

SAINT PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

DECEMBER 31, 2017



The Shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

Luke 2:16

104 WEST FIRST STREET • MANSFIELD, OHIO 44902
419.524.2572 | MANSFIELDSTPETERS.ORG

Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am
Monday & Friday 5:30 pm
Tuesday - Thursday 7:00 am

Spanish Mass:

Resurrection Parish, Lexington

Sunday: 6:00 pm

Parish Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday: 7:30 am - 7:30 pm
Friday 7:30 am - 6:00 pm
Saturday: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Sunday 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

Pastoral Care Contacts:

Ms. Kristi Reindl 419.524.2572
*Hospital & Follow-up
Nursing Homes/Assisted Living &
Prayer Pipeline*

Deacon John Reef 419.529.3694
Shut-ins/Homebound

Sacrament of Baptism:

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday: 3:00 - 4:30 pm
Other times by appointment.

Sacrament of Marriage:

Arrangements should be made at the Parish Center at least six months in advance of the ceremony. A wedding date is confirmed after the initial meeting with a priest.

Sunday Nursery:

Sunday Nursery is temporarily unavailable until further notice.

Bulletin Deadline:

Friday, 12:00 noon. All requests must be submitted in writing or email and must receive prior approval.

Parish Administrative Assistant:

Ms. Kristi Reindl 419.524.2572 ext.2122

Pastoral Staff:

Fr. Gregory R. Hite, *Pastor*
Fr. Austin Ammanniti, *Parochial Vicar*
Mr. Bill Johnson,
Director of Music & Liturgy
Ms. Lynne Lukach, *Pastoral Associate*
Mrs. Elizabeth Wurm, *Director of
Religious Ed. & Youth Minister*

Deacons:

Mr. John Reef
Mr. Dennis Striker

St. Peter's School:

Ms. Tammy Haus
High School, Jr. High School
Mrs. Madalyn Bauer
Elementary School
Mrs. Ashley Rastorfer
Montessori

Parish Business Manager:

Mr. Evan Mumea

Director of Development:

Mr. Jason Crundwell

A PARISH OF THE SAINT JUAN DIEGO DEANERY, DIOCESE OF TOLEDO

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday, January 1,** Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

9:00 am Carol Corso-Phinney

Tuesday, January 2, *Sts. Basil the Great, & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors of the Church*

7:00 am Fred A. Stuht

Wednesday, January 3, *Christmas Weekday*

7:00 am Frank & Mary Dewiel

Thursday, January 4, *St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious*

7:00 am Frank & Mary Dewiel

Friday, January 5, *St. John Neumann, Bishop*

5:00 pm Rosary

5:30 pm Helen Schodorf

Saturday, January 6, *Vigil of the Epiphany of the Lord*

5:00 pm Paul Ludwig

Sunday, January 7, *The Epiphany of the Lord*

7:30 am Parish

9:30 am Stephen Wiecher

11:30 am Robert Kulka

LECTOR/COMMUNION MINISTER**Monday, January 1, 2018**

5:00 pm L R Sliney, D Bessemer

D D Forster, A Holloway, K Reindl, K Reindl,
J Liston, J Kastelic, A Seiss**Tuesday, January 2 NO MASS****Saturday, January 6**

5:00 pm L B Linkenbach, B Schartl

D D Flaquette, B Nihei, D Hipp, T Hipp,
C Sgambellone, C Campbell, D Campbell**Sunday, January 7**

7:30 am L T Murphy, D Bessemer

D M Collet, B Danuloff, L Danuloff, D Givens,
A Holloway, K Reindl, K Reindl

9:30 am L D Forster, F Schuster

D S Webever, A Harraman, M Riggelman,
S Weitzel, B Connolly, T Etwiler, L Brackett, R Sliney

11:30 am L C Staton, C Mears

D F Leitenberger, J Liston, L Strauser, K Yockey,
K Schreck, C Mears, S Rizzo, K Speck**MASS SERVERS****Monday, January 1, 2018**

9:00 am L Rhodes

Tuesday, January 2 NO MASS**Saturday, January 6**

5:00 pm O Deel, A Baldasare, S Putt

Sunday, January 7

7:30 am A Lorenz, C Lorenz

9:30 am C Peters, M Togliatti, R Togliatti

11:30 am L Rhodes, A Pindel, D McGinty

THE CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD**Sunday, January 7**

9:30 am Angie 11:30 am Angie

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

At the end of each calendar year, I always try to set aside some time to pause and reflect on the numerous graces and blessings the Lord has given me throughout the past twelve months. Without a doubt, there are many for me to be thankful for. This past summer, the Lord granted that my studies in Rome concluded without a hitch, he granted safe travel home, and since being home, he has granted me the grace of being with family for important occasions—especially to be with my grandfather to celebrate his 90th birthday, and to celebrate the faith that he has always been so dutiful in handing on.

I would be remiss if I did not mention here the blessing it has been to experience the Advent and Christmas seasons here at St. Peter's. I thoroughly enjoyed the Christmas Classic— with as many poticas, kiefles, and cookies as I have eaten over the past month, I have to imagine that I will not be the only one putting diet and exercise on my list of resolutions for 2018! Everything from Apollo's Fire, to Lessons and Carols, to the beautiful celebration of the Christmas Midnight Mass, has been a tremendous experience for me and has helped me to enter more deeply into the mysteries we have been celebrating over the last few weeks. Special thanks go to all who gave their time, labor, and resources to make those events happen.

With regard to our resolutions, diet and exercise are certainly good items to include on our lists of things to improve on for the new year. However, I would like to challenge everyone to make at least one spiritual resolution for the upcoming year. It does not have to be overly time-consuming or laborious, but something simply to help us grow in our faith. Were you able to come to Mass every Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation? If not, that would be a great goal. Want to grow in your prayer life? A simple goal could be to set aside a small amount of time each day for personal prayer, or to pray the rosary a few times per week, or to make a visit to the church every now and then to pray before the Blessed Sacrament. If you have been away from sacrament of Reconciliation for a long time, you could set a goal for yourself to make a good confession on a regular basis (every month or two months or whatever you are ready to do) in order to often receive the forgiveness and the healing that are found in it.

Continued Page 3

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH



Rose Mary Lang-Martin, Gwen Yockey, Bill Martin, John Henney, Debbie Ashley, Mike Payton, Bill Ruhl, Jeannie Burkhalter, Ken Kayden, Krista Marshall, Colleen Behr, Aaron Blank, Don Blank, MaKaya Butler, Amy Foust, Marilyn Williamson, Leslie McIntosh, Patrick Leach, Mary Gassaway, Lisa Schmidt, Dan Henige, Maggie Caldwell, Theresa Prendergast, Michael Smith, Cindy Lassen, Dina Riley, Eliana Nelson, Mary Ann Switzer, Joe Palmer, Kevin Fox, Joan Phalor, Michael Davis.

Names will only be listed for 4 weeks. If you wish to have additional time, contact the Parish Center at 419.524.2572.

IN GOD'S ARMS....

Suzanne Heichel-Bruce

SUPPORT OUR PRIESTS' RETIREMENT

Our priests have made a gift of their lives in service to the Church, and we are grateful for their many years of priestly ministry. In the United States, half of all the U.S. diocesan priests are expected to retire by 2019.

Please express your appreciation for those who have faithfully served in the Diocese of Toledo by making a gift to **Perpetuate the Gift** Appeal. Once a priest retires, he is responsible for his own personal expenses such as housing, clothing, and food. Your gift benefits our diocesan priests, retired diocesan priests, and your parish. The Perpetuate the Gift appeal also helps retiring priests with the cost of healthcare by providing a Medicare supplement. All funds contributed between October 1, 2017 and December 31, 2017, help reduce the amount the parish contributes to the fund. A gift of cash or check can be sent to Perpetuate the Gift, PO Box 954, Toledo, OH, 43697 or placed in the parish collection. A gift may also be made online at www.toledodiocese.org.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

The next Red Cross Blood Drive at St. Peter's will be held Friday, February 9, 2018.

PRISON MINISTRY CORNER



Our imprisoned brothers lift our parishioners in prayer over the Christmas season. They extend their gratitude to St. Peter's for all the support you offer throughout the year; for the spiritual leadership of our dear priests and deacons; for our faithful prison ministry team whose dedication allows the Catholic community at RiCI to gather every day of the week all year; for those of you who donate plastic bags, yarn, cookies, and the special contributions we've received this year for religious materials; for those who pray daily for all who are incarcerated; and for those of you who took the leap of faith this year and came for a first visit; I extend this invitation for the new year: Come and pray the Rosary with our RiCI brothers, even once, and your heart will be moved. Call Lynne at the Parish Center to discuss.

Continued from Page 2

As we celebrate today the feast of the Holy Family, I also encourage the families of our parish in a special way to make a spiritual resolution to do together as a family. Praying together as a family is always a good resolution to make for the new year. In this way, I echo an invitation that Pope Benedict XVI made a few years ago: "The family is the first school of prayer where, from their infancy, children learn to perceive God thanks to the teaching and example of their parents. An authentically Christian education cannot neglect the experience of prayer. If we do not learn to pray in the family, it will be difficult to fill this gap later. I would, then, like to invite people to rediscover the beauty of praying together as a family, following the school of the Holy Family of Nazareth."

As we heard in today's Gospel reading, the prophet Simeon declared that Jesus would be "a sign that will be contradicted". Likewise, secular culture often rejects and contradicts the model of the Holy Family. But families that pray together and grow together in faith, even if their journey together as a "domestic church" entails a difficult road with many "bumps" along the way, are without a doubt a much-needed witness to a world that has in many ways forgotten the meaning of the family and the importance of the faith.

Know of my prayers for all of you as we welcome this new year with all of its blessings and all of its challenges. May the year of our Lord 2018 be a grace-filled year for all of us, so that we may always be mindful of the Lord's blessings. May we, like Mary and St. Joseph, strive always to please the Lord in all that we do. Let us praise the Lord, and give him thanks!

In Christ,

Fr. Austin

GIFT SHOP

The St. Peter's Gift Shop has reopened in the Parish Center office. The Gift Shop is open during regular office hours. Stop by and see our beautiful new space.

SUNDAY OFFERING



Year to Date thru
12/18/17

Sunday Collection

Total Sunday Collection To Date:	\$389,000.00
Total Budgeted Sunday Collection To Date:	\$390,070.59
Sunday Collection Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$1,070.59)

School Collection

Total School Collection To Date:	\$82,909
Total Budgeted School Collection To Date:	\$81,403
School Collection Surplus/(Deficit)	\$1,506

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FINANCIAL UPDATE



Total Pledged:	\$2,612,388
Amount needed to reach challenge goal:	\$387,612
Payments to Date:	\$1,736,414

As of December 19, 2017

2018-2019 ANNUAL FUND CAMPAIGN



Total Pledged:	\$51,870
Payments to Date:	\$44,466
Amount needed to reach goal:	\$48,130

As of December 19, 2017

KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION EVENTS

St. Peter's School will be offering two opportunities to explore the Kindergarten full-day program. The first opportunity is our **Kindergarten Information Night on Thursday, January 11, from 5:30-6:30 pm in the elementary school on Mulberry Street**—a brief informative hour when parents can meet our principal and Kindergarten teacher, see the classrooms, and ask questions about the program.

The second opportunity is our **Sunday, March 4, Open House for all grade levels that begins promptly at 1:00 pm in the Franciscan Activity Center Gymnasium on First Street**. It is a power-packed hour and a half of fun and games for the child, and the chance for parents to talk with administrators, teachers, coaches, nurse, cafeteria manager, and tuition assistance staff.

**ST. PETER'S HIGH SCHOOL & JUNIOR HIGH
"PROSPECTIVE STUDENT VISITATION DAY"**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 23
9:30 AM—1:30 PM**

Experience a typical day at St. Peter's High School & Junior High!

Meet our administrators, teachers, staff and students!
Complimentary lunch in our school cafeteria!

Visit classes in session!

Meet other students who are looking at St. Peter's for next school year!

Please call the school office to schedule your attendance:
419.524.2572.

JANUARY 2018 BIRTHDAYS



We want to recognize and say a special prayer for the parishioners celebrating birthdays in the month of January, especially the sixteen who are 85 and above:

Stanley Twardzik, Dorise Moore, Anna Wilging, Frances Sneeringer, Mary Phelps, Rosalie Cusic, Ann Bishop, Raymond Anton, Jakob Schmidt, Sue Swetlick, Kenneth Gabor, Lucille Rincich, Joseph Mollica, Anne Pfahler, Mary Siciliano, Donald Steele.

ST. PETER'S RIGHT TO LIFE

We just celebrated the birth of Jesus and also the birth of the Spiritual adopted baby you prayed for. During that nine months journey your prayers kept that unborn baby growing. What a blessing you gave to that baby. May God bless all of you who participated in this life saving prayer program for the unborn.

MASS COORDINATORS

We need one or two people to minister as Mass coordinators for the 5:00 Mass. This involves about thirty minutes before 5:00 Mass starts. You could alternate weeks or months or do this together. It involves setting up items for the Mass (cups, bowls, wine, bread, microphones, chalice, etc.) Training will be given. Contact Angie Dillon at Dillon.angie@myspartans.org if you are interested.

WOMEN'S FAITH GROUP

Join us each month to view a DVD, share thoughts and enjoy other women of faith. The DVD is titled, "Our Blessed Mother in the Scriptures." We will meet the second Wednesday of each month. The first session is Wednesday, January 10 at 7 pm. We will meet in the library of St. Mary School, 1630 Ashland Rd. Mansfield 44905. Come join us for the first session and decide if this is for you.

RCIA—RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

If you are baptized, have been immersed in the Catholic community for years with your family, and are feeling the Spirit call you to be received into the Catholic Church, please heed the call. We are in the process of forming an "abbreviated RCIA" class, as we have the past few years. Contact Lynne at the Parish Center.



SERVPRO
Of Richland & Ashland Counties
419.526.2701

BOYS TENNIS COACH

St. Peter's High School has an open position for a Boys Varsity Tennis Coach who can develop & implement a comprehensive boys' tennis program for grades 9-12. The head coach & staff are expected to be committed to St. Peter's Catholic mission & core values. Candidates must possess or be able to obtain a valid Pupil Activity Permit from the Ohio Department of Education & meet all OHSAA coaching requirements. Candidates must also complete the Toledo Diocese VIRTUS Training. Coaching experience at the collegiate level and/or Head Varsity coaching experience preferred. Interested applicants should send cover letter, resume, coaching philosophy & three references to Annemarie Mauric, Athletic Director, mauric.annemarie@myspartans.org. Review of application will begin January 2018.

HEAD BOYS SOCCER POSITION

St. Peter's High School has an open position for a Boys Varsity Soccer Coach who can develop & implement a comprehensive soccer program for grades 9-12. The head coach & staff are expected to be committed to St. Peter's Catholic mission & core values, as well as continue the Spartan tradition of soccer excellence. Candidates must possess or be able to obtain a valid Pupil Activity permit from the Ohio Department of Education & meet all OHSAA coaching requirements. Candidates must also complete the Toledo Diocese VIRTUS Training. Coaching experience at the collegiate level and/or Head Varsity coaching experience preferred. Interested applicants should send cover letter, resume, coaching philosophy & at least three references to Annemarie Mauric, Athletic Director, mauric.annemarie@myspartans.org. Review of application will begin January 2018.

GIRLS TENNIS COACH

St. Peter's High School has an open position for a Girls Varsity Tennis Coach who can develop & implement a comprehensive girls' tennis program for grades 9-12. The head coach and staff are expected to be committed to St. Peter's Catholic mission and core values. Candidates must possess or be able to obtain a valid Pupil Activity permit from the Ohio Department of Education and meet all OHSAA coaching requirements. Candidates must also complete the Toledo Diocese VIRTUS Training Coaching experience at the collegiate level and/or Head Varsity coaching experience preferred. Interested applicants should send cover letter, resume, coaching philosophy and three references to Annemarie Mauric, Athletic Director., mauric.annemarie@myspartnas.org. Review of applications will begin January 2018.

MATRIMONY: A CALLING TO FORGIVE!

"Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope."

Retrouvaille offers a welcoming & loving space to couples who have been living with the misery of a failing marriage. Retrouvaille offers hope: hope that it is not too late, hope of a different & better marriage. Retrouvaille helps couples to show each other mercy through the opportunities it provides to listen, to forgive, to be reconciled & to move into their futures believing that God loves them & with His help & their effort, their marriages can be healed & restored. Retrouvaille provides help for marriage problems/difficulties/crises. For more information about our January 26-28 Retrouvaille Weekend program for couples, contact registration team: Joe & Arlene at 419.841.1116 or visit our website: HelpOurMarriage.com.

SEARCHING FOR MORE? TRY ALPHA

Alpha is a weekly get together for 10 weeks that starts off with a meal together, video and discussion. There is no pressure, no cost, and no commitment. You do not have to share in the discussion and you are free to express your opinions. Come and explore the Christian faith in a relaxed & fun setting. Check out the first Alpha on Monday Jan.22 at 6:30 pm at the Lucas Community Center & if you enjoy it, keep coming back, no strings attached. For information or to register call Heidi Yeater at 419.281.6652 or email hky@zoominternet.net.

TEENS ENCOUNTER CHRIST

Applications for TEC or Teens Encounter Christ are now available in the parish office. Ladies' TEC is taking place February 17-19, March 10-12 and April 7-9. Men's TEC is taking place January 27-29, February 24-26, and March 17-19. If you are a junior or senior in high school or post high school by one year, consider taking a TEC retreat!

SAVE THE DATE FOR

"AN ENCHANTED AFTERNOON"

On March 11, 2018 from 1pm—4pm in the Church Basement, join us for an afternoon of magical fun, food, fellowship and fairytale dreams coming true for the Father-Daughter/Mother-Son Dance. Bring your daughter(s)/son(s) and create memories to last a lifetime. Cost will include a light lunch, music, dancing, a souvenir picture and much more. Special guest appearances by the St. Peter's Department of Theatre and Performing Arts Cast Members of the 2018 Spring Musical "Cinderella." All proceeds will benefit the St. Peter's Department of Theatre and Performing Arts. Stay tuned for ticket sale information.

RECYCLING—NEXT DATE: JANUARY 12, 2018



10:00 am—11:00 am & 2:00 pm—4:00 pm

(Every 2nd Friday of the month) in the Franciscan Activity Center parking lot

BLUE BARRELS: January 13-14

Annunciation Radio Thanks, THANK YOU for your support during Annunciation Radio's Fall Sharathon! Your tax-deductible donations demonstrate your commitment to help spread His Gospel message to those in more need of solid Catholic programming. Listeners can hear the Holy Mass every morning at 8, Catholic Answers weekday evening, Bishop's Corner with Bishop Daniel Thomas, Understanding Scripture with Fr. Dave Nuss, and many other national and local programs. Thank you for listening and encouraging others to tune in. Please keep Annunciation Radio in your prayers and consideration for your year-end giving.

The Culture Project is returning to the Diocese of Toledo! Five missionaries from the Culture Project will be staying in the Diocese of Toledo October 2017, through May 2018 and are available to give presentations on human dignity and living the virtue of chastity. They are available to speak with your high school, junior high school, youth group, or homeschooling group. To learn more, email Peter Range at prange@toledodiocese.org. Join the movement and let's help restore a culture of life! The Culture Project is an initiative of young people set out to restore culture through the experience of virtue. They proclaim the dignity of the human person and the richness of living sexual integrity, inviting our culture to become fully alive. You can learn more about and schedule the Culture Project at www.restoreculture.com.

Seeking Volunteers for Our HOPE Food Pantry in Mansfield, Volunteers will be assisting guest check in, stock shelves, sort donations, and various other tasks. We are open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 8:30—3:30 pm. Please contact Byron Wynn, Volunteer Coordinator 419.214.4950 or email him at bwynn@toledodiocese.org.

Office Volunteers needed in Mansfield & Norwalk, Catholic Charities is seeking office volunteers to join our teams in Mansfield and Norwalk. We need individuals to answer phones, file, and support Catholic Charities mission to help people of all faiths by providing assistance, information and referrals, and demonstrating God's love. Contact Byron Wynn, Catholic Charities Volunteer Coordinator: 419.214.4950 or bwynn@toledodiocese.org.

BEARERS OF THE WORD

The Church has placed a number of notable feast days immediately after Christmas. The feasts of Stephen, John the Evangelist, and the Holy Innocents form a summary of the life lived in Christ, the Word made flesh. What do these have to do with the feast of the Holy Family, which crowns the Octave of Christmas? These feasts remind us that suffering will occur in fulfilling the mission of Christ, and that we are all called to be bearers of this Word whose birth we celebrate.

We also see this manifested in the lives of Joseph and Mary, both of whom took social and religious risks in obedience to the will of God, and both of whom were open to the word of God sent to them from on high. In these ways they prefigured the life of Jesus himself.

Most likely, few of us found ourselves at Mass this past Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday, but the essence of these feasts and the essence of the holiness of Joseph, Mary, and Jesus remain central, a holiness we celebrate today.

Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

There's no more unusual setting to celebrate today's Feast of the Holy Family than Barcelona, Spain and the towering unfinished sandcastle known officially as the Temple Expiatori de la Sagrada Familia. In 1882, the plan was hatched to build a vast place of worship in reparation for the revolutionary and liberal leanings of the city. The modern artist Antoni Gaudi dedicated his life to the project, living in the building, attending Mass daily, and giving up his personal wealth. When people pressed him to pick up the pace, he responded, "My client is not in a hurry." (Gaudi's cause for beatification is moving along, and he could be the first professional artist and architect to be beatified.) The Spanish Civil War, a disaster for the Catholic Church in which thousands of priests, brothers, and nuns were murdered, halted work in 1935. In the 1950s work began anew, speeded up by computers in the 1980s. Still, the final stage of construction is not due to end until 2026. If the original methods had stayed in place, it would take several hundred more years to complete the plan. So far there are eight towers, with four to go. The highest steeple is three feet shorter than the nearest hill, since the architect didn't want his work to surpass God's artistry. The three faces of the basilica each have three doors, with the faces named Passion, Nativity, and Grace. The interior is crammed with geometric figures that almost seem to spin, crazy-quilt windows, spiral staircases, and jumbles of statues and figures. Although inspired by ancient Gothic cathedrals, the style is called Expressionist, and very little is left unexpressed by the masonry. If you can't afford a visit, Sagrada Familia maintains a web site, and virtual visits are free.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Those who honor their parents will be greatly blessed and will atone for sins

(Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14) or *Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3*.

Psalm — Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways (Psalm 128) or *Psalm 105*.

Second Reading — Be thankful; do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus (Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17]) or *Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19*.

Gospel — The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom (Luke 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]).

The English translation of the Psalm Responses from *Lectionary for Mass* © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34

Thursday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42

Friday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Jn 1:43-51

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 [23, 31-34, 36, 38]

Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12



A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE Holy Family Sunday, The gospel today shows Mary and Joseph weren't "perfect" parents. If you have ever been "amazed" and "astonished" at what came out of your child's mouth, then you are in good company. If there were times you "didn't understand" your children or felt "anxious about their behavior" so did Mary and Joseph. Parenting is tough but it is also the stuff of holiness.

This week's cover art: Wikipedia

776400 **1200** bulletins
please

St. Peter Church

104 W First Street

Mansfield, OH 44902-2199

419-524-2572