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Dear St. Peter's Family,

Two rivers that flow together is called their "confluence." The independence of each flowing river converges to bring a new more powerful force of nature. That is a nice illustration of the love shared between two individuals that we celebrate on Valentine's Day: two lives coming together to bring more out of them because they are together. However, this calendar year, Valentine's Day is celebrated on Ash Wednesday. Let me be the first to say, "Happy Valentine's Day, 'Remember you dust and to dust you shall return!'" The confluence of these two days suggests not only that each day is a gift that should be appreciated, but that the relationships we share are equally a life-giving gift. Nothing is guaranteed in life except God's unfailing love. We hold our own life as a treasured gift just as we hold sacred our relationships as gifts. On Ash Wednesday we remember our reliance on God for our very existence, just as we remember that the relationships, we value are a gift from God. On February 14th we will offer Ash Wednesday Services with the imposition of Ashes at Noon and 6:30 pm.

Our Lenten journey will return with a Wednesday Evening meal, study and Eucharist beginning February 21. We will share a simple meal of soup, bread, cheese and fruit from 6:00 pm – 6:30 pm. This will be followed by a simple Eucharist and book study of Community by Henri Nouwen.

The Adult Forum study of the 'Story of Scripture' will continue on Sunday Mornings at 9:09 am in the Undercroft and also offered on Wednesdays at 11:00 am in the office class room following the 10 am Eucharist. In February we will be studying Genesis 1-6, the beautiful story of "The beginnings."

I'm so excited about the showing of the film, Philadelphia 11 on February 4th at 4:00 pm in the church. It is a documentary that tells the story of the first eleven women ordained in the Episcopal Church, with our own Mother Nancy Wittig being one of those eleven! Afterwards we will visit with her to hear her thoughts and experience of those days.

I'm excited to journey our first Lenten 40 days together!

With God's Blessings,

Father Mike



February Outreach Focus: National Multiple Sclerosis Society



**National
Multiple Sclerosis
Society**

Since 1997, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society is where I found compassion, trusted information, and reliable guidance during scary times. If you know

someone facing a diagnosis, please share this information.

What is MS? MS is a chronic, often disabling disease of the central nervous system. Thought to be an auto-immune disease affecting nearly a million people in the US, there is no known cause or cure. Symptoms range from numbness, pain, blindness, cognitive issues to paralysis. An individual's MS progression is unpredictable, sometimes "coming and going" over months, or progressing leading to increased disability.

The National MS Society provides services to people with MS and their families. They invest in research seeking a cure, advocate for patient's rights, and facilitate education on issues such as employment. The Ohio Chapter of the National MS Society is a valuable connection for people with MS to not face a diagnosis alone, and to live their best life.

Your contributions this month will enable services for people with MS, such as a cooling vest or grab-bars, and fund promising research. If you are able, please join my "Dessert First!" team at the Walk MS event, on May 4, 2024 at CSU's Wolstein Center.

Register to walk with me on May 4 (free) and/or donate:

<https://events.nationalmssociety.org/participant/Kathy-Woolner-2024>

St. Peter's faith, kindness, and generosity make my heart happy in February, and always. Thank you. ~ *Kathy Woolner*

Name Tags

Each Sunday, you are invited to write out your name on a name tag and wear it so everyone will

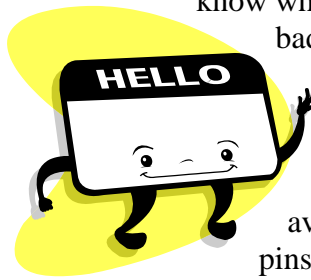
know who you are... Permanent name badges are available for ordering!

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 \$8.50.

Call or e-mail the office (216-226-1772 or office@stpeterslakewood.org) with questions or to place an order.



Diocesan Winter Convocation

Just as a single drop of water causes ripples across the water, so are we called to spread the news of God's love and be examples of Jesus in our communities. The College of Congregational Development (CCD) is built to help equip clergy and lay leaders with the knowledge, skills, and practices needed to develop their congregations to be more faithful, healthy, effective, and sustainable communities who share the love of Jesus.

Join us at Winter Convocation, **February 2-3**, at Kalahari Convention Center in Sandusky to get a one-day preview of CCD that you can immediately apply in your congregational setting. We strongly encourage you to bring groups from your parish to participate. If you bring six or more adults from your congregation, the Diocese will reimburse half of the adult registration fees. [More information and registration](#) are available on the diocesan website, www.dohio.org.



Happy Valentine's Day



February 14, 2024

Ash Wednesday Liturgy, Imposition of
Ashes and Holy Eucharist

12:00 p.m.

6:30 p.m.

Children's Ash Wednesday Service



The Children's Ash Wednesday Service will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 14.

This service consists of four interactive stations and a fifth station for the Imposition of Ashes and the Holy Eucharist.

Station One: Water: a small

table, a container of water; Station Two: Oil: a small table, a container of oil; Station Three: Light: a small table, a candle, matches or lighter; Station Four: Alleluia Banner: banner or chart stand, purple net; and Station Five: Ashes/Eucharist: a container of ashes. This is such a special service and we hope to have family involvement.

Dewey's Pizza



Thank you to everyone who ordered pizzas to support our summer mission trip.

Pick-Up is Super Bowl Sunday, February 11th following both worship services in the Narthex.

Please consider

ordering from Dewey's all year as they are very generous to this fundraiser and without our work with them, we really wouldn't be able to make ends meet on this trip.

St. Cecilia's Guild

*Saint
Cecilia*

The St. Cecilia's Guild will gather at noon on Wednesday, February 21, at noon. Choirmaster Bryan Mitnaul will kick things off in the sanctuary with a short demonstration of our magnificent organ. We will adjourn to the new chapel to learn more about the St. Peter's music program and about Bryan. Lunch is being catered by Mission BBQ and will include brisket, pulled pork, cornbread, buns, and lemonade or iced tea. Not a fan of BBQ? Bring your own lunch. The cost is \$16. Mail a check made out to Lorna Jordan by February 14. Address: 1507 Westford Circle #105, Westlake, OH 44145. If you will be bringing your lunch please text or email Lorna to make sure we have enough seats.

**Save
the
Date**



St. Cecilia will have its annual tea-themed lunch at Emerald Necklace Inn on **MONDAY, March 18** at noon.



MISSION TRIP UPDATE

Mission Trip Update

Due to additional fees of more than \$15,000 added on to our trip after our phone calls finalizing expenses and trip details our missionary group voted to not mission with the Cheyenne River Episcopal Mission in South Dakota. We are exploring options with ASP (in WV), Brothers' Keeper (in WV), and Hosanna Industries (in PA). The group voted to **not** stay home for a local trip. We thank everyone for their support and we are working to mission in Montana in 2025 with Peter F. and Susan J. All monies raised will be used for our mission work. The extra monies raised for heading out west will be saved possibly through a CD to accrue interest and grow for our trip in 2025. Again, thank you for your support and stay tuned for where we end up in 2024. Wherever we land we will be the hands and feet of Christ building relationship and improving living conditions.



Vestry Class of 2027

Jessica Redel, Nat Pendleton,

John Rich, Keith Jochum

Lights Sound, Camera, Action!



Anyone who has participated via YouTube in our 10:00 morning worship can attest to the challenges that result from our streaming capabilities. Aside from the technical difficulties that have plagued the system on and off for the past 4 years (yes - believe it or not it has been nearly 4 years!), our current system grossly distorts our beautiful Sunday music. And two prime pews are occupied by this ineffective system!

Under the leadership of Dave Tabar and John Neumann, change is coming! We have partnered with iVideo to revamp the delivery of streaming services to our parish community. Cameras will be moved; sound and streaming will improve, and prime real estate will be restored to those wishing to sit up front! We are very excited about this project and are hopeful that these improvements will be completed by Easter Sunday!

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.

Gratitude for a Job Well Done



Leslie Hannan may well hold the Parish record for longest serving Parish Administrator. She was called to this post in 2005 by then Rector Father Keith Owen and has served faithfully since that time. She has seen us through clergy sabbaticals, curates, and supply ministers. She has comforted grieving parishioners and celebrated the innumerable new lives that have entered our church. She has provided support for almost 20 stewardship campaigns and walked with us through the building of our new chapel and office addition. There is virtually nothing

about the church's operations that has not touched Leslie's desk. From keeping us in every kind of supply, to understanding the ways we have "always done things," Leslie has supported our parish and its clergy, staff and members for nearly 20 years. In these last three years, she provided our two interims and Father Mike with the historical legacy that enabled each of them to minister to this flock. She literally knows where all the bodies are buried!

At the end of February, Leslie will embark on her well-deserved retirement. At the same time, Father Mike and the Vestry will assess our needs moving forward. In the meantime, we hope that each member of the parish will take time to thank Leslie for her contribution to St. Peter's and will make plans to attend our celebration, which will soon be announced. As a tangible outward sign of our inward gratitude for her ministry with us, we will collect an appreciation offering to be presented to her at her retirement celebration. A separate letter will be sent to the congregation with details on how you can be a part of this gift of thanksgiving.

~ St. Peter's Vestry and Fr. Mike

Looking Ahead...



Homeless Sleepout...



February 17, 2024

This will be our 16th year sleeping outside on a cold winter night to raise awareness and funds for the local homeless. Most years we battle lake effect snow and temperatures that dip down to single digits. Even with cardboard boxes and tents clustered together, sleeping bags, and layered clothing, we are in for a very cold night! With your help and support we typically raise an average of \$1,500 for local shelters like The Lakeside Men's Shelter, Y-Haven, Front-line, and The Norma Herr Women's Shelter.

Adult Chaperones (NEEDED) keep watch in shifts all night long. As you know Lakewood has a large number of churches and bars so a lot of foot traffic passes by after the last call. Some of this traffic stops by and warms up by our bonfire, treats us to some conversation, and makes donations. On a couple of occasions, we've been able to help someone make it home safely by calling a taxi, this has been a real eye-opener for some of our youth and adults. We will need help with adults taking shifts to watch us and keep us safe, we will also need donations of firewood, food, and drinks. We will be completely dependent upon your generosity. Please mark your calendars to come visit us this cold night. Please consider signing up for a shift or to bring an item. A sign-up sheet is available in the back of the church.



VIRTUAL SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR

Join us for a VIRTUAL SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR at 11:15 a.m.



On the second Sunday of each month, you are invited to catch up with members of St. Peter's online community at our virtual coffee hour. Pour yourself a cup of coffee, and join us – we have a good time!

Upcoming Virtual Coffee Hours:

Sunday, February 11 and Sunday, March 10 at 11:15 a.m. (or following the recessional hymn).

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82813898119?pwd=VU5QMjl0UmJkdTBudmJQRVphNTRVUT09>

Meeting ID: 828 1389 8119

Passcode: 18001

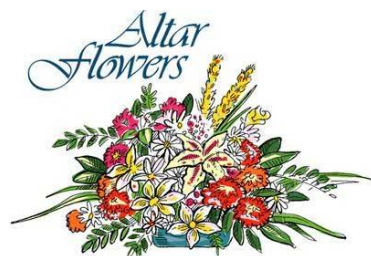
Add this link to your calendar for ease to attend every month. Please contact Kathy Woolner at 440-503-6111 with any questions. See you on Zoom!

Altar Flowers

St. Peter's has quite a number of Sundays available throughout the year for you to place flowers at the altar. If you would like to make a gift of altar flowers, you may do

so by contacting the office at 216-226-1772.

Seasonal flower arrangements are \$60. Call or stop by the office to reserve a date. (*Flowers are not on the altar during the Lenten Season.*) Thank you in advance for your generosity and for contributing to the beauty of our worship.



Coffee Hour with Host Families



With great joy, I submit that our pre-covid coffee hour format is BACK!!!

Below are our host families for February and March.

I have tried to get the word out to the parish but just in case you missed it... this is how it works: 4 households will be assigned each Sunday. No one will have to do this more than a couple times each year. We ask that you plan to bring along with you on Sunday a plate of something to put out for coffee hour. Baking is not required but is always welcomed! The items you bring can be as simple as a bag of goldfish crackers, baby carrots and dip, grapes, crackers & cheese, donut holes -you name it. Just bring enough to share with a dozen people. All you have to do is leave the item on the dining room table 20 minutes before church. The verger will take care of putting things out and cleaning up (though you are always welcome to help!) Tom Newman will help out by getting the coffee made. THANK YOU, Tom!

If you cannot cover your assigned Sunday, it would be most helpful if you call someone and switch Sundays or bring it ahead of time and we can hold until your assigned Sunday. You many opt entirely out of the rotation simply by contacting Amanda Chambers 440-669-6352 or amanda60chambers@gmail.com

With much gratitude, *Amanda Chambers*

February 4

Nat & Liz Pendleton – verger
Jake & Jessica Redel
Joe & Jacquelyn Tanis
Ken & Martha Taylor
Brad & Deb Vandrask

February 11

John and Pat Neumann -verger
Jan & Christine Afungchwi
Luke & Keri Altieri
Tom & Sue Andrews
Cherie Bauer

February 18

Dan Lammers - verger
Mike & Hilary Bickerton
Stephen & Joanne Bickerton
Ann Bish
Jim Calhoun

February 25

Nan Archbold – verger
Barb Caravona
Jim & Carrie Cofer
Liz Crosby
Maddy Crosby & Parker Wolfe

March 3

Sarah Taylor - verger
Neil & Kiara Culmer
Dave Daily
Victoria Dehmalo
Heidi Demaline

March 10

Amanda Chambers - verger
Adam & Tiffani Dietrick
Dennis Driscoll & Susan Murnane
Steve Felder
George Filko

March 17

Geoff and Debra Rudesill - verger
Andy & Samantha Fitz
Scott & Mary Fitz
Anne Marie Foti
Jeff & Kristen Gardner

March 24

Palm Sunday
No Coffee Hour

March 31

Easter
No Coffee Hour



St. Peter's will host a viewing of the movie ***The Philadelphia Eleven*** on Sunday, February 4, at 4:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. A Q&A with parishioner Rev. Nancy Wittig, who is one of the 11, will follow. After the Q&A there will be a reception to honor Nancy. In 1974, in defiance of church rules, a group of 11 women and their supporters organized their ordination to become Episcopal priests. The movie features them, and tells an inspirational story about a generation of women in the ministry. In lieu of tickets we will have a freewill offering.

Drop-in Christmas Pageant, 2023



Thank you to everyone who participated in the Christmas Eve Drop-In Pageant.

February Events

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
				1 Choir 7:00 pm	2 Bible Study 8:00 am Diocesan Convocation @ Kalahari →	3
4 Holy Eucharist 8:00 & 10:00 am Adult Forum, 9:09am Coffee Hour 11:15 am Pizza Sale The Philadelphia Eleven 4:00 pm	5	6 AA 7:00 pm	7 Holy Eucharist 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Confirmation Class Ascension, 5:30 pm	8 Choir 7:00 pm	9 Bible Study 8:00 am Vestry Retreat @ Bellwether →	10
11 Holy Eucharist 8:00 & 10:00 am Adult Forum, 9:09am Coffee Hour 11:15 am Virtual Coffee Hour Mission Trip Meeting, 11:30 am Pizza Delivery	12	13 Community Meal 5:30 pm AA 7:00 pm	14 Ash Wednesday Holy Eucharist noon 6:30 pm	15 Choir 7:00 pm Fisherman's NET deadline	16 Bible Study 8:00 am	17 Youth Group Homeless Sleepout
18 Holy Eucharist 8:00 & 10:00 am Adult Forum, 9:09am Coffee Hour 11:15 am	19 President's Day Vestry 7:00 pm OFFICE CLOSED	20 AA 7:00 pm	21 Holy Eucharist 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Holy Eucharist 6:30 pm	22 Choir 7:00 pm	23 Bible Study 8:00 am	24
25 Holy Eucharist 8:00 & 10:00 am Adult Forum, 9:09am Coffee Hour 11:15 am Mission Trip Mtg. 11:30 am	26	27 AA 7:00 pm Normandy Service 3:00 pm	28 Holy Eucharist 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Holy Eucharist 6:30 pm	29 Choir 7:00 pm		

**HAPPY
VALENTINES ♥ DAY**

YOUTH GROUP Super-Bowl PIZZA FUNDRAISER

~Supporting Summer Mission Trip to South Dakota~

Order your Dewey's Pizza through Sunday, February 4, from our Youth Group members using this form. **Pizzas will be half-baked** and freshly made to order by our youth, and available for pick-up on Sunday, February 11, after each service. These delicious pizzas will be perfect to have at home to watch the game or to take to your super-bowl party. **You may use this one form to order up to two pizzas.* Place the completed form in the alms basket on Sunday.*

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

Payment due on Sunday Feb. 11th

Total Due: \$_____

Payment made by CASH:____ or CHECK____ #_____(office use only)

Questions? Contact: Michelle Killin-Keith at 440-781-4161

St. Peter's Youth will be making your pizzas fresh – you tell us the toppings and they will complete your order!

Large 12-cut Cheese Pizza \$18

Add Your Choice of Toppings **\$1 ea.**

Pepperoni, Sausage, Mushroom, Onion, Green Pepper, Black Olives, Bacon,
Diced Tomato, Canadian Bacon, and Pineapple

Pizza #1 Large 12-cut Cheese Pizza \$18.00

Toppings: (feel free to add additional toppings)

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Total for Pizza#1 **\$**

Pizza #2 Large 12-cut Cheese Pizza \$18.00

Toppings: (feel free to add additional toppings)

_____ \$_____

_____ \$_____

_____ \$_____

Total for Pizza#2 **\$**

TOTAL FOR COMPLETE ORDER \$_____

February Celebrations

Below is a list of birthdays and anniversaries for the month of February. 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 February



Feb 01	Andy Fitz
Feb 03	Craig Cook
Feb 13	Liz Crosby Henry Bish John Rich Grace Karchmer
Feb 14	Doug Bradfield Jeremy Martin
Feb 15	Robert Wolverton
Feb 17	Sheena James John Yingling
Feb 19	Pat Wielinski Alison Demaline
Feb 20	Hilary Bickerton
Feb 21	Jim Cofer Alison LaRosa
Feb 23	Megan Schwartz

Feb 24	Phillip Callesen Abby Williams
Feb 25	Martha Taylor
Feb 27	Angie Whidden Pete Wheeler
Feb 28	Don Blesse Kevin St. Clair Amelia Martin
Feb 29	Mary Elaine Patrinos



Wedding Anniversaries in February

Feb 13	Fred & Sarah Bauer
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Parish Prayer Rota for February

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, then we'll start over again. Clip this page and keep it with your daily devotions for easy access.

Feb 1	Bob Brown Jim Calhoun	Feb 16	Chris Donaldson Ian Drennan
Feb 2	Joanne Calkins Phillip & Margy Callesen	Feb 17	Dennis Driscoll & Susan Murnane Karen Eversman
Feb 3	Barb Caravona John & Janis Carlson	Feb 18	Steve Felder Sara Ferry
Feb 4	Amanda & Amy Chambers Tren & Lisa Cheshier	Feb 19	Doug & Elaine Fifner George Filko
Feb 5	Joel & Carol Childs Linda Chisamore	Feb 20	Andy, Samantha, Jonathan, Patrick, Anna & Katherine Fitz Scott & Mary Fitz
Feb 6	Ray Chisamore Paul Ciarrone	Feb 21	Jim Ford Joan Foster
Feb 7	Marilyn Cobb Mary Coe, Peter & Molly Kuhn	Feb 22	Anne Marie Foti Richard Furry
Feb 8	Jim, Carrie & Jaime Cofer Craig Cook	Feb 23	Jeff, Kristen, Evan, Isaac & Keira Gardner Chas & Patti Geiger
Feb 9	Jan Cook Hal Cooper	Feb 24	Bobbi Gillen Jim & Linda Good
Feb 10	Bill & Liz Crosby Neil, Kiara, Karter & Khorl Culmer	Feb 25	Dan, Sarah & Emmett Gourash Bill Grane
Feb 11	David Daley Mary Daniel	Feb 26	Bob Gray Neil & Joyce Green
Feb 12	Pam Darling & Nancy Wittig Victoria Dehmalo	Feb 27	Mike, Jennifer, Jacob & Elisa Hammarlund Tucker Handley
Feb 13	Lesley, Jon & Lucy Demagall Matt, Heidi, Allison & Brooklyn Demaline	Feb 28	Sarah Hankey Nancy Harris
Feb 14	Adam, Tiffani, Cole & Gia Dietrick Kelly, Jordan, Emily & Jacob Dillon	Feb 29	Tony, Lauren & Caleb Hinkston Sue Hofelich
Feb 15	Terry & Patti Dobro Penny Dolski		

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