



ST. PETER'S WAVE MARCH 2024

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

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Easter Sunday can fall on any date between March 22 and April 25. Since the Council of Nicea in 325 the date was fixed on the Sunday after the full moon occurring on or after the Spring equinox, March 21. More often than not, Easter falls in April. This year Easter is early- March 31.

So, Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday, March 24. The Book of Common Prayer gives us a complete liturgy for Holy Week beginning with The Liturgy of the Palms on p. 270 and The Collects for each day starting on p. 168. The biblical readings for each day can be found on pp. 903, 904 for Lectionary Year B and on p. 957 for the Daily Office.

In addition to our Sunday services, we will celebrate special liturgies for Maundy Thursday at noon and 6:30pm, and on Good Friday at noon and 6:30pm. I encourage you to try to come to either a midday or evening service on these Holy Days.

Our entire life in Christ and in the Church is celebrated during these 8 days. Holy Week and Easter Sunday lay the foundation for understanding God's revelation of love, of life, of light in Jesus Christ. The Church considers every Sunday a "little Easter", a celebration of the Resurrection.

We start March continuing our Lenten journey. The road to Jerusalem takes time and reflection. The last 8 days in March we journey with Jesus to the cross and to new life. Life and death and new life are not just an annual spring drama we celebrate in the liturgies of the Church (and in nature). What we proclaim in our worship helps us to make sense and find meaning in all that we experience as human beings. Blessings for the Holy Days ahead.

Grace, Peace, Love,
Bob +



LITURGICAL NOTES

The Sign of the Cross

Since the earliest days in the Christian Faith all persons at their baptism's were signed with the mark of a cross on their foreheads. This continues in the present baptismal liturgy in The Book of Common Prayer, using Chrism oil if desired (See the note on p. 308).

As the liturgies of the Church developed over time, it became the practice of both the clergy and the laity to make the sign of the cross – normally this was done with the right hand, fingers together, touching the forehead first, then chest, left shoulder and right shoulder.

Making the sign of the cross in worship is completely up to each individual. The two most obvious and important times are when the Bishop or Priest pronounces Absolution after the corporate confession and at the final Blessing.

During the Eucharist it is also appropriate to make the sign of the cross at the Opening Acclamation, at the conclusion of the Nicene Creed, during the Sanctus and Eucharistic Prayer, before and/or after receiving Holy Communion.

Many Priests, Deacons and Laity will make 3 small signs of the cross with their thumb as the Gospel is announced, symbolizing this prayer, “in my head and in my thinking, on my lips and in my speaking, in my heart and in my loving.”

Whenever we use the sign of the cross, we remember our baptisms and we ask for God's blessings. St. Paul reminds us, “...the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God...” 1 Corinthians 1:18



VISIBLE

VESTRY

February 20, 2024

Our finances are looking good.

The day care has agreed to an increase their rent to keep up with the cost of utilities.

Our Annual Audit has been completed.

Raises/bonuses for employees was tabled until next month as 3 members of vestry were not in attendance.

We are having a company come in to discuss an addition to the columbarium.

There will be a mandolin concert in the church on March 17th.

The vestry retreat/March meeting will be held on March 23 at the church from 9-1.

We received an invitation to a Pilgrimage to the Pocasset Wampanoag reservation on March 7th.

The knitting group will meet again on March 2nd.

The Christmas Fair is going to be held on November 23rd.

A \$200.00 donation has been made towards the purchase of an AED.

Altar Guild has purchased 2 candles for the altar, 2 cruets, a Gospel book, a Fair Linen, a pall, different reservation signs for the pews. There are additional items on a wish list if anyone wishes to make a donation.

We have someone that would like to record St. Peter's activities and help with the web site.

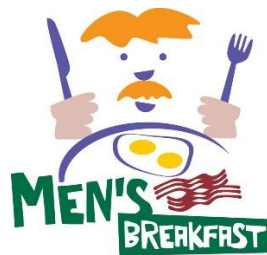
The flooding in the back parking lot has been repaired.

Two members of the Search Committee have resigned. We need to consider reconstruction of this group.

Two members of the congregation are looking into restarting Woman's Bible Study.

Bourne Substance Free Coalition has changed its meeting time from 3:33 to 2:22.

The times for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services will be 12:00 and 6:30.



Our fifth get together was held on February 3, 2023. We had 10 attendees and the conversation continued to be varied and lively!

Our next breakfast get-together will be held on Saturday, March 2, 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

MUSIC NOTES

Lent is the perfect time to experience the rhythmic soothing music of Taize. Join us for Evening Prayer with music of Taize on Wednesdays at 5:30pm.

Our own Sean Crehan and his fellow mandolin-ers will offer a concert of Irish music on St. Patrick's Day at 3pm at the church. Bring the family to enjoy this great afternoon! Tickets may be purchased in advance at www.lesperancemandolin.com



The next meeting of the Substance Abuse Prevention & Support Group will be on **Monday March 11, at 2:22pm (note time change)**. We will be discussing programs and fundraising efforts for the coming year including Narcan training and information sharing. Our member Donna has recently connected with Learn to Cope, a resource for Substance Abuse Issues and will be sharing more information. Please join us - all are welcome!

Here are some available resources:

Mass. Substance Abuse Hotline;	800-327-5050
Learn to Cope:	www.learn2cope.org
AA Zoom:	425-466-6360 Access # 422932
Richie's Road to Recovery	339-832-5387



MIDLERS & MORE

Our Middlers group (for those 25-55ish) has been busy! A book club, bowling, movies and more! Coming in March we will gather to bake some goodies to share, and take a good walk after to work off those calories! For more info, please contact Lisa at saintpetersmusicdirector@gmail.com

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.*



PALM SUNDAY: BLESSING OF THE PALMS & HOLY EUCHARIST 8am & 10am
MAUNDY THURSDAY: LITURGY & HOLY EUCHARIST 12noon & 6:30pm
GOOD FRIDAY: LITURGY & COMMUNION 12 noon & 6:30pm
EASTER SUNDAY: FESTIVAL EUCHARIST 8am & 10am

MARCH EVENTS

Sat., Mar. 2 – Knitters 10am
Sat., Mar. 9 TURN CLOCKS AHEAD BEFORE BED!
Sun., Mar. 17 - Mandolin Concert 3pm
Sat., Mar. 23 - Vestry Retreat 9am-1pm
Middlers Baking & Walk
Thu. Mar. 28 – Maundy Thursday services 12n & 6:30pm
Fri. Mar. 29 - Good Friday services 12n & 6:30pm

RECURRING EVENTS

Sundays: 8am - Holy Eucharist Rite I
10am - Holy Eucharist Rite II w/music
(unless otherwise noted)
Tuesdays: 11am - Bible Study
Wednesdays: 5:30pm – Evening Prayer w/music of Taize (Lent)
Thursdays: 8:30am – TOPS
12:00pm – Stations of the Cross w/Holy Eucharist (Lent)
1st Saturday, 8:30am - Men's Breakfast
2nd Monday, 2:22pm - Substance Abuse Team
3rd Tuesday, 6:30pm – Vestry (note change for March)

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