



KEY NOTES

**This Sunday:
The Fourth Sunday in Lent
Rose (*Laetare*) Sunday
March 10, 2024
9:00 AM**

Join us in person for our service.

Please continue to use the undercroft door entrance on Alton Street or the elevator in the parking lot for entry into the church.

Or join us by going to the Parish Facebook page for the online service:

<https://www.facebook.com/stpetersport/>

The worship leaflet can be found [here](#).

There will be a coffee hour after the mass.

This Sunday's Ministers

Eucharistic Ministers: Lenita Richard and Myrna Koonce

Crucifer: Wayne Franklin

Lector: Myrna Koonce

Usher: Bob Simmons

Coffee Hour Hosts: Thora Easton and Steve Booth

Music Notes for this Sunday are found at the end of Key Notes.

Daylight Saving Time Begins This Weekend

Please remember to turn your clocks ahead one hour before retiring on Saturday night. You don't want to miss church!



Dear Friends,

It is one of those weeks where my words will be brief, because there are so many words below. Read on, and see if in the midst of those words you can hear God's word to you, continually inviting you to grow in faith and in service. Consider all that is happening at St. Peter's, and consider how you can be a part of it.

Faithfully,

Fr. Tom

Our St. Elizabeth's volunteer Morning is Coming Up

Join other parishioners and volunteers from other parishes at St. Elizabeth's Essentials Pantry this coming Tuesday,

March 12 at 8:30 AM. It can be a morning of joyful service with our neighbors.

Come Join the Song: An Evening of Informal Singing on Tuesday March 12

Gather with others at church this coming Tuesday at 7 PM for a fun evening of joining our voices in song. We will explore several different ways of making music in worship, No experience in singing is necessary!

Bishop Brown's Reflections on Lent...

Bishop Brown sent out a video to the diocese as we move through Lent. The link to his video is [here](#).

And on the Meeting of the House of Bishops...

Last week, the bishop was in Texas attending the semi-annual gathering of the House of Bishops. He shares his response to that gathering [here](#).

Creation Care News

Janene Gorham, our parish Earth Keeper, will show a short video about Eco Maine at coffee hour on Sunday, March 17. She will invite us to consider the ways that our parish can increase our recycling efforts.

The diocese invites us to observe Sunday April 22 as Creation Justice Sunday. If you interested in helping Janene to make plans for this Sunday, please speak to her.

Youth Service Corps to Engage in Cleanup Project

Our area Youth Service Corps will meet on March 17 at noon. Tentative plans are to meet at Willard Beach in South

Portland and to do some spring cleaning of the beach, with pizza afterwards. Watch next week's Key Notes for exact details.

Aging With Grace Conversation in March

Our hour long conversation will focus this month on Maine's "Death with Dignity" Law, which allows for physician assistance in ending one's life after diagnosis of a terminal illness. What does the law allow, and how does our faith affect how we feel about this?

We meet on Wednesday March 20 at 4 PM. (note change from 3 PM).

Join the Dramatic Reading on Palm Sunday: March 24th

The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday is so named because in addition to the distribution of palms marking Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, we also hear one of the Gospel accounts of the arrest, torture, and crucifixion of Jesus. This year we will hear St. Mark's account, and as in past years, the reading will take the form of a dramatic narrative. Would you like to participate? Please speak to the rector to let him know of your interest. We will have one rehearsal on Saturday March 23, time still to be determined, with the reading taking place at the mass the next day.

The Sense and Sensibility Book Discussion: Wednesdays at 6:30 PM on Zoom

Join us as we move through Lent with these daily devotions. The link for the Zoom gathering is [here](#).

Stations of the Cross: Fridays at 5:30 on Zoom

You are invited to join this devotional service each Friday at

5:30 PM during Lent as we trace the last steps of Jesus from his arrest to his crucifixion. This service is on Zoom only, and the Zoom link is [here](#).

And Some Reminders From Last Week's Key Notes...

Offering a Ride to Church

The rector is aware of several persons, including long time members and new attenders, who would benefit from a ride to and from church on Sunday mornings. Might you be able to assist? The locations are in South Portland and Portland. Please be in touch with Father Tom (stpeters.tmousin@gmail.com) for details if you can help out on a regular or occasional basis.

An Invitation From the Junior Warden

This granite bench on our side walkway needs a facelift and we're wondering if anyone would like to take on the project this spring of "righting" what's wrong. If interested in owning this project or working with me, let me know.

Wayne H. Franklin



Compline Link

Join us for the Compline Prayer Service on Zoom on Wednesday, March 13th.

Here is the service for Compline.

The Zoom link is **here**.

Please note: When you join for Compline during Lent, we will be finishing up reflections on our Lenten book study that meets at 6:30 PM. The link for both the book study and Compline are the same.

Looking Ahead

Stations of the Cross: Every Friday in Lent at 5:30 PM on Zoom.

Sense and Sensibility Conversation on Zoom: Every Wednesday at 6:30 PM followed by Compline

St. Elizabeth's Volunteer Morning: Tuesday March 12

Come Join the Song: An Evening of Singing: March 12 at 7:00 PM

Youth Service Corps Gathering: Sunday March 17th

Aging With Grace Zoom Gathering: Wednesday March 20th at 3:00 PM

Merry Hearts Lunch: Thursday March 21st at noon.

Holy Week and Easter Services

Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

Mass on Sunday March 24th at 9:00 AM

The service will include the distribution of palms and the reading of the Passion Gospel from St. Mark.

Compline

Wednesday March 27th at 7:00 PM on Zoom. the Zoom link is [here](#).

Maundy Thursday Mass

Mass on Thursday March 28th at 7:00 PM

We recall the institution of Holy Communion by Jesus at the Last Supper.

Good Friday Service

Friday, March 29th at 7:00 PM

The Prayer Book Service for Good Friday, including the Passion Gospel from St. John

Easter Vigil Service

at St. Luke's Cathedral, 143 State St. Portland

Saturday, March 30 at 7:00 PM

Easter Day

Festival Mass on Sunday, March 31st at 9:00 AM

We celebrate the resurrection, including special music, incense, and a celebratory coffee hour after the service.

Easter Flowers

For a donation of any amount, you can give flowers in honor of loved ones or in memory of those who have died.

You will find offering envelopes at church if you wish to make donations for Easter flowers in memory or in honor of loved ones. You can also list your donations at the flower donation page on our website [here](#).

Sunday Minister Rota for March

March 10

Eucharistic Ministers: Lenita Richard and Myrna Koonce

Crucifer: Wayne Franklin

Lector: Myrna Koonce

Usher: Bob Simmons

Coffee Hour Hosts: Thora Easton and Steve Booth

March 17

Eucharistic Ministers: David Savage and Myrna Koonce

Crucifer: Fred Fowler

Lector: Judy Howes

Usher: Cindy Sherwood

Coffee Hour Hosts: The Hickey Family

March 24 Palm Sunday

Eucharistic Ministers: Janene Gorham and Myrna Koonce

Crucifer: Garrett Keniston

Lector: Anita Chandler

Usher: Tom Ainsworth

Coffee Hour Hosts: Cindy Sherwood

March 31 Easter

Eucharistic Minister: Myrna Koonce

Crucifer: Tom Ainsworth

Lector: Wayne Franklin

Usher: Bob Simmons

Coffee Hour Hosts: Parishioners invited to bring sweets and savories

Weekly Prayer List

Prayers For Parishioners, Families, and Friends

Ann Marie Cady

Allison Schroth

Francisco Andreu

Steve Secord

Diane Dalton

Dino Rice

Robert Stillings

Linda Foster

Fred Fowler

Jonathan McCormick

Peter Haskell, *friend of Allison Schroth*

Martha and Steve Gagliardi, *friends of Fr. Tom*

Tommy Valente, *friend of Don and Ann Marie Cady*

Jane Reiha, *friend of Judy Howes*

Brenda Pappalardo, *friend of Judy Howes*

Stephen and Rebecca Seraniche, *friends of Dino Rice*

Marge Devine, *family member of Allison Schroth*

Jimmy Devine, *family member of Allison Schroth*

Sharon Bay, *family member of Ann Bay*

Fuji Sprott, *friend of David and Dino Rice*

Steve Garnett, *friend of Cindy Sherwood*

Pam, *friend of Cindy Sherwood*

Sally, *friend of Cindy Sherwood*

David Turner, *cousin of Craig Mousin*

Tammy, *friend of Craig Mousin*

Beth, *friend of Lee Walters*

Pam, *friend of Anita Chandler*

Please remember Debo Mbongo, brother of our sexton, **Bruno Mbongo**, and Debo's family in your prayers. Debo died last month in Congo.

Also, please **Mary Elizabeth Buttitta**, a friend of Craig Mousin, and her family. Mary Elizabeth died on February 27th.

May Debo and Mary Elizabeth each rest in peace and rise in

glory.

If you wish to add or return persons to the prayer list, please contact our Prayer Ministry Coordinators:

Allison Schroth, at: 207-807-1315
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Emma Bond at: 207-619-3662
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A Prayer for Those We Love

Almighty God, we entrust all who are dear to us to your never-failing care and love, for this life and the life to come, knowing that you are doing for them better things than we can desire or pray for; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

From *The Book of Common Prayer*

MUSIC NOTES FOR THIS SUNDAY

Florence Beatrice Price (1887-1953) was the first black woman in the United States to be recognized as a major composer. She graduated with honors from the prestigious New England Conservatory of Music, and was much admired by the great contralto Marian Anderson, who frequently included her spiritual arrangements on recital programs. "Feet O' Jesus" features a moving text by the great black poet, Langston Hughes.

Written in 1747, "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" is not only one of Charles Wesley's most famous hymns, but also one of his most popular. It is a Christianization of John Dryden's secular song, "Fairest Isle" sung by Venus in Act 5 of Dryden and Henry Purcell's semi-opera *King Arthur*. However, in Dryden's song, the goddess of love chooses the Isle of Britain over her native Cyprus; in Wesley's hymn, divine love itself is asked to choose the human heart as its residence over its native heaven.

In an age seemingly dominated by popular culture, it is interesting to note that the most frequently performed and largely attended musical composition of all time remains Handel's great oratorio, *Messiah*. Composed in an incredible 24 days, the work received its premiere at a benefit concert in Dublin on April 13, 1742. The reception was enthusiastic, to say the least, and Handel's London admirers--led by King George III--summoned the composer home where the Dublin success was repeated on an even grander scale.

Mozart's *Ave Verum Corpus* needs little introduction to most listeners. Intensely spiritual, the music aptly reflects the moving text:

*Hail, true Body, born
of the Virgin Mary,
who having truly suffered, was sacrificed
on the cross for mankind...*

The son of a British admiral, Sir Henry Williams Baker (1821-77) was the editor of *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, whose publication in 1861 laid the groundwork for the great Anglican tradition of congregational singing which has continued to the present day. Sir Henry contributed twenty-five hymns to the volume, the best known of which is "The King Of Love My Shepherd Is," paired with the lovely Irish tune *St. Columba*...hence, our recessional hymn.

Jason Payne's "Jubilee" is a newcomer to the organ literature; published just three years ago, the work combines an English trumpet tune with some upbeat American jazz rhythms. In Afro-American musical parlance, a "Jubilee" is a setting of a joyous folk tune...certainly the case with this short piece. ~HT

As always, it is a pleasure to welcome resident soloist Mary Sullivan to St. Peter's Church.

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