

SAINT PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

JANUARY 21, 2018



Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Then they abandoned their nets and followed him.
Mark 1:17-18

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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
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.

8:30 am -

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*

A Parish of the Saint Juan Diego Deanery, Diocese of Toledo

Mass Intentions**Monday, January 22, *Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children***

5:00 pm Rosary
 5:30 pm Fred S. Stuht

Tuesday, January 23, *Weekday*

7:00 am Marilyn Mertler
 8:15 am Elementary Mass, Joseph & Marilee Santoro

Wednesday, January 24, *St. Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of**the Church*

7:00 am John & Rose Zita Dalton

Thursday, January 25, *The Conversion of St. Paul*

7:00 am Parish
 9:15 am HS Mass, Peter Dignan

Friday, January 26, *St. Timothy & St. Titus, Bishops*

5:00 pm Rosary
 5:30 pm Frances Alfieri

Saturday, January 27, *Vigil of Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00 pm Clarence Beat

Sunday, January 28, *Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

7:30 am Parish
 9:30 am Josephine Chinni
 11:30 am John Groff

Lector/Communion Minister**Saturday, January 27**

5:00 pm **L** D Falquette, B Rader
D D Hipp, C Sgambellone, T Hipp, M Joyce, V Zack, Deacon Dennis Striker

Sunday, January 28

7:30 am **L** D Bessemer, T Mulherin
D M Collet, B Danuloff, D Givens, K Randall, K Reindl, K Reindl
 9:30 am **L** S Vaccaro, C Henrich
D S Weber, R Sliney, S Weitzel, M Riggelman, C Merle, J Kastelic, T Etzwiler, A Seiss
 11:30 am **L** J Liston, C Mears
D F Leitenberger, S Rizzo, K Schreck, H Deel, C Mears, L Strauser, B Riley, Deacon John Reef

Mass Servers**Saturday, January 27**

5:00 pm A Winters, K Delano, D Delano

Sunday, January 28

You have probably heard the old saying which reminds us that we will very likely be surprised by some of the people we will meet when we get to heaven. Many of us, at one time or another, have judged someone guilty and unworthy of a heavenly reward. It could be someone who cheated on their marriage, or someone who went to prison for some dreadful crime, or it could be the mean old man who chased us out of his yard when we were just there to pick some flowers, after all! I mean, really! How could so-and-so get into heaven?

In today's first reading we find ourselves accompanying the prophet Jonah on his journey through the great city of Nineveh. After trying unsuccessfully to avoid the call from God to preach to the Ninevites, and after having been swallowed for a while by a giant fish and having had the same fish spit him out onto dry land, old Jonah has finally repented and decided to obey God. After just one day of preaching his way through Nineveh, the king and all the people of that enormous city did as Jonah had bid them. They repented and gave up their sinful ways, putting on sackcloth and ashes and fasting and sitting in the dust heaps as a sign of their repentance. God, being merciful and compassionate, as it says in chapter four of the Book of Jonah and elsewhere, relents and decides not to destroy the city. There endeth the lesson. But what's the rest of the story?

You might be inclined to think that this result would make Jonah happy. You might also be inclined to think that he would be gratified to know that his preaching had so successfully accomplished the end for which God sent him to Nineveh in the first place. Far from it! Jonah was angry because God did not follow through on his threat to destroy the city of Nineveh. He went so far as to say to God, "I told you this was going to happen! It's the reason I ran away from you in the first place!" as though the mercy of God being applied (wrongly, as Jonah believed) to others would be an acceptable excuse for refusing to answer God's call!

That might seem to be a pretty gutsy stand even if it were also foolish and irreverent. I mean, can you imagine saying, "I told you so," to God? Jonah goes even further than that, too. In his self-righteous indignation, he says that he would rather die than live in such circumstances. I can almost imagine the judgmental tone in his voice as he said that.

Jonah has fallen into the trap many of us encounter when we start making decisions about who is and who isn't entitled to salvation and the heavenly reward. We fall into

Please Pray for the Sick of Our Parish



Rose Mary Lang-Martin, Gwen Yockey, John Henney, Debbie Ashley, Mike Payton, Bill Ruhl, Jeannie Burkhalter, Ken Kayden, Krista Marshall, Colleen Behr, Aaron Blank, Don Blank, Marilyn Williamson, Lisa Schmidt, Dan Henige, Maggie Caldwell, Theresa Prendergast, Michael Smith, Cindy Lassen, Dina Riley, Eliana Nelson, Mary Ann Switzer, Joe Palmer, Kevin Fox, Michael Davis, Louis Gaul, Joanne Glowe, Rosemary Quitter.

In God's arms....

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,

Prison Ministry Corner



The Richland Correctional Catholic community puts out a newsletter as a means of evangelization and spreading the word of all the good things happening in our faith community. Here is an excerpt from an article one of our brothers recently submitted, entitled "Unforeseen Blessings." "Coming to Richland has been a huge blessing for me, and would be for any Catholic inmate! I was in total shock! My first thought [when I saw what was available here] was 'Are you kidding me? Catholic events seven days a week? A staff that seems to encourage participation of inmates at religious services?' The Catholic community at Richland not only welcomed me but reached out every way they could. Not enough can be said about the Catholic volunteers here at Richland. These men and women deserve our deepest

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Today's reading doesn't show us Jonah's temper tantrum, nor does it let us in on God's response to Jonah. Those are described in chapter four. However, we can take away the message that the loving kindness, forgiveness, and mercy of God apply to everyone and not just to the chosen people. We see that God is equally concerned about the people of Nineveh and their salvation. We can extrapolate a further conclusion which says that God is equally concerned about the entire world, and that's a pretty important message for which we ought to be humbly grateful at all times.

And that, as the late Paul Harvey would say, is the rest

Finding Faith in the Midst of Business

You're invited to the next Catholic Business Network breakfast, Thursday, February 15, this free event will be held at St. Joan of Arc's Atrium, 5856 Heatherdowns Blvd., Toledo OH. Registration, networking and a free continental breakfast at 7 am precedes the hour-long program at 7:30 am.

Brig Sorber, Executive Chairman of Two Men & A Truck, continues our quarterly speaker series with "Finding Faith in the Midst of Business."

This new Catholic Charities ministry invites people of all faiths to explore ways of living and promoting Catholic values in the workplace.

Limited seating is available, so please register early, register online at Eventbrite Toledo <https://faith-in->

SUNDAY OFFERING

Year to date through
01/05/2018



CHRIST MAS OFFERING 2017

\$46,582

Sunday Collection

Total Sunday Collection To Date:	\$437,180.00
Total Budgeted Sunday Collection To Date:	\$438,829.41
Sunday Collection Surplus/(Deficit)	(1,649.41)

School Collection

Total School Collection To Date:	\$94,070
Total Budgeted School Collection To Date:	\$93,519
School Collection Surplus/(Deficit)	\$551

Capital Campaign Financial Update

Total Pledged:	\$2,629,971
Amount needed to reach challenge goal:	\$370,029
Payments to Date:	\$1,786,233

As of January 15, 2018

2018-2019 Annual Fund Campaign

Total Pledged:	\$76,901
Payments to Date:	\$68,532
Amount needed to reach goal:	\$23,099

As of January 15, 2018

Your Gift to NOSF Will be Doubled for Private School Student Scholarships

The Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund has received a grant from the Richland County Foundation to assist NOSF in marketing the program & acquiring new donors from Richland County as well as to fund current scholarships. New donations to NOSF received after November 1, 2017 until May 1, 2018 from Richland County contributors will be matched.

There are 29 students from Richland County attending private schools including St. Mary of the Snow, Mansfield Christian, St. Peter, and St. Mary in Shelby for the 2017-2018 school year on a NOSF scholarship.

The Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund (NOSF) provides privately funded scholarships to K-8 grade students from low-income households to attend a private school or for homeschool expenses. Students can receive up to \$1,500 per year for tuition or \$500 for homeschool expenses.

To learn more about the program including donating & applying online, visit the NOSF website at www.nosf.org. For more information please contact Ann Riddle, Executive Director of the Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund at 419.720.7048.

The Richland County Foundation is one of the largest private sources of grant making in Richland County &

St. Peter's High School & Junior High

"Prospective Student Visitation Day"
Tuesday, January 23
9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

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!

St. Peter's Music Series

The St. Peter's Music Series proudly presents the annual **Catholic Schools Week Concert** at 3:00 pm on Sunday, January 28, in the Robert Frye Auditorium at St. Peter's High School. This delightful yearly presentation of the musical talents of our students, faculty, and staff highlights one of the hundreds of ways that a Catholic Education produces and nurtures the gifted and talented young people entrusted to our care. The concert is free and open to the public. A free-will collection will be taken to support the

Adult Faith Opportunities

All are welcome. Come and learn more about the treasures of Catholic teaching.

Wednesday evenings - 6:15 pm - a variety of DVD series on various topics;

Thursday evenings - 6:30 pm - EPIC: A Journey through Church History.

Enter thru the Parish Center entrance and you will be directed to the designated room.

End of Year Tax Statements

All parishioners will automatically receive a statement summarizing their charitable giving totals to St. Peter's Parish & School for the 2017 tax year. The Development Office is required to mail the statements by January 31, 2018. You will not need to call & request a tax statement.

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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

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

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

Hearts and Minds



The January meeting of Hearts and Minds will be held on the last Tuesday January 30 from 5:30—7:00 pm. This is the **ONLY** meeting time that will be different. Hearts and Minds will return to the regular 4th Tuesday

Scout Sunday

SCOUT SUNDAY is just two weeks away! St. Peter's Parish Boy Scout Troop 121 & Cub Scout Pack 121 invite all parishioners, Eagle Scouts, Boy Scouts, Cubs Scouts and Scout leaders to celebrate with our Scouts on Sunday, February 4, at 9:30 Mass. In Boy Scouting, young men go places, test themselves, and have one-of-a-kind adventures that can't be found anywhere else. Boy Scouting is designed to be experienced outdoors. Hiking, camping, mountain biking, mountain climbing, kayaking, whitewater rafting—all of these and more are among those experiences. There is something for everyone in Scouting! Boy Scouting is for boys who are at least 10 years old and have completed the fifth grade or are 11 through 17 years old. St. Peter's year-round Boy Scout program, affects character, citizenship, personal fitness, promotes spiritual growth and lead our youth to be faithful in service to God and their neighbors. Cub Scouting is for children in the first through fifth grades. St. Peter's Cub Scouting program is a family-oriented program designed specifically to address the needs of younger children, and serve as an introduction to Boy

Official Policy Announcement

Whenever a county/city within the Diocese of Toledo is placed under a **Level 3 Snow Emergency**, during which all roadways are closed to non-emergency personnel, the Catholic Churches within that geographic region will cancel the scheduled Saturday Vigil, Sunday, or Holy Day Masses. Roman Catholics in that region, therefore, are dispensed from the obligation to attend Mass. If Masses are cancelled, Catholics are encouraged to participate in Holy Mass via television, radio, or internet, making a spiritual Communion. When Mass is cancelled, all other diocesan, parish, or school events in the geographic re-

BLUE BARRELS: February 10-11

Recycling—Next Date: February 9, 2018



10:00 am—11:00 am & 2:00 pm—4:00 pm

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

Entering Canaan Day of Prayer and Health Retreat for Women & Men Healing Retreats for Women will be held Saturday Jan. 27 and April 21, 2018 and for Men on Saturday Feb. 10, 2018. The day is hosted by Project Rachel, a ministry of Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo. For more information and confidential reservations, please call 888.456.HOPE or 419.260.5811 or email projectrachel@toledodiocese.org. Visit hopeafterabortion.com for more information. God Bless!

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!

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.

Steubenville Youth Conference We are now taking registrations for the SYC. This year's conference, "Revealed", is taking place June 15th-17. All incoming freshmen to outgoing seniors are invited to attend. If you have a youth who is interested in attending please contact Elizabeth Wurm at wurm.elizabeth@myspartans.org for a registration packet. We hope you can join us!

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.

THE DEMANDS OF DISCIPLESHIP

Today we encounter readings that already have a Lenten feel about them. Nineveh undergoes a forty-day fast, the psalmist reminds us that God alone can show sinners the way, Paul shows us how fleeting the things and events of this world are, and Jesus cries out "Repent!" before he calls his new followers. "Come after me," Jesus says, but if we are to truly live out the commands and demands of our discipleship through baptism, we must first know our need for conversion, our repentance, our need to believe in the gospel fully. Today's Gospel opens with the stark reminder of what befell John the Baptist for completely living out his vocation as the herald of Christ and the gospel: he was arrested, imprisoned, and martyred. Though few of us will experience consequences that extreme, we must all be ready to risk some sort of rejection as, heeding the call of Jesus, we live out the kingdom of God at hand, repent of our sins, and believe in the good news of salvation.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

One of the most unusual Catholic churches in the world is in Amsterdam: Our Lord in the Attic, or as the locals say, "Ons Lieve Heer op Solder." What looks like a beautiful narrow brick mansion alongside a canal is a clever disguise for a very well-preserved seventeenth-century home and a secret church. During the Reformation, the Netherlands was divided into Protestant Holland and the Spanish Netherlands, now known as Belgium, a Catholic stronghold. Protestant reformers seized all the Catholic parishes in Holland and "de-Catholicized" them. New laws forbade the celebration of the Mass in public. St. Nicholas Church was renamed "Old Church" by the new owners, and the dispossessed Catholics got to work "hiding" St. Nicholas Parish in the upper floors of this mansion. Other Catholics did the same thing, but this is the only hidden church that survives today. Sunday Mass is still celebrated here.

It's a beautiful hideaway, with nothing spared in regard to marble, gilding, a pipe organ, and classic Dutch painting. A few steps away, the Old Church, begun in 1250, stands emptied of the statues and carvings of its Catholic days, its windows replaced by plain glass. The new tenants gave up when it came to the ceiling, which is still painted with saints, biblical scenes, and merchant ships. The Dutch reformers were tolerant sorts, and as long as the Catholics kept out of sight, they were out of

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The people of Nineveh believed God and turned from their evil ways (Jonah 3:1-5, 10).

Psalm — Teach me your ways, O Lord (Psalm 25).

Second Reading — The world in its present form is passing away (1 Corinthians 7:29-31).

Gospel — This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand (Mark 1:14-20).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Ps 89:20-22, 25-26;
Mk 3:22-30, *or any of a number of readings for the Day of Prayer*

Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Ps 24:7-10; Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89:4-5, 27-30; Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2;
Mk 16:15-18

Friday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 51:3-7, 10-11;
Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-17;
Mk 4:35-41

Sunday: Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; 1 Cor 7:32-35;

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A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE It must have been difficult for Zebedee to watch his sons walk away and follow Jesus. It was the end of "Zebedee and Sons Fishing, Inc." Our children were never ours. They are only on loan to us. We raise them to let them go.

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