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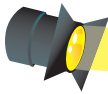
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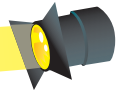
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## St. Peter's by the Sea



By Nancy Tuttle, Staff Writer  
**CAPE NEDDICK** –

St. Peter's by the Sea Episcopal Church is a special place for many people, among them the Rev. Dr. Stuart Dunnan. He feels like he is coming home each summer when he worships at the lovely stone church overlooking the Atlantic Ocean on Shore Road. It is a beautiful edifice, surrounded by well-tended grounds, that has welcomed local parishioners and visiting vacationers each summer and early fall since 1897. "I grew up here, since my family always summered in Cape Neddick. So, when I participate in wor-



ship here, I feel like I am coming home," said Dunnan, 63, president of St. Peter's board of trustees and the headmaster of St.

James School, a co-educational boarding school in Hagerstown, MD.

Dunnan will preach at St. Peter's 125th anniversary celebration of thanksgiving service on Sunday, August 7. The morning service will be followed that afternoon by the church's annual jazz concert, 4 to 6 p.m. The New Legacy Swing Band will play at the event, one of several in the church's expanding summer concert series. Bishop Thomas Brown, leader of the Episcopal Diocese of Maine, will visit St. Peter's on Sunday, August 21, and preside over the 10 a.m. mass. Following that

service, the church's annual fundraiser brunch will be held on the lawn and inside the refurbished rectory overlooking the Atlantic.

Dunnan cites several reasons that St. Peter's is special. "The church's statement of faith is very strong. It is in a community where people come to vacation, but they can attend to their souls here," he said. It is welcoming to all, he added, attesting to the Episcopalian principle of being open and accepting to everyone. And, he noted, "The St. Peter's community is strong. Parishioners pitch in, volunteering to do many things, and they genuinely enjoy each other's

company." To honor Christ in all people is a vow Episcopalians make from their baptisms and throughout their lives. St. Peter's is living proof of that commitment, he said.

St. Peter's was built in 1897 from a bequest by Nannie Dunlap Conarro, widow of George Conarro. It was built on Christian Hill in Cape Neddick so that the cross on its steeple would be visible to sailors at sea. George C. Burns designed the church, and Edward Blaisdell of York built it. The Connick Studios of Boston de-

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## York Days Return

**YORK** -

This year, York Days will return in full form. The festival runs from Friday, July 29, through Sunday, August 7, and will feature all the traditional events, including some that had to be modified or cancelled in the past two years because of the pandemic.

Every night throughout the week will offer the summer lighting of the Nubble Lighthouse, in

which the structure is lit up as it is over the winter holidays. York Parks and Recreation Special Events Coordinator Liz Cooper said, "I would say the Nubble lovers of the world are definitely a strong group. For those that can't be here in the fall, it's a way for them to see what the Nubble looks like during the holidays." The fall lighting is significantly busier, Cooper said, but the summer version allows people to see the lighting occur at sunset

rather than at night. On July 31, the lighting will be accompanied by music performed live by the Portsmouth Brass Quintet.

Family Film Night will take place on Friday, July 29, at 8 p.m., by the Long Sands bathhouse. The featured film will be "Tom and Jerry," the 2021 reboot of the classic cartoon duo. Families are invited to the sand and freely pick their place to lie on a blanket and watch.

Saturday, July 30, will see the Friends of Mount Agamen-

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### Local Average Tide Chart

Date	High		Low	
	am	pm	am	pm
Sat 30	12:47	1:22	7:05	7:07
Sun 31	1:25	1:58	7:38	7:44
Mon 1	2:02	2:33	8:13	8:24
Tue 2	2:41	3:11	8:49	9:07
Wed 3	3:23	3:51	9:29	9:53
Thu 4	4:09	4:35	10:12	10:45
Fri 5	5:00	5:24	11:01	11:41

Sun Rise		Sun Set	
Sat 30	5:28	8:08	
Sun 31	5:29	8:07	
Mon 1	5:31	8:06	
Tue 2	5:32	8:04	
Wed 3	5:33	8:03	
Thu 4	5:34	8:02	
Fri 5	5:35	8:01	

## National Night Out

**YORK COUNTY** -

Since 1984, National Night Out has been held across the country as an event through which citizens can connect with their local law enforcement agencies. According to the organization's website, "National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances." This year's night out takes place on Tuesday,

August 2, and will feature various events with local police departments.

The Kennebunk Police Department will host at the Waterhouse Center pavilion at 51 Main Street from 5 to 8 p.m. Their event will give visitors the opportunity to meet with local police, EMS, and fire department members and will feature music, games, face painting, a scavenger hunt, and other activities for kids. There will also be multiple displays highlighting home and personal safety. Raffles will be held, the proceeds for



which go to Special Olympics of Maine.

In Kittery, the police, fire, and harbor master departments, along with the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard and other local area first responders, will host a community event that shines

a spotlight on crime prevention, safety, and community partnerships. It will be held on the Frisbee lawn of the Kittery Community Center from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. Food will be available, including hot dogs, pizza, chips, water, and ice pops. It will also feature bounce houses, a baseball speed-pitch with Kittery PD radar, bubble stations from Sages Entertainment, caricatures by Leona, Portsmouth Naval Shipyard STEM activities with SeaPerch Pools, and water-play activities with Kids Free to Grow. The 80s ladies tribute band Girls Just Want to Have Fun will perform

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signed and built the stained-glass windows. Nannie Conarro also gave a bequest to build a library in Ogunquit, and its design is similar to that of St. Peter's. A house, originally named Bonnie Brae but now known as the Marmion House, was built adjacent to the church in 1900, and has served as the rectory since 1908. The church was incorporated in 1927. On July 1, 1999, it was added to the National Registry of Historic Places. A memorial garden was opened adjacent to the church in 2007 for the burial of cremains in a tranquil garden setting. Jean Husby oversees the gardens and their maintenance.

Like summer chapels in other resort communities in Maine overseen by the Episcopal Church, St. Peter's begins services on Memorial Day weekend and continues through the end of October to accommodate fall visitors. The summer clergy leading worship each week includes the Rev. W. Patrick Gahan III, in June; the Rev. Todd FitzGerald, in July; and the Rt. Rev. Gary R. Lillibridge, Bishop (Ret.), in August through October.

Dunnan presides over the board of trustees, the church's governing body. Others on the board include Louesa Gillespie, vice president; David Mallen, treasurer; Hon. M. Hannah

Leavitt, secretary/clerk; Rt. Rev. Gary R. Lillibridge (Bishop Ret.); Michael L. Smyser IV; Fotene Cote; Barry Kean; Joe Leonhard; Glenn Farrell; Richard Morgan; Karl Sanford; and John Seager.

In addition to Sunday worship services, weddings, baptisms, and concerts, serving the community is an important part of St. Peter's mission. The church raises \$15,000 each year to aid three charities in York County: the Recovery Center of York Hospital, The Hope Fund, administered by York County Community Action, and Seeds of Hope in Biddeford.

All are welcome to worship at St. Peter's by the Sea, 535 Shore Road, Cape Neddick. Masses are at 8 and 10 a.m., with a social hour in the adjacent rectory following the 10 a.m. mass. Call 207-361-2030 or visit [www.st-peters-by-the-sea.org](http://www.st-peters-by-the-sea.org) for info.

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According to the WILSSA "the fact that the charity restoring the building is working to help other charities is a logical connection" in keeping with its slogan "Helping Others, Then and Now."

For more information see the video at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=jxjylw4hvo4](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jxjylw4hvo4) or visit [www.woodislandlifesaving.org](http://www.woodislandlifesaving.org).



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