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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 Twenty-third Sunday  
after Pentecost  
November 16, 2025  
9:00 a.m.**

Join us in person for our service. Or join us by going to our livestream on the St. Peter's YouTube page [here](#).

The worship leaflet can be found [here](#).

There will be a coffee hour after the mass.

**This Sunday's Ministers:**

**November 16, 2025**

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## **From the Rector**

Dear Friends,

Oh, to be amongst you as a community embodying the presence of Jesus Christ in the world! We are a community that expresses gratitude, as we will do so this Sunday, giving thanks for Mary Sullivan, and as we prepare to express our thanks to God in the pledges we make for 2026. We are a community of service, as we volunteer at St. Elizabeth's and support the work of the Youth Service Corps. We are a community of prayer, as each week we are invited to pray for all those on our parish prayer list. And we are a community of fellowship, coming together for such events as the Holiday Fair. Our praise of God, our presence for those in need, our prayers for others, and our love for one another - all are hallmarks of the beloved community. Read on in today's *Key Notes*, and discern for yourself how God is calling you to use your gifts for the good of all.

Faithfully,

Fr. Tom

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## **Help Us Say "Thank You" To Mary Sullivan this Sunday**

Mary Sullivan, our resident soloist at St. Peter's for many years, is completing her time with us as she takes on more musical responsibilities at St. Paul's Church in Brunswick. We have been so richly blessed her prayerful offerings over the years. Join us on Sunday, November 16th, when she will be singing with us during the mass. At the coffee hour afterwards, we will have a chance to express our thanks.

There is a basket for cards in the undercroft if you wish to add a personal word of thanks.

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## The Holiday Fair

What a wonderful day was had by all! Thank you to everyone who contributed. Whether you helped set up, provided goods to sell, helped cook and serve lunch, cleaned up afterwards, or just shopped - we are grateful. At this point, we have raised \$3,744.10 to benefit the parish. There are still a few goods available this Sunday in the undercroft if you want to help out.



### St. Peter's Stewardship Campaign for 2026

If you have not received information about our current campaign, please check the links below.

We offer our pledges on Sunday, November 23rd at worship. You can also mail in your form if you cannot join us then.

Every pledge, no matter the size, makes a difference!

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



Pledge Form for 2026 [here](#).

Stewardship Answers and Questions [here](#).

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## Rector Search Update

On Monday evening, Rev. Suzanne Roberts, Transition and Deployment Officer for the Diocese of Maine, met with vestry members who will serve as the search committee. There are two models currently available for us as we look for a new rector. Because Fr. Tom is willing to be available to train a newly ordained priest, we can pursue what is called the co-adjutor model. In consultation with the bishop and newly ordained priests, we would be presented with candidates.

Fr. Tom will be completing his work in mid April, and he would overlap with the new priest during the new year once a selection has been made.

If the first model doesn't work, the second model opens the search wider and will take a longer time. It will require more work in terms of creating a church profile, offering a benefit package and advertising through the national church. We will most likely need an interim priest during this process. The consensus is that we would do some of the work that this model requires, which would inform the co-adjutor search, but would prepare us if the candidates available do not work out for us.



Thora Easton will chair the committee. Other members include: Anita Chandler, Allison Schroth, Bob Simmons, Chris Hickey, Kathleen McCormick, Lenita Richard, Lorna Blackmer, Kathleen McCormick, Steve Koskinen, Tom Ainsworth, and Wayne Franklin.

**Here is where we need your help.** We have a set of questions to begin answering and defining who we are as a parish and what we seek in a new rector. You can access the survey [here](#) or in the email that you will receive. Responses do not have emails attached to them, so they are completely anonymous.

Paper copies will also be available in church on Sunday. The following Sunday, November 23rd we will gather as a group and talk about the answers received and whether there is anything to add or take away.

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## This Saturday...



By the Grace of God  
and with the consent of the people

The Rt. Rev. Thomas J. Brown  
*Tenth Bishop of Maine*

will ordain  
**Myrna Louise Koonce**  
to the Sacred Order of Priests



in Christ's one holy catholic and apostolic Church

Your prayers and presence are requested  
Saturday, the fifteenth day of November, two thousand  
and twenty-five  
at ten o'clock in the morning

The Cathedral Church of St. Luke  
143 State Street, Portland, Maine

Reception immediately following the service

*All are invited to wear something red.*



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## Also This Saturday...



**St. Elizabeth's**  
— Essentials Pantry —

# Presents

**The FLUKES**



**Eileen Rose**



**&**

**Plus special guest**

**The Grateful Hearts**

**In a Family Friendly Benefit Concert**  
**Saturday, November 15 at 4:00 PM**  
**Trinity Episcopal Church**  
**580 Forest Ave., Portland**

**Suggested donation \$10**

**Children under 12 Free**

**More info (207) 772 4758**

**<https://stelizabethsmaine.org>**

## **A Generous Day at St. Elizabeth's**

Sarah Borgeson, Executive Director of St. Elizabeth's Essentials Pantry, shares this report:

What a joyful Veteran's Day/Coat Day! An all-time record of 35 volunteers arrived to help with





our first coat distribution. What might have been utter chaos was just plain fun! Kathy C. offered a moving Prayer of Remembrance to begin our day. Amber and colleague Michelle arrived with 10 Falmouth Middle School students who rotated throughout the morning at various "stations." Using their language skills, they conversed with neighbors, conducted a survey of countries of origin and languages spoken, served hot chocolate ~ thank you, Liz Stover for this great idea ~

and brought a wonderful energy to the day. And the family trio - Anica, Clayton & Marya - also chose to spend their school holiday with us serving 328 visitors, 245 of whom went home with warm winter coats and grateful smiles.

*Editor's Note:* In addition to Anica, Clayton, and Marya, Jonathan McCormick and Anita Chandler also served as St. Peter's volunteers that morning. Thank you from all of us!

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## **Youth Service Corps and Preble Street**

Members of the area Youth Services Corp met at St. Alban's in Cape Elizabeth for an afternoon of preparing trail mix packages for those served by the Preble Street Resource Center. Together, they made up 747 packages which will be made available to neighbors in need who go without the basic needs of daily meals every day.



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## Capital Campaign Update

Thank you to all who have contributed! We currently have 29 commitments from families or individuals, totaling \$255,484, with \$38,901 having already been contributed.

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## A Pause for Merry Hearts and for Aging With Grace

Both of these monthly groups have had very low attendance at the last two lunch gatherings, so we will be taking a break, evaluating the need and desire for these ministries. We will keep you informed of any plans to resume.

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## Compline Link for November 19

Compline will meet on Zoom on Wednesday, the 19th at its usual time, 7:00 PM. Connect with our special gathering by clicking the Zoom link [here](#).

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*Myrna Koonce Ordination, Sat. Nov. 15th, 10 am, St. Luke's Cathedral*  
*Farewell for Mary Sullivan, November 16th*  
*Compline, Wed. Nov. 19th, 7 pm, Zoom*  
*Stewardship In-Gathering, Sun. November 23, during the Liturgy*  
*Parish Discussion, Sun. November 23<sup>rd</sup>, after the service*

### **Dates to Keep in Mind**

*Bishops Thomas Brown and Rob Hirschfeld Visit, December 7th*  
*Christmas Eve Service, December 24th at 7 pm*

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## **Sunday Minister Rota for November**

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

### **November 23, 2025**

Ms. Emily Keniston & Ms. Lenita Richard, *Eucharistic Ministers*  
Mr. Galen Weibley, *Crucifer*  
Ms. Judy Howes, *Lector*  
Mr. Thomas Ainsworth, *Usher*  
Mr. Bob Simmons, *Videographer*  
Ms. Lenita Richard, *Altar Guild*  
Mr. Garrett Keniston & Ms. Lenita Richard, *Counters*  
TBD, *Coffee Hour Hosts*

### **November 30, 2025**

Ms. Janene Gorham & Mr. Jake Mahon, *Eucharistic Ministers*  
Mr. Fred Fowler, *Crucifer*  
Ms. Anne Whitman, *Lector*  
Ms. Cindy Sherwood, *Usher*  
Ms. Lenita Richard, *Videographer*  
Ms. Judy Howes, *Altar Guild*  
Ms. Meredith Tipton & Mr. Wayne Franklin, *Counters*  
TBD, *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**  
**Fred Madore**  
**Alan Biagiotti**  
**Jane Noone**  
**Marc Lombe and family**  
**Linda Foster**  
**Garrett Keniston**  
**David Savage**  
**Kevin Curty**  
**Ann Bay**  
**Paul Loven**

**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*  
**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*

**Michael King**, *friend of Anita Chandler*

**Amy Carter**, *friend of Fred and Priscila Madore*

**Norma and Joe Kennedy**, *friends of Jane Noone*

**Mary Jo Floyd**, *relative of Fr. Tom Mousin*

**Frank Beal and Lela Michie**, *friends of Lenita and Rodney Richard*

**Mary Lou Toye**, *aunt of the McCormicks*

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: 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 SUNDAY'S MUSIC**

Composed in 1846 for the Birmingham Festival in England, Mendelssohn's oratorio *Elijah* reflects both his own creative genius and his admiration for the great choral works of Bach and Handel. The aria "Then Shall the Righteous Shine Forth" is sung close to the end of the oratorio, immediately following a chorus describing Elijah's ascent to heaven in the midst of a whirlwind, borne upward by a chariot of fire.

Written in 1747, "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" is not only one of Charles Wesley's most famous hymns, but also one of his most popular. It is a Christianization of John Dryden's secular song, "Fairest Isle" sung by Venus in Act 5 of Dryden and Henry Purcell's semi-opera *King Arthur*. However, in Dryden's song, the goddess of love chooses the Isle of Britain over her native Cyprus; in Wesley's hymn, divine love itself is asked to choose the human heart as its residence over its native heaven.



"Thy Kingdom Come, O Lord" is based on the 2nd petition of the Lord's Prayer. The author, Frederick Hosmer, an eloquent advocate of world peace, served both Unitarian and Congregational churches in five states, and was regularly invited to present lectures on hymnody at Harvard Divinity School.

Known as "the father of the Negro spiritual," Harry T. Burleigh (b. 1866) served for over 50 years as the celebrated baritone soloist of St. George's Episcopal Church, New York City. A prominent teacher, composer, editor and arranger, he had a legion of admirers, from the financier J. Pierpont Morgan to the composer Antonin Dvorak, who credited Burleigh with inspiring his famous "New World Symphony." Over 2,000 mourners of all faiths attended his funeral at St. George's Church in 1949, and his birthdate, September 11, is honored with a feast day in the Episcopal Church calendar.

For a number of years Director of Music at Manhattan's Church of St. Thomas More, composer Harvey Burgett (1943-2022) taught at Stetson University, Rollins College and Boston University, and received commissions from a number of performers and institutions including the Episcopal Diocese of New York. His spiritually evocative setting of *The King of Love Is My Shepherd* was composed in 1996. A man of diverse talents, Harvey Burgett was an avid synchronized swimmer and won a gold medal at the 2017 World Masters Swimming Championships in Budapest, Hungary.

Our recessional hymn, "Tell Out, My Soul", was written by Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926 – )--a now- retired Anglican bishop- in 1962. In the early days this hymn was paired to another, rather dry tune, but it was later paired and greatly enhanced by the sweeping music of Walter Groatorex's (1877 – 1949) grand tune, "Woodlands." The tune's title refers to one of the schoolhouses at Gresham's School, Norfolk, where Groatorex was director of music and taught such luminaries as Benjamin Britten and W.H. Auden. Auden wrote of him that Albert Schweitzer played the organ no better than Walter Groatorex.

Michael McCabe (b.1941) combined a full-time military career with an active schedule as both organist and composer. Highly regarded as a performer, he served for a time as organist of Grace Cathedral, San Francisco. The "Fanfare" heard this morning is hot off the

press: it was published just this past November.~HT

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