

The Wave NOVEMBER 2018

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

FROM THE RECTOR
The Reverend Sue Lederhouse

REMEMBRANCE AND THANKFULNESS

In the month of November, we have the opportunity both to remember and to give thanks in very special ways.

On November 4, we celebrate All Saints Sunday – a time in which we remember those loved ones who have gone before and all the Saints – both small s and large S. Often we also have baptisms on this Sunday as we “make new saints” to “join in that number.” We celebrate at the 10:00 service with some wonderful music for both choir and congregation and we end with a rousing version of “When the Saints Go Marchin’ In!”

On November 22, we celebrate Thanksgiving Day as we ask the Lord’s blessing in so many parts of our lives and give thanks for our loved ones gathered around us and for the bounty we have.

In between these two dates, on November 18, we will celebrate and bless the pledges for 2019 that have been made in thanksgiving to God and for the furthering of God’s mission at St. Peter’s. We are not a large parish and we do not have a large endowment like some of our sister churches across the Bridge. Thus we rely more heavily on the support of all of you through your pledges. In this past year, we have lost a number of people either through moving or death so your support of St. Peter’s is needed even more in this year to come. All gifts are welcome and all gifts are cherished. And I appreciate – as does the Vestry – all the non-monetary ways that you support and maintain St. Peter’s. It takes a village – a community – a church. It’s not just the responsibility of a few people. Thank you for all that you do!

And let us also remember that God is the great provider as reflected in the refrain of a hymn, “We Plow the Fields and Scatter” in the Thanksgiving section of the *1982 Hymnal*:

All good gifts around us
are sent from heaven above;
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord,
for all His love.

Blessings and thanks to you all – Sue Lederhouse+

THE VISIBLE VESTRY

Vestry had their monthly meeting on October 15, 2018.

1. The annual Stewardship program will run from October 28 to November 18.
2. It was great to have Father Charles as our soloist on September 30 at the 10:00 service. It is always a pleasure to hear his beautiful voice at our church service.
3. Deacon Bob continues to alternate at the Sunday services. He will be preaching at the November 18 services. He also presided at the Blessing of the Animals on October 7.
4. Dudley Jensen's funeral on September 20 was well attended by 95 people. Rev. Sue was very appreciative to have two Deacons to serve along with her at that service. Thank you to Deacon Bob and Deacon Sharon Powers.
5. The yard sale was on October 6 and made over \$900. \$251 of that amount was jelly sales. Thanks to the jelly ladies, set up crew, folks who helped with pricing and sales, and to the wonderful cleanup crew. We were also very appreciative of the St. Vincent DePaul folks which took most of the leftover items.
6. Confirmation classes started on Sunday, October 14 with 8 youth in attendance. Confirmation will be on June 15. The classes will be on the second Sunday of each month from October - March for a total of 6 classes. The study program is titled, "Confirm not Conform".
7. Vestry is appointing a Nominating Committee for the 2019 Vestry and other elected positions. The committee will be made up of Rev. Sue, the two Wardens (Linda Masson and Lynne Brune), the two Vestry members that will be leaving their positions (Steve Cloutman and Priscilla Ellis) and a representative from the 8:00 service (Mark Taylor) and the 10:00 service (Jim Lema).
8. On September 16, we raised \$508 from loose plate donations for the Merrimack Valley Relief Fund.
9. The Substance Free Coalition group was pleased with the response to their Hidden in Plain Sight display set up during our yard sale. They estimated that at least 20 people did the educational walk through.
10. Upcoming dates to mark on your calendar:
November 4 All Saints Sunday.
November 4 Pet Remembrance Service
November 18 Pledge Ingathering

Next meeting will be November 19.

Linda Masson, Senior Warden

STEWARDSHIP FOR ST. PETER'S

We began our Stewardship Season on **October 28**. If you did not receive a letter from the Stewardship Committee together with a pledge card, there are extras on the Narthex Table. Please prayerfully consider your pledge for the year to come. Each Sunday we will look forward to one of our parishioners sharing at announcement time why they feel it is important to pledge to St. Peter's and what St. Peter's means to him/her. On **November 18**, we will celebrate what parishioners have committed to give for the coming year from the bounty they have received from God.

Thank you for your generosity and your prayerful commitment to the life and ministry of St. Peter's!

The Stewardship Committee –
Dianne Cartmill, Steve Cloutman, Len Hathon

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

As noted in the Visible Vestry above, a Nominating Committee has been formed to select a slate of candidates for parish leadership positions for the coming year. Members of the committee include Lynne Brune, Steve Cloutman, Priscilla Ellis, The Reverend Sue Lederhouse, Jim Lema, Linda Masson, and Mark Taylor. All Officer Positions and Delegate Positions are one year terms and most of the incumbents are eligible for re-election. It is not known yet if all of the incumbents will seek re-election. There are 2 three-year Vestry Positions that WILL DEFINITELY need to be filled. If you would like to be considered for one of these positions or would like to nominate someone, please contact one of the Nominating Committee members as soon as possible. For more information on the requirements and duties of these positions, contact Rev. Sue.

CHAIRS AVAILABLE

We were fortunate, through a wonderful donation, to replace our well-used chairs and tables in Stephenson Hall this summer with a beautiful new set of handsome gray chairs and tables. We now have some of the old chairs available. Just make a donation and they can be yours! Individual chairs, multiple chairs, the whole lot – take your pick! See Senior Warden Linda Masson or Rev. Sue if you would like to have any of them for your very own!

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS - TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK!

Don't forget to "Fall Back" on **Sunday, November 4**, as Daylight Savings Time comes to an end. Turn your clocks **back** one hour so you'll be in church at the right time to celebrate All Saints' Sunday!

PET REMEMBRANCE SERVICE - NOVEMBER 4 - 2 PM

On November 4, All Saints Sunday, we will be remembering a lot of human saints but we will also remember those animal saints that we have loved and lost in a special Pet Remembrance Service. This will be held at 2 p.m. in the Church. Please bring a picture of your beloved departed pet.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST - NOVEMBER 11 - 9 A.M.

Because of All Saints' Sunday and the Diocesan Convention the day before, the November Pancake Breakfast will be held on the second Sunday this month: **Sunday, November 11, at 9:00 a.m.** Come and join us for pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausages, juice and coffee all served up by a team of smiling faces!

BULLETIN PRAYER LIST UPDATE - NOVEMBER 11

A new Prayer list will begin on **November 11**. Please submit your prayer requests on the yellow forms in the Narthex. You may place them in the offering plate or bring them to the Church Office or you can email them to saintpeters@verizon.net

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY - NOVEMBER 12 & 26 - 12:30 P.M.

On **November 12**, we will be studying the **Daughters of Zalophehad** from the Old Testament. On **November 26**, we begin a discussion of **Anna**, one of the women in the Book of Tobit from the Apocrypha. 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 usually meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at 12:30 p.m.** All women of the parish are invited. Bring a bag lunch and coffee/tea and goodies will be provided.

MEN'S BREAKFAST GATHERING - NOVEMBER 17 - 8 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, November 17, 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)

HEALING SERVICE - NOVEMBER 18 - 9 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 held on the third Sunday of the month, which will be **Sunday, November 18, at 9 a.m.** All are welcome!

READERS, ACOLYTES, CHALICE BEARERS JANUARY - JUNE 2018 SCHEDULE

For many years, Lin Benting has been doing the scheduling for our worship servers (Readers, Acolytes, and Chalice Bearers). She has decided to retire from this massive job and we owe her a great deal of thanks for all she has done over these years! In the interim time, we will be handling this task through the Church Office. If there are any dates you will not be available, please email the Office at saintpeters@verizon.net or call 508-759-5641. **DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 30.** If you are interested in being a reader of lessons (or prayers), acolyte, or chalice bearer, please contact Rev. Sue. Thank you for giving of your time and talent.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR FAMILIES AT VILLAGE AT CATAUMET

Once again, we are supporting the good work that the Housing Assistance Corporation does for families in transition at the Village at Cataumet. Through the gift cards we provide from **T.J. Maxx, Walmart, and Shaw's, in any amount**, the families there can have a more joyous Christmas.

The Giving Tree will be in Stephenson Hall beginning **Sunday, November 25th**, decorated with ornaments that you can take with you to serve as a reminder to obtain a gift card. **Then, please bring the gift cards back to St. Peter's by Sunday, December 9th, and put them in the offering plate.** **MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!**

THE VILLAGE AT CATAUMET NEEDS YOUR ONGOING HELP, TOO!!

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 November, we are collecting items for the bathroom.** 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.

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!!

Have you signed up to help provide goodies for our coffee hour after the 10:00 service? The sign up sheet is in the Narthex. Coffee is already made – your pastries and fruit will make it complete. Please help make this time of fellowship a delicious one as well. And speaking of fellowship, if you see someone new, please invite them to sit with you and have some good conversation. Welcome others as you would like to be welcomed!

PRAYER CHAIN

The Emergency Prayer Chain is up and running! 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 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.

CAPE COD AREA SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS

CONSOLING PARTNERS / ADDICTION LOSS: Meets on the third Wednesday of every month (November 21), 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 (November 14), from 2:00-3:30 p.m., at the Barnstable Senior Center, 825 Falmouth Rd., Hyannis.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The Newsletter Deadline for the **December** issue is Friday, **November 23**. Send all articles to Susan Hebb at susanhebb@comcast.net

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3	Saturday		DIOCESAN CONVENTION
4	Sunday	ALL SAINTS SUNDAY / DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS 2:00 p.m.	Pet Remembrance Service
5	Monday	3:33 p.m.	Substance Abuse Prevention Committee
11	Sunday	VETERANS DAY / SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION SUNDAY 9:00 a.m. 11:45 a.m.	Pancake Breakfast Confirmation Class
12	Monday	12:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
17	Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast Gathering
18	Sunday	STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE INGATHERING SUNDAY 9:00 a.m.	Healing Service
19	Monday	5:15 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Friendly Kitchen Thanksgiving Dinner Vestry
22	Thursday		THANKSGIVING DAY
23	Friday		NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
26	Monday	12:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study

Upcoming Dates

December 9	Compassionate Friends Candle Lighting Service
December 24	Christmas Eve Services @ 5 & 8
January 6	Epiphany
January 27	Annual Meeting

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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