



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

**The Twentieth Sunday
After Pentecost
October 26, 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:

Mr. Galen Weibley & Mr. Jake Mahon, *Eucharistic Ministers*

Mr. Steve Koskinen, *Crucifer*

Ms. Judy Howes, *Lector*

Ms. Anita Chandler, *Usher*

Mr. Bob Simmons, *Videographer*

Ms. Lenita Richard, *Altar Guild*

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Tell Out
My Soul

St. Peter's Stewardship Campaign for 2026

From our Rector

Dear Friends,

This Sunday, we will begin our annual stewardship campaign as we prepare to give thanks to God in the coming year. Over the next few weeks, we will invite each member of the parish to consider how generous giving will help us as a parish to "tell out" the Good News of Jesus Christ to all around us.

Look in the mail next week for a more extended letter from me, as well as a pledge form inviting you to offer your time, talent and treasure in 2026. Our ingathering Sunday will be on November 23rd, when we make our commitments to serve God through the offering of our gifts throughout the year. Our faithful giving is an indication of a strong and growing parish, and our trust in God, who will provide. May we continue to discover all that God is doing in our midst as we offer ourselves in love and service.

Faithfully,
Fr. Tom

Did You Know?

In 2024, our pledges represented 22% of income for our parish budget.

In 2025, our pledges grew to represent 35% of our budget of \$206, 786, an increase of 13%.

What might we accomplish in 2026?



Harvest Home Weekend

It was a beautiful weekend with, a bountiful supper on Saturday, and blessed worship on Sunday. Thank you to everyone who participated!





Vestry Meets on Tuesday October 28

Our October meeting will be on Zoom on Tuesday, October 28 at 6:30 pm. Members of the parish are welcome to attend.

The Zoom link is [here](#).

The Holiday Fair Will Soon Be Here

This year's Holiday Fair will take place on Saturday, November 8th from 9 am to 3 pm, with lunch offered. There will be an

abundance of crafts, preserves, baked goods, and other items, as well as the usual Thanksgiving dinner basket raffle. Want to purchase or sell tickets for the raffle? See Patty Lamb. And there are sign up sheets in the undercroft for folks to help with setup after church on Nov. 2, and staffing tables and cleaning up on the day of the fair. Let's make this a wonderful day of fellowship and fundraising for the church.

All Saints' Service on November 9th

All Saints' Day is November 1, and we will transfer the feast to Sunday, November 9th (the rector will be on vacation on Sunday November 2nd.) We are happy to include the names of all those whom you wish to remember who have died in our leaflet for that Sunday. We will also list and name at the time of the Eucharist those who have died in the past year since the last All Saints' Day.

If you submitted names in the past, they will be included again this year. If you have names you wish to add, please respond to this email and let us know. Names need to be received by Friday, November 7th. And please make sure you let us know if the name or names submitted is of someone who has died in the past year.

Youth Service Corps Update

Our first gathering was well attended, with 17 youth from 5 participating churches! We look forward to another robust turnout in November. Thank you for helping to spread the word about these opportunities, organizing volunteers and communicating with me!

Our next Youth Service Corps takes place on **Sunday, November 9th from 12 to 2 pm at St. Alban's Episcopal Church**, at 885 Shore Road in Cape Elizabeth. We'll spend our time together preparing trail mix snack bags for the Preble Street Food Security Hub. As usual, we'll enjoy a pizza lunch before we get to work!

YOUTH SERVICE CORPS EVENT

RSVP BY THU NOV 6 TO AMBER BURKS,
YOUTH SERVICE CORPS COORDINATOR, AT
AMBER@STALBANSMAINE.ORG

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH

12:00 - 2:00 PM

ST. ALBAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
885 SHORE ROAD, CAPE ELIZABETH

LET'S GATHER TO MAKE TRAIL MIX FOR
PREBLE STREET FOOD SECURITY HUB!



An Invitation to the Ordination of Myrna Koonce: Saturday November 15 at 10 am

Myrna Koonce, our sometime Postulant Intern, will be ordained as a priest in Christ's holy church on Saturday, November 15 at 10 am at St. Luke's Cathedral in Portland. We are invited.

We hope many can attend to support and bless Myrna on this occasion.

Help Us Say "Thank You" To Mary Sullivan on November 16th

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.

Starting this Sunday, there will be a basket for cards in the undercroft if you wish to add a personal word of thanks.

Bishop Brown and Bishop Hirschfeld Visit on December 7

There is still time to prepare for baptism, confirmation, or reception into the Episcopal Church. Please let Fr. Tom know if you are interested.

Compline Link for October 29th

Compline will meet on Zoom on Wednesday, the 29th at its usual time at 7:00 PM. Connect with our special gathering by clicking the Zoom link [here](#).

This Week at St. Peter's

Vestry, Tuesday, Oct. 28th, 6:30 pm, Zoom
Compline, Wednesday, October 29th, at 7 pm, Zoom

Coming Up at St. Peter's

Holiday Fair, November 8, 9-3, Undercroft
Myrna Koonce Ordination, November 15 at 10 am, St. Luke's Cathedral
Farewell for Mary Sullivan, November 16

Dates to Keep in Mind

Bishops Thomas Brown and Rob Hirschfeld, December 7

Sunday Minister Rota for October

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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*
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*
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*

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

Allison Schroth: 207-807-1315, Aschroth207@gmail.com

or

Emma Bond: 207-619-3662, 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*

NOTES ON THIS SUNDAY'S MUSIC

Although he was arguably the most significant German organist and church musician before Bach, we know comparatively little about Dietrich Buxtehude's early years. The year of his birth is

uncertain, and it's even unclear whether he was a native of Denmark or Germany. His early training is something of a mystery: many music historians believe he studied with his father, Johann, but while it's a reasonable guess, there's no conclusive proof. In fact, it's only when he began a 40 year tenure as the organist of St. Mary's Church in Lubeck, Germany that his life suddenly became well-documented. Lubeck was a center of cultural activity, and St. Mary's Church, with its great organ and tradition of outstanding music, was the hub of the city's artistic endeavors. As organist of St. Mary's, Buxtehude was the de facto director of all musical events in Lubeck, and his position entitled him to prestige (and remuneration!) that few other musicians in Germany could match. No wonder that the 20-year-old Bach walked over 200 miles on foot in 1705 to meet and study with the aged master: he was a rock star!

Mindful that it's often easier to praise God in times of prosperity than in adversity, Anna Barbauld (1743-1845) included stanzas for both themes in her hymn "Praise to God, Immortal Praise." The "adversity stanzas" have mercifully been dropped from modern hymnals, and what's left is a hymn of thanks for the harvest season.

In some hymnals, the tune for the hymn we know as "Fairest Lord Jesus" was called "Crusader's Hymn" because it was (supposedly) sung by German Crusaders as they made their way to the Holy Land. Perhaps there's some romantic appeal in the idea, but it's nonsense. The Jesuit text could not have appeared before the end of the crusades, and mention of the tune doesn't appear until 1842!

Henry Smart (1813-1879) was a capable composer of church music who wrote some very fine hymn tunes (REGENT SQUARE, our Recessional, is the best-known). Smart gave up a career in the legal profession for one in music. Although largely self-taught, he became proficient in organ playing and composition, and he was a music teacher and critic. Organist in a number of London churches, Smart was famous for his extemporizations and for his accompaniment of congregational singing. He became completely blind at the age of fifty-two, but his remarkable memory enabled him to continue playing the

organ until his death.

Some weeks ago, we heard a lively piece ("Rigaudon") as our postlude by Andre Campra (1660-1744) who was organist at both Notre-Dame Cathedral in Paris and at the Royal Chapel at Versailles. Most likely, it was written for a royal procession of some sort and reflects the stately pomp befitting the entrance of the King. "Grand Choeur" is a bit more grandiose, although it bears harmonic and even melodic similarities to the earlier-heard work. (Grand Choeur, incidentally, means simply "great chorus": that is, the organ builds up to quite a climax at the end!) ~HT--

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