



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

**The Feast of All Saints
Holy Eucharist
November, 3, 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 with breakfast served after the mass.

This Sunday's Ministers:

Ms. Lenita Richard & Ms. Anne Whitman, *Eucharistic Ministers*

Mr. Jake Mahon, *Crucifer*

Mr. Clayton Hickey and Ms. Anica Hickey, *Torch Bearers*

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

Dear Friends,

Next week, those of us who can vote will be helping to make decisions about the future of our communities, our state, and our nation. To say that this has been a contentious election season is an understatement. Regardless of your political persuasion, you may be feeling anxious or angry about candidates and the causes they support. In the midst of the swirl of such emotions, Christians have a reliable way of maintaining a sense of calm and inner peace, and that is to pray.

Listed below is a variety of resources for praying before and during the election. I hope all of us will be praying that our decisions as voters will be shaped by our understanding of the meaning of Jesus' proclamation of the reign of God: a community in which justice and mercy meet, where the basic dignity of every human being is honored, and where we learn not only to know, but to love those we consider our enemy. We can never equate any human government with the Kingdom of God, but we can aspire, in the politicians and the policies we support, to build ever more just and compassionate communities on the local and national level.

We can pray for wisdom for our own and others' decision making, and we can pray that regardless of the outcome, we will remain steadfast in our willingness to bear witness, whatever the cost, to the One who saw no one rejected, no one demeaned, and no one cast out. Instead, through his life, death, and resurrection, Jesus Christ showed us the loving and merciful embrace of God for all.

Faithfully,

Fr. Tom

Pray for Our Nation Oct. 29 - Nov. 6

The Episcopal Church invites you to pray for the election of leaders in the United States. **Download the guide** for use at home or to share with your congregation. The prayers will also be posted daily on **Facebook** and **Instagram**. To download the bulletin insert to share with your congregation, visit **Forward Movement**.

Election Night Virtual Prayers Tuesday, Nov. 5, 8 - 10 p.m. On Zoom

Election Night Virtual Prayers will be hosted by the Episcopal Church Office of Government Relations, with Bishop Sean Rowe, who will become presiding bishop on Nov. 1, offering an opening reflection and prayer. Join the event via Zoom by **registering here**, or watch a livestream on The Episcopal Public Policy Network's **Facebook page**.

The following area churches are open for election-focused prayer:

- **St Alban's, Cape Elizabeth will host Evening Prayer at 6 p.m. the evening before the election, Monday, Nov. 4.**
- **The Cathedral Church of St. Luke in Portland will open its sanctuary doors 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 5. Prayer resources will be available and the usual 12:10 Tuesday Eucharist will be offered with the special intention of the election.**

Don't Forget: We Turn Back our Clocks One Hour Saturday Night



Feast of All Saints on November 3

On this Sunday, November 3, we celebrate the Feast of All Saints at our morning mass. On this day, we will name and remember those saints who have died in the past year.

We combine our celebration with the Feast of All Souls, when we remember all those loved ones who have died. We list these names in the worship leaflet for Sunday the 3rd. Please join us for one of the most important feasts in the Christian year.

Breakfast This Sunday!

Breakfast is served at Coffee Hour this Sunday. For a suggested donation of \$5 enjoy a home cooked breakfast in the company of good friends.

A Few More Photos From Harvest Home





We hope you have received a mailing from the parish inviting

you to participate in our 2025 pledge campaign. If not, you can find all the information in the links below.

Your vestry will soon be planning the budget for 2025. As we grow, we know that our budget will grow to support for expanded ministries. In 2024 for example, we committed \$900 to support the Youth Service Corps, which provides a monthly opportunity for our youth to serve in mission with youth from area parishes. We anticipate that being a part of our budget in years to come.

In 2024, we pledged \$46,520 to support a budget of \$226,389. Can we increase the amount of our pledging and the percentages of the budget it will cover?

We invite everyone to bring their pledges statement on our Commitment Sunday/Ingathering of Pledges, Sunday November 24th. If you cannot be with us that day, you can mail your pledge to the church.

You can access the mailed materials below.

A letter from the rector is [here](#).

The 2025 Pledge Statement is [here](#).

Questions and Answers about stewardship is [here](#).

From the Junior Warden

You will probably notice a lot of leaves have fallen onto our grounds and annually we put together a work day to try and get up as much as possible before the snow comes. We want to establish a yard work day as Saturday, November 23rd from 0900-1130. We would like to get leaves cleaned up and the gardens cleaned out as best we can. If you can help out that would be great. I will have a sign-up sheet in the undercroft over the next couple of weeks. Thank you.

Wayne

The Holiday Fair Update

The Holiday Fair is fast approaching. If you have Turkey Dinner raffle tickets that you have sold, please get them to Patty Lamb this weekend. Please think of baked goods and crafts which you can donate to the tables to sell. And there is still plenty to do the day of the fair - check out the signup sheets in the undercroft. The fair is Saturday, November 9th from 9 to 3.

Word of the Week

A weekly note about the words Episcopalians use.

The word of the week is "**postulant.**"

A postulant is a person who has been accepted into the process of preparing for holy orders as a deacon or a priest. The term is also used in monastic committees for those discerning a vocation to the religious life. For holy orders, one becomes a postulant after meeting with a discernment committee in one's local parish, being endorsed by the vestry and then recommended by the diocesan Commission on Ministry to the bishop. Medical and psychological examinations are also part of the process. In the Diocese of Maine, the length of time one serves as a postulant can vary, and involves meetings with the Commission on Ministry and possibly serving as an intern in a parish other than one's own.

Words help with defining a position, but much more helpful is to meet and know postulants. We are fortunate at St. Peter's! **Myrna Koonce** recently completed her postulancy internship, and has been approved by the Commission on Ministry to become a candidate for the priesthood, the last stage before ordination. And we were delighted to learn at church last Sunday that **Emily Keniston** has been approved by the Commission on Ministry to become a postulant, having completed her discernment process with an endorsement from our vestry.

Congratulations to these two faithful servants! We have been and are blessed by their service in our midst.



Myrna Koonce



Emily Keniston

Investiture of our New Presiding Bishop Livestreamed This Saturday

Our Presiding Bishop-elect, the Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe will formally begin his tenure on Sat., Nov. 2 at a small ceremony at the Church Center of the Episcopal Church in New York City. The service will be livestreamed, starting at 9:30 AM, with the formal service beginning at 11 AM. Bishop Rowe chose to forego a larger ceremony at the National Cathedral in Washington, DC partly to reduce the service's carbon footprint and to increase virtual participation across the church. You can learn more about the service, including links to the livestream, [here](#).

This Sunday: A Concert on the Feast of All Saints at St. Luke's Cathedral

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

St. Peter's Calendar

Looking Ahead

Holiday Fair, Sat. Nov. 9th from 9 AM -3 PM
St. Elizabeth's Volunteer Morning, Tue. Nov. 12th at 8:30 AM
Aging With Grace, Wed. Nov. 20th at 3 PM on Zoom
Merry Hearts, Thu. Nov. 21st at noon

Compline Link

Join us for the Compline Prayer Service on Zoom on Wednesday, November 6th.

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

The Zoom link is [here](#).

This link is good through December 8, 2024.

Sunday Minister Rota for November

November 3

Ms. Lenita Richard & Ms. Anne Whitman, *Eucharistic Ministers*

Mr. Jake Mahon, *Crucifer*

Mr. Clayton Hickey and Mms. Anica Hickey, *Torchbearers*

TBD, *Lector*

Mr. Thomas Ainsworth, *Usher*

Ms. Judy Howe, *Altar Guild*

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

November 10

Mr. Galen Weibley and Ms. Emily Keniston, *Eucharistic Ministers*

Mr. Garrett Keniston, *Crucifer*

TBD, *Lector*

Ms. Anita Chandler, *Usher*

Ms. Anne Whitman, *Altar Guild*

Rich Price and Paul Love, *Coffee Hour Hosts*

November 17

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

Mr. Steve Koskinen, *Crucifer*

TBD, *Lector*

Ms. Cindy Sherwood, *Usher*

Ms. Janene Gorham, *Altar Guild*

TBD, *Coffee Hour Host*

November 24

Mr. Galen Weibly and Mr. Thomas Ainsworth, *Eucharistic*

Ministers

Mr. Fred Fowler, *Crucifer*

TBD, *Lector*

Ms. Lenita Richard, *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

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*

Glenn, *spouse of Caroline Loupe*

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*

Janine W., *friend of Anita Chandler*

John Manchester, *friend of Fr. Tom*

James Ford, *former parisioner, friend of Lenita Richard*

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

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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

Born in Hamburg, Johannes Brahms (1833-97) spent much of his professional life in Vienna, Austria, where he was a leader of the city's rich musical scene. In his lifetime, Brahms' popularity and influence were considerable; following a comment by the renowned conductor Hans von Bülow, he became forever grouped with Johann Sebastian Bach and Ludwig van Beethoven as one of the "Three Bs." His chorale preludes for organ, op. 122, which he wrote shortly before his death, are an essential part of the organist's repertoire.

It's hard to imagine an All Saints service without the great hymn, "For All the Saints"; indeed, according to a survey published in *The Times of London*, it's among the ten most frequently sung hymns in the worldwide Anglican Communion. The text was first published by Bishop William Walsham How in 1846, but it fell to the eminent British composer Ralph Vaughan Williams to provide the unforgettable tune "Sine Nomine" for the English Hymnal of 1906. In Latin, the words sine nomine means "without name" which seems perplexing: how can a tune named "without name" have NO name? Happily, there's a solution to the paradox: in naming his tune "Sine Nomine," Vaughan Williams was honoring that numberless company of saints whose names are known only to God.

Our Sequence Hymn, "When Christ Was Lifted from The Earth," may be new to some of us at St. Peter's, in fact, I'm not sure that I've ever played it before. (We'll have to see how it goes!) The author of the text...priest, poet, and theologian Brian Wren (b.1936) has been professionally active in both the UK and the US. He was ordained in Britain's United Reformed Church. He is now Professor Emeritus of Worship and served as the first holder of the John and Miriam Conant Professorship in Worship at Columbia Theological Seminary. He holds B.A. and D.Phil (= Ph.D.) degrees from Oxford University and a Doctorate in Humane Letters from Christian Theological Seminary, Indianapolis. His wife, Rev. Susan Heafield, is a United Methodist pastor.

Are there any saints living today? Poet and hymn writer Lesbia Scott's three children often asked such questions, and "I Sing A Song Of The Saints Of God" was written to suggest that there are plenty of saints in all walks of life. Moreover, anyone can be a saint if they really work at it! The tune GRAND ISLE has just the light-hearted, joyful feeling to complement the disarmingly simple and picturesque text.

Peter Abelard, the author of our recessional hymn, "O Quanta Qualia" was born in Pallet, France, in 1079 and died in the Priory of St. Martel, France, in 1142. At a young age, Abelard showed an unusual capacity for knowledge. He soon became a lecturer at Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris. Although many students flocked to Abelard because of the grace and simplicity of his lectures, his rationalistic views brought him into conflict with many of his colleagues. Abelard's life took many twists and turns because he was a supposedly celibate priest who fell in love with Heloise, the niece of Canon Fulbert of Notre Dame. When the two could no longer hide their affair, they fled to Brittany, France, where they privately married and had one son. When Abelard and Heloise returned to Paris, Canon Fulbert hired men to emasculate Abelard. After this, Heloise became a nun, and Abelard, a monk. In fact, it was for Heloise's Convent of the Paraclete, founded at Nogent-sur-Seine in 1129, that Abelard wrote "O Quanta, Qualia Sunt Illa Sabbata." The tune most associated with this text is O QUANTA QUALIA; its name is taken from the first line of the Latin text by Abelard. The melody first appeared in the Paris Antiphoner, 1681 and was harmonized by John B. Dykes in 1868 for Hymns Ancient and Modern, which set the standard for the great tradition of

Anglican hymnody.

The Trumpet Voluntary.....OK...so here's everyone's favorite. The problem is that in the popular mind, it's attributed to the wrong composer: Henry Purcell. In fact, it was composed by a contemporary and friend, Jeremiah Clarke. Poor Jeremiah: not only was he not recognized for his most admired piece, but he experienced an unhappy love affair with "a beautiful woman beyond his class," and died by his own hand shortly thereafter.
~HT

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