



**ST. PETER'S WAVE  
MAY 2023**

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

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Jesus appeared 10 times after his resurrection on Easter Day according to the Gospel narratives. Five of those appearances were on the First Sunday, beginning with Mary Magdalene and ending with the 10 Disciples that evening.

The other five appearances take place in both Jerusalem and Galilee over the next 5 ½ weeks. We celebrate the last appearance, the Ascension on May 18th this year.

Our Sunday Gospels in May return us to Jesus' teaching before his Passion and Glory all recorded in John's Gospel: May 7- "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life"; (John 14) May 14- "I am the Vine, you are the branches"; (John 15) May 21- The Prayer of Jesus before his arrest in the garden; (John 17) May 28- The gift of the Holy Spirit; (John 20).

May is always a month to celebrate the new life in creation that bursts forth as the weeks of Spring progress. The 50 days of the Easter Season give us an opportunity to celebrate new life and renewal in our personal and corporate lives.

Alleluia, Christ has Risen.

The Lord is Risen Indeed. Alleluia.

Grace, Peace, Love  
Bob

Fr. Bob Malm  
Interim Rector

# Visible Vestry

April 18, 2023

Our annual audit has been approved by Terry Robinson.

Alan Kershaw had to change the National Grid account because of the wrong address, now he is working on having the tax removed.

There will be a mandolin concert on April 29 – Sean Crehan is part of this group. Part of the proceeds will be donated to St. Peter's.

The vestry members rated the church on the new program Invite, Welcome, Connect. We will continue to work on this program

There will be a Pot Luck dinner on Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:30.

Mark Taylor continues to clean out the undercroft. He would like to strip and stain the back ramp.

Kim Leahy is back as our church secretary.

Bourne Substance Free committee cancelled Bingo for April as the sign up was low. They've rescheduled for May 17<sup>th</sup> – Bingo and dessert.

We will be having a Bakeless Bake Sale.

Robin Higgins, chair of the Discernment Committee reported that the committee met for the first time in April. Their diocesan liaison, Lynn Campbell joined them via Zoom. They will meet for the next 6-8 weeks.

The next meeting is May 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 (new time).

**MEN'S**



**BREAKFAST**

Our next gathering is scheduled for Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 AM. 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, don't let that prevent you from coming. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Jim Hankey at 781-534-2604. We look forward to seeing you!

Jim Hankey



## Walk for Hope

Sunday, May 21

The Housing Assistance Corp. of Cape Cod is sponsoring this annual walk to raise funds for their programs on the Cape helping the homeless. They have 3 walking routes- Falmouth, Hyannis, and Orleans. Fr. Bob walked the 3 mile route in Falmouth last year and would like to form a team from St. Peter's. The event starts at 1pm in Falmouth square. Please let Bob know if you'd like to join the team or sponsor a walker. More information and registration can be found in the Narthex or online at [www.haconcapecod.org](http://www.haconcapecod.org)



## Liturgical Notes

Each month in the Wave we will feature a short explanation of a part of our Eucharistic liturgy. This might include a prayer, a certain action, and/or a traditional practice. Liturgy varies from parish to parish, Priest to Priest. If you have a question or concern, or something you'd like to learn more about, please contact Fr. Bob or a member of the Vestry. We begin with 2 notes this month.

Incense, often referred to as "frankincense", has been used since ancient times in both Jewish and other religions. In the Old Testament the burning of incense was part of the offering made in the temple by the Priest. It came to be seen as having purifying power and was a costly sacrifice, suitable for royalty (thus, a gift for the infant Jesus). The offering of incense also symbolized the offering of prayer, "Let my prayer be set forth in your sight as incense..." Ps. 141:2

Since at least the 5th century incense has been used in Christian Worship, as a blessing and offering. Normally incense is used in the Eucharist to bless the Altar, the Gospel Book, the Communion Bread and Wine, and those participating in the liturgy – clergy, choir, congregation. At St. Peter's we will use incense on very special occasions.

Mixed Chalice refers to the traditional practice of pouring a small amount of blessed water into the wine prior to the prayer of consecration. It symbolizes the divinity and humanity of Christ, the connection between Baptism and Communion, and the report from John's Gospel of the spear thrust into the side of Jesus at the Crucifixion. (19:34). The following prayer is said as the water is blessed, "May this water and wine be so commingled to remind us that Christ humbled himself to take on our humanity, that we, by his grace, might share in his divinity."

## Substance Abuse Prevention and Support Group: Update for April

Mark Your Calendars!!!! Wed. May 17th at 6:00pm

### **BINGO + DESSERT**

**That's right folks!!! We are going to try again!!! Substance Support and Prevention group will be hosting a fun family night fund raising BINGO for our St. Peter's Family and Friends to help support the Bourne Substance Free Coalition. Please sign up in Stevenson Hall by the coffee hour set up. Doors Open at 6:00pm Games start at 6:30**

There will be prizes for the winners; play as many cards as you Dare!!!! \$1.00 donation per card. Desserts and beverages will be available for purchase. For more information or offers of help please contact any of the group members: Larry H., Jim & Celeste H., Kathy L., Jim & Jane L., Donna B., Bob & Nancy S.

**Please don't forget to sign up. This event gives us an opportunity to get together and have some fun, but can only happen if we get enough people to participate!!!!**

There continues to be an opioid epidemic in Massachusetts. Recently it has been reported that drug related deaths have already exceeded last years total. We would like to bring your attention to several new groups in the area that are working with the community to lend help for those suffering from abuse.

#### WAREHAM CONNECTS:

This is a youth coalition in Wareham similar to the Bourne Substance Free Group and provides prevention and training programs they can be found on Facebook @WarehamConnects

#### RICHIE'S ROAD TO RECOVERY

Weekly recovery walk and talk meets every Friday at 9:00am at the Lyman Reserve on Head of the Bay Road by the Wareham/Bourne/Plymouth Town Line for a leisurely 20-40 minute stroll through nature as they chat about paths to recovery. No RSVP is required but feel free to Contact Richie Newbert at 339-832-5387 or [richiesroadtorecovery@gmail.com](mailto:richiesroadtorecovery@gmail.com)

#### YARMOUTH SUBSTANCE AWARENESS COMMITTEE:

Monthly Resource Drop-In Night offers resources for people and families dealing with addiction and assorted issues. Counseling and education will be available. EVERY LAST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH 5pm to 7:00pm 1338 Route 28, S. Yarmouth. At the Family Table Collaborative. Questions at [ysac@yarmouth.ma.us](mailto:ysac@yarmouth.ma.us)

**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 May 8th, at 3:33pm at the Church.**

Sincerely Submitted,

Substance Abuse Prevention and Support Group: Celeste & Jim Hankey, Jane & Jim Lema, Nancy & 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](http://www.learn2cope.org)

AA Zoom 425-436-6360 # n422932



## CALLING ALL CRAFTERS

A reminder that all you crafters are invited to gather on Tuesdays at 1pm for fellowship and to create items to be sold at a Christmas fair later in the fall. Margery Buckingham and Nancy Sherwood will lead the group as we create beautiful items to benefit St. Peter's and the community! We hope to see you there!

## 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)  
Mondays: 4:30pm - Friendly Kitchen To Go  
Tuesdays: 11am - Bible Study  
1-3pm - Crafters  
Thursdays: 8:30am - TOPS  
1<sup>st</sup> Saturday, 8:30am - Men's Breakfast  
2<sup>nd</sup> Monday, 3:33pm - Substance Abuse Team  
3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 6:30pm - Vestry

### MAY CALENDAR

Tues., May 2 @ 1pm – First meeting of Crafters (cont. each Tues.)  
Sat., May 6 @ 8:30am Men's Breakfast @ Persy's  
Mon., May 8 @ 3:33pm – Substance Abuse Prevention  
Tue., May 16 @ 6:30pm – Vestry  
Wed., May 17 @ 6:30pm - BINGO  
Mon., May 22 – WAVE deadline

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