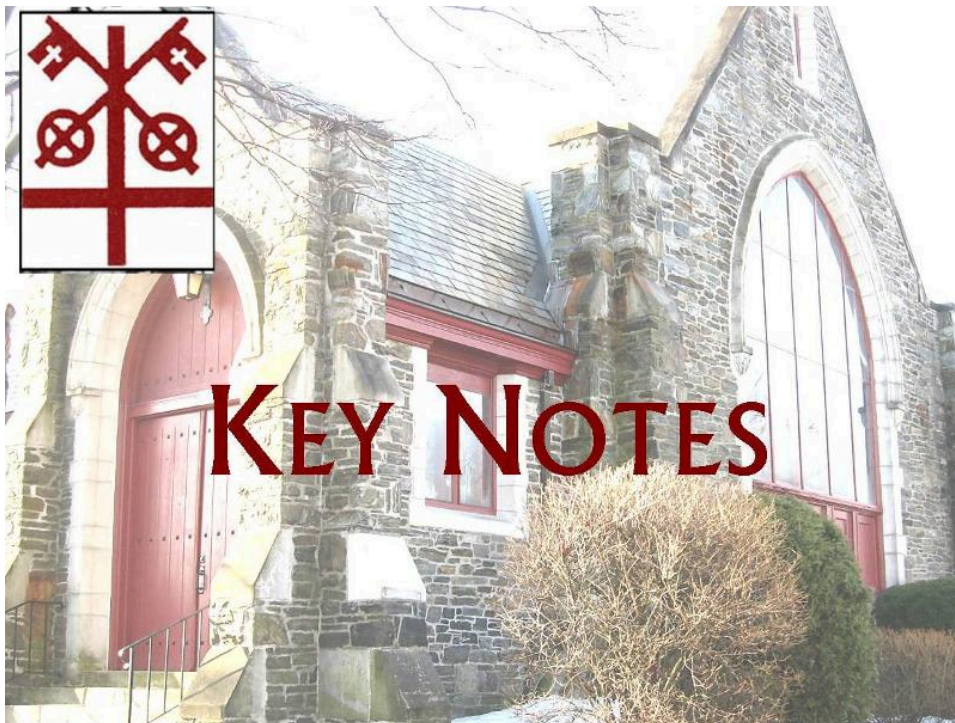




KEY NOTES

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

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The Seventh Sunday After Pentecost Service of Holy Baptism Sunday, July 12, 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. Fred Fowler, *Crucifer*

Ms. Anne Whitman & Mr. Galen Weibley, *Eucharistic Ministers*

Mr. Will Estrella, *Usher*

Mr. Fred Fowler, *Lector*

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*

From Our Transitional Deacon

Dear Friends,

Last week, I spent the week at the first-ever Climate Justice Youth Event, sponsored by Province I and hosted by the Diocese of Maine. Youth from across Province I, and a great group from Province III, joined together at the Schoodic Institute in Acadia National Park to participate in the SEA (Schoodic Education Adventure), a multi-day ranger-led climate and

citizen-science program that had kids on trails and in tidal pools identifying plants and animals, taking pictures and sharing their real-time data with climate scientists. Together with Rev Rachel Field from An Episcopal Path to Creation Justice, Linden Rayton of Living Waters Nature Programs and Kiwenik "Kyle" Lolar, a consultant for Indigenous knowledge and cofounder of Kiwenik & Kasq Indigenous Knowledge Institute, youth ministers were able to offer a unique experience of faith development and wondering in Creation while learning about the ways our environment is changing. It sparked lots of important conversations about what stewardship means!

We certainly need scientific information to help us discern how to respond in terms of bringing ourselves back into right relationship with God and Creation, but we need spiritual development, too. This week I was reminded that gaining information or prayer alone is only part of our call- that integrated responses call for integrated experiences. As young people from seven dioceses joined hands in prayer each night, or rose early to watch the sunrise, held snails and crabs, documented foliage changes on leaves, offered one another communion in the round, traded their free time to form a choir to sing at worship, and forged relationships with new people in new circumstances, I was struck by their wonder; their capacity to see and do new things but to do them with awe. Their delight at spotting a porcupine on a walk, the Big Dipper in the night sky or seals at play in the harbor were situated in their sense of marvel at God's Creation and their own place in it.

As I'm back in Portland and sorting through the mountains of supplies and laundry the last week produced, I find my heart and mind drawn back again and again to the example shared by our young people this week, helping each of us to see "the ordinary" as the sacred. And leading by example that what is sacred, is worth protecting. Their faith fed their scientific inquiry and their hunger for science fed their faith, both fueling the sense that God continues to beckon us into the wild and deeper relationship with God and one another.

Faithfully yours,
Rev. Emily





Vacation for our Priest in Charge

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 past Sunday.

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

During this unique and powerful week, we will delve into the deeply interconnected justice issues that impact our own communities, our identities, and within the context of a climate-changed world.

Campers will have the opportunity to explore themes of justice through a myriad of creative and contemplative opportunities such as “justice projects,” Sacred Gatherings, and special workshops. At Justice Together camp, we hope to honestly engage the world as it is, as well as the world we are longing to make manifest.

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

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

Compline

Compline will meet on Wednesday, July 15th, 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

*St. Elizabeth's Essentials Pantry, Tues. July 14, 8:30-11 a.m., St. Luke's
Compline, Wed. July 15, 7 pm, Zoom*

Coming up at St. Peter's
Galen Weibley Farewell, Sun. July 26, Coffee Hour
Vestry, Tue. July 28, 6:30 pm, Zoom

Sunday Minister Rota for July

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

A lifelong resident of Austria, Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809) spent much of his career as a court musician for the wealthy Esterházy family on their remote estate. Isolated from other composers and trends in music until the later part of his long life, he was, as he put it, "forced to become original". By the time of his death, he was one of the most celebrated composers in Europe.

Charles Wesley, brother of John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, wrote over 6,000 hymns, a number of which are still sung today. Indeed, many church historians believe that Charles' hymns were as instrumental in the growth of the Methodist movement as was John's evangelistic preaching. "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" is commonly sung to the tune "Azmon," composed by America's first champion of music education, Lowell Mason.

As for our Offertory Hymn...there's much to say and little space in which to say it! An old tradition in Fräderyd, Sweden...relates that Carolyn Sandell-Berg wrote 'Tryggare kan ingen vara' while seated on the branch of a large ash tree that stood in the parsonage yard. From that spot on warm summer evenings she could listen to the content twitter of the birds as they hid in their nests among the green leaves, and from there she could watch the stars as they began to appear. Her impressions fortified the biblical concepts of the security of God's children. And it is the "security of God's children" that serves as the central theme around which this text is built. The bosom of the "heavenly Father" serves as a "refuge" where children are nourished and protected from evil by the "mighty arms" of God. The last two stanzas build on this theme of protection by boldly confessing that nothing can separate children from their God (Rom. 8:38-39), a God who will never forsake God's children (Deut. 31:6).

"God of grace and God of glory" was written in 1930 by Harry Emerson Fosdick (1878-1969) for the dedication of the famed Riverside Church in New York City. Fosdick was a champion of the social gospel, a movement that recognized the plight of the poor, especially in the urban Northeast during and following the Industrial Revolution. The hymn was written in the summer of 1930 while Dr. Fosdick was in residence at his summer home on

Mouse Island, off Boothbay Harbor. The language of the hymn is ultimately that of petition. “Grant us wisdom, grant us courage” concludes each stanza with the effect of a refrain. A petition begins stanza three with “Cure thy children’s warring madness,/ bend our pride to thy control.” The final stanza, equally prophetic, begins with “Save us from weak resignation/ to the evils we deplore.”

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706) is historically significant in several ways. A fine composer in his own right, he taught Johann Christian Bach, Johann Sebastian's older brother, who in turn served as his younger brother's primary teacher. Thus, it is fair to say that JSB practically grew up in Pachelbel's shadow. While many of Pachelbel's works are smooth and polished; his organ toccatas often exhibit high spirited virtuosity. ~HT

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