

FISHERMAN'S NET

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Dear People of St. Peter's,

There's a lot going on in the world. Sometimes I wonder where God is in all of this. I don't know about you but at times like this one part of me wants to curl up in a ball and hope that everything will soon quieten down. The other part of me knows that I need to find firm ground.

Experience has taught me that firm ground can be found with people of faith in a renewed focus on what God is doing in my life. I have found that in a midweek gathering, where I was able to center myself, and spend time in reflection with others, I have been able to find hope and new direction.

So, I am starting an **informal 1st and 3rd Thursday evening service**, right after the regular work day. I hope this will also appeal to those who have busy Sunday schedules and cannot always attend church, and those who avoid large groups for health reasons. Sometimes it will be a simple Eucharist, sometimes a healing service, or possibly something else as the Spirit moves.

I invite you to join me **in the chapel at 5:30 p.m. on the first and third Thursdays beginning November 4. We will have a short service followed by a simple soup supper and conversation. We will be finished by 7:00 pm.**

For the first few weeks the topic will be ***"How prayer can get us through these unsettling times"***.

Additionally, I am planning four gatherings between the Sunday services during Advent. These will begin at 9:00 a.m. and conclude by 9:40 a.m.

Tentative topics include:

Advent 1 November 28
Images of dark and light: What does Advent mean for us after nearly two years of COVID?

Advent 2 December 5
Joy in the wilderness:
Finding Hope in Advent

Advent 3 December 12
Trust, Expectation and God's Grace

Advent 4 December 19
What's so special about Mary?

I hope you can join us on the first and third Thursday at 5:30 p.m. and/or at 9:00 a.m. on the Sundays of Advent.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 330-608-8085 revsallyg76@gmail.com

~ Sally+

Daylight Savings Time



Daylight Savings Time will change on the first Sunday in November when clocks are set back one hour at 2:00 a.m. local daylight time making it 1:00 a.m. local standard time. Clocks will need to be changed on Sunday, November 7th.

God is challenging us to be our best

It is great to welcome back the Fishermen's Net, which has been on hiatus due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Although we have tried to meet our communication needs with a more fulsome approach to the What's Happening newsletter, I am personally glad to have the weddings, anniversaries, and Prayer Rota back in my hands. Thanks to all who have written and to Leslie Hannan for getting the Net back into publication.

Much has been happening at St. Peter's since we last published the Net. We said goodbye to our beloved Rector, changed our remote technology to livestream our services, planned and implemented the Covid-19 protocols for return to in-person service, and then happily began singing again with the choir. We also welcomed Sally Goodall as our Interim Rector and David Bargetzi as our Search Consultant. All of this was accomplished through the hard work and dedication of our Vestry. Please thank the members of the Vestry when you next get a chance.

With the recent resignations of Michelle as the Director of our Youth Ministry and Michael as the Director of our Music Ministry, the Vestry now has even more issues to address. While we are sad to see our friends leave for a new position and retirement, we wish them much success with their new opportunities. And we too, are presented with new opportunities to re-imagine both of those Ministries. Committees have been created to address the needs of these Ministries for the near and long term. If you are interested in helping, please join one of these Committees as they are open to all.

As I write this message, the Search Committee is planning the first discernment meetings, both in-person and virtual. Much is unknown. The times are unusual. Gathering is a challenge. We are hoping for the best but are prepared to address whatever happens. Our goal is to make the discernment process as open and available to all as possible. By the time you read this we will know how the first meetings went and will be busy planning the next.

At the Vestry Retreat this past February, Bishop Hollingsworth counselled us to be patient and believe in the Search Process. He told us to place our trust in God and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit as we look to define who we are and where we are going as a Parish. God is challenging us to be our best. With His help and the commitment of each other, we will choose the right person to join us as our new Rector as we continue the journey of being St. Peter's.

Thank you for being part of this journey and your commitment to the Re-imagining of St. Peter's.

Respectfully,

Dan Gourash, Sr. Warden

Children's Advent Storytime



Each Sunday during Advent, join us for Storytime. We will be asking a member of the congregation to read a book which will be videotaped and uploaded onto the St. Peter's YouTube page. The entire parish is invited to watch the videos, individually or as a family. Join us for these wholesome, inspiring and happy readings.

If you are interested in narrating one of our books, please contact the office at 216-226-1772 or via email at office@stpeterslakewood.org.

Books which may be included into Storytime:

- ❖ *The Star in the Christmas Play*
by Lynne Marie and Lorna Hussey
- ❖ *The Spider Who Saved Christmas*
by Raymond Arroyo
- ❖ *Why Christmas Trees Aren't Perfect*
by Richard H. Schneider
- ❖ *The Polar Express* by Chris Van Allsburg
- ❖ *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*
by Dr. Seuss
- ❖ *A Christmas Journey for Jesus: Sharing God's Love Near and Far* by Susan Jones
- ❖ *Lights in the Church*
by Marilee Joy Mayfield

New collaboration with St. Peter's: The Reverend David Bargetzi



For many years while I was rector of St. Luke's parish, Fr. Keith and I swapped pulpits every August to help keep our parishes connected. In those exchanges, I felt like I got to know some of you a little and a few more of you *slightly*. You always welcomed me warmly and supported St. Luke's ministry generously, and it was based on these experiences that I decided to accept the call to be your interim consultant. I'm glad to be working with your parish again.

I feel particularly blessed to be working with Sara Ferry, Dan Gourash, and the other members of the search committee. Dan and Sara are known to you from their past and present leadership roles. Dan's being Senior Warden now makes working the interim process during COVID possible because he can make decisions about what we can and cannot do in the parish to stay safe. By the time he finishes his vestry term at the next annual meeting, the search committee should be well up and running and have a vestry liaison, who is a member of both the vestry and the search committee. Dan is playing that role now.

We will have parish meetings during the process. By the time you read this newsletter, we should already have held our first such meeting. The search committee is committed to achieving as full participation in the parish meetings as we can. Remember: this transition is about more than just hiring a new clergy person. It's important to recognize that we are all ministers of the church—lay people, as well as bishops, priests, and deacons, and your role and participation in this change in the parish's life are essential. I look forward to seeing you, whether in person, or virtually.

David+

Directory Updates...



Please contact the office with any address and phone 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, 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. Parish Directories are distributed at the Annual Meeting in January. Thank you for your assistance with this project.



Coffee Hour & Fellowship



Now that the cooler days have arrived, are gathering after the 10:00 service with coffee and lemonade. As long as the weather cooperates, we will be outside on the promenade. Once the temperature falls and being outdoors is not possible, as long as Covid trend is low, we will gather inside in our "regular" spot outside the chapel. Please stop by and enjoy some wonderful St. Peter's fellowship after the 10:00 service. See you then!!

~ Amanda Chambers



Outreach Focus of the Month: St. Peter's Community Meal



The Vestry is pleased to announce the return of our Outreach Program! This ministry directs the loose money in the offering plate each month to a deserving organization in our community. Though this practice has been in existence at St. Peter's for well over a decade, it like so many others was paused during our pandemic.

Looking ahead, we hope you will let us know what other organizations could use St. Peter's love and assistance. Feel free to contact either Anne Marie Foti or Martha Taylor with your ideas for 2022 for it is always the season for giving! Please give generously this month to help others in need.

Our Community Meal ministry has continued uninterrupted since our last sit-down dinner in March 2020, albeit as a takeout service. A small number of us prepared entrees at home until August when we were able to return to the Undercroft; bakers prepare and package individual servings of desserts; and a small distribution crew gathers to pack and hand out the meals. Leslie Hannan and Tom Newman have handled the pandemic grocery shopping and delivery for us.

We serve close to half of the guests who used to join us on the second Tuesday of each month. Certainly, health and transportation concerns explain some of the drop off, but we also suspect many of our guests came to Community Meal as much for socialization as hunger needs. The same is likely true for our volunteers - Community Meal Day was a fun few hours with friends creating something special together. Parceling out the work instead of sharing it as a group is less fulfilling perhaps.

Now that we are cooking in the Undercroft again, we have an opportunity to revive the group spirit. If you'd like to lend a hand in cooking and/or cleaning up, please contact Jan Babbit (440-668-6289 jrbabbit@gmail.com). We have been meeting lately at 1pm with an eye to finishing by three, subject to the requirements of the menu.

If you'd prefer to be a part of the packing and distribution team, contact Lesley Demagall (lelseydemagall@gmail.com 740-368-7677) They generally meet at 5pm and finish by 6.



If cooking and distributing aren't of interest to you there is another way for you to help us get back to normal: Traditionally we've given our guests a small gift at Christmas time. This year we would like to include a pair of warm socks or gloves and perhaps some toiletries with the Christmas meal. If you would like to contribute a pair of unisex one size fits all socks or gloves, toothpaste, deodorant, etc, you can drop the items in the plastic bin by the back door anytime until December 12. If you'd like someone to pick up your donation, please give Jan Babbit a call.



Thanks for any and every way you can join in this ministry.

~ Jan Babbit and Lesley Demagall



Name Tags

Hello
my name is

NAME

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.

Chancel Guild

CHANCEL GUILD
A MINISTRY OF SERVICE

Greetings St Peter's,

As the directress (best title!) of the Chancel Guild I have been asked to update you all on what has been happening with our Guild since the pandemic stopped us in our tracks. We used to have 4 teams working 2 week "shifts" preparing the sanctuary for worship as well as combine our strengths for holy days like Christmas and Easter as well as attend to weddings, funerals and baptisms. The pandemic stopped a lot of our regular duties, ended many special events and forced us to change our ways.

Luckily our guild managed pretty well in the shutdown days as well as the attempts to return to the sanctuary in earnest because this group is full of positive, kind, encouraging people. A small group of guild members would regularly come and clean a little, ensure the candles could be lit, and set up the sacrament for the priest when we were able. Many members could not take the risk to help and still can't for their various health or family reasons. I remain grateful for the assistance and the prayers of strength in each instance.

Since August of this year the guild has been on a dedicated schedule again but in a different manner. Our four teams shrunk to three with the passing of member Mary Sandberg, and the "retirements" of Mary Fitz, Samantha Fitz, and Kate McHale. We are so very grateful for their service to the guild and all of the church. Other members have been added to the rosters of the three teams to ensure each team has a healthy mix of 8 or 10 o'clockers.

We met as a group with our interim priest, Sally, to ensure we are meeting her needs as well as those of our parish at large. While we are still learning to adapt and remember what goes where, things are steady.

Again, I am so thankful for the Chancel Guild members that reached out to help continue our worship in any way they could whether that be hands on or hands in prayer. I am humbled by the efforts and kindness shown to me as a leader of such amazing people.

Should anyone new to our church want to learn more about our Chancel Guild duties or want to join a team to help, I would love to talk about how fulfilling it is to prepare our services and welcome you to the group.

With sincere appreciation, ~ *Cathe Step*

Church Clean-Up Day



On Saturday, November 6th from 8:30 am to noon, the Buildings and Grounds Ministry will host an indoor/outdoor

church work day. There are many things around the church that need fixing and sprucing up. Please mark your calendars, and plan to attend. Many hands are needed to get the job done, so join us for fun, fellowship and a little "hands-on business".



Music to my (our) ears . . .

Music Ministry

Apologies for the hackneyed cliché, but it does seem to be a good segue to update you on our music program at St. Peter's. As most

if not all of you know, our music director, Michael Miller, retired at the end of October, and a subset of us on the vestry (Joanne Montagner Hull, Ron Stach, Ryan Vogelgesang plus Rev. Sally) are committed to address the vacancy.

There are two messages we would like to relay. One, our music program will continue after Michael leaves, although it may take a slightly different form. Second, we need your help in re-imagining what music should look for St. Peter's as we search for a new rector.

As of writing this [two-three weeks before you are reading it], we are pursuing options for keeping our music going at St. Peter's. It is likely we will engage a "supply" organist for at least several weeks after Michael leaves, or until a more permanent solution is clear. We have committed to our choir continuing to lead congregational singing, but they will likely need to scale back the breadth of the music they have traditionally provided until we have someone who can both play and lead the choir. ("Supply" organists typically only play the organ.) Long-term, the solution is less clear until we know what you think. (Keep reading below!) We appreciate your patience and understanding if the music during this time isn't what you hope for.

Our second message is a request: Help us understand what music at St. Peter's means to you. Join one of the discernment forums, either by Zoom or in person, and let your voice be heard (pun intended). We know that music has a strong and rich tradition here at St. Peter's, and has fulfilled a vital role. But we also know this has been a time of unprecedented change, due not just to the pandemic, but because of increasing family and school demands, technology, and even society at large. As we navigate through these changes, it seems a good time to *re-examine* and *re-imagine* how we at St. Peter's define ourselves through music.

Nothing is on or off the table when you voice your opinions. Questions you might reflect on: How important is music to you in worship? What should be the scope of our musical offerings (both within and outside of worship)? What could we be doing more of? What could we be doing less of? How should we be thinking about music and our youth? As you know, answering these questions also has financial implications, which in turn affects our ability to attract talent. What is most important to you to support?

If you are unable or simply don't want to bring these to the discernment meetings, please feel free to reach out to any one of us on the committee, or any vestry members, to share them. We promise to respect confidentiality. Most of all, we offer a heartfelt thank you for journeying with us through this time of discernment.

[Note: Because this newsletter has a 3-week lead time, it is likely some of this information may be old news, but we hope is still helpful. We will continue to use the weekly "What's Happening" to share timely updates in the interim. Thank you.]



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For all who serve at the Altar, all Acolytes and Chancel Guild: a mini retreat in preparation for Advent

You all do a wonderful job serving on Sundays, but the physical work we do is only part of our roles in Sunday services. What underlies this, and encompasses everything is our life of faith. When we serve God at the altar it is so much more than just following the directions.

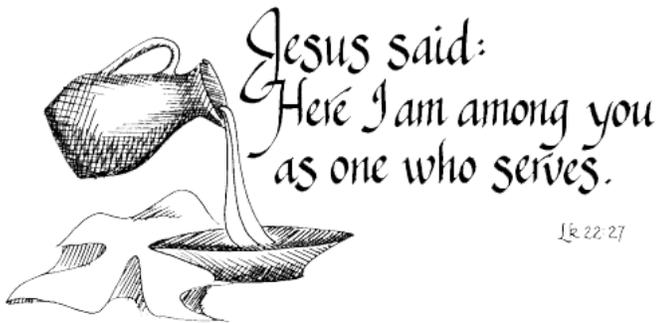
Part of our responsibility as faithful servants is to come together to remind each other why we serve in this way, and part of my responsibility is to make sure we do this at least once a year.

I invite everyone to spend some time in appreciation of the spiritual side of serving God. We will gather on **Saturday November 20 from 9.00 to 12 noon.** In addition to spiritual food, we will have coffee and pastries! Anyone who is interested in becoming an acolyte or serve on Chancel Guild is welcome to come along too.

Please everyone, let me know your availability. If this date does not work, please let me know that too. I will set up an alternative time to meet with you.

With thanks to you all for your faithfulness

Sally+



St. Cecilia's Guild

St. Cecilia's Guild has not been meeting since January 2020. We all miss seeing each other at our monthly meetings. As many of us are fully vaccinated, we can think about reviving the meetings on an occasional basis. There has been talk of a Christmas luncheon. I'm not sure if this is feasible. My concern is late cancellations which would put undo financial burden on the hostess

and/or the Guild. Potentially we could do a box lunch at the church with social distancing as a step towards normalcy.

I will be sending out a Doodle Poll via email in an effort to find out your wishes. This may pose a challenge for some. I will send out an email alerting you that the poll has been posted. If you don't receive the online poll or would rather be in touch personally, please call me at 440-455-1603 or via email at ljcookie1@gmail.com. I hope to see you all very soon.

Faithfully, ~ *Lorna Jordan*

Are You Interested in Serving on Vestry?

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.

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.

November Events

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
	1	2	3	4 Adult Ed, 5:30 pm	5 Bible Study, 8:00 am	6 Parish Clean-Up Day, 8:30 a.m.
7 Daylight Savings Time Holy Eucharist, 8:00 & 10:00 am Coffee Hour, 11:30 am	8	9 Community Meal, 5:30 pm	10	11	12 Bible Study, 8:00 am Diocesan Convention	13 Diocesan Convention
14 Holy Eucharist, 8:00 & 10:00 am Coffee Hour, 11:30 am Virtual Coffee Hour 11:30 a.m.	15 Vestry, 6:45 pm <i>NET Deadline</i>	16 Foundation, 7:00 pm	17 Diocesan Meeting, Chapel 8:30 am - 3:30 pm	18 Adult Ed, 5:30 pm	19 Bible Study, 8:00 am	20 Serving at the Altar, mini retreat, 9:00 am – noon
21 Holy Eucharist, 8:00 & 10:00 am Coffee Hour, 11:30 am	22	23	24 OFFICE CLOSED, noon	25 Thanksgiving OFFICE CLOSED	26 Bible Study, 8:00 am OFFICE CLOSED	27
28 Advent 1 Holy Eucharist, 8:00 & 10:00 am Advent Formation, 9:00 am Coffee Hour, 11:30 am	29	30				

Happy Thanksgiving



November Celebrations

Below is a list of birthdays and anniversaries for the month of November. If you are celebrating a milestone this month and are not on the list, please E-mail or call the church office to update your files.

Birthdays in November



Nov 03	Lorna Jordan
Nov 04	Molly Simon Owen Vogelgesang
Nov 05	Joanne Hull Sarah Taylor
Nov 07	Annika Mintzloff
Nov 08	Chris Donaldson
Nov 09	Mike Bickerton Sumner Mead Brooklyn Demaline
Nov 10	Natalie Hannan Jeff Gardner
Nov 11	Matthew Ospelt Nan Miller Christine Lance
Nov 13	John Bitter
Nov 14	Meredith Nash Ann Bish
Nov 16	Thomas McHale Mary Alison McHale
Nov 17	Christine Schauer Margy Callesen Keira Gardner
Nov 18	Dan Gourash
Nov 19	Heidi Demaline
Nov 21	Walter Senney
Nov 22	Sue Hofelich
Nov 23	Jennifer Hannan Williams
Nov 24	David Nash
Nov 25	Thomas Purdy
Nov 27	Lisa Cheshier
Nov 29	Madison Rudesill
Nov 30	John Perry



Wedding Anniversaries in November

Nov 12	Bill & Kathy Grane
Nov 23	Ernie & Cindy Lemmerman
Nov 25	John & Susan Petty
Nov 28	Ron Gantt & Maria Roig



November 7th – turn back your clock!

Parish Prayer Rota for November

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.

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| Nov 1 | Jan, Christine, Sylvia & Ellie Afungchwi
Tom & Sue Andrews | Nov 16 | Phillip, Margaret, Emma & Owen Callsen
Mike & Nicki Cancelliere |
| Nov 2 | Nan Archbold
Adam, Kate, Addie & Oliver Armstrong | Nov 17 | Barbara Caravona
Jennifer Carlson |
| Nov 3 | Jan & Harold Babbit
Tom, Jennifer, William, Thomas &
Caroline Baker | Nov 18 | John & Janis Carlson
Amanda & Amy Chambers |
| Nov 4 | Anida Balmer
Cherie Bauer | Nov 19 | Tren & Lisa Cheshier
Joel & Carol Childs |
| Nov 5 | Fred & Sarah Bauer
Erik & Courtney Beall | Nov 20 | Linda Chisamore
Raymmond Chisamore |
| Nov 6 | Suzana Bejo
Cipriano & Carolyn Beredo | Nov 21 | Paul Ciarrone
Mary Coe, Peter & Molly Kuhn |
| Nov 7 | Kristi Beredo
Michael & Hilary Bickerton | Nov 22 | Jim, Carrie & Jamie Cofer
Craig, Janet & James Cook |
| Nov 8 | Stephen, Joanne, Warren, Victoria & Carter
Bickerton
Ann Bish | Nov 23 | Jamina, Annika & Calixte Cook
Hal & Connie Cooper |
| Nov 9 | Mildred Bittel
John & Mary Etta Bitter | Nov 24 | Alberta Crawford
Bill & Liz Crosby |
| Nov 10 | Donald & Mary Blesse
Eileen Boland | Nov 25 | Thanksgiving Prayers to All |
| Nov 11 | Our Veterans: for their patriotism, love of
country, and willingness to serve and
sacrifice for the common good | Nov 26 | David Daley
Mary Daniel |
| Nov 12 | Douglas Bradfield
Karen Bradley, Tom Norton & Anna
Bradley-Norton | Nov 27 | Pam Darling & Nancy Wittig
Clark & Mella Davis |
| Nov 13 | Bob Brown
Marvalee Brown | Nov 28 | Lesley, Jon & Lucy Demagall
Matt, Heidi, Allison & Brooklyn Demaline |
| Nov 14 | Steve Bryant & Andrew Folds
Clara Mae Cain | Nov 29 | Adam, Tiffani, Cole & Gia Dietrik
Kelly, Jordan, Emily & Jacob Dillon |
| Nov 15 | James Calhoun
Joanne Calkins | Nov 30 | Terry & Patti Dobro
Penny Dolski |

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2021

FARMERS' MARKETS SCHEDULE

FREE fresh produce will be distributed from 3:30pm - 5:00pm at
St. Edward High School | 13500 Detroit Avenue Lakewood, OH

~~Wednesday, June 16~~

~~Wednesday, July 21~~

~~Wednesday, August 18~~

~~Wednesday, September 15~~

~~Wednesday, October 20~~

Wednesday, November 17

Wednesday, December 15



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Sunday Services: 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.
Website: www.stpeterslakewood.org
St. Peter's is on FACEBOOK; Like US!!

