

**The Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
**Holy Eucharist**  
**April 28, 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: Myrna Koonce and Tom Ainsworth

Crucifer: Jake Mahon

Lector: Anica Hickey

Usher: Bob Simmons

Altar Guild: Janene Gorham

Coffee Hour Hosts: Genie Campbell and Jan Tracy

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

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Dear Friends,

As those of you who have been engaged in our worship in any way the last few weeks know, we have been chanting, or singing the psalm appointed for each Sunday. We are using a form known as Simplified Anglican Chant, in which we repeat a brief series of notes as we move our way through the psalm.

I have now heard from more than one of you that singing has brought us closer to the words and opened us more to their meaning. Your responses remind me of the well known words of St. Augustine: "The one who sings prays twice."

While some psalms are addressed to the listeners, many of them are indeed prayers and songs of praise addressed to God. When we sing the psalms, we do indeed pray them.

Thank you for your engagement with this ancient practice. And speaking of singing, we will have another evening of informal singing in May, on Thursday May 16th at 7 PM. It is an evening for everyone, even if you have never considered yourself a singer. Come join the song!

Faithfully,  
Fr. Tom

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## **Caring for the Creation...In Worship, At Coffee Hour, and At Home**

In anticipation of Earth Day on April 22, our liturgy and coffee hour presentation on Sunday April 21st invited us to consider how we care for God's creation. Earth Keeper Janene Gorhanm arranged for us to have a presentation from Eco Maine's representative, Bea, about recycling. Many questions were asked at coffee hour as to how we can improve our efforts. In May, Janene will invite us to participate in planting two new flowering bushes as we take a look at our own property and how we can care for it and beautify it.



## Youth Service Corps Supporting God's Creatures



Members of the area Youth Service Corps gathered on Sunday afternoon to purchase goods for the Animal Refuge League of Portland. They then returned to St. Peter's Church for lunch and some games around the table. The group is

made up of youth from six area churches. Thank you to our adult chaperones who accompanied them.



## **Bible Study on the Books of Acts Continues Tonight**

Join for one or all of these sessions. The Zoom link is [here](#).  
Need to know more? You can contact Myrna Koonce at  
(207) 504-1882.

## **St. Elizabeth's Grateful to St. Peter's**

Sarah Borgeson, Executive Director of St. Elizabeth's Essentials Pantry shared her gratitude to St. Peter's for recent donations. She mentioned that St. E's board member Anita Chandler arrived with a cartful of donations. She also shared that the Hickey family had created flyers and went

through their neighborhood sharing about the needs at St. Elizabeth's, resulting in significant donations. Thank you to all of you who contribute in any way!

Current needs at the pantry: Sheets and blankets.

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

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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## **Vestry Highlights**

The vestry met on Monday, April 22. Ministry and mission reports were reviewed, and updates were given regarding ongoing activities in the parish. This included a report from the committee that is considering the feasibility of a capital campaign.

In a number of those reports, the vestry heard of how new persons joining the parish have been offering to participate

in various ministries.

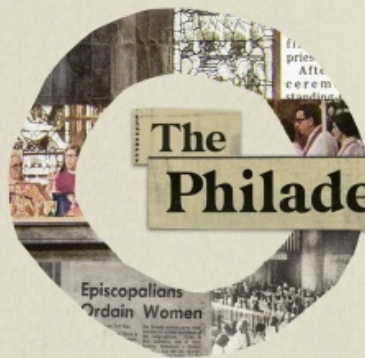
We expect the masonry work on the exterior to resume, after the contractor had to be away due to family needs.

Junior Warden Wayne Franklin reported on the recent leak that was detected in the Bethany House roof. Repairs have been authorized, which will cost \$13,000.

The vestry approved a withdrawal of \$30,000 from our primary endowment fund to cover the costs of this repair, along with some other expenses not included in the 2024 budget. It is a reminder to us all that our pledges do not fully fund the budget required to carry out our ministries.

The vestry also voted to move its meetings to the fourth Tuesday of every month, as Mondays is usually the rector's day off. The May meeting, however, will be on the third Tuesday, May 21st.

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# The Philadelphia Eleven

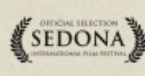
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DISCOVER THE  
UNTOLD STORY  
OF ELEVEN WOMEN  
WHO CHALLENGED  
THE STATUS QUO



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" Coming to Portland

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 Philadelphia 11; 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**

### **Having Problems Connecting on Zoom or on Facebook? We Can Help.**

While modern technology enables us to connect across distances and not only in person, it can sometimes be difficult to establish the connections. If you are having trouble connecting to any of our Zoom gatherings or our Sunday worship on our Facebook page, there are people who can help. Just reply to this email newsletter, or speak to Junior Warden Wayne Franklin, and we will assist you.

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### **Looking Ahead**

#### **Come Join the Song: An Evening of Singing Thursday, May 16th at 7:00PM**

#### **Rector's Open House on May 19th**

Fr. Tom and his spouse, Bishop Brown, will be hosting an Open House at their home on the afternoon of Pentecost, Sunday May 19. More details to come!

#### **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. Watch future Key Notes for details

about the time and the opportunities available.

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## **An Invitation from St. Nicholas Church in Scarborough**

We hear and read about Central America and think we know something about the people, and about immigration, in specific, and yet often times what we've been told turns out to be questionable. Come hear firsthand experience from someone who has been living and working in Nicaragua for over 35 years. Sarah Junkin Woodard has extensive experience working among those less advantaged in support of economic development, food security, and access to affordable healthcare.

**Tuesday, May 7  
St. Nicholas Church  
350 Rt. 1, Scarborough  
7 PM**

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## **Compline Link**

Join us for the Compline Prayer Service on Zoom on Wednesday, May 1st.

**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 April**

### **April 28**

Eucharistic Minister: Myrna Koonce and Tom Ainsworth

Crucifer: Jake Mahon

Lector: Anica Hickey

Usher: Bob Simmons

Altar Guild: Janenene Gorham

Coffee Hour Hosts: Genie Campbell and Jan Tracy

**May 5**

Eucharistic Minister: Janene Gorham and Myrna Koonce

Crucifer: Steve Koskinen

Lector: Judy Howes

Usher: Cindy Sherwood

Altar Guild: Judy Howes

Coffee Hour Hosts: Anita Chandler, Patty Lamb, and Bob Simmons

**May 12**

Eucharistic Minister: David Savage and Myrna Koonce

Crucifer: Garrett Keniston

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: Genie Campbell and Jan Tracy

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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**

**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*  
**The Kutasi Family**, *friends of Allison Schroth*  
**Luca Esposito**, *friend of Allison Schroth*  
**Glenn**, *spouse of Caroline Loupe*  
**Patrick**  
**The Hendricks Family**

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

## **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**

Englishman Alec Rowley (1892-1958) taught at Trinity College, London from 1920 until his death. A prolific composer--as well as one of Britain's most popular amateur tennis champions--his music is marked by restrained elegance and the frequent use of familiar hymn or folk tune melodies. Or, sometimes the "folk tune melody" merely sounds like one, and is a product of Rowley's own fertile imagination. Such seems to be the case with this morning's prelude. The term *pavan* comes from the Italian *pavana*, which is the name of a slow, stately dance, originating in the Renaissance.

With a text written by John of Damascus (c.657-c.749), "The Day of Resurrection" moves from the Exodus (all Greek Easter hymns allude to crossing the Red Sea), to the New Testament story of Easter morning, and ends with a call to all to be joyful and rejoice.

Born in Chicago in 1952, Douglas Wagner is among the most prolific of contemporary composers with over 15 million copies of his music in print to date.

His *Marcia Gioiosa* (literally, "Joyful March") is REALLY contemporary: it was published just five years ago. ~HT

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