

What's Happening: May 26, 2024
Holy Trinity Sunday



The Church Office will be closed on Monday, May 27.

NOTE: 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.

Parishioners in need of Prayer: Bryan, 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)

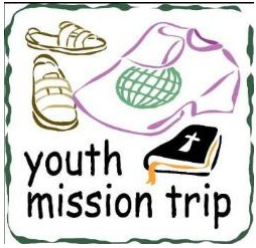
Join us for Sunday Worship at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.
10 a.m. is LIVESTREAMED ONLINE
The Rev. Michael Lager, Rector

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?

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.

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

Note: The ALS Association will be our June Outreach Partner.



******* New Date for Choir Appreciation Sunday is June 2 *******

Choir Appreciation Sunday, previously scheduled for May 26, has been rescheduled and **will take place at the 10 a.m. service on Sunday, June 2.** Be sure to join us as we honor the artistry of organist and choirmaster Bryan Mitnaul and our fine choral musicians.

*****Please note that the previously announced organ recital by Bryan, scheduled for June 9 at St. James Episcopal Church in Painesville, has been postponed and will occur at a date to be announced this fall.*****



Pastoral Care Ministry

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

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**There WILL be a Summer Picnic.
The Question Is: Where and When??**

If you live in Lakewood, then you probably already know that the Kiwanis Pavilion at Lakewood Park, where we've traditionally held our Annual Parish Worship Service and Picnic, has been inaccessible since September. That's when the City of Lakewood began work on reconstructing the park's parking lot. And although the city anticipated that the construction project would be completed by late spring of 2024 — and that they would then reopen the online reservation process — that has yet to occur.

So the question becomes: Where will we gather for our Annual Worship Service and Picnic in the Park? And when? Please rest assured that we have our best people on the case. As soon as we have identified and confirmed an alternate location and date, we will send out a parish-wide email to alert you to mark your calendar, advise you where in the alphabet you fall for bringing either a side dish, dessert, or beverage, and when you should start training to up your corn-hole game.

Thank you for your patience!



Shake-It-Up Summer Sunday School at St. Peter's Begins June 2

Beginning on Sunday, June 2, at 10 a.m., we will explore the Bible as a cookbook filled with recipes for living out God's World at Cokesbury's Shake-It-Up Café, held in the new Chapel. By celebrating biblical festivals, children will discover secret ingredients that will help them follow God. Children will see how Jesus shook things up and discover how they can shake up their own lives to become a new creation in Jesus Christ. The Bible gives us the recipe: Be ready for God's call, give happily to God and to others, believe fully in Jesus as God's Son, remember Jesus' life teachings, and celebrate God forever. Shake It Up Café introduces your children to stories of biblical festivals that reveal these ingredients and link the Old Testament, the New Testament, and our lives today. This is for children in fourth through fifth grade; youth in middle school and high school are encouraged to attend and become mentors, leading some of the lessons.

Note: Due to the Fourth of July and Labor Day holiday weekends, Summer Sunday School will not be offered on July 7 and September 1. Instead, we encourage you to use these dates as an excellent opportunity to worship together as a family. And please read further in this edition of "What's Happening" for registration information about Vacation Bible School.

— [*Michelle Killin-Keith*](#)

Saint Cecilia



Spring Luncheon

There is still time to register 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, and your check, made out to Naomi Opdycke, will serve as your reservation along with your completed form (below). Please send both to Naomi by June 10.** Contact Lorna Jordan with any questions: (216-647-3774 or ljcookie1@gmail.com).

JUNE LUNCHEON AT CYC

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 include a house salad, with creme brûlée for dessert.

Name _____

Telephone Number or Email Address _____



Chancel Guild Appreciation Brunch

The members of St. Peter's Chancel Guild are invited to gather for the return of our Annual Appreciation Brunch and Meeting on **Saturday, June 22, 2024, at 10:30 a.m.** in the new Chapel. I am happy to resurrect this tradition from its pandemic slumber so that I might thank and acknowledge the Guild for its hard work and dedication.

We will also review our standards and unify our vision to ensure consistency in the processes by which we prepare the beautiful services that we cherish at St. Peter's. Please RSVP to me by June 15 via phone, text, or email (216-534-3930 or ryancathe@yahoo.com).

I truly look forward to celebrating with you again.

— *Cathe Step*



Please Welcome Our New Office Manager, Johnny Kaufman!

St. Peter's is pleased to welcome Johnny Kaufman to the critically important position of Office Manager. A native of Willowick, Ohio, Johnny lives in University Heights with his wife, Carla Williams, and Oreo, their beloved Mini Greater Swiss Mountain Dog. Johnny and Carla were married in October 2022 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Cleveland Heights, where they are parishioners.

A graduate of Lake Catholic High School, Johnny attended Akron University, then worked for six years as an administrative coordinator at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, California. Upon returning to the Cleveland area, he worked in higher education at Case Western Reserve University and at Cleveland State University.

Johnny has played chess most of his life, and loves teaching young people the game; when he's not behind the desk at St. Peter's, he can be found teaching chess to elementary school children as an instructor with Chess Wizards, Inc. He is also as big of a Browns, Guardians, and Cavaliers fan as you will find, so don't hesitate to chat with him about anything sports-related.

Welcome to St. Peter's, Johnny!

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. Now that the position has been filled, 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, the church office bookkeeper, by calling the office at (216) 226-1772, or emailing her at finance@stpeterslakewood.org.



Registration is Open for Vacation Bible School

Registration is open for this summer's Vacation Bible School (VBS), which takes place from **Sunday, August 4 through Thursday, August 8**. To register online, please click [here](#).

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 the start of VBS.

***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.***