Easter Sunday on April 17th. This is about a week shorter than the latest Easter can be celebrated and we can hope for a beautiful spring day. Regardless of the weather, Holy Week and Easter Sunday are the 8 most sacred days in our liturgical calendar. The Passion and Glory of Jesus Christ is the foundation for our Christian Faith and for life all year round.

It all starts on what The Book of Common Prayer calls The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday. We begin by observing Our Lord's entry into Jerusalem in triumph as he was proclaimed, "King, Son of David, Redeemer of the World." Palm branches, the hymn "All glory, laud, and honor," and a procession into the church introduce us to the start of Holy Week.

But the feel of the day changes quickly as the prayers before the readings remind us of Jesus' "pain", "suffering" and "death upon the cross." This year we will read Luke's account of the Passion. The entire congregation has parts to read. After Holy Communion we depart in silence and darkness.

We will not have any services at St. Peter's on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday in Holy Week. I suggest you read the collects for each day, BCP p. 220. You may also want to read the Gospel stories that tell us about the events early in the week – The anointing at Bethany, John 12:1-11; the cleansing of the temple, Mark 11:15-13; the betrayal of Judas, Matthew 26:1-5, 14-25.

The name "Maundy" Thursday is derived from the Latin "mandatum" meaning "commandment." We are reminded of Jesus' words at the Last Supper, "A new commandment I give you, that you love one another as I have loved you..." (John 13:34). This love is symbolized in John's account of Jesus washing feet, 13:1-15 and Luke's account of Jesus instituting the Holy Eucharist, 22:14-30. The service ends with the reservation of the sacrament, the stripping of the altar, silence, and darkness.

On Good Friday we will observe the Stations of the Cross with prayers at 12 noon. At 5:30pm we will use the full service from the Book of Common Prayer, p. 276-282. This includes the Passion according to John, the Solemn Collects, the Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion from the Reserved Sacrament.

On Easter Sunday we will have our Festive Eucharists at the usual times of 8 and 10 am. Easter is celebrated as a season for 50 days, until Pentecost on June 5th. What a joy it is to look forward to celebrating Holy Week and Easter Sunday at St. Peter's for the first time since 2019.

My hope and prayer for us during this sacred season is that we might each rejoice in the new life and love that the Risen Christ offers us. Our world is living through the darkness of evil, war and death. God knows this and is with us, especially with all who suffer and face evil and death.

We rejoice and celebrate God's love for us, our love for each other, and the power of love to transform individuals and this world.

Grace & Peace,
Bob

Rev. Bob Malm
Interim Rector

Holy Week at St. Peter's

April 10, The Sunday of the Passion; Palm Sunday

8:00 a.m. Blessing of the Palms, Passion Gospel, Holy Communion

10:00 a.m. Blessing of the Palms, Procession, Passion Gospel, Holy Communion

April 14, Maundy Thursday

5:30 p.m. Holy Communion with Foot Washing, Reservation of the Sacrament, Stripping of the Altar

April 15, Good Friday

12:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross, Prayers

5:30 p.m. Liturgy of the Day with the Passion according to John, Veneration of the Cross, Holy Communion

April 17, Easter Sunday

8:00 a.m. Festival Eucharist

10:00 a.m. Festival Eucharist

THE VISIBLE VESTRY

March 29, 2022

Lisa Platanitis and Melissa Scannell gave a presentation asking to introduce a smaller Friendly Kitchen mission. It would be called FK 2 Go, and would be take-out bag meals only. They discussed how it would be accomplished, including plans for fund raising. Handouts were given regarding the roles of the Vestry members as well as the role of the Interim Priest.

We are looking into streamlining the Mission Statement to be more succinct.

We reviewed the By-Laws. More work will be done to complete the updating.

We discussed the proposal from Kelly O'Connor regarding the concept of "Priest Sharing". At this time, the Vestry is open to the idea, but not to this particular grouping.

Special Events coming up are: 75th anniversary of St. Peter's as well as a visit from Bishop Gates on June 12th. We are considering a Canal cruise for the parishioners as a fun event. We need more coffee hour hosts.

Fundraising - we are looking into Amazonsmile.com. More information to follow.

Outreach - we are considering easy-to-participate outreach projects such as white sock donations for the homeless, working with Samaritan's Purse.

There is a Walk for Hope to raise money for Housing for Cape Cod. The walk is May 22 in any of three towns - Falmouth, Hyannis or Orleans. For more information, please contact Celeste Hankey.

The minutes from the February meeting and financial reports for March were approved. The Vestry approved spending approximately \$4,000 to repair Smalley Street (the entrance to St. Peter's). The town will not repair this area, as Smalley Street is not a town-approved street.

As things have changed since Covid, the Search Committee will be asked to update our profile.

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.

The next meeting of the Vestry will be Tuesday, April 19th.

Celeste Hankey, Senior Warden

MEN'S BREAKFAST

We are pleased to announce that the monthly men's breakfast will resume on Saturday, April 2, 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 BELLS OF ST PETER'S...LET THEM RING!

The tradition of ringing church bells dates back to 400 A.D. when Paulinus of Nola, a Roman poet, writer and Senator, first introduced bells to Christian worship.

Bells have been used in the past to notify the town's people of fire, storms or to call important gatherings. The use of bells in a musical fashion originated in the 16th century.

A Carillon is a musical instrument usually housed in the bell tower of a church.

The instrument consisted of at least 23 cast bronze cup shaped bells which would be played to produce a melody or sounded together to play a chord. The word "carillon" is from the French "Quadrillion", meaning four bells. Most modern Carillons are operated electronically.

In 1964, a 25-note Carillon was donated by a member of St. Peter's and was upgraded in 2012 to an Adagio Digital Carillon. We are very blessed to have this amazing instrument gifted.

During the pandemic, St. Peter's Carillon called us together, as it rang out our favorite Advent and Christmas hymns in December 2020 and again in 2021.

This year, however, sadly, the Carillon has been silent. One of the components of the unit has gone bad and needs to be replaced. This is the amplifier that makes the sound come out of the speakers. The cost of replacement for this is \$1800.00.

If you feel called to help financially with this need, please contact the Music Director.

Come on, let's ring those bells again!

Peace and Love,

Lisa Plataniotis, Music Director and Choir Director

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 or 617-710-5346

Thank you, Celeste Hankey, Senior Warden and Patti Metcalf, Vestry, Search Committee
patmijo@comcast.net 508-685-5582

WEEKLY E-BLAST

Please notify Robin Higgins via email at 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

Happy April!

As we continue to update our parish profile, we remain open to receiving clergy candidates who may be graduating or searching for a change to a new parish now that the pandemic seems to be waning in many areas.

We wish you a blessed Easter and 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.*

APRIL

BIRTHDAYS

- 8 Michael Metcalf
- 17 Henri Masson
- 23 John Newcomb
- 30 Kathleen Letzeisen
- 30 Susan Hebb

ANNIVERSARIES

- 18 David and Lynne Brune
- 20 Robert and Linda Benting
- 22 Donald and Sheila Dostie

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

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 and to the congregation and a fundraising campaign was begun to support the Bourne Substance Free Coalition.

We were unable to meet in March due to an outbreak of colds and covid. We continue to meet; we will be trying to look ahead to see where we at St. Peters' can continue to help those in need. We have again started placing our fundraising loose change jug out at the second Sunday of each month in support of the Bourne Substance Free Coalition and are considering more ways to help the group. **Since the first of the year we have collected \$149.00 to support the efforts of Bourne Substance Free Coalition. Thank you for the continued support.**

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 will meet again on Monday, April 18th, 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

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, 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
APRIL 2022

- 3 Sunday
- 5 Tuesday 11:00 a.m. **Bible Study**
- 10 Sunday **Palm Sunday**
- 12 Tuesday 11:00 a.m. **Bible Study**
- 14 Thursday **Maundy Thursday**
5:30 p.m. Holy Communion with Foot Washing, Reservation of the
Sacrament, Stripping of the Altar
- 15 Friday **Good Friday**
12:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross, Prayers
5:30 p.m. Liturgy of the Day with the Passion according to John,
Veneration of the Cross, Holy Communion
- 17 Sunday **Easter Sunday**
- 19 Tuesday 11:00 a.m. **Bible Study**
- 19 Tuesday 7:00 p.m. **Vestry Meeting**
- 22 Friday **Newsletter Deadline**
- 24 Sunday
- 26 Tuesday 11:00 a.m. **Bible Study**

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

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