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

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**Holy Eucharist  
The Fifth Sunday in Lent  
April 6, 2025  
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](#).

Please note: Hymns for this Sunday are not yet listed in the leaflet. They will be in the printed version and in the link sent in the Sunday morning reminder.

Our monthly breakfast will be served after the mass.

**This Sunday's Ministers:**

Ms. Emily Keniston and Ms. Janene Gorham, *Eucharistic Ministers*  
Mr. Fred Fowler, *Crucifer*  
Ms. Jan Tracy, *Lector*  
Ms. Lenita Richard, *Usher*  
Ms. Janene Gorham, *Altar Guild*  
Ms. Anita Chandler, Ms. Patty Lamb, and Mr. Bob Simmons,  
*Breakfast Hosts*

Herb Taylor is on vacation this week. Music Notes return next Sunday.

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Dear Friends,

On Tuesday, April 8th, I, along with clergy and laity throughout the Diocese of Maine, will be attending the annual Chrism Mass, this year being held at St. Mary the Virgin Episcopal Church in Falmouth. What is a Chrism Mass? At the mass, the bishop will bless the oils used by all parishes used for anointing at baptisms and for healing. See "The Word of the Week" below for more information about the meaning of "chrism."

It is also a service in which all clergy are asked to renew their ordination vows, as is the bishop. In addition, laity who attend will be asked to renew their baptismal vows. Given the proximity of this year's service, I invite any of you who can to attend.

It is always moving to connect with siblings in Christ across the diocese, and it would be wonderful to have a group of us from St. Peter's there. I know this service is the same morning as our volunteer morning at St. Elizabeth's, and I thank those of you who will be keeping that commitment. The mass begins at 10 AM. There will be a lunch offered afterward (concluding around 1 PM) and you will need to register [here](#) only if you plan to stay for the lunch.

Faithfully,  
Fr. Tom



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## **Another Evening of Singing - Tonight!**

Join the rector tonight -, April 3rd at 7 PM for an evening of singing hymns, rounds and discovering how making music makes community. No experience is necessary. All you need is a desire to lift up your voice in praise to God. We will meet upstairs in the church.

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## **Breakfast is Served At Coffee Hour This Sunday**

Our always lovely coffee hour is enhanced on the first Sunday of each month with a breakfast served for those who wish. Chefs Anita Chandler, Patty Lamb, and Bob Simmons, will have all things ready. Suggested donation is \$5, but all are welcome even if you don't happen to have that \$5 bill in your wallet or purse.

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## **Being-With Continues....**

We meet again this Sunday, April 6th after coffee hour.

Even if you could not be there for the first session, you are welcome to join this conversation for developing your Christian faith.

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## **Donate to St. Elizabeth's Diaper Drive**

St. Elizabeth's Essentials Pantry is still has a great need for diapers. You can make financial donations (see the video link below) or purchase diapers and bring them to St. Peter's. There is a place for St. Elizabeth's donations on the counters at the back of the undercroft.

See a video with more information [here](#).

## **Tuesday, April 8th is our Volunteer Morning at St. Elizabeth's**

As one of the sponsoring parishes of St. Elizabeth's, we commit to providing volunteers once a month to serve at the pantry. Our designated day is always the second Tuesday morning of the month. Gather with folks from other churches to serve neighbors in need. We meet at around 8:15 AM in the lower Parish Hall at St. Luke's Cathedral. You can park in the cathedral parking lot, which is accessed from Park St.

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## **Merry Heats Meet for Lunch on Thursday, April 10th at Noon**

Gather for lunch and a time to visit with other parishioners. Our only agenda is to enjoy a good meal and each other's company. We meet in the undercroft, and hope you will join us.

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## **Youth Service Corps News from Amber Burks, Coordinator**

The Youth Service Corps had a fabulous time together on Sunday, March 16th, at St. Elizabeth's Essentials Pantry. There were 12 youth and 8 adults, from 6 different churches, in attendance. We donated \$1000 worth of diapers and created a few videos as public service announcements.

Our next Youth Service Corps (YSC) event will take place on **Sunday, April 13th from 12 to 2 pm**. We will gather to make cleaning kits for Maine Needs who are in the midst of moving to their new location and cannot host us. Therefore, the specific location in Portland is TBD but I will send you a flyer with those details later this week, so please save the date!

If you have youth who are interested in attending, but you yourself are not able to join us, please pass along my contact information: [amber@stalbansmaine.org](mailto:amber@stalbansmaine.org) OR 207-239-7159.

If you haven't already filled out a **YSC Participation Form**, please do so at your earliest convenience and email it to me at [amber@stalbansmaine.org](mailto:amber@stalbansmaine.org).

I look forward to hearing from you soon and will send a reminder email to get an accurate headcount ahead of time.

Grace, mercy, and peace be with you,

Amber

Watch a video sharing more about the Youth Service Corps [here](#).

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## Flowers for Easter

Our Altar/Flower Guild is preparing to adorn the church for Easter in celebration of Christ's resurrection. There will be donation forms at church this Sunday and next. You can also designate a memorial donation by going to our website [here](#). The suggested donation is \$30, and checks can be made out to St. Peter's. Information needs to be received by Monday, April 14th to be included in the Easter worship leaflet.

Flower donations are also welcome throughout the year. We like to have flowers behind the altar every Sunday (except during Advent and Lent). You can sign up for a Sunday on our website or in the booklet in the undercroft on the table under the bulletin board.

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## Stations of the Cross this Friday

This weekly devotional service reflecting on Jesus' final steps to the cross takes place at 5:30 PM on Zoom. The Zoom link is [here](#).

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## Holy Week and Easter Schedule



### **Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday: Sunday April 13th, Mass at 9:00 AM**

The service will include the distribution of palms and the reading of the Passion Gospel from St. Luke.

### **Maundy Thursday: Thursday, April 17th, Mass at 7:00 PM**

We recall the institution of Holy Communion by Jesus at the Last Supper.

### **Good Friday Service: Friday April 18th, at 7:00 PM**

The Prayer Book Service for Good Friday, including the Passion Gospel from St. John.

### **Easter Vigil Service at St. Luke's Cathedral, 143 State St. Portland: Saturday, April 19th, Vigil Service and**

## the First Celebration of Easter at 7:00 PM

### **Easter Day: Sunday, April 20th, Festival Mass at 9:00 AM**

We celebrate the resurrection, including special music with guest soloist Michele Kennedy, incense, and a celebratory coffee hour after the service. Parishioners are invited to bring Easter treats sweet or savory for the coffee hour.



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### **Compline Link for April 9th**

Compline will meet on Zoom on Wednesday, April 9th at its usual time at 7:00 PM. The Zoom link is [here](#).

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### **An Invitation to Myrna Koonce's Ordination as a Deacon**

Myrna Koonce, our sometime Postulant Intern, will be ordained to the transitional diaconate on Sunday April 27th at 4 PM at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Brunswick, her home parish. And we are invited. This will be the penultimate step towards Myrna's ordination as a priest. In the Episcopal Church, all priests are first ordained as deacons, and then as a priests. Bishop Brown will preside and ordain her, and Fr. Tom has been invited by Myrna to be the preacher. As the date draws closer, we can make plans for some car pooling. The formal invitation can be seen [here](#).

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## **An Invitation from St. Alban's Church: A Day with Brian McClaren**

Brian McClaren is an author, speaker, and public theologian who has written much about the contemporary church and its role in the larger world. In addition to being the keynote speaker at this year's diocesan clergy conference, he will be offering a presentation in Portland on Saturday, May 2nd at the Westin Hotel. St. Alban's Church in Cape Elizabeth is hosting the event, and all are invited to attend. You can find out more [here](#). While the cost for attending the day is \$90, scholarships are available. Please speak to the rector if you are interested in attending and request financial assistance.

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### **Word of the Week**

*A weekly note about the words Episcopalians use.*

The word of the week is **chrism**.

Chrism is oil that has been blessed by a bishop and used for anointing the newly baptized. It also can be used at confirmations and ordinations. After a person has been baptized with water, the rite for Baptism calls for the priest or bishop to make a sign of the cross with oil on the person's forehead, reciting these words, "...you are sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked as Christ's own for ever." The term "chrismation" is from the Greek for an anointing. Chrism is olive oil mixed with a fragrant ointment.

While such oil can be consecrated by a bishop just prior to a baptism, it is a tradition in some dioceses, including Maine, for the oil used by all parishes to be consecrated at one time at a chrism mass which includes the Reaffirmation of Ordination Vows. This year's mass will be at St. Mary the Virgin Church, Falmouth, on Tuesday April 8th at 10 AM, to which all of us are invited. Oil for anointing at healing prayer, referred to as oil of unction, is also blessed at this service.

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**St. Peter's Calendar**

**The Week Ahead at St. Peter's**

*Stations of the Cross*, Fri. Apr. 4th at 5:30 pm, Zoom  
*Parish Breakfast*, Sun. Apr. 6th, after 9 am service  
*St. Elizabeth's Essentials Pantry*, Tue. Apr. 8th from 8:30-11 am  
*Compline*, Wed. Apr. 9th at 7 pm, Zoom  
*Merry Hearts*, Thu. Apr. 10th at 12 noon, Undercroft  
*Stations of the Cross*, Fri. Apr. 11th at 5:30 pm, Zoom

### **In the Coming Weeks**

*Palm/Passion Sunday*, Sun. Apr. 13 at 9 am  
*Holy Thursday*, Thu. Apr. 17 at 7 pm  
*Good Friday*, Fri. Apr. 18 at 7pm  
*Easter Vigil* at St. Luke's Cathedral, Sat. April 19th at 7 PM  
*Easter Day*, Sun. Apr. 20 at 9 am  
*Aging with Grace*, Tues. Apr. 22 at 12 noon, Undercroft  
*Vestry*, Tuesday, Ap. 29 at 6:30 pm, Zoom

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## **Sunday Minister Rota for April**

### **April 6th**

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

Mr. Fred Fowler, *Crucifer*

Ms. Jan Tracey, *Lector*

Ms. Lenita Richard, *Usher*

Ms. Janen Gorham, *Altar Guild*

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

### **April 13th**

Ms. Anne Whitman and Ms. Emily Hickey, *Eucharistic Ministers*

Mr. Steven Koskinen, *Crucifer*

Mr. Christopher Hickey, *Lector*

Ms. Anita Chandler, *Usher*

Ms. Anne Whitman, *Altar Guild*

Ms. Jan Tracy, Ms. Genie Campell, and Ms. Ann Bay, *Coffee Hour Hosts*

### **April 20th**

Ms. Emily Keniston and Mr. Jake Mahon, *Eucharistic Ministers*

Mr. Garrett Keniston, *Crucifer*

Ms. Cynthia Sherwood, *Lector*

Mr. Robert Simmons, *Usher*

Ms. Anne Whitman and Ms. Judy Howes, *Altar Guild*  
Parishoners are invited to bring Easter Treats, *Coffee Hour Hosts*

## **April 27th**

Ms. Lenita Richard and Mr. Stephen Booth, *Eucharistic Ministers*  
Mr. Galen Weibly, *Crucifer*  
Mr. Mac McCabe, *Lector*  
Ms. Cynthia Sherwood, *Usher*  
Ms. Judy Howes, *Altar Guild*  
Ms. Jane Noone and Ms. Lorna Blackmer, *Coffee Hour Hosts*

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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**  
**Pat Fowler**  
**Mary Ann Hoy**  
**Barbara Vessey**  
**Galen Weibley**  
**Fred Madore**  
**Alan Biagiotti**  
**Jane Noone**  
**Marc Lombe and family**  
**Linda Foster**

**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*  
**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  
**Peter Munro**, brother of Emily Hickey  
**Todd Cheney**, father of Matt Cheney  
**Jay Sprout**, friend of Tom Mousin  
**Sandy Woolley**, friend of Judy Howes  
**Amanda and Chris Conant**, friends of Jane Noone  
**Pam**, friend of Cindy Sherwood

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 look forward to Herb Taylor's note next week, when he returns to St. Peter's.

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