

SAINT PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

FEBRUARY 24, 2019



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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: 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 eight 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*

Deacon:

Mr. John Reef

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

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MASS INTENTIONS**Monday, February 25, Weekday**

5:00 pm Rosary

5:30 pm Parish

Tuesday, February 26, Weekday

7:00 am Richard and Alma Hite

4:00 pm Waterford Mass

Wednesday, February 27, Weekday

7:00 am Parish

Thursday, February 28, Weekday

7:00 am Paula Renie

9:30 am Parish, Jr/HS Mass

Friday, March 1, Weekday

5:00 pm Rosary

5:30 pm Parish

Saturday, March 2, Vigil of the Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm Florence Kastelic

Sunday, March 3, Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am Parish

9:30 am Mary Cetinich-Sipes

11:30 am Fr. Chris Bazar

LECTOR/COMMUNION MINISTER**Saturday, March 2**5:00 pm **L** C Taddeo, B Rader**D** V Zack, B Linkenbach, C Sgambellone,
T Hipp, D Hipp, B Nihei**Sunday, March 3**7:30 am **L** B Danuloff, J Kennedy**D** M Collet, D Givens, K Reindl, K Reindl,
L Danuloff, K Randall9:30 am **L** P Kastelic, M Meinzer**D** S Weber, T Baker, J Brennan, D Forster,
T Etzwiler, K Wehinger, A Harraman,
D Dreskler11:30 am **L** C Mears, T Malec**D** K Yockey, H Deel, F Leitenberger, T Fesler,
S Elliott, S Rizzo, K Speck, C Mears**MASS SERVERS****Saturday, March 2**

5:00 pm E Cavanaugh, J Westwood, Z Daniels

Sunday, March 3

7:30 am J Ramey, A Gasper, S Tridico

9:30 am N Osborne, M Osborn, C Peters

11:30 am K Elliott, C Fesler, E Fesler

THE CHILDRENS LITURGY OF THE WORD

9:30 am Heather

11:30 am Sarah

As I write this, I am home riding out the final lingering effects of whatever flu virus has been making the rounds over the last couple of months. It's been more than a little aggravating that after staying home in January to recuperate from knee replacement surgery I went back to work for only one day and came down with a virus! But the upside of a long time out of work for medical reasons is being able to watch and experience the Body of Christ in action these last several weeks.

Today's Gospel reading is one of the more well-known places where Jesus tells us in no uncertain terms how we should act if we are to be his followers. Everything Jesus tells us in the Gospel today can be boiled down to one small word: LOVE. The way Jesus tells us to practice love is pretty radical, too. Give without expectation of return; do good to those who hate and persecute you; offer more than what you're asked to offer; and love even those who don't love you. The worldly way of looking at things doesn't allow for such paradox. In the worldly view, self-interest trumps any of the needs of others. In the worldly view everyone who isn't in our own little circle can just be left to their own devices and destinies.

As followers of Jesus, we can generally acknowledge the demands he makes of us, but theory and practice are two different things entirely. Today's Gospel points us to the place where the rubber meets the road, so to speak. It is only when we actively put Jesus' commandments into practice that we truly manifest our discipleship. We are only truly his followers when our love is transformed from an idea into action. The verb 'to love' is not a passive thing. Nor is it merely the emotional stirrings we feel in the first flush of joy that it inspires. To love is, simply, to act. Love is an action, not a condition.

These past several weeks have given me the chance to experience the love of the Body of Christ in real ways. I've never been someone who is comfortable letting others do things for me. I have a mean self-reliant streak and I always prefer to be on the active, giving side rather than on the receiving end. Of course, you don't get around very well after knee replacement. It's just a fact. So you had better be ready to ask for help and to let others do things for you. It's not always an easy lesson to learn. That's the upside I mentioned.

As followers of Jesus we have the opportunity to see it both ways: as givers of love who choose to act to serve others, and as receivers of love who try to be humble enough to accept it when it is presented to us. Both of these are necessary to our fullest growth as disciples. When we act in love toward others, the Body of Christ is built up and strengthened. When we receive in humility with open hearts and hands the love of Christ, the Body of Christ is built up. We learn to lay down our lives and to take them up again as they are transformed by the love of Christ.

Finally, the ultimate hallmark of the genuine Christian can be summed up in the words found in the Acts of the Apostles, when people in Jerusalem first observed and marveled at the lives of the earliest Christians: "See how they love each other!" And to all those in this Parish Family who have helped me with meals, transportation, errands, carrying the load at Masses, moral support, friendship and encouragement and especially with prayer, I want to express my deepest gratitude. I thank God for all of you! "See how they love each other, indeed!" My prayer for this Parish is always that we may choose to act in love that the world will see Jesus in our actions! God bless you!

Bill Johnson

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH*Prayer Requests*

Rose Mary Lang-Martin, Debbie Ashley, Mike Payton, Bill Ruhl, Jeannie Burkhalter, Krista Marshall, Aaron Blank, Don Blank, Theresa Prendergast, Cindy Lassen, Dina Riley, Eliana Nelson, MaKaya Butler, Mildred Corbin, Julie Krouse, Ken Kayden, John Henney, Theresa Schmidt, Paige Divelbiss, Maria Loschinkohl, Sharon Valdry, Carol Pittenger, Sherry Studer, John Ziegler, Marlene Ziegler, Kim Rucker, Jess Allred, Dorothy Trinter, Marti Selby, JoAnn Marbaugh, Baby Greyden Jack, Gwen Yockey, Mary Ann Switzer, Louise Stegall, Tammy Dudley, Keith Combs, Mady Ziegler, Elaine Johnson, Cindy Jasnek Cartier, Mabis Strauser, Larry Barrick, Sandy Barrick, Adeline Cameron, Christopher Holt, John Kocher, Jeannine Klotz, Ellen Weirich, Jenny Galante, Steve Freer, Mel Switzer.

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...

Arleen "Jackie" Plew

Sidney "Sid" Foltz

Theresa Prendergast

Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord.

**MANSFIELD CHURCHES UNITE FOR "MARCH OF PRAYER"**

Thirty-one Mansfield churches are taking turns hosting an evening of prayer during the month of March to pray for our city, for unity in diversity, for insight to serve the many needs of our local community. See the insert in next week's bulletin and the posters at our church entrances. Our parish will host this event Monday, March 4, following 5:30 Mass. Please come to pray together and to experience this powerful prayer opportunity.

MANSFIELD DOWNTOWN CHURCH LENTEN NOON SERVICE

First United Methodist Church, 12 N. Diamond Street ("downtown on the square") will host the 51st Year Wednesday Noon Lenten Service each Wednesday of Lent beginning Ash Wednesday, March 6. Plan to attend as often as possible to pray with other Mansfield churches. Rev. Paul Lintern, Pastor of St. Luke's Point of Grace, is the speaker on March 6th. Time: 12:05 to 12:30; lunch available at 12:30 (\$3 donation).

PRISON MINISTRY CORNER

Would you like to join our brothers at Richland Correctional one time this Lent for Mass or Stations of the Cross? We would welcome your presence and know you will be moved by our powerful faith community.

Contact Lynne soon to discuss details - 419-524-2572 or lukach.lynne@myspartans.org.

ST. PETER'S COMMUNITY FORUM QUARTERLY MEETING

Are you committed to supporting St. Peter's Parish and School as we begin a new year? Then join us in the church basement following 11:30 Mass today, February 24 where representatives from the Education Commission, Parents Club, Montessori Advisory Committee. The Department of Theater, Boy Scouts, the St. Peter's Parish Children & Youth Choir, Athletic Booster, Spartan Soccer, and other organization and ministries will share their plans for the winter and spring. If you represent a group related to the St. Peter's community and would like to be added to the agenda, please let us know. Following the opening presentation, we will have breakout groups in areas of interest and join together to set realistic goals for the coming year. We look forward to a productive conversation and hearing your ideas!

If you have any questions, please contact Cassandra Parente at community.forum@myspartans.org or 216.798.6306.

INTER CHURCH COUNCIL

Thank you to our parishioners who have shown interest in learning more about the Inter Church council and who are considering serving as our parish representatives with Ron Stevens. Again, we thank Patsy Saul for his many years of faithful service on this Council. St. Peter's will host the next ICC meeting - WEDNESDAY, March 13, from 10 to 11 am. Please call the Parish Center office if you are interested in attending with parishioner Ron Stevens to learn more about this group and their ecumenical efforts among the downtown Mansfield churches.

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR GIRLS

The Catholic Women's Club of the St. Juan Diego Deanery is offering a \$500.00 Scholarship to a high school girl who is planning to attend college. You do not have to be attending a Catholic high school or plan to attend a Catholic college to apply. See your youth director or the parish pastor for an application form.

SUNDAY OFFERING

Year to Date

February 8, 2019

Sunday and Holy Day Collections

Sunday Collection & Holy Day Collection:	\$520,857
Total Budgeted Sunday Collection To Date:	\$520,000
Sunday Collection Surplus/(Deficit)	\$857

School Collection

Total School Collection To Date:	\$88,651
Total Budgeted School Collection To Date:	\$105,000
School Collection Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$16,349)

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FINANCIAL UPDATE

Total Pledged:	\$2,734,169
Amount needed to reach challenge goal:	\$265,831
Payments to Date:	\$2,245,105

As of January 31, 2018

**ST. PETER'S SCHOOL****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's School admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs and athletic and other school-administered programs.

PARISH AND SCHOOL MINISTRIES

Did you know that there are many ways in which you can become more involved at St. Peter's? We are always looking for volunteers for the various ministries provided by both the parish and school. The complete list can be found on our website at mansfieldstpeters.org or by contacting the Parish Center office at 419.524.2572. Each week we will be featuring a different ministry to become involved.

This week's ministry is the Bulk Mailing help.



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WAPPNER FUNERAL**Directors & Crematory****419.522.5211****419.529.2323****ST. PETER'S SCHOOL****OPEN HOUSE**

Program begins at 1:00 p.m.

Information • Fun & Games
Meet the Staff • Building Tours**ST. PETER'S SCHOOL****"OPEN HOUSE"**

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

This is also a day 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, games, and prizes!

Grade levels: Montessori Preschool through grade 12

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.

STEUBENVILLE YOUTH CONFERENCE

We are now taking registrations for high school students to attend the Steubenville Youth Conference this year! The conference is taking place on June 14th- 16th and the cost is \$225 per person to attend which includes the conference, housing, meals, transportation and a t-shirt. This opportunity is available for anyone who will be an incoming freshman in the 2019-2020 school year through those who will be graduating in 2019. If you are interested please contact Elizabeth Wurm by March 5th at wurm.elizabeth@myspartans.org.

ADULT FAITH ENRICHMENT

Please consider taking advantage of these opportunities for spiritual growth during Lent:

1) **Thursday evening Adult Faith series - 6:30** in 4th floor Assisi Hall - **NO GREATER LOVE: A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH CHRIST'S PASSION beginning March 7**. This new series from Ascension Press presents the Biblical background to each scene in Christ's passion as we ponder many questions, including What was Jesus going through at each moment? How did the Old Testament foretell of Christ's death? Why did Christ die for us? No fee or registration.

2) Online Lenten series **Genesis to Jesus** - go at your own pace. This series presents the whole sweep of salvation history and helps us make sense of the Bible from Genesis to Jesus. By the end of Lent, we will understand the importance of Easter in light of God's unified plan for our salvation. Go to stpaulcenter.com and register for **FREE streaming of this series**.

ADULT-SIZED WHEELCHAIR NEEDED

The Jr Hi/High School is need of a wheelchair. The one currently in use is old and worn out. If you are looking for a suitable home for a wheel chair that is no longer needed, would you please consider donating it to the school? If so, please contact the HS office 419.524.2572 ext.3100. Thank you kindly!



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

We want to recognize and say a special prayer for the parishioners celebrating birthdays in March, especially those who 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 Gurski, Barbara Crawford, Clara Powell, James Quitter, Norma Dorsey, Barbara Olivieri, Betty Scharl, Janis Buckey, and Harold Cope.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FRIDAY DINNERS 5:30—7:30 PM

Please RSVP at 419.529.5532 or sign up at the club for Friday dinners.

March 1—Rick's Wings

March 8, 15, 22, 29 & April 5, 12—FISH DINNERS



RECYCLING—NEXT DATE: MARCH 8, 2019



10:00 am—11:00 am & 2:00 pm—4:00 pm

(Every 2nd Friday of the month) in the FAC parking lot

BLUE BARRELS: March 9 & 10

ST. PETERS CHILDREN AND YOUTH CHOIR

The St. Peter's Children and Youth Choir was re-established in October 2018 under the direction of Bill Johnson and Shannon Ball. At present we have 15 children and youth of St. Peter's parish and community that are member of the choir. We are excited and overjoyed with the response thus far and that is why we want to encourage ANY child/youth ages 5-18 from all area schools and parishes to join us. The only requirement is that all involved want to have fun singing and worshiping the Lord. Rehearsals are on Monday evenings from 5:30—6:30pm and we have Masses scheduled to sing in March, April, May and June. Feel free to contact Bill Johnson (Johnson.bill@myspartans.org) or Shannon Ball (shannonball80@yahoo.com) with any questions.

"Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." Mark 10:14

A HUGE THANK YOU!



A huge "Thank You" to Rosemary and Jim Quitter and also Patsy and Rose Saul as they "retire" this month from washing all the towels and purificators for the church.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Ushers are needed at 11:30 Mass. This is a great way to serve the church and greet parishioners. Contact Harry Baker at 419.756.2699 or Dave Barber at 419.884.7127 for more information.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Catholic Charities is seeking volunteers for various work areas: volunteer guardians, H.O.P.E. Food pantry, clerical/office/reception. If you are available for a couple of hours a week your help is greatly appreciated! Without our volunteers, we would not be able to serve the many needs of the community. We appreciate any amount of time you are able to give and we thank you for your support. Please contact Pam Sellards at 419.524.0733 x 235 or psellards@toledodiocese.org.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - IT'S A MYSTERY



"It's A Mystery" is coming to St. Peter's from July 8—July 11, 2019. Those who are 3-10 years of age are eligible to attend. Registration forms will be available in the next month, but please mark your calendars and plan to attend and have a great week with us!

Vacation Bible School takes place from 9:00—11:30 am daily.

Dynamic Catholic Marriage Event with Dr. Allen Hunt at St. Mary's in Mansfield. Hunt is one of the great emerging Catholic voices of our time. For more than 20 years he has been helping couples develop, nurture, and grow dynamic marriages. His incredible story of how he became Catholic is presented in his bestselling book "Confessions of a Mega Church Pastor". His other titles include "Everybody Needs to Forgive Somebody", "Dreams for your Grandchild", and "Nine Words". For more information or to register: dynamiccatholic.com/events/passion-and-purpose-for-marriage.

Catholic Womens Club The next luncheon will be Wednesday March 13. Luncheon will be at Brown Derby in Ontario at 12 noon. All members of the St. Juan Diego Deanery are invited. If you are new, we encourage you to join us and get to know the Catholic women in the area. Call Kathy Wukela 419.522.5321 or Sue Konz 419.756.512. Reservations must be made by March 8 before 12 noon. Looking forward to meeting new members.

Choosing To Be Catholic Retreat Young adults aged 22-19 join us for an overnight retreat to encounter & reflect on the Catholic faith on March 23 at 10:00 am—March 24 at 4:30 pm. Immaculate Conception Parish Center, 189 Church St., Ottoville, OH. Cost is \$43.50, please register at https://www.charis.org/ctbc_2019_toledo.html. For more information send message to charisdioceseoftoledo@gmail.com or call Sr. Teresita Richards, Vocation Dir. For the Sisters of Notre Dame at 419.277.5184.

1 on 1 Lenten Faith Sharing for young adults ages 20-39 consider making the Lenten Journey with a religious brother, sister or priest as a faith sharing partner! Meet four times during Lent via *facetime*, *whatsapp* or *messenger video*. For more information or to register contact: 1on1sharing@SND1.org. Please register by February 27, 2019.

Ava Maria University Seeking Volunteer Football Scouts Do you enjoy High School football? Would you like to help Catholic High School students in your area have an opportunity to attend an authentic Catholic university & play football? If so, Ave Maria University (AMU) could use your help! AMU is developing a volunteer scout network in the Diocese of Toledo to help identify Catholic football players from all schools (public/private/Catholic) in the Diocese. Generous scholarships are available. For more details contact Dr. Gary Jackson, Toledo Scout Coordinator, at gjackson@avemariafoundation.org or 734.516.9615.

DO NO HARM

We listen quite a while before we get to the “punch line” of the first reading today: even though it would be an easy thing to do, David will not harm the anointed one of the Lord. We, of course, know that Jesus is the Messiah, the anointed one of God, but the Bible uses this term for many different people. It is scripture’s way of indicating who has been chosen by God for a special place and mission in salvation history.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus presents a greatly enlarged list of those who, as children of God, we should not harm, but love instead: our enemies, those who curse us or do us harm, those who owe us money, the ungrateful, the wicked. The point of Jesus’ teaching is not to encourage these kinds of behaviors in others, but rather to form us in the image of our heavenly Father by increasing our opportunities to love unconditionally, expecting no return; to be merciful and forgiving, even when it would be easier not to.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

When the Roman Empire turned a favorable eye toward the once-persecuted Christians, among the effects was a population explosion in the baptismal font, as Christian sympathizers stepped from the shadows. With more and more people becoming Christians, laws were passed to protect Sunday as a work-free day. Soon, it became possible to celebrate Mass later in the morning, rather than the older custom of gathering before dawn to celebrate Eucharist. Amazingly, despite the increasing numbers of Christians, there was great resistance to adding to the number of worship events; the Eucharist that began as a few friends around a table soon was transformed into a more formal event with throngs crowding a large hall. All the Christians in a city or town would gather around the bishop for the one Sunday Eucharist, and only when the crowds became unmanageable was there an impulse to divide the assembly by splitting off a new bishop and flock.

Now, sixteen hundred years later, many parishes see a need to trim or combine Mass schedules. This is often seen as tough surgery. Yet our forebears in the faith would see it as a gain: a filling up of the Eucharist with a large and vigorous assembly, a fullness of ministry, an opportunity to make the Church more fully visible and stronger for service.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — David found Saul in a deep sleep, but would not harm him (1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23).

Psalm — The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103).

Second Reading — We shall bear the image of the heavenly Adam (1 Corinthians 15:45-49).

Gospel — Give to everyone who asks of you. Lend expecting nothing back (Luke 6:27-38).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40;
Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: Sir 4:11-19; Ps 119:165, 168, 171, 172, 174, 175;
Mk 9:38-40

Thursday: Sir 5:1-8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mk 9:41-50

Friday: Sir 6:5-17; Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35;
Mk 10:1-12

Saturday: Sir 17:1-15; Ps 103:13-18; Mk 10:13-16

Sunday: Sir 27:4-7; Ps 92:2-3, 13-16; 1 Cor 15:54-58;
Lk 6:39-45

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