

What's Happening: May 5, 2024

Happy Eastertide!

We hold in our prayers this week:

We pray for the repose of the soul of longtime parishioner Joanne Wexler, who entered God's eternal rest on April 30, 2024.

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, Remi Tanis

Homebound Parishioners: Anida Balmer, Sheena James, Doug Bradfield, Jane Nash

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 McMahon (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), Kristen Smith (Alison LaRosa)

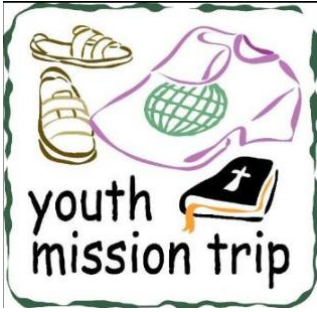
Join us for Sunday Worship at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.
10 a.m. is LIVESTREAMED ONLINE
The Rev. Michael Lager, Rector

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-XEvAg8xKiE12jnl_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



New Pastoral Care Ministry

At a meeting that took place following worship on Good Shepherd Sunday in April, these pastoral care teams were formed:

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

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Dennis Driscoll
Tom Newman
Linda Purdy
Lois Smith
Betsy Yingling

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Nickie Stary, Team Captain

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Jan Babbit
Carolyn Beredo
Jim Calhoun
Barb Caravona
Jennifer Hammarlund
Tucker Handley
Jim Stary
Angie Whidden
Pat Wielinski

Martha's Table Team

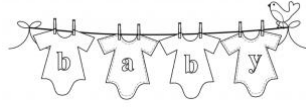
John Rich, Team Captain

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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.



Twinkle, Twinkle, We're Having a Baby Sprinkle!

Join us in celebrating new life at St. Peter's! Rebecca Austin-Lange and Jennifer Thomas are expecting this June, and you are cordially invited to honor them at a Baby Sprinkle Coffee Hour in the Chapel on **Sunday, May 5, following the 10 a.m. service.**

Michelle Killin-Keith and Kim Lager would love to gift each of the expectant families a basket filled with diapers and gift cards, but to do that they need your gift cards *before* May 5. Ideally, they are looking for gift cards from Target, Amazon, Walmart, and Giant Eagle. Please get in touch with either Michelle at (440) 781-4161, or Kim at (479) 431-7065, and let them know you'd like to participate. Thank you!

Youth Mission Trip Meeting & Cookout on May 5th



Also on Sunday, Also today, during the coffee hour/sprinkle, several youth and adult missionaries from St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Berea will be visiting St. Peter's to join Michelle Killin-Keith and members of our youth group for a cookout in the back parking lot to discuss planning for this summer's upcoming mission trip.

Although the cookout will take place near the garage in the back parking lot, Michelle says that parking for parishioners should not be impeded. If anyone has questions, please contact her at (440) 781-4161 or childrenyouth@stpeterslakewood.org.



On Sunday, May 5, St. Peter's will join with other churches and organizations across the country to honor the memory of firefighters who died in the line of duty. Following the postlude, our bell ringers will toll the St. Peter's bell in their memory.

The opportunity to participate was brought to Father Mike's attention by parishioners Karen Bradley and Tom Norton. Karen explained in an email that their company, Turtle Plastics, has been making safety products from recycled plastic — and providing training for fire departments — for many years.

“As a natural outgrowth of that,” writes Karen, “we’ve been supporters of the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation for several years. This is a wonderful organization that yearly honors those firefighters who gave their lives during the year. It also provides extensive support services for the families of those firefighters. We are happy to know that St. Peter's will be participating in the national program.”

St. Peter's is grateful to Karen and Tom for letting us know about the opportunity to honor fallen firefighters.

If you would like more information about the organization, please visit BellsAcrossAmerica.com.

**Assisting Opportunities
IN
WORSHIP**



To all Lectors, Chalice, Acolytes, Ushers, Bell Ringers, Videographers ...

Thank you to *everyone* who participates in the ministries that support our Sunday morning worship. It truly takes a village.

We will be completing the Summer through September Rota by May 15. ***Please notify Liz Crosby (crosby@buckleyking.com) no later than May 15 if:***

- You no longer want to be included in the Rota
- You would like to increase your participation in the services by adding “jobs” to your résumé
- You are new to this ministry and would like to read, chalice, acolyte, usher, ring the bell or video the 10 a.m. service
- There are any Sundays from June through September that you are *not* available to serve

IMPORTANT NOTE:

If you know in advance that you cannot serve on a Sunday for which you have been scheduled, ***please find your own substitute*** and advise the office of the change. Additionally, there is a master ROTA outside the sacristy. Please make changes on that so that the Sunday Verger is aware of those changes.

If you are ill and cannot report as scheduled, please contact one of the Vergers: Liz Crosby (216-502-6426) or Martha Taylor (216-870-9095) as soon as possible.

And once again, thank you!

**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).

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, and your check, made out to Naomi Opdycke **by June 10**, will serve as your reservation along with the completed form that accompanies this notice.

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 crepes, 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.

Your Name

Your Telephone Number and/or Email Address

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!



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). We would also like to give our third-graders an Adventure Bible on that date, so please let Michelle know if there's a third-grader in your family.

And mark your calendars for Sunday, May 26, when we show our appreciation for our remarkable choir!



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.



Save the Dates!

Mark your calendars for Vacation Bible School this summer, from **Sunday, August 4 through Thursday, August 8**. The week's activities for children in pre-K through fifth grade will take place at Lakewood Congregational Church across the street. More details, including registration information, will be here soon, so watch this space. (But look out for those orange cones!)

*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.*