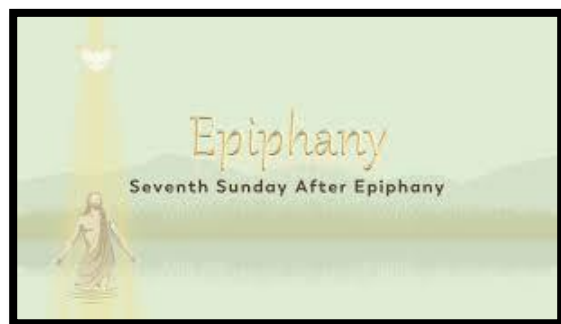


What's Happening: February 23, 2025 The Seventh Sunday After the Epiphany

Parishioners in need of Prayer: Ernie L. & Cindy L., Dorothy O., Christopher P., Patricia N., Bob B., J. S., Joyce R., Anida B., Molly S., Lorna J., Joanne C., Pat W., Bryan M., Jim & Linda P., and Peggy Z.

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

Parishioners' Friends and Family: Kent, Raymond, Pat (Liz Crosby); Maryellen (Bob Brown); Valori, Karen, Gordon, Graham (Ann Bish); Azri & Barb, Stan & Deloris (Jim & Nickie Stary); Vitalia (Carolyn Beredo); Laura (Dennis McCready); Lee (John Keller); John (David Nash); Marilou (Sara Ferry); Samantha (Sam Morgan); 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); Weston (John Neumann); Elaine (Patti Dobro); Sue, Michael (Amanda Chambers); Kristen (Alison LaRosa); Carol (Monica Jochum); Carla & Johnny (Michelle Killin-Keith); the Capece family (Kristen Gardner); Elizabeth (Jan McDonough); Lori (Kathy Woolner); Chip (the Jochum family); Bonnie (Carol Childs); Diane, Terri, Don (Marci Rich); Chloe (John Rich); Vyronda (Jeff Tennant); Steven (Anida Balmer); Dianna (Deb Csikos-Vandrasik); Bruce (Bob & Christine Schauer); Mary & Gina (Chas & Patti Geiger)



**February Outreach Focus of the Month:
National Multiple Sclerosis Society (WALK MS)**

Following my Multiple Sclerosis (MS) diagnosis in 1997, I turned to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society for accurate information and reliable guidance. I found compassion and support at a time of uncertainty and fear. If you know someone facing an MS diagnosis, please share this information.

What is MS? MS is a chronic, often disabling disease of the central nervous system. Thought to be an auto-immune disease affecting nearly a million people in the U.S., there is no known cause or cure. Symptoms range from numbness, pain, blindness, cognitive issues and may include paralysis. An individual's MS progression is unpredictable, sometimes "coming and going" over months, or progressing leading to increased disability.

The National MS Society provides needed services to people with MS and their families. They invest in research seeking a cure, advocate for patient's rights, and facilitate education on issues such as disclosure to an employer. The Ohio Chapter of the National MS Society is a valuable connection for people with MS to not face a diagnosis alone, and to live their best life. No cure is known, but thanks to weekly treatments, I am still walking.

Your donations this month will enable services for people with MS in Ohio, such as treatment navigators or grab-bars, and fund promising research. Also, you are invited to walk with me on my "Dessert First!" team at the **Walk MS event, on May 3, 2025 at the CSU Wolstein Center**. The walk site opens at 8:30 a.m. with informational tents, refreshments, and a team picture. The walk itself begins at 10 a.m., and three-mile and one-mile routes are available if you're interested. Please join me!

Register to walk with me FOR FREE on May 3 and/or donate:

<https://events.nationalmssociety.org/participant/kathy-woolner>

With much gratitude for your kindness and generosity,

Kathy Woolner

March 2025 Outreach Focus Partner: LifeAct





Father Mike's Adult Forum classes, also known as "9:09," **take place at 9:09 a.m. each Sunday in the Undercroft.** This progressive study of the Bible is **also taught on Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. in the upstairs office lounge,** following the 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist in the Oratory.

FRIDAY BIBLE STUDY occurs every Friday at 8:00 a.m. at Joe's Deli in Rocky River.

For details, please contact: office@stpeterslakewood.org.

St. Cecilia Guild Next Event: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

The St. Cecilia Guild will have its annual tea at the Emerald Necklace Inn at **noon on Monday, Feb. 24.** (The Emerald Necklace Inn is NOT open on Wednesdays.) You will pay for your own meal but a firm count is needed. For more information, or if you have any questions, please contact Lorna Jordan at: ljcookie1@gmail.com, or 216-647-3774



ALTAR FLOWERS!

Did you know that you can order flowers that will be displayed on the altar during that week's Sunday services? Well, you can!

You can purchase altar flowers to remember a loved one who passed away, to celebrate a birth or an anniversary, or just because! To check availability and to order: please call Johnny Kaufman in the church office at 216-226-1772, or stop by the office Mondays thru Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., or on Fridays from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

Two regular bouquets cost \$90

Two larger, special bouquets cost \$150

Payments: you can mail a check to the church, or you can drop your check in the collection plate on Sunday, or you can stop by the office during the hours listed above.



A QUICK NOTE TO ALL LECTORS: Please note that with the sound system improvements, the microphones at each of the lecterns (Gospel and Epistle sides) must be turned on before reading and turned off when you finish. This will help the choir microphones function more clearly. Thank you!

This year marks the 150th anniversary of Church of the Ascension, and an array of activities is scheduled throughout the year. The first event is slated to take place on Saturday, February 15, 2025. Click this link for more information about the year-long celebration of the church with the longest history in Lakewood: <http://www.150years.org/>

