

# *The Wave* JANUARY 2019

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

*FROM THE RECTOR*  
*The Reverend Sue Lederhouse*

This year, all of our Sundays in January are in the Epiphany season and the Epiphany season encompasses February and the first Sunday in March as well. Traditionally we think of the Epiphany season as that season in which we encounter Jesus as an adult beginning His ministry. However, we begin this season of Epiphany with the Feast of the Epiphany on Sunday, January 6. Jesus is still a child when the Three Kings come to visit after being guided by a star. The Kings, also known as the Wise Men, bring gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. These are strange gifts for a baby, but gifts that foreshadow who this baby will become.

On January 13, we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus. Jesus begins His ministry – as we do, too – with baptism. In His case, it is baptism from John the Baptist, a different sort of baptism from what we experience, but it represents a new direction for Jesus. After His baptism, Jesus goes off to the wilderness for 40 days to pray and fast and learn what God would have Him do (we hear about His time in the wilderness on March 10.) On January 20, we will hear about His first miracle at the Wedding of Cana. This is followed on January 27 by His return to Nazareth and His proclamation of His mission as He reads from the prophet Isaiah in the synagogue. This will be continued on February 3.

For the rest of February, we will hear about the calling of the first disciples and the Sermon on the Plain (as contrasted with Jesus' Sermon on the Mount in Matthew's Gospel). The Last Sunday after the Epiphany is March 3 and once more we are on the mountain top of Transfiguration with Jesus and His three closest disciples, Peter, James, and John as we see Jesus in a new light.

Epiphany is one of my most favorite seasons of the Church Year. I particularly enjoy the words in our worship in Epiphany just before the Sanctus (the "Holy, Holy, Holy"): "Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, You have (God has) caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of Your (God's) glory in the face of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord." These words speak of the mystery that we have encountered at Christmas: how Christ came to earth to be born of a woman, to be human flesh and blood. They also speak of the Light of Christ that is so much a part of the Epiphany season and our discovery of that Light shining in our own lives as well as our response to that discovery.

So in this Epiphany season, come journey with the Wise Men, remember your baptism, and feel your own sense of call in the midst of that wonderful Light of Christ shining upon each one of us.

A blessed Epiphany to all of you – Sue Lederhouse+

## *THE DEACON'S CORNER*

It's January, another year gone and a new one opening up before us. What are we going to do with it? Let me say right off that I don't want to talk about Epiphany, the Conversion of St. Paul, the Confession of St. Peter, or any of that "churchy" stuff. You'll hear all about that at Sunday morning services anyway. Definitely, don't want to talk about New Year's Resolutions either.

No, what's on my mind right now is the chaos in the world, in our country, the past year, and all those we've known who were so important to us, but are no longer with us. Must be my Scot's Celtic soul. We always get maudlin about the events and places of the year past. Music speaks to us powerfully too. It's customary to sing Bobby Burns' 200 year old Scot's salute to the Old and New Year, "***Auld Lang Syne,***" on New Year's Eve. The phrase has been around for more than 400 years, but Burns was the first to write the words down. It means literally "old long since", or "days gone by." It's a good way to end one year and begin another.

There's another Christmas/New Year's song that Nancy called to my attention today. It was written in 1971 by John Lennon and Yoko Ono. It's called "***And So This is Christmas***". Recall this song as you read some of the lyrics\*:

"So this is Christmas  
And what have you done  
Another year over  
And a new one just begun

And so this is Christmas  
I hope you have fun  
The near and the dear one  
The old and the young

A very Merry Christmas  
And a happy new year  
Let's hope it's a good one  
Without any fear"

There's more, but you get the picture. The words pose a challenge to us to weigh the challenges of the past year and our response to them. How could we have done better? I think they also call us to face the New Year hopefully and do what we can do to make the lives of others easier, less fearful.

**"By this shall all people know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." John 17:21**

Deacon Bob

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## *VISIBLE VESTRY*

The Vestry had their monthly meeting on December 17, 2018.

1. Vestry reviewed the preliminary 2019 annual church budget. The final budget will be adopted at the January 14 Vestry meeting. Vestry also adopted the 2019 Housing Resolution for The Rev. Sue Lederhouse.
2. Vestry reviewed and approved Terry Robinson's proposal for our 2018 Audit.
3. We have finally found a person who lives near the church to do our snow shoveling. Hooray! His name is Rick Tripp (no relation to Clyde & Donna Tripp).
4. EAV was able to connect all our Discovery Pre-School pumps to our generator.
5. We have a new electric Sanctuary Lamp which was installed on 12/06/18.
6. Deacon Bob continues alternating Sunday services and is doing some pastoral care visits. He will preach again on 12/30/18.
7. Paper Pantry plans continue with a start up date of Tuesday, February 19. If this is a ministry you are interested in being a part of, contact Priscilla Ellis or Linda Masson. Thank you to those who have already shown their support for this new ministry with monetary donations. A special thanks to the TOPS ladies for their recent donation and offer to be part of the Tuesday team of workers!! **[SEE SEPARATE NEWSLETTER ARTICLE]**
8. Thank you to the parishioners who participated in the Village at Cataumet gift card tree. Over \$1000 was raised. Thank you to Margery Buckingham for the many tree ornaments she made.
9. We continue to get amazing donations in the Bourne Substance Free Coalition jar!!
10. Compassionate Friends Candlelighting Service was on 12/09/19 and we received a \$150 donation from them. Thank you.
11. We have received our first order from the Greater Boston Food Bank. Thank you to Lynne Brune for organizing the order and the pick up in New Bedford. Friendly Kitchen will do an evaluation of this process to see whether this membership will be something that will meet our needs and will be of financial benefit to our budget.
12. Christmas Eve services will be at 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. with a choral presentation at 7:30 p.m. by the choir.
13. Remember the Annual Meeting on January 27, one church service at 9:00 a.m. with a Potluck Brunch and the Annual Meeting following. **[SEE SEPARATE NEWSLETTER ARTICLE]**

14. The Nominating Committee presented the slate of nominations for Parish Offices for 2019 which the Vestry approved. **[SEE SEPARATE NEWSLETTER ARTICLE]**

On behalf of your Vestry, we wish you all a healthy and happy New Year 2019. See you at the Annual Meeting!!!!

Linda Masson, Senior Warden

### ***STEWARDSHIP UPDATE***

As of **December 27**, we have **62** pledges for a **total of \$99,420**. If you have not made a pledge yet for 2019, please do so as soon as possible. If you have been a regular contributor but have not made a pledge, please consider pledging. This is a real help to us as we develop our budget for 2019. It helps us better gauge how much money we can expect and also ensures that your contributions can be tracked more easily.

### ***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 is almost as long as Epiphany can be with 9 Sundays. It starts on Sunday, January 6 with our traditional visit of the Wise Men and ends with Shrove Tuesday which this year will be March 5. The color for the Epiphany season is white (the color of joy and celebration) through the First Sunday after Epiphany (January 13) 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 (March 3) 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.

### ***PANCAKE BREAKFAST - JANUARY 6 - 9:00 A.M.***

We look forward to our traditional first-Sunday-of-the-month Pancake Breakfast **on Sunday, January 6, 2019, 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!**

### ***SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION MEETING - JANUARY 14 - 3:33 P.M.***

The next meeting of the Substance Abuse Prevention and Support Group is **Monday, January 14, at 3:33 p.m.** The group continues to discuss ways that St. Peter's can be helpful to those who have addiction issues and their families. All are welcome to come and share in the discussion. Plans are in the works to host another fundraising spaghetti supper with proceeds to go to the Bourne Substance Abuse Coalition. Our monthly collection will take place on **January 13** and **THE BOURNE SUBSTANCE FREE COALITION JAR WILL BE OUT AGAIN FOR YOUR SPARE CHANGE!**

### ***WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY - JANUARY 14 & 28 - 12:30 P.M.***

On **January 14**, we will be studying the **Servant Girl of Naaman's Wife**. Naaman was a leper of Old Testament times and this servant girl had a very important role in Naaman's healing. On **January 28**, we will look at **Jael**, a significant woman from the Book of Judges. 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.

### ***MEN'S BREAKFAST GATHERING - JANUARY 19 - 8:00 A.M.***

The men of the parish will gather together for their monthly breakfast. Plan to be present for a time of food and fellowship at **8:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 19, 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 are welcome! Contact Ken Lihzis for more information (774-212-0453 or [klihzis@gmail.com](mailto:klihzis@gmail.com) )

### ***HEALING SERVICE - JANUARY 20 - 9:00 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 20, at 9 a.m.** All are welcome.

### ***ANNUAL MEETING - JANUARY 27***

The Parish Annual Meeting will be held on **Sunday, January 27**. 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 2019 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 14.** 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, Steve Cloutman, Priscilla Ellis, The Reverend Sue Lederhouse, Jim Lema, Linda Masson, and Mark Taylor) present the following slate of nominations for Parish Offices for 2019:

#### **OFFICERS**

<b>SENIOR WARDEN</b>	(1 year term)	Celeste Hankey
<b>JUNIOR WARDEN</b>	(1 year term)	Henri Masson
<b>CLERK</b>	(1 year term)	Robin Higgins
<b>TREASURER</b>	(1 year term)	Dianne Cartmill
<b>ASST. TREASURER</b>	(1 year term)	Lynne Brune

#### **VESTRY**

Term ending 2021 (replacing Celeste Hankey)	Mark Taylor
Term ending 2022	Alan Kershaw
	Merry Smythe

#### **DIOCESAN CONVENTION DELEGATES**

(1 year term)	Ken Lihzis
	Merry Smythe

#### **DIOCESAN CONVENTION ALTERNATES**

(1 year term)	Dianne Cartmill
	John Powers

#### **DEANERY DELEGATES**

(1 year term)	Chuck Conway
	Jane Goershel
	Nancy Moore

#### **DEANERY ALTERNATE**

(1 year term)	Caroline Stone
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## ***PAPER PANTRY OPENING ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2019***

***3:00 - 6:00 P.M.***

**Here at St. Peters. Ongoing the third Tuesday of every month. Serving Buzzards Bay and Wareham area residents.**

If you know of anyone currently receiving Mass Health/SNAP Benefits who is eligible to take part in our new paper/personal care items supplemental program, please invite them to participate in our new Paper Pantry program. Word of mouth and personal invitation are always the best advertisement!!

If you would like to volunteer to help serve at the Paper Pantry, please contact Priscilla Ellis or Linda Masson. We are also going to inform you monthly of certain items that we could use to stock our pantry. Currently we are looking for donations for boxes of Kleenex and/or paper towels. If the towels are in multi packets, then each roll needs to be individually wrapped for sanitary reasons.

We also will gratefully accept any monetary donations as well as gift cards to any place that we can purchase personal care products or paper products.

We are very excited to be offering this program to the community as a new outreach ministry to so many families and individuals in need. Thank you in advance for your support.

If you have any questions about how you can help, please feel free to contact us at any time.

Linda Masson (508-743-5139) and Priscilla Ellis (508-563-7786)

## ***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.

## ***ALTAR FLOWERS AND SANCTUARY LAMP DEDICATIONS***

Altar Flower and Sanctuary Lamp charts have been posted for 2019 outside the Church Office. Please fill out a pink request form and submit it to the Church Office to make a request. Secretary Kathy will fill in the name(s) on the poster. Dates may be selected far in advance. Payment may be made at a later time but must be made before the chosen date (\$35 for flowers, \$7 for Sanctuary Lamp).

## ***MAINTENANCE NEEDS***

If you see something that needs to be done (a light that has burned out or some other maintenance project), write it on the list on the freezer in the kitchen. Thanks for your help!

## ***COFFEE HOUR WANTS YOU!!***

A Coffee Hour sign-up sheet is posted in the Narthex for early 2019. Share the fun and sign up with a friend! We appreciate your generous donations of baked goods, fruit, or other goodies you'd like to share! Monetary donations are accepted every Sunday to help defray the cost of St Peter's providing coffee and tea, cups, napkins and other essentials to ensure everyone enjoys this time of fellowship.

## ***PRAYER CHAIN***

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 will be removed from the print mailing list.

## ***CAPE COD AREA SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS***

**CONSOLING PARTNERS / ADDICTION LOSS:** Meets on the third Wednesday of every month (January 16), from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Corpus Christi Parish Hall, 324 Quaker Meeting House Rd., East Sandwich.

**ALIENATED GRANDPARENTS ANONYMOUS, INC.:** Meets on the second Wednesday of each month (January 9), from 2:00-3:30 p.m., at the Barnstable Senior Center, 825 Falmouth Rd., Hyannis.

## ***NEWSLETTER DEADLINE***

The Newsletter Deadline for the **February** issue is Friday, **January 18**. Send all articles to Susan Hebb at [susanhebb@comcast.net](mailto:susanhebb@comcast.net)



# *JANUARY 2019*

6	Sunday	<b>FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY</b> 9:00 a.m. Pancake Breakfast 1:00 p.m. Deanery @ St. Peter's/Osterville
7	Monday	5:15 p.m. Friendly Kitchen resumes
13	Sunday	<b>SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION SUNDAY</b> 10:00 a.m. Baptism 11:45 a.m. Confirmation Class
14	Monday	<b>REPORTS DUE FOR ANNUAL REPORT</b> 12:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study 3:33 p.m. Substance Abuse Prevention Group 7:00 p.m. Vestry
18	Friday	<b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>
19	Saturday	8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast Gathering
20	Sunday	9:00 a.m. Healing Service
27	Sunday	9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist – ONE SERVICE Followed by Potluck Brunch and ANNUAL MEETING
28	Monday	12:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study

## *Upcoming Dates*

<b>March 5</b>	<b>Shrove Tuesday</b>	<b>March 6</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday</b>
<b>March 7</b>	<b>Lenten Study Starts</b>	<b>April 19</b>	<b>Good Friday</b>
<b>April 21</b>	<b>Easter</b>	<b>June 9</b>	<b>Pentecost</b>
<b>June 15</b>	<b>Confirmation</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)
Thursdays	8:30 a.m.	TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)
Fridays	10:00 – 4:00	Church Office Open

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