

FISHERMAN'S NET

Saint Peter's Episcopal Church ♦ Lakewood, Ohio

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Dear St. Peter's Family,

One deep truth we learn as members of a liturgical church is that the Church Year is a unique kind of journey. It doesn't simply move from point A to point B like a Google Map; rather, it is a journey where traveling deeply and fully is the very intention. The journey itself is the destination, even as we move from one season to the next.

In nature, the point of winter is not merely to "get to" spring. We actually need the cold of winter to make spring growth possible. (Did you know, for instance, that our apple orchards require 45 days of sub-45°F temperatures to produce their fruit?)

Similarly, we move through the fullness of Epiphanytide so that those "epiphanies" can become our spiritual companions in Lent. The journey of Lent then culminates in our Lord's Passion. These 40 days of discipline strengthen us to fully embrace the gift of love we encounter in the Resurrection. The mystery of the Great 50 Days of Eastertide can only truly be known when the prior journeys of Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, and Lent have prepared our hearts for the power of the Resurrection.

This month, I invite you to embrace our Lenten journey through our "Faith-in-Films" study—a practice in "living in the wilderness." In this class, we invite filmmakers to offer their insights into the human story. By reflecting on their work through the lens of faith, we often gain insights we might have otherwise missed. You can find the list of Oscar-nominated films we will discuss each week inside this edition of the *Fisherman's Net*.

For those who have taken on a new discipline in our "Hard 40 Lent," I encourage you to persevere. Continue this journey to learn more about yourself and how we might encounter God in the desert. We gather in the Undercroft after the 10:00 a.m. service to encourage one another and grow together.

Our journey to England has taken a positive step forward! Through a wonderful "providential coincidence," I learned that one of my mentor priests is now organizing and leading pilgrimages in Europe. I shared our ideas for both an Anglican Heritage trip and a traditional walking pilgrimage with him. He is currently drafting two options based on our collective goals, and we should have a formal outline by next month.

The journey of Lent is our ongoing destination of following Christ into the depths of divine love. This month, I encourage you: continue to love the journey.

Blessings,

Father Mike

COFFEE HOUR WITH HOST FAMILIES

Below are our host families for March and April.

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 the it ahead of time and we can hold it until your assigned Sunday. You may opt out of the rotation entirely simply by contacting Amanda Chambers at (440) 669 – 6352 or amandaa60chambers@gmail.com

With much gratitude,
Amanda Chambers

March 1

Liz and Nat Pendleton - Verger

Victoria DehMalo

Heidi Demaline

Dennis Driscoll & Susan Murnane

George Filko

March 8

Amanda Love - Verger

Andy & Samantha Fitz

Scott & Mary Fitz

Anne Marie Foti

Carol Francescani

March 15

Beth O'Rourke - Verger

Jeff & Kristen Gardner

Dan Gourash

Tucker Handley

Gerry Homing

March 22

Linda Lange-Verger

Keith & Monica Jochum

Lorna Jordan

Dan Karchmer & Sunita Mathew

John Keller

March 29

Palm Sunday

No Coffee Hour

April 5

Easter

No coffee Hour

April 12

Jeff Tennant - Verger

Mike and Hilary Bickerton

Roger & Carol Kienzle

Mike & Kim Lager

Tim & Rebecca Lange

April 19

Nan Archbold - Verger

Mark Lekan

Matt & Sarah Marscher

Jeremy & Kelly Martin

Colin McConnell

April 26

John and Pat Neumann - Verger

Dennis McCreedy

Jan McDonough

Michael Miller

Julian & Yhosila Norton



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, March 8, 2026, at 11:15 a.m. The following month's gathering will take place on Zoom on SUNDAY, April 12, 2026, 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=VU5QMjI0UmJkdTBudmJQRVphNTRVUT09>

Meeting ID: 828 1389 8119

Passcode: 18001





GENEROSITY TEAM
Monthly Outreach Partner
March 2026



Founded in 1992, LifeAct's mission is to prevent suicide by educating young people to recognize the warning signs of suicide and to seek professional help. LifeAct's programs are provided at no cost to participating schools to ensure equal access to lifesaving mental health education.

Programs include:

- 1) Suicide Prevention for students in Grades 6-12
- 2) Stress Management for Grades 5-12
- 3) QPR Training (Question, Persuade, Refer) for adults

During the 2024-2025 school year, LifeAct delivered programs to 55,431 middle and high school students in 210 public, private, and charter schools in 17 Northeast Ohio counties. In addition, 4,941 students were connected to school-based mental health support following a LifeAct program.

LifeAct's funding relies solely on donations and fundraising for its life-saving mission.

As a teacher, I have seen first-hand how LifeAct benefits students. When I was teaching science at a suburban Catholic school, LifeAct presented its program in my class. It is an engaging and thoughtful presentation perfectly adapted to middle school students. One year after LifeAct's presentation, some students told another teacher in the building about their concerns about a classmate. While he did not suffer from depression or suicidal thoughts, he did have a life-threatening health issue that was discovered because they did what LifeAct taught them: to tell their concerns to a trusted adult.

Thank you for supporting LifeAct again this year.

Deb Csikos-Vandrasik

BIBLE STUDY

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

Wednesday during Lent, 6:45 p.m., following 6:00 p.m. Eucharist and 6:30 p.m. supper, **upstairs**.

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

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



We had a nice introduction to our Hard 40 Lent program on Ash Wednesday. If you'd like the ongoing support, information and encouragement, we will meet in the UNDERCROFT following the 10:00 a.m. service. All are invited if you want to join in during Lent!

Blessings,

Fr. Mike

Wednesday Evenings in Lent

WRESTLING WITH THE DIVINE

A spiritual reflection on the *Academy Award* nominees for "Best Picture 2026"

February 25 – *Frankenstein & Bugonia* (What makes us human?)

March 4 – *Sinners & Marty Supreme* (Why do we fail?)

March 11 – *Hamnet & Sentimental Value* (Where is God in our pain?)

March 18 – *One Battle After Another & The Secret Agent* (How do we live justly?)

March 25 – *F1 & Train Dreams* (What is our ultimate finish line?)



6:00 pm. Holy Eucharist

6:30 pm. Simple Soup Supper

6:45 pm. Lesson and Discussion

We're adding additional classes for our Faith in Film series for Lent! The Wednesday 11:00 a.m. Study in the upstairs Office Lounge will pause the Bible Study topic and the Lenten film series will be the program.

The Sunday Morning 9:09 Class in the Undercroft will pause the Bible Study topic and the Lenten film series will be the program. Note that the films on Sunday will be from the schedule of the previous Wednesday (so if you miss on Wednesday morning or evening, you can catch up at 9:09 on Sunday)!

CONFIRMATION CLASS

We will begin a Confirmation Class for those youth who turn 13 by September. We will meet Sunday's during our regularly scheduled Bible study. We will begin on Sunday, April 19th. We will meet on Sundays through June 7th. Our classes will conclude with a retreat in August, and the Bishop will perform the Sacrament of Confirmation on the first Sunday in September. We will begin with an exploration of the Sacrament and the elements therein. A sort of "Why are we here?" and "What is Confirmation?"

Organ Recital & Evensong



On **Sunday, March 15, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.** the St. Peter's Choir will present a Service of Choral Evensong followed by a recital by Bryan Mitnaul on our newly rebuilt Holtkamp/Schantz organ.

During the service a plaque will be dedicated that contains the names of those in whose memory or honor gifts were given to make the organ project possible. The recital will be followed by a champagne reception in the narthex.

UPCOMING ORGAN RECITALS

Bryan Mitnaul - Sunday, March 15th 4:00 p.m.

Tom Trenney - Friday, June 5th 7:00 p.m.

EASTER BRASS

We will once again have brass instrumentalists to enhance our celebration on Easter Day. If you will like to offset the cost by making a gift in memory of a loved one, please mail a check to the church office by March 27, 2026. Please write Easter Brass in the memo section of your check and enclose a note indicating your name and how you would like the loved one's name to appear in the Easter bulletin.



Safe Church
Safe Communities
Universal training

Michelle is hosting a Safe Church Safe Communities Training on **Sunday, March 8th** following worship services at approx. 11:30 am upstairs in the conference room. A light lunch will be provided and this

should take 2.5 hours. I recommend attending this training. I am hosting another training but it will be in May and we all know it will be a beautiful, warm, sunny afternoon and you won't want to be cooped up. This training is for everyone who volunteers alongside children and youth. This training is for all Vestry members and is mandated by our diocese and insurance company. If you have taken this training in person in the past you must renew every 3 years and this renewal can be done online. Please email Eric Travis for the online information etravis@trinitycleveland.org



CHILDREN & YOUTH – MARCH 22ND AND MARCH 29TH



Combined MS/HS & Elementary classes on Sunday, March 22nd for Foot Washing and the Stations of the Cross, and March 29th for Palms and Movie.

"The Washing of the Feet" by Duccio di Buoninsegna, 1308-1311 Maestà altarpiece, Cathedral of Siena.

Thank You

Thank you to everyone that attended our second annual Talent Show & Dinner. It was a success and a good time was had by all. We were able to raise money for our summer mission trip to host Montana.

**A special Thank You to those that helped make the night special.
THANK YOU**



Charles Eversoll - Piano accompaniment.

Monica J. - The bulletin.

Monica J. & Keith J. - Help with set-up.

Jeff G. and Evan G.- Help with set-up.

Kristen G. - Helping Sarah T. in the kitchen during the event.

Cathe S. - Made regular and gluten-free biscotti.

Jessica R. - Made the tickets and donated the wine.

Kim L. - Sold tickets.

Sarah T. and Alison L. - Shopped on Tuesday, the 10th, after work.

Sarah T. and Leslie P. - Began prepping food on Wednesday.

Linda P. – Decorations.

Sarah T. and Sara F. - Began the night at 1:00 p.m.

Heidi D. and Brenda P. - Managed the kiddos during the event. Tom N. and Dave T. – Set up sound system.



FAITH IN FILM SCHEDULE

For the Sunday 9:09 Classes and
Wednesday 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. Classes:

March 4 (11:00 am & 6:00 pm) – *Sinners & Marty Supreme* (Why do we fail?)
[Repeated at the 9:09 class on March 8]

March 11 (11:00 am & 6:00 pm) – *Hamnet & Sentimental Value* (Where is God in our pain?)
[Repeated at the 9:09 class on March 15]

March 18 (11:00 am & 6:00 pm) – *One Battle After Another & The Secret Agent* (How do we live justly?)
[Repeated at the 9:09 class on March 22]

March 25 (11:00 am & 6:00 pm) – *F1 & Train Dreams* (What is our ultimate finish line?)
[Repeated at the 9:09 class on March 29]



Our next mission trip fundraiser, the Spring Plant and Flower Sale with Dean's of Westlake. This year will be strictly a “paper order form” sale. They have instituted fees for having a website/link and then they charge a credit card fee for purchases. Our inhouse paper sale can accept cash, check, and PayPal. You are also able to shop as a “Walk-In” at the actual store in Westlake. Please mention you are supporting **“St. Peter’s Episcopal Youth”** at check out and we will receive 20% back. Instore shopping and use of Gift Cards are good from May 1, 2026 – June 30, 2026. Our paper order forms will be available in the back of the church beginning March 22, 2026. The sale will end on April 19, 2026. Any updates to the sale will be in future Sunday bulletins and weekly parish-wide emails. Delivery will be on Saturday, May 16, 2026. Thank you for your continued support of our fundraisers to host Montana.



St. Cecilia Guild

St. Cecilia Guild will NOT meet in March due to Lent. We will meet in April. The exact date and event to be announced later. If you have any questions, contact Lorna Jordan at (216) 647-3774.



March 2	Ernie Lemmerman
March 3	Sally Scovill
March 5	Cameron St. Clair Dave Mitzo
March 8	Wendi Schwartz Fred Bauer
March 9	Emily Madigan Tolisa Horning
March 11	Tyler Whidden
March 12	Lucy Demagall Ren Cooper
March 15	Vincenzo Cataldo
March 17	Nancy Mueller
March 18	Kevin Lange Anthony Cataldo Booker Whidden
March 19	Henry Lange Naomi Opdycke Kenneth Taylor
March 20	Michael Miller
March 22	Ann Pesta
March 23	Penny Mead Cathe Step
March 25	Roger Kienzle
March 26	Robin Nash Gerry Horning
March 28	Charles Yingling
March 30	Jim Good Tucker Handley

BRASS POLISHING



Easter season preparatory **BRASS POLISHING** will take place on Saturday, March 28th, at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish kitchen. All are welcome.



PALM CROSS MAKING

Palm cross making will take place in the Chapel of the Confession of St. Peter on Saturday, March 28th at 10:00 a.m. All are welcome. Instruction and guidance will be provided.

PARISH PRAYER ROTA FOR DECEMBER

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.

March 1	Fred, Sarah & Fredrick Bauer Suzana Bejo	March 16	David Daley Mary Daniel
March 2	Cipriano and Carolyn Beredo Kristi Beredo	March 17	Pam Darling & Nancy Wittig Victoria DehMalo
March 3	Mike & Hilary Bickerton Stephen & Joann, Tori, Warren, and Carter Bickerton	March 18	Lesley, Jon, and Lucy Demagall Matt, Heidi, Allison, and Brooklyn Demaline
March 4	Jason, Megan, Eliza, and Charlotte Combs Ann Bish	March 19	Adam, Tiffani, Cole, and Gia Dietrick Kelly, Jordon, Emily, and Jacob Dillon
March 5	Donald & Mary Blesse Eileen Boland	March 20	Terry & Patti Dobro Robert, Laura, Jenna & Richard Wolverton
March 6	Douglas Bradfield Bob Brown	March 21	Penny Dolski Dennis Driscoll & Susan Murnane
March 7	James Calhoun Joanne Calkins	March 22	Peter Fahrenkopf Steve Felder
March 8	Philip & Margaret Callesen Barbara Caravona	March 23	Sara Ferry Douglas & Elaine Fifner
March 9	John & Janis Carlson Amanda Chambers	March 24	George Filko Jim Ford
March 10	Tren & Lisa Cheshier Joel & Carol Childs	March 25	Scott & Mary Fitz Andrew, Samantha, Jonathan, Patrick, Anna, and Katherine Fitz
March 11	Linda Chisamore Marilyn Cobb	March 26	Rober Foster Anne Marie Foti
March 12	Mary Coe Jim, Carrie, and Jamie Cofer	March 27	Carol Francesciani Dick Furry
March 13	Craig Cook Janet Cook	March 28	Stephen, Valerie, Ezra, Nathaniel, and Scarlett Gage Jeff, Kristen, Evan, Isaac, and Keira Gardner
March 14	Hal Cooper Bill & Liz Crosby	March 29	Chas & Patti Geiger Jim & Linda Good
March 15	Maddy Crosby, Parker Wolfe, and Riley Crosby-Scoville Kaitlyn & Will Cody Crosby	March 30	Dan Gourash Bill Grane
		March 31	Bob Gray Neil & Joyce Green

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Holly St. Clair, Tucker Handley

Sunday Services:

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

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

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