

# *The Wave - JANUARY 2017*

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

## *FROM THE RECTOR The Reverend Sue Lederhouse*

"It's a brand new day, everything is fine," so begins a praise song of old. As we start a brand new year, we wonder if indeed everything will be fine in this year to come.

So many of us have experienced ill health in this past year. We have lost close family members and friends. We know the pain of addiction in our families. We know the fear of not having enough money to pay our bills, of war in various places in our world and the fear that there will be more terrorist attacks closer to home. And we know the fear of being alone as we contemplate our own mortality.

We don't know what this new Presidential administration will bring. We don't really know what to expect in these days ahead.

There are so many things that we DON'T know as we begin this year.

What we DO know is this: God loves us with a powerful love that is beyond all measure. God weeps over His broken world and keeps trying to shine His light into the dark places of our lives. God loves us and hurts for us and for this world. And we know that it is up to us to be God's hands in this world.

As we begin this season of Epiphany in the church year, we focus on two powerful words: LIGHT and CALL. We are called as Christians to spread the light of Jesus Christ that breaks through into the dark places of this world. We are called to bring the Light that shines in the darkness – the Light that the darkness cannot overcome. Darkness may seem to triumph for a time; everything may seem to be bleak and hopeless all around us, but even a flicker of light can help melt the darkness of our world.

How are YOU called to spread the Light in this new year?

Blessings and hope for this year ahead –

Sue Lederhouse+

## THE DEACON'S CORNER

Christmas is over!!! Can't be! That was quick! What's happening in January?

The Feast of the Holy Name (January 1st), coming eight days after Christmas, commemorates the naming of the Christ Child as "**Jesus**", the name given to Mary by the Angel Gabriel at the Annunciation.

On the 5th of January we celebrate Twelfth Night, the twelfth day after Christmas or "Little Christmas."

Then there's Epiphany or Three Kings' Day (January 6th), which marks the visit of the Three Kings or Wise Men to the Christ Child. In some times past, it has been the day the Deacon chinks the door frame at the Sanctuary's entryway with that strange sequence of letters and numbers. What do they mean? Find out on the day of the Annual Meeting – January 29!

Buddy just told me not to forget making New Year's Resolutions! He already has a few for me that probably have to do with "treats" for him :-)) We make a big production out of New Year's Resolutions, don't we? Wonder why? I suspect that deep down we don't quite trust the idea of "**Radical Grace**," God giving us a free gift that we don't deserve and can't earn, just because He loves us. He can't possibly love us that much.....can He? Surely we have to do something to merit such love? Maybe a little self-imposed denial and suffering to show that we're really "good guys" worth loving?

Other notable events/celebrations in January are the Baptism of Our Lord (this year celebrated on January 8th); The Confession of St. Peter (January 18th) and The Conversion of St. Paul (January 25th).

Before we know it, February will be here. Cold, dreary, interminable February. "**February that made me shiver with every paper I'd deliver....**" (Thank you Don McLean). Isn't there a malady known as "**The Februarys**"? Brrrrrr! Throw another log on the fire Buddy, I'm getting a chill just thinking of it!!

Peace,  
Deacon Robert Sherwood

## VISIBLE VESTRY

The Vestry held its monthly meeting on December 19, 2016.

1. Rev. Sue reported that Mark Anderson is no longer able to continue with the book bin agreement we have with his Waddle Books business, due to his recent back problems. We are in the process of pursuing other options. Any suggestions, see Rev. Sue.
2. Update on stewardship is that we now have 71 pledges!! We encourage parishioners to prayerfully consider making a commitment to St. Peter's through making a pledge. Every pledge helps to lessen our annual deficit, so that we don't need to depend on using our investment fund to keep our budget balanced.
3. We will be doing some final pricing and decisions on the purchase of new table and chairs very much needed for our Parish Hall. We are very thankful that these can be purchased with a donation we received earlier in the summer.

4. Rev. Sue and the Wardens have been busy interviewing for the new Building Manager position. We have had a good response to our newspaper ad and are in the process of narrowing our decision down to an individual that we feel would be a good fit for our needs and our church. More information to come soon.
5. Our total Sunday attendance has reached over 5,000 thus far in 2016! This is the highest it has been in many years (In fact, for those who remember, it is the highest since Father Richard's time in the 1990's). We are very thankful and excited to see such a wonderful revival in our congregation.
6. On December 18, we had the dedication of two sets of albs (white robes) and cinctures (rope ties) for our acolytes. In addition, we had a wonderful donation for a new brass ciborium (container for the Eucharist wafers), for our altar. This donation was given by a friend of the family in memory of the mother of a gentleman who now lives on the property in the Allerton section of Hull, which was the original home of St. Peter's before it was floated down the Canal in 1947 to Buzzards Bay. What a great story to add to the already interesting history of our church. Thank you to that donor for her creative thinking and for remembering our church. What a great idea and such a meaningful gesture.
7. Rev. Sue and the Wardens remain on a quest to find a new organist/music director and pray that we may find someone called to serve our church, who can start by summer of 2017. Any leads or suggestions you may have can be directed to Rev. Sue.
8. St. Peter's will be prayed for in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer on Sunday, February 12, 2017. Vestry has made a couple of suggestions for specific prayers such as the need for more young families and that we receive what we need to better serve our church families and our community.
9. We are thankful for all the parishioners who generously donated to the Christmas party for The Village at Cataumet, which will be Wednesday, December 21. A special thank you to our new Outreach Committee (Karen McGuinness, Margery Buckingham, and Nancy Sherwood; Robin Higgins, Vestry Liaison) for their hard work in breathing new life into this program. Also thanks to Priscilla Ellis who has for some time now been instrumental as our our ongoing liaison and contact person with The Village and their needs.
10. An advertisement has been placed in the *Bourne Enterprise* announcing our Christmas service times. They are: Christmas Eve: 5:00 with special music by Donovin Tavares and Abby Goodwin and 8:00 with music by the choir and Marc Fuller. The choir will also present special music beginning at 7:30 p.m. Christmas Day: one service at 10:00. Come in your Pj's if you want, and bring along your special present. Dress for comfort.
11. Thank you to the Taylor Family for putting on a fabulous Friendly Kitchen Christmas Dinner on December 19. Attendance was great and with take outs included, well over 60 meals were distributed!!
12. We are happy to announce that we have contracted with a person who has been in business in Wareham for 40 years, to do our shoveling. Hip Hip Hooray. Let it Snow!!
13. January 6 there will be an Epiphany church service at 5:30 followed by a ham and bean supper around 6:15ish. Please sign up in the Narthex. No donations needed for this fellowship event. Just come and enjoy!!!
14. Vestry has designated the 2016 annual outreach grants to the following:  
\$150 Cape Cod Times Needy Fund  
\$150 Episcopal Relief & Development  
\$200 BeLikeBrit

\$200 Amazing Grace Camp  
\$500 St. Peter's Outreach Ministries

15. The Vestry has been very busy with end of the year activities such as developing the budget for 2017. In addition, the Nominating Committee has developed a slate of nominations for Parish Offices. Both will be presented at our Annual Meeting on January 29, 2017. There will be one church service on that Sunday at 9:00 a.m. followed by a potluck brunch. We encourage all parishioners to attend this important meeting, whether you are a voting member or not as you are all considered an important part of the fellowship and life of our church.

**The Next Vestry meeting will be on Monday, January 16, 2017.**

From the Vestry, may you all be blessed with a Happy and Healthy New Year 2017!

Linda Masson, Senior Warden

## *FEAST OF THE HOLY NAME - JANUARY 1*

As you've probably noticed, the Church does things just a little different than the rest of the world. Instead of New Year's Day, we celebrate in the Church the Feast of the Holy Name – the day in which Jesus was given His name. This year it falls on a Sunday so it takes precedence over anything else we might celebrate. We will have ONE service at 10:00 that day as we enter into this new year continuing to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior.

**We will move the usual first Sunday of the month events to the next Sunday – January 8 - when we resume the regular two Sunday worship services at 8 and 10. SO. . .birthdays and anniversaries for January will be celebrated on January 8 at both services AND we will have a pancake breakfast that morning at 9 a.m.**

## *EPIPHANY AT ST. PETER'S*

The season of Epiphany varies in length depending on the date of Easter. This year we have a VERY LONG season of Epiphany. It starts on January 6 and ends with Shrove Tuesday which this year will be February 28. It is almost as long as Epiphany can be! The color for the Epiphany season is white through the First Sunday after Epiphany (January 8) in which we celebrate the Baptism of Christ. Then it switches to green, the color of mission and growth until the Last Sunday after Epiphany when the color is white once more.

During Epiphany, we make a few changes in our liturgy. At the 8:00 service, we will return to Eucharistic Prayer II (p. 340). At the 10:00 service, we will be using Eucharistic Prayer B (beginning on p. 367). For our service music, we will use the Rutter "Glory to You, Lord God of Our Fathers" (Hymnal S-236) as our Song of Praise; "In Your Church, Lord, Be Glorified" for the Presentation; "Santo, Santo, Santo" (an Argentine folk song) for the Sanctus; "Now the Silence" for the Fraction Anthem and "The Lord is My Light and My Salvation" for the Post-Communion Hymn. Most of these will be on an insert in the bulletin. At both services, we will return to the form of the Prayers of the People (written by the Rev. Steve White) that we have been using throughout most of the year. These will be on green inserts in the bulletin.

## ***EPIPHANY SERVICE AND DINNER - JANUARY 6 - 5:30 P.M.***

**Epiphany, January 6**, is one of the major feast days in the Church Year. Most of us probably know it best as the time we celebrate the visit of the Three Wise Men. This year we will celebrate the Epiphany with a short service with music and a ham and bean supper following. And YES – of course we will be singing “We Three Kings” and “The First Noel!” **The service starts at 5:30 p.m.** Then we join together in a wonderful feast after the service. Come and celebrate the beginning of this season of Light as we remember the spread of the Gospel to people throughout the world!

## ***PANCAKE BREAKFAST - JANUARY 8 - 9 A.M.***

Our traditional first-Sunday-of-the-month Pancake Breakfast will actually be served **on Sunday, January 8, 2017, at 9:00 a.m.** Come and join us for pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausages, juice and coffee, all served up with ample smiles by our dedicated Pancake Breakfast team. **Please also take note of those glass jars in the middle of each table – they are meant for your donations to help make these breakfasts possible. We appreciate your generosity!**

## ***WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY - JANUARY 9 & 23 - 12:30 P.M.***

On January 9, we will look at **Rebekah**, one of the strong women of the Old Testament, wife of Isaac and mother of Jacob and Esau. On January 23, we will study **Leah**, the first wife of Jacob. 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.** All women of the parish are invited. Bring a bag lunch and there will be coffee/tea and goodies provided.

## ***HEALING SERVICE - JANUARY 15 - 9 A.M.***

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 normally held on the third Sunday of the month, which will be **Sunday, January 15, at 9 a.m.** All are welcome.

## ***MEN’S BREAKFAST GATHERING - JANUARY 21 - 8:30 A.M.***

The men of the parish will join together for breakfast and a time of food and fellowship at **8:30 a.m. on Saturday, January 21, at Persy’s Place, 3198 Cranberry Highway in East Wareham.** 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).

## ***ANNUAL MEETING - JANUARY 29***

The Parish Annual Meeting will be held on **Sunday, January 29**. There will be **one** service at **9 a.m.**, followed by a potluck brunch, and then the Annual Meeting. At this meeting, new officers and parish leaders will be elected (see the list of nominees below.) Reports from parish organizations and committees will be received and the 2017 proposed parish budget will be reviewed. This is the most important meeting of the year for the Parish. Please make every effort to attend and **bring your favorite dish for the potluck.**

**Deadline for submission of reports for the Annual Report Booklet is JANUARY 16.** Please submit them in electronic form to [susanhebb@comcast.net](mailto:susanhebb@comcast.net) or in printed form to the Church Office.

### ***REPORT FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE***

The Nominating Committee (Lynne Brune, The Reverend Sue Lederhouse, Linda Masson, Paul Szwed, Mark Taylor, and Donna Tripp) present the following slate of nominations for Parish Offices for 2017:

#### **OFFICERS**

<b>SENIOR WARDEN</b>	(1 year term)	Linda Masson
<b>JUNIOR WARDEN</b>	(1 year term)	Lynne Brune
<b>CLERK</b>	(1 year term)	Robin Higgins
<b>TREASURER</b>	(1 year term)	Dianne Cartmill
<b>ASST. TREASURER</b>	(1 year term)	Priscilla Ellis

#### **VESTRY**

Term ending 2020	Kathy Finnegan Len Hathon
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#### **DIOCESAN CONVENTION DELEGATES**

(1 year term)	Ken Lihzis Merry Smythe
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#### **DIOCESAN CONVENTION ALTERNATES**

(1 year term)	Dianne Cartmill John Powers
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#### **DEANERY DELEGATES**

(1 year term)	Jane Goershel Nancy Guimond Caroline Stone
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#### **DEANERY ALTERNATE**

(1 year term)	Chuck Conway
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## *INQUIRERS' CLASSES FOR ADULTS*

Do you feel God calling you to learn more about your faith in this new year? Do you have questions about things you experience in worship? Are you interested in being confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church from another faith tradition or perhaps reaffirming your faith? Or maybe you're just interested in learning more about the Episcopal Church or refreshing your memory? I will be leading a series of classes during the month of February. We will begin with a gathering on **Monday, January 30, at 6:30 p.m.** **Dates and times of the other sessions will be determined in consultation with class members.** All of this is in preparation for the Cape and Islands Deanery Confirmation service which will take place on **Saturday, May 6.** If you are interested in being a part of the class, please let me know by **January 16** so that I can order the materials. Email me at [lederhouse@msn.com](mailto:lederhouse@msn.com) or call me at 508-240-2853 or just let me know on Sunday morning.

Sue Lederhouse+

## *THANKS BE TO GOD FOR. . .*

The donation of a new brass ciborium (bread box) for our Christmas and Easter services – given in memory of the wife of the man who bought the property that the St. Peter's Church building used to sit on in Hull!

All who worked so hard to prepare for our Christmas services, those who provided music (particularly our young musicians: Donovin Tavares and Abby Goodwin), the choir, the ushers, worship participants, Altar Guild, and especially all who were in attendance at one or more of those services.

Everyone who has attended worship services during this past year! Our total Sunday attendance was **over 5000** this year – the highest it has been since before 2004 AND our average Sunday attendance was **102** for 2016 – also the highest it has been since that time.

Those who helped in whatever way to give our friends at Village at Cataumet a good Christmas.

Those who help cook or serve at Friendly Kitchen week by week and those who come and sit and talk and eat with our guests.

The new albs (white robes) and cinctures (rope ties) for our acolytes.

The gift of new fair linens (the white cloth on the altar).

The 71 people/families who have made a pledge to St. Peter's for 2017.

## *THE VILLAGE AT CATAUMET NEEDS YOUR HELP!!*

St. Peter's has for several years provided aid to the families living temporarily at the Village at Cataumet. Parishioners have supplied various needs, choosing a different category each month to help these families. **For the month of January, we are collecting cleaning supplies.** These can be left in the Narthex in the provided baskets under the pews. Children's clothing in good condition is accepted every month. Thank you to all

parishioners who participate in this wonderful outreach. These donations have been so gratefully received by families who have endured a period of homelessness.

## ***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 **February** issue is Friday, **January 20**. Send all articles to Susan Hebb at [susanhebb@comcast.net](mailto:susanhebb@comcast.net)



# *JANUARY 2017*

1	Sunday	10:00 a.m.	<b>Feast of the Holy Name – 1 service only</b>
2	Monday		<b>NO Friendly Kitchen</b>
6	Friday	5:30 p.m.	<b>Epiphany Service and Dinner</b>
8	Sunday	9:00 a.m.	<b>Pancake Breakfast</b>
9	Monday	12:30 p.m.	<b>Women’s Bible Study</b>
15	Sunday	9:00 a.m.	<b>Healing Service</b>
16	Monday	7:00 p.m.	<b>REPORTS DUE FOR ANNUAL REPORT Vestry</b>
18	Wednesday	11:00 a.m.	<b>Bourne Area Senior Cyclists</b>
20	Friday		<b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>
21	Saturday	8:30 a.m.	<b>Men’s Breakfast Gathering</b>
23	Monday	12:30 p.m.	<b>Women’s Bible Study</b>
26	Thursday	6:00 p.m.	<b>Deanery at St. Peter’s/Osterville</b>
29	Sunday	9:00 a.m.	<b>Holy Eucharist – ONE SERVICE followed by Potluck Brunch and ANNUAL MEETING</b>

## *Upcoming Dates*

<b>February 28</b>	<b>Shrove Tuesday</b>	<b>March 1</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday</b>
<b>April 9</b>	<b>Palm Sunday</b>	<b>April 14</b>	<b>Good Friday</b>
<b>April 16</b>	<b>Easter</b>	<b>June 4</b>	<b>Pentecost</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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