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*"But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this?
Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand."*

1 Chronicles 29:14

Dear St. Peter's Family,

There was a profound tradition in the 1928 Book of Common Prayer that was NOT retained in our current (red ☺) prayer book we have in the pews. After the ushers received the offering from the congregation, the bread, wine and offering plates were brought to the altar. The priest lifted the gifts heavenward and all the people said, *"All things come of Thee O Lord, and of thine own have we given Thee"*.

This verse is drawn from the words of King David. They were spoken after he witnessed the generosity of the people as they offered materials and wealth to build the first Temple in Jerusalem. When the money and materials were gathered by King David, his son King Solomon had all he needed to build God's Temple for the Jewish people.

That community-effort provided the resources for the center of their spiritual life. That same perspective is found at St. Peter's each Sunday as we gather for worship. Sacrament and worship are the foundation of our spiritual well-being. This beautiful structure and the ministries we offer from our campus touches so many people – both within our parish and those we minister to in our community. Bread and wine are the products of God's creation of wheat and grapes. We participate by making the wheat into bread, and the grapes into wine. The grace of our Eucharist is participation in God's creative act. Likewise, in this soon-to-be 100 year old church building, its ministries and its ministers are cooperating with God in the grace of caring for one another and our neighbor.

During our stewardship campaign I will invite everyone to recite the words of gratitude spoken 3000 years ago by King David. As bread, wine and offering are elevated, we all will say, *"All things come of Thee O Lord, and of thine own have we given Thee!"* We will declare that we are 'Harvesting God's Blessings' by participating in all that God is doing in our world, our church and in our own life!

Our Stewardship theme for 2027, *"Harvesting God's Blessings,"* acknowledges that all we have is from *'thee O Lord,'* and that we are participating in God's harvesting bounty in our life. Please take time to pray and consider what you will give to sustain the ministry of St. Peter's. This month you will hear about the ways God's blessings are making an impact in so many lives, and filling out a stewardship card acknowledges our understanding that we are participating in all that God is doing in our life.

With God's abundant Love,

Fr. Mike

COFFEE HOUR WITH HOST FAMILIES

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, rice cakes, 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 4

Geoff and Debbie Rudesill-Verger
George Filko
Andy & Samantha Fitz
Scott & Mary Fitz
Anne Marie Foti

October 11

Beth O'Rourke-Verger
Carol Francescani
Jeff & Kristen Gardner
Chas & Patti Geiger
Dan Gourash

October 18

Kevin and Holly St. Clair-Verger
Tucker Handley
Gerry Horning
Keith & Monica Jochum
Lorna Jordan

October 25

Linda Lange-Verger
Dan Karchmer & Sunita Mathew
Roger & Carol Kienzle
Mike & Kim Lager

Nov 1

Liz & Nat Pendleton-Verger
Matt & Sarah Marscher
Jeremy & Kelly Martin
Colin & Sarah McConnell
Dennis McCready

Nov 8

Pat and John Neumann-Verger
Janet McDonough
Julian & Yhosila Norton
Naomi Opdycke
Brenda Pongracz

Nov 15

Dan Lammers-Verger
Bob Potts
Leslie Price
Linda Purdy
Jake & Jessica Redel

Nov 22

Geoff and Debbie Rudesill-Verger
John & Marci Rich
Wadia Salah
Matt & Maureen Stanton
Julie Steigerwald

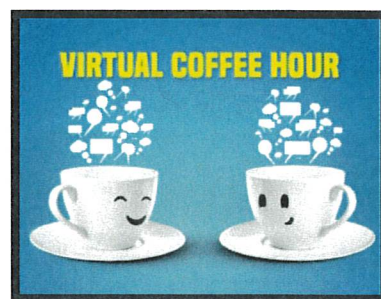
Nov 29

Amanda Chambers-Verger
Cathe Step & Ryan
Vogelgesang
Barry & Emma Stormer
David Tabar
Joe & Jacquelyn Tanis

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 11, 2026, at 11:15 a.m.** The following month's gathering will take place on Zoom on **SUNDAY, November 8, 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> Meeting ID: 828 1389 8119 Passcode: 18001

St. Peter's

<CHOIR>

If you have been thinking about joining the St. Peter's Choir this article is for you!

Rehearsals began on Thursday, September 10 at 7:00 p.m. in the New Chapel. The choir sings weekly at the 10 o'clock service, September – May.

The Sunday morning rehearsals begin at 9:15 a.m. in the church. While new singers are welcome at any time, the beginning of the choir season is definitely the best time to join.

No audition is necessary, but an ability to read music is definitely helpful. If you are interested in joining the choir, please send an email to Bryan Mitnaul, organist and choirmaster at vabchbryan@gmail.com

CHILDREN & YOUTH CHOIR

Children's Choir Season Begins Sunday, October 11th, following worship services. Please meet by the sanctuary piano after grabbing a snack from the Sprinkle Reception. The first performance will be on Sunday, November 29th for Youth Sunday.



Generosity Team: Stewardship Campaign 2026



As the season turns, we are reminded of God's extraordinary faithfulness. Everything we have – our talents, our time, our resources, and our faith community – begins as a gift from Him. This fall we are excited to launch our annual stewardship campaign: **Harvesting God's Blessings**.

The idea of harvest is deeply rooted in Scripture. It reminds us that fruitfulness requires intentional planting, careful tending, and grateful gathering.

When we bring our individual blessings together, we create a bountiful harvest that feeds our congregation, strengthens our ministries, and reaches out to support our surrounding communities.

Over the next few weeks, you will hear inspirations from your fellow parishioners of how your generosity transforms lives both inside and outside our church walls. We invite every household to prayerfully reflect on how God has blessed you this past year and to consider how you can participate in this season of giving.

Key Dates Ahead

Campaign Kickoff: Sunday, October 4th

Stewardship Messages: Sundays throughout October

Commitment Sunday: Sunday, October 25th

Whether you are giving of your time through service, sharing your unique skills, or committing your financial support, your contributions help us sustain the vital work God is doing among us. Please join us in prayer as we prepare our hearts to give generously to St. Peter's and joyfully celebrate the rich harvest of God's grace and blessings!



OCTOBER OUTREACH PARTNER

COMMUNITY MEAL

The Community Meal team is grateful to be designated Outreach Partner for the month of October. On the second Tuesday of every month, we provide a nutritious meal and friendly atmosphere for all who come, whether guests or volunteers. We lay out colorful placemats, fresh flower centerpieces, and holiday decorations in addition to the meal that consists of a main dish, several sides, and mouth-watering desserts. Our guests frequently give thanks and let us know how delicious they think our meals are! Twelve other organizations in the area provide a Community Meal on different nights of the month; St. Peter's is proud to do our part in supporting our neighborhood.

There are many ways you can participate and/or support this ministry: 1) Financial: Outreach Partner of the month collections and donations specifically targeted to the Community Meal fund provide the funds for groceries and supplies. As you probably realize, food prices have increased significantly so a healthy source of funds is needed to provide healthy meals. 2) Volunteering: Our team of cooks, set up hands, servers and clean-up crew could use replenishment. If you can spare a couple of hours in the afternoon or early evening on the second Tuesday of each month (or when available) we would love to have you join us - it really is a joyful time. 3) In-kind donations: Every month we ask parish bakers to contribute homemade baked goods as dessert for the meal. If you love to bake, perhaps you'd find it rewarding to share your skills in this way. 4) We also like to present our diners with a **Christmas gift in December**. This year we are giving each guest a gift bag of shelf-ready food supplies and a \$10 gift card to Giant Eagle, Aldi's, or Marc's. You can help by picking up an extra couple of cans of hearty soup, boxed dinners, canned fish, or instant coffee etc., each time you grocery shop between now and early December. Simply put your donation in the box labeled Community Meal Food Drive in the vestibule off the parking lot when you come to church.

Any way that you can contribute is important. It is the entire Community of St. Peter's that produces the Community Meal for our Lakewood neighbors. Please come check it out! We would love to have you.

Jan Babbitt and Lesley Demagall

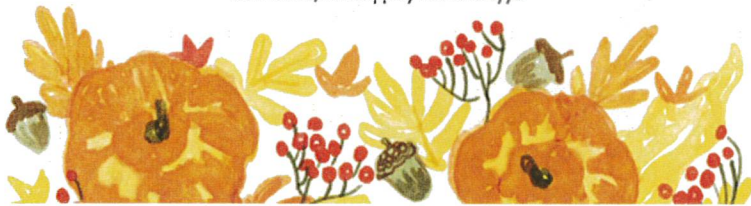


Bring your best chili in a slow cooker, hot and ready to serve. You can use an outlet to keep your dish warm while you attend the 10 a.m. worship service. Make a "Chili Name Tag" with the name of your chili and a rating for heat level. We encourage a variety - meatless, spicy, white, or surprise ingredient.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

**OCTOBER 4, 2026
FOLLOWING 10 A.M.
WORSHIP**

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

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Rules of the Cook-Off

- *Keep the cook of each chili secret—so as not to throw the vote! You might pick up on whose is whose 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*

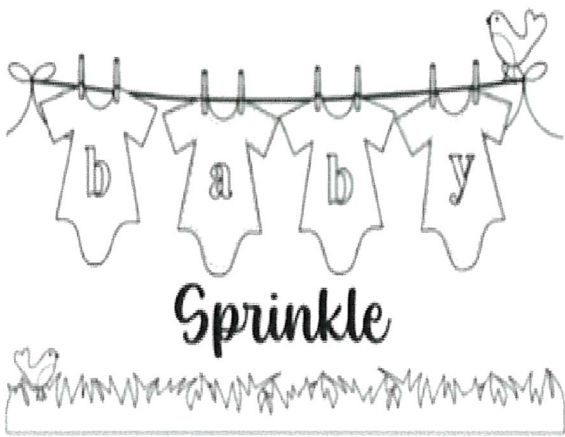
We'll supply a Chili Toppings Bar—offering a variety of chili toppings and “go-withs “. Including shredded cheese, chopped onions, tomatoes, olives, bell peppers, sliced jalapenos, and sour cream for toppings.

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.

Michelle





Sunday, October 11, 2026, during Coffee Hour
All are invited to celebrate the McParland Baby.
Please join us in "Sprinkling" Olivia McParland's pregnancy.

We need donations of diapers in all sizes and gift cards. Please make donations to the office, Michelle Killin-Keith, or Kim Lager by October 4th. We will hold a more delicious and abundant coffee hour in the chapel. We hope you can join us in celebrating a new baby joining our parish.



PARISH-WIDE APPLE PICKING Saturday, October 10th at 10 a.m.
Live Music, Great Food, and MORE

OCTOBER ST. CECILIA

The St. Cecilia Guild will gather at Mateo Italian Restaurant in Olmsted Falls on Wednesday, October 21 at noon. If you would like to check out the menu here is the link
<https://www.matteoscleveland.com/>

We will order off the menu and have separate checks. Please save the date and watch for additional details in an email and Evite. If you have questions contact: **Lorna Jordan (216) 647 - 3774.**

A reminder please save the date for the Christmas luncheon at Emerald Necklace Tearoom and Inn on MONDAY, December 7 at noon. The Afternoon Guild from Church of the Ascension will be joining us.



T1D ONE WALK

Keira's
Dancing Dexcoms

It's that time of year again! Are you ready to dance with me? I hope you are because on October 18th, I'm participating in the Breakthrough T1D (formerly JDRF) One Walk! I am hoping you will join me on my team, Keira's Dancing Dexcoms!

Some information about Breakthrough T1D:

- it's the world's largest nonprofit funder
- they advocate for government action
- they give grants for screening, disease-modifying therapies and other research that could change my life one day!!!

The walk is at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo on Sunday, October 18th, with registration starting at 7:30 AM. The walk itself will start at 8 AM, so make sure you arrive with some time before then just so we can all find each other, get checked in, etc. Once you get to the zoo, look for our colorful tie dye shirts that stand out in the crowd. But if you still have trouble finding us, we will most likely be meeting at the entrance/ticketing area. If you raise or donate at least \$25, that covers your admission to the zoo. The walk is only one mile and our team is normally done and taking pictures before 10 o' clock. But you can stay as long as you want! There will be activities and fun after the walk and then you can visit the animals!

Our team will have the same tie dye t-shirts with our team's name from the past years, which were designed by me! If there are enough requests, we will order more shirts, so let us know if you are interested.

If you can't make it on October 18th, another option would be to support me by making a donation through [my fundraising page](#). When you donate, you are supporting me and the many other kids and adults who are living with type 1 diabetes.

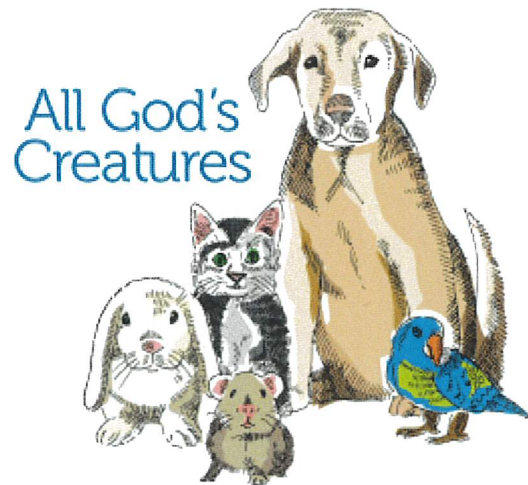
Love,
Keira G.



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



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



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

There will be a Blessing of the
 Animals, on the front **Plaza of St.
 Peter's**, on **Sunday, October 4th** at
5:00 p.m.

Bring your pets, any friendly safe pet
 is welcome, including a child's
 favorite stuffed animal.

PARISH PRAYER ROTA FOR OCTOBER 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.

October	1	Jan Babbit Roger Barnhard	October	17	Mary Coe, Peter Kuhn, Molly Kuhn Jim & Carrie Cofer
October	2	Virginia Batos Cherie Bauer	October	18	Suzanne Collart Bill & Liz Crosby
October	3	Fred & Sarah Bauer, Frederick Suzana Bejo	October	19	Madeleine Crosby & Parker Wolfe, Riley
October	4	Cipriano & Carolyn Beredo Kristi Beredo	October	20	David & Lisa Daley Victoria DehMalo
October	5	Matthew & Allison Bickerton Mike & Hilary Bickerton	October	21	John & Lesley Demagall, Lucy Matt & Heidi Demaline, Allison, Brooklyn
October	6	Stephen & Joanne Bickerton, Tori, Warren, Carter	October	22	Adam & Tiffani Dietrick, Gia, Cole Jordan & Kelly Dillon, Emily, Jake
October	7	Jason & Megan Combs, Eliza, Charlotte Patricia Bickerton	October	23	Terry & Patti Dobro Penny Dolski
October	8	Ann Bish Don & Mary Blesse	October	24	Dennis Driscoll & Susan Murnane Marie Fechik-Kirk, Lucy
October	9	Brad & Jennifer Bolander Sophie Bolander	October	25	Steve Felder Sara Ferry
October	10	Paul Boscoe, Cecilia, Calliope Doug Bradfield	October	26	Doug & Elaine Fifner George Filko
October	11	Karen Bradley Bob Brown	October	27	Andrew & Samantha Fitz, Jonathan, Patrick, Anna, Katherine Scott & Mary Fitz
October	12	Jim Calhoun John & Janis Carlson	October	28	Jim Ford Anne Marie Foti
October	13	Barb Caravona Anthony & Cameron Cataldo, Vincenzo	October	29	Carol Francescani Richard Furry
October	14	Amanda Chambers Amy Chambers	October	30	Evan Gardner Jeff & Kristen Gardner, Isaac, Keira
October	15	Tren & Lisa Cheshier Joel & Carol Childs	October	31	Chas & Patti Geiger Jim & Linda Good
October	16	Linda Chisamore Ray Chisamore			

LMM Lutheran Metropolitan Men's Shelter is asking for used Bibles. The men are consistently asking for Bibles and they do not have enough to keep up the demand. If you have a Bible or 2 at home that are looking for a new home please take them to Michelle Killin-Keith. She will take them to the shelter.

OCTOBER 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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				CHOIR 7:00 p.m.	Bible Study @ Joe's Deli 8 a.m.	
4 HE 8 & 10 Adult Forum 9:09 Sunday School 10:00 11:15 a.m. Chili Cookoff Stewardship Kick off Coffee Hour 11:15 Blessing Animals 5 p.m.	5 Morning Prayer 7 a.m.	6 AA 7:00 p.m.	7 HE 10 a.m. Adult Forum 11 a.m.	8 CHOIR 7:00 p.m.	9 Bible Study @ Joe's Deli 8 a.m.	10 APPLE PICKING @ Miller's 10:00 a.m.
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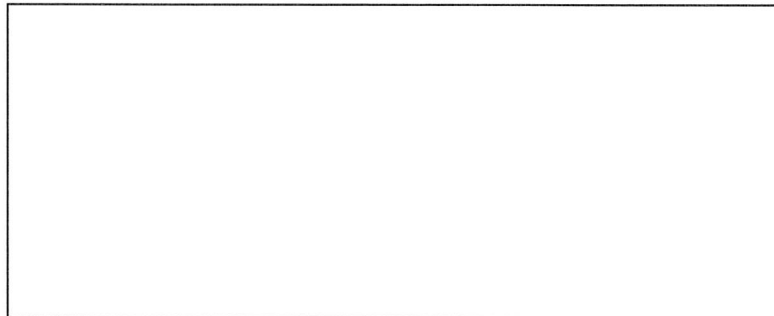
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Sunday Services:

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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