



Opening wide our doors and hearts
in the name of Jesus Christ Our Lord and Savior

**The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
in the Season of Creation
Holy Eucharist
September 22nd, 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:

Ms. Janene Gorham and Ms. Anne Whitman, *Eucharistic Ministers*

Mr. Fred Fowler, *Crucifer*

Mr. David Savage, *Vergers*

Mr. Christopher Hickey, *Lector*

Mr. Thomas Ainsworth, *Usher*

Ms. Janene Gorham, *Altar Guild*

Music Notes for this Sunday's service can be found at the end of Key Notes.

Dear Friends,

A temptation common to ordained clergy is to consider themselves the only persons truly meant to carry out the work of the church. There is a “Lone Ranger” syndrome that affects many clergy, where they end up feeling responsible (and sometimes quite burdened by) all that goes on in the life of a parish.

As a priest who serves you half-time, I try to keep some appropriate boundaries to prevent that from happening, and I was reminded as I put together this week's Key Notes that ministry at St. Peter's is not dependent on me. You help me keep those boundaries by your willingness to serve as ministers in and beyond the parish. Four articles in this week's newsletter illustrate that truth.

Janene Gorham, our parish Earth Keeper, has been engaging us with many aspects of Creation Care, and she invites us to attend a gathering at St. Luke's this Sunday to discuss food waste and how we can change our habits and practices.

The Youth Service Corps connects us with other parishes in the area and gives our youth an opportunity to serve in mission each month. Learn more about Amber Burks, a parishioner from St. Alban's in Cape Elizabeth, who will be coordinating the work this year.

At my invitation, Jonathan McCormick introduces us to a monthly contribution he will be making to Key Notes about the importance of language and how we use it. I always learn from Jonathan, and in reading his first contribution, I smiled as I looked up the meaning of a word new to me – “phatic”.

Emily Keniston, in her work as Director of Faith Formation for the diocese, connects St. Peter's with the larger church in

Maine, as she did so well at this year's Summer Finale.

Then there is the growing number of ministers serving each Sunday in our liturgy. Nor should we forget the ministers who prepare us for Sunday behind the scenes. Kathleen McCormick has been preparing much of the Sunday leaflet each week, including taking Herb Taylor's valuable contributions and ensuring that we both sing and learn about the music of the service. She also helps with Key Notes and the other weekly email reminders. I am grateful to Jane Noone and Rob Ingham, who have stepped up to be our "Holy Folders," folding and stapling leaflets each week – relieving Bob Simmons and Anita Chandler of that responsibility.

As a parish that has a half-time priest and volunteers who provide administrative support, we are accomplishing much. The list of names above is of course, not comprehensive. They are those that came to mind as I prepared this week's newsletter. Thank you to *all* of you who are making contributions to our common ministry so that might serve Christ and be bearers of his Good News.

Faithfully,
Fr. Tom

Youth Service Corps Begin a New Season

The first gathering of the Youth Service Corps will be this Sunday, September 22nd. The group will gather on the roof of the new parking garage in downtown Westbrook at 12:45 and then proceed to the Westbrook House of Pizza for some lunch and community building. The main focus of the afternoon will be a visit to the Animal Refuge League of Greater Portland.

This year's program is being coordinated by Amber Burks, a member of St. Alban's in Cape Elizabeth. You can learn more about Amber and the Service Corps [here](#).



Fight Food Waste with Viable and Proven Solutions

Sunday, September 22, 2024

St. Luke's Cathedral

143 State Street

Portland Maine. 04101

12:00 Noon

Refreshments will be provided.

Speaker Susanne Lee addresses the growing problem of food waste nationally as well as here in Maine, taking a close look at viable and proven solutions that everyone can adopt. Susanne leads a student/faculty team working directly with state, business, and community stakeholders, as well as national and global food waste experts, to develop solutions to end food waste in Maine.

Sponsored by Creation Care Committee of St. Peter's, St. Alban's and St. Luke's Episcopal Churches

On Words

by Jonathan McCormick

Once, when I was perhaps nine years old, I was spending a few days with my father, a professor of Comparative Literature at the Free University of Berlin. He was telling me about language and the importance of speaking it correctly. At one point, he said "Words are all we have." This thought has stuck with me all my life.

It isn't quite true, of course. A smile conveys meaning, as does phatic conversation, but for a serious discussion or a piece of writing, it has real importance.

This may have been the impulse for what has become a lifelong obsession with words. It has now reached the stage at which I am forced to believe that I cannot really understand a word unless I have at least some idea of its etymology. This is not an affliction I would wish upon anyone.

However, at this time in our history, when the distinction between truth and falsehood has been muddled by people who want us to believe things they know are untrue, aided by the omnipresence of the internet, the ability to understand what is true and what isn't has never been more essential.

Barring objections, over the next few months I would produce an occasional note discussing the misuse of language, whether intentional or otherwise.

St. Peter's at Summer Finale

Summer Finale is a weekend event at Camp Bishopswood to celebrate the end of another successful camping season. This years' program included a retreat for parish Earth Keepers throughout the diocese. Several folks from St. Peter's attended, and our own Emily Keniston coordinated the event.





Statewide Interfaith Prayer Service to Commemorate Lewiston Anniversary Tues, Oct. 1, 10 a.m. Augusta

Along with Protestant, Roman Catholic, Jewish and Muslim faith leaders, Bishop Brown will lead an interfaith prayer service outdoors in the plaza between the Cross Building and the rear entrance of the State House in Augusta. This service will commemorate the one-year anniversary of the tragic mass shooting in Lewiston. As we gather to remember those lost and offer support to survivors and the community, Bishop Brown, along with all other faith leaders, will offer a message of hope, healing, and unity. All are welcome to attend as we come together in faith and solidarity.



St. Elizabeth's Jubilee Center Winter Coat and Boot Drive

As preparation for colder temperatures begin, St. Elizabeth's is launching its annual coat and boot drive. Many neighbors in need come from warmer climates and don't have the necessary clothing for fall and winter in Maine.

Donations from this generous community will help them feel welcome and keep warm. Large and extra-large sized coats for both men and women are most needed, but coats and boots of all sizes are welcome. Items should be in clean, good condition. Items can be dropped off at St. Luke's Cathedral or at St. Peter's from Oct. 1 to Dec. 31.

Monetary donations may also be made for the purchase of new coats and boots, mailed to: St. Elizabeth's Jubilee Center, PO Box 4036, Portland, ME 04101 or via the [website](#).

Please contact [Sarah Coburn Borgeson](#) with questions.

St. Peter's Calendar

This Week at St. Peter's

Food Waste Conversation at St. Luke's Sunday, Sept. 22 at noon
Youth Service Corps, Sunday Sept. 22 at 12:45 pm

Next Week at St. Peter's

Vestry (fourth Tuesday) Tuesday, Sept. 24, 6:30 pm, Zoom
Burial Service for Steve Secord,
Wednesday, Sept. 25 at 10 am, Brooklawn Cemetery
Wednesday Compline, Wednesday, Sep. 25th at 7 pm, Zoom

Looking Ahead

Harvest Home Weekend, October 19-20

Compline Link

Join us for the Compline Prayer Service on Zoom on Wednesday, September 25th.

[Here](#) is the service for Compline.

The Zoom link is [here](#). It will be good until October 23rd.

Sunday Minister Rota for September

September 29

Mr. David Savage, Mr. Galen Weibley, *Eucharistic Ministers*
Mr. Jake Mahon, *Crucifer*
Ms. Janene Gorham, *Lector*
Mr. Cindy Sherwood, *Usher*
Ms. Anne Whitman, *Altar Guild*
Mr. Rich Price & Mr. Paul Loven, *Coffee Hour Hosts*

Weekly Prayer List

Prayers For Parishioners, Families, and Friends

Ann Marie Cady
Allison Schroth
Francisco Andreu
Diane Dalton
Dino Rice
Robert Stillings
Fred Fowler
Mary Ann Hoy
Barbara Vesey
Toby Goodyear
Cindy Sherwood

Peter Haskell, *friend of Allison Schroth*
Martha Gagliardi, *friend 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*
Fuji Sprott, *friend of Dino Rice*
David Turner, *cousin of Craig Mousin*
Tammy, *friend of Craig Mousin*
Beth, *friend of Lee Walters*
The Kutasi Family, *friends of Allison Schroth*
Luca Esposito, *friend of Allison Schroth*
Glenn, *spouse of Caroline Loupe*
The Hendricks Family
Janet Blessing, *neighbor of Jane Noone*
Kelly Marie Bell, *friend of Allison Schroth*
Earle, *friend of Cindy Sherwood*
Grace, *family member of Jessie Vega*
Kay Gross, *friend of Jane Noone*
Lisa Gorham, *daughter of John & Janene Gorham*
Gerald and Anita Talbot, *friends of Anita Chandler*

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Steve Secord**, who died on September 18th. A graveside service will be held at Brooklawn Cemetery on Wednesday, September 25th at 10 AM.

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*

NOTES ON THIS WEEK'S MUSIC

Josef Gabriel Rheinberger (1839-1901) entered the Munich Conservatory at age 12 and was associated with it until his death, eventually being honored with the title of "Royal Professor of Organ and Composition." A prolific composer, Rheinberger was influenced by both painting and literature as the title of this morning's prelude suggests.

The author of our opening hymn, William Boyd Carpenter (1841-1918), was a Church of England clergyman who became Bishop of Ripon and court chaplain to Queen Victoria. Carpenter was educated at the Royal Institution, Liverpool, and St Catharine's College, Cambridge. Beginning in 1878, he was appointed to the faculty at Oxford, and subsequently to the faculty at Cambridge, as well. In 1904 and 1913 he visited the United States and delivered the Noble lectures at Harvard.

"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.

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 of the first 50 Psalms. His jubilant setting of Psalm XIX is the most popular of the group.~HT

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