



ST. PETER'S WAVE **May, 2025**

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

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

I hope you are enjoying a wonderful Easter season. We celebrate the Resurrection of Christ for 50 days until we reach Pentecost Sunday on June 8. The entire month of May is a continuation of Easter with Ascension Day on May 29.

The new life of Easter is also celebrated in the blooming of spring. With all the April showers we hope for beautiful May flowers.

At the Vestry Retreat in March, we identified seven new possibilities for St Peter's in 2025. As we work on them, we witness to the new life of the Risen Christ. In order of support and interest, here are the ministries/opportunities we discussed:

1. Get more people involved in our ongoing ministries, including Altar Guild, Acolytes, Choir, Lectors, Ushers, and Vestry.
2. Lighting the stained-glass windows from inside at night to shine out on Main St.
3. Visibility in the community- community wide events and outreach.
4. Expanding the columbarium.
5. Updating and making the website more accessible.
6. Creating a new Facebook page.
7. Starting a legacy endowment fund.

Work has already begun on several of these goals. We are Easter people. We are called to be witnesses of the Resurrection, of the new life God has in store for all of us.

Alleluia. Christ is Risen.
The Lord is Risen Indeed. Alleluia.

Grace, Peace, Love,
Bob





LITURGICAL NOTES

The Baptismal Covenant

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism begins with The Presentation and Examination of the Candidate (Book of Common Prayer, p. 301). It is followed by the Baptismal Covenant, Prayers for the Candidate, Blessing the water and, lastly, The Baptism.

The Covenant is made up of 2 parts. First the entire congregation and candidate answer 3 questions about God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. This is the ancient and first Creed of the Church - The Apostles Creed (we say the Nicene Creed on Sundays). Next come 5 questions about the Christian life, including worship, formation, repentance, evangelism, pastoral care, and outreach. This is a “roadmap” (or “GPS”) for the Christian life.

We say the covenant on Sundays of major feasts, even if we are not celebrating an actual Baptism. These Holy Days include Easter, Pentecost, All Saints Sunday, and The Baptism of Christ Sunday.



VISIBLE

VESTRY

April 15, 2025

Lin Benting spoke to the Vestry about what's happening with Altar Guild and past and future needs. The Altar Guild has purchased several items as the ones we had were old and needed replacement. There was discussion regarding the Altar Guild budget.

Our finances are looking good.

We are resubmitting updated by-laws to the diocese.

There was discussion regarding a church collaboration with a church in Swansea – this seems too far away.

The search committee received an email of interest from a priest in Kenya. The diocese explained the issues regarding visas, green cards, etc. so we are not going to pursue.

We are looking into what to do about the basketball net installed on St. Peter's property without permission and what we should do about it? We will be contacting an attorney for advice.

There will be a mandolin concert on June 7th.

There were few returns on the blue survey, Moving Forward.

We are waiting for the town to let us know if we can post welcome signs.

Danielle Watson was thanked for her wonderful new St. Peter's Facebook page.

We are getting pricing for additional columbarium niches.

Depending on sign-up we may or may not have game night.

There will be a memorial service for Elizabeth Gary on May 9th at 1pm.

We will be replacing the light bulbs on the sides of the church with higher brightness as the ones currently installed are too dim.

The Bishop will be in New Bedford for confirmation on June 15th.

There will be a Walk for Hope in Falmouth on June 1st.

We are looking into participating with Habitat for Humanity.

Amy asked to plant flowers for Easter.



The seventh men's breakfast get together was held on April 5th. Once again we had 11 in attendance, which seems to be the norm for this year.

As agreed upon at the April meeting, our next breakfast get together will be on **Saturday, May 17th at 8:30 AM**. This date will avoid a conflict with the Bermuda Cruise.

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, please call or text Jim Hankey at 781-534-2604 two days prior to the scheduled breakfast. This will provide an accurate count of attendees for the Persy's setup.

I look forward to seeing you at Persy's!

Jim Hankey



As St. Peters continues to explore new ways to connect with our current and potential members, share ministry updates, and build a sense of community, we are thrilled to announce that we now have a Facebook page! This platform is a fantastic opportunity to promote upcoming events, gatherings, and activities, helping us to boost attendance.

If you would like to learn more about our mission, please join us at our final meeting of the season **Mon., May 12, at 2:22PM** at the church. There has been some concern mentioned about the time that we meet. If you have any suggestions on a different time for when we re-group in fall, please let one of our members know your thoughts on the matter.

Sincerely Submitted,

Substance Abuse Prevention and Support members: Celeste & Jim Hankey, Jane & Jim Lema, Nancy & Bob Sherwood, Donna Beers, Larry Higgins, Diane Bergeron, and Connie Morrison.

In Loving Memory

There will be a memorial service for our dear friend Elizabeth Gary on May 9 at 1pm. Please join us as we remember this wonderful woman and her many years and contributions to St. Peter's. *"Well done good and faithful servant."*

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.*

RECURRING EVENTS

Sundays: 8am - Holy Eucharist Rite I

10am - Holy Eucharist Rite II w/music

(unless otherwise noted)

Tuesdays: 11am - Bible Study

Thursdays: 8:30am – TOPS

1st Saturday, 8:30am - Men's Breakfast (May 17 this month only!)

2nd Monday, 2:22pm - Substance Abuse Team

3rd Tuesday, 5:00pm - Vestry



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