

What's Happening: March 31, 2024

Happy Eastertide!

The Church
Office is Closed
Monday

We hold in our prayers this week:

Parishioners in need of Prayer: Lorna Jordan, 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: Sheryl Pflueger, Tina Panzarella, Betty Wolfe, Tim Sweeney, Jim Miller, Frank, Carley Buhl (Liz Crosby), Lynne Jennings (Holly St. Clair), Annette Barnes (Sally Scovill), Maryellen Duerr (Bob Brown), Don Aukerman, Karen, Gordon and 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), Elaine Pare (Kathy Woolner), 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), Ginger Hill (Marci Rich), Brynn Purdy, Ellie McMahan (Linda Purdy), Virginia Wepfer (Brenda Pongracz), Christian Kneubel (Ann Wright), Grace Brockett (Cheshier Family), Tristan (Jessica Philpott, Luke & Mark Sferra), Bonnie Jones, Gary Novak (Emily Malquest), Leslie Yousko, Alyssa Cowling, Gerry Ross, Nacine Bryson, Paul Guinn (Joanne Hull), David Spencer (Beth O'Rourke), Dan Erwine (Cindy Lemmerman), Lee Mehnert (Tom & Sue Andrews), Weston (John Neumann), Elaine Glendening (Patti Dobro), Sue Nickel-Schindewolf, Michael Yancey (Amanda Chambers)

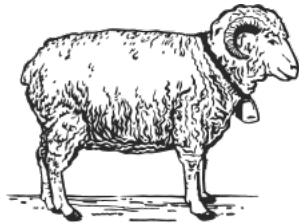
**Join us for Sunday Worship at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.
10 a.m. is LIVESTREAMED ONLINE
The Rev. Michael Lager, Rector**

The Service will be livestreamed beginning at 9:50 a.m.
and the recording will subsequently remain available here:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5r-XEvAg8xKiEI2jnl_s7g?

Welcome to St. Peter's! If you are attending services, please use the glass door at the rear of the church off the parking lot (where the elevator is located) or the front door to enter the church. If you need any assistance, please see one of the ushers or Tom Newman, St. Peter's Sexton.

Parents, if you wish to bring little ones to church, the care room is open every week. Children are also encouraged to sit in their special area in the front of the church on the carpet. Older children who would like to come to church are always welcome. We have activity bags at the back of the church with things to do based on the message of the day.

April Outreach Focus of the Month



Bellwether
— FARM —
CAMP • RETREAT • EDUCATION CENTER

The April Outreach Focus of the Month is our own camp, retreat, and educational center for the Diocese of Ohio — Bellwether Farm. Its vision and mission, in part, is to “promote physical and spiritual wellness and fidelity to the environment while providing a sacred space that awakens our senses to all that is possible in God’s creation and live more lightly on the earth.” To that end, Bellwether is a working farm with sheep, goats, chickens, bees, pigs, and a horse! All meals at the center are served farm-to-table, applying all the appropriate recycling/sustainability practices. During the warmer months, guests are encouraged to help Farm-to-Table Director Jay Gillet gather the very food they will eat while at the farm. Be prepared to be served the most delicious meals!

Located along the Vermilion River in Wakeman, Ohio, Bellwether is an idyllic setting for young ones to enjoy a camp experience. The lake on the property offers the opportunity for swimming, canoeing, and fishing. Campers stay in beautiful wooden cabins nestled in the gorgeous woods surrounding the center — woods that provide miles of hiking, foraging, and things to explore. Campers also enjoy the fellowship of surrounding campfires, music, arts and crafts, and worship. They will also participate in the farm experience by harvesting their own food and animal life. Please visit Bellwetherfarm.com to learn more about the camp offerings.

Bellwether's doors are by no means only open to the youth of the diocese! Congregants across the diocese come to enjoy spiritual programming, retreats, and other workshops throughout the year. The Grange, which is the main gathering space and dining hall, has beautiful conference rooms that are operational, with technology for meetings. Overnight accommodations are provided in fully-furnished cabins for double- and single-occupancy.

The worship barn overlooks the woods, offering a peaceful and picturesque setting for spiritual gatherings. The Bellwether website lists all of its current and special programming. St. Peter's vestry members have always looked forward to and enjoyed their annual retreat at Bellwether.

Walk away from your busy lives and escape to the gorgeous landscape of Bellwether Farm!



Organ Photo: Jon Tabar/Design: Dave Tabar



Organ Campaign Update: When in Our Music God is Glorified

Fellow Parishioners:

I am pleased to report that we now have **76** pledges totaling **\$402,295** to refurbish our wonderful Holtkamp organ. This is really exciting! Thank you to all who have gotten us to this point!

There are a fair number of parishioners who, while having pledged to the annual stewardship campaign, *have not yet* committed to supporting our organ campaign.

I have some important news to share, however, that I believe will encourage those individuals to step up and make their financial commitment to this important project.

A generous donor has pledged to match — dollar for dollar — up to \$100,000 to St. Peter's to help us reach our goal of \$650,000. Even those who have already committed their support can increase their pledge and see that increase to their gift doubled. This pledge-matching incentive is a significant step toward helping us reach the finish line, and our goal is now within our sights!

In our continued effort to reach out to everyone, the committee has decided to send one more

mailing to those folks who have not yet sent in a pledge card. We want to make sure they are aware of this donor's incredibly generous gift, and to appeal, once again, for a contribution. There has never been a better time to show your support for our extraordinary music program.

Pledge cards are still available on the table in the back of the church, so please consider taking one with you the next time you visit St. Peter's.

On behalf of the committee, I want to extend my deepest gratitude to this friend of St. Peter's, and to thank you for supporting this worthy and important project.

— *Mike Bickerton*, Campaign Chair

Saint Cecilia

The St. Cecilia Guild will meet for lunch at **noon** on **Wednesday, April 17**, at Panera Bread in Rocky River, 19705 Center Ridge Road. There is no program; we will simply gather in a private room to socialize. People are encouraged to buy lunch as we need to have a total of \$200 in sales to cover the cost of the room. Each person can place their order at the counter and pay for themselves. Please RSVP to Lorna Jordan by April 12, and contact her by phone, text, or email (216-647-3774 or ljcookie@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

And save the date, June 19, for our annual spring luncheon at the Cleveland Yachting Club! Details will follow in upcoming editions of "What's Happening" and the May issue of the *Fisherman's Net*. Questions? Call Naomi Opdycke at 216-410-2145 or email her at naomiopdycke@gmail.com.



St. Peter's Youth Group Plant Sale

Blooming flowers do indeed inspire hope. Fill your garden with spring's optimism by purchasing flowers from St. Peter's Youth Mission Trip Spring Plant Sale. We are once again partnering with Dean's Greenhouse to supply you with the loveliest annuals, herbs, vegetables, and hanging baskets. Order forms can be found on a table in the rear of the church; please make your checks out to "St. Peter's Episcopal Church," with "Mission Trip Plant Sale" in the memo line, and return them to Michelle Killin-Keith or place them in the alms basket. Sales support our annual mission work here at home and farther afield in Appalachia.

The deadline for orders is Sunday, April 21, 2024, and your plants will be available for pickup on **Saturday, May 18, from 10 to 11:30 a.m.** Items not picked up by noon on May 18 will be considered a donation to the church.

For more information, please call Michelle at 440-781-4161.



Congratulations, Amelinda!

Amelinda Norton, a member of St. Peter's youth group, our Diocesan leadership team, and a student at Westlake High School, became a U.S. citizen on March 19, 2024. Your St. Peter's family is so happy for you, Amelinda!



History Wanted for Ascension's Sesquicentennial

Next year, the Church of the Ascension — our neighbor to the east on Detroit Road — will celebrate its 150th anniversary.

Ascension enjoys the distinction of having operated continuously in the city since 1875, making it, according to the Lakewood Historical Society, the oldest church in the city.

Is it possible that your family's ancestors had a personal connection to Ascension? If so, Greg Sent, church archivist and historian, would love to hear from you; he is collecting any historic items — and oral histories — that you might be willing to share.

These artifacts could include pictures from weddings, baptisms, or church-related events, and certificates, documents, or other ephemera.

If you think you might have some of these treasures tucked away in a trunk, please consider getting in touch with Mr. Sent. If you have questions or would like more information, call him at 216-570-4424 or send him an email at deutschmeister@hotmail.com.

For pastoral emergencies, please contact The Rev. Mike Lager at 479-221-4030 or via email at rector@stpeterslakewood.org.
Also, if you would like to put someone on the prayer list, please contact the office at office@stpeterslakewood.org