

What's Happening: January 15, 2021

We hold in our prayers this week:

For the repose of the soul: Lee Elwood, family member of Sara Ferry

Parishioners in need of Prayer: Rob Kuhlenschmidt, David Murphy, Joanne Calkins, Mary Sandberg, Harold Babbit, Rick Nash, Ron Gantt, Jennifer Carlson, Janis Carlson, Bob Lewis

Homebound Parishioners: Kay McKelvey, Sheena James, Molly Simon, Connie Cooper, Doug Bradfield, Ed & Marlene Wilkinson, Clara Mae Cain, Mildred Bittel, Deb Sefcek, John & Mary Etta Bitter, Brandt & Margo Tennant, Lynn Allman

Parishioners' Friends and Family: Charlotte Handley (Tucker Handley, Sam Morgan, Sr., Gloria Morgan (Sam Morgan), The Mijailivoc Family (Bob Brown), Brynn and Christopher Purdy (Linda Purdy), Cathy Bitounis, Kevin Kelley (The Schauer Family), Rudy and the Capece Family (Jeff Gardner), Dianne Mason (Shaina Browning), Dianna Csikos, Karen Fobbs (Deb Vandrasik), Eric Doubell (Joanne Hull), Joe Nero (Don & Mary Blesse), Alberta Valente, Jayne Matthews, Joan & Chuck Bulf (Anida Balmer), Ruth Zimmer (Peggy Zimmer), Dan McDonough (Jan Madigan), Clinton Hist, II (Heidi Demaline), Pat Kiely (Mariann Wren), Michael Wood (Nan Archbold), Andrew Horner (Kathy Woolner), Nancy E. Warren (Laura Sutura), Cathy Lucas, Paul, David, Mathew, Liesl, Carly and Myrtel, Joe Jensen, Mom (Susan Jensen), Bridget, Karen, Graham & Gordon (Ann Bish), Edith Cowlin, Lans Andrews (Tom & Sue Andrews)

Deployed Parishioners and Friends: Blake Schwartz, son of Paul and Wendi Schwartz, Ohio National Guard

Join us for Sunday Worship... 9:30 a.m. ONLINE

The Service will be live streamed beginning at 9:20 a.m., and the recording will subsequently remain available by going to:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5r-XEvAg8xKiEI2jnl_s7g?

Everything you need for worship can be accessed at

<http://www.stpeterslakewood.org/news/sunday-worship/>.

For pastoral emergencies, please contact the office at 216-226-1772 or the Rev. John Keller at 440-356-7138. Also, if you would like to put someone on the prayer list, please contact the office at office@stpeterslakewood.org.

The office will close at noon on Friday. We will also be closed Monday for the MLK holiday. We will reopen Tuesday morning. Sunday services will be held at 9:30

a.m. online with Coffee Hour immediately following the service. Have a wonderful weekend.

VIRTUAL SUNDAY BRUNCH

Login to Sunday Brunch via ZOOM after the 9:30 service on Sunday. Coffee Hour will begin promptly at 10:30 a.m. You can get to brunch by using this link in your internet browser:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81324974603?pwd=a1lsNINqR25ybjJ0WFo3NFRpTk93Zz09>

From the ZOOM app on your computer or phone:

Meeting ID: **813 2497 4603**

Call in on your phone. Dial **+1 929 205 6099 US (New York)**, and then enter **217944#** when prompted.

There will not be coffee hour following the Annual Meeting on January 24. Zoom Coffee Hour will resume at 10:30am on January 31, and subsequent Sunday mornings.

BIBLE STUDY CONTINUES

This is a new login to our Friday Bible Study Zoom.

Please be sure to change your meeting room!

The Friday Bible Study group has been going strong for more than 15 years. Following up on our study of the Book of Acts, we are making our way through Saint Paul's letters in the order scholars believe he wrote them.

Please join us via ZOOM every Friday morning at 8:00 a.m..

The Zoom meeting number is **862 4122 9557**

And the browser link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86241229557>

If you are using your phone, dial +13017158592,,86241229557#

Annual Statements will be mailed out during the month of January. Statements will include money donated and paid directly to St. Peter's. Monies paid to the Capital Campaign, *Planting for Tomorrow*, be on statements coming from the Diocese of Ohio. If you have questions about your statement, please contact the office at 216-226-1772 or via email at office@stpeterslakewood.org. Thank you.

2021 Winter Convocation

The 2021 Winter Convocation will be held virtually on Sunday mornings and weekday evenings at 7:00 p.m. on **February 8-14**. There is no charge for any of the events, but pre-registration is required. Registration information will be coming soon. Feel free to sign up for as many workshops as you like. Each weekday event will have pre-work assigned, and will last no longer than one hour. For more information, visit dohio.org/convocation.

Keith and Monica Owen's Farewell Presentation: Many people have asked to read a transcript of the presentation given by Jeff and others in honor of Keith and Monica's farewell. Here is that transcript.

Good Morning St. Peter's. I'm Jeff Tennant; Senior Warden and I am thrilled you have joined us today for our Farewell celebration for Keith and Monica Owen. We are broadcasting **live** from our new Chapel and what you cannot see since you are not physically present with us is the amazing technology and video production being supplied by "Rock The House Virtual Events". Their services are the generous gift from two of our parishioners who have asked to remain anonymous. As a member of the Sunday tech team, I can assure you what a blessing it is to have someone else responsible for live streaming! So, for the two of you that gifted these services – a huge thank you.

And as long as I am on the topic of thank yous, I want to thank Co-chairs of the Farewell Committee - Anne Marie Foti and Linda Purdy and their committee of Amanda Chambers, Dennis Driscoll, Susan Jensen, Sue Andrews, Pat Wielinski, Cathe Step, Tracy Merideth, Joann Hull, and Martha Taylor. When I asked Anne Marie and Linda to lead the committee, the challenges were significant – simply "How do we adequately honor and celebrate someone we love during a Global Pandemic" when all the traditional events like parish meetings, dinners, and physical group celebrations were not responsible. So, from the very beginning, this was No Small Task! The countless hours of exactly 45-minute ZOOM committee meetings, the planning, then canceling and re-planning of events as COVID spread throughout Cuyahoga County, the selection of gifts, the coordination of events, parish communication, while working as a committee who juggling the demands of their own lives, is beautiful and inspiring. I am sure you agree with me that the results have been wonderful. Thank you! I know you put your hearts and souls into this because "How do you say good-bye to someone you love so much?"

One reason this good-bye is so difficult is because Keith means different things to different people. As a parish priest, you have roles of spiritual leader, personal confidant, counselor, teacher, rabbi, project manager, group coordinator, mediator, janitor, set-up guy and clean-up person, and recently – IT, Zoom, YouTube and Live Streaming expert. As a parish priest, you were present for the full cycle of life – sometimes at birth, baptism, confirmation, marriage, the actual passing and funeral, and being with the family in the stages of bereavement. You carry confidences and you are also the community hub of information. In our parish, Keith was the de-facto head and director of most meetings, events, and committees. And even if a person only has a passing acquaintanceship with Keith, seeing him at the altar on Sundays creates a familiarity and comfort that has its own dimension. In our communion services, he blesses and shares the gifts of the sacrament and in our healing services, it is his hand that place the oil on our forehead and his hand that rests on our head as he extends and shares God's blessing and love.

So, celebrating someone who has such a profound place in many people's lives is important.

Keith accepted the keys to St. Peter's on 17th of November 2004 and 16 years later, he leaves us spiritually healthy, financially sound, with a new chapel and administration building, and countless other accomplishments. But I believe one of his more enduring legacy's will be, that for the most part, during his tenure, the congregation came together and functioned as a vibrant, loving and mostly drama-free Christian community. While my perspective is only the last 10 of those years, I have witnessed his leadership and his ability to hold the congregation together during challenging financial times, the capital campaign and subsequent building, contentious national elections, COVID, and other challenges that might have caused irreconcilable strife. My grandfather, who was also an episcopal minister, used to say if you can keep a 1/3rd of the church for you, a 1/3rd of the church against you, and a 1/3rd of the church indifferent, then you will be a successful rector. But I think about the words of that spiritual, "They will know we are Christians by our love". So, by most accounts, your ministry here has been amazingly successful.

Another legacy of yours is the confidence that we, the congregation of St. Peter's, enter with into this new phase and journey of the life of our parish. Make no mistake, we will miss you, but because of who we are and how you've shepherd us, we are moving forward as a strong community, up to the challenge of finding our next rector. I believe the greatest accomplishment and compliment of a leader is when you leave people and institutions stronger than you found them, and your love and teaching did not create dependence, but growth. And we know you did not do this alone.

Being the life partner of a Parish Rector is an utterly unique position. Sometimes the role is not defined, and other times it is overly defined. What I admire about you Monica is that you contributed to parish life, donating your time and effort to different committees, WHILE raising 3 beautiful children, maintaining your own career, and successfully maintaining your own identity. I believe you are a true role model for both men and women.

What we will never know is how you supported and contributed to Keith's well being. When he had to be strong, calm and balanced for everyone else, who could he turn to but you? As I see it, simply put, he was there for us because you were there for him. On behalf of the congregation, Thank you.

Hunter, Josh and Rachel – What most members of the parish don't know is that on your birth certificates, after your full name, there are 2 initials – Should we tell them what they stand for? – **P.K. for preacher's kid**. It was not something you asked for, but it has been a fact of your lives. Whether here or in New York, there were people who knew who you were before you knew who they were. You've had to live in the parish fishbowl. For the most part, you've been spared the indignation of being the central characters of many of your father's sermons. However, the quintessential stereotype of the rogue P.K don't apply here. When people speak of the Owen's children, they use adjectives like: kind, thoughtful, considerate, balanced, polite, respectful, and dare I say it – well mannered. We look at you and think – these are fine people. You didn't have much choice in the matter, but your

journey became our journey. And it has been an absolute pleasure being on the journey with you.

We do not have enough time to share the details of each of your effects on the people of St. Peter's – and quite frankly, neither I nor anyone else could capture the richness of how you both touched the different aspects of our lives.

So, Keith and Monica, our first gift to you is this CHEST, which contains the letters and pictures of the people who lives you both touch. It is a treasure chest, which contains the gold of people's hearts. It is our hope that as time goes by, you will visit this chest, and read the memories of your time at St. Peter's.

As I mentioned, my grandfather shared your vocation, and I grew up looking at the pictures of the churches he served as rector as they had a prominent place in his home office. Triggered by the picture, he would share with me stories of the congregation and revisit memories. The origin of this picture, as you only know too well, was a gift given to Fred Purdy, which he generously shared with others. It highlights the old building with the new, and now contains a truth of the (CE) COVID era, that only a few were able to sign it. But as with all messages of devotion and admiration, the FEW speak for the MANY. So, on behalf of the congregation of St. Peter's, we present this print of our church home, as a reminder your 16 years of being our shepherd.

It was your instruction to me and Dan not to collect a financial farewell gift for you, as it is NOT your way, but to have something of value and lasting memory presented to the church in your honor.

So, it is my pleasure to turn over the Zoom mike over to Cathe Step for our next presentation.

Thank you Cathe. Now congregation, I ask you to listen to me - you will now be convened into 3 breakout rooms. Keith will visit each room for 5 minutes. Until Keith joins your room, please use it as a coffee hour, to check in with each other and share how you are doing. When Keith leaves your room, continue on. Whatever you do, please DO NOT sign off as at the end of the breakout rooms, we will all come back together, for a final presentation and then Keith will share his final thoughts with us.

Thank you everyone. I know the Zoom platform has a lot to be desired, but at least we have something to gather together.

I turn the Zoom Mike over to our Co-Chair Linda Purdy.

Notice for Annual Meeting: Waiving of Article 1, Section 5 - Due to the COVID pandemic, Bishop Hollingsworth has requested the suspension of all in-person worship and large church gatherings. Since St. Peter's Code for Regulation Article 1, Section 5 of states: "*All meetings of members, both annual and special, shall be held **at the parish** at the time specified in the notice*", at the beginning of the January 24, 2021 annual meeting, a motion will be made and a vote taken to waive the in-person requirement for the meeting, to be replace with attendance through a virtual platform or phone as acceptable.

If you have any concerns this action, please feel free to contact Jeff Tennant, Senior Warden at 216-218-8622 or J.B.Tennant@me.com

Parish Directory Updates... Please contact the office with any address, phone, or email changes. We try very hard to have the correct contact information for everyone in the parish. So, if you have a change to the Parish Directory, i.e. address, phone number, mobile phone, email, etc... or would like to add a birth date or anniversary date to our data base, please email the office at office@stpeterslakewood.org or call 216-226-1772. Thank you for your assistance with this project.



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