

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus said to his disciples, “Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.”

Matthew 16:24

Monday, September 4

Monday in the Twenty-Second Week in Ordinary Time
 9:00 am P † **Marilyn Kurtzman**

Tuesday, September 5

Tuesday in the Twenty-Second Week in Ordinary Time
 7:00 am P † **Michael Krebs**
 12:00 pm M Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 5:30 pm M † **Gilbert Vega**

Wednesday, September 6

Wednesday in the Twenty-Second Week in Ordinary Time
 7:00 am P † **Rhea Ohi**
 8:30 am P † **Father Herman F. Scherger**
 9:45 am M † **John Stratton**
 5:30 pm P **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

Thursday, September 7

Thursday in the Twenty-Second Week of Ordinary Time
 7:00 am P † **Teresa Kolar**

Friday, September 8

Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 8:00 am M † **Virginia Bemis**
 5:30 pm P † **Ted and Martha Selby**

Saturday, September 9

Vigil of the Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
 4:00 pm M † **Milton Montsilos**
 5:00 pm P † **John and Rose Ann Rozic**
 6:00 pm R **Souls in Purgatory**

Sunday, September 10

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30 am P **Parishioners of our Tr-Parish Community**
 9:00 am R † **John Noser**
 9:30 am P † **The Hetler Family**
 11:00 am M † **Bernice and Bob Baker**
 11:30 am P † **Paula Timko**

The Sacrament of Penance will be available 30 minutes before every Mass. The Rosary will be said 30 minutes before weekend and most weekday Masses.

M—St. Mary | P—St. Peter | R—Resurrection

IN GOD'S ARMS

Please remember to pray for
 all our beloved dead.



Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.

WEDDING BANNERS

Third Banns (III)

Tara Rebecca Andrews and Cal Joseph Rickert

**From the Pastor**

The following is a condensed version of an essay written by Msgr. Charles Fink, a former pastor and seminary spiritual director of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, NY:

St. Dominic is often quoted as saying, "A man who governs his passions is master

of the world. We must either rule them or be ruled by them." To the extent that we can't control ourselves, it is necessary that we be controlled by an outside force, such as the police or some other government entity. Our Founding Fathers knew our constitutional republic could only survive if its people were moral and religious.

Christianity does this if taken seriously. It produces internal control, helps us to live in harmony with others, and limits the need for external constraints. We see this truth played out in families, schools, and society at large. Good people require fewer external constraints than those who are unruly, undisciplined, and misbehaving. Self-restraint and discipline are the path to individual, familial, and societal peace, freedom, and happiness.

Today freedom has come to be understood largely as the right to do anything we please, so long as it doesn't immediately injure anyone else. The trouble with this view is that the negative consequences aren't always obvious. Think of drug or alcohol abuse, or any other addiction, and notice how what seems to begin as an exercise of freedom soon leads to the slavery of addiction. When enough people go down this path of unbridled freedom, there aren't enough police in the world to control the criminals, enough laws in the land to control the chaos, and enough money pumped into our schools to make them safe and effective.

But we seem never to learn. We keep looking for the quick fix rather than root causes of the lack of moral values and self-discipline. The latter is perceived as being judgmental and fixated on an outdated moral code that is overly restrictive. I propose that "If it is good, do it" is a better principle by which to live than "If it feels good, do it." I'm a better person for it, and a better neighbor too. You'd be safe living next door to me, even if I owned a gun.

As an example, while we engage in a war on drugs, we are legalizing the growing and sale of cannabis. Even if there were some merit to this policy, is it a good idea to turn a blind eye to the practice of routinely getting stoned? Is getting high on a regular basis good for the individual or society? Would a society of individuals exercising self-control such that very few ever even wanted to get high be a worse or better society? In such a society, would there be a profitable market for illegal drugs? On balance, would money be lost or saved, and lives lost or saved?

There's much to be said for learning to control our passions. It's not suppression of desires as many think, but instead freedom. As Frank Sheed once put it, "I'll believe someone has an uncontrollable temper when I see him take a swing at [the champion boxer] Joe Lewis." What's needed, then, is the proper motivation, and given the condition of our society, for those not too far down the road of slavery, that motivation should be clear.

Msgr. Charles Fink

Father Miller, Pastor

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The funeral luncheon teams are looking for volunteers to join a team to help prepare and serve lunches for funerals held at St Peter. Please contact Ann Harraman at 419-524-3275 or call the parish office if you are interested in helping out.

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Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 8:30 am – 5:00 pm
Wednesday: 8:30 am – 6:30 pm | Saturday & Sunday: Closed

New Parishioners:

Welcome to St. Peter Parish! We encourage you to register as a parish family as soon as possible. You can call the parish office or register on our website.

Sacrament of Baptism:

Please contact the Parish Center to begin plans for the baptism of your child.

Sacrament of Marriage:

Arrangements should always be made at the Parish Center office **at least twelve months** in advance of the ceremony.

Bulletin Deadline:

Friday at Noon, one week prior to publication date. All submissions must be in writing to bulletin@myspartans.org.

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PARISH NEWS

FEED THE NEEDY

The next Feed the Needy dinner will be Sunday, September 17 from 3:00 to 4:30 pm at St. Peter. If you can volunteer, please arrive at 1:30 pm to the door at the back of the high school. If you would like to volunteer for this ministry, please email: nestor.paula@myspartans.org.

VENITE ADOREMUS—CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

All men in search of a deeper love of Christ and desire to become better husbands, fathers or men of faith are welcome to join our ministry.

The group is open to all men from the Mansfield and surrounding areas and meets twice a month for fellowship.

Monthly meetings are the first Saturday of each month at 7 am and third Wednesday at 7 pm.

Warm Weather: 3310 St. Rt. 603, Lucas
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For more information contact Kevin Thomas (419) 631-1295.

PSR NEWS

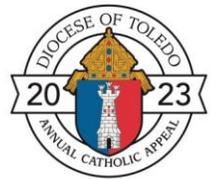
PSR (religious education classes for students not attending Catholic school) began on Wednesday, Aug 30. Please register your children now by contacting Jenny Ewing at ewingstmary@gmail.com or by calling at 419-589-2114 ext 508

FEED THE NEEDY COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Donations are needed for our community outreach at our Feed the Needy Sunday Dinners for those in need. We need: combs and brushes, disposable razors and shaving cream, shampoo and conditioner, bar soap, washcloths, deodorant, toothbrushes and toothpaste, socks, and children's books. Bring to the Parish Office or church anytime. Thank you for your generosity.

2023 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Countless lives are touched by every contribution to the Annual Catholic Appeal. Children, seminary students, the sick and aged, the needy—they all depend on our generosity. Thank you for pledging today to help meet our parish goal and assure the continuation of these programs and services. For more information and to make your



St. Peter Parish Goal:	\$59,068
Gifts/Pledges to Date:	\$47,016.25
% of Goal	79.60%
Total Families Donated:	228

FOR OUR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

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9TH-12TH GRADE STUDENTS

PRISON MINISTRY CORNER

September marks the seventh year of "Prison Ministry Corner" appearing in the St. Peter's bulletin each week. As of this week the "Corner" will also be in St. Mary's bulletin. This has been a helpful way to share what is happening in our rewarding parish prison ministries at Mansfield Correctional and Richland Correctional, to inform our parishioners of ways to participate on the inside and the outside, and to keep in mind the need for prayer for all who are incarcerated, their families, their victims, all involved in the justice system, the needs for prison reform, and many other issues. On a very practical side, we continue to collect plastic bags (grocery store/ drugstore type) and yarn to take in for approved inmate projects. Items can be dropped off at St. Peter's Parish Center during regular business hours. **Be mindful of prisoners as if sharing their imprisonment - Hebrews 13:3**



Tri-Parish Pilgrimage
Sept. 21

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PILGRIMAGE WITH FATHER KISHORE KOTTANA

Tri-Parish pilgrimage Sept. 21, 2023...Trip to Canton, Ohio area includes stops at the following places:

St Dymphna National Shrine **Rhoda Wise House & Grotto**
Mother Angelica Museum **Sancta Clara Monastery**

Leave St Mary Church parking lot 7:30 am and return to St. Mary by 5:00 PM. Registration available at all three Parish Offices. \$60 registration fee. Checks payable to St. Peter Parish due by September 7.

SAINT PETER'S MUSIC SERIES PRESENTS
VIOLINIST ANDREW SORDS

Don't forget! St. Peter's Music Series kicks off this Saturday evening, September 9, with a performance by Violinist Andrew Sords and friends. Admission is free and open to the public. The concert begins at 7:00 pm.

FOR OUR MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

**Damascus
JESUS
MOVEMENT**

What is it? A middle school youth group
Where is it? St. Peter in the Franciscan Activity Center
Who can come? Any & all kids in grades 6-8
Who runs it? 7 missionaries from
Damascus Catholic Youth Camp
What happens at Jesus Movement? Games, food,
music, praise & worship, and much more!

When is it.....

6-8 p.m. Sundays
September 10 & 24
October 8 & 22
November 5
December 3
January 14 & 28
February 18
March 3 & 17
April 7

RECYCLING DAY: FRIDAY, September 8
10-11 a.m. & 2-4 p.m. - FAC Parking Lot

H.O.P.E. PANTRY BLUE BARREL WEEKEND
September 9 & 10

In addition to photo opportunities across campus, our students began their school year with Mass where Father Kevin told students that though they may feel lost during these early days, they "are around plenty of people here who, like God, are here for you." And that though the urge to compare oneself to another may take hold, he reminded them that "when you see all that you aren't, be reminded of all that you are and know this year is all about what you can become. I believe in you, your teachers believe in you, and God believes in you."

We ended last week with a Back to School Bash at Spartan Field with our friends from St. Mary of the Snows. While parents and students enjoyed hamburgers, hot dogs, Dilly Bars, and conversation, students from Pre-K to 12 also enjoyed bounce houses, dancing, karaoke, as well as activities led by our Junior and Senior classes, such as face painting and limbo contests. Best of all was learning that Bon Jovi has nothing on Father Kevin! Thank you all for a great kick-off to the 23-24 school year!

If you are interested in finding out more about any of our academic programs at St. Peter's School, contact Admissions Director Jennifer Jones at jones.jennifer@myspartans.org.

Thank you for your continued prayers for all of our students as we begin the School year.



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DIOCESAN, DEANERY & TRI-PARISH NEWS

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Christian churches sometimes advertise that they are a contemporary, casual church. One thing that concerns me is that they do not add "challenging" to that description. Some people try to teach that since Jesus is risen from the dead, we should also be able to live that way—rejoicing, but never sorrowing. But if we preach resurrection without the cross, we are acting like Peter in the Gospel.

Peter had just proclaimed that Jesus was the Messiah, but he failed to understand that Jesus' mission was not to bring wealth and glory to Israel. Like Satan's temptations in the desert as he wanted Jesus to take the easy way to glory.

Instead, Jesus challenges us to deny ourselves. As long as we center our lives on our own pleasure and comfort, we are rejecting the cross. To deny oneself means to choose God's will over our own. It means to be willing to suffer for being honest. It means giving God the first place in our lives. It means we get more joy from serving others than serving ourselves.

That is one reason I like the image of God as father. Parents will lose much of their freedom—and much sleep—when they bring a child into the world. But they find a new joy in the eyes of that child. We are all called to lose our selfish lives and find the joy of living for Jesus.

Tom Schmidt
Diocesan Publications

YOUNG ADULT EVENT—THEOLOGY ON TAP

Join us at Ralphies in Galion on September 20th from 6- 8 p.m. where we will have dinner, drinks and a whole lot of fun! Theology on Tap is for young adults and those who are young at heart, and our featured presenter this month is Father Paul Fahrback from Galion, Saint Joseph's and Bucyrus, Holy Trinity. He will be speaking about the presence of angels in our lives. Each person is responsible for the cost of their own meal and beverages. An RSVP is appreciated but not required. You can RSVP to ewurm124@gmail.com. We hope you can join us!



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB

The September meeting of The Catholic Women's Club of the Saint Juan Diego Deanery will begin with Mass at St. Joseph – Plymouth Church, 119 Sandusky Street, Plymouth 44865 at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 13, 2023. Luncheon will follow in the attached Hall at 12:30 p.m. If you are a new member or are interested in carpooling, please call Valerie Mapes, President at 419-564-3034 before noon on Thursday, September 7, 2023 to make your reservation.

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Sunday Stewardship As of July 2023**Sunday and Holy Day Collections**

Sunday Collection & Holy Day Collection:	\$71,434
Total Budgeted Sunday Collection:	\$84,738

Sunday Collection Surplus/(Deficit)	\$(60,231)
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School Collection

Total School Collection:	\$8,034
Total Budgeted School Collection:	\$11,058

School Collection Surplus/(Deficit)	\$(3,024)
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Your Word is a lamp to my feet, a light to my path—Psalm 119:105

Sunday	Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27
Monday	1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1 & 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13; Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday	1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday	Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10, 11; Lk 4:38-44
Thursday	Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; Lk 5:1-11
Friday	Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mt 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6ab, 6c; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or Mt 1:18-23
Saturday	Memorial of Saint Peter Claver, Priest Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6 & 8; Lk 6:1-5
Sunday	Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Resurrection	St. Mary	St. Peter
8:00-Noon	Noon-5:30	5:30-9:00

SAINT PETER CLAVER (JUNE 26 1580 – SEPTEMBER 8 1654) FEAST DAY – SEPTEMBER 9

Nearly two hundred years before the Declaration of Independence proclaimed "that all men are created equal," two hundred fifty years before the Emancipation Proclamation mandated an end to slavery, three hundred fifty years before Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream," and four hundred years before the election of an American president boasting African heritage, Peter Claver left his native Spain behind to volunteer for the Jesuit missions in Colombia. There, he was horrified both by slavery as an institution and by the inhuman brutality inflicted upon the slaves. He solemnly vowed to become "the slave of the slaves," and lived that vow heroically for close to forty years. Not knowing their language, Peter began his ministry among the slaves by using the universal language of practical charity, providing medical care and a tangible though wordless assertion of their human dignity: "We spoke to them not with words but with our hands, kneeling beside them, bathing their faces and bodies, encouraging them with friendly gestures" (see *Liturgy of the Hours, Volume 4*, p. 2018). Then came evangelization and baptism. Holiness as human wholeness: Peter Claver's enduring witness.

—Peter Scagnelli

