

What's Happening: May 6, 2022

We hold in our prayers this week:

Parishioners in need of Prayer: Lois Smith, John & Mary Etta Bitter, Linda Purdy, Dottie O'Neill, Jo Oldenburg, Peggy Zimmer, Harold Babbit, Rick Nash, Jennifer Carlson, Bob Lewis

Homebound Parishioners: Joanne Calkins, Kay McKelvey, Sheena James, Molly Simon, Doug Bradfield, Ed & Marlene Wilkinson, Mildred Bittel, Deb Sefcek, Margo Tennant

Parishioners' Friends and Family: Becky (Childcare), Lee Mehnert, Gail McCready, Josiah Andrews IV, Hugh Andrews (Tom & Sue Andrews), Mark Levin (Joyce & Neil Green), Carol Blesse (Don Blesse), Carley Buhl (Liz Crosby), Weston (John Neumann), Larry Whited, Elaine Glendening (Patti Dobro), Ashley Hoyt (Susan Jensen), Mary Rappach (Joanne Hull), Michael Yancey (Amanda Chambers), Betty Carter (Ron Stach), Kirby Lee (Jeff Tennant), Evie Morris (Martha Taylor), Elizabeth Van Meter, Dan McDonough (Jan Madigan), David and Juleanne Dawson, The Adam Matuszewski Family, Cindy Check (Fred Purdy), Emily Evans, Ruth Zimmer, Mardelle Evans (Peggy Zimmer), Mary Stevenson (John Keller), Don Aukerman, Julie, Karen, Gordon and Graham (Ann Bish), Charlotte Handley (Tucker Handley), Richey Ruscin (Linda Purdy), Rudy and the Capece Family (Jeff Gardner), Alberta Valente, Jayne Matthews, Joan & Chuck Bulf (Anida Balmer), Debbie Wodzisz, Andrew Horner (Kathy Woolner)

Join us for Easter Sunday Worship...
in person at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m. ONLINE
The Rev. Sally Goodall, Interim Rector

The Service will be live streamed beginning at 9:50 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/>

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 for all unvaccinated persons in building at all times. Thank you for your cooperation.



Participate in Discernment Meeting III Survey

At the Discernment III meeting held in person this past week, our Interim Consultant David Bargetzi distributed the enclosed results of the prioritization exercise that was done in conjunction with the in-person and virtual Discernment II meetings. Those results were

quite interesting in that they validated the strong positive feelings Parishioners expressed at the first meeting. Perhaps most important was the number of top priority scores given to the desire for the Parish Priest being a strong central figure.

With that in mind, Parishioners were asked at the meeting to complete the attached Exercise in Selecting Characteristics of a Parish Priest survey, which recognizes that no one priest can have all the characteristics. If you were unable to attend the meeting in person, you now have the opportunity to complete the attached hard copy of the survey. In completing the survey, you can use no more than 12 votes for either top (1) secondary (2) or tertiary (3) priorities. Simply fill out the attached hard copy form and return it to the church either in person, via mail, email, or fax.

Thank you.

Dan Gourash and Sara Ferry
Co-Chairs, Search Committee

AN EXERCISE IN SELECTING CHARACTERISTICS OF A PARISH PRIEST

The following exercise is intended to help you realistically negotiate among yourselves what you are going to look for in a new rector. One of the common problems is that vestries and search committees develop “wish lists” of ideal characteristics instead of a realistic profile of a real person. The priest to be looked for ends up a combination of Moses, St. Paul, St. Mary, and Jesus.

Another problem with wish lists is that they are usually based on deep and largely unconscious desires of a wide variety of parishioners in their individual needs instead of on the specific needs of the parish as a whole. The goal should be a priest suited to the particular needs of *this* parish. Therefore, in sorting out characteristics it is very important not to select by personal preference, but instead on the basis of the parish discernment process and ask yourself, “Is this trait important to the needs we have determined for this congregation?”

PROCESS FOR GATHERING THE DATA

Please arrange the traits into three groups of no more than twelve — very important (3), desirable (2), and least important (1) — by placing a 3, 2, or 1 in the blank before each. If more than twelve are listed for each category, the committee will use their discretion to re-balance the total.

Use up to 12 (twelve) 3s, 12 (twelve) 2s, and 12 (twelve) 1s. It is simply unreal to expect one human being to be strong in more than a third of these qualities and acceptable in more than another third.

35 CHARACTERISTICS OF A PARISH PRIEST

As a person the priest...

- ___1. is warm and friendly, a good listener.
- ___2. has stable family, peer, and community relationships.
- ___3. takes adequate time off from parish and other activities for private life, study, and prayer.

As a pastor the priest...

- ___4. does crisis care (including hospital crises).
- ___5. makes regular parish home calls.
- ___6. calls regularly on shut-ins.
- ___7. makes routine hospital calls.
- ___8. accepts social engagements with parishioners.
- ___9. seeks to build the parish into a loving pastoral community.
- ___10. does most of the pastoral care, rather than having a pastoral care team.
- ___11. does in-depth personal counseling.

As a spiritual leader the priest...

- ___12. is aware of and teaches a wide range of spiritual disciplines.
- ___13. LEAVE BLANK
- ___14. develops Bible study and prayer groups.

As a preacher the priest...

- ___15. provides spiritual and moral direction for the congregation.
- ___16. challenges the congregation to address the needs of the world.
- ___17. preaches Biblical sermons that apply the Word to our lives.

As a parson the priest...

- ___18. is active in community affairs.
- ___19. is active in organizations serving the poor and disadvantaged.

As a teacher the priest...

- ___20. challenges people to examine their faith.
- ___21. encourages a focus on contemporary issues.
- ___22. regularly teaches adults.
- ___23. regularly teaches children and/or youth.
- ___24. fosters a strong Christian education program.

As a priest the priest...

- ___25. leads a full round of weekday services in addition to Sunday services.
- ___26. keeps up with the latest changes in worship.
- ___27. provides stability in worship style in the Anglican tradition.
- ___28. uses a team approach in worship planning.

As rector the priest...

- ___29. is able to see that both work is accomplished and persons are valued.
- ___30. fosters decision-making through wide consultation and consensus.
- ___31. fosters lay leadership and ministries by nourishing relationships.
- ___32. is a sound financial manager.
- ___33. fosters development of new programs.
- ___34. provides strong leadership by making many decisions by himself or herself.
- ___35. takes part in work at the diocesan or national church level.
- ___36. has a successful record of parish fund-raising.

Discernment II: Prioritization Outcomes

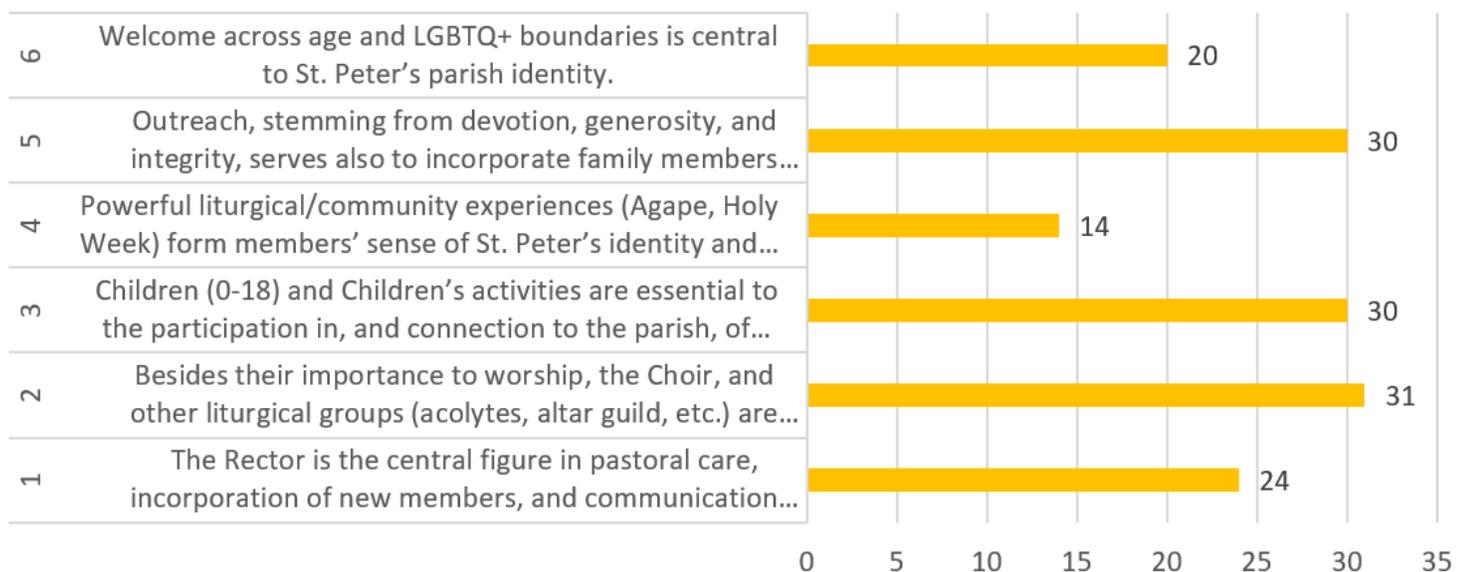
During the fall and winter, the steering committee met with more than forty parishioners to gather input on powerful or significant memories of St. Peters. This activity was designed to identify what is important to our parish and several themes emerged.

Based on those themes, the Steering Committee drafted 6 statements and asked parishioners to identify their top three statements with one being the most important. Approximately fifty parishioners attended the meeting and “voted” and results are shared below. This result will be a critical input to the job posting.

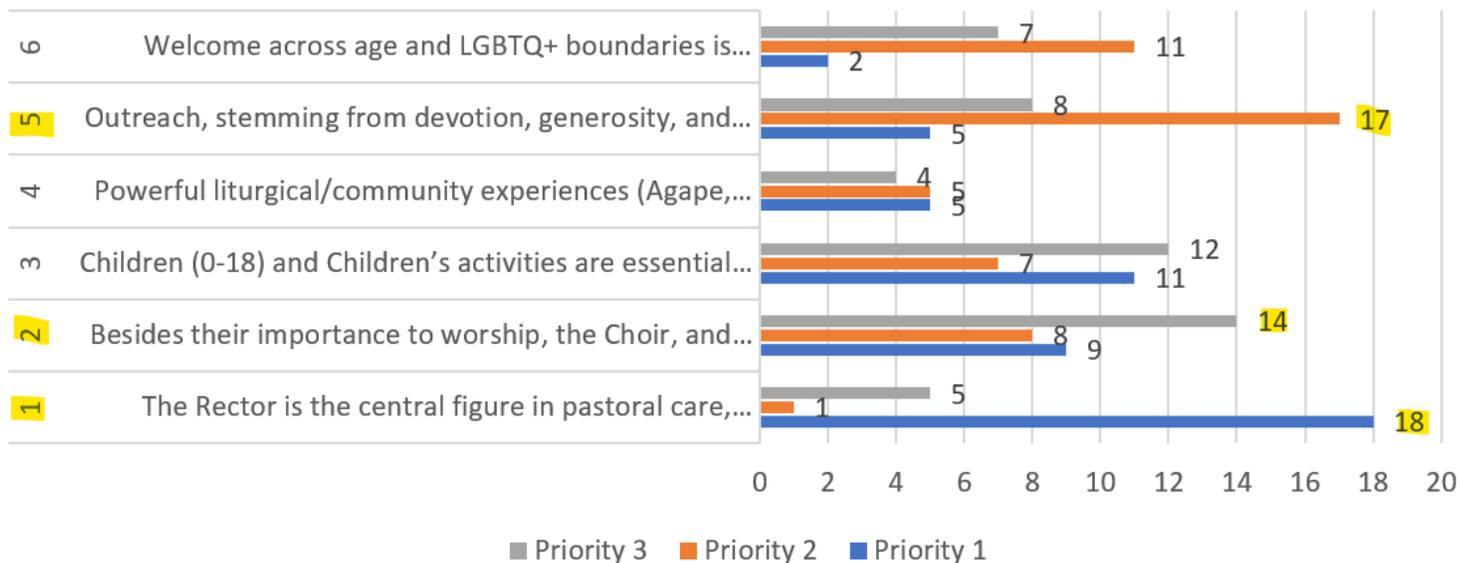
Summary

- All of the statements received votes which confirmed they are all important.
- The most votes for priority one was the Rector as the central figure in pastoral care, incorporation of new members, and communication.
- However, the most overall votes were received by Choir and liturgical groups, Children’s programs, and Outreach.

Votes for each Statement in Total



Votes for each Statement by Priority



Called to *Serve* Eucharistic Ministers

For all who serve at the altar on Sundays, and all those who are interested in finding out more about this ministry. There will be a gathering on **Saturday May 14 at 9.30 am** for all who are currently licensed as Eucharistic Ministers (Chalicers), those who would like to know more

about this ministry, those who are currently Eucharistic Visitors or would like to know more about that ministry and for anyone who serves at the altar. A periodic refresher on how we do things and why that is important is necessary for licensure and it is especially important now as we gradually incorporate more parts of the service on Sundays after the cutbacks in the liturgy due to COVID. Acolytes are also welcome, even though they do not need to be licensed, as their role at the altar is central to the worship experience of everyone.

I hope you are able to join us on May 14. If you are not available that day, but wish to continue as a Eucharistic Minister, please let me know and I will arrange an alternate date to get together.

Thank you for all you do to make Sunday worship a meaningful experience for everyone.
Blessings, *Sally+*

May Outreach Focus of the Month: The Annual Bishop's Appeal



During the month of May, St. Peter's ministry outreach is the Bishop's Annual Appeal. The Bishop's Annual Appeal is the principal vehicle by which communicants and congregations support many creative and vital ministries not otherwise afforded by the diocesan budget. It allows funding of ministries that are beyond the scope of individual congregations, helping us to act together as one community. The

Bishop's Annual Appeal funds parish-based outreach ministries. This is the primary means by which the parishes and parishioners of the Diocese of Ohio work together to support ministries that serve the poor, hurting, and disadvantaged in our region.

The Bishop's Annual Appeal is a primary source of funding for Episcopal Community Services (ECS), which provides funds for parish-based outreach ministries that feed the hungry, educate children and young adults, provide spiritual freedom for people who are in prison, give hope to those who are struggling, and carry out God's work in creative and inspired ways. Such programs provide crucial assistance to those in need. At the same time, they allow us to embody our Christian values and grow together spiritually.

Funds raised through the Appeal also help to underwrite mission trips and leadership development. They provide summer internships for high school and college students, and help to train and place newly ordained clergy.

Saint Peter's has directly benefited from the Bishop's Appeal with monies for the former curate as well as the youth mission trip. Lakewood Community Services Center is also a grant recipient. We are lucky to have Tucker Handley serving on ECS board. He can give you more information about the funding of outreach ministries.

Through the Bishop's Annual Appeal, you are feeding the hungry, giving comfort to those who are struggling, developing leaders, strengthening the church, and changing scores of lives every day. The loose plate offering collected during the month of May will be used to support the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Thank you for your generosity!

*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*

Explore Connect

St. Peter's newcomer's series, **Explore & Connect** will meet on May 22nd. The session will begin about 11:30 a.m. in the Undercroft. Everyone is welcome. A light lunch and snacks will be served. Various members of the staff and the Vestry as well as members of the assorted ministries will be available to meet and greet our newcomers.

We will focus on meeting the staff, Vestry members, and learning about St. Peter's church as well as the Anglican Church worldwide and the role St. Peter's plays within that world-wide setting.

Newcomers will be given an opportunity to learn about missions and ministries within St. Peter's and possibilities for getting involved in those ministries. And, should they decide, will be welcomed into the church during a subsequent service. Please RSVP to Lorna Jordan (440)-455-1603 or ljcookie1@gmail.com.



spring cleanup

It's Spring Cleanup Time! Now that winter is almost over it's time for our spring clean-up and planting. The annual all-parish Spring Clean-Up and Planting Day has been scheduled for **Saturday, May 21st**. We'll start at 8:30 a.m. and finish around noon. We plan to have a

cookout after the cleanup and planting. Come join us for some outdoor fun and fellowship. Thanks for your help.

Happy 
Mother's
Day