SAINT PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH MARCH 31, 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

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 1, Lenten Weekday

5:00 pm Rosary

5:30 pm Mary A. Miller

Tuesday, April 2, Lenten Weekday

7:00 am Parish

Wednesday, April 3, Lenten Weekday

7:00 am Parish

Thursday, April 4, Lenten Weekday

7:00 am William, Dorothy, Jeff Alt

9:30 am Parish, All School Mass

Friday, April 5, Lenten Weekday

5:00 pm Stations of The Cross

5:30 pm Agnes Contra Brucato

Saturday, April 6, Vigil of the Fifth Sunday of Lent

5:00 pm Louise and Fred Jurgens

Sunday, April 7, Fifth Sunday of Lent

7:30 am Parish

9:30 am Meadows Family

11:30 am Paul (Gene) Ludwig

LECTOR/COMMUNION MINISTER

Saturday, April 6

5:00 pm L K Cannon, H Eighinger

D D Falquette, M Joyce, B Linkenbach, V Zack, D Hipp, T Hipp

Sunday, April 7

7:30 am **L** J Kennedy, M Santoro

D M Collet, A Holloway, L Danuloff, B Danuloff, P Taylor, K Reindl, K Reindl

9:30 am L M Ambrose, S Vaccaro

D D Dreskler, M Meinzer, A Harraman, T Etzwiler, J Brennan, S Weber, C Merle, T Baker

11:30 am L C Mears, K Cannon

D F Leitenberger, K Yockey, C Mears, L Strauser, S Andrews, S Rizzo, T Fesler

MASS SERVERS

Saturday, April 6

5:00 pm Z Daniels, E Holzmiller, G Dix

Sunday, April 7

7:30 am A Gasper, A Saltzgiver, S Tridico

9:30 am S Ambrose, J Ambrose, G Ambrose

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

THE CHILDRENS LITURGY OF THE WORD

9:30 am Anne/Angie 11:30 am Carla

A good friend of ours just revealed that her husband was in the beginning stages of Alzheimer's. We had already guessed this, but we were waiting for her to tell us in her own time and space. With a smile on her face she outlined the things that they could no longer do because of his diagnosis. She said that one thing he still insisted on doing is balancing their checkbook. Late at night she goes back and balances the checkbook again after he has finished, something she had never had to do because it was what he had always done. She is facing a new reality.

My mother lost her husband when he was 40 years old. He did not pass away, but rather had a massive stroke that completely incapacitated him. She was somehow able to keep him at home until he was 57, becoming a care giver to not only her four growing children but her husband as well. Until cancer set in and then he had to go to a care facility. He passed away five years after that. During those twenty years, she faced a new reality daily and it was not a situation she had anticipated.

Recently I worked with a family who, out of the blue and with horrible coincidence, both parents lost their jobs. Their savings account dwindled, they lost their life insurance and their home all while still raising a young family. I have heard that both have now found other jobs, in fields that are a far cry from the ones they were trained in. They have a new reality, and I am sure not one they would have chosen if given the chance.

Sometimes I think that people get it wrong. God never promised us that life was going to be easy. In fact, I think he may have implied the exact opposite. If you watch the news, it is easy to think that some people have it easier than others. In reality all of us have had to face a new reality at some point. It might be a diagnosis of diabetes or cancer, a change of jobs or the loss of a loved one. Realities are very hard, and it takes strong people to face them no matter how small or large. The common thread that I have seen in people who have faced what might be termed as insurmountable realities is that they had faith, hope, love and strength.

There is a saying that God does not push you farther than you can go or give you more than you can handle. I personally hate that saying because I don't think it is comforting to people in times of "new realities". At the same time it speaks to the fact that God knows us, he knows what he created and the strength and love that lies within.

A perfect time to look at our realities is the season of Lent. Christ shows us an overwhelming example of facing new realities with fortitude and love as he walked the road to his death, but continued to give to those around him. Many of us may have failed in similar circumstances, not only physically but spiritually and mentally. He gives us the example of how to face those hardships in our lives, because as beings created in his image, he knows we can do it.

Elizabeth Wurm

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

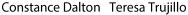


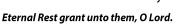
Mike Payton, Bill Ruhl, Jeannie Burkhalter, Krista Marshall, Aaron Blank, Don Blank, Cindy Lassen, Prayer Requests Dina Riley, Eliana Nelson, MaKaya Butler, Mildred

Corbin, Julie Krouse, Sharon Valdry, Ken Kayden, John Theresa Schmidt, Paige Divelbiss, Maria Henney, Loschinkohl, 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 and Mel Switzer, Louise Stegall, Tammy Dudley, Keith Combs, Mady Ziegler, Elaine Johnson, Cindy Jasnek Cartier, Jeannine Klotz, Marilyn B. Williamson, Rex Linkenbach, John Kocher, Doris Jean Gates, Gladys Beal, Paula Harber, Vanessa Ragozzine.

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...







CHURCH REGULATIONS REGARDING FAST & ABSTINENCE

Abstinence from meat (beast or fowl) is to be observed by all Catholics fourteen years old and older on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays of Lent. This obligation prohibits the eating of meat, but not eggs, milk products, or condiments of any kind, even though made from animal fat.

Fasting means limiting oneself to one full meal on a given fast day. Catholics who are eighteen years of age but not yet fifty -nine are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On fast days, two additional smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength. However, the two smaller meals together may not equal one full meal. Moreover, eating solid foods between meals on fast days is not permitted. The exception, of course, would be those under physicians care, in which case an individual is encouraged to do another form of penance.

PRISON MINISTRY CORNER



Our Catholic brothers at Richland Correctional who are involved in the re-integration programs involving knitting and crocheting send their deepest thanks for all the donations from our parish. The plastic grocery bags are woven into portable sleeping mats for the homeless. The yarn is used for a variety of items including hats, scarves, blankets, and stuffed animals; these items are given to first responders and other community programs involving traumatized children. There is a need for more crochet hooks—PLASTIC only. Mark any donations "Prison" or "Lynne" and bring to the Parish Center during business hours. Thank you so much!

FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018 AUDIT UPDATE

I am pleased to report to you that St. Peter's has received the final audit report, dated February 6, 2019, from the William Vaughn Company, confirming that their work at St. Peter's is complete as it relates to fiscal year 2017-2018.

The eight page final report noted that the auditors encountered no apparent problems relating to internal controls, procedures, or accounting practices, and that St. Peter's is in compliance with the policies & procedures as they are defined by the Diocese of Toledo. The audit report recommended five correcting journal entries which, after being made, changed the operating net income of St. Peter's Parish from positive \$16,718 to negative \$16,652. This audit represents our best effort to remain in compliance with the policies set forth by the Diocese of Toledo, as well as our commitment to present accurate information to you, the St. Peter's Community. The reception of this report is especially significant considering that St. Peter's has not, in more than a decade, received a full audit.

We will continue to receive audits annually and expect that process to begin for the current fiscal year (2018-2019) as soon the year ends.

Respectfully yours in Christ,

Evan Mumea

CATHOLIC WOMENS CLUB

The next luncheon will be Wednesday, April 10, 2019. Luncheon will be at Brown Derby in Ontario at 12:00 noon. All members of parishies in 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. Please call Kathy Wukela at 419.522.5321 or Jo Ann Barlow at 419.774.0952. Reservations must be made by April 5, 2019 before 12 noon. Looking forward to meeting new members.

SUNDAY OFFERING



Year to Date March 15, 2019

\$11,828

Sunday and Holy Day Collections

Sunday Collection Surplus/(Deficit)

Sunday Collection & Holy Day Collection:	\$613,078
Total Budgeted Sunday Collection To Date:	\$601,250

School Collection

School Collection Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$18,044)
Total Budgeted School Collection To Date:	\$120,400
Total School Collection To Date:	\$102,356

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FINANCIAL UPDATE



Total Pledged:	\$2,730,824
Amount needed to reach challenge goal:	\$269,175
Payments to Date:	\$2,252,207

As of March 4, 2019

ST. PETER'S SCHOOL



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 schooladministered programs.

THANK YOU KINDLY!!

The JH/HS is no longer looking for adult-sized wheelchairs, our need has been graciously fulfilled. Thank you so kindly to our donors for their generous gift!

2019 EASTER BAKE SALE

Easter Bake Sale is April 16-17. Candy making this week on Tuesday and Wednesday beginning at 8:00 am in the Franciscan Center. Tuesday we make molded candy, cream eggs, etc. Wednesday we finish dipping eggs in chocolate, we price and package. Mostly sit down jobs and we need lots of helpers. Proceeds from sale buys wine, hosts, etc. used in sacramental celebrations. Raffle items needed. Please call Joanne at 567.274.7954.



Leaning Tower of Pizza 419.525.3462

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

- Galion, St. Joseph—Thursday, April 4, 6:30 pm
- Bethlehem, Sacred Heart—Sunday, April 14, 3:00 pm.

HOLY WEEK LITURGIES—ST. PETER'S

Palm Sunday—April 19, 2019 Blessing and distribution of palms and Proclamation of the Lord's Passion at all Masses.

SACRED TRIDUUM

- Holy Thursday—April 18, 2019 7:00 pm—Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, Presentation of the Holy Oils, Washing of Feet, Eucharistic Procession 8:00 pm—Midnight, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 11:30 pm—Compline (Night Prayer) for Holy Thursday
- Good Friday—April 19, 2019 3:00 pm—Celebration of The Lord's Passion 7:00 pm—Stations of the Cross
 - Holy Saturday—April 20, 2019 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)
- Easter Sunday—April 21, 2019 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

April 5 at 5 pm April 12 at 5 pm April 19 at 7 pm

SORROWFUL MYSTERIES ROSARY ON MONDAYS AT 5:00 PM.

April 8 April 15 April 1

'COME SPEND 30 MINUTES WITH ME"

Holy Thursday NIGHT WATCH. . . Nocturnal Adoration begins immediately after Mass and continues until Midnight. The following groups are scheduled in the following time spots. Please come if you can, and certainly ALL PARISHIONERS are welcome to any of the times posted.

8:30—9:00 pm	Saint Peter's Choirs, Usher
9:00—9:30 pm	Funeral Lunch Teams
9:30—10:00 pm	Youth Group, Lectors
10:00—10:30 pm	Knights of Columbus, Euch

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10:30—11:00 pm Tri-Parish Rosary Prayer Group

11:00—11:30 pm **Vocations Club** 11:30—12:00 MN Liturgy Committee

ADULT FAITH ENRICHMENT

Come experience NO GREATER LOVE: A Biblical Walk through Christ's Passion each Thursday evening during Lent - 6:30 pm in Assisi Hall, 4th floor Parish Center. No. registration or fee. Make this hour a week an important part of your Lenten journey.

THE DATE—FERTILITY **AWARENESS** WORKSHOP, MAY 4, 2019

You are invited to the Diocesan Fertility Awareness Seminar being hosted at St. Joseph's Convocation Center 331 N. Thomas St., Crestline OH 44827, on Saturday, May4 from 9:00—1:00 pm. Issues being discussed are: Infertility, Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome, Endometriosis, repetitive miscarriages, painful periods, irregular periods, PMS< Postpartum depression, just to name a few. Dr. Christopher Stroud and Marilyn Shannon will be our presenters. NaPro technology is much more successful than any other methods used to achieve pregnancy. This seminar is recommended for parents, grandparents, couples, clergy, men and women of the health community, anyone interested in learning more about fertility awareness in a truly amazing and healthy way in cooperation with God's creation of the human body. See next week's bulletin for more details.

PARISH ASSESSMENT AND THE "ACA:

Some have asked the difference between what our "Parish Assessment" is for – and how this differs from our contribution to the Annual Catholic Appeal.

The parish assessment is based on 10 % of the regular Weekend Collections, plus Christmas and Easter. Every parish is assessed. For what? The "business side" of the diocese – or what some refer to as the "Temporal Goods" of the diocesan church: our Archives, the Marriage Tribunal, Human Resource services, the Chancery Office, the Pastoral Center in Toledo, Legal Risk Services, the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops (our portion of supporting the national Roman Catholic Conference), the Holy See, Communications and various Financial Services.

The Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) covers up to 75% of the costs for the pastoral and spiritual ministries of the diocese. This includes: priestly formation; permanent deacon formation; Catholic Education services to parishes; Catholic Social Services (like Catholic Charities); Youth/ Young Adult ministry; the support of our diocesan Cathedral; Parish and Family Life; and the largest percentage is dedicated to the formation and education of future priests for our diocese.

Please respond generously to the Annual Catholic **Appeal.** Our parish goal, our fair share of being a part of the wider, diocesan Church, is \$55,000. And please pray for priests – that St. Peter's will always have a resident pastor.



RECYCLING—NEXT DATE: APRIL 12, 2019

BLUE BARRELS: April 13 & 14

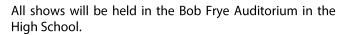
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

The St. Peter's Department of Theater and Performing Arts is excited for the 2019 Spring Musical Production of "Wizard of Oz." This show has our largest cast to date with over 75 cast members. Come see Dorothy stroll down the Yellow Brick Road! Show dates will be:

Friday March 29 and April 5 at 7:00 pm

Saturday March 30 and April 6 at 7:00 pm

Sunday March 31 and April 7 at 3:00 pm



"It's not WHERE YOU GO, It's WHO YOU MEET along the The Wizard of Oz

150TH SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY NOTES







The new elementary building was in full use and the redbrick high school building was deteriorating quickly. Monsignor Goebel started a building campaign in 1953 to build a new high school but he did not live to see his plans completed. So it was the next pastor, Monsignor Hebbeler, who broke ground for the new high school. In September of 1958, the new high school opened its doors to 349 students. The top two floors of the high school became the new home of the Franciscan Sisters, complete with chapel, kitchen, dining room, living room, and many bedrooms. The remaining three floors were classrooms, science labs, cafeteria, and gymnasium. An interesting photo here shows three high school boys standing on the fire escape on the red-brick high school building while they look to and can almost touch the new high school building, almost completed. Notice Crouse Street in the center of the photos.







ATTENTION: ALL SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

If you have volunteered for the school in any capacity this school year, you are cordially invited to a breakfast in your honor to be held in the High School cafeteria on Thursday April 11, from 7:45—9:00 am. Following the breakfast, there will be Mass in the church at 9:30 am with special, reserved seating for the school volunteers.

Mansfield Downtown Church Lenten Noon Service, First United Methodist Church, 12 N. Diamond Street, call 419.522.8623, ("Downtown on the Square") will host the 51st Year Wednesday Noon Lenten Service each Wednesday of Lent. Time: 12:05 to 12:30; lunch available at 12:30, \$3 donation.

<u>Knights of Columbus Friday Dinners, 5:30-7:30 pm.</u> Please RSVP at 419.529.5532 or sign up at the club, 1114 Park Ave. West, for Friday Fish dinners. The remaining dates are **April 5 and April 12.**

<u>Mansfield St. Mary Parish</u>, 1630 Ashland Road, is hosting a Fish Fry dinner on April 5 and April 12. Serving begins at 5:00pm. \$10 adults, \$5 Children.

<u>Crestline Knights of Columbus Fish Fry Season!</u> Come and enjoy deep fried or baked fish served with a baked potato, two sides, dinner roll, and drink. Dine In or Carry Out. Adults-\$9; Children 12 & under-\$4. Fridays in Lent—April 5 and 12, 5:00-7:00 pm. St. Joseph Catholic School, 333 N Thoman St., Crestline OH 44827. Proceeds benefit St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School, phone 419.683.1284 for more information.

Annunciation Radio Spring Sharathon is April 2—5. Win a VIP PILGRIMAGE FOR TWO TO EWTN IN ALABAMA! Every caller during the Sharathon will be entered in the drawing for a 7-day/6-night all-inclusive trip with personalized tour. Be sure to call in during the 4 days of the Sharathon, as we "cut in" between segments of our regular programming to ask for your pledges. Help do your part in keeping Catholic radio going and growing, reaching souls with the beauty and truth of our Catholic faith throughout the Diocese of Toledo. Listen and call the Pledge Line at 888.215.0624 from 7am-6pm Tuesday—Friday, April 2-5. Just for calling, you could be chosen for the exclusive VIP Pilgrimage for two to EWTN! Please support Annunciation Radio.

Blood Drive in memory of Sam Tridico at St. Peter's Franciscan Activity Center, 111 W First Street, lower level entrance on Wednesday April 17 from 8am—8pm. For more information or to schedule an appointment call 800.red.cross or visit RedCrossBlood.org, sponsor code: SPHS.

<u>Volunteers for Landscape</u> and <u>Grounds keeping Help</u>. St. Peter's Parish and Schools is seeking volunteers to help with landscaping around the Parish and Schools. We are also seeking help at Spartan Fields with grounds keeping. If you are interested in helping, please contact Bob Vacarro at 419.524.2572 ext. 2140 or Vaccaro.bob@myspartans.org

GOD FORGIVES

The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have removed the reproach of Egypt from you." After forty years of wandering in the desert, this hard-headed people have finally reached the Promised Land. No more do they eat the manna in the desert, but they partake of the fruits of their new homeland. God has kept the promise to their parents in Egypt. Even though they were a sinful people, many times questioning God and even worshiping false gods, God has forgiven them and fulfilled the promise. The "take-away" for us is that there is no sin that is unforgivable. We may have offended our neighbors, given a bad example to someone, even worshiped the false gods of money and power. But God is a merciful God, true to the words spoken to us. God forgives all and calls us back to love.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today, "Laetare Sunday," breaks the somberness of Lent for a little rejoicing, and the readings all summon us to an awareness of reconciliation. One of the best-loved stories of our tradition is today's Gospel story of the runaway son and the prodigal father. Prodigal, of course, is an adjective meaning "spendthrift or extravagant to a degree bordering on recklessness," and although the boy maxes out the credit cards, it is really the father who is prodigal with forgiveness.

Part of the excitement of this Laetare Sunday is rooted in the ancient catechumenate. Long ago, midway through Lent, the "elect" were focusing more and more on the gift of reconciliation accomplished for them by Christ and about to be realized in the Easter sacraments they were preparing to celebrate. In some places, the elect were even bedecked with roses on this day. A person bedecked with roses sticks out in a crowd; a person formed by the Eucharist and committed to living a life of reconciliation does, too. That's you!

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The Israelites ate of the yield of the land of Canaan (Joshua 5:9a, 10-12) *or 1 Samuel* 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a.

Psalm — Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34) *or Psalm 23*.

Second Reading — Whoever is in Christ is a new creation (2 Corinthians 5:17-21) *or Ephesians 5:8-14*.

Gospel — This man welcomes sinners and eats with them (Luke 15:1-3, 11-32) *or John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34 -38]*.

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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: Is 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11

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