

FISHERMAN'S NET

Saint Peter's Episcopal Church ♦ Lakewood, Ohio
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Dear St. Peter's Family,

I love how God seems to bring together our deep longings! Several months ago, I offhandedly said, "wouldn't it be great to take a pilgrimage to England?" That sentence launched conversations, inquiries and a meeting to see if it was plausible. Well, IT IS!!!! My colleague and former Dean of the Diocese of Kentucky Cathedral began his company 'Spirited Pilgrimages' when he retired. The Rev. Keith Marsh has agreed to work as our host and logistics coordinator for both our Anglican Heritage Trip and our Walking Pilgrimage on the Way of St. Cuthbert to Holy Island (Lindisfarne).

In June 2027, the Anglican Heritage pilgrimage to England is an invitation to encounter the roots of our faith in ways that are both experiential and transformative (and especially fun). Our travels will include London, Canterbury, Salisbury, Oxford and Winchester. Sightseeing, worship, education, excellent food and accommodations will all be a part of the travel package. This journey offers more than sightseeing—it is an opportunity to deepen your faith, to connect with the wider Anglican family, and to experience the living tradition that we carry forward together.

A second option for a separate pilgrimage will be a 60-mile trek along St. Cuthbert's Way, concluding at the tidal island of Holy Island (Lindisfarne). Hiking 60 miles requires a rhythm of life that the modern world rarely allows—a stripping away of the noise of our daily schedules to focus on the cadence of our own breath and the presence of the Holy Spirit in the world around us. By traversing the farmland, quaint towns, and hills of the Scottish-Northumberland Borders, we will mirror the Christian journey itself: a path that requires endurance, companionship, and a willingness to step into the unknown. This modern pilgrimage will have us walking about 10 miles a day with a small day pack, and the travel company will move our luggage to our next nights accommodations. Each day will be a spiritually formative adventure.



I invite you to join me for the informational meeting on Sunday, May 17th, following the Coffee Hour for details of dates, itinerary and pricing for each of the trips. Informational packets will be provided and your questions answered. I invite you to begin considering whether God might be calling you to be part of this shared journey.

With Excitement this Eastertide,

Father Mike

COFFEE HOUR WITH HOST FAMILIES

Below are our host families for May. For June, July & August we will have Lemonade on the Promenade

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

May 3

Geoff & Debbie Rudsill - Verger
Naomi Opdycke
Erin Oselu
Brenda Pongracz

May 10

Kevin and Holly St. Clair -
Verger
Chas & Patti Geiger
Bob Potts
Leslie Price
Linda Purdy

May 17

Dan Lammers - Verger
Jake & Jessica Redel
John & Marci Rich
Wadia Salah
Matt & Maureen Stanton

May 24

TBD - Verger
Julie Steigerwald
Cathe Step & Ryan
Vogelgesang
David Tabar
Joe & Jacquelyn Tanis



May 31

Amanda Love -
Verger
Ken & Martha
Taylor
Sarah Taylor
Brad & Deb
Vandrasik
Angie Whidden

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, May 10, 2026, at 11:15 a.m. The following month's gathering will take place on Zoom on SUNDAY, June 14, 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=VU5QMjl0UmJkdTBudmJQRVphNTRVUT09>

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Passcode: 18001



Let's get connected. ✨

Our new ministry and finance management system.

Watch for an email invitation to join Realm in the coming weeks. We are hoping to have most parishioners signed up and integrated into the user framework to start utilizing the features available in Realm in the month of June. We will start with individuals checking and correcting, if necessary, their own profiles. But sign up is first.



GENEROSITY TEAM
Monthly Outreach Partner
May 2026



THE MONTHLY COMMUNITY OUTREACH PARTNER FOR MAY

BELLWETHER FARM

The May Outreach Focus of the Month is our own camp, retreat, and educational center for the Diocese of Ohio - Bellwether Farm. Its vision and mission, in part, is to “promote physical and spiritual wellness, fidelity to the environment, and social justice by incorporating farming, food production, and environmental stewardship into land-based educational programs for people of all ages and backgrounds, and to provide a sacred space that awakens our senses to all this is possible in God’s creation and inspires us to live more lightly on the earth.” To that end, Bellwether is a working farm with sheep, goats, chickens, bees, pigs and a horse! All meals at the center are served farm to table with all the appropriate recycling/sustainability practices. During the warmer months, guests are encouraged to help Mary Kait Brown, Farm Manager for Gardens and Vegetable Production, gather the very food they will eat while at the farm. Be prepared to be served the most delicious meals!

Located in Wakeman, OH along the Vermillion River, Bellwether is an idyllic setting for young ones to enjoy a camp experience. The lake on the property provides the opportunity for swimming, canoeing, and fishing. Campers stay in beautiful wooden cabins nestled in the gorgeous woods that surround the center. Those woods provide miles of hiking, foraging, and exploration. Campers also enjoy the fellowship surrounding campfires, music, arts and crafts, and worship. They too will participate in farm life through harvesting their own food and animal life. Please visit Bellwetherfarm.com to learn more about the camp offerings. Bellwether’s doors are by no means only open to the youth of the diocese!

Congregants across the diocese come to enjoy spiritual programming, retreats, and other workshops throughout the year. The Grange (the main gathering space and dining hall) has beautiful conference rooms that are fully operational with technology for meetings. Overnight accommodations are provided in fully-furnished cabins for double and single occupancy. The worship barn overlooks the woods and therefore offers a peaceful and picturesque setting for spiritual gatherings. The website lists all current special programming Bellwether has to offer. St. Peter's Vestry has always looked forward to – and enjoyed – their annual retreats at Bellwether. Walk away from your busy lives and escape to the gorgeous landscape of Bellwether Farm

BIOSWALE AND MONARCH BUTTERFLY WAYSTATION

Just outside of the doors to St. Peter's we have created a monarch way station. Monarch way stations provide monarch butterflies with host plants like milkweed, which are a monarch caterpillar's favorite food source, and provide nectar to adult butterflies. Monarch way stations also provide shrubs, trees, and plants, where monarchs can rest and take shelter. Finally, they provide a variety of summer/early fall blooming flowers that provide nectar for monarchs flying across Ohio on their way to Mexico in the fall. Our monarch waystation is located in the bioswale, or the big vegetated ditch between the St. Peter's sign and the church. The bioswale collects rainwater, and allows it to slowly release the water, so it doesn't flood nearby intersections or our property. Bioswales are typically filled with native plants that have deeper roots, which can soak up more water, compared to non-native plants. Additionally, some native plants like butterfly milkweed tolerate the slightly saltier soil near the sidewalks, and some like purple coneflower come back annually, and provide nectar for monarchs and seeds for goldfinches.

There are over 55,000 monarch waystations in the United States. For instance, there are registered monarch way stations at the Rocky River Nature Center, the Cleveland Botanical Garden, and hundreds of backyards, schools, and other nature centers across Ohio. Our monarch waystation is one of 52

monarch waystations planted at Episcopal Churches across the United States, and one of two Episcopal Churches in the state of Ohio. Given this distinction, we need to carefully select the plants that we add, and that we remove from the bioswale, so that we include plants that are hospitable to monarchs, provide nectar from spring-fall, and won't aggressively spread and crowd out key native plants like milkweed. Before you weed the bioswale, add plants to it, or make any other changes, please consult with Julie Steigerwald, who serves on the Vestry and in the choir, or Marie Fechik-Kirk, a mom with a very active six-year old, who used to work as a naturalist. Julie and Marie have been stewarding the monarch waystation, and making sure that we meet not only the requirements for the Monarch Waystation Registry, but that we maintain the plants that were added under a Conservation Action Grant, that Dave Tabor applied for and was awarded by the Cuyahoga County Soil Conservation District in the fall of 2025. This grant allowed us to purchase additional native flowering plants, which Julie and Marie planted and augmented with coneflowers, Joe Pye weed, and butterfly weed seeds provided by church attendees. The goal is to create a beautiful native plant garden that is easy to maintain, provides food and shelter for monarchs, and provides passersby with beauty and perhaps an encounter with a monarch.



Parishioners Julie and Marie at work on the bioswale plantings.



Michelle is hosting a Safe Church Safe Communities Training on Sunday, May 17th following worship services at approx. 11:30 a.m. in the chapel. A light lunch will be provided and this should take 2.5 hours. This training is for everyone who volunteers alongside children and youth. This training is for all

Vestry and staff 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. RSVP to me via email or text at 440-781-4161. Please email Eric Travis for the online information at etravis@trinitycleveland.org

The annual SPRING CLEANUP will take place on Saturday, May 16th, from 9:00 a.m. until noon. Coffee and donuts will be provided. If you bring your own tools from home, be sure to have your name on them. There will be tools available from the church garage as well. Please come join in the fun and help beautify the church surroundings.



Pick-Up is Saturday, May 16th 10:00 am to 11:30 am in the back parking lot. Please contact Michelle if you need to make special arrangements.

Thank you to all those who help with grounds clean-up every spring. Thank you to all those who order from the Spring Plant & Flower Fundraiser. We ask this year that when you come to pick up your order, you bring your family and spend some time helping with the grounds clean-up. We have so much of the parish coming and going that day, it would be so nice to have you stay for a while and get our hands dirty together for a bit of time improving our landscape and being a better neighbor to our community.

St. Cecilia Guild

St Cecilia Guild will meet for a casual lunch in the private room at Panera in Rocky River on Center Ridge Road on Wednesday, May 20 at noon. (Please Note: there is construction on Center Ridge but Panera is accessible) Each person will be responsible for paying their own bill. Please respond to the Evite. If you have questions contact Lorna Jordan 216-647-3774 ljcookie1@gmail.com

Please save the date for our annual lunch at the Cleveland Yacht Club on June 17.



Calling All Graduates

Are you or your youth graduating from High School or a Higher Education Program? Please let Michelle know so that we can celebrate you on Sunday, May 31st

Contact Michelle at 440-781-4161

and/or

childrenyouth@stpeterslakewood.org

Looking Ahead

We Have a Baby on the Way
Baby Sprinkle Sunday, June 14th.

The Tanis Family is welcoming their 3rd baby in May.



Teacher Appreciation Breakfast is May 31st

At 9:00 a.m. in the undercroft. The 9:09 am Bible Study Group will take a break this Sunday and are invited to join us at breakfast.

Thank you to the following 2025-2026 Christian Formation Volunteers

Christine Afungchwi	Jeff Gardner	Kim Lager	Leslie Price
Joanne Bickerton	Kristen Gardner	Linda Lange	Linda Purdy
Amanda Chambers	Tucker Handley	Sara Marscher	Jessica Redel
Maddie Crosby	Marcie Hist	Kelly Martin	Geoff Rudesill
Heidi Demaline	Keith Jochum	Dennis McCready	Sarah Taylor
Dennis Driscoll	Monica Jochum	Penny Mead	Angie Whidden
Sara Ferry	Larry Keith	Elizabeth Pendleton	Kathy Woolner

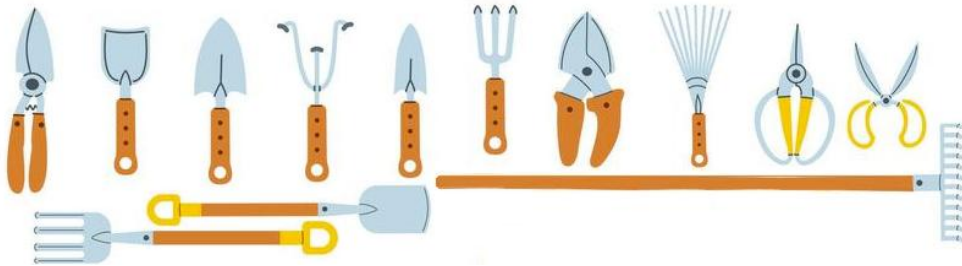
Thank you to our Children & Youth Committee Volunteers

Keith Jochum	Kim Lager	Jeremy Martin	Jessica Redel
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MONTANA TO OHIO MISSION TRIP

August 8-16, 2026

Planned activities
for Montana and
Ohio Episcopal
youth and leaders



Children & Youth ADOPT A SPOT



YOUTH GARDENERS AND GROUNDS KEEPERS

All Children & Youth are needed at the Spring Grounds Clean-Up. We have adopted the spot on the west side of the sanctuary building. Grab your gloves and your tools for a wonderful morning working to improve our grounds. Snacks and refreshments will be onsite.



MONTHLY COMMUNITY OUTREACH

THE GENEROSITY TEAM NEEDS YOUR HELP! The Generosity Team is looking for 1-2 people to take over the **Monthly Outreach Program**. These individuals would work alongside the Generosity Team to arrange for the scheduling and communications needed for the Monthly Outreach Program.

The schedule is set for 2026, and many months we have repeating organizations that we work with. The job entails coordinating the communication between the donor group and our church office and arranging for a speaker from the group to visit St. Peter's to educate us on their programming. Martha Taylor will be available to train and mentor anyone interested! Please let Martha or Jan McDonough know if this is something that interests you! Thank you!



Sunday, May 24, 2025 is Go to Church as a Family Sunday

We try to set aside a few Sunday's for families to worship all together. It is important for the children to understand what happens in a full worship service. As they get older they will appreciate all of the traditions involved and find the beauty and love in all of the sacraments. Childcare will still be offered for children infant through 2 years of age.

We're Looking For Sponsorship Dollars



Playhouse Project *\$3,000 Sponsorship*

A playhouse is one of the first opportunities a child has to imagine what having a home of their own means to them. Your playhouse will be built, customized, and donated to a qualified family in the community. Toward the end of the building day, the family will arrive to take home their playhouse. In many cases, the playhouses are a surprise to

the children, and getting to see their reaction is priceless. In addition, funds raised go toward building big houses right here in Cuyahoga and Lorain Counties!

We have committed to building 1 of these playhouses with our missionaries from Montana. But with the numbers we have participating, **WE ACTUALLY HAVE THE MANPOWER TO BUILD ANOTHER ONE.** We now need the additional dollars to fund a second Playhouse Project. Contact **MICHELLE KILLIN-KEITH**

440-781-4161 and/or childrenyouth@stpeterslakewood.org



GENEROSITY TEAM
Baked Goods Drive

Second Annual Baked Goods Drive!

The Generosity Team is thrilled to announce our 2nd Annual Baked Goods Drive to occur on Sunday, May 17th! We will be arranging platters of goodies to deliver to Lakewood's three fire houses as well as to our own St. Peter's shut-ins!

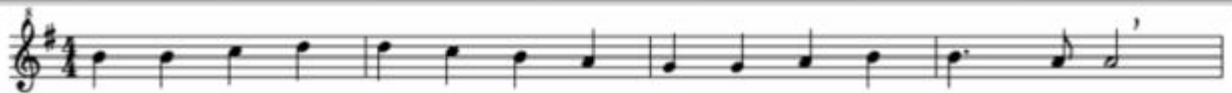
We are asking you to please bring cookies, pre-cut desert bars, and other treats to the Chapel in the morning so that the goodies can be assembled on trays and plates for delivery on May 17th after the 10:00 a.m. service.

There will be sign-up sheets in the rear of the church beginning **Sunday, April 26th**. Please sign up if you are planning on bringing in some baked goods as well as if you are willing to help with deliveries.

Thank you for your help and support!



St. Peter's Music Ministry will present organist Tom Trenney in recital on Friday, June 5 at 7pm. Mr. Trenney was Head Treble Chorister during Bryan Mitnaul's tenure at St. James' Episcopal Church, Painesville during the 1980's. This will be the final concert in the Dedicatory Concert Series celebrating the restoration and enhancement of our 1959 Holtkamp organ by the Schantz Organ Company of Orville, Ohio. The concert is free and open to the public and a champagne reception will follow.



Sunday, May 24th, the Day of Pentecost, will be the last Sunday the Choir will participate in the service for the program year. The choir, as always, will resume in autumn.



May 2 Megan Combs
May 3 Ian Opdycke
May 4 George Thomas
May 6 Charles Wright
May 8 Fletcher Jochum
May 9 Yhosila Norton
May 11 Laura Wolverton
Bob Brown
May 13 Ryan Vogelgesang
May 15 Finley Tolero
Marci Rich
May 17 Linda Good
Noah Opdycke
Andrew Perry
May 19 Sally Lammers
Elaine Fifner
Beth O'Rourke
May 20 Kathy Martin
Tom Baker
May 21 Claire Schwartz
May 22 Julie Stenger
Richard Wolverton

May 24 Mary Coe
May 25 Susan Murnane
May 26 John Petty
Stephen Bickerton
May 28 John Newmann
Will Cody Crosby
Michael Perry
May 29 Anna Fitz
May 30 Cindy Keir
May 31 Denise Wheeler



May 2 Philip & Margaret Callesen
May 11 Sumner & Penny Mead
May 14 Tom & Judy Leatherman
May 21 Kevin & Holly St.Clair
Matt & Heidi Demaline
May 24 Stephen & Joanne Bickerton
May 29 Kevin & Linda Lange

MORNING PRAYER

Mondays at
7:15AM
In the Oratory



MAY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY IN	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 BIBLE STUDY at JOE'S DELI 8:00 a.m.	2
3 The Fifth Sunday of Easter Holy Eucharist 8:00 a.m. Adult Forum 9:09 a.m. Undercroft Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Youth Confirmation Class Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour 11:15 a.m.	4 MORNING PRAYER 7:15 a.m.	5 AA 7:00 p.m.	6 HE in the ORATORY 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 11:00 a.m.	7 Adult Confirmation Class 7:00 p.m.	8 BIBLE STUDY at JOE'S DELI 8:00 a.m.	9
10 The Sixth Sunday of Easter Holy Eucharist 8:00 a.m. Adult Forum 9:09 a.m. Undercroft Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Youth Confirmation Class Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour 11:15 a.m. Virtual Coffee Hour 11:15 a.m.	11 MORNING PRAYER 7:15 a.m.	12 COMMUNITY MEAL 5:30 p.m. AA 7:00 p.m.	13 HE in the ORATORY 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 11:00 a.m.	14 Adult Confirmation Class 7:00 p.m.	15 BIBLE STUDY at JOE'S DELI 8:00 a.m.	16 FLOWER DELIVERY SPRING CLEAN UP DAY
17 The Seventh Sunday of Easter Holy Eucharist 8:00 a.m. Adult Forum 9:09 a.m. Undercroft Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Youth Confirmation Class Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour 11:15 a.m.	18 MORNING PRAYER 7:15 a.m. VESTRY 6:30 p.m.	19 AA 7:00 p.m.	20 HE in the ORATORY 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 11:00 a.m.	21 Adult Confirmation Class 7:00 p.m.	22 BIBLE STUDY at JOE'S DELI 8:00 a.m. McAfee - Stormer Rehearsal	23 McAfee - Stormer WEDDING
24 The Day of Pentecost Holy Eucharist 8:00 a.m. Adult Forum 9:09 a.m. Undercroft NO Sunday School Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour 11:15 a.m. LAST CHOIR IN SERVICE	25 MORNING PRAYER 7:15 a.m. MEMORIAL DAY OFFICE CLOSED	26 AA 7:00 p.m.	27 HE in the ORATORY 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 11:00 a.m.	28 Adult Confirmation Class 7:00 p.m.	29	30
31 The 1st Sunday after Pentecost YOUTH SUNDAY Holy Eucharist 8:00 a.m. TEACHER APPRECIATION BRUNCH Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m. Youth Confirmation Class Coffee Hour 11:15 a.m.						

PARISH PRAYER ROTA FOR MAY 2026

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.

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| May 1 | Nan Miller
Annika Mintzloff | May 16 | Elaine Porter
Bob Potts |
| May 2 | Bryan Mitnaul
Dave Mitzo | May 17 | Leslie Price
Tom & Linda Purdy |
| May 3 | Bob Moncrief
Jared Morgan, Adeline | May 18 | Don & Donna Ramsden
Jake & Jessica Redel |
| May 4 | Sam Morgan
Vicci Mowery | May 19 | Rodney Hugh Reilly & Jane
O'Brien Reilly |
| May 5 | David Murphy
David & Robin Nash | May 20 | John & Marci Rich
Clementine Robertson |
| May 6 | Merideth Nash
Jane Nash | May 21 | Jacob & Virginia Rosenheim
Geoff & Debora Rudesill, Madison |
| May 7 | John & Patricia Neumann
Julian & Yhosila Norton, Bjorn,
and Lucy | May 22 | Jill Rumford
Wadia Salah |
| May 8 | Karen Norton
David & Regina Opdycke | May 23 | John & Dorisann Salisbury
Marilyn Schabel |
| May 9 | John & Monica Opdycke, Alexis,
Ian, Lucas, and Noah
Naomi Opdycke | May 24 | Bob & Christine Schauer
Michael & Kaitlyn Schauer, Claire |
| May 10 | Beth O'Rourke
Erin Oselu, Harmony | May 25 | Paul & Wendi Schwartz, Blake, Claire,
and Rachel
Megan Schwartz |
| May 11 | Alex & Christina Paschyn
Mary Elaine Patrinis | May 26 | Sally Scovill
Sarah Sesek |
| May 12 | Nat & Elizabeth Pendleton, John and
Jessica
Jenny Perrins | May 27 | Alex & Rachel Shaver, Joan, and J
Evelyn Singer |
| May 13 | Ann Pesta
Lisa & Alexander Peterson, Jana | May 28 | Lois Smith
Victor & Rochelle Smith |
| May 14 | John & Susan Petty
Jessica Philpott, Luke and Mark Sferra | May 29 | Stephen Spencer
Kevin & Holly St.Clair |
| May 15 | Mike & Christine Piskunoff
Brenda Pongracz, Alex and
Christopher | May 30 | Matt & Maureen Stanton, Connor,
Lilia, and Maeve
Jim & Nicky Stary |
| | | May 31 | Julia Steigerwald
Ed & Julie Stenger |

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Julie Steigerwald, Ryan Vogelgesang, Colin McConnell,
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**

Website: www.stpeterslakewood.org

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

