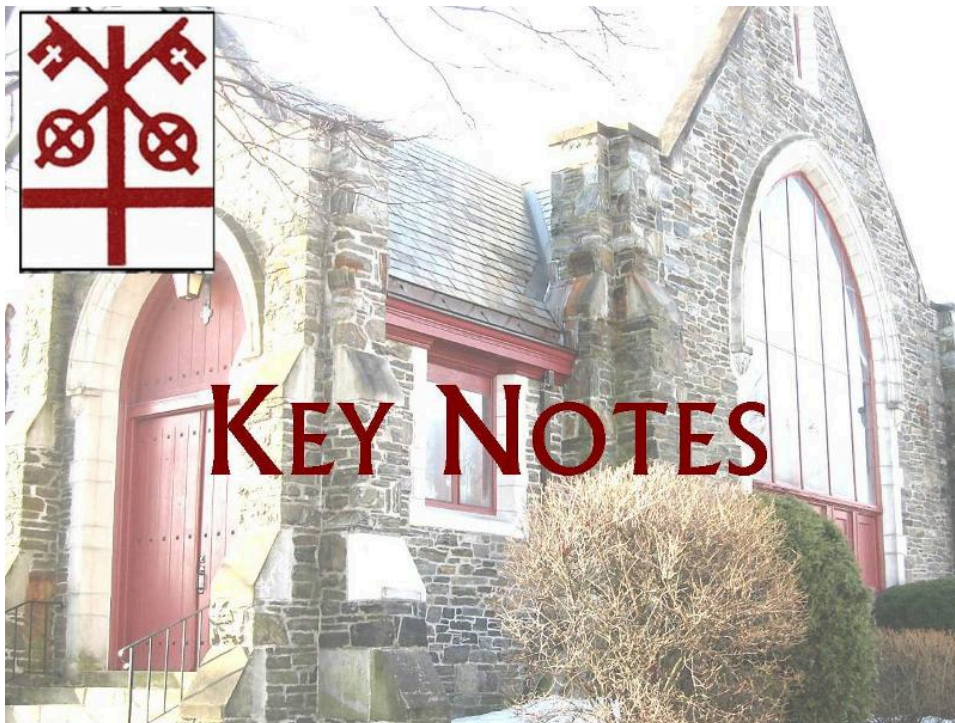




*Opening wide our doors and hearts
in the name of Jesus Christ Our Lord and Savior*

**The Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost
Festive Harvest Home Eucharist
Sunday, October 18, 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, October 18, 2026 Harvest Home

Mr. Steve Koskinen, *Crucifer*

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From the Priest in Charge

Dear Friends,

Last Thursday evening, I was fortunate, along with several other St. Peter's parishioners, to hear Mariann Budde, the Bishop of Washington, DC., speak at Merrill Auditorium, an event that was organized by the Maine Council of Churches. Bishop Budde spoke on the theme, "Courage is contagious." She described laying the foundation of everyday bravery that may allow for moments of extraordinary courage, such as speaking truth to power even at the cost of our own comfort, safety and status.

That foundation requires, first of all, an abiding belief that the love, truth and healing promised by God and by Jesus is real, not just in future end times but right here and right now. Holding on to this faith in the midst of a time of unravelling, when much of what we assumed about the world and our fellow human beings is being challenged, helps us to anchor ourselves and prepare ourselves for times when we need to speak up or act for what is just and right, as our conscience guides us.

Two more elements of our foundation for courage are compassion and humility. What struck me most about Bishop Budde's talk, and her responses to questions from the audience, was her real compassion, not just for those who agree with her, but for every person. Our willingness to be open to the "other" and to wish wholeness and growth of the good in them, however broken they are now, whatever evil they may be committing in this moment, keeps us in the path of love of God and of neighbor and strengthens our capacity for courageous acts.

Recognizing the courage that is already in us is an important first step. I invite you to pay attention to your own moments of ordinary bravery, whether it is gathering yourself to move to a new place, reaching out to a person whom others consider untouchable, or speaking gently but truthfully to a family member about harmful behavior. We can all support each other as we grow in courage---because it really is contagious!

Faithfully yours,
Rev. Myrna

Harvest Home Weekend Is Almost Here!

A beloved tradition at St. Peter's, Harvest Home will be celebrated on Saturday and Sunday, October 17th and 18th.

What is Happening When?

Decorating the Church on Sat. Oct 17 at 9 am

Folks will be gathering starting at 9 am on Friday to decorate the window sills upstairs in the church, as well as the altar and other areas. Even if you have not been assigned a window, there will be plenty to do, so please come and join us. You can bring produce from your garden, if you would like. And if you are planning on decorating a window as you have done in the past, please let Anita Chandler know.

Parish Potluck Supper on Sat. Oct. 17 at 6 pm

We gather for a bountiful supper. Bring a dish to share, but even if you cannot provide some food, please come! There will plenty to share. Help us celebrate the harvest with a tasty evening meal. Come earlier than 6 if you would like to help set up. Also, volunteers are needed to help with clean-up.

Festive Harvest Home Eucharist on Sun. Oct. 18 at 9 am

In a church filled with signs of the fall harvest, we gather to give God thanks. There will be a festive coffee hour afterwards. Again, you are invited to bring a treat from home to share. On this Harvest Home Sunday, as we give thanks for all we have received, you may want to consider an additional offering to Project Feed, our local emergency food pantry. Those offerings can be placed in the second smaller plate that is passed at the Offertory.

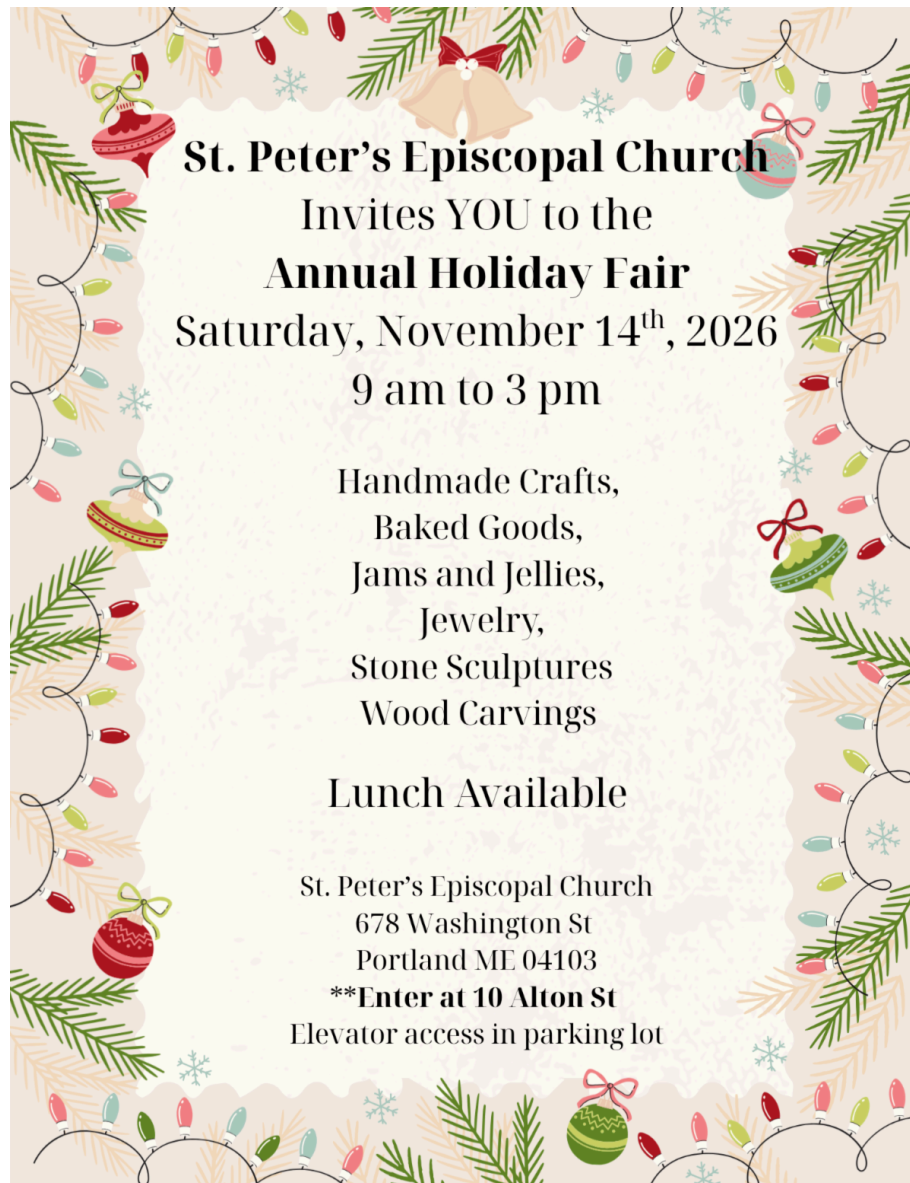
Please note that we will not have healing prayer this Sunday, October 18, due to Harvest Home, but instead will offer healing prayer on Sunday, October 25.

Crafting for the Holiday Fair!!!

In preparation for the holiday fair, we are having a crafting get together after coffee hour on October 18th. Please come and enjoy fellowship while crafting.

If you are not a crafter, come anyway. We will have some simple

projects that you can help with, and maybe you may pick up some new skills. Hope to see you there.



Volunteer Form Link

Volunteer for the fair by clicking the above button.

Please join in the festivities.

Many hands make light work.

Questions? Contact **Colette**, **Lenita**, or **Louise**

New Railings Are In!

We now have new railings at the front door and down the front steps to the sidewalk, and at the back door of the church. They are not only

beautiful but very durable and functional, and will improve the safety of all parishioners. Many thanks to Junior Warden Wayne Franklin for shepherding this project through!



Slots Still Available for Godly Play Training

St. Albans, Cape Elizabeth

Saturdays, October 24, January 9 and April 10, 9AM-5PM

St. Albans is hosting Godly Play training and welcomes participants from across the Diocese and beyond. Below is the information. If you are interested and concerned about cost, please see Rev. Myrna. This is a great opportunity to learn more about a Christian formation program that is developmentally appropriate for children and transformative for adults!

Here is a link to the registration **which includes special pricing of \$200 for members of Episcopal churches of Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont** (usual cost is \$350). (NOTE: If further scholarship/reduction beyond \$200 reduced fee is needed, the registrant can select “pay by check” option as they complete the registration steps.)

AND If the initial date isn't possible, Trainer Dr. Sally Thomas is open to a registrant interested in attending the 2nd and 3rd dates.

Compline

Compline will meet on Wednesday, October 21st, at its usual time, 7:00 PM, on Zoom.

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

All Saints and All Souls Names for Remembrance

We will celebrate the Feast of All Saints and All Souls on Sunday, November 1. As is our practice, we will include names of those who died in this past year (All Saints) in the leaflet and will name them in the service, and we will include names of those dead whom we remember (All Souls) in the leaflet. A form will be available at church for you to fill out, or you may download one [here](#).

This Week at St. Peter's

Creation Care Book Study (The Serviceberry), Sun. Oct. 18, 11 am, Bethany House

Crafting for the Fair, Sun. Oct. 18, after coffee hour

Youth Service Corps, Sun. Oct. 18, 12-2 pm, St. Luke's

Compline, Wed. Oct. 21, 7 pm, Zoom

Coming up at St. Peter's

Creation Care Book Study (The Serviceberry), Sun. Oct. 25, 11 am, Bethany House

Vestry, Tue. Oct. 27, 6:30-8:30 pm, Zoom

Holiday Fair, Sat. Nov. 14, 9 am-3 pm, St. Peter's

Sunday Minister Rota for October

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The Congregation, *Coffee Hour Hosts*

Sunday, October 25, 2026

Ms. Lenita Richard, *Crucifer*

Ms. Janene Gorham & Ms. Pam Mack, *Eucharistic Ministers*

TBD, *Lector*

Mr. Will Estrella, *Usher*
Mr. Clayton Hickey, *Videographer*
Ms. Judy Howes, *Altar Guild*
Mr. Jonathan McCormick & Ms. Anita Chandler, *Counters*
Ms. Ann Bay & Ms. Lorna Blackmer, *Coffee Hour Hosts*

Weekly Prayer List

Prayers For Parishioners, Families, and Friends

Ann Marie Cady
Allison Schroth
Francisco Andreu
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
Anita Chandler
Melodie Gage
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
Paul Loven, former parishioner
Patrick Monahan, brother of Kathryn Ainsworth

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*

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