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# *The Wave - NOVEMBER 2015*

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

*FROM THE RECTOR  
The Reverend Sue Lederhouse*

What is most important in your life? What are your priorities? These are questions that we need to ask ourselves from time to time. Sometimes we just journey through this life and we don't take the time to stop and evaluate our lives. Sometimes we just "keep on keepin' on" doing the same things in the same way and we can easily get into a rut.

Throughout this fall, we've been dealing with Gospel readings about the need to see clearly – to set priorities – to decide what we are willing to do to be disciples of Jesus Christ. We've heard about the problems that the original disciples faced in understanding what Jesus was telling them. On October 25, we heard about Bartimaeus who despite his blindness was able to see Jesus clearly and to accept Jesus' vision.

Now is the time that we need to look clearly at our lives and decide what priority God has and what priority this body of Christ called St. Peter's has. How much we are willing to give to continue to support OUR church. Many of you give substantial amounts in your time and effort for the activities and programs as well as the day-to-day operations of the parish. I am very thankful for all that you do to keep this place looking so beautiful. Whenever we host diocesan and deanery events at St. Peter's, people from other parishes comment on how well maintained our building and grounds are. You take pride in St. Peter's and that is a WONDERFUL thing!

I invite you, in this Stewardship Season, to think also about what financial priority St. Peter's has in your life. I invite you to prayerfully consider this – not just to write down the same amount you've put down in the past – but to ask God to help you decide the amount you will give for this coming year to support the mission and ministry of St. Peter's.

As our Senior Warden, Linda Masson, has said: "Stewardship is not always easy, as it can demand that we might have to make some significant changes in our lives. We will have to think seriously about what we prioritize as our needs, and how we feel about the needs of our church and the importance of the role it plays in our lives. Your financial commitment to St. Peter's – your church – allows us to keep fulfilling our mission and doing amazing things!"

AMEN!

Blessings and love in Christ to all of you - Sue Lederhouse+

## *THE DEACON'S CORNER*

"April is the cruelest month.."

So says T.S. Eliot in the opening line of his poem "The Waste Land". I beg to differ with Eliot though. I think that October and November run neck and neck for that dubious honor. Seems to me that these two months are chock-a-block full of bad news. Look around you. Seems like (to me anyway) that quite a number of St. Peter's faithful are either planning to enter the hospital, are in the hospital, or are being discharged from the hospital right now. I rest my case.

Right now my puffy, aching right foot is telling me that October and November are bad months for my health (at least for my foot health). The good news of Advent is still a month away, so the challenge seems to be to find a way to "tough out" the month of November.

I've been reading a book by Professor Amy Jill Levine called "Short Stories from Jesus", an examination of how Jesus used parables as a method to drive his message home. A Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies, she challenges us to hear his parables the way a First Century Jew would have heard them, not necessarily the way Christian theologians of later times interpret them.

I find it fascinating the way Jesus describes the Kingdom of Heaven: "To what shall I compare the Kingdom of Heaven?", or "The Kingdom of Heaven is like this!" Have you ever thought about how you would describe the Kingdom of Heaven to your listeners?

I thought about it in terms of my recent hospitalization, surgery and recovery. Where was the Kingdom of Heaven in that? Where was it, or is it, in terms of any member of St. Peter's who has gone through a health challenge, many of which have been far more serious than mine?

The thing that got me through difficult times in the hospital, and sitting on my duff at home, growing into my chair, was reading the cards you sent me. Funny ones, serious ones, or somewhere in between. Some of you called me, or visited me. Others just told me how much they missed me. The important thing, the healing thing was that you took the time to reach out to me and tell me that you cared and you were praying for me.

So how would I describe the Kingdom of Heaven if I were writing a parable? I would say it's a community where people take on one another's suffering, help bear one another's burdens, listen to one another's fears and concerns and let them know that they're not alone. It's a place where we just love and comfort one another. That goes on all the time at St. Peter's, so the Kingdom of Heaven is alive and well here.

Thank you all.

Deacon Bob Sherwood

## *DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS - TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK!*

Don't forget to "Fall Back" on **Sunday, November 1**, as Daylight Savings Time comes to an end. Turn your clocks **back** one hour so you'll be in church at the right time to celebrate All Saints' Sunday!

## *ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY*

Each year on All Saints' Sunday – this year on its actual date - **November 1** – we remember those family members and loved ones that have died by reading their names as part of the Necrology. This year we also delight in having a baptism at each service. Tessa Grace Barlow will be baptized at the 8:00 service and Tyrell Lewis Shepard will be baptized at the 10:00 service. We welcome them into the household of God here at St. Peter's. As part of our celebration, we will have a hymn at the 8:00 service (“I Sing a Song of the Saints of God”) and special music at the 10:00 service including a rousing postlude (“When the Saints Go Marchin’ In”).

## *PANCAKE BREAKFAST*

Our traditional first-Sunday-of-the-month Pancake Breakfast will be served on **Sunday, November 1, at 9:00 a.m.** Come and join us for pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausages, juice and coffee, together with some pastries and fruit in honor of the baptism of Tessa Grace Barlow at the 8:00 service. All of this served up with ample smiles by our dedicated Pancake Breakfast team.

## *HOLIDAY FAIR - NOVEMBER 7, 9 AM - 3 PM*

As always, we are asking the help of St. Peter's family to make this fair a success.

**Holiday Items:** We already have some items. Any holiday items that have been gently used and appreciated, but no longer needed, may be donated.

**Baked Goods:** All baked goods may be baked at home. Please bag and price any items that you donate. You will know the expense and labor involved in what you have baked. We are requesting cookies, bars, and squares.

**Handmade Items:** Anything that your talents provide. Knitted, crocheted, sewn, quilted, painted, drawn, wood work, to suggest a few. It would be appreciated if you could suggest what your donated item should be priced.

**Country Table:** Anything Americana or country themed.

**Jams and Jellies:** Thanks to our jelly makers, we have a supply available. These really make good gifts for co-workers, friends, and teachers, as well as just for us to enjoy.

**White Elephant Table:** We already have the items for this table.

**Re-gift Table:** Any item you may have received, knew you wouldn't use, and have not opened, is what we are looking for.

Volunteers are needed for setting up on November 6 at Noon, and to set up and help at the Fair on November 7. We will be setting up on the 7<sup>th</sup> starting at 7:30AM. You do not need to spend the entire day if you volunteer. Write the time you are available when you sign up. I will be at St. Peter's from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM on the 6<sup>th</sup> to receive any items or baked goods that have not been brought to church at an earlier time. Items, except baked goods, may be dropped off at St. Peter's starting Friday, October 30 until Friday, November 6. Please label them for the Fair. For further information, you may contact Lynne Brune (508-295-6146 or Linda Masson (508-743-5139).

Thank you, all. Lynne Brune

## *TUPPERWARE AT THE HOLIDAY FAIR*

Our Tupperware Representative, Denise Ragno, will be joining us the day of our Holiday Fair, November 7<sup>th</sup>. She will have a Tupperware Demonstration at 11 a.m. That is a fund-raiser for St. Peter's, and she will be available to sell some items that day as well. Denise will even prepare her special chicken soup using Tupperware's new pressure cooker! It has become one of her favorite items! St. Peter's will receive a percentage of the sales.

## *FROM THE PARISH SECRETARY*

If you wish to order **altar flowers** or have the **sacristy lamp** burn for loved ones at Sunday services, please first check the Narthex wall calendars (near the Parish Hall doors) to ensure date availability, then fill out a PINK request form (forms are hung on the wall below the calendars). This will ensure that I am aware of your request, have all the correct information, and am able to put a proper acknowledgement in the Sunday bulletin. Sunday flowers are usually ordered from Bourne Florist on Mondays. Deliver completed forms to the Office (through the mail slot in the door when the office is closed). **Flowers are \$35. Sanctuary Lamp is \$7.** Payment should be received prior to the reserved date and can be placed in the offering plate (marked clearly as Flowers or Sanctuary Lamp) or delivered or mailed to the office.

After services, please put bulletin inserts in the Narthex table basket (left-side) to be recycled. Music inserts and special prayer service pages, such as the yellow Eucharistic Prayer C sheets,, can be re-used week-by-week or season-by-season. Doing this will help keep down paper and printing costs. We encourage you to take home the bulletin itself to review the announcements for activities you might like to participate in or lend your special talents to, and to pray for those on our parish prayer list throughout the week.

Thank you and God Bless!

Kathy Letzeisen

## *FALL YARD SALE A HUGE SUCCESS!*

Due to bad weather, our October 3<sup>rd</sup> fall yard sale was rescheduled to October 17<sup>th</sup>. Because of fall-like temperatures, we decided to hold most of the sale indoors, which made for a much more comfortable day for all! This may be the way to do it in the future! Those tables are mighty heavy and the rush to keep pace with the "Early Birds" on the morning of the sale was more manageable!

Thanks to all who made so many nice donations, we had a great sale and were able to walk away with nearly \$1000 in sales! In addition, I would like to thank all who helped to price, organize and haul boxes in preparation for the sale and after the sale as well.

When it was all said and done, it was great fun to share the day with so many of my fellow parishioners and to relax and get to know everyone better.

If you missed out on this great experience, consider getting involved for our Holiday Sale on the 7<sup>th</sup> of November and future sales as well! You won't regret it!

One more big **THANK YOU!** Marcia Willmott

## *VISIBLE VESTRY*

Vestry had their monthly meeting on Monday, October 19.

1. Our Yard Sale on October 17 did quite well with the total so far being \$945.25!! Thank you to all who made this such a success on Saturday. A special thank you also to all the Friday workers who made it through all the lifting, bending, carrying and pricing!! Ouch!
2. Waddle Books will be replacing our book bin with one that has a narrower slot so that cardboard boxes cannot be pushed inside.
3. Deacon Bob was able to join us for our meeting and he is doing much better. He expects to resume serving at the 10:00 service on November 1 and both services on November 8. He will also be taking on his Mass Maritime Academy duties soon. We are happy to have him back with us.
4. It is time for the annual Stewardship distribution of pledge cards (soon to be announced).
5. The final Audit was approved by the Vestry.
6. Bible studies are doing fabulously! Women's study has had 12-15 in attendance and Monday morning Bible Study has had as many as 16! The Parables Study also went well and the four sessions went by too quickly, ending on Thursday, October 23.
7. Pancake breakfast has begun and folks turned out to help Ken Lihzis on his first day in charge. Great Job!
8. Men's breakfast also began on Saturday, October 17 and will continue to meet on the third Saturday of the month, 8:00 at Percy's Place in East Wareham. There were 14 men in attendance!
9. On October 15 the Brownies Group met and were surprised with a tour of the church by Rev. Sue and an organ demonstration/lesson by Bruce Lederhouse. A lot of noise and excitement could be heard on that afternoon.
10. Blessing of the Animals was on October 11 with 13 people attending along with 5 dogs/1cat/1 stuffed animal/2 pictured dogs and who was hiding under that horsehead??
11. St. Peter's will be hosting the Diocesan Pre-Convention forum on October 29 in the evening. Convention clergy and lay delegates will have an opportunity to review budgets and resolutions that will be presented and voted on at the Convention.
12. The Cathedral in Boston is now completed and among the floor tiles is one for St. Peter's with the date of our beginnings, 1938.
13. The official seating of Bishop Gates at the newly renovated Cathedral will be November 13. The Diocesan Convention is on November 14. Our delegates are Ken Lihzis and Meredith Smythe.
14. Each deanery will now have their own confirmation service and will no longer be going into the Cathedral in Boston. Our confirmation date is June 11, 2016 with the church yet to be designated.
15. St. Peter's will have a visitation by Bishop Gayle Harris on April 3, 2016. We will probably have a combined 8:00 and 10:00 service that day. This is the Sunday following Easter. The choir typically does not sing on that Sunday, but will for that service. We expect that we will have a parish time with Bishop Gayle following that service and then she will meet with the Vestry.
16. Two baptisms (1 at each of the 8:00 and 10:00 church services) will be celebrated on All Saints Day, November 1.
17. The repair to the front door is now completed. Marc Fuller is donating his painting talents to paint the pre-school door in the back, as well as the front door. Thank you to Marc!
18. We have been informed that we need to replace our fire alarm box and monitoring service, as the Bourne Fire Department can longer provide this service. We are in the process of obtaining bids. We have until June of next year to obtain this.
19. We had an annual inspection of our Fire Alarm System this past week.
20. We are in need of someone to shovel this winter! If you know of anyone who may be interested, please contact Henri Masson or Rev. Sue. Mass Maritime will be plowing for us again this winter.

21. There are two sign-up sheets in the Narthex for the November 7 Holiday Fair. We will be in need of folks to help set up on Friday, November 6 in the afternoon and to work the Fair on Saturday, November 7. The Fair is from 9:00-3:00. Anyone interested in dressing up as Santa to make a visible presence outside during the Fair, to draw folks inside??
22. The Nominating Committee was appointed by the Vestry. It will consist of the Wardens, the outgoing Vestry members (who are sadly Patti Metcalf and Tom Johnston), Rev. Sue, and at least one other non-Vestry member.

Linda Masson, Senior Warden

### ***NOMINATING COMMITTEE***

As noted in the Visible Vestry above, a Nominating Committee has been formed to select a slate of candidates for parish leadership positions for the coming year. Members of the committee are Lynne Brune, Sally Darling, Tom Johnston, The Reverend Sue Lederhouse, Linda Masson, Patti Metcalf, and Donna Tripp. Positions to be filled are: Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Clerk, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, 2 Diocesan Convention Delegates, 2 Diocesan Convention Alternates, and 3 delegates to the Cape and Islands Deanery. (Note: Each of these are 1 year positions and the current incumbents may be eligible to continue in these roles). There are also two 3-year Vestry positions to be filled. If you would like to be considered for one of these positions or would like to nominate someone, please contact one of the Nominating Committee members as soon as possible. For more information on the requirements and duties of these positions, contact The Reverend Sue Lederhouse.

### ***MEN'S BREAKFAST GATHERING - NOVEMBER 21***

The men of the parish will join together for breakfast at **8:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 21, at Persy's Place, 3198 Cranberry Highway in East Wareham**, for a time of food and fellowship. The restaurant is on the same side of the highway as Lindsey's, next to Upper Cape Realty. All men of the parish are cordially invited to attend. For more information, please contact Ken Lihzis ([Klihzis@gmail.com](mailto:Klihzis@gmail.com) / 774-212-0453).

### ***WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY - NOVEMBER 23***

The Women's Bible Study has had a very strong beginning. Since its start in September, the women have learned about Herodias, Salome, Hannah, Elizabeth, and Hagar. On **November 23**, we'll learn more about the Samaritan Woman at the Well from John's Gospel. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of each month at 12:30 p.m.** (but there is NO meeting on November 9). All women of the parish are invited. Bring a bag lunch and there will be coffee/tea and goodies provided.

## *VILLAGE AT CATAUMET*

Priscilla Ellis had an opportunity to speak with Paula Mallard, Director of the Village at Cataumet about the items we bring monthly, which they do greatly appreciate, but we do need to make some changes.

The Village at Cataumet is a family shelter for 18 families. On any given month there are 40-50 people living at the shelter with about half of them being children. At this time of year many arrive with no warm clothing, no money or food stamps. Each family on arrival are given a clean room which has a dorm size refrigerator and microwave. They receive a twin bed with clean bedding and a NEW pillow. Breakfast is provided in the communal kitchen. The families cook their other meals. The kitchen can also be used by families who would like to cook together. Food staples are always needed for new families.

Listed below are their needs at this time:

1. NEW pillows
2. Twin sheet sets
3. Housewares – mops & brooms, cleaning supplies
4. Food staples
5. Children's jackets, hats and mittens
6. Adult warm clothes
7. Diapers, wipes, sippy cups
8. Food store certificates, any amount

Clothing should only be seasonal as there is not a huge amount of storage. We can still donate our monthly items as most of those things cannot be bought with food stamps

Many churches take a meal to the Village on a regular basis. This is something we should talk about and see if it could become an outreach for our parish

All things are possible with God's Help and Our Prayers

Love and Blessings

Georgi Frampton

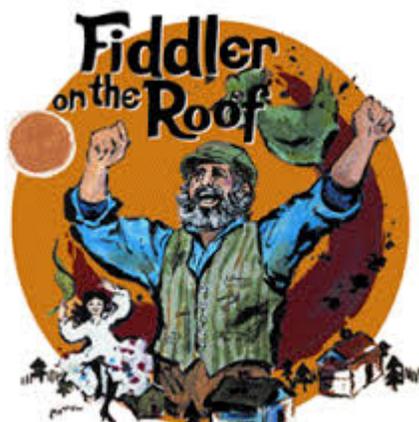
### **ITEMS FOR VILLAGE AT CATAUMET FOR NOVEMBER**

**Bathroom cleaner—Bath & hand towels—Face cloths—Bath mats—Small rugs**

## *VILLAGE AT CATAUMET PRESENTATION ON NOVEMBER 22*

Paula Mallard, Program Director of the Village at Cataumet, will be coming to speak to us on **Sunday, November 22**. She will do a brief presentation and answer questions after each service that day. We have been donating items each month for 4 years now and Paula will tell us about other ways we can get involved. This is a great outreach opportunity for St. Peter's! Come and hear more and help us discern together what we can do to help!

*THE BOURNE HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA CLUB PRESENTS*



**Friday, November 13th at 7 PM**  
**Saturday, November 14th at 7 PM**  
**Sunday, November 15th at 2 PM**

Beth Bourne Auditorium - Bourne High School  
Students \$6.00, Adults \$15.00, Seniors \$14.00

For Reservations Call 508-759-0699. All seating is reserved. Reservations strongly recommended.

A Ticket Pre-Sale/Reserved Ticket Pick-up evening is scheduled for **Wednesday, November 4th from 6:30 - 7:30** in the Beth Bourne Auditorium Lobby. Come see our own Joseph Metcalf!

***A NOTE FROM JOSEPH M. METCALF***

I would like to thank the congregation for their generous donation of toiletries. We had so much donated, the handle on the wicker basket broke off while in my car! In total we had 27 personal sized shampoos, 39 soaps, 45 toothbrushes, 17 containers of toothpaste, 29 rolls of dental floss, 19 bottles of moisturizer, 10 razors, 3 bottles of mouthwash, 35 bottles of conditioner, and 14 bottles of body wash! As a result of this project, I was inducted into BLAST (Bourne Leadership Academic Student Team) on October 13, 2015.

Again, thank you for your donations, and your support. They are greatly appreciated!

Joseph M. Metcalf

***HEALING SERVICE***

Each month, a faithful group of parishioners gather to join in a service of prayers for healing, anointing, and laying on of hands. This service is held on the third Sunday of the month, which will be **Sunday, November 15th at 9:00 a.m.**

## *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.

## *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](mailto: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.

## *NEWSLETTER DEADLINE*

The Newsletter Deadline for the **December** issue is Friday, **November 20th**. Send all articles to Susan Hebb at [susanhebb@comcast.net](mailto:susanhebb@comcast.net)

## NOVEMBER 2015

1	Sunday		<b>DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS ALL SAINTS SUNDAY – Baptisms @ 8 @ 10 Pancake Breakfast</b>
		9:00 a.m.	
7	Saturday	9:00 – 3:00	<b>Holiday Fair</b>
12	Thursday	4:30 p.m.	<b>Brownies</b>
13	Friday	7:00 p.m.	<b>Rededication of Cathedral/Seating of the Bishop</b>
14	Saturday		<b>Diocesan Convention</b>
15	Sunday		<b>INGATHERING SUNDAY/BLESSING OF PLEDGES Healing Service</b>
		9:00 a.m.	
16	Monday	7:00 p.m.	<b>Vestry</b>
19	Thursday	4:30 p.m.	<b>Brownies</b>
20	Friday		<b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>
21	Saturday	8:00 a.m.	<b>Men’s Breakfast Group</b>
22	Sunday		<b>PRESENTATIONS ON VILLAGE AT CATAUMET</b>
23	Monday	12:30 p.m.	<b>Women’s Bible Study</b>
26	Thursday		<b>THANKSGIVING</b>
29	Sunday		<b>ADVENT BEGINS</b>

### *Upcoming Dates*

<b>Dec 13</b>	<b>Compassionate Friends</b>	<b>Dec. 14</b>	<b>Women’s Bible Study</b>
<b>Dec. 24</b>	<b>Christmas Eve</b>	<b>Dec. 28</b>	<b>Women’s Bible Study</b>

## *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)
Fridays	10:00 – 4:00	Church Office Open

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