

SAINT PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

MARCH 11, 2018



Jesus said to Nicodemus:

“Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.”

John 3:14—15

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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
am 7:00

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, March 12, *Lenten Weekday***

5:00 pm Rosary

5:30 pm North Central Ohio Vocations

Tuesday, March 13, *Lenten Weekday*

7:00 am Parish

8:15 am Elementary School Mass

Wednesday, March 14, *Lenten Wednesday*

7:00 am Parish

Thursday, March 15, *Lenten Wednesday*

7:00 am Parish

9:15 am Jr/HS Mass

Friday, March 16, *Lenten Weekday*

5:00 pm Stations of the Cross

5:30 pm Nikki Heisler

Saturday, March 17 *Vigil of Fifth Sunday of Lent*

5:00 pm Nick Schemine

Sunday, March 18, *Fifth Sunday of Lent*

7:30 am Robert Rissover

9:30 am Anthony Pitroff

11:30 am Parish

Lector/Communion Minister**Saturday, March 17**5:00 pm **L** D Falquette, C Eighinger**D** B Linkenbach, M Joyce, C Sgambellone,
V Zack, D Hipp, T Hipp, Deacon John Reef**Sunday, March 18**7:30 am **L** M Santoro, D Bessemer**D** L Simmons, B Danuloff, L Danuloff, J Porch,
P Taylor, L Lukach, Deacon John Reef9:30 am **L** P Kastelic, S Vaccaro**D** T Baker, T Etzwiler, J Brennan, S Weber,
M Riggelman, S Weitzel, M Meinzer,
Deacon

John Reef

11:30 am **L** J Liston, T Malec**D** K Yockey, S Rizzo, C Becker, J Laskey,
L Strauser, B Riley, T Fesler, Deacon John
Reef**Mass Servers**

Saturday, March 17

5:00 pm E Cavanaugh, K Delano, D Delano

Sunday, March 18

I have been lying to my child and I don't feel a bit ashamed of it.

I have not only lied, but have carried this tale for weeks now, and I don't feel remorse.

My child has questioned this lie and has even asked other adults about it, who to my surprise, have kept up the fib for me without prompting.

What is the untruth? It is the concept that I have eyes on the back of my head.

One day he was in the backseat of our car doing something insidious to his brother as we were making our way to the grocery store. I glanced in the rearview mirror and watched the crime play out. I called him on it and of course made him apologize, but his only question was how I knew that it was him.

And the handy answer was that I, like all moms and dads, have eyes on the back of my head.

Is it a lie? Sure it is. Is there something to parents knowing every move that their child makes when they make it? There absolutely is.

Since this encounter, he has tried to catch me in the lie. He has snuck up behind me and put hats on my head. He has insisted I wear my hair down so there would be no chance that my "alleged eyes" could see him. He has even come up with a crazy theory that I knew what he was doing in the car that day because of the mirror in the car (who in the world is teaching this kid scientific thought?).

And although I know he has figured out that these invisible eyes do not exist, there is still the littlest part of him that questions it because he keeps testing the theory.

And so we continue. I hanging on to this imaginary superpower of seeing all until one day the jig will be up.

The one thing I have noticed, however, is that the thought of me seeing all he does has prompted a change in him. He is better behaved. His demeanor has changed because he thinks someone is waiting to wage their approval or disapproval.

All because he thought I was looking.

And I have learned something from him.

We know that God is omniscient and that He loves us unconditionally. We know that when we act contrary to His will for us that there must be a sense of disappointment, and when we do His will, a sense of love and pride.

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, Theresa Prendergast, Cindy Lassen, Dina Riley, Eliana Nelson, Mary Ann Switzer, MaKaya Butler, Thomas Julian, Theresa Schmidt, Sandra Barrick, Sr. Bernard Marie Campbell, Mildred Corbin, John Ziegler, Julie Krouse, Michael Smith, Hilda Schemine, Pierce Chitwood, Fr. Jim Lee, Tim Arthur, Marilou Marshall, Sharon Valdry, Alex Porter.

Please Remember Your Parish ...

... in your **estate planning or will**. It is easy to do. Either contact your financial planner or attorney – OR – contact our parish Development Office. We are happy to assist you! Your gift can be either "restricted," meaning to be used for a particular purpose and that purpose only, OR "unrestricted," which means it can be invested and used to support our day to day expenses in the parish.

2018 Annual Catholic Appeal

The 2018 Annual Catholic Appeal Campaign is underway. The campaign goal is \$2,800,000 and our parish goal is \$54,300.00. To date we have had 227 households make pledges to the Annual Catholic Appeal. We can assure the continued existence of many important programs that help tens of thousands in our Diocese each year; education of our seminary students, care of the sick and needy are among them. We ask you once again for your help; we have to work together. Please respond generously when you are asked to make your pledge. Thank you for your attention and thank you for being my

Prison Ministry Corner



There are over 2.2 million men and women in our nation's prisons. An estimated 28% - or close to 600,000 - are Catholic. There are approximately 2500 men in Mansfield Correctional and 2500 men in Richland Correctional. Based on those national estimations, our parish prison ministry outreach could be ministering to 700 men in each of our local prisons! That's a goal! The inmates who come to religious services show a deep hunger for spiritual growth. They also appreciate resources to grow more knowledgeable about the faith so as to defend it against others who may, in ignorance or darkness, deride or attack the Catholic faith. Studies have shown that those prisoners most involved with religious activities have a significantly lower rate of

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We can use all the justifications and excuses in the world to make our "bad" actions seem reasonable, but at the end of the day it doesn't matter how we explain it, it matters how God views it. Just like with my little boys they always have a very good reason for hitting their siblings, and sometimes they seem valid. It doesn't take away from the morality of the action they performed. Just like we can justify lying (like in the case of my son), or treating someone shabbily can seem reasonable, it doesn't take away from the fact that we have gone away, if only temporarily, from God's will.

This Lent take a moment to look at all those things that you may do, and how they are justified. Put it in the perspective of knowing that God is always looking. Does it

Adult Faith Opportunities

Wednesdays of Lent—6:10 pm—*Catholicism* series by Bishop Robert Barron. Immerse yourself in the beauty and power of our faith. This week, March 7, the topic is *Peter and Paul and the Missionary Adventure*.

Thursdays of Lent—6:30 pm—EPIC: Journey through Church History. Join us for the final weeks of this excellent course.

March 8—A World at War

March 15—The New Springtime

March 22—The Threshold of Hope & Conclusion

Enter thru the Parish Center entrance, 104 West First

SUNDAY OFFERING

Year to date through



Sunday Collection

Total Sunday Collection To Date:	\$554,664.00
Total Budgeted Sunday Collection To Date:	\$552,600.00
Sunday Collection Surplus/(Deficit)	\$2,064.00

School Collection

Total School Collection To Date:	\$116,297
Total Budgeted School Collection To Date:	\$121,788
School Collection Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$5,491)

Capital Campaign Financial Update

Total Pledged:	\$2,640,062
Amount needed to reach challenge goal:	\$359,938
Payments to Date:	\$1,842,445

2018-2019 Annual Fund Campaign

Total Pledged:	\$81,207
Payments to Date:	\$72,276
Amount needed to reach goal:	\$18,793

As of March 1, 2018

Petition campaign to stand for life!

ProMedica has officially entered into an agreement with Capital Care Network of Toledo which enables the abortion provider to continue taking the innocent human lives of unborn children and wound mothers and fathers. Sign the petition which simply states you believe a prestigious health care provider like ProMedica should not support an abortion facility that ENDS life rather than SUSTAINS it. Go to www.petition.life to sign this pro-life petition! Please act quickly so we can deliver a strong

School News

VISIT OUR SCHOOL ANY DAY WITH APPOINTMENT



Parents, if you are considering St. Peter's School for your child's education, you are invited to spend part of a school day here at St. Peter's with your child to experience all the activities and classroom instruction that take place.

Please call the school administrators to arrange a visit that is convenient for you and your child.

- Mrs. Ashley Rastorfer – Montessori Director
419.524.2572 ext. 4113
- Mrs. Madalyn Bauer – Elementary Principal
419.524.2572 ext. 4101
- Ms. Tammy Haus – High School & Junior High Principal
419.524.2572 ext. 3100

St. Peter School admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs and activities



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**Ashland/ Mansfield
Foot and Ankle Specialist**

Easter Bake Sale

The Easter Bake sale is March 27 and 28. This week we are making cabbage rolls. Monday and Tuesday we core and cook cabbage beginning at 8:00 am in HS Cafeteria. Wednesday we start at 9:00 am making the cabbage rolls and baking them. All days we have many sit down jobs. Help is greatly needed, both ladies and gentlemen. Thursday we presell cabbage rolls in the cafeteria from

Important Upcoming Events

March 12, 13, 14—Cabbage roll making in HS Cafeteria. Begin at 8:00 am in cafeteria. Monday we core, cook cabbage. Tuesday we cook, prepare, cabbage and onions.

Wednesday we start at 9:00 am in Cafeteria We put cabbage rolls together and bake them. Sit down jobs on all the days.

March 15—Presale of Cabbage rolls in HS 7 - 10:30 am. We appreciate you bringing your own container. Cabbage rolls freeze well for almost a year.

March 21—One day only, Potica Baking beginning at 8:00 am in cafeteria. Roll out poticas in the morning. Package in the afternoon. Plenty of sit down jobs after 11:30 am. **Need lots of help.**

March 25 (Sunday)—Cooking potatoes, Coloring Eggs, Preparations in cafeteria, begin at 9:00 am. **We need lots of help.** Sit down jobs. We slice, chop and prepare onions, celery, potatoes, etc.

March 26—Bake Butter Rings & Braided bread, etc. We continue food preparations begin at 8:00 am in cafeteria. We need someone to stay in the church basement after 12 noon and help monitor donations of baked goods.

March 27—Easter Bake Sale 7 am - 6 pm
A very busy day, **Lots of Help Needed Everywhere.**

March 28—Easter Bake Sale 7 am - 2 pm

**Fish Fry Dinners**

Fried Alaskan cod, and baked fish along with a variety of sides at the K of C Hall from 5:30-7:30 pm for

Lent & Easter Calendar of Events

Sacrament of Reconciliation

- ♦ **St. Peter's**—Confession times are on Saturdays from 3:00-4:30 pm.

Deanery Lenten Penance Services

- ♦ **Mansfield, St. Mary**—Thursday, March 15, Youth, 7:00 pm.
- ♦ **Lexington, Resurrection**—Wednesday, March 21, Youth, 7:00 pm.
- ♦ **New Washington, St. Bernard**—Thursday, March 22, 6-8:30 pm.
- ♦ **Bethlehem, Sacred Heart**—Sunday, March 25, 3:00 pm.
- ♦ **Mansfield, St. Mary**—Sunday, April 8, Confirmation Candidates, 6:00 pm.

Holy Week Liturgies—St. Peter's

- ♦ **Palm Sunday**—March 25, 2018
Blessing and distribution of palms and Proclamation of the Lord's Passion at all Masses.

Sacred Triduum

- ♦ **Holy Thursday**—March 29, 2018
7:00 pm—Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, Presentation of the Holy Oils, Washing of Feet, Eucharistic Procession **(Incense will be used)**
8:00 pm—Midnight, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
11:30 pm—Compline (Night Prayer) for Holy Thursday
- ♦ **Good Friday**—March 30, 2018
3:00 pm—Celebration of The Lord's Passion
7:00 pm—Stations of the Cross
- ♦ **Holy Saturday**—March 31, 2018
9:00 am—Morning Prayer, Blessing of Easter foods, RCIA Anointing with the Oil of Catechumens
8:30 pm—Easter Vigil (Blessing of Fire & Water and reception of RCIA & Elect into the Catholic Church) **(Incense will be used)**
- ♦ **Easter Sunday**—April 1, 2018 Masses at regular times:
7:30 am., in Church
9:30 am., (Masses in Church **and** High School Auditorium)
11:30 am., in Church

Stations of the Cross

In Observance of Holy Week

Parish Offices will be closed during the Sacred Triduum and no school activities are scheduled.

Thursday March 29 — Closed for school activities, offices will be open

Friday March 30 — Closed

Saturday March 31— Closed

Sunday April 1 — Closed



Please note that Incense will be used at the 7 PM Holy Thursday mass and the 8:30 pm Easter Vigil Mass in the church.

Harmony House says Thank You

We received the following letter from Harmony House.

Thank you for your donation to Harmony House. We appreciate the support you provided for the homeless men, women and children of our community.

North Central Ohio Vocations Club

NCOVC will welcome Deacon Joe Dietz from St. Edward Parish in Ashland as our guest speaker on Monday March 12 after the 5:30 pm Mass at St. Peter's. His topic will be "Surrender — the Key to Humble Service." Dinner will be served in the Franciscan Activity Center. Cost is \$7 per person. Guests are welcome. For more information

The Notre Dame Club of Mansfield

The Notre Dame Club is hosting the annual St. Patrick's Day dinner on Thursday, March 15 from 5:30-7:00 pm in the atrium of the Franciscan Activities Center. Join us for food, music, and fun! Cost is donation of your choice and a non-perishable item for Catholic Charities.



Recycling—Next Date: April 13, 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: April 14 & 15

50th Year Wednesday Noon Lenten Service at First United Methodist Church, 12 N. Diamond St., at 12:05 pm. Rev. Louise Jackson from Mitchell Chapel AME. 12:30 lunch available for \$3 donation. Call 419.522.8623 for more information.

Lenten Fish Fry. St. Mary of the Snows. All you can eat fish served with your choice of mac-n-cheese or Au gratin potatoes, green beans, coleslaw, roll, dessert and beverage. Adult meal \$10.00, children 12 and under \$5.00. Mar. 16. Doors open at 5:00pm until sold out. Call 419.589.2114 for more information.

Spaghetti Dinner honoring Parish Patron Saint Joseph, Spouse of Blessed Virgin Mary will be on Sunday March 18 from 11-2:00 pm. Free will offering for spaghetti, homemade meat sauce, garlic breadsticks, salad, dessert & beverage, take out is available. Call 419.687.4611 for more information. St. Joseph Catholic Church, 117 Sandusky St., Plymouth, Ohio.

Steubenville Youth Conference We are now taking registrations for the SYC. This year's conference, "Revealed", is taking place June 15-17. 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!

Teens Encounter Christ Applications for TEC, or Teens Encounter Christ, are now available in the Parish Office. Ladies' TEC is taking place April 7-9. Men's TEC is taking place 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! Call Elizabeth Wurm at the Parish Office.

Senior Girls Scholarship. The Catholic Women's Club of St. Juan Diego Deanery is announcing a Scholarship for \$500 to be offered to a qualified senior girl who will be graduating in 2018 and going on to college. Interested? Deadline March 31. Contact Carol Sgambellone at 419.529.2758.

For any young adults interested in more opportunities focused on spiritual formation and discipleship among other like-minded individuals, we are in the works of solidifying a group with the intent to meet weekly and engage in Focus-led Bible studies, discussions, speaker series, and any other Holy Spirit driven ideas! Currently, we have about 8 of us meeting up



Thank you to the following people who made donations to our flower fund for the month of February. These donations help make our



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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The wrath and the mercy of the LORD are revealed in the exile and liberation of the chosen people (2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23) *or 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a.*

Psalm — Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you! (Psalm 137) *or Psalm 23.*

Second Reading — God, who is rich in mercy, brought us to life with Christ (Ephesians 2:4-10) *or Ephesians 5:8-14.*

Gospel — The Son of Man must be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life (John 3:14-21) *or John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38].*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday:
Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18;
Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23;
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53

Sunday: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-15; Heb 5:7-9;

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE



Today's Gospel speaks of light and darkness. Often a parent is deliberately "left in the dark". Darkness can be comforting for it makes no demands on us. Light can be disturbing for it forces us to act. Parents walk a delicate balance of when to "sit in the dark" and when to "turn on the lights".

~By Bud Ozar

This week's cover art: Visit of Nicodemus to Christ, Artist John La Farge 1880

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