

FISHERMAN'S NET

Saint Peter's Episcopal Church ♦ Lakewood, Ohio

Volume 61, Number 2 ♦ October 2025

"Each person should give what they have decided in their heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 8 And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work." (2 Corinthians 9:7-8)

Heart, hands, Hope: Generosity that Gives



Dear St. Peter's Family,

I'm excited to introduce the theme for our 2026 stewardship campaign: "**Heart, Hands, Hope: Generosity that Gives.**" Over the next few weeks, we'll explore each part of this theme, providing an opportunity for you to reflect on how God is alive in your life.

We begin with the **Heart**. All we do is centered in our hearts—that deep place within us that recognizes God's abundant grace and allows us to respond with love. Next, we'll turn to our **Hands**. Faith isn't only something we feel; it's something we do. Our scripture reminds us that because our hearts are open to God, our hands can "abound in every good work."

Then comes **Hope**. Hope isn't just wishful thinking; it's the deep trust that God's future is already breaking into our present. As our scripture says, "And God is able to bless you abundantly..." When the vision of God's kingdom builds hopeful trust within us, we find blessings everywhere.

Finally, we arrive at **Generosity that Gives**. This is where it all comes together: hearts that are open, hands that are active, and hope that is alive. Generosity is both the fruit and the practice of our faith. It's how we join in God's work of blessing the world.

I invite you to walk this journey with us over the coming weeks. Please pray about how God is calling you to open your heart, use your hands, live in hope, and commit to generosity. Together, we can discover that giving isn't a burden but a joy, not an obligation but a gift, and it's not simply about sustaining our church but about participating in God's abundant life.

With God's Generous Blessings,

Fr. Mike

Coffee Hour with Host Families

Welcome Fall! On the next page are our host families for October and November.

As a refresher... this is how it works: 4 households will be assigned each Sunday. No one will have to do this more than a couple times each year. We ask that you plan to bring along with you on Sunday a plate of something to put out for coffee hour. Baking is not required but is always welcomed! The items you bring can be as simple as a bag of goldfish crackers, baby carrots and dip, grapes, crackers & cheese, donut holes -you name it. Just bring enough to share with a dozen people, All you have to do is leave the item on the dining room table 20 minutes before church. The verger will take care of putting things out and cleaning up (though you are always welcome to help!)

If you cannot cover your assigned Sunday, it would be most helpful if you call someone and switch Sundays or bring it ahead of time and we can hold until your assigned Sunday. You may opt entirely out of the rotation simply by contacting Amanda Chambers 440-669-6352 or amanda60chambers@gmail.com

With much gratitude,
Amanda Chambers



October 5

Dan Lammers-verger
Betsy & John Yingling
Tom & Sue Andrews
Cherie Bauer
Mike & Hilary Bickerton

October 12

Chilli Cookoff

Amanda Chambers-verger
Stephen & Joanne
Bickerton
Ann Bish
Jim Calhoun

Barb Caravona

October 19

Linda Lange-verger
Jim & Carrie Cofer
Liz Crosby
Maddy Crosby & Parker
Wolfe

Victoria DehMalo

October 26

Joann Hull-verger
Heidi Demaline
Dennis Driscoll & Susan
Murnane
George Filko
Andy & Samantha Fitz

November 2

Jeff Tennant-verger
Anne Marie Foti
Carol Francescani
Jeff & Kristen Gardner
Chas & Patti Geiger

November 9

Stewardship Ingathering
Event
No Coffee Hour

November 16

Geoff & Debbie Rudesill-
verger

Dan Gourash
Tucker Handley
Gerry Horning

Joseph Jacoby

November 23

Amanda Love-verger
Lorna Jordan
Dan Karchmer & Sunia

Mathew

John Keller

Roger & Carol Kienzle

November 30

Amanda Chambers-verger
Lorna Jordan
Dan Karchmer & Sunia
Mathew
John Keller
Roger & Carol Kienzle

SECOND SUNDAYS! Zoom Zoom!

On the second Sunday of each month, you are invited to catch up with your friends at our **Virtual Coffee Hour!**

Join us and enjoy the company of St. Peter's online community!

The next gathering will take place on Zoom on SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12 at 11:15 a.m. The following month's gathering will take place on Zoom on SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9 at 11:15 a.m.



Please call Kathy Woolner at 440-503-6111 with any questions.

For ease in attending, simply add this link to your calendar:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82813898119?pwd=VU5QMjl0UmJkdTBudmJQRVphNTRVUT09>

Meeting ID: 828 1389 8119

Passcode: 18001



BIBLE STUDY



WEDNESDAY at 11:00 a.m., following the 10:00 a.m. Eucharist, in the office area lounge.

FRIDAY at 8:00 a.m. at Joe's Deli in Rocky River, Wooster Rd. & Hilliard Blvd.

SUNDAY at 9:09 a.m., between the 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. services in the Undercroft.

For additional information call or email the parish office:
(216) 226-1772 **office@stpeterslakewood.org**



GAME NIGHT, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18th

In response to popular demand, the Generosity Team will be hosting a St. Peter's Game Night on Saturday, October 18, from 7-9 pm. This will be a great opportunity for our parish community to come together for fun and fellowship. We will have a variety of games available for everyone to enjoy. We'll provide some refreshments, but please bring a snack for everyone to share. More information will be forthcoming in the weekly What's Happening newsletter, but if you have any questions or comments please reach out to Naomi Opdyke or Tucker Handley (me). Looking forward to seeing everyone soon! – Thanks, Tucker



October Outreach of the Month

Nourishing Body and Soul:

St. Peter's Community Meal Ministry

In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus calls us to welcome the stranger and feed the hungry, reminding us that "whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me" (Matthew 25:40). This sacred calling comes alive each month in the undercroft of St. Peter's, where our community meal ministry continues to flourish as a beacon of Christian hospitality and love.

Since resuming in-house dining after COVID, we have hosted fourteen meals, averaging about fifty diners each time—a testament to the enduring need for both nourishment and community in our neighborhood. While our numbers are about one-third lower than pre-pandemic levels, the heart of our ministry remains strong. We continue to prepare generous portions, ensuring that all our diners who wish can enjoy a second helping, because true hospitality means abundance, not scarcity.

As Father Mike beautifully expresses it, "The way that we find the presence of God at the church altar is reflected in the menu and love found at the table of our community meal." This profound connection between our worship and our service reveals the essence of what we do—we are not merely serving food, but sharing in the sacred act of communion with our neighbors.

Our guests themselves speak to the deeper meaning of what we offer. Christopher captures this perfectly when he shares, "We appreciate the hospitality and respect and non-condescending treatment that we receive at this location." This dignity and respect—treating each person as beloved children of God—transforms a simple meal into something holy. Eddie, who brings his own remarkable gifts of reading Mayan and understanding Korean, notes "There's good hospitality at St. Pete's," while playfully suggesting, "We wouldn't mind lobster once in a while—that's a joke. Maybe ribs, they're cheap!" His humor reflects the comfortable, welcoming atmosphere we strive to create.

The fellowship that emerges around our tables embodies the early Christian

community described in Acts, where believers "broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts" (Acts 2:46). As Hillel observes, "I like seeing the same people and the food is always good," while Jim emphasizes the inclusive spirit we embrace: "Community meals should be open for anyone! Don't have to be rich or poor, they should be open to anyone!" Anthony's simple but meaningful words, "It's a good meal," remind us that sometimes the most profound gifts come in the most basic forms. Our volunteer family has grown beautifully, filling roles from baking and cooking to setup, serving, and cleanup, yet there remains always room for more hands and hearts. The joy of service shines through in their words: Carolyn shares, "This is so rewarding and I love doing it," while Holly finds meaning in both "the fellowship of everyone here" and her monthly baking contributions. Dan appreciates "the fellowship with other parishioners while doing good for the community," highlighting how service strengthens our own bonds as a church family.

Perhaps no one captures the pure joy of service better than ten-year-old Lucy, who declares, "You get to serve people and help people. It's fun! And I get to steal some cookies." Her innocent delight reminds us that serving others should indeed be joyful, and that the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to such as these.

We enhance our hospitality with thoughtful touches—gifts for diners on special occasions and fresh or artificial flowers gracing each table. These details matter because they communicate that our guests are worthy of beauty and celebration, not merely charity.

The prophet Isaiah calls us to "share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter" (Isaiah 58:7), promising that when we do so, "your light will break forth like the dawn." In our community meal ministry, we witness this light breaking forth each month—in the laughter shared across tables, in the dignity restored through respectful service, and in the profound truth that we are all fed, volunteers and guests alike, by the abundance of God's love.

As we continue this vital ministry, we invite more members of our parish family to join us in discovering the presence of Christ both at our altar and at our community table. For in feeding others, we too are nourished, and in welcoming the stranger, we welcome Jesus himself.

Blessing of the Animals

October 5 2025, 2pm

St. Barnabas

Please consider bringing pet food or supplies
to donate to our Community Cupboard



Animal Blessing will be available at St. Barnabas in Bay Village. Located
at 468 Bradley Road, Bay Village, Ohio 44140

Chili Cook-Off AND Fall Festival

Bring your best chili in a slow cooker, hot and ready to serve. You can use an outlet to keep your dish warm while you attend the 10 a.m. worship service. Make a "Chili Name Tag" with the name of your chili and a rating for heat level. We encourage a variety - meatless, spicy, white, or surprise ingredient. See Rules for Entry.

OCTOBER 12, 2025
FOLLOWING 10 A.M.
WORSHIP

BONFIRE, CHILI, HOT CHOCOLATE,
GAMES, AND FUN!

St. Peter's Episcopal Church 18001 Detroit Avenue
Lakewood, Ohio 44107 216-226-1772



Rules of the Cook-Off

- *Keep the cook of each chili secret—so as not to throw the vote! You might pick up on who's is who's if you're both plugging your pots in simultaneously...but you know what I mean. (DON'T PUT YOUR NAME ON YOUR CHILI LABEL)*
- *Guests taste a spoonful of each chili and fill out a ballot for their favorite before eating it as a meal. Clean your palate between tastings with a little water or soda cracker provided.*
- *Rate each chili on the ballot. The chili with the most points wins!*
- *Each chili entrant will be announced at the end*
- *Award prizes*

We'll supply a Chili Toppings Bar—offering a variety of chili toppings and “go-withs “. Including shredded cheese, chopped onions, tomatoes, olives, bell peppers, sliced jalapenos, and sour cream for toppings.

We'll also bake up some frozen pizzas for the kiddos who don't care for chili much.

Along with your Chili Entry, if your last name begins with A-M please bring a 2-Liter of something wet to drink. If your last name begins with N-Z please bring a dessert to share.

During the Chili Festivities, a Fall Festival will be taking place with games, a bonfire, and cornhole for all.



T1D Walk Cleveland Metroparks

Sunday School and MS/HS Bible Study will be offsite on Sunday, October 19th. We will join the Gardner family and support Keira in the annual diabetes walk. Here are the details.

Event Day Details:

Date: October 19, 2025

Time: 7:30 AM

Location: Cleveland Zoo

3900 Wildlife Way Cleveland, OH 44109

[Open in Google Maps](#)



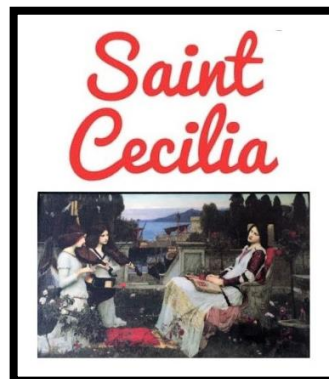
We were able to enjoy a large number of our youth at the Lakewood High School -VS- Rocky River High School Football Game (not pictured: Evan, Lay, Keira, Julian, Larry, Michelle, Isaac, Jeff, and Kristen)

ST. CECILIA GUILD

A carpool leaving from St. Peter's will be set up if you are interested. For anyone who wants to go to lunch afterward we will be going to a restaurant in Avon following the candle making. Details to be decided. If you have questions contact Lorna Jordan 216-647-3774 or ljcookie1@gmail.com.

Important additional information for St. Cecilia Guild. Meals will no longer be provided when we gather in the chapel at St. Peter's. Any meal associated with events will be up to you to pay at a restaurant or a check in advance for special luncheons in December and June.

St. Cecilia Guild will gather at Sandstone Candle Works in Avon on Wednesday, October 22 at noon (Please note: this the fourth Wednesday in October, not the usual third Wednesday as is tradition for our meetings). We will be making candles. You will be able to pick out your jar and scent. These would make great Christmas gifts. The candles range from \$20-\$30. You can also make body scrub.



SUNDAY CHILDCARE AND CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Childcare will be available every Sunday beginning at 9:50 a.m. The Preschool Class will be put on hold due to low attendance. This means those 4 years of age and older will join the elementary class in the chapel. Children 3 years of age and younger can choose to join the childcare room with Ms. Annika or join the elementary class with their parent. Middle School and High School will continue to meet upstairs for their regular Bible Studies.





October Events



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m. Bible Study - 11:00 a.m.	2 What's Happening Deadline 9:00 a.m. CHOIR 7:00 p.m.	3 BIBLE STUDY At Joe's Dell 8:00 a.m.	4 Fr. Mike OUT
5 17th Sunday after Pentecost Holy Eucharist 8:00 a.m. Adult Forum 9:09 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m. Commissioning Chancel Guild and Pastoral Care Coffee Hour 11:15 a.m. Blessing the Animals at St. Barnabas	6 Fr. Mike OUT Courtney OUT	7 Staff meeting: 10 a.m. Michelle OUT AA: 7 pm	8 Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Janine's Birthday	9 What's Happening Deadline 9:00 a.m. CHOIR 7:00 p.m.	10 BIBLE STUDY At Joe's Dell 8:00 a.m. S.A.C.C. in the Undercroft	11 APPLE PICKING AT MILLER'S APPLE HILL FARM 10:30 a.m.
12 18th Sunday after Pentecost HOLY EUCHARIST 8:00 a.m. ADULT FORUM 9:09 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST 10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour 11:15 a.m. Virtual Coffee Hour 11:15 a.m. FALL FESTIVAL CHILI COOK-OFF	13 INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY	14 Staff meeting: 10 a.m. Janine's Birthday Celebration COMMUNITY MEAL 5:30 p.m. AA: 7 pm	15 Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 11:00 a.m. St. Cecilia's Guild 11:00 a.m. - Chapel NET DEADLINE	16 What's Happening Deadline 9:00 a.m. CHOIR 7:00 p.m.	17 BIBLE STUDY At Joe's Dell 8:00 a.m.	18 GAME NIGHT 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
19 T10 WALK @ ZOO 7:00 a.m. 19th Sunday after Pentecost HOLY EUCHARIST 8:00 a.m. ADULT FORUM 9:09 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST 10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour 11:15 a.m.	20 VESTRY 7:00 p.m.	21 Staff meeting: 10 a.m. Tom's Birthday Celebration AA: 7 pm	22 Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 11:00 a.m.	23 What's Happening Deadline 9:00 a.m. TEA FOR PEACE Westside Islamic Center CHOIR 7:00 p.m.	24 BIBLE STUDY At Joe's Dell 8:00 a.m.	25
26 20th Sunday after Pentecost HOLY EUCHARIST 8:00 a.m. ADULT FORUM 9:09 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST 10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour 11:15 a.m.	27	28 Staff meeting: 10 a.m. AA: 7 pm	29 Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 11:00 a.m. CHOIR 7:00 p.m.	30 What's Happening Deadline 9:00 a.m. MARTIN-EYERMAN Wedding Rehearsal 3:00 p.m. S.A.C.C. in the Undercroft	31 BIBLE STUDY At Joe's Dell 8:00 a.m. S.A.C.C. in the Undercroft Halloween	

office@stpeterslakewood.org

(216) 226 – 1772

<http://www.stpeterslakewood.org>



RebeccaAustin	October	2
Maggie Lekan	October	2
Janis Carlson	October	4
Madeleine Crosby	October	4
Victor Smith	October	4
Patti Dobro	October	5
GeorgeFilko	October	5
KatherineFitz	October	5
Carolyn Beredo	October	7
Brad Vandrasik	October	8
Connor Stanton	October	16
Joseph Jacoby	October	17
Samantha Fitz	October	18
Don Ramsden	October	18
Patrick Martin	October	21
Matthew Hout-Reilly	October	22
Claire Schauer	October	22
Joanne Bickerton	October	23
Jill Rumford	October	24
Elisa Hammarlund	October	25
Linda Purdy	October	26
Tom Andrews	October	29
Betsy Yingling	October	29
Evan Gardner	October	31
Cindy Lemmerman	October	31

John & Patricia Neumann	October	6
Jim & Carrie Cofer	October	7
Dennis Driscoll & Susan Murnane	October	7
Larry Keith & Michelle Killin-Keith	October	21
Jason & Christine Lance	October	23
Keith & Monica Jochum	October	28

**St. Peter's office
(216) 226 - 1772**

If you are interested in doing small, simple fix it projects, call the office or look for the sign-up sheet in the rear of the nave to volunteer for the **"Net Menders"** group. Paint, plaster, and minor repairs.

There is also an opportunity to sign up for a **gardening** group to look after the various plantings around the church property. Call the office or find the sign-up sheet in the nave.

PARISH PRAYER ROTA FOR SEPTEMBER

Please use this parish prayer ROTA in your daily prayers. We will pray for all the families and individuals in the parish serially over the course of a few months, then we'll start over again. Clip this page and keep it with your daily devotions for easy access.

October 1	Maggie Lamb & Amelia Lamb Jason Lance, Christine Lance, Abby Lance, & Sara Lance	October 17	Jared Morgan & Adeline Morgan Vikki Mowery
October 2	Linda Lange, Kevin Lange, Jack Lange, Henry Lange, & Mia Lange Rebecca Austin, Tim Lange, Cayleigh Austin, Fallon Austin, & Ian Lange	October 18	Nancy Mueller Dennis Driscoll & Susan Mumane
October 3	Alison La Rosa Mark Lekan, Margarita Quispe Chocos, Maggie Lekan, & John Lekan	October 19	David Murphy Andrew Nash
October 4	Cindy Lemmerman & Ernest Lemmerman Amanda Love & Chuck Love	October 20	Robin Nash & David Nash Jane Nash
October 5	Jan McDonough, Emily Madigan, Grant Madigan, & John Madigan Emily Malquest	October 21	Meredith Nash John Neumann & Patricia Neumann
October 6	Matt Marscher, Sara Marscher, Roya Marscher, & Kenzley Marscher Kelly Martin, Jeremy Martin, Amelia Martin, & Patrick Martin	October 22	Barrett T. Newman & Jadon T. Newman Julian Norton, Yhosila Norton, Amelinda Norton, Bjorn Norton
October 7	Gina Massetti Sunita Mathew, Dan Karchmer, & Grace Karchmer	October 23	Al Oldenburg David Opdycke & Regina Opdycke
October 8	Emma McAfee & Barry Stormer Colin McConnell	October 24	John Opdycke & Monica Opdycke Naomi Opdycke
October 9	Dennis McCready & Amanda Wolf Kate McHale	October 25	Beth O'Rourke Alex Paschyn & Christina Paschyn
October 10	Mary Allison McHale Thomas McHale	October 26	Charlotte Patrick, Fred Patrick, & Jack Mary Elain Patrinos
October 11	Nancy McIvor Robin McNutt & Moira McNutt	October 27	Nat Pendleton, Elizabeth Pendleton, John Pendleton, & Jessica Pendleton Claire Perrin
October 12	Penny Mead & Sumner Mead Jessica Mester & Justin Mester	October 28	Ann Pesta Lisa Peterson, Alexander & Jana
October 13	Lara Mielcarek Michael Miller	October 29	John Petty & Susan Petty Jessica Philpott, Mark Sferra, & Luke Sferra
October 14	Nan Miller Annika Mintzclaff	October 30	Mike Piskuno & Chris Piskuno Brenda, Alexander, & Christopher Pongracz
October 15	Bryan Mitnaul Dave Mitzo	October 31	Elaine Porter Bob Potts
October 16	Bob Moncrief Matthew Montagner		

ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
18001 DETROIT AVENUE
LAKEWOOD, OH 44107

WWW.STPETERSLAKEWOOD.ORG

216-226-1772

Non-Profit Org.
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
CLEVELAND,
OH
PERMIT NO.
3840

Address Service Requested



The Rt. Rev. Anne B. Jolly, Bishop of Ohio

The Rev. Michael Lager, Rector.....rector@stpeterslakewood.org
Bryan Mitnaul, Organist & Choirmaster.....vabchbryan@gmail.com
Michelle Killin-Keith, Children & Youth Minister.....childrenyouth@stpeterslakewood.org
Janine Finucane, Bookkeeper.....finance@stpeterslakewood.org
Tom Newman, Administrative Facilitator.....office@stpeterslakewood.org

St. Peter's Vestry Officers & Members:

Senior Warden: Nat Pendleton; Junior Warden: John Rich

Clerk: Jessica Redel; Treasurer: Dan Lammers

Members: Jim Cofer, Dennis Driscoll, Matthew Hout-Reilly, Keith Jochum,
Beth O'Rourke, Naomi Opdycke, Leslie Price, Julie Steigerwald, Dave Tabar

Sunday Services:

8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

**Holy Eucharist & Prayers for Healing:
Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Oratory**

Website: www.stpeterslakewood.org

St. Peter's is on FACEBOOK. Don't forget to follow us!

