

# What's Happening: May 12, 2024

## Happy Eastertide!

*In order to respect the privacy of our parishioners and friends, we will henceforth publish only the first names of those needing prayer. The full name of the parishioner requesting prayer will continue to be listed.*

**We hold in our prayers this week:**

**Parishioners in need of Prayer:** Kiara, Sue, Rebecca, Jennifer, Lois, Jim & Linda, Bob, Jo, and Peggy

**Homebound Parishioners:** Anida, Sheena, Doug, Jane, and Molly

**Parishioners' Friends and Family:** Sheryl, Tina, Betty, Tim, Jim, Frank, Carley (Liz Crosby); Lynne (Holly St. Clair); Annette (Sally Scovill); Maryellen (Bob Brown); Don, Karen, Gordon and Graham, Kurt (Ann Bish); Azri & Barb, Stan & Deloris (Jim & Nickie Stary); Vitalia (Carolyn Beredo); Laura (Dennis McCready); Lee (John Keller); Dan (Deb Vandrasik); John (David Nash); Marilou (Sara Ferry); Ann (Jan McDonough); Samantha (Sam Morgan); Sharlene (Bob & Christine Schauer); John & Mary (Julie Steigerwald); Ginger (Marci Rich); Brynn, Ellie (Linda Purdy); Virginia (Brenda Pongracz); Christian (Ann Wright); Grace (Cheshier Family); Tristan (Jessica Philpott, Luke & Mark Sferra); Bonnie, Gary (Emily Malquest); Leslie, Alyssa, Gerry, Nacine, Paul (Joanne Hull); David (Beth O'Rourke); Dan (Cindy Lemmerman); Lee (Tom & Sue Andrews); Weston (John Neumann); Elaine (Patti Dobro); Sue, Michael (Amanda Chambers); Kristen (Alison LaRosa)

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

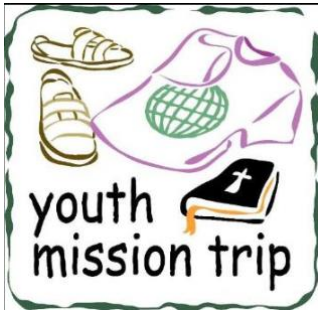
The Service will be livestreamed beginning at 9:50 a.m.  
and the recording will subsequently remain available here:  
[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5r-XEvAg8xKiEl2jnl\\_s7g?](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5r-XEvAg8xKiEl2jnl_s7g?)

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.

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## May Outreach Focus of the Month



Every summer for fifteen years, dozens of St. Peter's young people and their adult chaperones have embarked upon mission trips to impoverished areas in Appalachia — learning as they go and healing hearts and homes along the way. The Outreach Focus for the Month of May is our Summer Youth Mission Trip — two trips, actually. During the week of June 16 – 21, volunteers in grades seven through twelve and their chaperones will pick up tools and work long hours to make a difference in the lives of people in Jackson County, West Virginia. Later this summer, from July 14 – July 18, our youth and their chaperones will undertake another labor-intensive trip under the sponsorship of Hosanna Industries, in Gibsonia, Pennsylvania. The West Virginia trip is sponsored by Brothers' Keeper, based in Ripley, West Virginia. Your loose-plate offerings this month will help fund these mission-based trips.

Brothers' Keeper, for example, receives more than 200 applications each year from the local community, and they must meet certain criteria: They must own their own home or trailer, and they must be unable to afford the needed repairs, either because they are sick or disabled, a senior citizen, or both. The work they have requested must be work that our youth can do with guidance from more “professional” volunteers. In the past we have helped so many wonderful neighbors in need. One of them was Mitzi Moffatt; we demolished her deck and rebuilt a small one for her that had a wheelchair ramp. Mitzi was fairly young, but her body had been ravaged by Type 1 diabetes. Because Mitzi had lived in poverty her entire life, she wasn't able to take care of the disease the way others can. My daughter Madison had just been diagnosed, and I really felt the Holy Spirit working in all of us that week. We stayed in contact with Mitzi over the last ten years and took her to dinner when we passed through town. Sadly, she passed away during COVID. Another year, we arrived at our posting after a horrible storm had taken out power, trees, and homes. It was almost complete devastation everywhere we looked. Our original plans went out the window and it was all-hands-on-deck to get folks' roofs repaired.

I have led these trips for fifteen summers, and we have seen the worst of the worst. Jackson County, West Virginia, for example, is devastated by poverty and drug use. Things are dirty, broken, and in need of a caring heart. People need someone to listen to them, to be a friend. We do not go there to *fix* the broken, we go there *to share the love of Christ*. We go to build a connection, a relationship. The actual work is secondary. Jesus works through us and through them. He is there already; we just provide the hands and feet. Please help us, once again, provide the hands and feet.

— Michelle Killin-Keith

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## **New Pastoral Care Ministry**

These pastoral care ministries were established at a meeting that took place following worship on Good Shepherd Sunday in April:

### **Eucharistic Visitor Team**

*Liz Crosby, Team Captain*

**(216) 502-6426**

li2ard@aol.com

Jan Babbit

Dennis Driscoll

Dan Gourash

Tucker Handley

Tom Newman

Lois Smith

Angie Whidden

### **Altar Flower Delivery Team**

*Tom Newman, Team Captain*

**(440) 387-2012**

stpetersepiscopalsexton.com

Dennis Driscoll

Tom Newman

Linda Purdy

Lois Smith

Betsy Yingling

### **Homebound Visitation Team**

*Nickie Stary, Team Captain*

**(216) 577-7430**

nickmstary@gmail.com

Jan Babbit

Carolyn Beredo

Jim Calhoun

Barb Caravona

Jennifer Hammarlund

Tucker Handley

Jim Stary

Angie Whidden

Pat Wielinski

### **Martha's Table Team**

*John Rich, Team Captain*

**(216) 905-6527**

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Jan Babbit

Heidi Demaline

Tucker Handley

Lorna Jordan

Penny Mead

Susan Murnane

Marci Rich

Should you or a loved one find yourself in need of one of these ministries, please contact the appropriate team captain, or call the church office directly: (216) 226-1772.

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May's Community Meal is **Tuesday, May 14**, a take-out meal that runs from 5:30 to 6 p.m. Cooks should gather at 12:30 in the Undercroft, bakers shall have delivered their goods by noon, and packers/distributors should arrive at 5 p.m. If you are interested in learning more about the ministry before we begin in-house dining in August, please stop in on Tuesday and talk to us about it, or contact Jan Babbit at [jrbabbit@gmail.com](mailto:jrbabbit@gmail.com) or 440-668-6289 or Lesley Demagall at [lesleydemagall@gmail.com](mailto:lesleydemagall@gmail.com) or 740-368-7677.

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### The Fisherman's Net Deadline is May 15

The deadline to submit articles for the June issue of the *Fisherman's Net* is **Wednesday, May 15**. Please contact Marci Rich, editor of the *Net*, to inquire about recommended word lengths for your articles. You may send your copy, photographs, and graphics to her at [marci.keyword@gmail.com](mailto:marci.keyword@gmail.com).

*Saint  
Cecilia*



The St. Cecilia Guild will meet **at noon on Wednesday, May 15**, in the new Chapel, to hear a talk by Lorna Jordan about her reporting days at NPR. To order a lunch of chicken cutlet, pasta, green beans, and salad — catered by Antonio's of Westlake — please send a check for \$15 to Lorna, 1507 Westford Circle, #105, Westlake, Ohio 44145, **by Wednesday, May 8**. You are also welcome to bring your own lunch; just let Lorna know so there will be enough seating (216-647-3774 or [ljcookie@gmail.com](mailto:ljcookie@gmail.com)).

And save the date for the St. Cecilia Guild's **annual Spring Luncheon** at the Cleveland Yachting Club in Rocky River. We will gather **at noon**

**on Wednesday, June 19**. The menu includes your choice of chicken and vegetable crêpes, green beans, and roasted red-skin potatoes or mushroom ravioli with brown butter, wilted spinach, and parmesan. Both meals start with a house salad, and crème brûlée will be served for dessert. The cost is \$30. Your check, made out to Naomi Opdycke, will serve as your reservation along with the completed form that accompanies this notice. Please return both to her **by June 10**. Contact Lorna Jordan if you have questions: (216-647-3774 or [ljcookie@gmail.com](mailto:ljcookie@gmail.com)).

**St. Cecilia Guild Spring Luncheon**

**Please fill out this form and mail a \$30 check, made out to Naomi Opdycke, by June 10 to secure your reservation. Mail to Naomi at 5 Laurel Dr., Rocky River, Ohio 44116.**

\_\_\_\_\_ Chicken and vegetable crêpes, green beans, roasted red skin potatoes

\_\_\_\_\_ Mushroom ravioli with brown butter, wilted spinach, and parmesan

Both meals start with a house salad and creme brûlée will be served for dessert.

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Your Name

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Your Telephone Number and/or Email Address

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**Spring Cleanup is Saturday, May 18**



Bring your rakes and garden gloves! Spring Cleanup takes place **from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 18**. Also happening on the 18th (**between 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.**), plants ordered in support of the Youth Group will be available for pick up. Please note that you can still support the plant sale (30% comes back to us) by **shopping in-store at Dean's Greenhouse, 3984 Porter Road in Westlake, between May 1 and June 15**. Just say you're supporting St. Peter's Youth Group. Thanks!

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## Graduate and Educator Appreciation Sunday



We will be celebrating our graduates and honoring our educators at the **10 a.m. service on Sunday, May 19** (Pentecost Sunday).

*Please join us for worship at the 10 o'clock service on **Sunday, May 26**, when we show our appreciation for Bryan Mitnaul, organist and choirmaster, and our remarkable choir. The musicians begin their summer hiatus following the service.*



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## Quarterly Contribution Statements

Due to the vacant office administrator's position, statements showing contributions made during the first quarter of 2024 were not mailed to parishioners. With the anticipated hiring of a new administrator, combined first and second quarter statements — showing all contributions made through the end of the second quarter — will be mailed out in July. If you have any questions, please contact Janine Finucane, our church office bookkeeper, by calling the office at (216) 226-1772, or emailing her at [finance@stpeterslakewood.org](mailto:finance@stpeterslakewood.org).

# Registration is Open for Vacation Bible School



Registration is now open for this summer's Vacation Bible School (VBS). Mark your calendar for **Sunday, August 4 through Thursday, August 8**, and click the link below to register. The week's activities for children in pre-K through fifth grade will take place across the street at Lakewood Congregational Church.

This registration is for participants ranging from age four to incoming fifth grade, youth volunteers (incoming sixth through twelfth grades), and adult volunteers.

Dinner will be provided each day, although participants are welcome to pack a meal if they prefer.

There is no cost for VBS, but donations are welcome. Opportunities to donate will be offered closer to VBS.

The registration form for Vacation Bible School can be found [here](#).

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*For pastoral emergencies, please contact  
The Rev. Mike Lager at 479-221-4030 or  
via email at [rector@stpeterslakewood.org](mailto:rector@stpeterslakewood.org)  
If you would like to add someone to the prayer list,  
please contact the office at [office@stpeterslakewood.org](mailto:office@stpeterslakewood.org).*