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

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**The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost  
in the Season of Creation  
Holy Eucharist  
October 6th, 2024 9:00 AM**

**Please Note:  
The Maine Marathon is this Sunday, and some  
roads will be closed near St. Peter's. Do leave  
extra time to get to church in case you encounter  
a detour.**

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:**

### **October 6**

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

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*

Music Notes for this Sunday's service can be found at the end of Key Notes. Hymns will be listed in the leaflet on Sunday.

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Dear Friends,

The news often overwhelms, and sometimes our first response is “How can I help?” We continue to see pictures of the devastation caused by Hurricane Helene. Though we are far removed from this particular disaster, we may yet want to respond.

Episcopal Relief and Development was first formed in 1940 to provide relief for refugees in World War II. Since then, it has expanded its work to provide assistance in natural disasters and to support sustainable development. Episcopal Relief and Development is already on the scene providing immediate supplies and assistance through local sources in the hurricane affected areas. Your donation will make a difference. You can learn more and donate here: [\*\*Hurricane Relief Fund\*\*](#)

There will also be an insert in Sunday's leaflet with information about how to make a contribution.

May we continue to pray and to give generously when our neighbors are in need.

Faithfully,  
Fr. Tom

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## Come Join the Song

We will have another evening of gathering to sing tonight, 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.

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## Blessing of the Animals and Breakfast on October 6th

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.

And remember - the Maine Marathon is on Sunday and some roads in the vicinity of the church will be closed. Leave extra time to get to church. You can see a map of the race route [here](#).

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## Moving the Baptismal Font

Now that the floors have been refinished, it is time to return the baptismal font currently stored in the undercroft to the church. Wayne Franklin is looking for several folks with strong arms and backs to help. Please check in with him this Sunday at church if you are available to help. Thank you!

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## Youth Service Corps Highlights

Youth from five area churches gathered as The Youth Service Corps on Sunday September 22nd to volunteer at the Animal Refuge League of Greater Portland. Click [here](#) to see photos and learn more about how our area youth served.

On Sunday October 22, the YSC will gather at St. Elizabeth's Essentials Pantry to help sort and stock supplies for our neighbors in need.

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## Merry Hearts to Meet on the Fourth Thursday of October

Join the Merry Hearts for lunch on October 24<sup>th</sup> at noon. We gather for a chance to visit with one another and enjoy a lunch of soup and sandwiches - and something tasty for dessert!

## Planning Our Funerals

Fr. Tom will make a presentation on looking ahead to plan for our own funeral services after the Merry Hearts lunch. We will also schedule another presentation for those who cannot make the midday gathering.

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## Caring for God's Creation



## A Monthly Report From our Earth Keeper

*Our Parish Earth Keeper, Janene Gorham, will be providing a monthly update in Key Notes on how we can all be Earth Keepers.*

On August 15 I attended Camp Bishopswood for an Earth Keeper retreat with people from all over the state. Rev Jenny Reese led us in several workshops and projects and ways to get congregations involved, and a final Eucharist. I traveled with Sarah Braik from St. Lukes and Meredith Tipton from St. Albans.

On September 22 we coordinated a presentation on Food Waste by Susanne Lee from The University of Maine George Mitchel Center for Sustainability Solutions where she is a faculty fellow. Susanne has excellent knowledge and does a super presentation. We plan on working with her in the future. Our presentation happened to fall on the week Govener Mills proclaimed as Food Waste Week.

For the future I am planning something new for Harvest Home. I am inviting all members of St. Peter's to send me photos (digital that can be enlarged) of what they have done to be an Earth Keeper. This can be photos of gardens, flowers, canned and preserved foods, hikes, bees, trees, animals, etc. We will have an Earth Keeper Window to feature our photos. This won't replace the mums and decorations, of course, but a way to show that we are all earth keepers.

On another note, keep up our recycling efforts by using only non plastic utensils, recyclable paper products or better yet use our washable dishware. Coffee grounds and all and all food waste should be put in green buckets. Jr. Warden Wayne has been diligent in putting recycle bins out on parking lot for pickup. There is also a Clink box for juice, soda, water containers. Thanks for all your efforts.

Janene

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## **Bids for Snowplowing**

Do you currently have someone who provides reliable snowplowing in the winter? The vestry is seeking bids for snowplowing of the church parking lot this winter. Please be in touch with the church office or with Junior Warden Wayne Franklin if you know of someone who might help us.

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## Welcome Our New Canon to the Ordinary

The Episcopal Diocese of Maine wishes to joyfully welcome our new Canon to the Ordinary, the Rev. Canon Mark Furlow to the staff at Loring House. Welcome, Mark!

In his new role, Furlow will serve as Brown's chief of staff, focusing on the implementation of mission strategy, support of clergy and parish leaders, and new collaborations with the dioceses of New Hampshire and Vermont. He will also partner with diocesan staff members and diocesan committees to support the discernment processes for lay and clergy leaders and other areas of diocesan governance.

Furlow served as canon to the ordinary and chief operating officer of the Episcopal Diocese of Southwestern Virginia, a position he held since 2016. Originally from Lexington, Kentucky, he has a background in theatre design and production. Furlow and his spouse, Siobhan Byrns, and their daughters, Aoife and Frances, look forward to beginning a new adventure together as future residents of Maine.

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## The Holiday Fair Is Coming

This year's Holiday Fair will be held on Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>. 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.



## 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.

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## 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

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## St. Peter's Calendar

**This Week at St. Peter's**  
*Come Join the Song, Thursday, October 3 at 7 PM*

*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*

### **Looking Ahead**

*Harvest Home Weekend, October 19-20:*  
*Harvest Home Potluck Supper, October 19th at 6 pm*  
*Harvest Home Mass, October 20th at 9 AM*  
*Youth Service Corps at St. Elizabeth's, Sunday October 20th*  
*Merry Hearts Lunch, Thur. Oct. 24th at noon*  
*Planning Our Funerals, Thur. Oct. 24th after Merry Hearts*

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### **Compline Link**

Join us for the Compline Prayer Service on Zoom on Wednesday, October 9th.

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

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

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### **Sunday Minister Rota for October**

#### **October 13**

Ms. Anne Whitman and Mr. Galen Weibley, *Eucharistic Ministers*  
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 Ministers*  
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 Ministers*  
Mr. Thomas Ainsworth, *Crucifer*  
Ms. Anica Hickey, *Lector*



Ms. Anita Chandler, *Usher*  
Mr. David Savage, *Altar Guild*  
TBD , *Coffee Hour Host*

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## **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**  
**Galen Weibley**

**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:

Allison Schroth, at: 207-807-1315  
[ASchroth@maine.rr.com](mailto:ASchroth@maine.rr.com)

or

Emma Bond at: 207-619-3662  
[emma.e.bond@gmail.com](mailto: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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### **NOTES ON THIS WEEK'S MUSIC**

We will be singing a capella this Sunday, as Herb Taylor will be on vacation. Hymns and songs we will be singing are not yet listed in the bulletin, as choices will be made after our singing session on Thursday evening. The leaflet available online in the Sunday morning reminder and at church will have music listed. Don't forget - Come Join the Song, this evening, October 4th at 7 PM at the church.

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