

Peter's Episcopal Church

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July 3, 2022

10:00AM

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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Dear Friends and Parishioners of SPEC,

TODAY IS NAME TAG SUNDAY!

As we continue to grow as a parish, it is important to continue to build community. An important way to build community is to know each other's names! So, if you do not know someone who has recently joined our parish, this is a great time to introduce yourself! Thanks to Tracey Oliver for the donation of name tags!

YOUTH MINISTRY SUMMER FUNDRAISER / GOAL: \$5,000.00

Friends, please check out our Facebook page! Pinned at the very top is a link to our SUMMER FUNDRAISER. Our goal is to raise \$5,000.00 by the end of July to support our new Youth Ministry Program! Under the leadership of our new Director of Youth & Family Ministry, Wendy Reardon, we are going to continue to welcome many new families to St. Peter's with a vibrant Youth Ministry. However, we need you to help support it. Please find the link on our Facebook page and make a donation today. Anything you can give, \$5 or \$500.00, will be a great help. Please make this investment in our parish!

EPISCOPAL CAMPUS MINISTRY AT UMASS DARTMOUTH



Last week was orientation at UMass D for the new students who will be entering in September. Campus Ministry was part of orientation and it was a great opportunity to meet new students. The main presentation by the guest speaker, Rev. Sam Offer from Baltimore, centered on helping students recognize the need to connect to a community and the importance of building community. We are gearing up for an exciting fall on campus.

- I have invited our Regional Canon, Rev. Kelly O'Connell to campus in September to offer a special presentation sponsored by the Episcopal Campus Ministry and CWGS (The Center for Women, Gender and Sexuality.). This presentation and discussion will be geared toward LGBTQ+ students on campus who may have had a bad experience of "church" growing up. It will be a time to welcome, invite and connect our very much loved LGBTQ+ students and to let them know that the Episcopal Church loves and supports them!
- I have invited Bishop Gayle Harris, our Suffragan Bishop here in the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts, to come to campus in November. She is going to offer a special presentation sponsored by the Episcopal Campus Ministry and Frederick Douglass Unity House on FAITH & RACISM followed by a discussion time for all students, faculty and staff.
- We are also planning to invite our St. Peter's Music Ministry together with the UMass D Gospel Choir to host a Praise and Worship Night in a big open area on campus in November! This will be a great time for all the different Campus Ministries on Campus to connect in faith and prayer!

WELCOME, JOSEPH M. COSTA, TO ST. PETER'S



I am very excited to introduce JOSEPH M. COSTA to our parish. You will be seeing a lot of Joe in the upcoming months. I am writing a grant from our diocese to begin year-long STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS in our parish running from OCTOBER 2022 through OCTOBER 2023. During this time, Joe is going to help us lead the effort to create a 5-year plan for St. Peter's.

Joseph M. Costa has over 30 years of experience in the health and human services industry with **expertise in strategic positioning, development of organizational structure, mergers and acquisitions, and fund development.**

I recently brought Joe on board to create a Strategic Plan for The Bridge, our counseling center. I am also bringing him on board to create a Strategic Plan for the entire Campus Ministry Department at UMass D.

This process of Strategic Planning will not only involve our Leadership Team but the ENTIRE PARISH: Staff members, youth, teens, adults, young, old...EVERYONE! This will be for us a time of renewal and a time to reset our mission and vision in Dartmouth, Westport, New Bedford and the surrounding region.

WHY DO WE NEED A STRATEGIC PLAN AS A PARISH?

Well, as the Book of Proverbs says "Without a vision, people perish." Any organization needs to be guided by a mission and vision. Simply put, a strategic plan is **the formalized road map that describes how your organization executes the chosen strategy.** A plan spells out where an organization is going over the next year or more and how it is going to get there. More than ever, churches cannot just haphazardly go about their ministry and work without a defined plan!

We will invite each of you into this process in one way or another. We need to hear you, our parishioners, and we need you to help to create this plan with us. By your choosing to make this your spiritual home, it is expected that you will give back to this community and not just sit on the sidelines. We need and we value your involvement in this process because you are important to us. You are an important part of the process.

ABOUT JOE COSTA

Joe Costa served as a Roman Catholic priest in the Diocese of Fall River for 21 years. (In fact, he was my priest at my childhood parish, St. John of God in Somerset, when I was a teenager.) In his ministry as a priest, he served in Fall River, Seekonk and Somerset. He also served as Director of St. Vincent's Home and as Rector of St. Mary's Cathedral. Joe was the Director of Pastoral Planning for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Fall River. In that role, Joe led the effort of evaluating resources, exploring mergers and consolidations of parishes and building stronger and more visionary parish communities in that diocese. Joe made the decision to leave priestly ministry in the late 1990's.

Joe has a M.Div from St. John Seminary in Brighton and a Masters of Social Work degree from Boston College. Joe went on to be the Executive Director of Hillside in Pasadena, CA, an Episcopal institution dedicated to healing children and young adults, strengthening families, and transforming communities through quality comprehensive services and advocacy. In “retirement” he now is the director of Executive Strategic Resource. <https://strategicexecutiveresource.com/> Joe also served as Chair of Child Welfare League of America from 2014 until 2017.

IMPORTANT DATES:

INTRODUCTION TO STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS:

Sunday, October 9, 2022 at 10:00 Service of Holy Eucharist. Joe Costa will deliver the homily and will present the process to the parish.

KICK-OFF TO STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS:

Thursday, October 13, 2022 from 7:00-9:00P in the Community Room

Again, we need everyone to be part of this important conversation!

Blessings in the coming week!

Peace,



(Rev.) Scott A. Ciosek
Rector

PARISH NEWS

PAINT PARTY

Join us for Paint Night here at St. Peter's Community Room on Friday, July 8 from 7:00-9:00PM! To register, call Lidia Macedo at 774.644.4181. The cost for the event is \$35.00 for a 11x14 canvas. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

OUTDOOR MASS | COOKOUT & KICK OFF OUR YOUTH MINISTRY

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, September 18, 2022 beginning at 10:00AM.

PARISH DAY OF CELEBRATION | VISITATION OF BISHOP GATES

Bishop Alan M. Gates, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts, will visit our St. Peter's Episcopal Church on **Sunday, October 16, 2022** and will be the Celebrant of our Service of Holy Eucharist. Following the liturgy, we will host a parish-wide lunch in our Community Room. If you can help plan/organize the lunch, please email Fr. Scott at stpetersdartmouth@gmail.com.

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HELPING THOSE IN NEED / CLERGY DISCRETIONARY FUND

Thank you to those who support our Clergy Discretionary Fund in our parish on a regular basis. The balance in the Discretionary Fund is quite low once again. This fund is SO important. It is from this fund that we are able to help people who turn to the church in need, especially helping people with food cards and other means of assistance. So many people are struggling right now and are looking to the church for help. While we can't help everyone who turns to us in need (because of a lack of funding) we strive to do our part. We always screen people to make sure the food assistance request goes directly to purchasing food. The gift cards we give out are for stores such as Price Rite where they can only buy food. If you can help contribute even a small amount, it would be very much appreciated. You can write a check anytime to the Clergy Discretionary Fund and mail it to our parish office: *ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 351 Elm Street, Dartmouth, MA 02748*

You can also donate online at stpetersdartmouth.org (Click on Online Giving and select "Clergy Discretionary Fund" from the drop down menu. You can even bring in a check any Sunday and it will be gladly welcomed. Thank you so much in advance for your support. So many folks are struggling.

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE.....CAN YOU HELP OUR GARDENS?

Our gardens are in really rough shape. We are hoping to get a team of 4-6 people who could meet together as a group every other week for about an hour to do some weeding and watering. This is perfect for someone who may have some extra time during the week and is looking to give back. If we have a team of 4-6 people, we could tackle this in no time and make our grounds beautiful. Our paid groundskeeper's responsibility is to cut the grass and trim. We could really use help. If you can help us, please email stpetersdartmouth@gmail.com.

DON'T FORGET TO "CHECK IN" ON FACEBOOK

Social media is a great way to let your friends know what is happening here at St. Peter's! Don't forget to **CHECK IN** when you arrive on Sunday morning. Feel free to text or message the link to our live stream to a friend during the service. You could make a huge difference in someone's life.

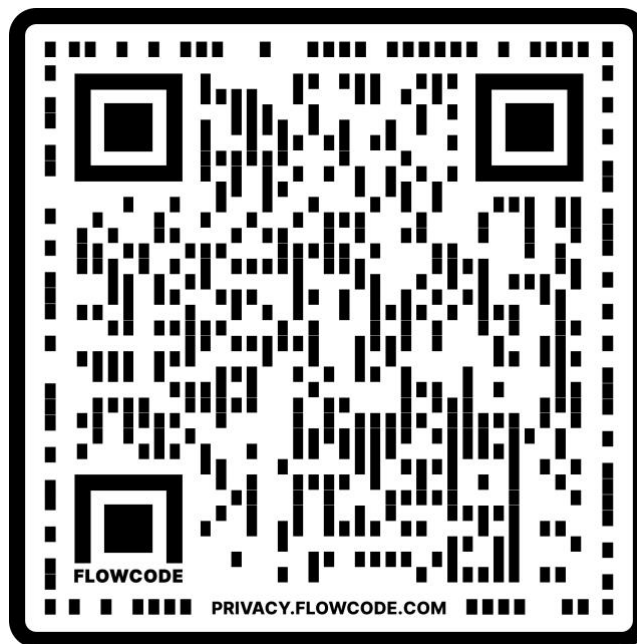
CHANGE IN THE WEEKLY COLLECTION

After a lot of prayer and reflection, we are going to eliminate the antiquated and outdated practice of taking a collection during our Sunday Service of Holy Eucharist. The world has evolved and there are new ways for people to make a donation to our parish.

There are a number of reasons for this decision:

- *The process is outdated and antiquated. While it may have made sense in a different generation (when there were no debit cards) a lot of people now prefer online giving. If a lot of people participate in online giving, having our hospitality ministers go to each person with a collection basket becomes a huge waste of energy. In place of the collection, we will now have a basket near the doors of the church for people who still prefer to deposit cash or a check. You can simply leave your offering as you enter/leave.*
- *The collection is extremely distracting to the prayerfulness of the liturgy. The offertory should be focused on the spiritual posture of offering the bread and wine, preparing the altar, and singing the offertory song. The collection interrupts the spirituality of that part of the Mass. Instead of focusing on the liturgical action of the table being prepared, people are often digging in their pockets or even worse, writing checks. The elimination of the collection will lead to a better experience of liturgy.*
- *There is nothing more "unwelcoming" and "lacking in hospitality" than sticking a basket in the face of someone who is struggling financially and may not have any money to put in on a given Sunday. It may even prevent someone from coming to church because they do not have money to put in. By placing the basket on a table in the aisle, it creates a more welcoming and inclusive environment and people can give as they feel comfortable.*

The easiest way to make a financial contribution to our parish is to use the QR Code / Flowcode below.



Using the Flowcode with the camera on your smartphone is easy. Just AIM & TAP. Aim your camera at the Flowcode image and tap the notification banner when it appears on your phone's screen. Then choose the fund you would like (church operating fund, clergy discretionary fund, youth ministry, etc.) If the Flowcode doesn't work, please visit: <https://onrealm.org/StPetersEpiscop11401/-/form/give/now>

Thanks for your support and generosity of the many ministries here at SPEC. If you would like to mail a check, here is our address:

St. Peter's Episcopal Church
351 Elm Street
Dartmouth, MA 02715

WATER COLLECTION FOR PADANARAM SUMMER FESTIVAL

During the month of July, please bring in a case of bottled water when you come to church OR please make a donation to help us purchase a case of water. As part of our Padanaram Festival, we are going to have a St. Peter's booth highlighting our NEW Youth Ministry programs. As part of our booth, we are going to give out bottles of water with a custom label with information about our parish on it. Wendy Reardon, our Director of Youth & Family Ministry, will coordinate the booth. We do not need parish volunteers to staff the booth as we mentioned in last week's bulletin.....we have a change of plans so solely focus on the launch of our Youth Ministry. That needs to be our focus!

ICE CREAM SOCIAL ON JULY 10

We invite our parishioners to join us on Sunday, July 10 after our 10:00AM Service of Holy Eucharist for a FREE ICE CREAM SOCIAL to meet our neighbors from Afghanistan, the Sedaquats. Hope you can join us.

SAVE THE DATE: BENEFIT CONCERT FOR THE BRIDGE

Sunday, August 28 in the church with the South Coast Brass Band led by Dr. Michael Rocha! More information will follow!

CHANGE IN LITURGY SCHEDULE FOR THE SUMMER

Back in the days of old, when the pastor/rector of a parish took vacation weeks, it was always easy to find "supply clergy" to fill in. This is no longer the case because there are so few priests and it is especially hard to find someone during the summer. On three Sundays during the summer (**JULY 17, AUGUST 14, AUGUST 21**) we will offer Morning Prayer led by Martin Costa instead of Holy Eucharist. Christine Homen will provide music as our Music Team will also get vacation weeks for all their hard work. We will not have our Celebration of Holy Eucharist on those Sundays and Communion will not be distributed. We encourage you to join us for a different experience of prayer. **If you really would like to attend a Service of Holy Eucharist on those Sundays, you are welcome to attend Grace Episcopal Church in New Bedford at 9:00AM.**

SAVERS FUNDRIVE

Please help support our Savers FUNDrive to support our NEW Youth Ministry. We hope to raise \$1,500.00! We are collecting: clothes, shoes, accessories, jewelry, bedding, blankets, towels, linen, tablecloths, curtains, pillows, small household goods, kitchen items, home decorative items, knick knacks, toys, ties, belts, games, books, small electronics. Items can be left in the CARRIAGE HOUSE any Sunday between 9:00AM and 1:00PM. Please do not bring items into the church and do not leave items on the stairs of The Bridge (our counseling center) building! Please leave all donations in the Carriage House (the small building near the front doors of the church.). Thanks to those who have already donated!

CLEAN OUT YOUR CLOSETS FOR:



St. Peter's Episcopal Church

WE ARE COLLECTING:

- Clothes (men's, women's and children's)
- Shoes
- Accessories
- Jewelry
- Bedding
- Blankets towels, linen, tablecloths, curtains, pillows.
- Small Household Goods
- Kitchen items
- Home decorative items
- Knick knacks
- Toys
- Ties
- Belts
- Games
- Books!!
- Small electronics

savers



Our Goal: \$1500

577 Tall Kitchen Bags (avg. 13 lbs.)

113 Medium boxes (household goods)

Fundraiser Dates:

06/08/2022 - 08/25/2022

Details:



Please use bags for clothes and textiles and tightly packed boxes for small household goods.



Items can be dropped off at St. Peter's Church any Sunday until August 25th.



All items must be clean & in sellable condition

****Proceeds from this fundraiser will go towards supporting our brand new youth & ministry & faith formation programs!****

HOME is where you PARK it!

PAINT PARTY

FRIDAY
JULY
8



7:00 pm
to
9:00 pm



\$35
Canvas



11x14
Canvas

St. Peter's Episcopal Church
351 Elm St. Dartmouth Ma

Refreshments available for purchase



Lidia Macedo
@paintpartywithlidia



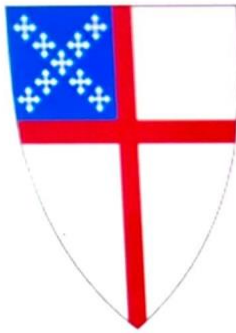
HOST: Lidia Macedo
774-644-4151
Facebook.com/paintpartywithlidia



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BARBARA PHANEUF CONCERT

Barbara Phaneuf, a legendary local folk musician will visit our parish on Sunday, July 24 from 2:00-5:00PM here in our church. It will be a very fun event. Visit her website at phaneufmusic.com. Tickets information will be available next week. **There are also two different FREE sample CD's (a generous gift from Barbara) available on the Welcome Table this weekend. Please take one of each with you.**



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Dartmouth, MA

WELCOMES

July 24th
2-5pm



\$10^{pp}
cash or check
at the door

Barbara Phaneuf

Join us for a lovely afternoon of music

there will be beverages
and snacks available



raffles



SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

**FOR STUDENTS IN NEED IN
DARTMOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

St. Peter's Episcopal Church (Dartmouth, MA) and the Dartmouth Youth Commission are co-sponsoring a SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE for children in Dartmouth schools who need some extra help in getting school supplies.

Bring your donations to church during July and August! Bins are set up inside the main entrance of the church.

ITEMS NEEDED:

**PENS - MECHANICAL PENCILS
MARKERS - BIG PINK ERASERS
COLORED PENCILS - PENCIL CASES
SCISSORS - CRAYONS
GLUE STICKS - NOTEBOOKS
BINDERS - NOTEBOOK FILLER PAPER
BACKPACKS - TISSUES**

If you would rather mail a check to contribute toward the School Supply Drive, we would also be grateful. You may mail your contribution to:

**ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
ATTN: SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE
351 Elm Street
Dartmouth, MA 02748**

Molly Armando and the Mom's Group at St. Peter's Episcopal Church are participating in this collection. Please bring your donations in at the time of Mass.

Baby Bundles

Community Baby Shower



**Help us create Baby Bundles for 200 moms!
Donate any of the following new, unopened items all month long!**

- Diapers - newborn or size 1
- Unscented Wipes
- Burp Cloths
- Bibs
- Stuffed animals
- Small Toys or Teethers
- Receiving Blankets
- Pacifiers

You can also order items online and have them delivered right to United Way! Visit unitedwayofgnb.org/baby-bundles

Women
United



**Baby Bundles will be packaged by
Women United members & distributed
through local health programs.**

The Bridge:

A Center for Hope and Healing



We strive to provide clients with an opportunity to make lasting changes in their lives. A positive, therapeutic relationship with a compassionate, licensed therapist can help promote healing and bring about transformation in our lives.

*Telehealth counseling
for Children, Teens and Adults
Appointments currently available*

Most major insurances accepted

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UMASS DARTMOUTH CAMPUS MINISTRY

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PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM (VESTRY)

Wardens Susan Sousa and Michelle Woodacre
Clerk Barbara Bosworth
Treasurer Molly Armando
Members Elizabeth Carbone, Martin Costa, Tanya Gouveia, Michaela Mello, Jeffrey Soares

PARISH STAFF / MINISTRY LEADERS

Director of Liturgical Music	Michael Moniz
Director of Youth & Family Ministry	Wendy Reardon
Administrative Assistant / Part-time (St. Peter's)	Kathy Thomas
Building & Facilities / Sexton	Paul Costa
Financial Administrator (St. Peter's & The Bridge)	Michelle Letts
Baptism Preparation Team Coordinator	Isabel Consoli
Director of Parish Outreach Ministry	Barbara Bosworth
Building Rental/Use Supervisor	Martin Costa
Building & Grounds Committee Coordinator	Martin Costa
Pastoral Care for Homebound and Sick	Liz Carbone, Nancy Rolli, Susan Riley
LGBTQ Ministry	Jenn Oliveira
Concert Coordinator	Barbara Bosworth
Multicultural Ministry	Brittany Jenney
Altar Guild Coordinator	Jenn Oliveira
Keyboard Accompanists	Ann Lamoureau & Craig Oliveira
Drummer	Kenny DeAlmeida
Guitar	Christine Homen