

What's Happening: February 23, 2024

We hold in our prayers this week:

Parishioners in need of Prayer: Kiara Culmer, Sue Andrews, Rebecca Austin, Jennifer Thomas, Lois Smith, Molly Simon, Jim & Linda Good, Bob Lewis, Jo Oldenburg, Peggy Zimmer

Homebound Parishioners: Anida Balmer, Kay McKelvey, Sheena James, Doug Bradfield

Parishioners' Friends and Family: Lynne Jennings (Holly St. Clair), Annette Barnes (Sally Scovill), Maryellen Duerr (Bob Brown), Don Aukerman, Karen, Gordon & Graham, Kurt Atwell (Ann Bish), Azri & Barb Hami, Stan & Deloris Stary (Jim & Nickie Stary), Vitalia Ononye (Carolyn Beredo), Laura Faulkner (Dennis McCready), Lee Keller (John Keller), Dan Pernod (Deb Vandrasik), John Bradley (David Nash), Marilou Durkin (Sara Ferry), Ann Rudeen (Jan McDonough), Samantha Hall (Sam Morgan), Sharlene Page (Bob & Christine Schauer), John & Mary Degnan (Julie Steigerwald), Christopher Taylor (Sarah Taylor), Ginger Hill (Marci Rich), Brynn Purdy, Ellie McMahan (Linda Purdy), Virginia Wepfer (Brenda Pongracz), Ryan Swanson (Ed & Julie Stenger), Christian Kneubel (Ann Wright), Grace Brockett (Cheshier Family), Tristan (Jessica Philpott, Luke & Mark Sferra), Bonnie Jones, Gary Novak (Emily Malquest), Alyssa Cowling, Gerry Ross, Nacine Bryson, Paul Guinn (Joanne Hull), David Spencer (Beth O'Rourke), Dan Erwine (Cindy Lemmerman), Lee Mehnert (Tom & Sue Andrews), Tina Panzarella, Betty Wolfe, Tim Sweeney, Jim Miller, Frank, Carley Buhl (Liz Crosby), Weston (John Neumann), Elaine Glendening (Patti Dobro), Sue Nickel-Schindewolf, Michael Yancey (Amanda Chambers)



Join us Sunday, February 25 after the 10:00 a.m. service as we celebrate Leslie Hannan's nearly twenty years as St. Peter's Parish Administrator.

Leslie Hannan was called to this post in December 2004 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. On Sunday, Leslie will embark on her well-deserved retirement. Please join us as we bid a fond farewell to Leslie for a job well-done.



February Outreach Focus: National Multiple Sclerosis Society



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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*

Wednesday nights in Lent, our Lenten program in the chapel is:

6:00 p.m. simple dinner

6:30 p.m. simple Eucharist

7:00 p.m. Book Study of the book *Community* by Henri Nouwen

Another option is at the Episcopal Church of the

Ascension, on Thursday nights in Lent. Church of the Ascension will host a Lenten Program:

6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

6:30-8:30 p.m. *The Chosen* viewing, Bible Study, and discussion

All are welcome; please join us.



Intergenerational Event: Labyrinth Walk



Intergenerational and joint Lent event with Lakewood Congregational Church on March 4 at 7 p.m., here at St. Peter's in the Chapel. Prayer cards will be available as you journey through the Labyrinth.

Labyrinth walking is an ancient practice used by many different faiths for spiritual centering, contemplation, and prayer. Entering the serpentine path of a labyrinth, you walk slowly while quieting your mind and focusing on a spiritual question or prayer. Please join us on Monday, March 4 for this Intergenerational Event. All are welcome!

PAJAMA & BOOK DRIVE
The Magic of Pajamas & Books

NEW PAJAMAS AND BOOKS are magical gifts that we collect and give, with love, to children. These gifts inspire children, teaching them how to use imagination and creativity to change their lives. They are the building blocks of confidence, trust and love. And because we give them unconditionally, these gifts help create a trusting connection and long-lasting bond. It's easier than you might think to comfort and delight the children who need it most, giving simple but magical gifts that lift the spirit and can change the world.

St. Peter's Child Care is hosting a Pajama and Book Drive to benefit foster children in Cuyahoga County! Please help by bringing either new pajamas and/or new books for children of all ages.

Dates: Beginning February 2, 2024 – February 29, 2024
Location: Donation boxes will be located in the Center hallway



Please join us for a
RETIREMENT CELEBRATION
honoring

Leslie Hannan
Sunday, February 25
after the 10:00 a.m. service

*For pastoral emergencies, please contact The Rev. Mike Lager by phone at 479-221-4030 or by email at rector@stpeterslakewood.org
If you would like to add someone to the prayer list,
please contact the office at office@stpeterslakewood.org*