

SAINT PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

MARCH 4, 2018



He made a whip out of cords
and drove them all out of the
temple area, with the sheep
and oxen,
and spilled the coins of the
money changers
and overturned their tables,
and to those who sold doves
he said,
"Take these out of here,
and stop making my Father's
house a marketplace."

—John 2:15-16

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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 5, *Lenten Weekday***

5:00 pm Rosary

5:30 pm Frances Alfieri

Tuesday, March 6, *Lenten Weekday*

7:00 am Parish

10:30 am Elementary School Lenten Penance Service

11:00 am Jr/HS Lenten Penance Service

Wednesday, March 7, *Lenten Wednesday*

7:00 am Parish

Thursday, March 8, *Lenten Wednesday*

7:00 am Margareta Keppler

Friday, March 9, *Lenten Weekday*

5:00 pm Stations of the Cross

5:30 pm Ted Falls (Anniversary)

Saturday, March 10 *Vigil of Fourth Sunday of Lent*

5:00 pm James Ross

Sunday, March 11, *Fourth Sunday of Lent*

7:30 am Parish

9:30 am Captain Christopher Britton

11:30 am Anton Schroeder

Lector/Communion Minister**Saturday, March 10**5:00 pm **L** J Riedl, B Scharl**D** D Falquette, C Campbell, D Campbell,
D Hipp, T Hipp, M Joyce, C Sgambellone**Sunday, March 11**7:30 am **L** B Danuloff, D Creamer**D** M Collet, D Givens, K Randall, A Holloway,
K Reindl, J Porch, P Taylor9:30 am **L** D Forster, F Schuster**D** D Dreskler, C Merle, J Kastelic, B Genter,
B Connolly, A Seiss, R Harraman, R Sliney11:30 am **L** C Mears, C Staton**D** F Leitenberger, K Schreck, H Deel,
C Mears, S Elliott, K Speck, S Rizzo, J
Liston**Mass Servers**

Saturday, March 10

5:00 pm J Westwood, A Winters, E Holzmiller

Sunday, March 11

7:30 am A Gasper, C Lorenz, G Farragher

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is hard to believe that March is already upon us, that we have arrived at the third Sunday of Lent, and that Easter is not that far away! I trust that everyone's Lenten penances/practices have been fruitful in helping us draw closer to the Lord and in deepening our relationships with him.

I have found that it is a fairly common experience that at this point in Lent, we start to get a little worn-out in our resolve to continue strong in our Lenten practices. The season seems to move by at an increasingly slow pace, especially as we crave the things we decided to abstain, as we get tired of stretching ourselves to be diligent in carrying out charitable actions, and as we notice that it takes a lot more effort to be patient with others like we said we would be at the beginning of Lent!

If any of us are struggling to stay determined in maintaining our Lenten practices, then do not get discouraged! In fact, the Church, in her great understanding of the human experience, certainly understands what we are going through. She still expects all of us to continue our Lenten practices, but she also offers some encouragement as well. Next Sunday, March 11, is a traditionally special day within the Lenten season. Dating back to the early centuries of the Church, the Fourth Sunday of Lent was designated as *Laetare* Sunday. The Latin verb *laetare* literally means "rejoice," and that Sunday became known as a Sunday of rejoicing.

But why would the Church tell us to rejoice in the middle of a season of penance? On a practical level, it was a way for everyone in the Church to experience, especially through the liturgy, that Lent was over halfway completed. This meant that they were quickly approaching the "finish line" with regard to their Lenten penances.

On a theological level, *Laetare* Sunday was always a reminder to the Church that we already know what lies ahead. That is, we already know how Lent ends: with Christ's victory over sin and death through his sacrifice on the Cross and his Resurrection from the dead. On *Laetare* Sunday, we already get a glimpse of the joyous events to come and we can already hear the echoes of St. Paul's words on the Resurrection in I Cor. 15:55 — "Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy victory? O death, where is thy sting?"

So, as we continue with our Lenten practices, which

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, Joe Palmer, Louis Gaul, Joanne Glowe, Rosemary Quitter, MaKaya Butler, Thomas Julian, Theresa Schmidt, Sandra Barrick, Sr. Bernard Marie Campbell, Victoria Murar, Mildred Corbin, John Ziegler, Julie Krouse, Michael Smith, Hilda Schemine, Pierce Chitwood, Fr. Jim Lee, Tim Arthur, Marilou Marshall.

In God's arms....

James Ginn

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

Countless lives are touched by every contribution to the 2018 Annual Catholic Appeal. Children, seminary students, the sick and aged, the needy—they all depend on our generosity. Faith, hope and love come alive through the Annual Catholic Appeal, which in turn fosters the Holy Disciples, Holy Families and Holy Vocations. Thank you for pledging today to help meet our parish goal of \$ 54,300.00 and assure the continuation of these programs and services. For more information on

Prison Ministry Corner



In a recent discussion of the Corporal Works of Mercy during our Faith Enrichment class at RiCI, the men shared ways of practicing works of mercy in the prison setting. For example, "to feed the hungry" is to "share a soup or snack" with a brother in need; "to clothe the naked" meant to "quietly give a tee-shirt to the guy you see wearing a ragged one." When we got to the "visit the imprisoned," there were smiles; we're IN prison! The actions were inspiring: "Pay attention to a lonely or depressed brother." Each day pray for a different man or

Adult Faith Opportunities

Wednesdays of Lent - 6:15 pm—*Catholicism* series by Bishop Robert Barron. Immerse yourself in the beauty and power of our faith. Upcoming topics:

Mar.7—Peter and Paul

Mar.14—The Mystical Union of Christ and the Church

Mar.21—The Mystery of the Liturgy and the Eucharist

Thursdays of Lent—EPIC: Journey through Church History - 6:30 pm. All are welcome to join us for this informative course. Upcoming topics:

Mar. 8— A World at War

Mar.15—The New Springtime

Mar.22—The Threshold of Hope & Conclusion

New Parishioners and Baptisms

Please welcome new parishioners Ryan and Jennifer Schroeder and their family

Baptism



Quinn Inez Hittinger, daughter of Jobe and Kerri Hit-

Cold And Flu Season Is Upon Us

Please be mindful of the health of others. If you have the flu or a cold please refrain from drinking from the Communion cups at Mass. (Our faith teaches us that the entire Christ, Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity are contained in each of the species.) If you have an active fever, you

SUNDAY OFFERING



Year to date through
02/16/2018

Sunday Collection

Total Sunday Collection To Date:	\$541,176.00
Total Budgeted Sunday Collection To Date:	\$536,347.06
Sunday Collection Surplus/(Deficit)	\$4,828.94

School Collection

Total School Collection To Date:	\$112,298
Total Budgeted School Collection To Date:	\$117,750
School Collection Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$5,452)



ST. PETER'S SCHOOL, "OPEN HOUSE"

Sunday, March 4

Begins promptly at 1:00 pm

Location: Franciscan Activity Center, 111 W. First Street

(snow date: Sunday, March 11)



This is a day to celebrate with our **current** St. Peter's School students and families so if your children are enrolled this year, please join us!

This is a day also designed for **prospective** St. Peter's School students and their families.

Meet administrators, teachers, coaches and current families, tour the building, receive information on curriculum, extracurriculars, tuition assistance and State of Ohio School Choice scholarships and enjoy fun and games!

The mission of St. Peter's School is to graduate students who practice Christian spirituality, achieve academic excellence and are prepared to be of service to the world. St. Peter's School stresses family spirit among its students, faculty, parents, and alumni, who by their example, instruction, and concern mutually support and assist one another.

Grade levels: Montessori Preschool through grade 12,

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



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March Birthdays



We want to recognize and say a special prayer to the parishioners celebrating birthdays, especially those that are 85 years of age and above:

Frank Pewonski, Joseph Mento, Josephine Byrne, Sophie Stiteler, Jean Kulka, Christine Franz, Dolores Smith, Hiltrude Kleshinski, Elizabeth Krebs, Victoria Zack, Jean

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 the next six weeks. We will be closed Good Friday.

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.

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

Vacation Bible School Wish List

- Sharpies (of several colors)
- Blue Stick Tac
- 80 Hot Dogs
- 80 Hot Dog Buns
- 1 large hand sanitizer
- 4 large rolls of paper towels
- 1 container of clean up wipes
- Six hula hoops
- 320 juice boxes (any flavor)
- 80 mozzarella cheese sticks (that come individually wrapped in clear wrapper)
- One large package of XL white lunch bags
- Monetary donations to support a child to come to VBS are always welcome & appreciated!

Lent & Easter Calendar of Events**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

- ♦ **St. Peter's**—Confession times are on Saturdays from 3:00-4:30 pm.
- ♦ **Tri-Parish Communal Penance Service at St. Mary of the Snows**—Mansfield, Sunday March 4, 3:00 pm.

Deanery Lenten Penance Services

- ♦ **Mansfield, St. Peter**—Tuesday, March 6, 10:30 am.-12:00 pm., and 1:00 pm.-2:30 pm.
- ♦ **Shelby, Most Pure Heart of Mary**—Wednesday, March 7, 7:00 pm.
- ♦ **Mansfield, St. Mary**—Thursday, March 9, School Penance Service, 1:00 pm.
- ♦ **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

March 9 at 5 pm March 16 at 5 pm March 23 at 5 pm
March 30 at 7 pm

Sorrowful Mysteries Rosary on Mondays at 5:00 pm.

Candy Making

Candy making this Tuesday and Wednesday begins at 8:00 am in the Franciscan Center. Tuesday we make molded candy and form eggs, etc. Wednesday we finish dipping eggs in chocolate and we price and package. Mostly sit down jobs and we **NEED A LOT OF HELP**. We need both men and women. We need lots of baked goods and items for our raffle. This event raises money

Important Upcoming Bake Sale Events

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

March 15—Presale of Cabbage rolls in HS 7:00 - 10:30 am in HS. 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 the cafeteria. Roll out poticas in the morning. Packaging 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 beginning 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 beginning at 8:00 am in cafeteria. We need someone to stay in 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

Recycling—Next Date: March 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 parking lot

BLUE BARRELS: March 10-11

Senior's Magazine Survey. The Office of Communications of the Diocese of Toledo will publish a special magazine later this year, specifically for the enjoyment of senior parishioners. Our Communications department won a grant from the National Catholic Society of Foresters to underwrite some of the cost of publication and distribution - so it will be a FREE publication. There is a survey for senior parishioners to use to voice their preferences on the contents of the magazine. We truly appreciate your input. Paper copies of the survey are available from the Parish Center office. Please note that questions with an asterisk (*) require a response to complete the survey. **The deadline for survey completion is Wednesday, March 7th, when all responses must be returned to the Diocese.** Thank you, in advance, for your participation! Additional questions can be sent to Nancy Cooke, Communications Marketing Specialist, ncooke@toledodiocese.org or call 419.244.6711 at ext. 4876.

50th Year Wednesday Noon Lenten Service at First United Methodist Church, 12 N. Diamond St., at 12:05 pm. on March 7. Rev. Jared Ruari. 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. 9 & 16. Doors open at 5:00pm until sold out. Call 419.589.2114 for more information.

Teens Encounter Christ Applications for TEC, or Teens Encounter Christ, are now available in the parish office. Ladies' TEC is taking place March 10-12 and 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.

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!

Senior Girls Scholarship. The Catholic Women's Club of St. Juan Diego Deanery is announcing a Scholarship for \$500 to be

KEEP HOLY THE SABBATH

There's no better way to deepen our Lenten practice than to review the Ten Commandments. The first three, having to do with our right relationship to God, get the most ink. The one we busy people probably have the most problem with is keeping holy the Sabbath.

If we take this commandment literally, babies will go undiapered and dishes will stay on the table, or perhaps meals will not be served. The sick will go unattended and nothing that has anything to do with physical labor will be done. Is mental labor really work? How about changing that dirty diaper (poor baby!)?

We need to depend on God to discern how to observe real Sabbath time in our lives. The point of this commandment is that God has given us a great gift: one whole day per week when we are free to rest, worship God, sing, feast, love, and rejoice. As Psalm 19 proclaims: "The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul: (Ps. 19:8). Our Sabbath rest is a great gift, to be received from God with joy, not with nitpicking.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

If your parish is reading from Year B of the Lectionary today, and not Year A, as is normally done when there are elect present for the scrutinies and preparing for Easter baptism, you hear about Jesus driving the money-changers from the temple. If you wished to get as close as possible to this site today, you would in fact be at a Muslim shrine, the Dome of the Rock, built on the ruins of Herod's temple. Archaeologists believe that this striking, gold-domed crown of a shrine is set precisely where the Holy of Holies once was. Jews believe that the rock is the exact spot where Abraham was prepared to sacrifice Isaac. It is not a mosque, as some think, but a shrine, the oldest one in the Muslim world. For them, the rock is the place from which the Prophet Mohammed ascended on a visit to heaven. The Crusaders mistook the shrine for the actual Temple of Solomon, and the infamous Knights Templar used it as their headquarters and model for their churches elsewhere. The geometric perfection of the shrine is a mathematician's dream. The inscriptions are not exactly hospitable though, since they encourage Christians to "depart from error" and declare that "Jesus son of Mary was only a messenger of God." In ancient times, those who prayed here after walking around the rock were given a

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — God gives the law through Moses (Exodus 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]).

Psalm — Lord, you have the words of everlasting life (Psalm 19).

Second Reading — We proclaim Christ crucified (1 Corinthians 1:22-25).

Gospel — Many began to believe in Jesus' name when they saw the signs he was doing (John 2:13-25).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14

The English translation of the Psalm Responses from Lectionary for Mass (c)

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE



Today's gospel says Jesus chased the merchants out of the temple. It doesn't say he was angry. Jesus teaches us to act from conviction and not from anger. He didn't condemn the merchants, only their business practice. Attack the behavior and not the person.

~By Bud Ozar

This week's cover art: Jesus casting out the money changers at the temple (Wikimedia Commons)

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