

News from the Community of Saint Peter



We had about 60 folks who came on Sunday and all was well. We are glad we were able to accommodate the folks who came.

August 30, 2023

Twenty-second Ordinary Sunday, September 3, 2023

First Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9
Response: Ps 63:2,3-4,5-6,8-9
Second Reading: Romans 12:1-2
Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27

Pray

General Intercessions
August 27, 2023

21st Ordinary Sunday

Jesus wasn't afraid to ask his friend for support, for affirmation of his identity. We pray that we too may have the courage to seek the affirmation we need. It is healthy to rely on friends and professionals for encouragement and support. For the humility to ask for what we need, we pray . . .

Jesus didn't hesitate to point out the very best of Peter. We pray for the inspiration we need to find those in need of affirmation and the courage and creativity required to build them back up. May we find the time and words and hands-on help that others are longing for, and not hesitate to do the good we can. That we may always work to build each other up, we pray . . .

We pray for all those who are navigating damage caused by this week's storm, like our neighbors at New Life at Calvary Church down the road. May we do what we can to provide support where we can, and never take for granted the everyday conveniences of our lives. For a quick re-build for our neighbors, we pray . . .

For perseverance and continued resourcefulness for the good people of Ukraine. They need our affirmation, and they need our unreserved support. That the violence may cease, and our world can begin to heal, we pray . . .

We pray this morning for the victims of hate crimes. From the three people of color killed in Jacksonville to the woman with a rainbow flag killed outside of LA, hateful discrimination spreads across our country. May we be beacons of hope in the face of despair and love in the face of hate, especially for those with minority identities. For an end to hate the whole world over, and the courage to stand with the marginalized, we pray . . .

Our needs are many, and our hearts are open. We pause now to lift up all prayers left unsaid . . . []
For these, and all others we have yet to name, we pray.

Reflect

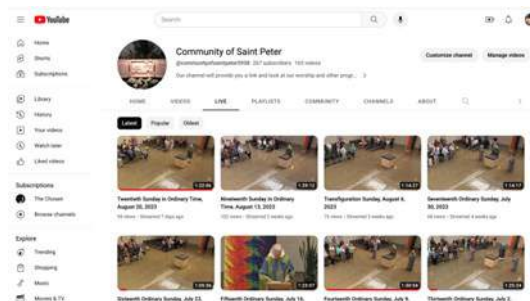
God takes you as you are.
In the midst of your fears.
In whatever room you or someone else has locked you inside.
In whatever ways you have betrayed yourself or others or God.
You **as you are** and not some fictional made up future version of yourself who has managed to finally be a better person.
You as you are.
Peace be with you – as you are, in this very moment - maybe you are right now the very best version of you, maybe the very worst - but no matter
Because forgiveness is already yours, you – as you are.
The breath of God's spirit can comfort you – as you are.
Life is too long to spend even one more minute locked inside rooms of fear and blame and shame. Not when forgiveness is real and Jesus is breathing peace on us and saying be free, it is finished.
Amen.

Bolz-Weber, Nadia;
"Take Me As I Am;"
The Corners; April 19, 2022;
<https://thecorners.substack.com/p/take-me-as-i-am>

“How to use a microphone: Lab 101.” – We learned something last Sunday morning. We had no power in the building so we alerted Martha that she would need to “push” a bit more when she shared her reflection after the gospel. She treated us to a novel consideration of Peter’s (the “Rock”) confession, and we all heard her words loudly and clearly.

The surprise came when two choir members told me afterward that they could hear Martha’s homily more clearly last Sunday than they can on other Sunday’s when the sound system is powered up! (Please note that choir members sit behind the preacher and way to the left.) Three more members of the Community who had joined us Sunday morning told me the same thing. I was surprised. This is what I think . . .

Martha admitted she made a concerted effort to speak more loudly and more articulately than usual. *That’s what we want to amplify!* The sound system will not add clarity to our reading, it will only make it louder. **I urge readers and lectors who approach the microphone to point it at your chin, push an extra 10% or so, and speak as articulately as possible.** The room is lively, and your words will be bouncing all over our space. The reader/lector/homilist must compensate by adding some volume and articulation. That will make all the difference in the world for the members who want to hear every word.



Also, I urge all our lectors to consider reviewing their effort by looking at the recorded YouTube liturgy on our YouTube channel. YouTube seems to work best on Google Chrome, but once you get to YouTube, go our channel (simply search for Community of Saint Peter), click LIVE on the menu, and then click on the recorded liturgy in which you participated. Fast forward to your part and then watch and listen. How did you do? Did you make eye contact with the members? Did you drop off in volume at the end of the sentence? Did you read at a good pace? You can ask others ahead of time to provide a review after the liturgy, but *you* will be the best judge of your effort. Thanks everybody.

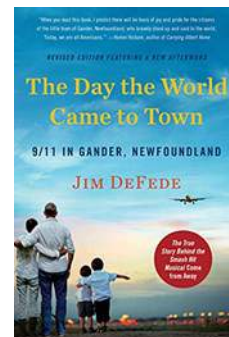


Photo by Peggy Turbett

We have rescheduled the evening of introduction to Fr. Bob Marrone’s dissertation: **“Liturgy Identity and the Body – A Mystagogia of the Senses.”** As of Sunday morning, we still had no power in the building, and it was deemed *by acclamation of the members present* that we should postpone the event. The new date is in just three weeks: **Monday, September 18th at 7pm.** The purpose of the meeting will be to hear from members who have read the document. They will share their impressions of the detail provided, perhaps comparing it with their experience in our worship space. By the end of the meeting, those present will explore what is next. We have flash drives that contain the dissertation available in the sacristy. Take one and download it your computer, and then return the flash drive to the sacristy. Thank you.

Patrick O'Connor shared a **Letter to the PD Editor** he wrote recently on behalf of the residents of **Euclid Beach Mobile Home Community**. Our subscribers were alerted to the planned displacement of the EBMHC several months ago. The Northeast Ohio Coalition for the Homeless has been advocating strongly on behalf of the residents. It is likely residents won't be able to find housing as adequate or as affordable as what they have enjoyed for the last five decades. Please find Patrick's LTE in this newsletter. He has also provided some background that you will find helpful.

The Book Club will gather to discuss "The Day the World Came to Town" by Jim DeFede on Monday, September 11th at 7pm. The club will meet in the front meeting room at 7100; you can park along the building at the Euclid Avenue entrance. If you wish to participate via Zoom, please contact Barb Schumacher for a link at babsschumacher@gmail.com.



Our Annual Mass of Anointing will be celebrated on **Sunday, September 17th at 11am**. Traditionally, we have invited anyone in the Community who feels in need of mental, emotional, or physical healing to sit in the front row to receive the comforting prayer and power of the Sacrament. If you need assistance coordinating transportation, please contact me as soon as it is convenient for you: community.saintpeter@gmail.com.

NOACA (Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency) will convene a meeting on **September 13th at 7pm** inviting us to help them prioritize a uniform and effective response to the inherent and imminent threats of climate change. There is a short flier in this letter. If you would like to add your voice to this conversation, please [RSVP](#) on our website.

Rev. James A. Daprile PhD (retired, Diocese of Youngstown) will present on Wednesday, **September 27th at 7pm in Suite 125**. The title of his presentation is "**Do You See What I See?**" His focus will be on the Crucifixion of Jesus explored by artists (East and West) with an emphasis on contemporary works. Jim has joined us for Sunday liturgy on a few occasions and is delighted to be on our calendar. Please see the flier for this event in this letter.



"Camp CSP" . . .

Thanks to all who kept up with the updates about our space and decided to join us for liturgy last Sunday. Everything seemed to work well enough, and we got some positive comments from those watching at home. I was delighted, and a little bit surprised, that all that was made possible with an iPhone on a microphone stand. I used an image from that vantage point for the cover of this issue. If you would like to have a look at the recorded liturgy, click [HERE](#).

Finally, this just in from Donna Fabris . . .

It's time to consider volunteering to tutor at our Cleveland school partner, **Wilbur Wright**. CSP volunteers have made a difference in the lives of pupils, helping them to learn basic reading and math skills and giving them the individual attention that they can't possibly receive in their classrooms. "Stay tuned" during the next few weeks for information about how we can help.

Thanks, Donna

For Susi, Cynthia, and Martha,

No Feet on Earth but Ours...



“A Bit of This and a Bit of That” from the Pastoral Minister’s Desk

First, join a community member in some inspiration....

After our Scrabble game last week, **Lillian Montgomery** graced me with an original poem, and gave me permission to share it here. Enjoy!

Fixing Things

A leaf falls from the tree
I hurry to pick it up
And glue it back.
This is my job-
to fix the tree.

There are other things worth fixing
I am one of them
But I can't spare the time
I am busy gluing falling leaves
Back on the tree.

Next, join three community members in some education....

Two thought-provoking articles were shared with me by three Community members this week. Check them out here!

1. [Pope Francis Blasts Reactionary American Catholics Who Oppose Church Reform from National Catholic Reporter](#)
2. [Opinion: I Left the Church, and Now Long for a “Church for the Nones” from The Washington Post](#)

Lastly, join FutureChurch (and me!) in an action....

From FutureChurch:

“ When traditional Catholics gather for Mass on Easter Sunday, they do not hear the full story of the Resurrection. They do not hear the inspiring story of Mary Magdalene’s witness of the Risen Christ or Christ’s commission to Mary Magdalene to proclaim the Resurrection to the other disciples. *Telling Mary Magdalene’s true story can not only vindicate her memory, but also help discern and reclaim the rightful role for women in the Church.*

Call on the global church to tell the full story of Mary Magdalene’s apostolic witness to the Resurrection every Easter Sunday so that all Catholics can be inspired by the Good News of her faith, courage, and ministry. Read more and sign at [https://futurechurch.org/petition.](https://futurechurch.org/petition) “

With Hope,

Timeline for 2023 Nomination and Election of Trustee(s)

2023	Actions
August 12	Board of Trustees forms Nominating Committee.
August 16	Newsletter and subsequent issues announce the process of nomination and election of two members to the Board of Trustees.
September 10	Nomination forms are made available to Community members.
September 24	Nomination forms are due.
September 25	Nominating Committee meets to review nominees and determine nominee's willingness to serve.
September 25	Nominees will be contacted and advised to submit answers to basic questions, comment on skills base, and speak about the Community present and what they envision for the future.
October 15	Candidates will be presented to the Community and ballots will be available after the Liturgy. Unclaimed ballots will be mailed.
October 29	All ballots are due.
November 1	Votes are tallied. The individuals with the two highest number of votes will be elected to serve three years.
November 12	Annual meeting of the Community after the Liturgy. Winners of the election is announced to the Community.

A word of explanation and a letter to the editor from Patrick O'Connor

Who owns Euclid Beach Mobile Park Home?

Many people ask if the Metroparks has the deed. The Western Reserve Land Conservancy still owns the property. However, it's an open secret that they bought it with the intention of turning it over to the Metroparks, like they did with Acacia Country Club in Lyndhurst several years ago.

The 'straw' purchase of Euclid Beach Mobile Park Home by WRLC is intended to save the Metroparks from doing the dirty work of evicting the residents. And more to the point, it avoids accountability under the Uniform Relocation Act (URA) that requires adherence to standards to resettle people by entities that have received federal funding, like the Metroparks. There's so much concern about this within WRLC that they are considering the URA as a road map to voluntary compliance. Additionally, there's open discussion about using some of the monies recently received from the Mandel Foundation towards a solution with the residents.

The Metroparks Board of Commissioners and Administration have been exemplary stewards of our parks. It would be a shame if this history of noble and civic leadership should be sullied if the Metroparks did not exert their influence with the Western Reserve Land Conservancy in facilitating a just and equitable solution with our neighbors who call Euclid Beach Mobile Park Home their home.

The Commissioners are amenable to hearing from the community. Please share your concern with them.

Mr. Bruce G. Rinker – President, Cleveland Metroparks Board of Commissioners

Mr. Dan T. Moore – Vice President, Cleveland Metroparks Board of Commissioners

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"People and parks can coexist LTE," August 2, 2023

I love the Metroparks. The abundance of conservation, education, and recreation that they provide is phenomenal.

I am also concerned about housing justice. There is a significant shortage of affordable, accessible housing in Cleveland and across Northeast Ohio. Therefore, I am concerned about the destruction of existing affordable housing at the Euclid Beach Mobile Home Community in favor of the expansion of Euclid Creek Reservation. Cleveland Metroparks could play a key role in keeping the Euclid Beach Mobile Home Community open.

Cleveland Metroparks is the crown jewel of greater Cleveland. This free, public park system is vital to a vibrant, healthy community. I urge the commissioners of Cleveland Metroparks to stand with residents of the Euclid Beach Mobile Home Community and advocate for a compromise with expanded park access and affordable housing. I hope that Cleveland Metroparks can lead that effort towards a sustainable, equitable compromise that preserves already existing affordable housing in our community. People and parks can coexist, and I hope Metroparks can be a partner in forging a different future for Collinwood.

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***Laudato Sí*, or
Under recycling and beyond carbon footprints:
What does Climate Change mean for spiritual integrity?**

A study group based on Pope Francis' 2015 encyclical *Laudato Sí*.

We'll use the book as a syllabus, adding short readings and/or videos for selective topics. Copies are available for \$10 in our office or at the meeting. Ask Bob or Martha.

Our first meeting will pick up where we left off last spring with Chapter 6: Attention and Awareness. Reading suggested but not required.

We will meet on Wednesday, September 20th, at 7pm at Julie Michelson's place in Avon.

Please [RSVP](#) on our website.



"Earth Friendly Habits" by Kate Valentine, with Rose Jancsy



38. French Press or Drip

"We know how unsustainable is the behavior of those who constantly consume and destroy." --Pope Francis

K-cups pollute the earth! The manufacturer has become aware of consumers' demand to reduce plastic waste. It now makes universal reusable coffee filters. Or make coffee using a French press. They are inexpensive, come in a variety of sizes including single cup, and do not waste paper or plastic to brew coffee. There are even mugs with a built-in press. Heated water and a French press can quickly make a delicious cup of coffee. You could also avoid paper or plastic waste by using a permanent filter designed for making drip coffee.

**Small changes made by many
produce big results.**



The Community of Saint Peter

welcomes

Rev. James A. Daprile PhD

who will present

“Do You See What I See?”

on Wednesday, September 27th, at 7pm in Suite 125 at 7100 Euclid and Zoom

His focus will be on the Crucifixion of Jesus portrayed by artists (East and West) with an emphasis on contemporary works and how this impacts the faithful witness of Christians.



Fr. James M. Daprile, PhD is a retired Roman Catholic Priest from the Diocese of Youngstown who served in Pastoral Ministry at parishes in Ashtabula, Kent as an assistant pastor (1976-1994) and parishes in Youngstown and Aurora as pastor (2001-20019). He also had an Academic Ministry where he served as campus minister and adjunct faculty at Walsh College (now University), North Canton and assistant professor of Theology at Mt. St. Mary Seminary of the West/Athenaeum of Ohio, Cincinnati (1984-2000). He also served as Diocesan Campus Ministry Director; Chaplain at St. Louis Hospice; and Secretary, Diocesan Presbyteral Council. Also, he currently serves as President of the Chautauqua Catholic Community / Catholic House.

Fr. Daprile's Education includes:

M.A. Philosophy (1972), Athenaeum of Ohio/Xavier University, Cincinnati, OH

M.A. Biblical Studies (1976), Athenaeum of Ohio, Cincinnati, OH

Ph.D. Roman Catholic Systematic Theology (2002), Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA

His dissertation was *The Power of the Visual Image and its Correlation to Text: The Graphic Illustration of Fritz Eichenberg and the Texts of Dorothy Day as found as found in The Catholic Worker 1949-1980*.

Fr. Daprile's current activities are: a volunteer at Center of Hope (Ravenna, food pantry and hot lunches); volunteer at Cleveland Museum of Art (information desk, gallery talks, tours and presentations). And his interests are jazz, travel, contemporary novels, biking, painting (gestural abstraction), contemporary art, and he reads the cartoons every morning (esp. Ziggy and Snoopy).

The presentation will not simply be about history or art appreciation but how both should impact daily lives. He also said he prefers a conversational format, one that would welcome questions as they arise.

Please mark your calendar and [RSVP](#) on our website so we can plan accordingly. This program is open to all and will accommodate Zoom participants.

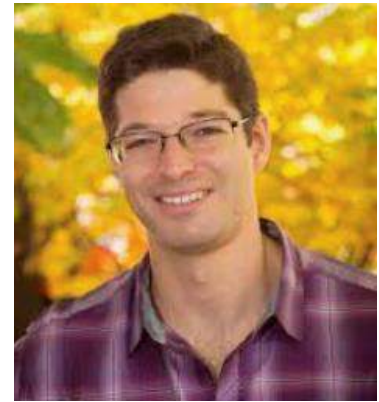


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Distinguished Speaker Series

“American Canopy: Trees, Forests, and the Making of a Nation” Saturday, Sept. 16 at 3:00 p.m. ET

Eric Rutkow is a writer, lawyer and historian. His first book, *American Canopy: Trees, Forests, and the Making of a Nation* (Scribner, 2012), received the Association of American Publisher’s PROSE award for U.S. history, was named one of the top twelve books of the year by *Smithsonian* magazine, and was selected for Oprah’s online book club.



Eric Rutkow

Rutkow’s research and teaching is focused on international relations, the environment, political economy, and tourism. Before earning his doctorate, Rutkow practiced as an environmental human rights lawyer in Cambodia and as a junior associate with Latham & Watkins LLC in New York. He received his BA and PhD from Yale and his JD from Harvard. Currently he is an Assistant Professor of History at the University of Central Florida in Orlando.

Eric Rutkow’s “deeply fascinating” (The Boston Globe) work shows how trees were essential to the early years of the republic and indivisible from the country’s rise as both an empire and a civilization. Among *American Canopy*’s many captivating stories: the Liberty Trees, where colonists gathered to plot rebellion against the British; Henry David Thoreau’s famous retreat into the woods; the creation of New York City’s Central Park; the great fire of 1871 that killed a thousand people in the lumber town of Peshtigo, Wisconsin; the fevered attempts to save the American chestnut and the American elm from extinction; and the controversy over spotted owls and the old-growth forests they inhabited.



Register for this Zoom Event: [REGISTER](#)
Or to register visit: www.factohio.org/dist-speak

Zoom participants will be eligible to win a copy of *American Canopy*

Dear Franklin Blvd. and West Side neighbors (and others),

You may not know it, but our neighborhood is home to a number of asylum-seeking families who have left dangerous situations in their home countries to come to the U.S. seeking to give their families a better life. Not unlike my grandparents who came from Poland as children or from some of your ancestors.

I am happy to volunteer and serve on the board of AMIS Ohio (Americans Making Immigrants Safe), a small non-profit helping asylum seekers who have come to Cleveland and are working through the asylum process. In the last year our neighborhood has welcomed several new families who had to flee from their home countries, having experienced things most of us could not even imagine.

I will tell you about just one of them. Jose was a customs agent at a port in Lima, Peru. He was one of the few agents who would not "look the other way" when drug cartels tried to bring their shipments of drugs through the port. His life was threatened but it got worse. The enforcers for the cartel found out who his children were - a 7-year-old daughter and a 10-year-old son - and one morning Jose and his wife Carolina found a photo of each of their children on their front step with a bullet placed on each one. It was at that moment that they knew that they had to leave Peru and come to a place where they could raise their family in safety.

With food, financial support and legal representation from AMIS Ohio and temporary housing at the Nehemiah Mission at W. 65th and Bridge Avenue, the family is on a path to success. Their children have been attending CMSD's International Newcomer Academy, their asylum applications were submitted by an attorney for AMISOHio, they had their first hearing (of a very long multi-year legal process), and they just received their work permits allowing them to legally be employed, and in a few months they will be able to rent their own home or apartment, making room at Nehemiah for a new family.



This past year AMIS Ohio has helped well over a dozen asylum seeking families on the east and west side of Cleveland with various types of support. We are a small, completely volunteer non-profit organization with no paid staff but with an active board and volunteers who do what needs to be done (like moving furniture into a new home, setting up an apartment, delivering food pantry items twice a month, attending asylum hearings, collecting donated bikes for families who only have public transportation, etc.)

We do all of this on a small budget of about \$60,000 a year that we raise from generous donors at an annual fundraiser called Cultural Connections, this year being held on September 22nd. Will you consider joining in this fundraising effort to help families coming to Cleveland to seek a safer life?

These families and individuals ultimately contribute to a more vibrant community, bringing their culture, talents, hard work and gratitude for living in a safe place.

INFO ON THE EVENT: Friday, September 22 at 6:00 p.m.
 Negative Space Gallery / Asian Town Center
 1541 East 38th Street, Cleveland, OH 44114

Tickets are on sale now. [Click here to R.S.V.P.](#) Thank you so much for whatever donation you are able to make. I hope to see you at the event.

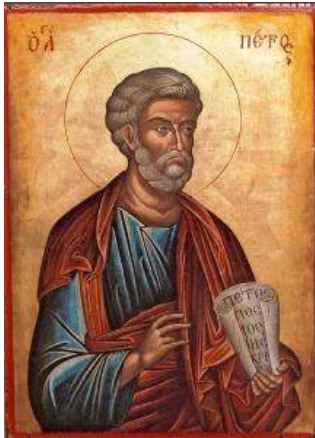
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The Community of Saint Peter

Preserving and Renewing a Living Tradition



We are a Catholic Community.
Our sharing of the Eucharist and
the Word challenges us:
to live the message of Jesus,
to love and respect all people,
to serve the poor, and
to work for peace and justice.

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