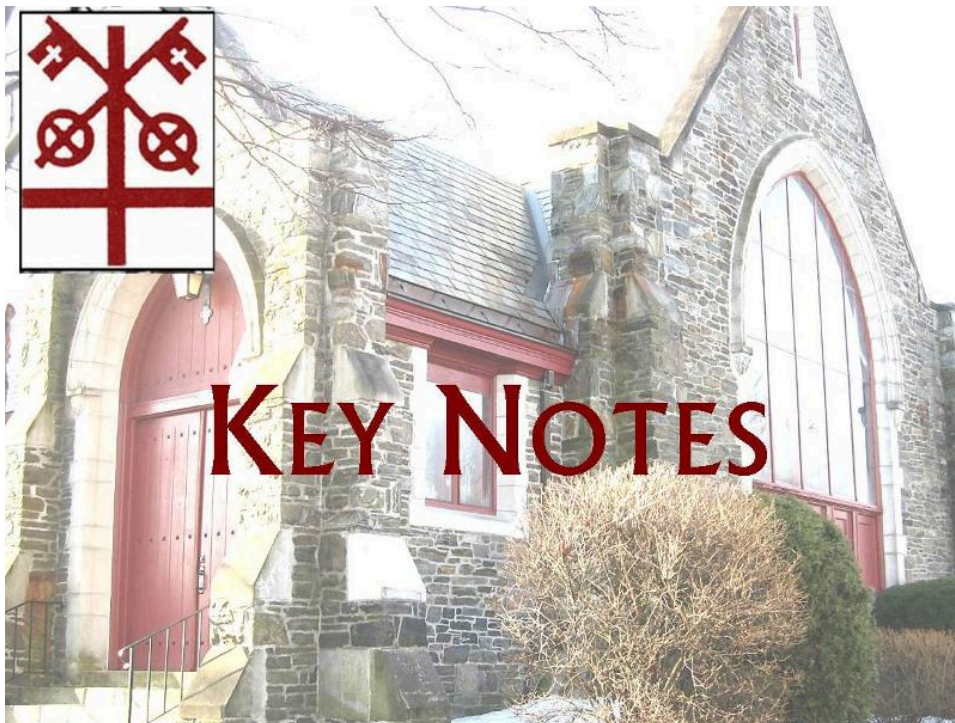




*Opening wide our doors and hearts
in the name of Jesus Christ Our Lord and Savior*

The Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost
Sunday, October 11, 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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From the Priest in Charge

Dear Friends,

Earlier this fall, we heard the passage from Matthew in which Jesus says, “where two or three are gathered in my name, I am among them.” We gather and strengthen our connection as the Body of Christ in many different ways: worship, prayer, study, hospitality, and mutual caregiving. On Saturday, we had the chance to worship, pray, play, host new people and eat together as we celebrated our St. Francis Mass, followed by an outdoor blessing of our emerging meditation garden and the blessing of the animals, and then enjoyed a pasta dinner with our fellow parishioners and over 60 Maine Marathon runners and their families and supporters. We are abundantly grateful to everyone who made this day so Spirit-filled! Thank you to Janene and John Gorham, and Pam Mack, whose plantings gave the meditation garden such vibrant color. And thank you to the Hickey family for conceiving of, shopping and cooking for, and serving the pasta dinner, and to those who made desserts, cleaned up, and helped in countless other ways.

Many of you commented on how beautiful the afternoon light was as it streamed through the stained-glass windows on each side of the altar that depict the four Evangelists. You can see that light in the photos below taken by some parishioners. We also were blessed during the service by the noises of our animals, particularly Oscar the parrot, who turned out to be a hit during the supper as well! And the voices of so many young people who were preparing to run a grueling race the next day were a complete joy. I am reminded of how much our perspective can change from a different angle or at a different time, or with different “guests” in our midst.

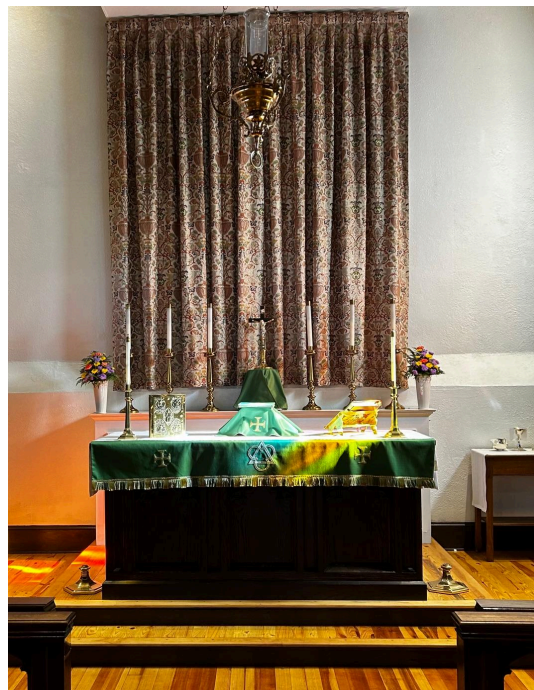
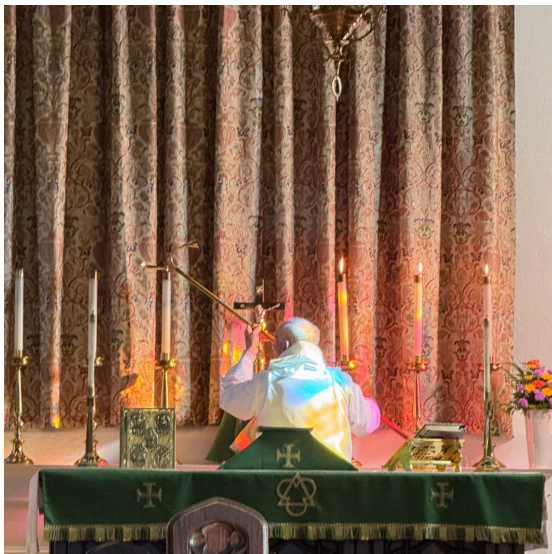
As we look ahead to Indigenous Peoples Day, I am grateful for the ways in which native brothers and sisters have changed my perspective. Helen Attaquin, a Wampanoag elder who taught us as exhibit interpreters at the Boston Children’s Museum, opened my eyes to native history and native ways. Rev. Joe Hubbard’s passionate witness from his time among the Navajo and Lakota peoples helped me see and acknowledge painful truths. I have been inspired by the

lyrical writings of Robin Wall Kimmerer, the Potawatomi botanist whose book *The Serviceberry* our Creation Care book group will be exploring over the next 6 weeks. All of these people, and others besides them, have helped me see our relationships to the Creator, to the natural world and to one another differently.

May this fall continue to reveal God's glories to us and knit us together even more richly.

Faithfully yours,
Rev. Myrna

St. Francis Mass, Blessing of Garden and Animals, and Pasta Supper with Marathon Guests



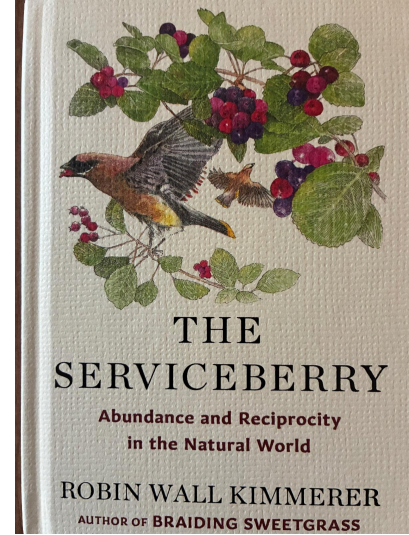




Creation Care Book Group October 11-November 15, 11 am Bethany House

As part of the Season of Creation, we will be offering a book group focused on *The Serviceberry* by Robin Wall Kimmerer. Each section of the book will be paired with Scripture passages for contemplation and discussion. The group will meet for six Sundays at 11 am at Bethany House, and will be led in rotation by various parishioners, including some members of Earthkeepers. If mobility is an issue for

some participants, we will move the group to the sanctuary. We will order a number of copies of *The Serviceberry*, or you may bring your own. **Please let Rev. Myrna know if you would like to participate.**



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. We will have a potluck supper in the undercroft on Saturday evening, and a celebratory mass on Sunday morning at our usual time, followed by a festive coffee hour. The church will be open on Friday and Saturday mornings for decorating; parishioners often bring fruits and flowers from their gardens to decorate these windows. If you would like to contribute to decorating one of the windows in the church, please let Anita Chandler know. We welcome food donations for either the potluck or the coffee hour, or both, if you are so inspired!

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

Crafting for 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.

Watch for...

A special Keynotes all about the fair, including opportunities to

sign up online for volunteering, will land in your email soon. There will also be signups in the church hall.

Compline

Compline will meet on Wednesday, October 14th, 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](#).

Eucharistic Visitor Training

Plans are underway for a training for those who wish to serve as Eucharistic Visitors: lay people who have been trained to bring the consecrated Sacrament in a timely fashion to those who are unable to attend church services due to infirmity, illness or other circumstances. In the Diocese of Maine, Eucharistic Visitors are trained in local congregations and licensed by the diocese. Safe Church certification is required. We hope to have this training later in the fall. Please speak with Rev. Myrna if you are interested in becoming a Eucharistic Visitor.

This Week at St. Peter's

Creation Care Book Club (The Serviceberry), Sun. Oct. 11, 11 am, Bethany House
St. Elizabeth's Essentials Pantry, Tue. Oct. 13, 8:30-11 am, St. Luke's
Compline, Wed. Oct. 14, 7 pm, Zoom

Coming up at St. Peter's

Harvest Home Dinner, Sat. Oct. 17, at 6 pm
Harvest Home Festive Eucharist, Sun. Oct. 18, at 9 am
Crafting for the Fair, Sun. Oct. 18, after coffee hour

Sunday Minister Rota for October

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Ms. Anita Chandler, Mr. Bob Simmons & Ms. Patty Lamb, *Coffee Hour Hosts*

Sunday, October 18, 2026 Harvest Home

Mr. Steve Koskinen, *Crucifer*

Ms. Emily Hicky & Mr. Tom Ainsworth, *Eucharistic Ministers*

TBD, *Lector*

Mr. Bob Simmons, *Usher*

Mr. Wayne Franklin, *Videographer*

Ms. Anne Whitman, *Altar Guild*

Ms. Lenita Richard & Ms. Tom Sumner, *Counters*

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. Meredith Tipton, *Counters*

TBD, *Coffee Hour Hosts*

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
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*

NOTES ON THIS MORNING'S MUSIC

Caspar Franck (1822-1890) was born in Belgium but moved to Paris to become a prominent figure in French Romantic music. He was organist for St. Clotilde in Paris for 30 years. He had to become a French citizen in order to be a professor at the Paris Conservatory.

Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937) For 63 years of his 93-year life, he was organist at St. Sulpice in Paris. He pioneered the Symphonic organ style and was professor at the Paris Conservatory. His students included Marcel Dupre and Louis Vierne.

~SG

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