

What's Happening: June 16, 2024
The Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

Happy Father's Day!

Parishioners in need of Prayer: Cindy, 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), Sherri (Michelle Killin-Keith)

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.

June Outreach Focus of the Month

ALS
ASSOCIATION

Loose cash and coins put in the offering plates this month will benefit our June Outreach partner — the ALS Association. Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, more commonly known as Lou Gehrig's Disease, was responsible for the tragic deaths of two of our beloved parishioners, Jack Bauer (husband of Cherie Bauer) and Harold Babbit (husband of Jan Babbit). Both men were diagnosed in the prime of their life with this incurable disease and are missed terribly to this day.

ALS is a terminal neurodegenerative disorder that results in the progressive loss of both upper and lower motor neurons that normally control voluntary muscle contractions. It presents with muscle stiffness, twitches, or

weakness in its early stages and progresses to having the inability to eat, speak, move, and breathe. There is no known cause for ALS, and there is no cure; treatments for the disease simply help to slow progression and improve symptoms. Although ALS can affect people of any age, it typically strikes between the ages of 40 and 70 and targets males more often than females. Survival after diagnosis is often only two to four years.

The ALS Association is the only national non-profit organization fighting ALS, and it leads the way in research, care services, public education, and public policy. The association strives to provide hope and empowerment to those afflicted with this disease.

If you visit the ALS Association site on the internet, the first words you encounter are “compassion, integrity, and urgency.” These words seem very appropriate after witnessing the progression of the disease with Jack and Harold. Our hope for the St. Peter’s family is that you give generously to this organization to put an end to this tragic affliction.

— *Martha Taylor*



Our Picnic Will Be June 30 at Lakewood Park!

Our Annual Worship Service and Picnic-in-the-Park will take place at its traditional **Lakewood Park** location **on Sunday, June 30, 2024. The day begins with Worship at 10 a.m. in the Kiwanis Pavilion.** St. Peter’s will provide hot dogs and hamburgers. If your last name starts with the letters **K – R**, *please bring a side dish to share.* If your last name starts with **S – Z**, *please bring a dessert to share.* If

your last name starts with **A – J**, *please bring beverages to share.* We appreciate your patience as we worked through the challenges associated with the park’s availability.



Shake-It-Up Summer Sunday School is Ongoing at St. Peter’s

Summer Sunday School — aka the “Shake-it-Up Café — is ongoing through the end of August. The premise of the program is ingenious: children explore the Bible as a cookbook filled with recipes for living out God’s World. By celebrating biblical festivals, they will discover secret ingredients that will help them follow God. 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.

The shake It Up Café is for pre-K children through fifth grade; youth in middle school and high school also attend as 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](#)*



Spring Luncheon

Lorna Jordan and Naomi Opdycke look forward to seeing everyone who registered for the St. Cecilia Guild's annual Spring Luncheon. The event takes place **at noon on Wednesday, June 19**, at the Cleveland Yachting Club in Rocky River.



Chancel Guild Appreciation Brunch

The members of St. Peter's Chancel Guild will 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, unifying our vision to ensure consistency in the processes by which we prepare our beautiful and cherished services 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*



Lakewood Arts Festival: We Need Your Fake Flowers!

St. Peter's is again participating in the Lakewood Arts Festival, scheduled for **Saturday, August 3**. Those of you who have participated in the past know that we have become famous for our CHURCH LADY HATS! While these hats are always a big hit, it takes literally *hundreds* of fake flowers to make them, and so we again ask all of you to donate the flowers and similar ornamentation from arrangements that you no longer use or display.

Please bring your old flowers (or maybe new ones you picked up at Jo-Ann's or Michael's) to church anytime between now and August 1 and we will put them to good use! Look for the specially-marked box in the rear-entry vestibule, across from the St. Luke's donation bin. If you have any questions, please see Liz Crosby.



Quarterly Contribution Statements

Statements showing combined first and second quarter contributions — which is to say *all* contributions made through the end of the second quarter of 2024 — will be sent out to parishioners this month. If you have any questions, please call Janine Finucane, the church office bookkeeper, 216-226-1772, or email her at finance@stpeterslakewood.org.



MARTHA'S TABLE

Martha's Table, a pastoral care ministry that was revitalized this spring, is chaired by vestry member John Rich. The ministry, whose members are listed below, is ready to assist parishioners in need of home-cooked meals. The reasons why someone might benefit from a Martha's Table delivery could range from illness or injury, the birth of a child, or the death of a family member. If you or someone you know in the parish could use a home-cooked meal, Martha's Table is here to help.

John is the point person for this ministry. To request a meal, please contact him either by text or email (216-905-6528 or sandtrap72@yahoo.com). **Martha's Table Ministry:**

John Rich, Chair; Jan Babbit; Heidi Demaline; Tucker Handley; Lorna Jordan; Kim Lager; Penny Mead; Susan Murnane; Marci Rich



Registration is Ongoing for Vacation Bible School

Registration is ongoing for this summer's Vacation Bible School (VBS), which takes place from **Sunday, August 4 through Thursday, August 8**. To register online, please visit tinyurl.com/UnderConstruction2024. VBS is for participants ranging from age four (pre-K) to incoming fifth grade, youth volunteers (incoming sixth through twelfth grades), and adult volunteers. The week's activities will take place across the street at

Lakewood Congregational Church. 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.*