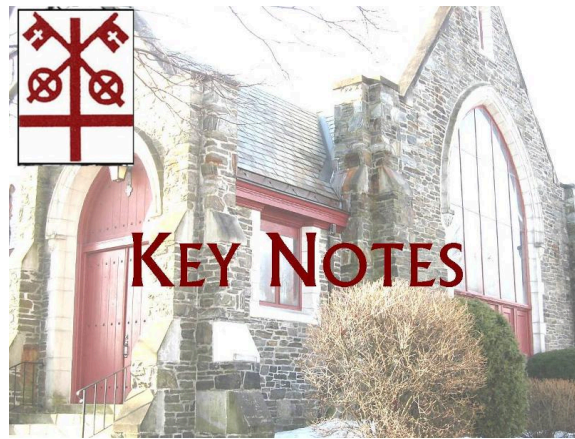
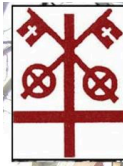


*Opening wide our doors and hearts  
in the name of Jesus Christ Our Lord  
and Savior*



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**The Day of Pentecost**  
**Sunday, May 24th, 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:**

Mr. David Savage, *Verger*

Mr. Jake Mahon, *Crucifer*

Ms. Anica Hickey & Ms. Lenita Richard, *Torch Bearers*

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

Ms. Anne Whitman, *Lector*

Mr. Bob Simmons, *Usher*

Mr. Will Estrella, *Videographer*

Ms. Judy Howes, *Altar Guild*

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

The Congregation, *Coffee Hour Hosts*

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**From the Priest in Charge**

Dear Friends,

Every year when our shrubs begin flowering, we are visited by a hummingbird. Often, he (or she) has circled the blossoms of the rhododendron by our kitchen window, giving us a marvelous view of that tiny hovering and darting body and those incredibly fast-beating wings. This year, the hummingbird seemed to be exceptionally busy, in two places at once---that is, until I realized that there were actually two of them, swooping and chasing in a mating dance, between sips of the flowers!

This Sunday is Pentecost Sunday, when we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit to the disciples. The Spirit is a bit like the hummingbird, in that its arrival was expected (Jesus told them the Spirit was coming), yet unexpected in the exact behavior and effects of that coming. Being alert to the possibilities the Spirit brings as she/he moves within and among us is a lifelong practice for Christians.

As we enter into this season of renewal and what we call “ordinary time,” I wonder where you will experience the movement of the Spirit, and how you might stay open to the unexpected: unexpected moments of beauty, connection, and right relation which are truly the gifts of God!

Faithfully,  
Rev. Myrna

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### **Thank You to Our Volunteers**

St. Peter's is fortunate to have many volunteers who help keep the church operating and our community connected. This week, we thank:

- Rob Ingram for assisting our Junior Warden Wayne Franklin this week in putting in the window screens and moving our new safe for securing our silver into the robing room.
- Our Treasurer Bob Simmons for ordering needed supplies and special equipment (including the safe) and for creating the updated directory.
- Our Clerk Kathleen McCormick for her time and talents in putting together the bulletin and updating Key Notes each week.
- Parishioner Jane Noone for coming in to staple and fold the bulletin each week---usually after her stint as Foster



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### **Rev. Emily Keniston is now our Transitional Deacon!**

What a delight to have the Reverend Emily with us in her new capacity as transitional deacon! Rev. Emily will take on the roles traditionally assigned to deacons: proclaiming the Gospel, setting the table, and bidding the dismissal. In addition, Rev. Emily will serve the host at communion along with Rev. Myrna, will preach and provide pastoral care from time to time, and will be involved in projects that involve bridging the church and the world, which is at the heart of the diaconal ministry. We expect that this partnership will be rich for both Rev. Emily and the people of St. Peter's!

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### **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.

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**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.

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### **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/>

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### **Compline**

Compline will meet on Wednesday, May 27th, at its usual time, 7:00 PM.

Connect with our gathering then by clicking the Zoom link [here](#).

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## 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.

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## 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.

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### **This Week at St. Peter's**

*Vestry, Tue. May 26, 7 pm on Zoom*

*Compline, Wed. May 27, 7:00 PM on Zoom*

### **Coming up at St. Peter's**

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

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

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## Sunday Minister Rota for May

### **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*

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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 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:

Allison Schroth: 207-807-1315, [Aschroth207@gmail.com](mailto:Aschroth207@gmail.com)

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**

Perhaps in an earlier life Bach was a mathematician; he was clearly fascinated by numbers and used them as symbols in many of his works, particularly those based on chorale tunes. Such is the case with *Come, God, Creator, Spirit Blessed*, heard as the prelude: the pedal part emphasizes the third beat of each note group, recalling the Holy Spirit as the third person of the Trinity.

The text for our opening hymn--"Christ is made the sure foundation"--dates from the 7th century. It's based on St. Paul's description of the church in Ephesians 2: "Build upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the chief cornerstone."

Within the worldwide Anglican communion, "Come Down, O Love Divine" is probably sung more frequently on Pentecost Sunday than any

other. The author of the text, Bianco da Siena, was a fourteenth century Italian monk who wrote devotional poems called *laudi spirituali*. A collection of his poems was published in 1851 at Lucca. One of these, "Discendi, amor santo," is the basis for this English translation by the Anglo-Irish clergyman Richard F. Littledale, first published in *The People's Hymnal* in 1867. Though the third Person of the Trinity is not specifically named until the very last line of the hymn, it is clear through the terms "O Love divine" and "O Comforter" that He is the one to whom the prayer is addressed. The great composer and hymnodist Ralph Vaughan Williams wrote the tune DOWN AMPNEY for this text in the *English Hymnal* in 1906. It was named after his birthplace and has been widely praised as one of the most beautiful hymn tunes ever written.

Both the text and tune of "Shall We Gather at The River" were written by Dr. Robert Lowry during the Civil War and while a heat wave and epidemic were making life miserable and, in many cases, deadly, for the citizens of New York City. Dr. Lowry later recalled:

"One afternoon in July 1864, when I was pastor at Hanson Place Baptist Church, Brooklyn, the weather was oppressively hot, and I was lying on a lounge in a state of physical exhaustion. I was almost incapable of bodily exertion, and my imagination began to take to itself wings. Visions of the future passed before me with startling vividness. The imagery of the apocalypse took the form of a tableau. Brightest of all were the throne, the heavenly river and the gathering of the saints. My soul seemed to take new life from that celestial outlook. As I mused the words began to construct themselves. They came first as a question of Christian inquiry. 'Shall we gather?' Then they broke out in chorus, as an answer of Christian faith, 'Yes, we'll gather.' On this question and answer the hymn developed itself. The music came with the hymn."

Born in Canada and educated in England, Richard Keys Biggs (1886-1962) was organist at the huge Church of the Blessed Sacrament in Hollywood where he played for countless "celebrity weddings." Much admired as performer, teacher, and composer, he was the father of eleven children, several of whom had successful careers as musicians. The "Toccatina" heard this morning is his best-known work; the Latin phrase *Deo Gratias* can be translated as "Thanks be to God."~HT

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