

THE WAVE JANUARY 2022

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

DEAR PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS

January begins with the last five days of Christmas, and then the Feast of the Epiphany, which we will observe on Sunday, January 2. The season of Epiphany will be fairly long in 2022, eight Sundays, because Easter is not until April 17th this year.

Epiphany means “manifestation.” We think about Jesus’ “appearing” as the Christ, the Messiah, God’s son, our Savior. This begins with the visit of the Magi, known as the three Kings, Wise Men from the East, shortly after Jesus is born. We see God’s call to Jesus, when Jesus is baptized, and Jesus is seen as Lord and Savior through his ministry and miracles.

In January, we celebrate the life and work of Martin Luther King, Jr. King studied at Boston University and received his Ph.D. degree in 1955 when he also served as a Baptist pastor in Montgomery, Al. I remember well April 4, 1968, the day he was shot and killed in Memphis, TN.

The month ahead is our Parish’s time to review the year past and look to the year ahead. We will have our last meeting of the current Vestry on the 18th. We look ahead to the Parish’s annual meeting and election of the new Vestry members on February 13.

I give thanks for all the ways Christ is manifested among us at St. Peter’s. Our people live out their baptismal promises in faithful worship, committed stewardship and devoted pastoral care.

We give thanks for God’s blessings in 2021 and we look forward with great anticipation to the seasons before us in 2022.

Grace and Peace,
Bob
Rev. Bob Malm
Interim Rector

THE VISIBLE VESTRY

The Vestry met on December 13, 2021.

- Alan Kershaw reported that even with all the pledges that we have received, we will be running in the red next year. Pledges are expected to be around \$93,000.
- Rev. Bob Malm has reduced his time from 50% time to 40% time and will take 4 weeks of unpaid leave in an effort to help reduce our expenses.
- The Discovery Pre-School is going to be paying a higher rental fee.
- There is concern that if we hire a half-time minister, we may not be able to support one for more than four years.
- At this time, there is nothing new from the Search Committee. They will be reconvening later in December.
- The choir will be entertaining at Keystone Health Care Complex in Buzzards Bay at 1:30 p.m. on 12/19/21.
- There will be a chime concert and hot chocolate and gingerbread at the church at 4:30 p.m. on 12/19/21.
- We will be having two Christmas services, one at 3:00 pm and one at 5:00 p.m.
- There will be one 10:00 Morning Prayer service on Sunday. December 26th.
- The coin collection jug was put out the second Sunday of the Month.
- We will be having a Super Bowl "squares" fund raiser for the Bourne Substance Free Coalition.
- We still need additional people for the following ministries: acolyte, usher, coffee hour and altar guild.
- The giving tree for Cataumet will stay out until 12/18/21.
- The Vestry will review the By-Laws.
- There will be a Vestry retreat in February/March.
- We will establish a committee to plan for the 75th St. Peter's anniversary. Bishop Gates will be here that Sunday.
- The Annual Meeting will be on February 13, 2022.

The next vestry meeting will be on Tuesday, January 18, 2022.

Celeste Hankey, Senior Warden

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 patmijo@comcast.net 508-685-5582

NO MEN'S BREAKFAST IN JANUARY

The Men's Breakfast Meeting has been cancelled for January of 2022.

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

SEARCH COMMITTEE NEWS

Happy New Year!

The Search Committee and Vestry met after services on Sunday, November 28th, led by our Search Consultant Doug Harper. He noted that both groups had met 25 months ago to begin the discernment process for a new Rector. How things have changed since then!

Currently in the southern region of our diocese there are 5 or 6 parishes who are also looking for part-time rectors, and now COVID has changed how the search process is conducted. Both Doug and Rev. Bob also pointed out that the number of candidates wishing to enter the priesthood has shrunk from past years and many other older priests are choosing to retire. All of these factors have resulted in a diminished number of candidates in search of a permanent position or wanting to move to a new location.

Upon re-reading our Parish Profile, Doug recommends the Search Committee update the document to reflect the number of changes in our parish as well as in our community. It is not necessary to rewrite but to amend it to reflect where we are at right now as a parish. We have been encouraged to rethink our needs and the qualifications we are looking for in a candidate and with regard to hiring a quarter or half-time priest or perhaps sharing a priest with another parish should that option become available. The committee plans to meet in January to discuss the changes and amendments.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers for St. Peter's.

Yours In Christ,

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

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Birthdays we missed in December: So Sorry and Best Wishes to:

Lisa Platinitis, on December 26th and to Nancy Guimond on December 31st.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

DATE		DATE	
8	Donna Beers	17	Sally Darling
10	Leonard Kilmer	18	Robert Frampton
11	Georgina Frampton	20	Jim Hankey
14	Nancy Sherwood	21	Ella Brennan

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

DATE 20 Alan and Elisabeth Kershaw

SAINT PETER'S SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION AND SUPPORT GROUP UPDATE

We had a meeting on Monday, December thirteenth, and discussed the following;

1. The number of opioid deaths in the region and the nation are higher now than they were a year ago. The pandemic has had a significant effect on the lives of those suffering. Support groups have had to limit meeting availability and one on one counseling opportunities have been diminished.
2. The Bourne Substance Free Coalition is continuing its efforts to promote prevention efforts among our young people and is continuing its "sticker shock" campaign by placing signs and stickers on alcohol at local package stores warning parents about the dangers and penalties of hosting events that serve alcohol to minors. They have used a recent grant to purchase Resource Bags that are distributed to addicts at local hospitals and police stations that stress the availability of area treatment centers and resources. They are sponsoring a nationally known speaker for the students of Upper Cape Regional on the consequences of substance abuse.
3. Our group will be placing a donation jug out on the second Sunday of every month to help the Bourne Group. In the era of Covid fundraising opportunities have been seriously hampered as many include person to person contact. Please watch this space for future fundraising Donna Beers highly recommends those of you who have "HULU" streaming service to check out the series "Dope Stick;" it is very eye opening.
4. The supply of Narcan that we have at the church has been refreshed thanks to the folks at ASGCC (Aids Support Group of Cape Cod). We are working on updating the supply and working on an outdoor training and information session in the spring,
5. The Next Meeting of the group will be on Monday, January 24th, at 3:33 p.m. PLEASE JOIN US!
6. We welcomed Kathy Letzeisen into our group at our last meeting and new volunteers are always welcome to join us.
7. See any of our members to participate in a "Super Bowl Squares Fundraiser" for the support group.

Bob and Nancy Sherwood, Jim and Jane Lima., Jim and Celeste Hankey, Donna Beers, Kathy Letzeisen and Larry Higgins

SANDWICH-BOURNE LIONS CLUB "COATS FOR KIDS AND FAMILIES" UPDATE

Thank you, Saint Peters, over 40 coats along with scarves, hats and gloves, have been donated by our parish. With refugees from Afghanistan settling in the area there will be a greater need for warm clothing this year. With our church's contributions, The Sandwich-Bourne Lions were able to provide over 400 coats to this year's drive.

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.

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2 Sunday

9 Sunday

11 Tuesday 11:00 a.m. **Bible Study**

16 Sunday

18 Tuesday 11:00 a.m. **Bible Study**

18 Tuesday 7:00 p.m. **Vestry Meeting**

21 Friday **Newsletter Deadline**

23 Sunday

24 Monday 3:33 p.m. **Substance Abuse Prevention Meeting**

25 Tuesday 11:00 a.m. **Bible Study**

30 Sunday

Feb. 1 Tuesday 11:00 a.m. **Bible Study**

Weekly Schedule

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

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

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