

# THE WAVE NOVEMBER 2021

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

**DEAR PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS,**

St. Paul knew the importance of giving thanks. “Give thanks in all circumstances...” (1 Thessalonians 5:18). “I thank my God in all my remembrance of you...” (Philippians 1:3). “I give thanks to God always for you...” (1 Corinthians 1:4).

We gather at St. Peter’s every Sunday and at other times to celebrate the Holy Eucharist. Eucharist is the ancient Greek word for “Thanksgiving”. The Great Thanksgiving in the Book of Common Prayer is said to prepare us to receive Holy Communion.

November begins as we give thanks for all the Saints and for all the Faithful Departed. We give thanks for all Veterans on November 11. The festival of “Christ The King” ends the liturgical year on November 21. Our national holiday of Thanksgiving Day, this year on the 25<sup>th</sup>, is also a Holy Day for the Episcopal Church. And the new liturgical year begins on Sunday, November 28, the first Sunday in Advent.

November reminds us to live lives of thanksgiving every day. An important part of our life of prayer is taking time to thank God for our many blessings and for God’s gift of love and redemption in Jesus Christ.

I am thankful to be serving in a parish that can “give thanks in all circumstances...”

Grace and Peace,  
Bob  
Rev. Bob Malm  
Interim Rector

## ***THE VISIBLE VESTRY***

The October Vestry Meeting was held on October 18, 2021.

Alan Kershaw reported on the Stewardship Campaign.

We approved the rector's housing allowance for 2022.

We have received applications for the church secretary position. We will start interviewing.

Len Hathon is still waiting for Mass. Maritime Academy to respond to his questions regarding plowing.

Larry Higgins asked that he be allowed to have a "Coats for Kids and Families" collection container at St. Peter's from October 23 to December 31. The box will be in the narthex.

At this time, there is nothing new from the Search Committee, but we are hoping that as the pandemic subsides, more rectors will be interested in moving.

Patti Metcalf has contacted some vendors, waiting to hear if we can put on a small fair on December 4th.

We are considering two Christmas-eve services, one at 3:00 p.m. and one at 5:00 pm.

We will be convening a Nomination Committee in November as there are three members-at-large positions open. All officer positions are for one year only so they are also open.

The anti-drug committee will meet November.

We still need additional people for the following ministries: alcolyte, usher, coffee hour and altar guild.

The next vestry meeting will be held on Monday, November 15th.

***Celeste Hankey, Senior Warden***

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. We are pleased to announce that we have hired Kimberly Leahy to take over the position of Church Secretary.

Kimberly lives in Sagamore Beach with her husband Sean and her large, friendly Bernese Mountain dog named Harpo. Kimberly will be working with Kathy for a couple of weeks to help with the transition. Kimberly's official start date is Tuesday, November 9.

The office will now be open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

2. Kathy Letzeisen's last working day will be Friday, November 5. We will be having a celebratory gathering after the 10:00 a.m. service on Sunday, November 7th to wish Kathy much happiness in her retirement. The good news is that we will still have Kathy at St. Peter's!
3. The Nomination Committee will be convening in November to develop a new slate of members for the vestry. This slate will be presented at the Annual Meeting in early February. All officer positions are for a 1-year term. As a result, all officer positions are open. Those positions are:

Senior Warden  
Junior Warden  
Treasurer  
Assistant Treasurer  
Clerk

These positions are renewable for up to 6 years, but are open each year. The Clerk position held by Robin Higgins is not up for renewal this year as Robin will complete her 6 years this year.

Please consider joining the vestry. If you have interest in any position, please contact any member of the vestry.

4. Volunteers are also needed for the following roles: acolyte, usher, altar guild, coffee hour host.
5. **IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO PLEDGE!**

## **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](mailto:thehankeys@verizon.net) or 617-710-5346

Thank you, Celeste Hankey, Senior Warden and Patti Metcalf, Vestry, Search Committee [patmijo@comcast.net](mailto:patmijo@comcast.net) 508-685-5582

## **NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

**Happy Birthday to:**      Emily Johnson, the 3rd;  
                                        Priscilla Ellis, the 16<sup>th</sup>;  
                                        Jane Lema, the 17<sup>th</sup>;  
                                        Lin Benting, the 20<sup>th</sup>;  
                                        Bob Benting, the 22<sup>nd</sup>;  
                                        Larry Higgins, the 25<sup>th</sup>;  
                                        Nancy Kennedy, the 27<sup>th</sup>;  
                                        Jean Scully, the 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Happy Anniversary to:**      Wesley and Emily Johnson, the 7<sup>th</sup>;  
                                        Donald and Jane Goershel, the 8<sup>th</sup>;  
                                        Larry and Robin Higgins, the 29<sup>th</sup>.

## **GREETINGS FROM YOUR SEARCH COMMITTEE!**

The Search Committee wishes to bid a fond farewell to our Church Secretary Kathy Letzeisen and want to thank her for her service to us and to all of St. Peter's. Thankfully we will continue to see her each Sunday!

Sadly the committee has nothing new to report. In this season of Thanksgiving however, we are thankful for every member of our parish family who sing and play instruments, work and pray tirelessly so that our beloved St. Peter's continues to be a welcoming place to all.

Thank you all and keep praying for St. Peter's.

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.

Yours In Christ,

***Matthew Bruce, Larry Higgins, Nancy Kennedy, Elisabeth Kershaw, Jim Lema, and  
Patti Metcalf***

## **WEEKLY E-BLAST**

Please notify Robin Higgins via email at [ptown.robin@yahoo.com](mailto: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

## **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](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.

## **SAINT PETER'S SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION AND SUPPORT GROUP UPDATE**

Our group had earlier had a discussion on current trends involving opioid and narcotic use, both locally and nationally. Locally, police and ambulance crews are still dealing with the consequences of addiction and over-dose victims on a daily basis. Nationally, over 93,000 people have died in the past year alone from opioid related problems.

We reviewed the past actions that our group has taken to assist in the efforts to curb these problems, and took a brief look at where we would like to focus our efforts in the year ahead. Narcan training and replenishing our church supply will be among our first endeavors. We will also check in with the Bourne Area Substance Free Coalition to see how we can continue to support their efforts.

**We will meet next on Monday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 3:33 p.m.** We would love to have anyone who shares our interest in supporting those victims and families who are struggling with these related issues, to PLEASE join us. For more information about the group and our activities please contact any of our members. We would love to have others join us in this quest.

Bob and Nancy Sherwood, Jim and Jane Lima, Jim and Celeste Hankey, Donna Beers and 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](http://www.learn2cope.org)  
AA Zoom      425-436-6360      Access Number = n422932

*O blessed lord, you ministered to all who came to you. Look with compassion upon all who, through addiction, have lost their health and freedom. Restore to them the assurance of your unfailing mercy; remove from them the fears that beset them; strengthen them in the work of recovery; and to those who care for them give patient understanding and preserving love. Amen*

*Larry Higgins*

### ***COATS FOR KIDS AND FAMILIES***

**The Sandwich-Bourne Lions Club will be collecting good quality, gently used, warm winter jackets, coats, mittens and gloves, to be distributed by community agencies to those in need. Coats will be collected at Saint Peter's, the Bourne Community Center, the Rockland Trust bank (Clay Pond Road), and the Bourne Library. The collection boxes will be available from October 25th to December 31st. If you have any questions you can call Larry Higgins at 413-446-3090.**

## **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.

## **NOVEMBER 2021**

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| 1  | Monday 11:00 a.m. | <b>Bible Study</b>                        |
| 7  | Sunday            |   |
| 8  | Monday 11:00 a.m. | <b>Bible Study</b>                        |
| 14 | Sunday            |   |
| 15 | Monday 11:00 a.m. | <b>Bible Study</b>                        |
| 15 | Monday 3:33 p.m.  | <b>Substance Abuse Prevention Meeting</b> |
| 15 | Monday 7:00 p.m.  | <b>Vestry Meeting</b>                     |
| 19 | Friday            | <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>                |
| 21 | Sunday            |   |
| 22 | Monday 11:00 a.m. | <b>Bible Study</b>                        |
| 28 | Sunday            |   |
| 29 | Monday 11:00 a.m. | <b>Bible Study</b>                        |

## *Weekly Schedule*

Sundays	8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite I
	10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Tuesdays	9:00 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Church Office Open
Wednesdays	9:00 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Church Office Open
Thursdays	9:00 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Church Office Open

## *St. Peter's Episcopal Church -on-the-Canal Staff*

Rev. Robert Malm, Interim Rector  
Lisa Platanitis, Music Director and Choir Director  
Liesl Crehan, Pianist and Organist  
Kimberly Leahy, Parish Secretary  
Susan Hebb, Newsletter Editor

## *Vestry*

Celeste Hankey, Senior Warden .....	617-710-5346	Nancy Moore.....	508-380-6241
Len Hathon, Junior Warden.....	774-678-0169	Merry Smythe.....	774-404-0110
Alan Kershaw, Treasurer.....	508-224-4018	Chuck Conway.....	617-877-1538
Donna Beers, Assistant Treasurer.....	508-759-8283	Patti Metcalf.....	508-833-0170
Robin Higgins, Clerk.....	413-329-4651	Dianne Cartmill.....	774-269-4348
		Mark Taylor.....	508-863-1259