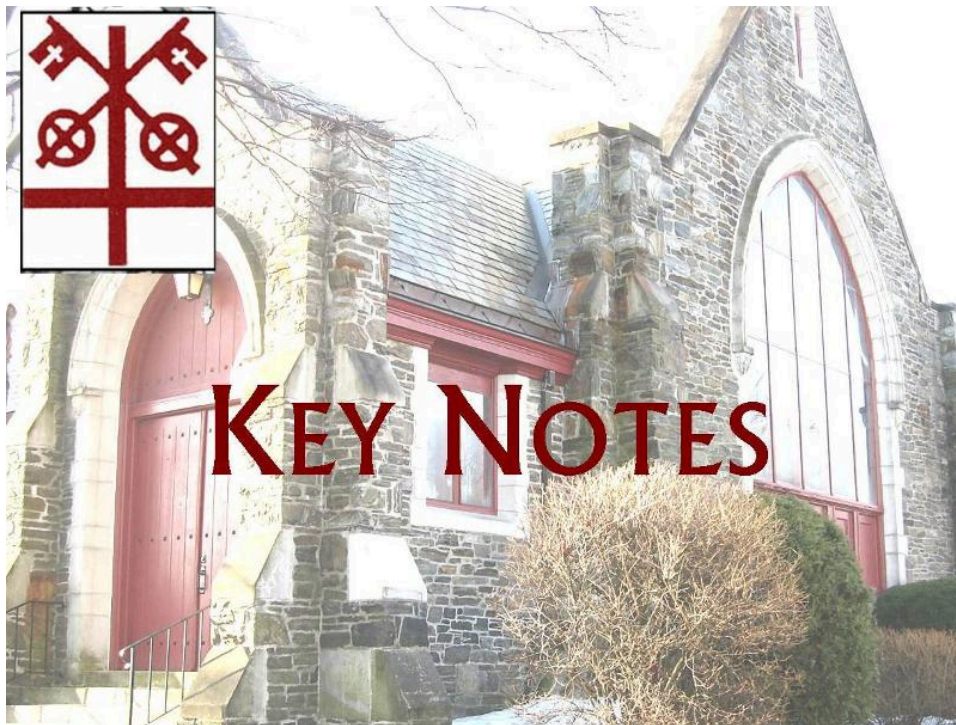




*Opening wide our doors and hearts
in the name of Jesus Christ Our Lord and Savior*

The Ninth Sunday After Pentecost
Sunday, July 26, 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:

July 26, 2026

Mr. Galen Weibley, *Crucifer*

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

Ms. Jan Tracy, *Lector*

Ms. Anita Chandler, *Usher*

Ms. Lenita Richard, *Videographer*

Ms. Anne Whitman, *Altar Guild*

Mr. Jonathan McCormick & Ms. Meredith Tipton, *Counters*

From Galen Weibley, Postulant to the Priesthood

Dear Friends,

As I walked along Goose Rocks Beach after our Sunday service together, I took part in one of my favorite meditative activities in Maine, combing for sea glass.

It is rather therapeutic to walk along the sand or pebble beaches allowing the mind to unwind, eyes focused and searching eagerly for hidden treasures that may have washed up ashore from the last high tide. Much like the practice of putting together a puzzle, searching for sea glass allows me to drown out the noise of life with the rhythmic sound of waves breaking on the shore and to seek clarity.

I had an epiphany in recognizing how we are similar to sea glass throughout our spiritual journey in life. You see, we start out our lives like shards of glass in the ocean. Clear yet broken through the experiences in our lives that create sharp points of view and personalities that can seem rough around the edges. Yet similar to that of Maine's coastline, through regular participation at church in the Eucharist and thoughtful prayer with the saints, we are being transformed. Polished and refined by the waves of time by God's love and Word, this gradual change into precious opalescent gems gives us the ability to reflect God's light and kingdom to a broken world in radiant new ways.

Through our collective actions as a church, the beauty is revealed that God's grace and love will transcend even this present moment to make for a more vibrant world than we could ever imagine. It just takes time. And just like time, our time together is finite. While we sojourn in life to new places or church communities, we take comfort in knowing fragments of ourselves join the sands of the shore to polish and transform new members of the church for generations to come.

I have been blessed to be part of the St. Peter's parish family which is special to me in being my first non-St. Paul parish in my life of Episcopal Church membership. It was you, St. Peters, that warmly welcomed me into your red doors to encourage me to serve at the altar while I started my discernment journey for where God is calling

me to ministry. It was your faith, hope and love, (and as Saint Paul noted most importantly love), that polished and refined me through your words of encouragement and support. You have helped me to recognize talents and gifts God has blessed me to serve, which I once thought myself unworthy of. For all of this and much more, I am eternally grateful for your kindness and love.

Much like how I will miss how the waves break on Maine's beaches and rocky coastline, so will I miss being in communion joyfully singing, praying, and being in fellowship with each of you on Sunday at St. Peters. And just as how the dawn breaks on the ocean while facing Downeast, so the light will shine on this new day of possibilities. Thank you, St. Peter's, for being the sanctuary where my gifts were uncovered and my spirit was refined. As the tide carries me out to new waters, I go forth filled with gratitude, ready to reflect the light you so generously shared with me of God's love in seminary.

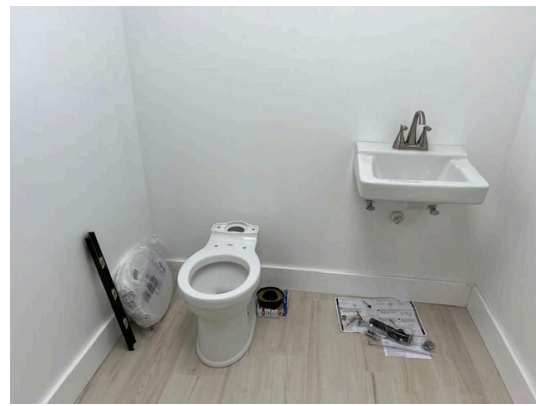
God bless and Christ's peace,

Galen L. Weibley
Heb. 6:10

PLEASE FILL OUT OUR MUSIC SURVEY!

As we begin the search for our new organist, we want to know what you think regarding music at St. Peter's, and what you hope for. Please fill out the survey [here!](#)

Bathroom Renovation Progress



The new radiator, sink and toilet have been installed! Thanks once again to Fred and Pat Fowler for their tireless work on this project.

SAVE THE DATE!
Summer Finale Weekend
Friday, Sept. 11 - Sunday, Sept. 13
Camp Bishopswood, Hope

The Episcopal Diocese of Maine invites everyone to celebrate the end of summer together with a weekend at Camp Bishopswood, which is located on Lake Megunticook, about five miles from Camden.



All are welcome ... we really mean it! Although Camp Bishopswood serves our youth during its regular season, Summer Finale is a time when everyone joins the fun! That means households or individuals, friends and family, and YOU!

More details and registration info coming soon.

SAVE THE DATE!
Doctrine of Discovery Learning Weekend
Thursday, Sept. 10 - Sunday, Sept. 13
The Cathedral Church of St. Luke

The [Council on Indigenous Relations](#) and the Province One Justice Network invite you to a long weekend of learning opportunities about the Doctrine of Discovery. The Episcopal Church has taken an historic lead role in repudiating this doctrine which so deeply injured our indigenous neighbors.

Events include "Interacting with Wabanaki History"—an interactive map experience, presentations by members of The Episcopal Church's Truth, Justice, & Healing Commission of Native Boarding Schools, and more. Registration information coming soon. Find more details [here](#).

Organist Search Update

We have engaged a few substitute organists who will be providing us with music for most Sundays in August, September and October. On those Sundays when we do not have an organist, we are looking into other possibilities for a guest musician.

The ad for an organist has been posted in the AGO newsletter and in the Diocesan newsletters. If you know of anyone who might be a good candidate, please let us know, and please spread the word!

Our Organist Search Committee has been formed. The members of the committee are Anita Chandler, Will Estrella, Toby Goodyear, Jonathan McCormick, Rodney Richard, and Allison Schroth. We had our first meeting this week to go over the job description and to plan our process.

Finally, we hope you will fill out the survey (see above, or click [here](#)) asking 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!

COURAGE is *Contagious*

An Evening with

Bishop Mariann

Budde

October 8, 2026 7:00 pm
Merrill Auditorium
Portland, Maine

all proceeds to benefit



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.

Compline

Compline will meet on Wednesday, July 29th, at its usual time, 7:00 PM, on Zoom.

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
Vestry, Tue. July 28, 6:30 pm, Zoom
Compline, Wed. July 29, 7 pm, Zoom

Coming up at St. Peter's
Herb Taylor Farewell, Sun. August 2, Coffee Hour

Sunday Minister Rota for August

Sunday, August 2, 2026

Mr. Tom Ainsworth, *Crucifer*
Ms. Anne Whitman & Ms. Janene Gorham, *Eucharistic Ministers*
Ms. Lenita Richard, *Usher*
Mr. Wayne Franklin, *Videographer*
Ms. Judy Howes, *Altar Guild*
Ms. Lenita Richard & Ms. Anita Chandler, *Counters*

Sunday, August 9, 2026

Mr. Tom Ainsworth, *Crucifer*
Ms. Anne Whitman & Ms. Emily Hickey, *Eucharistic Ministers*
Mr. Will Estrella, *Usher*
Mr. Clayton Hickey, *Videographer*
Ms. Janene Gorham, *Altar Guild*
Mr. Wayne Franklin & Mr. Jonathan McCormick, *Counters*

Sunday, August 16, 2026

Mr. Steve Koskinen, *Crucifer*

Ms. Emily Hickey & Ms. Janene Gorham, *Eucharistic Ministers*
Ms. Cindy Sherwood, *Usher*
Mr. Will Estrella, *Videographer*
Ms. Lenita Richard, *Altar Guild*
Ms. Meredith Tipton & Mr. Jonathan McCormick, *Counters*

Sunday, August 23, 2026

Ms. Lenita Richard, *Crucifer*
Ms. Anne Whitman & Ms. Janene Gorham, *Eucharistic Ministers*
Mr. Tom Ainsworth, *Usher*
Mr. Bob Simmons, *Videographer*
Ms. Judy Howes, *Altar Guild*
Mr. Wayne Franklin & Ms. Anita Chandler, *Counters*

Sunday, August 30, 2026

Mr. Steve Koskinen, *Crucifer*
Mr. Tom Ainsworth & Ms. Lenita Richard, *Eucharistic Ministers*
Ms. Anita Chandler, *Usher*
Mr. Bob Simmons, *Videographer*
Ms. Anne Whitman, *Altar Guild*
Ms. Lenita Richard & 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:

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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

Johann Mattheson (1681-1784) enjoyed an active life as organist at the Cathedral in Hamburg, Germany; composer and music theorist; and noted diplomat. He was a close friend of George Frederick Handel whom he very nearly killed in a sword fight in 1704; Handel's life was saved, so the story goes, by a large button which prevented Mattheson's sword from piercing his heart.

"How Firm A Foundation" is a hymn so well known and loved that Andrew Jackson requested it as he lay on his deathbed, and Theodore Roosevelt and Woodrow Wilson both asked that it be sung at their funerals. It was sung on Christmas morning, 1898, by American troops engaged in the Spanish-American war, and since it was popular in both north and south during the Civil War, Robert E. Lee, like T.R. and Wilson, asked that it be sung at his funeral. The exact origin of the rousing tune is unknown, but it first appeared in the collection called *The Sacred Harp*, published in 1844.

Trained for a career in law, the Venetian composer Benedetto Marcello (1686-1739) was a "dilettante" in the original, wholly positive, sense of the word: an aristocrat who pursued an art form as a sideline. A magistrate, district governor and member of Venice's governing Council of Forty, Marcello is best known today for his musical paraphrases (often called "sinfonias") of the first 50 Psalms. His jubilant setting of Psalm XIX is the most popular of the group. ~HT

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