

SAINT PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

NOVEMBER 17, 2019



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Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 5:00 P.M.
Sunday: 7:30 A.M., 9:30 A.M., 11:30 A.M.
Monday & Friday 5:30 P.M.
Tuesday - Thursday 7:00 A.M.

Spanish Mass:

Resurrection Parish, Lexington

Sunday: 6:00 P.M.

Parish Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday: 7:30 A.M. - 7:30 P.M.
Friday: 7:30 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.
Saturday: 10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.
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 P.M.
Other times by appointment.

Sacrament of Marriage:

Arrangements should be made at the Parish Center at least ten months in advance of the ceremony. A wedding date is confirmed after the initial meeting with a priest.

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, November 18, Weekday**

5:00 pm Rosary

5:30 pm Jim Sgambellone

Tuesday, November 19, Weekday

7:00 am Renie Family

3:15 pm Elmcroft Mass

Wednesday, November 20, Weekday

7:00 am Bob Pahl

Thursday, November 21, *The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

7:00 am Florence Kastelic

9:30 am All School Mass

Friday, November 22, *Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr*

5:00 pm Rosary

5:30 pm Paul Forster

Saturday, November 23, *Vigil of the Thirty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00 pm Jeanette Sanson

Sunday, November 24, *Thirty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

7:30 am Parish

9:30 am James Carcione

11:30 am Anton and Theresa Schroeder

LECTOR/COMMUNION MINISTER**Saturday, November 23**5:00 pm **L** C Taddeo, B Schartl**D** D Falquette, D Hipp, T Hipp,**Sunday, November 24**7:30 am **L** M Santoro, J Butler**D** M Collet, A Holloway, P Taylor, B Danuloff,
K Reindl, K Reindl, L Danuloff9:30 am **L** M Meinzer, C Henrich**D** S Weber, C Merle, D Dreskler, S Crundwell,
T Etwiler, T Frasz, H Deel11:30 am **L** L Lukach, T Malec,**D** F Leitenberger**MASS SERVERS****Saturday, November 23**

5:00 pm J Westwood, Z Keffalas, B Dix

Sunday, November 24

7:30 am S Tridico, A Saltzgeber

9:30 am S Henrich, R Henrich, J Ramey

11:30 am H Eighinger, G Farragher, E Rizzo, L Rhodes,
C Schenkelberg**THE CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD****November 24 NO CLASS**

Hello Everyone!

If you happen to be familiar with Flannery O'Connor's literature, then you know that she had a rather unique style. Her novels and short stories reflected her Catholic faith in a way that touched on many experiences to which her readers can relate. While some of the characters in her stories are rather blunt and tactless in their interactions, they open up an opportunity for her to address important themes such as the dignity of each person and the reality that holiness is not always what we assume it to be.

In O'Connor's short story, *A Temple of the Holy Ghost*, the main character is an intelligent, albeit snarky, young Catholic girl. Daydreaming one day about what she wanted to do when she grew up, "she thought that she would have to be much more than just a doctor or an engineer. She would have to be a saint because that was the occupation that included everything you could know." But immediately thereafter, she starts thinking about all of her flaws and comes to the comical conclusion that, "She could never be a saint, but she thought she could be a martyr if they killed her quick." How often we are tempted to think similarly!

In fact, in this weekend's Gospel (Lk. 21:5-19), Jesus knows that the apostles are thinking in similar fashion to O'Connor's character. But the Lord does not hide the fact that they will suffer for his sake: "they will seize and persecute you, they will hand you over [...] because of my name. It will lead to your giving testimony. [...] they will put some of you to death." Rather, he gives them a tremendous consolation that he will be with them and speak through them in their time of suffering: "Remember, you are not to prepare your defense beforehand, for I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking that all your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute."

When we think about the many sufferings that brought the apostles and all the martyrs to their death, we might be tempted to think, "I am not sure that I could do the same thing." However, Jesus promises to provide the grace "in the moment" that will give us the knowledge and strength to bear witness to him as the situation demands it of us. In other words, Christ will never abandon us, especially not in times when we are persecuted for our faith, but will come to our defense by speaking and acting through us in those moments- if we follow what he asks us to do.

In Baptism, we (or our parents and Godparents) recited the Creed as a promise to be witnesses to Christ in all things. At Confirmation, we are asked to renew that baptismal promise. All of the other sacraments serve to strengthen us in this task. This means, then, that all of us are able to do what the saints have done before us. Yes, we too are even able to witness to Christ by enduring suffering for his sake. After all, the word "martyr," in its Greek root, means "witness," and that is what we promised to be at Baptism.

God bless!

Fr. Austin

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FINANCIAL UPDATE



Cash Available for Auditorium	\$391,162
Stage One Cash Goal:	\$379,000
Amount Needed to complete first stage:	GOAL REACHED!
Uncollected Pledges:	\$139,752

As of November 12, 2019

NORTHWEST OHIO SCHOLARSHIP FUND 

Apply today for a scholarship for the 2020-21 school year! Scholarships are available for your children to attend a private school or for homeschool expenses for grades K-8.

- * Your child may qualify for a scholarship worth up to \$1,500 at the private school of your choice or for \$500 for homeschool expenses based on your family's annual household income.
- * Families who meet the eligibility requirement and reside in one of the participating counties* can apply.
- * Scholarships payments are made directly to the school.
- * Residing Counties: A;en, Crawford, Defiance, Erie, Fulton, Hancock, Henry, Huron, Lucas, Ottawa, Paulding, Putnam, Richland, Sandusky, Seneca, Van Wert, Williams Wood and Wyandot.

Online application deadline for 2020-21 is Friday, April 24, 2020. <https://tinyurl.com/NOSF2021AP>

For questions, contact Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund at 419.720.7048 or visit www.nosf.org.

175TH ANNIVERSARY SERVICE PROJECT



This year we are celebrating the 175th Anniversary of the founding of St. Peter Parish. Our theme focuses on Presence, Service and Light in the Mansfield community. As we reach out into the community, we will be having a collection of new and gently used coats, hats, scarves, gloves, mittens and boots (winter style, not fashion) for the men, women and children of those in need in the neighborhoods around the church. Donations can be brought to church on November 16 and 17. Please place them in the laundry baskets at any entrance to the church. They will be sorted and will be distributed during our Free Lunch Week in December. Thank you for your generosity. Contact Angie Dillon if you have questions at 419.524.2572 x3108.



North Central Ohio Periodontics
419.756.4540

175TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. PETER PARISH

The weekend of November 22-24, we will be celebrating the 175th Anniversary of St. Peter Parish. We are in need of volunteers to help with the setup of historical displays and decorating the cafeteria for our Birthday Party on Saturday, November 23. We are also in need of donated desserts for the birthday party. Volunteers are also needed on Sunday, November 24 at Mid-Ohio Education Service Center to help take tickets and assist anyone who will be in need. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Angie Dillon at dillon.angie@myspartans.org or call 419.52.2572 x.3108.

32ND ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CLASSIC



Our baked goods make wonderful gifts, so we've enclosed a pre-order form. Two of our most popular items are poticas and kieffels and usually sell out early, please preorder allowing us to ensure an adequate supply. Kieffels are a crescent shaped ethnic cookie with a nut filling and Poticas freeze well for almost a year!

There are many opportunities to volunteer throughout the week, we will bake kieffels on Tuesday December 3 at 8:00 A.M., and poticas on December 5 and 6 both starting at 8:00 A.M. in the HS Cafeteria. The Christmas Classic is December 7 and we will make the butter rings early that morning.

We need lots of helpers all week and gentlemen are greatly appreciated. We have a job for every ability and age, including many sit down jobs. Please contact Jenny Wala 419.756.6064 for more information.

WORSHIP WEDNESDAYS



We hope your child can join us for Worship Wednesdays! This is a great hour of fun, where we will learn a little about Christ and then sing and dance to praise Him! All Worship Wednesdays will take place **once a month** in Assisi Hall in the High School building from **4:00-5:00 P.M.** If your child attends St. Peter's, they may stay after school and spend that first hour studying or doing homework before Worship Wednesdays begins and a snack will be provided or you can choose to bring them back at 4:00 P.M. If your child attends PSR and would like to stay until PSR starts, they are also welcome to stay and share some food with us before class begins. The dates for Worship Wednesdays are: **November 20th, January 15th, February 19th, March 18th.** If you are interested in your child attending Worship Wednesdays, please contact Elizabeth Wurm at wurm.elizabeth@myspartans.org.

ADULT FAITH ENRICHMENT

Adult Faith opportunities are held in Assisi Hall, 4th floor Parish Center. Enter thru Parish Center entrance, 104 West First Street.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

We meet each **Monday at 6:15 P.M.** Our study is the Jeff Cavins video series "Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible." Open to all women. Contact Dianne Randall - 567.241.6608 diannecreamer@yahoo.com or Kelly Wurm - 419.884.7785 / kmwurm@yahoo.com.

THE BIBLE AND THE VIRGIN MARY—A JOURNEY THROUGH SCRIPTURE

Open to all. No fee or registration. This six-week series is held **Thursday evenings at 6:30 P.M.** This week's topics are "The Ark of The Covenant" and "Born of a Virgin." Make this a part of your faith journey through Advent.



K OF C FEATHER PARTY

Don't forget to plan on attending this Friday to take a chance at a couple Ohio Sports Legends Collectors items and plenty of tukeys, and yes, hams! Door prize, raffles, and games! Food is included with the \$8 admission. This Friday, November 22, 7:30 P.M. at the Knights Hall next to the old Value City. Get your tickets by calling Dave Riggenbach at 419.571-0800 or MansfieldKofC687@gmail.com.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MORNING WITH FATHER HITE

Father Hite and Mrs. Rastorfer visited elementary students in their classrooms one day late in October and it happened to be the first day of Red Ribbon Week. Students signed pledges and wore red to show they are committed to staying drug free. Father Hite enjoyed watching the dash robot with Montessori preschoolers, snack time with kindergarteners, constructing a sentence with first graders, sharing how he developed his love of reading with third graders who were getting ready to take a state reading test, help fourth grader find a good "U" word (understanding) for the FAITHFUL letter assignment in religion class, discussing capitalization rules with fifth graders, and talking with six graders about their recent retreat at Damascus Mission Camp. He missed second graders who had just left for physical education class. Busy morning. And he left without any homework assignment! Yay! Go Spartans!



175TH ANNIVERSARY NOTES

Today we take a final look at the pastorate of Father Tony Borgia, twelfth Pastor of St. Peter's Parish. Father Tony served here from 2005 until 2011.

Under his leadership, St. Peter's Parish conducted a new parish census which confirmed trends being seen across the nation. The number of members in the Parish had decreased significantly since the previous census was conducted during the pastorate of Father John Blaser in the 1980's. The census was designed to incorporate the Parish's approach to the new evangelization efforts mentioned in last week's column.

Father Tony also led the Parish through a Capital Campaign which sought to raise funds for many needed improvements in the Church and on the grounds. Among the improvements made was the replacement of the old handicapped access ramp into the church, which had begun to show serious signs of age. When it was completed, it featured heating elements in the concrete which were designed to melt ice during the winter.

Another improvement was the replacement of the steps at the front of the church. New stone steps were installed to take the place of the old ones, which had deteriorated significantly.

During Father Tony's pastorate, the clapper on the church bell was replaced. The old clapper, now on display in the main vestibule had so worn down that it was in real danger of doing damage to the bell itself. After a generous donor stepped forward to underwrite the cost of the clapper, and after several months during which our bell was silenced while the new clapper was forged, the new clapper and motor improvements were installed and the bell was blessed and restored.

Father Tony Borgia led our parish through the celebration of the centennial of the laying of the cornerstone of our current church in 2011. He also presided over the 150th anniversary of the Mansfield Catholic Cemetery and the 140th anniversary of the presence of the Franciscan Sisters of Joliet in our parish.

In 2011, Father Tony announced that he had been appointed Pastor of St. John's Parish, Point Place, and St. Michael's Parish in Toledo. A farewell celebration of his ministry was held at the end of June in 2011 at Spartan Field. During that ceremony, he was given the honor of burning the Spartan Field mortgage which he had signed on his first day at St. Peter's.

After several years as Pastor of St. John's and St. Michael's, Father Tony was appointed the Pastor of St. Patrick's Heatherdowns in Toledo. It was at that Parish that he had begun his priestly ministry many years before. Sadly, Father Tony Borgia suffered a massive heart attack on December 15, 2018 and passed away. He was only 61 years old. His funeral was held at Rosary Cathedral because the number of people attending could not be accommodated at St. Patrick's. A second funeral liturgy was celebrated the following day in his home parish of St. Paul in Norwalk. He is buried near his father and brother in the St. Paul Cemetery there.

We will begin our study of the pastorate of Father Gregory R. Hite, thirteenth Pastor, next week.



RECYCLING—NEXT DATE: DECEMBER 13, 2019

BLUE BARRELS: December 14 & 15

St. Peter's Elementary is looking for a volunteer crossing guard Monday—Friday 7:15—8:00 A.M. If interested, please email Ashley Rastorfer at rastorfer.ashley@myspartans.org.

PSR Teacher Needed to fill the role of a catechist for our PSR Program. The program meets on Wednesday evenings from 6:00-7:30 P.M. and the opening needs to be filled quickly. It is for an elementary grade. If you love little ones and love your faith and sharing it (or know someone who does) please contact Elizabeth Wurm at wurm.elizabeth@myspartans.org as soon as possible.

Upper Room Youth Group is for all Middle School (6-8 grade) and HS (9-12 grade) youth in the deanery and around the area. Missionaries from Damascus Catholic Mission Campus (CYSC) will be at Resurrection Parish, 2600 Lexington Avenue for Spiritual and fun-filled evenings twice a month running October through April. Middle School will meet November 24, and the HS grades will meet December 8. Call or text 614.989.2724 for more information.

St. Mary's Senior Citizen Luncheon at 1630 Ashland Road on Tuesday November 26, 2019. The luncheon will be at 12:15 P.M. and the cost is \$3, the menu is hot ham and cheese sandwich, green beans, applesauce, cake and beverage. Reservations are required please call 419.589.2114.

Open Teaching Positions St. Peter's School is looking for qualified substitute teachers for all grade levels. Substitute teachers require a Substitute Teaching License from the Ohio Department of Education. This requires a minimum of a Bachelor's degree as well as BCI and FBI background checks and completion of the Diocese of Toledo VIRTUS program. Interested candidates should contact the appropriate building principal: Jon Cutitta, Acting HS/JH Principal, at cuttitta.jon@myspartans.org or Ashley Rastorfer, Acting Elementary Principal at rastorfer.ashley@myspartans.org.

"Anxiety is the greatest evil that can befall a soul, except sin. God commands you to pray, but He forbids you to worry."

~Saint Francis de Sales~

LIFE IS HARD, BUT HAVE NO FEAR

Today's readings take a fearless look at reality and reach a conclusion that we all know: life is hard. The prophet Malachi preaches fire and brimstone, warning us that evildoers will perish in flames. Saint Paul offers his own warning to the Thessalonians: keep busy, but never become a busybody. He reminds Christians that the apostles themselves worked in toil and drudgery as a model for how we ought to contribute to our community. The Gospel returns to the apocalyptic tone of Malachi, describing the utter chaos of the end-times. We will know the end is near when violence, catastrophe, and hatred dominate the earth. But we must not fear! God's saving plan brings peace to our hearts. Malachi speaks of the sun's healing rays, and Jesus himself promises to protect every hair on our heads.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

We are faced with strong and disturbing readings today that hold a certain fascination, since they seem at first glance to be blueprints for future inevitable wars and hardship. A fundamentalist interpretation focuses on this aspect. Yet we hear them at our Sunday celebration of the Eucharist, which infuses them with hope and optimism. Rather than dreading the future, today's liturgy assures us that God is with us in all of life's inevitable trials, and that we have a role in shaping the outcome of human history. Occasionally, some Christians have attempted to decode these readings for an exact measure of the world's end, but they have thus far been disappointed.

Nothing lasts forever is a lyric from a Broadway show. Stars fall from the sky, leaves wither and fall, mountains wash into the sea, human projects and governments totter and collapse with great regularity. Today's liturgy opposes this idea as incomplete, reminding us that Christ has made a permanent change in human history, and that life in him is life forever. Rather than inviting us to throw in the towel, today's liturgy strengthens us for acts of goodness and grace in our families, communities, and world.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading -- For those who fear the name of the Lord, the sun of justice will arise (Malachi 3:19-20a).

Psalm -- The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice (Psalm 98).

Second Reading -- Those who are living in idleness are urged to earn their own living (2 Thessalonians 3:7-12).

Gospel -- Jesus foretells the destruction of Jerusalem, the persecution of his followers (Luke 21:5-19).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158; Lk 18:35-43 or (for the memorial of the Dedication) Acts 28:11-16, 30-31; Ps 98:1-6; Mt 14:22-33

Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-7; Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b, 15; Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Lk 19:41-44

Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11-12; Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19; Lk 20:27-40

Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3; Ps 122:1-5; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43

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