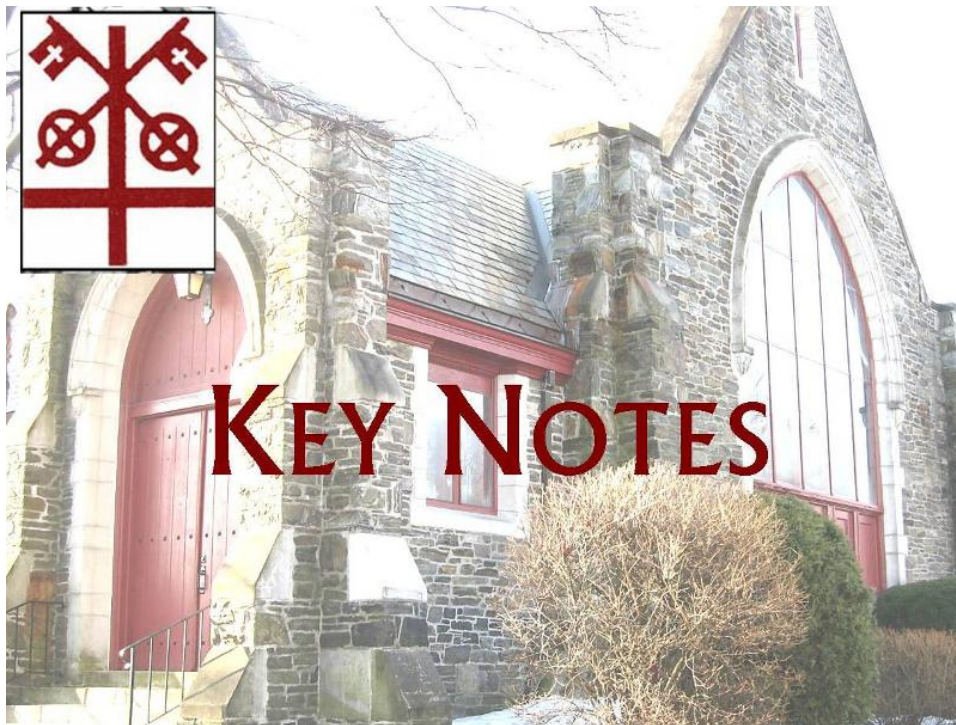




*Opening wide our doors and hearts
in the name of Jesus Christ Our Lord and Savior*

The Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost
Sunday, August 9, 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:

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Mr. Tom Ainsworth, *Crucifer*

Ms. Anne Whitman & Ms. Emily Hickey, *Eucharistic Ministers*

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Mr. Clayton Hickey, *Videographer*

Ms. Janene Gorham, *Altar Guild*

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

From The Priest in Charge

Dear Friends,

Today is the Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord, a major feast of the Christian year. We honor the moment in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke when Jesus went up a mountain with Peter, James and John and there was transformed, so that “his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white.” (Mt. 17:2) Elijah and Moses then appear and talk to Jesus. This is a moment when Jesus’ divinity is revealed, and his coming as the fulfillment of the prophets and the law is made clear. If you remember this story, you know that the next thing that happens is that Peter wants to preserve the moment and offers to make three dwellings for Jesus, Elijah and Moses. But a cloud comes over the mountain----a bright cloud!---and a voice says, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased, listen to him.” (Mt. 17:5) The disciples fall to the ground in fear, and when Jesus comes to them, and tells them not to be afraid and to get up, they see that he is alone. The moment is over, and the journey of Jesus and the disciples continues.

So often we want to preserve moments. It is why in our modern age we have photographs and videos, to fix a point in time that may be filled with emotional and spiritual significance, as it was for the disciples. These “dwellings” of memory that we create can be very comforting, but more than that, they can surprise us: sometimes in looking back on a photo or seeing a video again, we may notice a detail we missed in the moment, or with hindsight we may see the scene very differently than we did when we lived through the experience and took that photo or video. We have changed, and the moment we have preserved also shifts in its meaning for us.

The Transfiguration illuminated who Jesus truly was. It pulled the veil back on his human appearance, revealing the divine glory and identity that were present from the beginning. It did not change him; but it did change the disciples. When we want to hold on to an experience or to the way things have always been done, to preserve them, it may help to remember that spiritual growth for us humans comes in letting go and in letting ourselves be changed by the God who always wants us to evolve, both individually and corporately, into the fullness of our being. May it be so!

Faithfully yours,
Rev. Myrna

Funeral Arrangements for Barbara Vessey Requiem Mass Friday, August 7 at 10 am St. Peter's Episcopal Church

A Requiem Mass in honor of Barbara's life will take place on Friday, August 7 at 10 am at St. Peter's. Following the service, there will be a committal at Evergreen Cemetery on Stevens Avenue in Portland.

After the committal, parishioners are invited to join family at Bruno's Restaurant & Tavern, 33 Allen Ave. in Portland. Barbara's obituary can be found here:

<https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/portland-me/barbara-vessey-12983589> Please continue to hold Barbara's family in prayer and to pray for the repose of her soul.

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!](#)

Farewell to Organist Herb Taylor

In a season of goodbyes, we marked the retirement of our long-time organist Herb Taylor this past Sunday. We shared our deep gratitude for all of the gifts he has brought to his music ministry at St. Peter's, and for the kindness, curiosity and deep faith he brought to us as his fellow sisters and brothers in Christ. His daughter Beth shared her experience growing up having her dad both as the organist at church and as her high school English teacher, which delighted us all! We will continue to pray for Herb as he prepares for his hip replacement, and we will hold his wellbeing in the light. In our hearts, we are sure God is saying, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

A FINAL NOTE FROM HERB

My dear friends at St. Peter's...my 17 years among you have grown more precious as my retirement neared. I've enjoyed so many friendships, conversations about music, personal reminiscences...the

list could go on. Last Sunday's "retirement party" was the "frosting on the cake" (so to speak!), and I can't thank you enough for the heartfelt card messages and the verbal tributes from so many. And then the gifts: the Maine History volume--new to me--will provide endless interest as I recover from surgery. William Sloane Coffin was a hero during my undergraduate years...as Chaplain and Professor of Religion at Yale, his voice was probably the most influential in lending authority to anti-racial and anti-war initiatives. I did not have his mid-career autobiography "Once To Every Man" in my library, and I already treasure it. So, what more can I say besides "Endless thanks"? Goodbye, good luck, good success, and godspeed in the years ahead. ~HT





Compline

Compline will meet on Wednesday, August 12th, at its usual time, 7:00 PM, on Zoom.

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

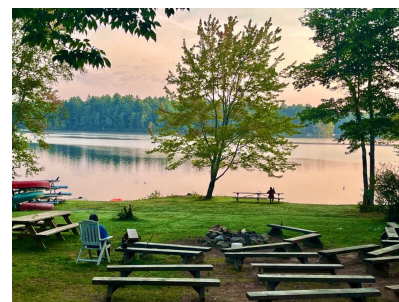
Items Needed for St. Elizabeth's Essentials Pantry

St. Peter's members volunteer at St. Elizabeth's Essentials Pantry on the second Tuesday of each month. The Pantry is in need of the following household items, either new or gently used:

- Kitchen & cookware
 - Pots/pans, crockpots, plates, bowls, cups, cutlery, small appliances (toasters, microwaves)
 - Bed & bath linens
 - Sheets (full, queen or king), pillow cases, blankets, quilts, bath, hand & beach towels
 - Personal care items
 - Diapers, feminine & incontinent products, toothbrushes & paste, deodorant, shampoo
 - Adult winter coats & boots – clean and in good condition
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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.

St. Elizabeth's Essentials Pantry, Tues. Aug. 11, 8:30-11, St. Luke's
Compline, Wed. August 12, 7 pm, Zoom

Coming up at St. Peter's
Vestry Meeting, Tues. Sept. 8, 6:30 pm, Undercroft

Sunday Minister Rota for August

Sunday, August 16, 2026

Mr. Steve Koskinen, *Crucifer*
Ms. Emily Hickey & Ms. Janene Gorham, *Eucharistic Ministers*
Mr. Wayne Franklin, *Lector*
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*
Ms. Anita Chandler, *Lector*
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*
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
Kevin Curty
Paul Loven
Anita Chandler
Melodie Gage
Bob Simmons
Herb Taylor

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*

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