

What's Happening: July 28, 2024

The Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

We hold in our prayers this week ...

Parishioners in need of Prayer: Carolyn B., Cindy L., Bryan M., Lois S., Jim & Linda P., Bob L., Jo O., and Peggy Z.

Homebound Parishioners: Anida B., Sheena J., Doug B., Jane N., and Molly S.

Parishioners' Friends and Family: Joan, Sante, Sheryl, Tina, Betty (Liz Crosby); Maryellen (Bob Brown); Craig, Don (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), 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); Carol (Monica Jochum); John (Michelle Killin-Keith); the Capece family (Kristen Gardner); Sherry (Mark Lekan); Helen (Marci Rich)

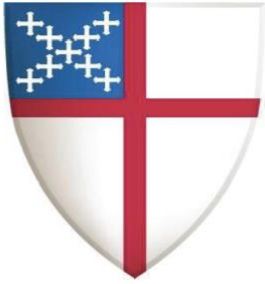
**Join us for Sunday Worship at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.
10 a.m. is LIVESTREAMED ONLINE
The Rev. Michael Lager, Rector**

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.



BISHOP'S APPEAL

July Outreach Partner of the Month: The Bishop's Annual Appeal

During July, St. Peter's ministry outreach focuses on the Bishop's Annual Appeal, the principal means by which communicants and congregations support essential ministries beyond the diocesan budget. This Appeal funds initiatives that individual congregations cannot afford, allowing us to act together as one community. It enables the Diocese of Ohio's parishes and parishioners to support ministries serving the poor, the hurting, and the disadvantaged in our region.

Funds raised through the Bishop's Appeal also help underwrite mission trips and leadership development, provide summer internships for high school and college students, and support the training and placement of newly-ordained clergy. I was able to work with the curates from across the diocese as part of the Bishop's Fresh Start program. This collaborative group met monthly to ensure the collegial support and guidance for those new to their ministry. Your financial gifts help mentor new clergy as they lead their first parish.

St. Peter's has directly benefited from the Bishop's Appeal, receiving funds for the former curate, the Rev. Kelly Aughenbaugh, for example, and for the youth mission trip. Additionally, the Lakewood Community Services Center and St. Luke's outreach ministry are grant recipients.

By contributing to the Bishop's Annual Appeal, you are feeding the hungry, comforting those who are struggling, developing leaders, strengthening the church, and changing lives every day.

The loose plate offering collected during July will support the Bishop's Annual Appeal. I greatly appreciate your generosity this month.

Blessings,

— *Father Mike*

*Next month's Outreach Partner is Breakthrough T1D
(formerly known as the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation)*



Celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Historic Ordination to the Priesthood of the Rev. Nancy Wittig on Sunday, July 28, at 9:30 a.m.

- *Potluck Brunch to Follow the Church Service*
- *Opportunities to Watch The Philadelphia Eleven Documentary*

Watch the film. Honor the history. Celebrate the ordination.

This Sunday, July 28, at an all-church worship service at 9:30 a.m., we will gather to celebrate the historic ordination to the priesthood of the Rev. Nancy Wittig. Mother

Nancy will officiate, preach, and celebrate the Holy Eucharist on the eve of the anniversary of this landmark event, which took place 50 years ago, on July 29, 1974.

Mother Nancy was one of the "Philadelphia Eleven," women who, in defiance of the constitution and canons of the Episcopal Church, became ordained as priests in Philadelphia's Church of the Advocate. This singular act is the subject of the 2023 documentary film *The Philadelphia Eleven*.

You can watch the film online, on the tech platform Kinema, beginning at **12 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time on Friday, July 26, through 12 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time on Tuesday, July 30.** Tickets are \$11 and can be purchased at <https://kinema.com/events/the-philadelphia-eleven-ut94x5>.

As the Rev. Mike Lager wrote in the July issue of the *Fisherman's Net*:

“This milestone is beyond the longevity of a professional career in the Church. It represents a lifetime devoted to serving God, the Church, and the community out of the faith we all cherish.”

A potluck brunch reception in honor of Mother Nancy's ministry will take place in the Undercroft following the service. Parishioners whose last name begins with A through L are asked to bring main dishes; those whose last name begins with M through Z, are bringing sides. Coffee and beverages will be provided.

For questions about the film, please contact Lorna Jordan at 216-647-3774 or ljcookie1@gmail.com.

For questions about the brunch, please contact Amanda Chambers at 440-669-6352 or amanda60chambers@gmail.com.

Helping the Homeless



In February, members of St. Peter's youth group raised money to help the unsheltered at the Homeless Awareness Sleep-Out; **on Thursday, August 1**, they will deliver a check representing the funds raised to the Lutheran Metropolitan Men's Shelter (LMM). While there, they will serve lunch. **Anyone who wishes to join the group should meet in the Church parking lot at 11:30 a.m.** The shelter is located in Cleveland at 2100 Lakeside Avenue East.

Updates to Combined Children & Youth Ministry Pool Party

Editor's Note: This News Contains Information that was Updated After the August Issue of the Fisherman's Net Had Already Gone to Press



Our combined Children & Youth Pool Party and Evening Complime, originally scheduled for **Saturday, August 3**, has undergone a change in format. The youngest children (infants through 5th grade), **will still meet at the Killin-Keith homestead on that date for a pool party from 4 to 6 p.m.**

The *older* youth, those in middle-school and high-school, are invited to attend a cook-out and pool party at the Killin-Keiths following evening complime on this new date: **Saturday, August 10, at 5 p.m.** The address is 8600 Boston Road in North Royalton.

For the August 3 event, snacks will be served. For the August 10 event, a main dish and drinks will be provided. Please bring a dessert if your last name begins with A-M. If your last name begins with N-Z, please bring a side dish.

To lessen any confusion, please make a note reflecting these changes on the news item announcing the pool party when your August *Net* arrives in the mail.

For more information, contact Michelle Killin-Keith at childrenyouth@stpeterslakewood.org.

Thank you,
—Michelle Killin-Keith



In-House Dining Resumes on August 13

After a hiatus of more than four years, **on Tuesday, August 13, at 5:30 p.m.**, St. Peter's Community Meal will throw open the doors to in-house dining. "We invite our guests to resume dining together as a community, which we have not done since Covid interrupted our practice," says Jan Ryan Babbit, one of the program's coordinators. "We are blessed to be celebrating with a walleye fish feast, courtesy of Dan Gourash's Fishing to Feed God's Flock ministry." Dinner will be served at 6 p.m.

Volunteers are needed for the following:

Cooks and Set Up Crew: Arrive at 2:30. Set up room and beverages. Batter fish in preparation for frying. Make coleslaw, baked beans, chop watermelon, plate desserts.

Bakers: A dozen or two of your favorite no-bake cookies — Rice Krispie Squares, Haystacks, Magic Dessert Bars — whatever you like.

Servers: Please arrive by 5:30. Lesley Demagall will give you your assignments.

Clean-up crew: Please arrive by 6. Lesley will give you your assignments.

Doors open at 5:30 to guests and dinner is served at 6 p.m.

If you would like to volunteer with Community Meal — or if you just want to see what's for dinner — Jan invites you to come and enjoy the meal with them. All are welcome! To be included on the email list for Community Meal volunteers, please contact Jan at jrbabbit@gmail.com or 440-668-6289. To learn more about Dan's fishing ministry, or to volunteer, please contact him at DFGourash@sseg-law.com or 440-570-1612.

You can read more about Dan's ministry, and how it dovetails with Community Meal, in the August issue of the *Fisherman's Net*.



"Preparing for Sunday" Website Discontinued

For several years, a link on St. Peter's website called "Preparing for Sunday" has proved invaluable to our parishioners, as it offered insight into the weekly readings. It was also a fine resource for lectors who wanted to practice their readings in advance. We were disappointed to learn this month that Church Publishing, Inc., has discontinued "Preparing for Sunday."

As a substitute, lectors might find the "[Lectionary Page](#)" helpful as an advance source for readings. The office utilizes this site as its lectionary resource, and we currently use "Track 1."

"The only glitch I've found," explained Father Mike, "is that occasionally our lectionary selection is found under 'Alternate Readings' ... and you have to hunt a little to find our Sunday selection. Mostly, it is a great resource and would be a good substitute [for 'Preparing for Sunday.']"

Note that there is a calendar and an Index that you can link to from the Lectionary.net homepage.

Additionally, Father Mike recommends "an impressive website from the Lutheran Seminary in Minneapolis that offers a one-page commentary on the lectionary readings."

From the homepage of "[Working Preacher.org](http://WorkingPreacher.org)," click on the date to see the commentary. The Index page, found at <https://www.workingpreacher.org/bible-index>, allows you to type any text into their search engine of previous commentary.



A Summer of Mission Work Concludes for St. Peter's Youth

The second of this summer's two youth mission trips concluded on July 18, with labor-intensive work completed on several homes in Rochester, Pennsylvania. Hosanna Industries of Gibsonia, Pennsylvania, sponsored the group, which included adult chaperones Father Mike, Michelle Killin-Keith, Betsy Yingling, Sarah Taylor, and Tucker Handley. Members of St. Peter's Youth Group were joined by six people from St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Berea. The blueprint for the

trip? Repairing roofs and building a wheelchair ramp—all on a foundation of faith and devotion. Look for coverage of this busy summer of travel, prayer, and hard (but rewarding) work in the September issue of the *Fisherman's Net*.



On Sundays in the Undercroft at 9:09 a.m., Father Mike leads the Adult Forum, a progressive study of the Bible. This class, which is also taught on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. in the upstairs office lounge, follows the 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist, with prayers for healing, in the Oratory.* Another opportunity for Bible study takes place on Fridays at 8 a.m. at Joe's Deli in Rocky River. For information on the

latter group, contact Jim Calhoun at jlcv401@gmail.com.

**Please note that while Father Mike is on vacation, there will be no Adult Forum class on July 28 and on August 4, and no Wednesday Bible Study on July 31. Father Mike's regular schedule of Wednesday and Sunday classes will resume on August 7 and August 11, respectively.*



Add to the Beauty of Worship at St. Peter's by Contributing Flowers to the Altar

Worship at St. Peter's is an experience of beauty. Every element of the service — the architecture, the altar hangings, the music, the people in the pews, and more — draws us closer to God by inviting us to bring our very best and lay it upon the altar. The flowers bedecking that altar are an important and radiant symbol of what we offer to God in our worship.

Altar flowers present an added dimension to the worship experience; not only do they create beauty, they also are shared with the homebound, parishioners celebrating momentous occasions, or someone who just needs a "pick-me-up."

Every member of the parish is invited to enhance the loveliness of our worship by donating altar flowers on a particular Sunday — either for the glory of God, or in memory, thanksgiving, or celebration of people or events that are important.

Many Sundays are available at St. Peter's for you to place flowers at the altar. (Please note that the Lenten season is an exception.) If you would like to make a gift of altar flowers, please call Johnny Kaufman in the church office at 216-226-1772, or stop by in person to reserve a date. Two regular bouquets are \$90; two special bouquets are \$150. If you would prefer to share with another parishioner on a Sunday, the cost will be divided between families. Please let the office know of any acknowledgements of Remembrance or Thanksgiving.

Thank you in advance for your generosity, and for contributing to the beauty of our worship.



Summer Sunday School 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. For more information, email Michelle Killin-Keith (childrenyouth@stpeterslakewood.org).



Vacation Bible School Begins Next Sunday, August 4

Registration is ongoing for this summer’s Vacation Bible School (VBS), which takes place from **Sunday, August 4 through Thursday, August 8**, for children in pre-K through fifth grade, at Lakewood Congregational Church across the street. Type the URL found below into your browser to register.

In addition to participants ranging from age four to incoming fifth grade, registration is also for 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 to attend VBS, but donations are welcome. Opportunities to donate will be offered closer to the start date.

The registration form for Vacation Bible School can be found by typing this URL into your browser: tinyurl.com/UnderConstruction2024

*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.*