

THE WAVE OCTOBER 2021

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

DEAR PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS,

Halloween is coming! For weeks we've seen pumpkins for sale. Soon after, the grocery stores stocked up with extra bags of candy and decorations. Halloween has become one of the most popular celebrations in our culture. It is important for us to remember Halloween started as a Christian celebration.

Halloween comes from the Scottish name for All Hallows Eve (All Saints Eve). Celebrations for All Saints began in Rome in the early church and by the 8th century, the date was fixed on November 1.

As Christianity spread in Ireland, Scotland, and other parts of Britain, the night before All Saints' Day became an important part of the celebrations. This tradition spread to America with the mass Irish and Scottish immigration in the 19th century. All Hallows Eve celebrates the lives of all the faithful departed, not just the famous saints. Spirits, souls, ghosts, monsters remind us of the power of death and our belief in life after death. We also recognize the victory of good over evil.

October is a month to celebrate saints and stewardship. Inspired by faithful Christians in the past, we try to live following Christ in the present. October 31, November 1, and November 2 celebrate the hope and victory of Jesus.

Grace and Peace,
Rev. Bob Malm
Interim Rector

THE VISIBLE VESTRY

The September Vestry Meeting was held on September 20, 2021.

We have received a donation of \$10,000. Before we can use it, we have to get permission from the family.

The church secretary job has been posted and we are receiving applications.

Len Hathon was finally able to reach Mass. Maritime Academy regarding the snow plowing this winter. Hopefully we will have more information next month.

The Stewardship campaign has started. We've had a couple of speakers during services on Sunday. The in-gathering will be September 26.

At this time, nothing new from the Search Committee – but we are hoping that as the pandemic subsides, more rectors will be interested in moving.

Canal Day report: we received over \$1,000 in parking donations. Jams and Jellies made \$644, and we made \$22.00 in water sales.

We are hoping to have a Christmas Fair on December 4th.

Rev. Bob is hoping we can have St. Nicholas in December.

The sign in the front of the church needs to be updated/repared. We are looking into this.

The Vestry approved the Compassionate Friends meeting at the church one Wednesday a month.

We have 6 prayer shawls but could use baptism blankets. Blankets should be white only.

We still need additional people for the following ministries: alcolyte, usher, coffee hour and altar guild.

The next Vestry Meeting will be held on October 18, 2021.

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
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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday to:

Patti Metcalf, October 8

Monica Kilmer, October 27

Happy Anniversary to:

John and Ruth Newcomb, October 1

Henri and Linda Masson, October 2

Bob and Georgina Frampton, October 7

Moe and Sally Gosselin, October 30

GREETINGS FROM YOUR SEARCH COMMITTEE!

Hopefully everyone has settled into their fall routines, kids and us adults as well. It's October already and we have no news to report to date.

The Search Committee wishes to bid a fond farewell to our Church Secretary Kathy Letzeisen and want to thank her for her service to us and to all of St. Peter's. Thankfully we will continue to see her each Sunday!

Thank you all for your continued 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.

Yours In Christ,

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

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

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SAINT PETER'S SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION AND SUPPORT GROUP UPDATE

Our group met for the first time since February 2020, on Monday July 19th. We had a discussion on current trends involving Opioid and Narcotic use both locally and nationally. Locally, Police and ambulance crews are still dealing with the consequences of addiction and over-dose victims on a daily basis. Nationally, over 93,000 people have died in the past year alone from opioid related problems.

We reviewed the past actions that our group has taken to assist in the efforts to curb these problems, and took a brief look at where we would like to focus our efforts in the year ahead. Narcan training and replenishing our church supply will be among our first endeavors. We will also check in with the Bourne Area Substance Free Coalition to see how we can continue to support their efforts.

We will meet again in September, at a date to be determined. We would love to have anyone, who shares our interest in supporting those victims and families who are struggling with these related issues, to PLEASE join us. For more information about the group and our activities please contact any of our members. We would love to have others join us in this quest.

Bob and Nancy Sherwood, Jim and Jane Lima, Jim and Celeste Hankey, Donna Beers and 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

O blessed lord, you ministered to all who came to you. Look with compassion upon all who, through addiction, have lost their health and freedom. Restore to them the assurance of your unfailing mercy; remove from them the fears that beset them; strengthen them in the work of recovery; and to those who care for them give patient understanding and preserving love. Amen

Larry Higgins

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.

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3	Sunday	
4	Monday 11:00 a.m.	Bible Study
10	Sunday	
11	Monday 11:00 a.m.	Bible Study
17	Sunday	
18	Monday 11:00 a.m.	Bible Study
18	Monday 7:00 p.m.	Vestry Meeting
22	Friday	Newsletter Deadline
24	Sunday	
25	Monday 11:00 a.m.	Bible Study
31	Sunday	
Nov. 1	Monday 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
Mondays	10:00 – 4:00	Church Office Open
Fridays	10:00 – 4:00	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
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