



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

**The Seventh Sunday
of Easter
Sunday, May 17th, 2026
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](#).

Coffee hour will be held after the mass.

This Sunday's Ministers:

May 17, 2026

Mr. Tom Ainsworth, *Crucifer*

Ms. Emily Hickey & Ms. Janene Gorham, *Eucharistic Ministers*

Mr. Will Estrella, *Usher*

Ms. Jan Tracy, *Lector*

Ms. Lenita Richard, *Videographer*

From the Priest in Charge

Today is the Feast of the Ascension, which marks the 40th day after Easter and commemorates the bodily ascension of Jesus into heaven, as described in passages from Acts 1 and Luke 24:50-53.

Whenever I think of Ascension Day, I think of this banner at St. Paul's Brunswick, where I worshipped for many decades. The banner was created by children and adults under the guidance of

the Christian Formation director, and you can see it has a cloud with two legs dangling from it. The banner has always made me smile, as it seems so whimsical! But also, there's a deep truth to that image. While paintings and stained glass through the ages have often shown the ascended Jesus almost floating against clouds or the sky, with the disciples standing below looking up in awe and/or consternation, the banner version really gets at the disappearance of Jesus (the Acts reading says, "a cloud took him out of their sight."). After weeks with their Lord, resurrected and risen from the dead, the disciples have to watch him vanish from their midst.



The Ascension sets the stage for the "decension" of the promised Advocate at Pentecost 10 days later, when the Spirit comes to and upon the disciples. The particular human form of Jesus departs, but as Jesus promised, he will always be with us in the Spirit.

Ascension Day holds within it three reasons for hope: Jesus is with God and continues to advocate for all of humanity; we ourselves will one day, like Jesus, be in that eternal life with God; and Jesus will come again to renew, restore and make all things whole.

As we move toward Pentecost, and the blessed opportunity to welcome Evan Matthew Tse into the household of God through Holy Baptism, let us hold that hope close and open ourselves to the coming of the Spirit!

Faithfully,
Rev. Myrna



Ordination of Emily Keniston--Thank You!!

What a joy it was to celebrate the ordination of our own Emily Keniston to the transitional diaconate this past Saturday! And a huge thank you to all who made food, helped set up for and clean up from the reception following the service. Particular gratitude goes to Rodney and Lenita Richard for coordinating the reception, which was truly lovely. Emily will be with us for approximately 6 months before she will be ordained as a priest. We are blessed!

Come Join our Sunday Ministries!

Every Sunday, there are opportunities for laypeople to serve as crucifer (carrying the cross), Eucharistic Minister, usher, videographer, and counter of the money received in the collection plates. We welcome your participation! At the moment, we are in particular need of Eucharistic Ministers, crucifer and counters, but all other roles are valuable too. If you are interested in serving, please talk with Wayne Franklin, Junior Warden, or Rev. Myrna.

Green Teams Gathering

There will be a Green Teams Gathering at the BTS center at Wolfe's Neck Center for Agriculture in Freeport on Saturday, May 30. It's a beautiful spot and meeting place for Earth Keepers from different denominations all over Maine. More information and a link to register can be found here: <https://thebtscenter.org/greenteams/> Please speak with Janene Gorham if you would like to attend and potentially carpool together.

St. Elizabeth's Essentials Pantry Donations

St. Peter's volunteers once a month at St. Elizabeth's Essentials Pantry, which provides items not covered by food stamps or other assistance to those in need. **We currently have a lot of cloth Target bags---you're invited to take one when you are in the undercroft and bring it back with some of these items:**

Kitchen & cookware

- Pots/pans, crockpots, plates, bowls, cups, cutlery, small appliances (toasters, microwaves)

Bed & bath linens

- Sheets, pillow cases, blankets, quilts, bath, hand & beach towels

Personal care items

- Diapers, feminine & incontinent products, toothbrushes & paste, deodorant, shampoo
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Building Project in the Dominican Republic

Parishioners Steve Koskinen and Colette Desjardins are involved in the Morgan Stanley Bridges to Community Project in the Dominican Republic. Employees travel to the country to build homes and support community infrastructure. Steve and Colette will be heading down there in June! Please visit Steve's site to learn how you can help support this project.

<https://bridgestocommunity.org/campaign/morgan-stanley-3/fundraiser/56/>

Compline

Compline will meet on Wednesday, May 20th, at its usual time, 7:00 PM.

Women's Bathroom Renovation Update

Demolition will begin soon on the women's bathroom, in the week following our Celebration of New Ministry on June 7. We expect that the bathroom will be inaccessible for about five weeks while the renovation takes place. We will have a "Do not enter" sign posted once we determine it can't be used. We are strongly leaning toward changing the entrance way to be where the mailboxes are currently on the wall next to the smaller bathroom. If anyone has any input on that please let Wayne know.

Marketing Volunteer Needed

Are you a person who enjoys design work and creating website and social media content? If so, we would love to have your skills as we seek to improve our publicity around upcoming events, and our outreach to our immediate neighborhood and the community. Please see Rev. Myrna if you are interested.

Our Fence Post Keeps Tilting!

Last fall, our junior warden Wayne Franklin worked hard to anchor this sign but it still is leaning after the winter. If you are willing and able to help fix this and make the post more secure, please speak with Rev. Myrna or Wayne. Thanks!



This Week at St. Peter's

Compline, Wed. May 20, 7:00 PM on Zoom

Coming up at St. Peter's

Holy Baptism, Day of Pentecost, Sun. May 24, 9 am, Church

Morning Prayer, Sun. June 7, 9 am, Church

Celebration of New Ministry, Sun. June 7, 4 pm, Church, with Festive Potluck to follow

May 24, 2026

Mr. Jake Mahon, *Crucifer*

Mr. Galen Weibley & Mr. Steve Booth, *Eucharistic Ministers*

Mr. Bob Simmons, *Usher*

Mr. Will Estrella, *Videographer*

Ms. Judy Howes, *Altar Guild*

Mr. Jonathan McCormick & Mr. Wayne Franklin, *Counters*

May 31, 2026

Mr. Fred Fowler, *Crucifer*

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

Ms. Anita Chandler, *Usher*

Mr. Bob Simmons, *Videographer*

Ms. Anne Whitman, *Altar Guild*

Ms. Meredith Tipton & Ms. Lenita Richard, *Counters*

Weekly Prayer List

Prayers For Parishioners, Families, and Friends

Ann Marie Cady

Allison Schroth

Francisco Andreu

Diane Dalton

Dino Rice

Robert Stillings

Pat and Fred Fowler

Mary Ann Hoy

Barbara Vessey

Fred Madore

Alan Biagiotti

Jane Noone

Marc Lombe and family

Linda Foster

Garrett Keniston

Kevin Curty

Paul Loven

Anita Chandler

Melodie Gage

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*
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*
Anita Talbot, *friend 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, *friend of Lenita and Rodney Richard*
Mary Lou Toye, *aunt of the McCormicks*
Cathryn Buckley, *sister of Judy Howes*
John Richard, *brother of Rodney Richard*
Jim Halstead, *friend of Craig Mousin*
Janice Grant, *friend of Jane Noone*
Dory, *friend of Judy Howes*

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

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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

Everett Titcomb (1884-1968) was the organist at the musically prominent Church of St. John the Evangelist in Boston for over 50 years and also taught at the New England Conservatory of Music. *Adoro te devote*--"humbly we adore thee"--is one of the most ancient church melodies.

"O Worship The King" is certainly one of the best-known hymns in English-speaking churches. The author of the text, Robert Grant (1779-1838) was born in Scotland, became a member of Parliament, Judge Advocate General, and was knighted when he became Governor of Bombay. The hymn is a free paraphrase of Psalm 104, which celebrates in rich language the works of God in creation.

Washington Gladden--who wrote the lyrics for "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee"--was one of America's best-known Congregationalist ministers. A powerful and fearless advocate of the "social gospel," his hymn is a direct response to Christ's invitation to "follow me."

Jason Payne's "Trumpet Tune" is a newcomer to the organ literature. Published just a couple of years ago, the "Trumpet Tune" combines a typical English trumpet tune with a brief, Baroque-style dance movement. ~HT

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