

SAINT PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

JANUARY 5, 2020

And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

Matthew 2: 9-12



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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

2nd & 4th Sundays: 5:00 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 8:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

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, January 6, *Christmas Weekday, St. Andre Bessette, Religious*

5:00 pm Rosary

5:30 pm Paul Ludwig

Tuesday, January 7, *Christmas Weekday, St. Raymond of Penyafort,
Priest*

7:30 am Parish

Wednesday, January 8, *Christmas Weekday*

7:00 am Anne Marie Scott

Thursday, January 9, *Christmas Weekday*

7:00 am Leonard Walker

9:30 am All School Mass

Friday, January 10, *Christmas Weekday*

5:00 pm Rosary

5:30 pm Sam Musille

Saturday, January 11, *Vigil of The Baptism of the Lord*

5:00 pm Rose Tomits

Sunday, January 12, *Baptism of the Lord*

7:30 am Parish

9:30 am In Honor of Paul and Katy Wehinger

11:30 am Johanna Cappadonna

LECTOR/COMMUNION MINISTER

Saturday, January 11

5:00 pm L C Taddeo, C Eighinger

D D Falquette, C Campbell, D Campbell, M Joyce,
D Hipp, T Hipp, K Randall

Sunday, January 12

7:30 am L J Kennedy, M Santoro

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

9:30 am L S Vaccaro, D Forster

D S Weber, D Dreskler, F Schuster, K Wehinger,
M Meinzer, R Sliney, T Frasz

11:30 am L K Cannon, J Riedl

D F Leitenberger, T Fesler, K Schreck, C Mears,
K Yockey, S Elliott

MASS SERVERS

Saturday, January 11

5:00 pm E Holzmilller, G Holzmilller, B Dix

Sunday, January 12

7:30 am

9:30 am N Osborne, M Osborne, J Ramey

11:30 am E Fesler, C Fesler

THE CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

January 12 Heather Kathy

The Russian peasantry for centuries has propagated a curious tradition. It is about an old woman, named the Baboushka who was at work in her house when the Wise Men came from the East and passed on their way to Bethlehem to find the Christ Child. "Come with us," they said, inviting Baboushka to join them. "We have seen his star in the East, and we go to worship him." [Other countries, particularly in Europe, have their own similar story – for example, in Italy it is La Befana.]

Baboushka responds, "I will come, but not now. I have much housework to do, and when that is finished, I will follow and find him." But her work was never complete. And the Three Kings continued on their way across the desert, and the star shone no more in the darkened heavens.

Baboushka never saw the Christ Child, but she is still living and searching for him. And although she did not find him, out of love for him, she takes care of all his children. The tradition has it that she believes that in each poor child whom she warms and feeds, she may find the Christ Child whom she neglected long ago. [Source: *Advent and Christmas with Fulton J. Sheen*, Ligouri Publications, 2001, p. 43.]

This traditional story brings to mind just how significant the birth of Christ was for salvation history. As we celebrate Epiphany this weekend we are still in the midst of the Christmas season. The material gifts are now known to most of us, but the *spiritual gifts we received at Christmas will, hopefully, remain forever*. They are *eternal*. And so, the gift of hope, the gift of joy, the gift of peace that we longed for are now given us in abundance. The charity we shared with others will be returned to us many times over. The reconciliation we experienced in the Sacrament of Penance is our spiritual "rebirth." And the celebration of the Eucharist we have offered to us daily is a share in the life of our newborn Savior. It anticipates the Heavenly Banquet that we pray to share in some day!

While the greater part of the holiday season is now complete for another year, may the gifts we bring to Christ and to others continue to bear fruit in our lives and in our world. May the Lord bless you in every way!

Father Gregory Hite, Pastor

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH



Bill Ruhl, Jeannie Burkhalter, Krista Marshall, Aaron Blank, Cindy Lassen, Dina Riley, Eliana Nelson, MaKaya Butler, Sharon Valdry, Paige Divelbiss, Maria Loschinkohl, 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 Steggall, Tammy Dudley, Keith Combs, Mady Ziegler, Elaine Johnson, Cindy Jasnek Cartier, Jeannine Klotz, Marilyn B. Williamson, Paul Schopp, Tom Powell, Chief Master Sergeant Joseph Basting, Sarah Basting, Peggy Basting Taylor, Kathy Carcione, Carol Pittenger, Charlie Henrich, Ben Walker, Michael Krempel, Johnathon Aman, Walter Kukus, Cynthia Kalinoff Watson, Beverly Strauser, Roseann Fusco, Tom Feia.

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...

Jeanette Sherman Ruth Laug
Tom Vassel Fr. Raymond C. Sheperd



ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD.

DIOCESE OF TOLEDO SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM

Diocese of Toledo Safe Environment Program in Full Compliance with USCCB Norms. Each year, the Diocese of Toledo is required to undergo an audit to ensure that it is in compliance with the articles of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. Bishop Daniel Thomas is pleased to announce that, for the fiscal year 2018-2019, the Diocese was found to be in full compliance with the requirements in the Charter.

The Diocese of Toledo remains committed to ensuring the protection of children and providing a safe environment for all young people. If you have any knowledge of abuse that has been committed by a cleric, or any employee or volunteer of the Catholic Church, please report the abuse to your local police department, Child Protection Services, and Mr. Frank DiLallo, Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator. Mr. DiLallo can be reached at (419) 214-4880 or by mail at 1933 Spielbusch Avenue, Toledo, Ohio 43604.

PRISON MINISTRY CORNER



Our brothers at RiCI and ManCI extend their gratitude for the ongoing prayers and support from our parish. We continue our busy schedule at RiCI, with goals for 2020 including the Alpha program, a family worship evening, and continued daily opportunities for prayer, faith instruction, and fellowship. Perhaps YOU would like to join us one time this year for Mass or Rosary prayer group. Please call Lynne at the Parish Center to discuss - 419.524.2572.

A BEAUTIFUL CHRISTMAS SEASON - THANK YOU!



With the liturgical celebration of Feast of The Baptism of the Lord, we end our Christmas Season. We have so much to be grateful for in our parish. It truly focuses on the *community* of St. Peter's, from the start of the Advent Season to the close of the Christmas cycle. We were most fortunate the good weather allowed us to gather in prayer.

The Christmas Classic, the liturgies during this Holy Season, the activities shared within our school and the broader community, many volunteers (young and older), those who have decorated our parish church for the holydays, the choirs and liturgical music, our faithful ministers of Holy Communion and our servers, and your generous gifts of stewardship are such a beautiful sign of your love for our Savior.

On a personal note, Father Austin and I both appreciate your generosity and many kindnesses, not to overlook the gifts delivered to the back door of the rectory. There truly is something special about St. Peter's, during this holy season and throughout the year - and we are grateful!!

Father Gregory Hite, Pastor

NOTE ON SUNDAY COLLECTION NUMBERS

Beginning this month, we will begin reporting Sunday collection results on a monthly basis which will align our bulletin reporting with the broader monthly budget totals that are used for all of our other reporting. Please contact me with any questions at mumea.evan@myspartans.org - Evan Mumea, Business Manager.

SUNDAY OFFERING	<i>Year to Date</i>
	<i>November 30, 2019</i>
Sunday and Holy Day Collections	
Sunday Collection & Holy Day Collection:	\$343,456
Total Budgeted Sunday Collection To Date:	\$360,200
Sunday Collection Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$16,744)
School Collection	
Total School Collection To Date:	\$57,820
Total Budgeted School Collection To Date:	\$60,000
School Collection Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$2,180)



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 Catholic School does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, age, or ethnic origin in the hiring of its certified and non-certified personnel. In accordance with Christian principles, St. Peter's Catholic School recruits and admits students of any race, sex, color, age, gender, ethnicity, national origin, ancestry, handicap (if student can safely function in the environment with the support and services that the school can offer), or religion to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities. In addition, the school will not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, color, age, gender, ethnicity, national origin, ancestry, handicap or religion in the administration of its educational policies, scholarships, loans, athletics, fee waivers, and extracurricular activities. In addition, the school is not intended to be an alternative to court administrative agency ordered or public school district initiated desegregation.

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: Allen, 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.

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STATE OF OHIO SCHOOL CHOICE SCHOLARSHIPS—IMPORTANT CHANGES

Across Ohio, thousands of parents use state-funded scholarships to send their children to the school they choose. St. Peter's Catholic School is a registered "provider school" with the State of Ohio School Choice Scholarship Program.

THERE ARE SOME IMPORTANT CHANGES AND UPDATES WITH TWO OF THE STATE FUNDED SCHOLARSHIPS

Educational Choice Scholarship (EdChoice)

EdChoice provides scholarships to students who attend the state's underperforming public schools. For the 2020-2021 school year, numerous schools have been newly added to the ODE designated list of underperforming schools so students assigned to those schools are eligible for the scholarship. **Prospect, Sherman, Woodland, Madison South and Mifflin elementary schools, Mansfield Middle School, and Mansfield Senior High are some of the area public schools on the ODE designated list.**

Ed Choice Expansion

This scholarship is based only on family income. For the 2020-2021 school year, **students in ALL grades K through 12** whose family's income is at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines are eligible to apply. For example, last year a family of four earning \$51,500 or less was eligible to apply for the scholarship. *Families currently enrolled at St. Peter's who meet these requirements are eligible to apply.*

IMPORTANT: The application period for EdChoice and EdChoice Expansion scholarships is February 1 through April. Once the admission process is complete to attend St. Peter's School for the 2020-2021 school year, application for state scholarships can begin. The sooner that process begins, the better.

Have questions? Curious if your child is eligible? Attend an information meeting on either Tuesday, January 7, at 6:00 P.M. or Tuesday, January 21, at 6:00 P.M. in the high school building, Robert Frye Gymnasium or call 419.524.2572.

ST. PETER'S SCHOOL & PARISH RECYCLES!

Richland County Solid Waste Authority visits St. Peter's on the second Friday of the month, setting up a SCRAP (School Community Recycling As Partners) trailer in the parking lot in front of the Franciscan Activity Center from 10:00-11:00 A.M. And 2:00-4:00 P.M. They accept: #1 & 2 plastic, aluminum cans, steel food cans, newspaper and cardboard. Please make sure all donations are empty and clean. St. Peter's Parent's Club receives the profits from this collection, usually \$50-\$100 per month. There is no cost to St. Peter's for this service.

ADULT FAITH ENRICHMENT

We will resume our adult faith opportunities in February. We will again offer two opportunities. Monday evening is for women only. Thursday evening is open to all. Please watch this bulletin space for details.

END OF YEAR CHARITABLE GIFTS

The end of the year is fast approaching, and it is time to think about those last minute charitable deductions to reduce your overall tax burden. Here are a few ways that may work for you:

- 1) IRA Charitable Rollover – If you are 70 ½ or older, you can elect to make a qualified charitable distribution from your IRA. This distribution will lower your overall taxable income for the year. More seniors are taking advantage of this option and are making a one-time distribution to cover all their Sunday giving for the year.
- 2) Transfer of Appreciated Stocks – If you hold stock that has appreciated significantly you can avoid capital gains taxes and take a charitable deduction by donating it to St. Peter's. These transfers can be done electronically, so contact the Development Office for more information. Stock transfers should be initiated by December 22, 2018 to guarantee they will be completed by the end of 2019.
- 3) Doubling/Bunching your Gift – Trying to reach that itemized deduction level? One strategy to combat the new tax laws is to consider doubling or bunching your charitable gifts to every other year. Doubling may allow you to itemize your deductions in giving years instead of taking the standard deduction.

Be sure to consult your tax advisor about any questions how the new tax laws affect your personal situation.

NEW PARISHIONERS

- Margarito and Lisbeth Carrizal & Family
- Angela McCabe & Family
- Carlos and Anamaria Villa Isaza
- Alexandra Predmore



BAPTISMS

- Levi Boals
- Millie Rebecca Swinehart



Congratulations and welcome to the St. Peter's Parish Family!

"EXPLORE MONTESSORI" NIGHT

Thursday, January 16, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Location: Montessori House

- **For parents only**
- Meet teachers, visit the classrooms, and receive information about the program
- St. Peter's Montessori Preschool/Kindergarten offers a unique and highly-respected program that includes language, reading, math, geography, and science during the surge of learning that, according to research, occurs from ages 2-6. Students in the program are exceptionally well prepared to begin first grade, beyond the average expectations of a preschooler.

Please call the school office at 419-524-2572 x4100 for more information.



PARISH REGISTRATION:

If you have been attending St. Peter's on a regular basis, and wish to register in our parish, please contact **our parish office: 419.524.2572.**

Registration in a parish is important for a number of reasons: if you anticipate having a child baptized, it is expected that you are registered and regularly attending Mass; if you need a letter from our parish to be a Confirmation sponsor, it is expected you are fully initiated in the Catholic faith and participating regularly at Eucharist; if you wish to be married according to the laws of our faith, your registration and participation is expected. Frequently, there are occasions when a letter from the Pastor of your current parish are requested.

Moreover, you will receive regular parish mailings, including offering envelopes (or informing us if you wish to go electronic fund transfer – EFT)— it is important that we know your wishes.

If you transfer parishes, it is also important that you inform us in order that we may remove you from our parish registration and regular parish mailings. It helps to keep our records up to date.

ST. PETER'S PARISH GIFT SHOP

If you haven't visited the St. Peter's Parish Gift Shop in a while, you should! We have a nice selection of gifts, cards, books and so much more for every occasion. If we don't have it, we can order it for you.

The Parish Gift Shop is open during regular parish office hours.

WE STILL SELL GARBAGE BAGS FROM THE YELLOW BAG PEOPLE IN THE PARISH CENTER.

 **RECYCLING—NEXT DATE: JANUARY 10, 2020**
BLUE BARRELS: January 11 & 12

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.

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.



Calendars courtesy of Herlihy-Chambers Funeral Home and Wappner's Funeral Home are available at all of the entrances to the church. Please help yourself to as many as you may need.

“Friendships begun in this world will be taken up again, never to be broken off.”
Saint Francis de Sales

LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Epiphany can be understood as an extension of the Nativity of the Lord that we celebrate on December 25. While at Christmas we celebrate Jesus' coming as the long-awaited king and Messiah of the Jewish people, on Epiphany we celebrate the revelation that Jesus is the Savior and Light of all nations—Jews, Gentiles, and all people.

The star shines so brightly that it attracts magi who come from far distant countries to worship Jesus. They are not Jews, yet they are drawn to the Light of the world. The letter to the Ephesians reveals that the Light of the world was for the Gentiles as well as the Jews—Christ gathers all people into the light of his love. The reading from Isaiah also describes a gathering of diverse peoples, but this time it is to the light that emanates from the people of God.

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SAINT ANDRE' BESSETTE (1845 – 1937) Feast Day is January 6

Born in Canada, Andre worked for three years in the United States as a weaver and manual laborer. After returning to Canada in 1870, he joined the Congregation of the Holy Cross and took final vows in 1874. For decades, Brother Andre humbly served his community near Montreal as doorman, janitor, barber, gardener and infirmarian. With Saint Joseph as his model and intercessor, he developed a healing ministry and huge following. In 1904, he moved into Montreal to help build the Oratory of the Holy Cross, and remained there for the rest of his life. When this "Miracle Man of Montreal" was canonized in 2010, Pope Benedict XVI said he, "lived the beatitude of the poor of heart." (Catholic News Service-usccb.org 2010)

**TODAY'S READINGS**

First Reading — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The LORD shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

Psalm — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — The mystery has been made known that the Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

Gospel — Magi from the east arrived, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews?" (Matthew 2:1-12).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10; Acts 10:34-38;

Mt 3:13-17

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