

THE WAVE SEPTEMBER 2022

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

DEAR PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS

In parish life and ministry there are three starts to a “new” year. Advent Sunday marks the start of the new liturgical year. On November 27th we start the first season by using purple vestments and readings from Year A in the lectionary.

Of course, January 1 begins the new calendar year. Most parishes also use the calendar year for their finances and bookkeeping. This date is fixed in the worship, liturgical calendar as one of the 12 days of Christmas and the Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus, seven days after we celebrate Jesus’ birth.

September marks the start of a parish’s program year. Choirs return after their summer recess. Christian education classes start up. Some churches change or add to their worship schedule. At St. Peter’s we look forward to September, not so much for major changes or additions to our schedule, as for continuing the growth we all hope to see. We are just 15 months from returning to public worship after the Covid shut down. People have returned to parish life. We hope many more will join us during the “school year” ahead.

Also, in September we’ll start the 2023 Stewardship Campaign. Please be thinking and praying about your support of St. Peter’s with time, talent, and treasure. We are still below our pledge totals from before Covid. We would like to see the number of pledges and the total amount pledged continue to grow.

Last year’s Stewardship theme was “For All the Saints.” This year’s theme will be “With Angels and Archangels.” The ministry of Angels is three-fold:

1. To proclaim God’s love.
2. To protect those in need.
3. To praise God on earth and in heaven.

Proclaiming, protecting, and praising is woven into St. Peter’s Mission Statement. “St. Peter’s is a community called to Love, Worship and Proclaim and Serve.”

Grace and Peace
Rev. Bob Malm
Interim Rector

THE VISIBLE VESTRY

August 16, 2022

The Financial Report was given by Alan Kershaw – the down-turn of the stock market has impacted St. Peter's. Things are turning around slowly. We are looking into what St. Peter's can realistically spend for a new rector. Half time might not be feasible at this time.

St. Peter's has been contacted about a possible shared priest. There will be a meeting between the two churches in the near future.

Carol Larsen is our new church administrator. Kathy Letzeisen is going to help with Carol's training.

FK2Go – (Friendly Kitchen To Go) has had guests every week since they started.

Forty folks are going on the canal cruise August 24th.

We will be starting the Stewardship Campaign in September.

We have been informed that we will be receiving a donation from Anne Jones.

A new air conditioner was purchased for the front of the church – cost \$3,500.

We are looking into Amazon Smile as a way to donate to St. Peter's every time you shop on Amazon.

We will be participating in Canal Day on September 17th. We will have donation parking, hot dogs, hamburgers, water, jams and jellies. We are looking for volunteers to participate.

The By-Laws have been approved by the congregation – they will be forwarded to Diocese.

We are looking into starting up the Women's Bible study again.

The Safe Church requirements were distributed. The only people who are required to take the course are the priest, paid staff, and Eucharistic Visitors.

We are looking into more social functions – cookout, women's luncheon.

The Church Profile will be update to reflect our financial status.

The next Vestry meeting is September 20th.

Celeste Hankey, Senior Warden

CANAL DAY

Canal Day will be held on Saturday, September 17th in Buzzards Bay center. There will be booths for crafters, food, etc.

We will be offering Donation Parking at St. Peter's. Last year we received over \$1,000. In donations.

We will also be selling hot dogs and hamburgers and water. We will not have crafters – they will all be in Buzzards Bay.

We will also be selling Jams and Jellies.

Please let anyone on the Vestry know if you are willing to help out that day. There is also a sign-up sheet in the narthex.

NOTES FROM THE MUSIC ROOM

A few notes from the music room. We are excited to announce that choir will return in full voice on Sunday, September 11th. All current members please arrive for rehearsal and be prepared to sing at 9:00 a.m. on September 11th. All of those interested in choir may join us for more information at rehearsal following the service. Looking forward to a new year of wonderful music.

Peace and Love,

Lisa Platanitis
Director of Music

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Men's Saturday morning breakfast will start up again on Saturday, October first, at 8:30 a.m. at Persy's Place Restaurant, 3198 Cranberry Highway, East Wareham, MA.

Jim Lema and Henri Masson

HELLO FROM FRIENDLY KITCHEN!

So.... We've been up and running for two months! We have been steady with our meals to go and starting to see some more familiar faces coming back. The word is spreading and new FK2GO flyers are being posted in a few places around town. We are planning our hot meals menu for October and are excited to increase our numbers! A special thank you to our Friendly Kitchen teams and our Sunday Support Team for making this ministry successful!

SEARCH COMMITTEE NEWS

We have met to work on the Parish Profile addendum; however, we were told by our Diocesan Consultant Kelly O'Connell that we will need to imbed any new information into our current Profile and have the whole document re-posted to the Diocesan website. This is actually a good thing because we can include more accurate information with regard to finances, outreach activities, new Vestry members and officers, and our new mission statement, as well as how we have fared since the pandemic began. The tricky part is how to include the new information in its proper place in the document as it is not easy to manipulate. We have every confidence that Matthew, who is our computer document expert, will do a fabulous job and we will have our new profile on the website soon!

We thank you for your continued support and prayers.

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.*

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 or 617-710-5346

Thank you, Celeste Hankey, Senior Warden and Patti Metcalf, Vestry, Search Committee
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WEEKLY E-BLAST

Please notify Robin Higgins via email at 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

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Charlie Ellis

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Jaquelin Taylor

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Bob and Nancy Sherwood
- 2 Jack and Nancy Kennedy
- 13 Jim and Jane Lema
- 15 Leonard and Monica Kilmer
- 19 Charlie and Priscilla Ellis

***SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION AND SUPPORT GROUP
UPDATE FOR SEPTEMBER***

September is a time for new beginnings. As a new academic year begins, we will start anew to study what our Saint Peter's Family can and will do to support families, friends and neighbors who suffer from the consequences of substance use and abuse. One of our long time efforts is the support of the Bourne Substance Free Coalition. This group of teens and parents work on prevention efforts to keep Bourne students free from the harmful use of addictive substances.

We hope you can join with us in prayer and conversation the next time we meet. "All Are Welcome". **We will meet again on Monday, September 19, at 3:33 p.m. at the Church.**

Sincerely Submitted,
Substance Abuse Prevention and Support Group, Celeste and Jim Hankey, Jane and Jim Lema, Nancy and Bob Sherwood, Donna Beers, Kathy Letzeisen, 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

AA Zoom 425-436-6360
Access Number
n 422932

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.

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, 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.

CALENDAR
SEPTEMBER 2022

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| 4 | Sunday | | |
| 6 | Tuesday | 11:00 a.m. | Bible Study |
| 11 | Sunday | | |
| 13 | Tuesday | 11:00 a.m. | Bible Study |
| 18 | Sunday | | |
| 19 | Monday | 3:33 p.m. | Substance Abuse Prevention Team Meeting |
| 20 | Tuesday | 11:00 a.m. | Bible Study |
| 20 | Tuesday | 7:00 p.m. | Vestry Meeting |
| 23 | Friday | | Newsletter Deadline for October WAVE |
| 25 | Sunday | | |
| 27 | Tuesday | 11:00 a.m. | Bible Study |

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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

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Staff

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| <i>Music Director and Choir Director - Lisa Platanitis</i> | |
| <i>Pianist and Organist - Liesl Crehan</i> | |
| <i>Parish Secretary - Carol Larsen</i> | |
| <i>Newsletter Editor - Susan Hebb</i> | |

Vestry Members

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