

**The Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
**Holy Eucharist**  
**May 12, 2024**  
**9:00 AM**

Join us in person for our service.

Or join us by going to our livestream on the St. Peter's Facebook page [here](#).

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

There will be a coffee hour after the mass.

**This Sunday's Ministers:**

Eucharistic Minister: David Savage and Myrna Koonce

Crucifer: Jake Mahon

Lector: Clayton Hickey

Usher: Lenita Richard

Altar Guild: Ann Whitman and Janene Gorham

Coffee Hour Hosts: The Hickey Family

**MUSIC NOTES** for this Sunday can be found at the end of Key Notes.



Dear Friends,

Yesterday we observed the Feast of the Ascension, marking 40 days after the resurrection of Jesus. According to Luke, Jesus' post resurrection appearances to his followers ended and he was lifted to heaven.

That occasion has often been depicted in quite literal ways. If you have visited our diocesan cathedral, St. Luke's on State Street in Portland, you have seen the rose window above the high altar with one such depiction. In the window, the figure of Jesus is surrounded by stars set in a bright blue sky. While such an image may suggest a vertical flight to the heavens, to me it points to something else: the risen Christ, no longer confined to his earthly body, now fills the whole cosmos with his presence.

We have been hearing stories during this Easter season of the disciples discovering their Lord in a closed room, on the road, and on the seashore, among other places. The Ascension reminds us that now Christ can be found in every place and in every circumstance of our lives.

Thanks be to God!

Faithfully,  
Fr. Tom

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## **Aging With Grace Zoom Gathering will Focus on Planning for our Funerals: May 15 at 4 PM**

Our next Aging with Grace Gathering is on Wednesday, May 15th at 4 PM. The rector will share some thoughts about how you can help shape the funeral service you would like. Such a conversation helps not only you but also family members who will making decisions at such a time. Please plan to join us. the Zoom link is [here](#).

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## **The Merry Hearts Welcome All**

It's not a club, it's not a study group, it is not a service group...the Merry Hearts is simply a group that comes together for good food and good fellowship. We next meet on Thursday May 16 at noon in the undercroft. Please join us!

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## **Youth Service Corps will Meet on Sat. May 18**

The next gathering of the Youth Service Corps will take place at the Talbot School in Portland on Saturday morning, May 18th. The group will be participating in the "Portland Picks Up" event sponsored by the city of Portland, helping to clean school grounds. Plan to meet at the Talbot School, 1600 Forest Ave. at 9 AM. There are city sponsored activities at Payson Park after the cleanup.

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## **Pentecost Sunday on May 19: Celebrate the Gift of the Holy Spirit**

We hope all can join us in person or online for the Feast of Pentecost. **Plan to wear something red that day** - to



remind us of how the Spirit resembled tongues of fire. There will be baptisms, joyful singing, and as usual, a bountiful coffee hour.

Later that day, from 3 to 5, Tom and Thomas will be hosting an open house for St. Peter's at their home, 45 Belmont St. in Portland.

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## **Evening of Singing Postponed**

"Come Join the Song," an evening of informal singing originally scheduled for May 16th, is being postponed. We will reschedule soon - next week is going to be a full one already with a variety of church events.

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## **Thank you, Father**

We were glad to welcome Fr. Celestin Hategekima to preach and preside last Sunday. He and his wife Claudette Nyiranshuti have already greatly enriched our life by their presence with us.



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## **The Annual May Junior Warden Paper Drive Continues**

Please consider donating for use at the church:

Cascade dishwasher soap

rolled paper towels

napkins

toilet paper

medium size and small paper plates

hot cups for coffee

cold cups small boxes of tissues

City of Portland trash bags (30 gal)

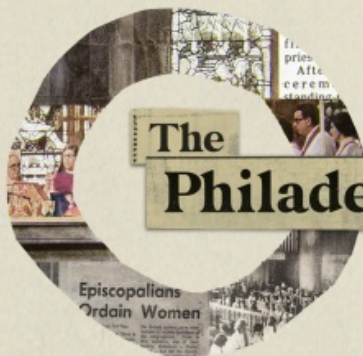
or any paper items that you feel would be useful around the parish.

Please remember our recycling efforts and avoid purchasing products that cannot be recycled.

Thank you very much.

Wayne Franklin, Junior Warden

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# The Philadelphia Eleven

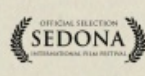
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DISCOVER THE  
UNTOLD STORY  
OF ELEVEN WOMEN  
WHO CHALLENGED  
THE STATUS QUO



May 14, 7:00 pm  
Nickelodeon 6  
1 Temple St.  
Portland, ME 04101

The film screening will be followed  
by a panel discussion with:  
The Rev. Merrill Bittner, The Rev. Portia Hirschman,  
The Rev. Vicki Smith, The Rev. Sukie Curtis,  
The Rev. Nancy Moore



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## May 2

Cinema Paradiso  
Memphis, TN

## May 14

The Main Cinema  
Minneapolis, MN

Nickelodeon 6  
Portland, ME

Michigan Theater  
Ann Arbor, MI

Broadway Centre Cinemas  
Salt Lake City, UT

Regal Destiny  
Syracuse, NY

Tara 4  
Atlanta, GA

Gateway 20 - Regal  
Austin, TX

## May 21

Harkins Shea 14  
Scottsdale, AZ

DCTV  
New York, NY

Bryn Mawr Film Institute  
Philadelphia, PA

AFI Silver Theater  
Silver Spring, MD

## Award Winning Documentary "The Philadelphia Eleven" This Coming Tuesday the 14th

In celebration of the 50th anniversary of women's ordination to the priesthood in the Episcopal Church, the compelling new documentary "The Philadelphia Eleven" will have a limited theatrical release in 11 selected cities—including Portland.

The screening on Tuesday, May 14 at 7 p.m. at the Nickelodeon 6 will feature a post-screening conversation with five noteworthy Maine women priests: the Rev. Merrill

Bittner, one of the Philadelphia11; the Rev. Sukie Curtis, the first woman ordained to the priesthood in the Diocese of Mississippi; the Rev. Cn. Nancy Moore of Christ Church, Norway; the Rev. Dr. Vicki Lovely Smith of St. Martin's, Palmyra; and the Rev. Portia Royall Hirschman, a parishioner of St. Mary's Falmouth and a supply priest. Tickets are \$15.

*For more information see [this flyer](#) .*

## **PURCHASE TICKETS HERE**

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### **An Offering of Love: The Lombe Family Fund**

Please remember that gifts can be made through St. Peter's to assist Marc Lombe in his efforts to help his family move here to Maine from a UN refugee camp in Africa. Donations can be made out to St. Peter's Church, with "Lombe Family Fund" in the memo line.

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### **Looking Ahead**

**St. Elizabeth's Volunteer Morning: Tue. May 14th at 8:30 AM**

**Ageing With Grace Gathering: Wed. May 15 at 4 PM:** We will be discussing planning for our funerals.

**Merry Hearts Lunch: Thur. May 16 at noon:** A simple lunch open to all in the parish and beyond. Invite friends to join you.

**Youth Service Corps: Sat. May 18, Talbot School in Portland, 9:00 AM**

**Pentecost: Sunday, May 19th:** A great day of celebration as we remember the coming of the Holy Spirit to the church.

**Rector's Open House on May 19th, 3-5 PM**

## **45 Belmont Street, Portland**

Fr. Tom and his spouse, Bishop Brown, will be hosting an Open House at their home on the afternoon of Pentecost, Sunday May 19 from 3 to 5 PM. Please join us!

## **Garden and Lawn Cleanup on Saturday June 1**

Junior Warden Wayne Franklin invites us to gather on the first Saturday of June to complete a "spring cleaning" of our church grounds. Pray for good weather, and be ready to bring garden tools etc. There is a signup sheet on the wall in the undercroft. Please let Wayne know if you can plan to attend.

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## **Compline Link**

Join us for the Compline Prayer Service on Zoom on Wednesday, May 15th.

**Here** is the service for Compline.

The new Zoom link, which will be good through May 15th is **here**.

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## **Sunday Minister Rota for May**

### **May 12**

Eucharistic Minister: David Savage and Myrna Koonce

Crucifer: Jake Mahon

Lector: Clayton Hickey

Usher: Lenita Richard

Altar Guild: Ann Whitman and Janene Gorham

Coffee Hour Hosts: The Hickey Family

### **May 19**

Eucharistic Minister: Tom Ainsworth and Galen Weibley

Crucifer: Fred Fowler

Lector: Thora Easton

Usher: Bob Simmons

Altar Guild: Judy Howes



Coffee Hour Hosts: The Keniston Family

**May 26**

Eucharistic Minister: Myrna Koonce and Lenita Richard

Crucifer: Jake Mahon

Lector: Steve Koskinen

Usher: Anita Chandler

Altar Guild: Ann Whitman and Judy Howes

Coffee Hour Hosts: TBD

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## **Weekly Prayer List**

### **Prayers For Parishioners, Families, and Friends**

**Ann Marie Cady**

**Allison Schroth**

**Francisco Andreu**

**Steve Secord**

**Diane Dalton**

**Dino Rice**

**Robert Stillings**

**Fred Fowler**

**Lenita Richard**

**Lincoln Clark**

**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*

**David Turner**, *cousin of Craig Mousin*

**Tammy**, *friend of Craig Mousin*

**Beth**, *friend of Lee Walters*

**Pam**, *friend of Anita Chandler*

**The Kutasi Family**, *friends of Allison Schroth*

**Luca Esposito**, *friend of Allison Schroth*

**Glenn**, *spouse of Caroline Loupe*

**Patrick**, *family member of Tom Ainsworth*

**The Hendricks Family**

**Janet Blessing**, *neighbor of Jane Noone*

**Kelly Marie Bell**, *friend of Allison Schroth*

**Earle**, *friend of Cindy Sherwood*

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

Allison Schroth, at: 207-807-1315  
ASchroth@maine.rr.com

or

Emma Bond at: 207-619-3662  
emma.e.bond@gmail.com

### **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*

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## **MUSIC NOTES FOR THIS SUNDAY**

Maria Theresia Paradis (1759-1824), was an Austrian pianist and composer who lost her sight at an early age, and for whom Mozart may have written his Piano Concerto No. 18 in B flat major. Her most famous work, the Sicilienne, is often heard in a setting for violin and piano, and as such has been a favorite encore of concert violinists.

As a small girl, Cecil Frances Humphreys (b. County Wicklow, Ireland, 1818) wrote poetry in her school's journal. In 1850 she married Rev. William Alexander, who later became the Anglican primate (chief bishop) of Ireland. She

showed her concern for disadvantaged people by traveling many miles each day to visit the sick and the poor, providing food, warm clothes, and medical supplies. She and her sister also founded a school for the deaf. In addition to the jubilant Easter hymn, "He is Risen, He is Risen," Mrs. Alexander is remembered for a number of other beloved texts, including "All Things Bright and Beautiful," "Once in Royal David's City," and "There is a Green Hill Far Away."

"The Day Of Resurrection" is attributed to the 8th century Greek poet, St. John of Damascus, and is thus one of the oldest hymns in common use. Traditionally in the Greek church, the celebration of Christ's resurrection began at the stroke of midnight on Easter Sunday, with the lighting of candles, jubilant greetings, and the singing of this hymn. It was as if the Church could not contain her joy any longer than she had to after the sorrowful contemplation of sin and its consequent suffering through Lent and Holy Week. As one hymnologist has put it, "The text bubbles over with 'joy that hath no end' in the victory that Jesus Christ won over sin and death through His resurrection."

Trained for a career in law, the Venetian composer Benedetto Marcello (1686-1739) was a "dilettante" in the original, wholly positive, sense of the word: an aristocrat who pursued an art form as a sideline. A magistrate, district governor and member of Venice's governing Council of Forty, Marcello is best known today for his musical paraphrases (often called "sinfonias") of the first 50 Psalms. His jubilant setting of Psalm XIX is the most popular of the group. ~HT



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