

What's Happening: March 26, 2021

We hold in our prayers this week:

For the repose of the soul: David Bitter, son of John and Mary Etta Bitter

Parishioners in need of Prayer: David Murphy, Rick Nash, Jennifer Carlson, Bob Lewis

Homebound Parishioners: Joanne Calkins, 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: Suehana Kieres (Liz Crosby), Ali Lahey (John Keller), Phil Vandrask (Brad Vandrask), Cindy Check (Fred Purdy), Ron Vinson; Don Aukerman, Graham & Gordon (Ann Bish), Charlotte Handley (Tucker Handley), Sam Morgan, Sr., Gloria Morgan (Sam Morgan), Susan McVaney (Bob Brown), Richey Ruscin (Linda Purdy), Michael Moore, Cathy Bitounis (The Schauer Family), Rudy and the Capece Family (Jeff Gardner), Eric Doubell, Pastor Alvin T. Jones (Joanne Hull), Joe Nero (Don & Mary Blesse), Alberta Valente, Jayne Matthews, Joan & Chuck Bulf (Anida Balmer), Ruth Zimmer (Peggy Zimmer), Clinton Hist, II (Heidi Demaline), Andrew Horner (Kathy Woolner), Nancy E. Warren (Laura Sutera), Cathy Lucas & Family, and Joe Jensen (Susan Jensen), Bridget, Karen, Covell Family (Tom & Sue Andrews)

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



Palm Sunday 9:30 a.m.

Good Friday Noon

Easter Sunday 9:30 a.m.

Join us for Holy Week and Easter Sunday Worship... ONLINE

The Services will be live streamed and the recording will subsequently remain on St. Peter's YouTube. It is available by going to:

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

Join us for Palm 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/>.

Join us for Good Friday Worship... 12:00 p.m. (noon) ONLINE

The Service will be live streamed beginning at 11:50 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/>.

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/82813898119?pwd=VU5QMjl0UmJkdTBudmJQRVphNTRVUT09>

Meeting ID: 828 1389 8119

Passcode: 18001

Call in on your phone. Dial **+1 929 205 6099 US (New York)** then enter then enter Meeting ID: 828 1389 8119 and Passcode: 18001 when prompted.

Parish Directories and Palm Crosses were mailed this past week. A huge thanks goes to Cathe Step, Ann Wright and Sally Scovill for making over 250 palm crosses; and to Sara Ferry and Pat Wielinski for stuffing all the envelopes for the mailing. This was a very time consuming and expensive endeavor. If you see one of these folks, please give them your thanks and appreciation on a job exceedingly well done.



I am thrilled to share that on this past Monday, the Vestry unanimously voted to return to in-person services beginning on Mother's Day, May 9, 2021. This followed hours of thoughtful, prayerful discussion and debate in several meetings. It was an almost immediate response to Bishop Hollingsworth's March 1 announcement that parishes

within the Diocese of Ohio may conduct in-person services beginning on the 5th Sunday in Lent, March 21. I believe your Vestry has acted responsibly and with utmost urgency. Know that it had to balance many considerations—not the least of which is providing a safe environment for both clergy and parishioners as we worship together.

There are two important parts to this decision: first, that all COVID-19 protocols that were in place with the last re-opening will remain (as advised by the Bishop). Second, the Vestry voted that in the event of a surge or other negative trends, it would reserve the option to reverse or postpone returning to in-person services until things improved.

We plan to resume both an 8 am and 10 am service on May 9, with the latter being live-streamed via YouTube. As already mentioned, previous COVID-19 protocols will remain: wearing masks, social distancing, post-service disinfecting, and Sign-Up Genius for attendance. Vestry will confirm the current plan at its next regular meeting scheduled for April 19. We will update you with further details as they progress.

The Vestry held two meetings (one special on March 8, one regularly scheduled on March 15) to consider all options for re-opening. We examined current COVID-related statistics, trends, vaccine availability and virus variant concerns. The most significant issue we identified was the willingness of supply clergy to officiate in-person services. Rev. John Keller, our Liturgical Officer, took responsibility for determining this, and contacted clergy. At the March 15 vestry meeting, he presented a viable schedule based on his findings.

We recognize there is a delay between the permitted March 21 re-opening and our planned re-opening on May 9. The reason for this, and at the risk of a bad pun, is that while the "Demand" is immediate, our "Supply" is delayed. We need to wait for the availability of supply clergy based on completion of full vaccination plus the recommended two-week period following.

I hope you all share with me a sense of joy, relief and excitement at this news. Feel free to contact me with any questions. I can be reached via email at dfgourash@sseg-law.com.

Peace be with you. *Daniel F. Gourash, Senior Warden*



Trinity Cathedral (www.trinitycleveland.org) and The National Cathedral (www.cathedral.org) will be hosting several opportunities for worship during Holy Week. Here are a few; for other services, please visit their websites.

Maundy Thursday, April 1

7:00 p.m. **Maundy Thursday Liturgy and Eucharist**
trinitycleveland.org

Good Friday, April 2

11:30 a.m. **Stations of the Cross**
trinitycleveland.org

7:00 p.m. *Good Friday Concert*

Organ music played by Todd Wilson and Nicole Keller

Chants by Hildegard von Bingen

Traditional spirituals by solo singers from the Cathedral Choir

trinitycleveland.org

Holy Saturday, April 3

8:00 p.m. **The Great Vigil of Easter**
trinitycleveland.org

The National Cathedral in Washington DC will also be hosting an online Maundy Thursday service as well as an Easter Sunday service. The links and information are provided.

[Holy Eucharist with Stripping of the Altar](#)

Thursday, April 1, 2021 | 7:00pm

Maundy Thursday begins the Great Three Days (The Triduum) as we remember the Last Supper, the agony in the garden of Gethsemane and Jesus' journey to the cross and crucifixion.

[Festival Holy Eucharist](#)

Sunday, April 4, 2021 | 11:15am

Join us as we proclaim the raising of Jesus Christ from the dead through word and song in a festive service marking the beginning of the Easter season.

BIBLE STUDY CONTINUES

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.. (Please note the new time!)

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#

CHILDREN AND YOUTH HOLY WEEK EVENTS

Palm Sunday 9:30am Virtual Worship Service will contain Michelle's reading of Humphrey's First Palm Sunday

<https://stpeterslakewood.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=6d342cc5a666587016dcf3334&id=866568b809&e=f274519fe1>

The Passion-Saturday March 27, 2021 @ 7pm The Passion of the Christ
rated R for sequences of graphic violence

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83623594343?pwd=cTVYSmYrTzZXbGNpVjZVd09kOGwxZz09>

The Miracle Maker – The Story of Jesus Sunday March 28, 2021 @ 5pm
rated G for children

[Join our Cloud HD Video Meeting](#)

Holy Week Theater for Maundy Thursday April 1, 2021 @ 6pm for children.

[Join our Cloud HD Video Meeting](#)

Good Friday Stations of the Cross at Bellwether April 2, 2021 3-5pm

for everyone. Using Mary Button's exhibit, which includes fourteen 11x17 posters, title cards, and descriptions. Posters are on stakes, spread out over the farm. Folks will be given a trail map with the stations marked on them, as well as reflection questions and info on Mary Button/Mental Health. Michelle will be driving the extended golf cart for those with mobility issues or little one's that cannot hike far.

<https://www.marybutton.com/mentalillness/9f5b6v1xusi3kbnu77s90tbmylq2x2>

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.



Spring Flower & Plant Sale:

Sales are going on now through April 20, 2021 ONLINE, a PAPER option is available in the rack near the Basil Pots at the back parking lot church doors.

Support the Youth Group Summer Mission Trip:

Though this year continues to bring challenges, we were able to offer a safe alternative trip in 2020 and have no doubt we'll be a help either near or far this summer. With your support of this sale, we are able to help those most in need through offering our time and skills learned over the many years of working together.

This year the sale platform has changed from My Teamworks to Farmraiser. You will still order online or print off the order form and drop off in the church office with your payment. Plants will be available for a **contactless drive-thru pick up** on Saturday, May 15th 11am-noon. You just pull in, pop your trunk, we place your order, and off you go. Any plants not picked up will be considered a donation to the church grounds and planted here. Online sales are the most profitable at 45% proceeds.

Our website: <http://farmraiser.com/campaigns/st-peter-s-episcopal>

Gift Certificates will be sold separately through Michelle. Just reach out to her and she will get them for you as we receive 20% of those. dartwoman@sbcglobal.net cell 440-781-4161

Additionally, you can also participate in a "Walk-In" fundraiser through the retail store. You can shop at Deans location in Westlake and tell the cashier you are with **St. Peter's Youth Group** before check out. Deans will keep a tally of our members' purchases from May 1st – June 15th and then send us a refund check of 20% of your total purchases.

Thank you for your support over the years, *The Summer Mission Trip Team*



Easter Flowers: As you know, due to the pandemic, things are still unusual and will be a little different this year for the Easter service. If you would like to contribute to the Easter Flower Fund you may by sending a check made out to St. Peter's Episcopal Church for \$25 with a notation in the memo line "Easter Flower Fund". Send a list of those you would like memorialized or thanked. We appreciate your thoughtfulness and generosity.