

SAINT PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

AUGUST 25, 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 - Friday: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Saturday: 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
Sunday Closed

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:

Mr. Jonathan Cuttitta
High School, Jr. High School
Mrs. Ashley Rastorfer
Elementary School and Montessori

Parish Business Manager:

Mr. Evan Mumea

Director of Development:

Mr. Jason Crundwell

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MASS INTENTIONS**Monday, August 26, Weekday**

5:00 pm Rosary

5:30 pm Peter and Daniel Gaughn

Tuesday, August 27, Saint Monica

7:00 am For the intention of Asha Dhanarajan

4:00 pm Waterford Mass

Wednesday, August 28, Saint Augustine, Bishop

7:00 am Anna Loris

Thursday, August 29, Passion of Saint John the Baptist

7:00 am Rod Reid

9:30 am All School mass

Friday, August 30, Weekday

5:00 pm Rosary

5:30 pm Harry M. Walsh

Saturday, August 31, Vigil– Twenty Second Sunday in*Ordinary Time*

5:00 pm Charles A. Massa

Sunday, September 1, Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary*Time*

7:30 am Parish

9:30 am Frank Russo

11:30 am Mary Centinich

LECTOR/COMMUNION MINISTER**Saturday, August 31**5:00 pm **L** D Falquette, B Schartl**D** B Linkenbach, K Randall, D Hipp, T Hipp,
M Joyce**Sunday, September 1**7:30 am **L** B Danuloff, D Bessemer**D** M Collet, L Simmons, L Danuloff,
A Holloway, P Taylor, K Reindl, K Reindl9:30 am **L** S Vaccaro, T Studer**D** B Genter, K Wehinger, D Dreskler, T Baker,
S Weitzel, F Schuster, R Sliney, M Meinzer11:30 am **L** S Andrews, F Leitenberger**D** K Speck, S Rizzo, T Fesler, L Strauser,
S Elliott, C Mears, J Wendling**MASS SERVERS****Saturday, August 31**

5:00 pm J Westwood, S Ambrose, G Ambrose

Sunday, September 1

7:30 am A Gasper, J Ramey

9:30 am B Ball, E Lindsey, N Lindsey

11:30 am D Stanford, C Schenkelberg, E Henderson

A new school year is upon us, and I'm still a little surprised I have a fourth-grader in my home. However, I'm always reminded on Sunday mornings of my quickly growing children when it comes to the battle of getting them up for Mass every weekend.

"I don't want to go," and "Why do we have to go every week," are common Sunday morning phrases in my house. This summer we've changed up where we've gone to Mass, and the promise of donuts or pancakes have helped somewhat. I know that as children get older, they start to question their faith more. I know I went through a phase where I was "going to Mass", but wandered around the church basement.

I don't want him to be one of the many young adults who decide to leave the faith when he has the freedom to do so. So many have chosen that route over the past couple of decades, I'm sure nearly every family has been touched by one.

We can learn some of the answers from the book *"Going, Going, Gone, the Dynamics of Disaffiliation by Young Catholics,"* by Saint Mary's Press of Minnesota. In 2015 the publisher commissioned a survey about young adults who were raised Catholic, but who no longer identify as Catholic.

The reasons why they have left the Church are quite varied, but the study did find some common themes. Two that stood out for me were that individuals believed that religion was forced upon them by their families, and that one can believe in God and live a moral life without organized religion.

So how does that relate to us as parishioners and parents? I've realized in preparation for this article that I need to do a better job of explaining why going to Mass every week is essential. What can we do as a parish community to demonstrate our faith better – especially to those who have become dissatisfied?

I think back to one time when someone asked if it was okay to attend a service. My boilerplate answer was, "You are always welcome, and our doors are open." However, I could have done more to encourage them, even to the point of joining our family one weekend at Mass.

I bet a majority of those who attend Mass regularly have had a friend who has invited them to their more contemporary non-denominational church. There is a reason those churches are growing and asking their friends to attend is the starting point.

The challenge is for us to look for ways to model what contemporary churches do without compromising the core beliefs of our faith. One of the many reasons people convert to our faith is because they believe in the real presence of the Body and Blood of Christ in the Eucharist. What can we do as a parish to help support our clergy? How can we encourage more people to become more involved in parish life outside of Sunday Mass?

Unfortunately, there is no easy solution. We all have to be active participants and recruiters to our faith community.

Jason Crundwell, Director of Development and Alumni Relations

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH



Mike Payton, Bill Ruhl, Jeannie Burkhalter, Krista Marshall, Aaron Blank, Don Blank, Cindy Lassen, Dina Riley, Eliana Nelson, MaKaya Butler, Mildred Corbin, Sharon Valdry, Ken Kayden, John Henney, Theresa Schmidt, Paige Divelbiss, Maria Loschinkohl, Carol Pittenger, Sherry Studer, John Ziegler, Marlene Ziegler, Kim Rucker, 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, Helen Philpott, Kathryn Keil, Paul Schopp, Tom Powell, Sharon Berger, George Elish, John Kocher, Dana Henry, Michael Krempel, George Elish, Chief Master Sergeant, Joseph Basting, Sarah Basting, Peggy Basting Taylor, Anton Klupp.

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...

Robert MacDonald



Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord.

PASTORAL CARE MINISTERS

Our Pastoral Care team is looking for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to visit patients at OhioHealth Mansfield and residents at Wedgewood Estates. Any all ready commissioned Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion interested in visiting should contact Kristi Reindl at 419.524.2572 ext. 2122 or email reindl.kristi@myspartans.org.

PRISON MINISTRY CORNER



Pope Francis has a special place in his heart for men and women in prison. He was a frequent visitor to prisoners when he lived in Argentina, a practice he continues as pope. He continues to make phone calls to people imprisoned in Argentina, and he finds time to read and reply to letters written to him from prisoners all over the world. Wherever he travels, Pope Francis makes sure to visit people in prison. After his visits, Pope Francis thinks: "Why is this person there and I am not, seeing that we share the same weaknesses? This is a mystery that makes me pray and makes me draw close to inmates." Our St. Peter's Prison Ministry team members understand this connection. Our faith grows as we journey with our brothers in our local prisons. We invite our fellow parishioners, especially men, to join us - even once - to experience this special faith community. Call Lynne at the Parish Center - 419-524-2572.

A NEW LOOK FOR OUR DEACONS:

Effective August 10, 2019, the Feast of St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr, Bishop Thomas has given permission to the deacons of the Diocese of Toledo, if they so choose, to wear a gray clerical shirt when they are exercising their diaconal ministry in the Diocese. The Bishop's permission comes in response to a recommendation made by the Diocesan Deacon Council. The permission to wear clerical attire in ministerial settings, if the deacon so chooses, is meant to assist the deacon as a visible sign of his ministry of service and to help the faithful recognize the role of deacons in the life of the Church. Deacons are members of the Catholic clergy. The wearing of the gray clerical shirt is strictly optional on the part of the deacon.

ACA (ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL) UPDATE:

To date, St. Peter's Parish has pledged \$35,463.50 of our \$55,000 goal. To date, this represents 64.48% of our share to the diocesan appeal. This represents gifts from 274 households.

Please prayerfully consider your gift to this year's appeal. Seminarians from our diocese (including Hayden Eighinger, who will be attending Mt. St. Mary of the West, Cincinnati, Ohio as a seminarian for the Toledo diocese, and who spoke at all Masses two weekends ago) are the future priests of our parishes. Without your help, the number of vocations serving our parishes is in jeopardy. ACA also supports our schools, our religious education programs, the permanent diaconate and outreach to those in need. Please consider your gift today, and return your pledge card. Thank you!

HAPPY 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY TO PARISHIONERS, PAUL AND KATY WEHINGER. GOD HAS BLESSED YOU, AND WE PRAY HIS BLESSINGS WILL CONTINUE!

SUNDAY OFFERING



*Year to Date
August 9, 2019*

Sunday and Holy Day Collections

Sunday Collection & Holy Day Collection:	\$91,677
Total Budgeted Sunday Collection To Date:	\$96,600
Sunday Collection Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$4,923)

School Collection

Total School Collection To Date:	\$15,234
Total Budgeted School Collection To Date:	\$16,800
School Collection Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$1,566)

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FINANCIAL UPDATE



Cash Available for Auditorium		\$319,024
Stage One Cash Goal:		\$370,000
Amount Needed for project to begin:		\$50,975
Uncollected Pledges:		\$160,071

As of July 29, 2019



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 and Acting Elementary School Principal
419.524.2572 ext. 4101
- Mr. Jonathan Cuttitta – Acting 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.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION, POP TABS AND GARBAGE BAGS

Please keep saving Box Tops For Education and Pop Tabs. These can be turned in to the Parish Center or High School Offices. And, we still sell Garbage Bags from the Yellow Bag People in the Parish Center.

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.



Andrew M. Gast, D.D.S.
419.522.1837

MUSIC IN THE AIR!

Summer is already flying by and we will soon be ready for the start of a new music season at St. Peter's. The **St. Peter's Traditional Choir will continue its 50th Anniversary Season** with rehearsals beginning on September 5, 2019, at 7:00 PM. In addition to their usual performances at Christmas Midnight Mass, Holy Week and the Easter Masses, this year's Choir will also perform the annual Lessons and Carols for Advent, featuring our newly refurbished organ, and, in celebration of the 175th Anniversary of our Parish, a springtime performance of the *Magnificat* and the *Requiem* by renowned composer John Rutter. If you have ever thought you'd like to be part of the Music Ministry at St. Peter's, now's the time! We're recruiting new singers to join us and if you can sing, we need you! We rehearse on Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm and perform most usually at the Sunday 11:30 Mass.

If you're not really keen on a traditional style choir, why not consider trying the Parish **Handbell Choir** (rehearsals beginning September 4, 2019) or the Parish **Contemporary Ensemble** (rehearsals going on now)? The Bell Choir can always use additional ringers — the ability to count and some rudimentary musical reading ability are useful for this group. The Contemporary Ensemble is always in need of additional singers, and if you can play the guitar or other select instruments, so much the better!

If you have children aged between Kindergarten and 12th grade, the **Children's Choir** is also looking for more singers.

Call the Parish Music Office at (419)-524-2572, ext. 2113, for more information about any of these musical opportunities.

OPEN TEACHING POSITIONS

St. Peters School has open teaching positions for full time Algebra and English and part time Theology in the Junior High and High School.

Qualified candidates will have prior experience teaching the subject matter to similar aged students. All candidates must hold a current Ohio teaching license or be in the process of obtaining a license. Special consideration will be given to candidates with familiarity with ODE standards for education. Additionally, preference will be shown to current practicing Catholics and those who demonstrate strong understanding of the Catholic faith and commitment to Church teachings. All candidates must have or be able to obtain BCI and FBI background checks as well as complete the Diocese of Toledo VIRTUS program if hired.

These positions are either full-time or part-time salaried position with a contract for the 2019-2020 school year. Salary will be commensurate with experience. Competitive benefits are offered to all full-time employees including tuition discounts for school age dependents.

Interested candidates should email their cover letter, resume and other relevant documentation to Jon Cuttitta, Acting High School Principal, at cuttitta.jon@myspartans.org.

ADULT FAITH ENRICHMENT

All are welcome to our upcoming Adult Faith course entitled **ROMANS: The Gospel of Salvation**. We will meet Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. in Assisi Hall, Parish Center 4th floor, beginning Sept. 26.

RCIA - RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

The RCIA is a process for adults who are non-baptized, baptized in another Christian church, or baptized Catholic who have not yet celebrated the sacraments of Confirmation **and** Eucharist and are interested in becoming fully initiated in the Catholic Church. You - or someone you know - may have the desire to become fully Catholic. Please call the **Parish Office** at **419-524-2572** for information on beginning or completing the initiation process. We also receive requests from individuals interested in knowing more about the Catholic faith, with or without the intention of becoming a member. You are also welcome to join the RCIA process by calling the above number.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

PSR or Parish School of Religion will be beginning again in September! This is a program that is dedicated to all youth of Saint Peter's Parish, who are not otherwise enrolled in a parochial school, from preschool to twelfth grade. Our classes meet on Wednesday nights from 6:00- 7: 30 p.m. Included in this program is sacramental preparation for those wishing to receive the Sacrament of First Eucharist (generally second grade) or Confirmation (generally seventh grade). **Parents: Children anticipating First Eucharist and Confirmation are required to attend all classes and parent sessions, per Diocesan policy.** We also have a program for those under 18 who would like to enter the Church. If you are in need of more information, or would like to register, please contact Elizabeth Wurm, wurm.elizabeth@myspartans.org or call the Parish Office.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

St. Peter's annual Mass with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be Sunday, September 22 at 2:00 p.m. in the church. This beautiful Mass offers the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick to those with acute or chronic illnesses and those with other physical or emotional infirmities and the elderly.



We also offer a special blessing to all those who are caregivers, health service providers, doctors, nurses, and others who work in the fields of medicine or health care. We encourage you to attend with your family. If you are not in need of anointing but know of a parishioner or relative who is, please invite them to join you.

Mass will be celebrated Sunday, September 22 at 2:00 p.m. Please call 419-524-2572, ext. 2113 for more information.



RECYCLING—NEXT DATE: SEPTEMBER 13, 2019

BLUE BARRELS: September 14 & 15

175TH ANNIVERSARY NOTES

This column continues our look at the pastorate of Father John Blaser, tenth Pastor of St. Peter's from 1984 until 1994.

One of the notable events at St. Peter's during Father Blaser's term was the disastrous fire in the church on Thanksgiving morning, November 28, 1991. Shortly after the conclusion of the annual Feed-the-Needy Thanksgiving meal, Father Joseph Szybka, an Associate Pastor here, happened to enter the church from the vestibule. He saw a teenaged boy in the sanctuary. Father Szybka's first thought was of the votive candle racks in the church but, when he saw that they were undisturbed, he began to walk to the rectory. The smoke alarm in church sounded almost immediately thereafter. The servers' sacristy was consumed in a rapidly spreading fire.

Father Szybka ran to the rectory to call the Fire Department. Then he ran back to church to try to extinguish the fire. In that short amount of time, the fire had grown so much that it was entirely out of control. The rapid response of the Fire Department likely saved the church from total destruction. One of the fire fighters on the scene commented that if discovery of the fire had taken another five or ten minutes, the church would have been a total loss.

The damages to the Church were quite extensive. The server's sacristy was completely gutted. Wooden fixtures and cabinetry were utterly destroyed. The stained glass window depicting the sacrifices of Cain and Abel as well as the clerestory window depicting a Seraph (as well as the tablet windows on either side of it) were badly damaged. Glass from the windows fell outward onto the lower roof over the servers' sacristy and lead framing material used to hold the colored glass pieces in place melted and dripped onto the piano in the sanctuary. A black, oily soot covered every surface in the entire church.

The next morning, the 6:30 a.m. Mass was celebrated in the High School Chapel. Stunned by the extent of the damage, Father Blaser and the entire parish set about coping with the immediate needs of the Parish. Sunday Masses were celebrated in the High School Auditorium for the time being. Many civic and religious groups from the Mansfield community offered tangible and prayerful support. On December 8, 1991, the congregation was able to resume celebrating the Mass in the Church, not withstanding all the soot and damage in the Church.

In early March of 1992, the extensive repairs and restoration of the interior began with the erection of scaffolding to allow for cleaning and painting. The restoration work continued for more than three months. On the Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul, June 29, 1992, Bishop James Hoffman presided at a Mass during which he proclaimed, "The church has never looked better during the thirty-four years I have known it."

Total cost of the repairs to the church for the fire damages came to more than \$175,000. During the course of those repairs, the church's sound systems was upgraded and other improvements, to combat the effects of aging, were also undertaken. St. Peter's had survived the disaster and had come out of it stronger than before.

We will continue our examination of the pastorate of Fr. John Blaser in the next column.

Shelby Knights of Columbus at 250 Vernon Rd, Shelby is holding a Spaghetti dinner fundraiser for Sadie Kreinbrink. Sadie is an adorable, spunky 2 1/2 year old who was diagnosed with Rhabdomyosarcoma. Please contact 419.342.5396 for more information.

St. Mary of the Snows is having their Famous Feast and Raffle on September 8, 2019. The quilt will be raffled off that same day. Go to mansfieldstmarys.org or call St. Mary of the Snows at 419.589.2114 for more information and/or to purchase tickets.

St. Edward's Parish in Ashland has an opening for a full time maintenance person. Persons interested in the position should visit the St. Edward's Parish website, stedwardashland.org, or contact Fr. Rod Kreidler at 419.289.7224 or 501 Cottage St., Ashland, OH.

Resurrection Parish 50th Anniversary Celebration! Food, beer tent, live band, raffle, kids' games, and more! Join us on Sunday, September 15th from 1-5 p.m. Hamburgers and hot dogs provided. Please bring a side or dessert to share. For more info, call Resurrection Parish in Lexington at 419-884-0060. All are welcome!

"Every day some miracle happens."

~Saint Teresa of Calcutta~

WELCOME THE STRANGER

We have become accustomed to seeing pictures in the media and stories on the news about immigrants from Latin America and refugees from Syria fleeing violence and destruction in their own countries, trying to make their way to a safe place. We have also seen the reactions of people who want to keep them away from their countries, who fail to welcome the stranger and the helpless children. Have we forgotten Jesus call to comfort the homeless and the stranger? They shall bring all your brothers and sisters from all the nations . . . to Jerusalem, my holy mountain, says the LORD. In the three readings for this day, we are told that we are to welcome these strangers, to welcome the discipline of the Lord, which leads to peace, and to strive to enter through the narrow gate into the glory of God's own homeland, the reign of God.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The wonderful diversity of life and worship among Roman Catholics of East and West is an example of God writing straight with crooked lines. The steady hand of the villainous Emperor Diocletian drew a line across Europe and Africa that split the empire in two, and for the most part determined how Christians would worship two thousand years later. Italy's heel and the far northern city of Trieste fell on the Eastern side, and have had a form of Eastern liturgy ever since. Constantinople, which soon became the seat of the Roman Empire, became a base for Christianizing the East up to Russia and Poland. Poland was on the Eastern side, but a series of wars and medieval mayhem pushed the religious boundary back to the Ukraine, and Poland remains an outpost of the Latin Church to this day. An old rule of thumb declared that whatever religion was observed by the local prince, the people had to follow. This gave rise to persecution and migration as people sought toleration for their expressions of faith. In the United States, we are accustomed to peaceful collaboration among Christians of East and West, a situation that challenges churches that still feel the pinch of age-old division.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Brothers and sisters of every race and language will be brought to Jerusalem (Isaiah 66:18-21).

Psalm — Go out to all the world and tell the Good News (Psalm 117).

Second Reading — Strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees (Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13).

Gospel — People from east and west, north and south recline at table in the kingdom of God (Luke 13:22-30).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-6; Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12ab; Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 71:1-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab, 17;
Mk 6:17-29

Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12; Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Mt 25:14-30

Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68:4-7, 10-11;
Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14

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