



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

**The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
in the Season of Creation
Holy Eucharist
September 29th, 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:

Mr. David Savage and Mr. Galen Weibley, *Eucharistic Minister*

Mr. Jake Mahon, *Crucifer*

Ms. Janene Gorham, *Lector*

Ms. Cindy Sherwood, *Usher*

Ms. Anne Whitman, *Altar Guild*

Mr. Rich Price & Mr. Paul Loven, *Coffee Hour Hosts*

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

Dear Friends,

Well, it is one of those times of year when much is occurring, both at St. Peter's and beyond our doors. So rather than share more words, I simply invite you to continue reading this issue of Key Notes to see the many opportunities we have for expressing our faith, having some fun, and sharing Christ's love in the world.

Faithfully,

Fr. Tom

Passing the Plate for Project Feed

One of the ways we support neighbors in need is through our contributions to Project Feed, the local emergency food pantry located at Woodfords Congregational Church.

The small offering plate has been placed at the back of the church. For the next few months, we are going to resume the practice of passing it in the pews during the Offertory. Each Sunday, your pledges and offerings to support the ministry of St. Peter's can be placed in the larger brass offering plate, and if you wish to make a contribution to Project Feed, you can do so as the second smaller plate is passed. As always, thank you for your generosity.

Come Join the Song

We will have another evening of gathering to sing on Thursday, October 3 at 7 PM. We'll sing some old familiar hymns and explore some rounds and other music that may contribute to our worship. No experience singing is necessary. All that is needed is a desire to join in song and the willingness to have some fun.

Blessing of the Animals on October 6

As is our custom, at the conclusion of the mass on the first Sunday in October, we will have a brief blessing of the animals. You are welcome to bring your pet or a photo of one to church that day. We will remember St. Francis, bless all creatures great and small, and then enjoy breakfast in the undercroft.

Vestry Highlights

The vestry met on Tuesday for its September meeting. Among items discussed and decided were these:

- Lenita Richard was elected to be our second delegate to Diocesan Convention. Allison Schroth, who had been elected, will not be able to attend as this year's convention is in person and not on Zoom.
 - The vestry authorized Junior Warden Wayne Franklin to seek proposals from arborists to deal with safety issues concerning trees on our property
 - Plans for this year's stewardship campaign were discussed, which will run from October 20 through November 24.
 - The idea of holding a Chili/Chowder fundraiser was discussed. If you are interested in helping with this, please speak to Anita Chandler.
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Merry Hearts to Meet on the Fourth Thursday of October

Join the Merry Hearts for lunch on October 24th at noon. Afterwards, Fr. Tom will make a presentation on looking ahead to plan for our own funeral services. Watch for more information in upcoming Key Notes.

The Holiday Fair Is Coming

This year's Holiday Fair will be held on Saturday, November 9th. Patty Lamb spoke at coffee hour on Sunday and shared ways in which all of us can help. Tickets for the Turkey Dinner basket are available to sell, (or buy!) and you can pick them up at the church. There are signup sheets in the undercroft if you want to help contribute to the basket, and there are plenty of opportunities to help set up, host different tables, and clean up at the end of the day. Also, please think about crafts you can make to donate and baked goods you can bring to the bake table. Check out the sign up sheets in the undercroft for more information.



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.

**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.

Upcoming Concerts at Neighboring Parishes

The Flukes: A ukulele concert to benefit St. Elizabeth's Pantry
Saturday, October 26 at 4 PM
Trinity Episcopal Church, Portland

A Concert for Climate: a multimedia event focusing on addressing climate change
Sunday, October 27 at 2:30 PM
St. Luke's Cathedral, Portland

Gabriel Faure's Requiem: presented by the Cathedral Choir
Sunday, November 5 at 3 PM
St. Luke's Cathedral, Portland

St. Peter's Calendar

Next Week at St. Peter's

Wednesday Compline, Wednesday, October 2nd at 7 pm, Zoom
Come Join the Song, Thursday, October 3 at 7 PM

Looking Ahead

Blessing of the Animals, Sun. Oct. 6 after Mass
Monthly Breakfast, Sun. Oct. 6, After Mass, Undercroft
St. Elizabeth's Pantry, Tues. Oct. 8th 8:30- 11 am, St. Lukes
Harvest Home Weekend, October 19-20:
Harvest Home Potluck Supper, October 19th at 6 pm
Harvest Home Mass, October 20th at 9 AM
Merry Hearts Lunch, Thur. Oct. 24th at noon
Planning Our Funerals, Thur. Oct. 24th after Merry Hearts

Compline Link

Join us for the Compline Prayer Service on Zoom on Wednesday, October 2nd.

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

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

Some Photos From Our Gathering Sunday Mass



Photos by Alan Biagiotti

Sunday Minister Rota for October

October 6

Ms. Janene Gorham and Ms. Emily Keniston, *Eucharistic Minister*

Mr. Garrett Keniston, *Crucifer*

Ms. Anne Whitman, *Lector*

Ms. Lenita Richard, *Usher*

Ms. Judy Howe, *Altar Guild*

Ms. Anita Chandler, Ms. Patty Lamb, Mr. Bob Simmons, *Breakfast Hosts*

October 13

Ms. Anne Whitman and Mr. Galen Weibley, *Eucharistic Minister*

Mr. Jake Mahon, *Crucifer*

Mr. Steve Koskinen, *Lector*

Mr. Bob Simmons, *Usher*

Ms. Anne Whitman, *Altar Guild*

Mr. Rodney and Ms. Lenita Richard, *Coffee Hour*

October 20 Harvest Home

Mr. Thomas Ainsworth and Mr. Wayne Franklin, *Eucharistic Minister*

Mr. Fred Fowler, *Crucifer*

Mr. David Savage, *Verger*

Torch Bearers

Ms. Emily Keniston, *Lector*

Ms. Cindy Sherwood, *Usher*

Ms. Janene Gorham, *Altar Guild*

Harvest Home Potluck, *Coffee Hour Hosts*

October 27

Ms. Janene Gorham and Mr. David Savage, *Eucharistic Minister*

Mr. Thomas Ainsworth, *Crucifer*

Ms. Anica Hickey, *Lector*

Ms. Anita Chandler, *Usher*

Mr. David Savage, *Altar Guild*

TBD, *Coffee Hour Host*

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*
Pam, *friend of Anita Chandler*
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*
Janene W., *friend of Anita Chandler*

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

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or

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*

NOTES ON THIS WEEK'S MUSIC

The 17th century composer Arcangelo Corelli (1653-1713) exerted a profound influence on the development of violin style. A skilled violinist himself, he spent much of his active career in Rome, where he won the favor of leading figures in both the court and the church. The lullaby-like *Pastorale*, heard as the prelude, is taken from the "Concerto in G," composed in 1690.

"O Worship the King" is certainly one of the best-known hymns in

English-speaking churches. The author of the text, Robert Grant (1779-1838) was born in Scotland, became a member of Parliament, Judge Advocate General, and was knighted when he became Governor of Bombay. The hymn is a free paraphrase of Psalm 104, which celebrates in rich language the works of God in creation.

The great American poet John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892), a devout Quaker, lived to see portions of over 30 of his poems set to music as hymns for congregational singing. Of these, *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind*, still in widespread use in America and Great Britain, was set to the tune *Rest* by Frederick Maker, a talented organist and choral conductor who spent nearly all his life in the port city of Bristol, England.

"Just As I Am, Without One Plea" was written by Charlotte Elliott (1789-1871), the daughter of an Anglican clergyman. She was taken aback when asked by a visiting Swiss evangelist if she were a Christian. She answered honestly, and said she did not know how to come to Christ. "Come to him just as you are," was the answer. Some years later, she wrote this highly personal witness to salvation. Evangelist Billy Graham used this hymn in almost all his crusades, saying that it presented "the strongest possible Biblical basis for the call of Christ." The historian of hymnody Kenneth Osbeck wrote that *Just As I Am* had probably "touched more hearts and influenced more people for Christ than any other song ever written."

Like Bach, when it came to recycling his own music, Handel was no slouch. Capitalizing on the work's popularity, Handel frequently advertised that he would play portions of his *Water Music* on the organ between sections of his oratorios. While we can't know for sure, it seems likely that the sprightly *Fanfare* heard this morning would have been included in the composer's performances. ~HT

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