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FOR OUR COUNTRY

Almighty God, who hast given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly beseech thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of thy favor and glad to do thy will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in thy Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to thy law, we may show forth thy praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in thee to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (*Book of Common Prayer*, pg. 820)

Towards the back of the Book of Common Prayer (that's the red one in our pews), in pages 814 – 841, you will find a wonderful resource for devotion. It is a compendium of prayers for almost any occasion or circumstance. It's a good place to go if the sermon isn't working for you. If you're ever asked to offer a prayer at some occasion or other, chances are you can find a good one in this grace-filled section. Some are in old-timey language, others right up to date.

The prayer above is one of almost two dozen prayers oriented towards public and political life. I was drawn to this section today as the United States House of Representatives voted to send articles of impeachment to the Senate for trial. We face weeks of grinding political warfare blaring relentlessly from our phones, televisions and computers. Meanwhile, the Democratic Party horse race will hit full tilt. Once all that is over, the really bad part will begin: months of political combat leading up to November 3rd. 2020 is going to be hard.

There is no way that a parish church filled with smart, passionate folks can be a politics-free zone. Nor should it be. Christian faith is an INTENSELY political thing because Jesus was/is an intensely political being. If you're a person of genuine Christian faith, that faith is going to manifest itself in some of your fundamental political principles. It has ever been thus and will always be. Politics free churches are useless and superfluous.

However, you will hear no endorsement of candidate, party or policy from me in church. This is not because doing so would endanger our tax-exempt status. Honestly, I couldn't care less! I practice this discipline because I believe politics to be inherently dialogical, and the pulpit is inherently monological; you can't talk back at a preacher. However, I cannot and will not edit or soft-pedal the words of Holy Scripture, which will oft times bear directly on this or that current political issue. Our pulpit and altar will not be political soapboxes in the coming storm. The narthex, meeting rooms and parking lot, on the other hand, are fully in the public square and are appropriate zones for spirited political talk. Go at it brothers and sisters! "Politics is a good thing!" (motto of Dr. Larry Sabato, my mentor at the University of Virginia)

Wherever you might fall on the political spectrum, I think all of us can find a home in the prayer at the top of this page. Praying that prayer together, as brothers and sisters in Christ, reminds us that our common humanity is deeper and more powerful than the issues that divide us. Follow that good old wisdom: God gave each of us two ears and one mouth – we should usethem accordingly. Finally, our bishop Mark Hollingsworth has commended to us that we ponder and sign the Golden Rule Pledge. You can find it at <https://goldenrule2020.org/>. I have signed it. Join me. I deeply believe that, with God's help, it is possible to be intensely political AND remain brothers and sisters in Christ. If we as Jesus' disciples can't pull this off, then we should just shut the place down and sell it to someone who can make it into a nice brew pub!



We have 9 hard months ahead, and that's just with the things we KNOW are going to happen. Many more painful unknowns lie ahead as well. Let us all, then, resolve that we will exert every effort to be true to our convictions AND to remain in Christian community. Join me in making the prayer "For Our Country" and the Golden Rule Pledge part of every day until November 3rd.

Your Brother in Christ,

— *Keith*



February 26, 2020

Ash Wednesday Liturgy,
Imposition of Ashes and
Holy Eucharist

7:00 a.m.

12:00 p.m.

2:00 p.m. (Normandy)

7:30 p.m.

(Children's Service in
Undercroft)

Children's Ash Wednesday Service

There will be a Children's Ash Wednesday Service at 7:30pm on Wednesday, February 26th.

This service consists of four interactive stations and a fifth station for the Imposition of Ashes and Eucharist.

- ❖ Station One: Water: small table, container of water;
- ❖ Station Two: Oil: small table, container of oil;

- ❖ Station Three: Light: small table, candle, matches or lighter;
- ❖ Station Four: Alleluia Banner: banner or chart stand, purple net; and
- ❖ Station Five: Ashes/Eucharist: container of ashes.

This is such a special service and we hope to have family involvement.

Altar Flowers

Worship in our church is an experience of beauty. Every element of the service, the architecture, the altar hangings, the music, the people in the pews, draws us closer to God by inviting us to bring our very best and laying it upon the altar. The flowers on the altar are an important and beautiful symbol of what we offer to God in our worship.

Altar Flowers have an added dimension to the worship... not only do they create beauty, they are then given to shut-ins, folks celebrating momentous occasions and special events, or just someone who needs a "pick-me-up!" Every member of the parish is invited to contribute to the beauty of our worship by giving the altar flowers on a particular Sunday to the glory of God and in memory, thanksgiving, or celebration for people or events that are important.

St. Peter's has a number of Sundays available throughout the year for you to place flowers at the altar. If you would like to make a gift of altar flowers, you may do so by contacting the office at 216-226-1772. Seasonal flower arrangements are \$50. (*Flowers are not on the altar during the Lenten Season.*) Thank you in advance for your generosity and for contributing to the beauty of our worship

Child Care News



It was a pleasure to be in church for the Annual Meeting

again this year and to have a chance to interact and speak with folks that we do not see all the time. We are always happy to report and share the goings-on of the Center and are obviously interested in what is going on within the building.

February we will be celebrating Groundhog's Day with a Pajama Day on February 3. This will kick off our Pajama and Book Drive that will take place throughout the month of February. We are hosting this event in conjunction with the Pajama Program. Please visit <https://pajamaprogram.org/> for more information about this wonderful program. The donations we receive will be delivered to a local agency that houses foster care children. Donation boxes for NEW pajamas and books will be available in the Center if you are interested in donating NEW pajamas or books for children of all ages in need.

LOOKING FOR SUMMER ADVENTURES FOR YOUR CHILD? Take time to think about St. Peter's Child Care Summer Camp Program. Open enrollment begins on February 3.

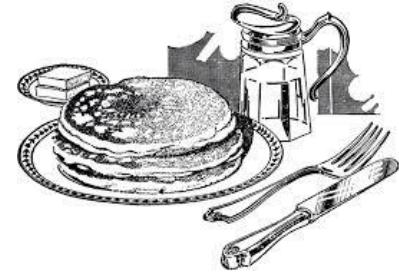
If you or any one you know is in need of child care during the summer months, consider our summer camp program. The program is designed to fit the needs of school age children who have completed Kindergarten through those entering 5th grade. Each day is filled with different

activities. Our children participate in bowling, swimming, library, Metroparks adventures, educational activities, visiting local playgrounds, on-site visitors and weekly field trips. If you are interested in more information please contact our new Schoolage Administrator, Sam Gress, at 216-403-1668. Spaces are filling quickly!

Are you ready for a new opportunity? We are always looking for new members for our Board. If you are interested in assisting in any way, please contact us through email at spcc18001@att.net. Wishing you well, *Courtney Nerad*

Youth Mission Trip Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

The Youth Shrove Sunday Pancake Breakfast will be held on Sunday, February 23rd at 8:45am. Donations from this breakfast support our summer mission trip to West Virginia.



Newcomers Series: Explore & Connect

Attention Newcomers & First-time Visitors: On Sunday, February 9th at 11:30 am, will meet in the Undercroft for lunch and a discussion about St. Peter's, the Episcopal faith, and opportunities available to you at St. Peter's. This is geared to help people new to St. Peter's become better acquainted with who we are and what we believe and to answer your questions and share information. Join us to learn more about how St. Peter's fits into your life, and how you can share your interests, skills, and talents with St. Peter's. For more information call Lorna Jordan (216) 227-0163 or e-mail lcookie1@gmail.com.



St. Cecilia Silver

St. Cecilia has an excess inventory of silver tea services and other items which need homes. These items have been well cared for by the St. Cecilia Guild after they were no longer being used by St. Ann's Guild. These precious items are being offered to the parish in exchange of a donation to the St. Cecilia fund. The items to be sold include:

- Silver plate punch ladle
- Four silver plate candelabras which hold three candles each. Eternally Yours pattern, made by International Silver circa 1941
- Silver plate cream and sugar set
- Silver plate salad serving utensils made by W.H. Rogers
- Silver plate coffeepot with cream and sugar and tray. No manufacturing marks
- Silver plate coffeepot, teapot (with broken handle), waste bowl, creamer, sugar bowl and tray. Ascot pattern by W.H. Rogers/International Silver circa 1950s

The recent inventory also noted a missing glass punch bowl. If you have it, or know what happened to it please let a Guild member know. If you are interested in obtaining any of the silver, please contact Lorna Jordan 440-455-1603 or ljcookie1@gmail.com for pictures or to see the actual pieces.

St. Valentine


Vacation Bible School



Vacation Bible School will be Monday June 8 - Friday June 12. VBS is held across the street at Lakewood Congregational Church from 9:30am - Noon. The theme this year is Dr. Seuss. We will need many volunteers and participants to make this all happen and happen well. Please contact Michelle if you have a child interested in attending or a youth interested in helping.

Dewey's Super Bowl Pizza

Thank you to all that ordered pizzas to support our summer mission trip to West Virginia.

Please consider ordering from Dewey's all year as they are very generous to this fundraiser and without our work with them we really wouldn't be able to make ends meet on this trip.



Ski & Snowboard Club

We will not have an official Ski & Snowboard Club this season BUT.... we will meet two more times weather permitting.



❖ Sunday, February 9, 2020 at Brandywine

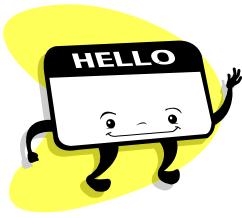
❖ Sunday, March 1, 2020 at Boston Mills

These are **SUPER SAVER SUNDAYS**. Tickets are for advance purchase online for \$30. This charge includes rental and lift ticket. Hope to see you on the slopes!

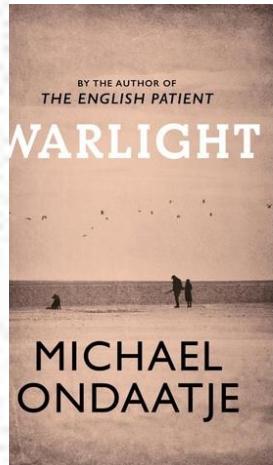
Name Tags

Each Sunday, you are invited to write out your name on a name tag and wear it so everyone will know who you

are... Permanent name badges are available for ordering! Please call the office if you would like to place an order for a badge (red background with white lettering). The badges are available with magnetic backs or pins. (Please remember: anyone with a pacemaker should not order a magnetic back badge.) The cost of the badge is \$8.00. Call 216-226-1772 or e-mail office@stpeterslakewood.org the office with questions or to place an order.



St. Cecilia's Guild Book Discussion



The St. Cecilia annual book tea will be Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at 3:00 pm at Tina Uible's house. The book we will be discussing is *Warlight* by Michael Ondaatje. Goodreads says "In a narrative as mysterious as memory itself – at once both shadowed and luminous – *Warlight* is a vivid, thrilling novel of violence and love, intrigue and desire. It is 1945, and London is still reeling from the Blitz and years of war. 14-year-old Nathaniel and his sister,

Rachel, are apparently abandoned by their parents, left in the care of an enigmatic figure named The Moth. They suspect he might be a criminal, and grow both more convinced and less concerned as they get to know his eccentric crew of friends: men and women with a shared history, all of whom seem determined now to protect, and educate (in rather unusual ways) Rachel and Nathaniel. But are they really what and who they claim to be? A dozen years later, Nathaniel begins to uncover all he didn't know or understand in that time, and it is this journey – through reality, recollection, and imagination – that is told in this magnificent novel.

St. Peter's parishioner Joseph Jacoby will lead the discussion. All are welcome!

UNITE



EYE Episcopal Youth Event happens every 3 years and brings thousands of high schoolers together. EYE 2020 is July 7-11th in Washington, D.C., and the Diocese of Ohio is sending a delegation! This event is for students currently in grades 9-12. Our group will travel together from Trinity Cathedral. The cost is \$50 per person. Contact Michelle Killin-Keith immediately if interested as slots are filling quickly.

St. Peter's Foundation:

If you are considering St. Peter's Church Foundation in your giving and estate planning, and would like more information, please go to St. Peter's website at www.stpeterslakewood.org, and click on the link to the Foundation. You may also call the church office for assistance. This is an opportunity for you to give to the future of our church, in building and in mission.



Winter Convocation 2020 February 7-8, 2020 Kalahari Convention Center, Sandusky

Our theme this year: WE'RE TRYING! The Rev. Lorenzo Librija, Director of Try Tank. Try Tank is an experimental laboratory for church growth and innovation. Since it started in 2019, it has conducted dozens of experiments. Come and hear from the founding director of the Try Tank about those experiments (even the ones that failed!), what we as a church are learning, and how you too can try more in your congregation. "I can't imagine a more exciting time to try new things in the church...we want our experiments to tell a story and that story to be shared. Because something that may not have worked in one place, may just be perfect in another." - Lorenzo Librija.

Prior to launching Try Tank, Lorenzo was the Chief Development Officer for the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles. He also served as the Pastor on behalf of the Bishop at St. John's Episcopal Church in San Bernardino, CA. He studied at the General Theological Seminary in New York City where he earned his Master of Divinity degree.

As always, the Winter Convocation will also feature a slate of best practice workshops and full children and youth programs. This year we are also looking forward to a volunteer Convocation Choir, led by Lori Turner from Grace Church in Mansfield.

Registration is now open for the 2020 Winter Convocation! With a children's program, a youth program and thirteen best practice workshops, the Winter Convocation offers something for everyone.

Convocation will be February 7-8 at Kalahari Resort and Convention Center in Sandusky. Registration is available at <https://2020dwc.eventbrite.com>. More information is available at dohio.org/winter-convocation.

2020 Summer Mission Trip: Brothers' Keeper

SAVE • THE • DATE

WHEN: Sunday, June 21st – Friday, June 26th

WHERE: Ripley, West Virginia

WHO: 7th – 12th Grade Youth

WHAT: Brothers' Keeper 2020

COST PER YOUTH:

\$50 non-refundable

deposit due January 31, 2020

COST PER ADULT: \$0



There will be a Mission Trip Meeting, Sunday, February 16th following worship services. Please plan to join us even if you are unsure. This will likely answer questions you may have and prepare the group for BK 2020.

Mission Trip





Thank you!

JOURNEY TO THE CENTER: Exploring Christianity, Episcopalian Style

The clergy of Cuyahoga County invite you to join in a significant shared experience of faith formation. Journey to the Center is a 13-week exploration of the Christian faith as it is lived out in our Episcopal Church. We begin on Sunday, February 23 and conclude on Pentecost Sunday, May 31st.

There will be three "tracks" for this program. Track 1 will meet on 13 Sunday evenings, primarily at Trinity Cathedral, but also in the home parishes of participants. Track 2 will meet on 3 Sunday evenings and 3 Saturdays (from 9-3). Track 3 will be a self-study, with 3 Sunday evening meetings and 3 private meetings with your home parish priest. We are also developing a companion website.

Journey to the Center was originally conceived as preparation for believer baptism, reception or confirmation. Over 3 decades, it has evolved into an all-purpose introduction to Anglican theology, tradition, spirituality and ethics. It requires a significant commitment of time, primarily in daily readings and journaling: about 20 minutes per day. It is appropriate for young people ages 15 - 100 (though precocious 12-year-olds have enjoyed it too!).

Bishop Hollingsworth will visit St. Peter's to offer the rites of confirmation and reception on November 29th. Journey to the Center is our preparation program for that. If you would like to be confirmed or received, this is how you'll do it.

To learn more, please go to the St. Peter's website. Under the "disciples" tab you will find "Journey to the Center." There you will find a course outline and the 2019 participant journal. If this looks like something you'd like to do, or if you have further questions, please e-mail Father Keith by February 16, or attend a brief orientation meeting that morning after the 10:00 service.



The Carolyn L. Farrell Foundation was the recipient of an outreach offering from the Parish of St. Peter's Episcopal Church presented by church member Naomi Opdycke to Dr. Charlie Farrell. We are grateful to the members of the church for their generosity. Special recognition goes to Naomi for being the liaison between the church and the Farrell Foundation. In addition, Janis & John Carlson hosted a table with info about the Farrell Foundation & also artwork by their daughter, Jennifer, who is a participant in the Farrell Foundation programs.

Coffee Hour in the Narthex



Below are our host families for February & March. Please bring your items to the Narthex prior to the service.

If you cannot cover your assigned Sunday, it would be most helpful if you call someone and switch Sundays or bring it ahead of time and we can hold until your assigned Sunday. You may opt entirely out of the rotation simply by contacting Amanda Chambers 440-669-6352 or amandaschambers@hotmail.com.

With much gratitude,
Amanda Chambers

February 2

Hilary & Mike Bickerton -Verger
Liz & Grace Roberts
Louise Rodebush & Michelle Felgar
Maria Roig and Ron Gantt
Wadia Salah
Mary Sandberg

February 9

Linda Purdy -Verger
Matt and Melissa Sattler
Marilyn Schabel
Bob & Chris Schauer
Paul & Wendi Schwartz
Lois Smith

February 16

Sarah Taylor -Verger
Cathe Step & Ryan Vogelgesang
Ron Stach & Doug Hoffman
Carl & Shirley Tabar
Dave Tabar
Ken & Martha Taylor

February 23

Jan Madigan -Verger
Jeff Tennant
Brad & Deb Vandrasik
Pat Wielinski
Nancy Wittig & Pam Darling

March 1

Amanda Chambers-Verger
Angie Whidden
Kathy Woolner
Chuck & Ann Wright
John & Betsy Yingling
Jan & Christine Afungchwi

March 8

Tina Uible-Verger
Lynn Allman
Rebecca Austin
Tom & Jenni Baker
Cherie Bauer
Stephen Bickerton

March 15

Linda Lange -Verger
Ann Bish
Karen Bradley-Norton
Joel Bussard
Jim Calhoun
Joanne Calkins

March 22

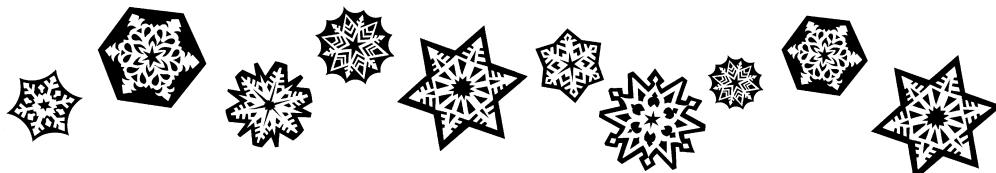
Nan Archbold-Verger
John, Janis, & Jennifer Carlson
Mary Coe
Craig and Jan Cook
Ren Cooper and Nicole Fizer
Liz Crosby

March 29

Amanda Chambers-Verger
Clark and Mella Davies
Jon & Leslie Demagall
Heidi Demaline
Kelly Dillon
Dennis Driscoll & Susan Murnane

February Events

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
						1 Chancel Guild Brunch, 11:00 am
2 Holy Eucharist, 8:00 & 10:00 am Sunday School 9:45 am Coffee Hour 11:30 am Pizza Delivery	3	4 Village Circle, 6-8pm Bowling @ Fairview Lanes, 6:30 pm	5 Holy Eucharist & Healing, 9:30 am Bible Study, 10:30 am Resilient Mamas, 6:30-8:30 pm	Choir 7:30 pm	7 Bible Study, 7:00 am <i>Diocesan Winter Convocation Kalahari</i> →	8
9 Holy Eucharist, 8:00 & 10:00 am Sunday School 9:45 am Coffee Hour 11:30 am Explore & Connect, 11:30am Youth Skiing	10	11 Community Meal, 6:00 pm	12 Holy Eucharist & Healing, 9:30 am Bible Study, 10:30 am	Choir 7:30 pm	14 Bible Study, 7:00 am	15 <i>Fisherman's NET deadline</i>
16 Holy Eucharist, 8:00 & 10:00 am Sunday School 9:45 am Coffee Hour 11:30 am Mission Trip Mtg., 11:30 am Journey to the Center Meeting, 11:30 am	17 President's Day OFFICE CLOSED	18 Birthworkers Chat 6-8 pm Bowling @ Fairview Lanes, 6:30 pm	19 Holy Eucharist & Healing, 9:30 am Bible Study, 10:30 am Resilient Mamas, 6:30-8:30 pm	Choir 7:30 pm	21 Bible Study, 7:00 am	22
23 Holy Eucharist, 8:00 & 10:00 am Youth Mission Trip Pancake Breakfast, 8:45am Sunday School 9:45 am Coffee Hour 11:30 am	24	25	26 Ash Wednesday Holy Eucharist 7:00 am Noon 7:30 pm Children's Service, 7:30 pm Normandy Service, 2:00 pm	Choir 7:30 pm	28 Bible Study, 7:00 am Normandy Services, 11:00 am	29



Parish Prayer Rota for February

Please use this parish prayer rota in your daily prayers. We will pray for all the families and individuals in the parish serially over the course of a few months, we'll then start over again. Clip this page and keep it with your daily devotions for easy access.

Feb 1	John & Marci Rich Liz & Grace Roberts	Feb 16	Jeff Tenant & Bruce Smith Margo & Brandt Tenant
Feb 2	Louise Rodebush & Michelle, Ella & Haley Felgar Tyler & Brittany Rosenberger	Feb 17	George & Barbara Thomas David & Tina Uible
Feb 3	Jeff, Befora & Madison Rudesill Jill Rumford & Annika Mintzlaff	Feb 18	Brad & Deb Vandrasik Churchill & Evelyn Ward
Feb 4	Wadia Salah Mary Sandberg	Feb 19	Jessica Weese Marjorie Welfare
Feb 5	Keith Savidge Marilyn Schabel	Feb 20	Joe, Katy, Jack & Charlie Wellington Pete & Denise Wheeler
Feb 6	Robert & Christine Schauer Maureen Schoen	Feb 21	Tyler, Angie, Booker & Claribel Whidden Antony White & Laura Sutera
Feb 7	Paul, Wendi, Blake, Claire & Rachel Schwartz Sally Scovill	Feb 22	Pat Wielinski Ed & Marlene Wilkinson
Feb 8	Deb Sefcek Patricia Siefert & Kathleen Eiermann	Feb 23	James, Jennifer, Abby Williams & Natalie Hannan Warren & Rita Williams
Feb 9	Walt & Joyce Senney Molly Simon	Feb 24	Nancy Wittig Robert & Laura Wolverton
Feb 10	Lois Smith Victor & Rochelle Smith	Feb 25	Kathy & Sagan Woolner Mariann Wren
Feb 11	Carrie Sowden Ron Stach & Doug Hoffman	Feb 26	Chuck & Ann Wright John & Betsy Yingling
Feb 12	Julie Steigerwald Ed & Julie Stenger	Feb 27	John & Peggy Zimmer Jan, Christine, Slyvia & Elle Afungchwi
Feb 13	Cathe Step, Ryan, Owen & Charlie Vogelgesang Virginia Strempel	Feb 28	Lynn Allman Tom & Sue Andrews
Feb 14	Carl & Shirley Tabar Dave & Donna Tabar	Feb 29	Nan Archbold Adam & Kate Armstrong
Feb 15	Ken & Martha Taylor Sarah & Rory Taylor		

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The Rev. G. Keith Owen, II, Rector

The Rev. John S. Keller, Retired Associate Priest

The Rev. Canon Nancy H. Wittig, Retired Associate Priest

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Donna Felleisen, Parish Accountant

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