

What's Happening: October 22, 2021

We hold in our prayers this week:

Parishioners in need of Prayer: Linda Purdy, Mary McHale, Nan Archbold, The Norton Family, Dottie O'Neill, Jo Oldenburg, Peggy Zimmer, Rob Kuhlenschmidt, Robin Ingram, Harold Babbit, Connie Cooper, Rick Nash, Jennifer Carlson, Bob Lewis

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

Parishioners' Friends and Family: Michael Yancey (Amanda Chambers), Betty Carter (Ron Stach), Karen Wagner (Michelle Killin Keith), Kirby Lee (Jeff Tennant), Rod Reilly (Dan Hout-Reilly), Rhett (Anna Norton), Evie Morris (Martha Taylor), Mike Kaczmarek (Jan Madigan), Mary Anne Barnes (Emily Malquest), Suehana Kieres (Liz Crosby), Phil Vandrasik (Brad Vandrasik), Cindy Check (Fred Purdy), Emily Evans, Ruth Zimmer, Mardelle Evans (Peggy Zimmer), Charlie Speake (John Keller), Don Aukerman, Julie, Karen, Gordon and Graham (Ann Bish), Charlotte Handley (Tucker Handley), Gloria Morgan (Sam Morgan), Richey Ruscin (Linda Purdy), Rudy and the Capece Family (Jeff Gardner), Joe Nero (Don & Mary Blesse), Alberta Valente, Jayne Matthews, Joan & Chuck Bulf (Anida Balmer), Debbie Wodzisz, Andrew Horner (Kathy Woolner), Nancy E. Warren (Laura Sutera)

Join us for Sunday Worship...
in person at 9:30 a.m.
9:30 a.m. ONLINE
The Rev. Sally Goodall, Interim Rector

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/>

Welcome to St. Peter's! If you are attending services, please use the back glass door off the parking lot (where the elevator is located) or the front door to enter the church. At this time, the other two entrances will remain locked. If you need any assistance, please see one of the ushers or Tom Newman, St. Peter's Sexton. Masks are required in building at all times. Thank you for your cooperation.



**This Sunday, October 24th,
St. Peter's will have one (1) service at
9:30 a.m.
Please join us in worship and
discernment.**

Our Outreach Focus of the Month: Habitat for Humanity

We will be giving this organization all loose plate (undesignated) offerings this month. There will be someone at the back of the church at the end of the service collecting donations if you forget to put your offering in the plate at the beginning of church. Thank you all for your generosity!



Habitat for Humanity is a global nonprofit housing organization working in local communities across all fifty states in the U.S. as well as in approximately seventy countries. They work toward a vision of building strength, stability, and self-reliance in partnership with families in need of affordable housing. Habitat homeowners help build their own homes alongside volunteers and pay a mortgage within their means. Please give generously this month to help others in need. For more information, see the “flyer” below.



We kick the “Harvesting our Future Together” Stewardship Campaign off with five simple questions.

1. What is important to you at St. Peter’s?
2. What are you willing to do at St. Peter’s?
3. Comment on our commitment to each other - “We are all in this together.”
4. How can we help each other?
5. Comment on Appreciation - Love, Gratitude, and Generosity in all ways.

Visit <https://youtu.be/XCtOJGT1dPc> and see this week's video for thoughts on Harvesting our Future Together, Amanda Chambers shares her compassionate views as she answers the 5 questions proposed by our Generosity Team.

Thank you! ~ *The Generosity Team*

In-Person Parish Discernment Meeting

The first Parish Discernment Meeting will take place in-person at St. Peter's on October 24, 2021 shortly following a single combined service that day. There will be no 8 am or 10 am services. Instead, we will hold a single combined service starting at 9:30 am. Light refreshments will be available. We expect the Discernment Meeting to start around 10:45 am and conclude around Noon. This is a very important meeting and we encourage everyone who can and is able to attend and participate. Be prepared to break into small groups to discuss, question, and record your experiences when God has touched your life at St. Peter's. Forms will be provided to use during the break-out sessions with the questions to be discussed and a place to record what is said. Each person will have the opportunity to share, question, and help record. The exact details of how we go about doing this will be explained at the Meeting.

Note that if you are unable to attend the meeting, either because you will be out of town or do not feel comfortable attending in person, there will be another separate Zoom-based meeting within a few weeks. The logistics of doing break-out sessions both in-person and remotely at the same time are too difficult, and we want to make sure everyone has a full opportunity to participate in the discernment process. Indeed, everyone is invited to attend both the in-person and the Zoom-based meetings if you so desire.

We look forward to seeing you at one or both of the Discernment Meetings!

Sara Ferry, Dan Gourash, and David Bargetzi

Children & Youth Ministry

The Near Future of Children & Youth Activities: As was mentioned in last week's What's Happening, the position of Children and Youth Activities Director will not be filled in the near future; But this does not mean activities and formation end!

There are a number of activities in the works for the Advent season, some for older kids and some for younger kids. We hope to offer at-home activities at least once a month beyond that for our youth to stay connected - activities thought of and executed by parishioners! This is going to involve participation of parents and non-parent parishioners alike, so bring your ideas to the team and we will figure out the implementation together. And kids - If you have found ways of connecting that you think we can share here at the church, let us know.

Rev. Sally and the team are also meeting soon with Anna Sutterisch, Canon for Formation in the Diocese to brainstorm plans for the future. We know that many parishes are struggling with youth connections during the pandemic, and we will be seeking all the input we can get to bring the best of everyone's experience to our kids.

This is an exciting time, and one to remember that this is OUR church, and it will be what WE make it. Let's make sure our children and youth are engaged and moving forward with their Christian formation. We look forward to hearing all your ideas!

Sarah Taylor, Tucker Handley, Stephen Bickerton, Martha Taylor, Rev. Sally

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SERVING ON VESTRY?



Please let us know if you have interest in serving on Vestry. Each year at the Annual Meeting a new class of 4 members of the Vestry are elected for three-year terms and one youth member is elected for a one-year term. The Vestry meets on the third Monday of every month (typically with July

and August off if appropriate). The outgoing class of Vestry members comprise the Vestry Nominating Committee. This year those members are Amanda Chambers, Tucker Handley, Sarah Taylor and Dan Gourash. Amanda Chambers is the Chairperson of the Nominating Committee. Please approach her or any of the other members of the Committee if you have interest in serving or simply have questions about what is involved. All are requested to prayerfully consider seeking election to Vestry.

VIRTUAL SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR

Join us for a VIRTUAL SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR at 11:30 a.m.

November 14, December 12

Virtual Coffee Hour will meet on the second (2nd) Sunday of the month: The next one will be held Sunday, November 14. Please join in and meet and greet your fellow parishioners. (Mark your calendars for the other Coffee Hours!)

Login to Sunday Coffee Hour via ZOOM at 11:30 a.m. Sundays. 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

For pastoral emergencies, please contact the office at 216-226-1772 or The Rev. Sally Goodall at 330-608-8085 or via email at revsallyq76@gmail.com.

Also, if you would like to put someone on the prayer list, please contact the office at office@stpeterslakewood.org.

Churches are often at the core of racial and economic social justice initiatives. We need churches now more than ever. Racial housing and financial equity are the trademarks of Habitat. Social justice and affordable housing needs gave birth to the Habitat movement. For more information, please contact Habitat for Humanity at 216-429-1299.



Justice in terms of the distribution of wealth, opportunities, and privileges within a society.

Many Faith Communities would love to partner with another Faith-Based organization and go out into the community physically being the hands and feet of Christ. Most want to get in, get dirty, and complete a goal. So what can we do on a local level to help with

Poverty, Homelessness, Immigration Stresses, Civil Rights and Racial Discrimination, and finally Gender Inequality?

Habitat for Humanity's Progress Model of Racial, Economic, Gender, and to a small degree Immigration efforts, work. The model is simply the route to homeownership. Homeownership is the single most impactful way to help all of these injustices.



Positive results from Homeownership

- Homeownership is a good financial investment
- Homeownership provides more stability and control over one's living environment.
- Homeownership enables greater political participation and positive educational outcomes for children
- Homeownership creates anticipation of/ actual wealth creation
- Greater residential stability/security
- Better quality housing/home environment
- Better quality neighborhood: physical and social
- Heightened sense of control/ social status/ accomplishment
- Homeownership provides for improved health, enhanced life satisfaction, improved parenting
- Higher levels of high school and post-secondary completions, social capital, civic engagement
- Better school performance and youth behaviors, greater residential satisfaction, greater self-esteem
- Better schools lead to better educational outcomes, higher homeownership rates lead to enhanced social capital and **less crime**
- Higher levels of life satisfaction and psychological health

- Homeownership leads to greater residential stability, which, in turn, leads to better school performance among children and higher levels of civic engagement and social capital among adults (Bramley and Karley, 2007; Haurin, Parcel, and Haurin, 2002).
- Homeowners enjoy better quality housing. Compared to renters, homeowners tend to live in single-family units, often with yards, and they provide more stimulating home environments for their children (Galster, 1989; Haurin, Parcel, and Haurin, 2002).
- Homeownership allows access to neighborhoods with better schools, and better physical and social conditions (Bramley and Karley, 2007; Holupka and Newman, 2012). Neighborhoods with a higher percentage of single family homes tend to be maintained at a higher quality and have lower crime rates (Galster, 1987).
- Homeowners enjoy more control over their homes, and heightened senses of personal accomplishment and social status. This, in turn, leads to greater life satisfaction and psychological health.
- Homeowners with fixed rates (or no interest) are protected during periods of inflation.
- Homeowners build equity and wealth with every mortgage payment made as well as building a strong credit history. As long as you are consistently making your monthly loan payments on time, you are demonstrating to other lenders that you are a good borrower and the risk of you defaulting on a loan is small. This helps to build your credit.
- Aside from the apparent stability of settling on a place to live and not having to worry about moving anytime soon, owning a home provides social stability. Studies show that homeowners are 11% more likely to be educated in ongoing political and social news and are 46% less likely to experience substance abuse or domestic issues.
- Additionally, A study done by the American Neighborhood Reinvestment Project found that children of homeowners get higher reading and math scores on average, are 116% more likely to graduate from college.
- Lastly, children raised in a Habitat home are twice as likely to go to college, compared to the local average for similar demographics.

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