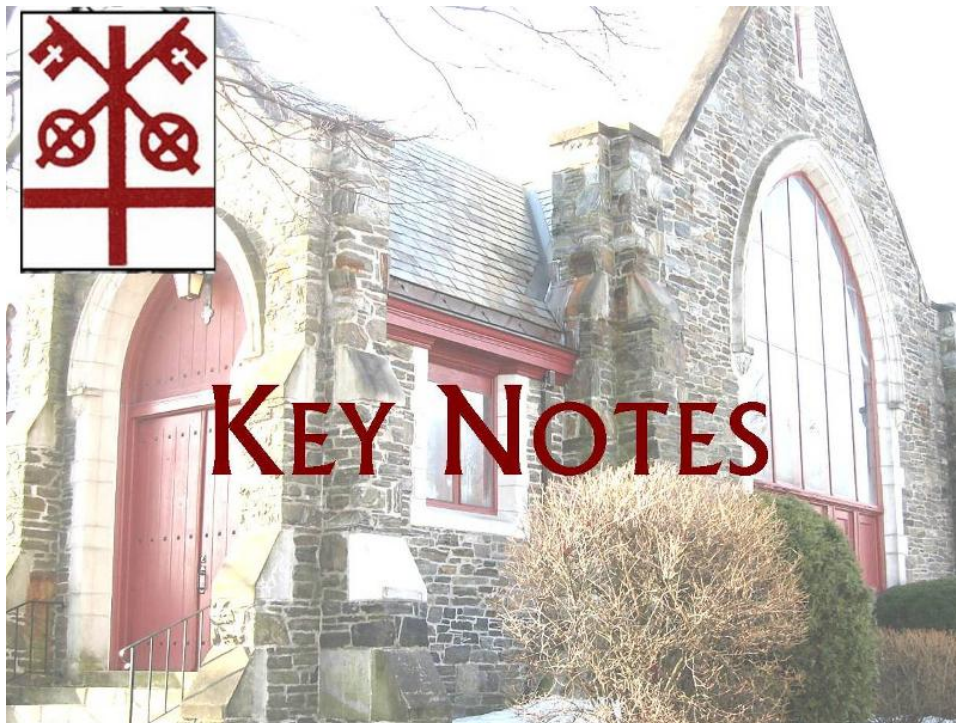




*Opening wide our doors and hearts
in the name of Jesus Christ Our Lord and Savior*

The Sixth Sunday After Pentecost
Sunday, July 5, 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](#).

This Sunday's Ministers:

Mr. Thomas Ainsworth, *Crucifer*

Ms. Janene Gorham & Ms. Lenita Richard, *Eucharistic Ministers*

Mr. Galen Weibley, *Lector*

Ms. Cindy Sherwood, *Usher*

Mr. Wayne Franklin, *Videographer*

Ms. Judy Howes, *Altar Guild*

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

Ms. Anita Chandler, *Coffee Hour Host*

From the Priest in Charge

Dear Friends,

This past weekend, Paul and I went to see the musical “1776.” It was a timely reminder that our country was birthed amidst a great deal of disagreement about many things, including whether to use the word “tyrant” in reference to King George and whether to include a clause condemning slavery as “an offense against man and God” in the Declaration of Independence. (The first was retained, the second was not.) The musical beautifully depicts the various passions of the representatives from the thirteen colonies, and the hard, hard work of compromise. We began imperfectly as a nation, and we continue to be a work in progress.

I will be away this Sunday, joining my siblings and their families in California for a week's reunion. As we fly across the country on July 4, crossing the fields, forests, plains, rivers, lakes and mountains of this vast country, I will no doubt find myself humming “America the Beautiful”---which I have long felt should be our national anthem! You'll hear this song as a hymn during worship, and so we will be connected. And I will be thinking about how our Christian faith is also a work in progress, as we try to live into the Gospel and walk the way of Jesus. God knows our struggles and imperfections, and loves us anyway. This gives me great hope.

Happy July 4th and 250th birthday of our nation to you all! You are always in my prayers.

Faithfully yours,
Rev. Myrna

Rev. Myrna Koonce is on vacation until Saturday, July 11th. If there is a pastoral concern please contact either Anita Chandler (207) 772-2701 or Wayne Franklin (207) 415-4804.

A special thank you to our Rev. Dan Warren for filling in for Rev. Koonce this week.



Words of Gratitude to our Volunteers

This week we offer thanks to....

Fred and Pat Fowler for their hours of labor on the bathroom renovation. The drywall is up and a new radiator is getting installed!

Clayton Hickey for investigating and solving the issue with our YouTube livestream.

Janene Gorham and Paul Saucier for continued work positioning the font (adding another concrete circle to the base) and preparing the ground for the meditation garden.

Yard Sale in September

At the June Vestry meeting, the Vestry voted to proceed with a yard sale to be held in September, with the current working date of September 19. The hope is that the yard sale will be an opportunity for community gathering outside our church walls. Anita Chandler has volunteered to lead this project, and, similarly to how we handle leadership of the church fair, we are in need of another person to co-ordinate with Anita. Please prayerfully consider whether you feel called to do this, and let Anita or another Vestry member know. Thank you!

Organist Search Underway

Our good friend and organist Herb Taylor's last Sunday will be Sunday, August 2. We will miss him, and we also are holding him in prayer as he readies for hip surgery.

As mentioned in last week's Key Notes, we have posted an ad for an organist in the AGO newsletter and it will be appearing in the Diocesan newsletters as well. If you know of anyone who might be a good candidate, please let us know, and please spread the word!

We are looking for a few parishioners who would like to serve on the Organist Search Committee. Musical expertise is not required, only a desire to keep our connection to sacred music healthy and growing. Please contact Rev. Myrna if you are interested.

Finally, be on the lookout for a survey asking you for feedback about our music at St. Peter's and what your hopes for a new organist and our music program are. We value your opinion!

Donations for Flowers and Sanctuary Lamp

Each Sunday, we invite parishioners to donate money for flowers and/or the sanctuary lamp in honor of a loved one, in thanksgiving for a blessed event, or for another reason. There is a sign-up binder on the table in the undercroft, or you can email Rev. Myrna or Kathleen McCormick to alert us to your request. A reminder that you can donate electronically using the QR code in the worship leaflet or by visiting our website.

July Youth Event

July 19th - 25th

Justice Together at Pilgrim Lodge

<https://www.pilgrimlodge.org/camps/justice-together/>

Contact Pilgrim Lodge 207-724-3200 info@pilgrimlodge.org

Compline

Compline will meet on Wednesday, July 8th, at its usual time, 7:00 PM. In the absence of Rev. Myrna, Fred Fowler will be the officiant. Please use this link that Fred has created.

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

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.

This Week at St. Peter's

Compline, Wed. July 8, 7:00 PM on Zoom

Coming Up at St. Peter's

Service of Holy Baptism at Mass, Sun. July 12, 9 am, Church
St. Elizabeth's Essentials Pantry, Tue. July 14, 8:30 – 11 am, St. Luke's

Sunday Minister Rota for July

July 12, 2026

Mr. Fred Fowler, *Crucifer*
Ms. Anne Whitman & Mr. Galen Weibley, *Eucharistic Ministers*
Mr. Will Estrella, *Usher*
Ms. Lenita Richard, *Videographer*
Ms. Janene Gorham, *Altar Guild*
Ms. Meredith Tipton & Ms. Lenita Richard, *Counters*
Mr. Dan Warren & Ms. Kate Moran, *Coffee Hour Hosts*

July 19, 2026

Mr. Steve Koskinen, *Crucifer*
Ms. Emily Hickey & Ms. Lenita Richard, *Eucharistic Ministers*
Mr. Thom Ainsworth, *Usher*
Mr. Wayne Franklin, *Videographer*
Ms. Lenita Richard, *Altar Guild*
Mr. Wayne Franklin & Ms. Anita Chandler, *Counters*

July 26, 2026

Mr. Galen Weibley, *Crucifer*
Ms. Janene Gorham & Ms. Anne Whitman, *Eucharistic Ministers*
Ms. Anita Chandler, *Usher*

Ms. Lenita Richard, *Videographer*

Ms. Anne Whitman, *Altar Guild*

Mr. Jonathan McCormick & Ms. Meredith Tipton, *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

Bob Simmons

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 and Sue King, friends of Anita Chandler
Amy Carter, friend of Fred and Priscila Madore
Joe Kennedy, friend 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

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

Among the triumphs of Felix Mendelssohn's all too short life--he died at 38--were ten extended visits to England, where his skills as composer, pianist and organist excited enormous acclaim. In 1845, at the urging of his English publisher, he composed a set of six organ sonatas--suites, really--which are arguably the most important works written for the instrument in the century following Bach's death.

In 1893, at the age of 33, Katharine Lee Bates, a much admired English professor at Wellesley College, composed the poem, originally entitled, "Pikes Peak," which has come to be known as "America, the Beautiful." The

tune has an interesting Episcopal connection: it was composed by Samuel A. Ward, the organist/choirmaster of Newark's Grace Episcopal Church, who was inspired to write down the tune as he journeyed to New York City on the Coney Island ferryboat!

Phillip Doddridge was born in London, June 26, 1702. His grandfather was one of the ministers under the Commonwealth, who were ejected in 1662 upon the restoration of the monarchy. He was offered by the Duchess of Bedford a University training at either Oxford or Cambridge for ordination in the Church of England, but declined. He entered a non-conformist seminary at Kibworth instead. The settled work of his life as a preceptor and divine began in 1729, with his appointment to the Castle Hill Meeting at Northampton, and continued till in the last stage of consumption, he sailed to Lisbon, in 1751, where he died October 26, the same year. Two hundred pupils in all, gathered from England, Scotland and Holland, were prepared in his seminary, chiefly for the dissenting ministry, but partly for professions. The wide range of subjects, including daily readings in Hebrew and Greek, Algebra, Trigonometry, Watts' Logic, outline of Philosophy, and copious Divinity, is itself a proof of Doddridge's learning. "Awake My Soul, Stretch Every Nerve," set to a rousing tune by Handel, has been published in over 600 hymnals spanning many denominations worldwide.

"God of our Fathers"--often referred to as the "National Hymn"--has religious, not strictly patriotic, origins. The lyrics were written in 1876 by Daniel C. Roberts--an Episcopal rector in a small town in Vermont--who had served as a private in the Civil War. He was an ardent pacifist and believed that the fate of the nation lay in following Christ's message of love. Originally set to a different tune, George D. Warren composed the rousing melody (with trumpet fanfares) that is sung today.

Beethoven's "The Heavens Are Telling" is sometimes translated as "The Glory of God In Nature." Perhaps the two titles combined convey the spirit of the work: praise to God for the natural beauty which surrounds us (and which we are bound to honor and protect.) ~HT

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