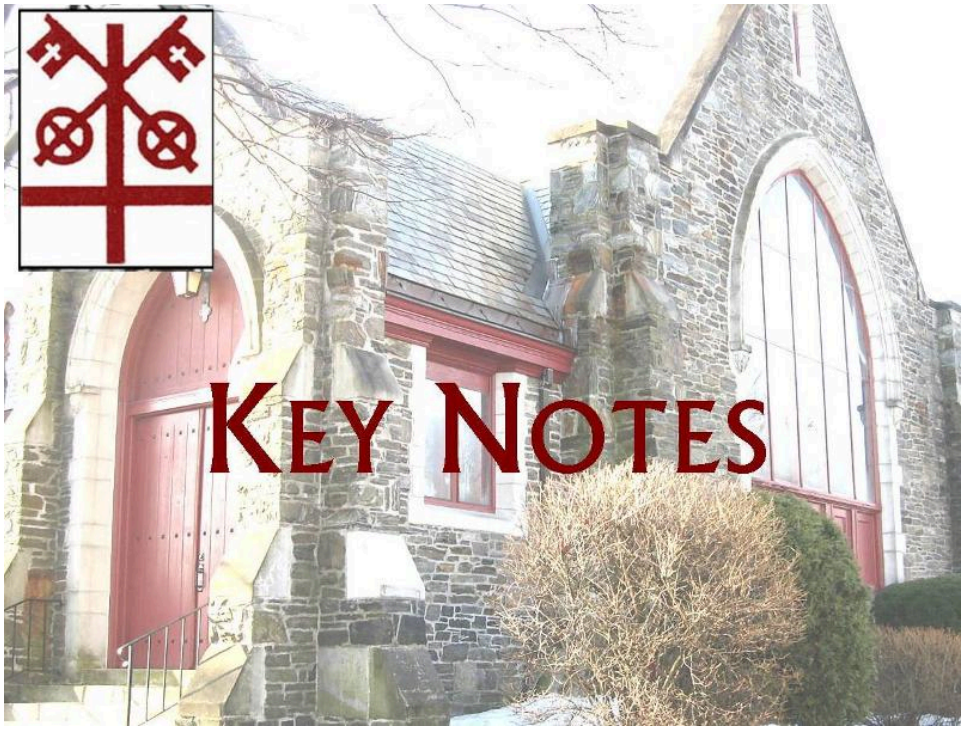


Opening wide our doors and hearts
in the name of Jesus Christ Our Lord and Savior

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost
Sunday, November 8, 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, November 8, 2026
Mr. Steve Koskinen, *Crucifer*
Ms. Lenita Richard & Ms. Pam Mack, *Eucharistic Ministers*
Ms. Janene Gorham, *Lector*
Mr. Bob Simmons, *Usher*
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Ms. Judy Howes, *Altar Guild*
Ms. Lenita Richard & Ms. Judy Howes, *Counters*
Ms. Colette Desjardins, *Coffee Hour Hosts*

From the Priest in Charge

Dear Friends,
At this time of year, when the maples and birches have released their leaves, and the oaks and beeches are still holding on to theirs---sometimes all winter long---I realize how much I love the bare branches of deciduous trees. We get to see the underlying structure, the ways in which the trees have developed, and how that might have changed since last year. They are “unclothed” yet again. We know and trust that new leaves will bud next year, but for now there is letting go, there is rest. There is a waiting to gather up energies again. And this year in particular, when so many of us were struck by the vibrancy of color in the foliage despite the prolonged drought, such rest in our natural world feels especially warranted and needed.

The life cycles of humans, of families, of human institutions like political bodies, schools, and churches go through similar phases of productive and fallow times. We are reminded that God rested on the seventh day of Creation, and yet we may find it hard to rest and to renew in our busy world, and in this particularly turbulent time in our country and in the world. If we do not rest, though, we will find ourselves becoming more depleted, less able to connect in a sustained and sustainable way with our fellow humans and with this beautiful, and yes, broken world. Jesus himself went away frequently during his ministry, to pray and find restoration in relationship with the Creator.

As we prepare for our church fair, for the coming holidays, for all that we hope will be fruitful and joyful, and as we learn to cope with whatever dryness or bitterness we did not hope for, but which has come anyway, let us encourage one another to find those places of rest and reconnection to the source of our being, our loving and ever-renewing God.

Faithfully yours,
Rev. Myrna

Holiday Fair Update - We need YOU!

Preparations continue for the fair. We are nearly set on our Thanksgiving Raffle donations, but really need the help of a few more

people to help on the day of the fair. Use the sign up below or sign up at church on the wall in the undercroft.

Raffle tickets and flyers are available in the undercroft.

Volunteer Form Link



Please help spread the word....you can print and display the advertisement for us!

Holiday Fair Advertisement

Adult Worshipping Communities Cohort Opportunity

St. Peter's has been invited to consider being part of a three-year research project with other parishes being trained in and exploring models for intergenerational worship. The project organizers are seeking churches with 5 or fewer children under 18 years of age who are interested in exploring different models of intergenerational worship. Participating parishes would assemble a team of 3-4 people from the parish (lay and/or ordained) who commit to monthly Zoom meetings with a trainer and to trying at least two different worship practices that are discussed. The parish would also engage in evaluation efforts and would receive $3,000 over three years for participation. There are three informational sessions, to which any of you are invited (they are all the same, and you choose one):

- Nov. 9 from 1:00-1:30PM ET Register **here**

- Nov. 13 from 2:00-2:30PM ET Register here
- Nov. 18 from 2:00-2:30PM ET Register here

You can read the email from Rev. Emily Keniston to lay and ordained parish leaders here.
Please see Rev. Myrna with any questions.

Part-Time Office Administrator Position is Open

St. Peter's is seeking a part-time office administrator. The job is advertised for 10 hours a week, and will hopefully help free Rev. Myrna up for other priestly responsibilities, as well as giving our lay volunteers who are helping with administrative tasks some relief. The position could be ideal for people who are retired or who need a flexible schedule. Please spread the word! You will find the job description here.

Stewardship Season is Underway!

Our Stewardship season began this past Sunday, October 25, and will end on Sunday, November 22 with an ingathering during our offertory at that service. The theme this year is "Plenty Good Room," with materials developed by the national Episcopal church: we are invited to consider all we have and are from the perspective of abundance. In the leaflet each week you will find an insert with a weekly reflection and questions to consider about stewardship and giving.

You should be receiving a letter and pledge form in the mail this week, if you did not pick yours up this past Sunday, and we have extras for those who may not be on our mailing list. We ask that you prayerfully consider how you would like to share your time, talents and treasure, as we build community in this Body of Christ and strengthen ourselves for service in the world. Financial pledges help us to create our budget for the next year, so it is helpful to have them in by the end of November. You can find a pledge form here. Thank you!

Compline

Compline will meet on Wednesday, November 11th, at its usual time, 7:00 PM, on Zoom.

Connect with our gathering by clicking the Zoom link here.

Yard Clean Up Day

Saturday November 21

10 am-12 noon



Join us for our parish work day on Saturday, November 21, from 10 am-12 noon. We will rake and collect leaves, clean out the gardens and do other tasks as we put our grounds to bed for the winter. Bring your gloves and your rake, or we will have tools you can use. Many hands make light work!



This Week at St. Peter's

Creation Care Book Study (The Serviceberry), Sun. Nov. 8, 11 am, Bethany House

St. Elizabeth's Essentials Pantry, Tues. Nov. 10, 8:30-11 am, St. Luke's
Compline, Wed. Nov. 11, 7 pm, Zoom
Holiday Fair Setup, Fri. Nov. 13, 4-6 pm, St. Peter's
Holiday Fair, Sat. Nov. 14, 9 am-3 pm, St. Peter's

Coming up at St. Peter's
Youth Service Corps, Sun. Nov. 22, 12-2 pm, Preble Street Food Security Hub, South Portland

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Sunday Minister Rota for November

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Mr. Bob Simmons, *Usher*
Mr. Clayton Hickey, *Videographer*
Ms. Judy Howes, *Altar Guild*
Ms. Lenita Richard & Ms. Judy Howes, *Counters*
Ms. Colette Desjardins, *Coffee Hour Hosts*

November 15, 2026
Mr. Fred Fowler, *Crucifer*
Mr. Tom Ainsworth & TBA, *Eucharistic Ministers*
Mr. Wayne Franklin, *Lector*
Ms. Anita Chandler, *Usher*
Ms. Lenita Richard, *Videographer*
Ms. Judy Howes, *Altar Guild*
Ms. Anita Chandler & Mr. Jonathan McCormick, *Counters*
Mr. & Mrs. Rodney Richard, *Coffee Hour Hosts*

November 22, 2026
Ms. Lenita Richard, *Crucifer*
Mr. Tom Ainsworth & Ms. Pam Mack, *Eucharistic Ministers*
, *Lector*
Mr. Bob Simmons, *Usher*
Mr. Will Estrella, *Videographer*
Ms. Lenita Richard, *Altar Guild*
Mr. Meredith Tipton & Mr. Wayne Franklin, *Counters*
, *Coffee Hour Hosts*

November 29, 2026
Mr. Fred Fowler, *Crucifer*
Ms. Janene Gorham and Ms. Emily Hickey, *Eucharistic Ministers*

Mr. Fred Fowler, *Lector*
Mr. Will Estrella, *Usher*
Mr. Bob Simmons, *Videographer*
Ms. Judy Howes, *Altar Guild*
Ms. Lenita Richard & Mr. Tom Sumner, *Counters*
, *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
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*
James Ford and Linda Ashe Ford, *friends of the Richards*

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

"Andante" from Symphony #1 for the Organ Louis Vierne (1870-1937) was born nearly blind. But he was the organist for Notre Dame in Paris from 1900-1937. He dramatically collapsed dead at the organ during a performance in 1937.

Prelude in C Major This is the first of "8 Little Preludes & Fugues" that were likely teaching pieces for Bach's students. They are still played by students and others who simply enjoy this step in Bach's composing life.

~SG

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