

What's Happening at St. Peter's: December 14, 2025

Parishioners in need of Prayer:

Joanne C., Molly S., Michael M., John K., Joe J.,
Moira M., Lois S., Susan M., Paul B., Jane N.,
Clinton H., Bob B., J, Ernie & Cindy L., Patricia N., Joyce R., Anida B., Pat W., and
Jim & Linda G.

Homebound Parishioners: Doug B.

Parishioners' Friends and Family: Maria (Peter Fahrenkopf); Mardelle (Peggy Zimmer); Leah, Anne, Jake, Jessie, Kent, Pat, Ian (Liz Crosby); Larry, Leslie, (Joanne Hull); Bruce (Bob & Christine Schauer); Sally, Michael (Father John Keller); Jon, Mike, John, Paul (Tom & Sue Andrews); Jane (the Nash Family); Laurel (Sarah & Rory Taylor); Robert (Cherie Bauer); K. William (Dave Hülligan); Maryellen (Bob Brown); Valori, Karen, Gordon, Graham (Ann Bish); Azri & Barb, Stan & Deloris (Jim & Nickie Stary); Vitalia (Carolyn Beredo); Laura (Dennis McCready); 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); David (Beth O'Rourke); Dan (Cindy Lemmerman); Weston (John Neumann); Elaine (Patti Dobro); Sue, Michael (Amanda Chambers); the Capece family (Kristen Gardner); Elizabeth (Jan McDonough); Lori (Kathy Woolner); Bonnie (Carol Childs); Diane, Terri, Don (Marci Rich); Chloe (John Rich); Vyronda (Jeff Tennant); Steven (Anida Balmer).

The Third
Sunday
of Advent



ROTA All – I will be preparing the 2026 1st Trimester Rota for all 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. service participants which will run from the first of February through the end of May. Please let me know the following:

1. Are there any dates you cannot serve?
2. Are there any ministries you would like to be removed from?
3. Would you like to join a ministry?

Ministry options include: Ushers, Acolyte, Chalice Bearer, Lectors, Bell Ringers, Videographers, and Lay Eucharistic Visitors.

We have a particular need for 8:00 a.m. Ushers, Bell Ringers, and Chalicers. We have a need for Lay Eucharistic Visitors at any service. Training is provided for every ministry, so please don't be shy!

PLEASE DIRECT YOUR QUESTIONS OR RESPONSES TO LIZ CROSBY

at li2ard@aol.com and mark **ROTA** on the subject line. I will begin work on the ROTA during the week of January 1, 2026, so please respond before then. Thanks-Liz

CHURCH CALENDARS ARE AVAILABLE

Contact the office if you would like a calendar.

(216) 226-1772 \$5.00 office@stpeterslakewood.org



Brass polishing for the Christmas season will take place on Saturday, December 13th, at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Kitchen. All are welcome.



GENEROSITY TEAM
FOYER GROUPS

A NEW YEAR! ➡️➡️ A NEW SIGN-UP!

The Generosity Team invites you to sign up for round 2 of **FOYER GROUPS**. Foyer Groups are small, informal social gatherings of people from a church community who meet regularly in the “home” to build relationships outside of worship services. Foyer groups aim to give people a warm and welcoming space for fellowship thereby helping the group members to connect, deepen friendships, and foster a stronger sense of Christian community.

Groups are formed of 6-8 adults, randomly assigned to encourage mixing across age, background, or ministry involvement. The groups will meet once a month, often in each other’s homes, for a meal or other type of activity until all members of the group have had a chance to host the gathering. Group members will then reorganize every four months so participants can meet new people over time.

Foyer Groups help break down barriers, encourage hospitality, and often lead to stronger engagement in the life of the church. For newcomers, they’re a way to feel welcomed and included. Long time members will enjoy refreshing and renewing connections. Sign up and join the fun!

SIGN-UP SHEETS will be available at the back of the church throughout the month of December.

New groups will be formed for a January start and run through April. Enjoy gathering with a whole new group of parishioners. ~Martha Taylor 216-870-9095 ~Leslie Price 216-965-8518



Help Decorate the **Chrismon Tree** this Advent

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NOTICE: The new Children & Youth Choir will be performing at the Christmas Eve service at 4:00 p.m. and at LESSONS & CAROLS on Sunday, December 28th at the 10:00 a.m. service. **There will be no Sunday School Classes on those dates.**

Dean's Christmas Fundraiser

We will again be working with Dean's Garden Center on a winter plant fundraiser. These funds will support Montana youth staying in Cleveland in August 2026. Please consider purchasing your holiday lovelies at their location in Westlake. At checkout, mention St. Peter's Episcopal Church, and we will receive 20% back.

3984 Porter Rd, Westlake, OH, 44145.

Our walk-in sale will be from November 15 – December 24th.



St. Peter's Childcare Center is the outreach partner of the month for December. Please remember them and the important work they do

CHRISTMAS 2025 MEMORIAL FLOWERS



If you would like to contribute to the Christmas Flower Fund for decorating the church this year, please complete the form found at the rear of the church. The requested donation is \$25 or more. Please make your check payable to St. Peter's Episcopal Church with a notation that this check is for the Christmas Flowers. You can place the form in the alms basin, drop it off at the office, or mail it to the church. Please be sure to attach the form with your check. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and generosity. The deadline is Sunday, December 21.

Please check your email for more news about What's Happening at St. Peter's.

Polar Express Story TIME Today, Sunday, December 14th

Climb aboard for a special holiday story with Mr. John Rich featuring the Polar Express! Enjoy a cup of hot chocolate and more Christmas treats. Don't forget to wear your pajamas. Yes, you read that correctly, wear your pajamas to church and bring a friend!

December 21 . . .The Fourth Sunday of Advent 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

December 24....Wednesday, CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00 p.m. – FAMILY SERVICE WITH DROP IN PAGEANT (All children welcome to join in) AND CHILDREN & YOUTH CHOIR.

10:00 p.m. – SOLEMN FESTIVAL SERVICE WITH CHOIR.

December 25....Thursday, CHRISTMAS DAY 10:00 a.m.

December 28....The First Sunday after Christmas Day 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

January 1, 2026...Thursday, NEW YEAR'S DAY

January 4.....The Second Sunday after Christmas Day 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

January 6.....The Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ



GENEROSITY TEAM
Bowling



ST. PETER'S BOWLING

JOIN US AT 6:30 p.m. at FAIRVIEW LANES

Monday, December 22nd

Monday, January 12th / Monday, January 26th

Contact Tucker Handley –(985) 228 – 3198 thandley01@yahoo.com



Don't forget game night, new dates are coming.

DECEMBER NOTES FROM THE TREASURER

Thank you for your generosity so far this year, however in order to meet our year end goals it is imperative that we meet our pledge commitments. Personnel costs have been reduced but increased utility costs have offset much of the savings.

Please review your pledge statement or contact Tom Newman if you have any questions, office@stpeterslakewood.org (216) 226 - 1772

Thank you again and have a wonderful holiday season.

**THE ANNUAL MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE ON
JANUARY 25, 2026. THERE WILL BE ONE
SERVICE AT 9:30 A.M. WITH BRUNCH TO
FOLLOW.**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 15TH IS THE
FISHERMAN'S NET DEADLINE.**



NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21st WE WILL BE “GREENING” THE CHURCH AFTER THE TEN O’CLOCK SERVICE. JOIN IN AND HELP AS YOU ARE ABLE.



THERE WILL BE REHEARSALS FOR THE PAGEANT AND THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH CHOIR AFTER THE 10:00 A.M. SERVICE ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21st.

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON CHRISTMAS EVE, WEDNESDAY, 12/24, ON CHRISTMAS DAY, THURSDAY, 12/25, AND FRIDAY, 12/26.

The Families and Youth outing to see the film DAVID is December 19th. See Michelle for details.