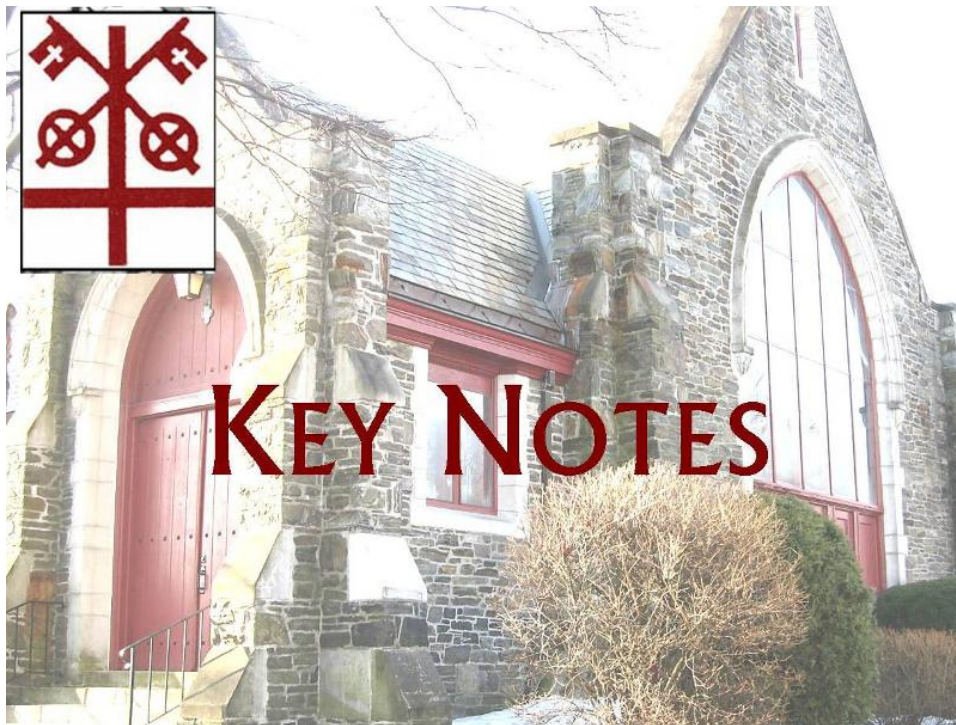




*Opening wide our doors and hearts
in the name of Jesus Christ Our Lord and Savior*

The Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Sunday, August 23, 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:

Sunday, August 16, 2026

Ms. Lenita Richard, *Crucifer*

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

Ms. Anita Chandler, *Lector*

Mr. Tom Ainsworth, *Usher*

Mr. Bob Simmons, *Videographer*

Ms. Judy Howes, *Altar Guild*

Mr. Wayne Franklin & Ms. Anita Chandler, *Counters*

From The Priest in Charge

Dear Friends,

On a walk recently, we fell into conversation with our longtime neighbor, who is an artist and the mother of five grown children. She remarked about how busy summer in Maine is and what a relief it would be to get into fall and a less hectic time. She was referring to complicated dynamics at a camp that is shared by her husband's extended family, and the fact that her grandchildren are not in school and so her responsibilities for them increase in the summer. Her comment took me aback a bit. I think I retain a child's perception of summer---that time slows down, that there are not so many demands, that there is space for rest, and the wanderings of the imagination. Her comment also encouraged me to reflect on our busyness in this culture, and the need we all have for deep rest.

As part of my role and commitment as a priest, I am expected to take a Sabbath every week. This can be hard to do! I was raised not to waste anything, including time. And it feels as if I am "wasting" time when I am not being productive. As much as I want to simply be with God and to rest, the "to-do" list is always present and hard to resist. One of my current practices on my Sabbath Mondays is to read a chapter of *The Sabbath* by Abraham Heschel. Heschel's luminous exploration of the seventh day as "a palace in time" includes this observation: "The Sabbath is a day for the sake of life. Man is not a beast of burden, and the Sabbath is not for the purpose of enhancing the efficiency of his work." I try to remember that stepping outside the busyness, letting go of the world of transactions and instrumentation, is the whole point, not a way station to productivity. I am still learning and growing into this way of being.

I wonder how you are finding deep rest in your life, time to just be and be with God. I hope that we all may find space for this respite, particularly in these turbulent and uncertain times.

Faithfully yours,
Rev. Myrna

Meal Train for Herb Taylor Post-Surgery

We are supporting our friend and former organist Herb Taylor following his surgery this week. His daughter has set up a meal train website so that those who wish to provide a meal---and perhaps a visit as well---can do so. If you can help, the link is [here](#).

PLEASE FILL OUT OUR MUSIC SURVEY!

As we 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](#)!

Wabanaki Summer Market

This annual event is held at Sabbathday Lake Shaker Village, at 707 Shaker Rd in New Gloucester, ME. This year it is scheduled for Saturday, August 22, from 10 am to 3 pm.



Compline will meet on Wednesday, August 26th, at its usual time, 7:00 PM, on Zoom.

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

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](#).

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. August 26, 7 pm, Zoom

Coming up at St. Peter's
Monthly Parish Breakfast, Sun. Sept. 6, after the 9 am service
Vestry Meeting, Tues. Sept. 8, 6:30 pm, Undercroft

Sunday Minister Rota for August

Sunday, August 30, 2026

Mr. Steve Koskinen, *Crucifer*
Mr. Tom Ainsworth & Ms. Lenita Richard, *Eucharistic Ministers*
Mr. Steve Koskinen, *Lector*
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
Fred Madore
Alan Biagiotti
Jane Noone
Marc Lombe and family

Linda Foster
Garrett Keniston
Paul Loven
Anita Chandler
Melodie Gage
Bob Simmons
Herb Taylor
Cindy Sherwood

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*
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*
John Lazarczyk, *father of friend of Fred and Priscilla Madore*
Patrick Monahan, *brother of Kathryn Ainsworth*

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*

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