



The Sixth Sunday of Easter
Holy Eucharist
May 5, 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: 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

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



Dear Friends,

I want to share with those of you who were not at coffee hour on Sunday an invitation that was extended to us. Marc Lombe and Jake Mahon, who have joined our community recently, spoke to us about efforts to help Marc's family be reunited with him here in this country.

Marc has been in this country for two years as a new Mainer, having emigrated from Angola. His wife and five children are currently still in a UN refugee camp, and Mark's great hope is to bring them here through a program to assist refugees established by the US State Department.

The program requires funding and sponsorships by American citizens for each of the family members coming. Through his savings from work, March has already reached 60% of the funding goal. St. Peter's has agreed to be the receiving agent for contributions, which will then be sent on to the State Department.

Mark and Jake first met through the Maine Association for New Americans (MANA) Welcoming the Stranger (WTS) program, which connects Maine citizens with new Mainers to assist them in settling in our state.

If you would like to learn more, please feel free to speak to Jake or Marc when you see them at church. I can also connect you by email if you wish.

The most immediate need is for more funding. Contributions to the fund can be made out to St. Peter's Church. Please designate any donations made for "The Lombe Family Fund." I am sure there will be other ways in which we can express our support. May we keep Marc and all of his family in our prayers as they seek to be reunited.

Faithfully,
Fr. Tom



Rector Away This Week

Fr. Tom is out of town this week, and will be returning on May 9th. If you have an emergency need for the pastoral care of a priest, please be in touch with our Senior Warden, Anita Chandler. she can be reached at 207-772-2701.

We are delighted to welcome Fr. Celestin Hategekimana to preside and preach this Sunday. Fr. Celestin and his wife, Claudette Nyiranshuti, have joined our community in recent months, and it is a privilege to welcome him to the pulpit and to the altar.

The Many Languages of Pentecost...

On Sunday May 19th we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit. The Book of Acts records that as Peter proclaimed the Good News, people of many languages heard in their own tongues.

Do you speak another language other than English? Please let the rector know if you are willing to participate in the reading of scripture that Sunday - we want to hear many voices in many tongues!



Bible Study on the Books of Acts Continues Tonight

We have two more sessions - tonight and next week. The Zoom link is [here](#).

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

**One night only
in select cities!**

The Philadelphia Eleven

**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

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
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INTERNATIONAL DOCUMENTARY FILM FESTIVAL

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.

Looking Ahead

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

Aging 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, invite friends to join you.

Come Join the Song: An Evening of Singing Thur., May 16th at 7:00PM

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

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. There is a signup sheet on the wall in the undercroft. Please let Wayne know if you can plan to attend.

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**

Compline Link

Join us for the Compline Prayer Service on Zoom on Wednesday, May 8th.

Here is the service for Compline.

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

Sunday Minister Rota for May

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: 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

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*
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:

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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

Like his great Baroque contemporary Bach, George Frederick Handel saw no reason for a good tune not to do double, triple or even quadruple duty! Thus, his tuneful "Aria, heard as this morning's prelude, can be found in several of Handel's compositions where one assumes his audiences reencountered it with pleasure!

"O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing" is an Easter carol in narrative style. Yes, there are carols for other seasons than Christmas! After an opening call to praise, we are reminded of the women coming to the tomb, the angel's message to them,

and Christ appearing to the disciples in the evening. The tune, although in a minor key, has the joyous quality of a dance tune.

"Be Thou My Vision" is beloved throughout the Anglican Communion, no more so than in the United States, Canada and the UK. Part of its popularity can be attributed to its memorable tune, Slane, an Irish folk song which was harmonized in the early 20th century by the Welsh composer David Evans. The tune takes its name from the Hill of Slane, where according to legend, St. Patrick built a massive bonfire on Easter Eve, defying the orders of the High King Laoghaire who had forbidden any fires while his own was burning on the Hill of Tara (10 miles distant) as part of a pagan festival. Enraged, Laoghaire hightailed it to Slane with a retinue of soldiers, but after arresting Patrick and sentencing him to death, was intrigued by his prisoner's account of the Holy Trinity. He freed Patrick and allowed him to continue preaching the Gospel, although he himself never converted to Christianity. Born in the shadows of Westminster Abbey, Henry Purcell (1659-1695) was named organist in 1679.

Starting with a birthday ode composed for the king at the tender age of 11, Purcell's music was esteemed by the royal family throughout his illustrious career, and many of his most celebrated works were written for grand state occasions. Upon his death, the officials at Westminster ordered that he be buried adjacent to the Abbey organ where his epitaph reads, "Here lyes Henry Purcell Esq., who left this life and is gone to that blessed place where only his harmony can be exceeded." Together with Bach and Handel, Purcell is honored with a feast day on the liturgical calendar of the Episcopal Church (USA).~HT

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