

SAINT PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

FEBRUARY 23, 2020



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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 always be made at the **Parish Center office at least eight 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 INTENTIONSMonday, February 24, *Weekday*

5:00 pm Rosary

5:30 pm Mary Lou Soprano

Tuesday, February 25, *Weekday*

7:00 am Rose Mary Martin

3:15 pm Waterford Mass

Wednesday, February 26, *Ash Wednesday*

7:00 am Parish

9:30 am All School Mass

12:05 pm Word Service with Ashes

7:00 pm Parish

Thursday, February 27, *Thursday After Ash Wednesday*

7:00 am Bill Connolly

Friday, February 28, *Friday After Ash Wednesday*

5:00 pm Stations

5:30 pm Terez Nemeth

Saturday, February 29, *Vigil of The First Sunday of Lent*

5:00 pm James R. Blank

Sunday, March 1, *The First Sunday of Lent*

7:30 am Paula Renie

9:30 am Jim Bogner

11:30 am Parish

LECTOR/COMMUNION MINISTER**Wednesday, February 26**

7:00 am L K Cannon, B Johnson

D M Collet, A Holloway, R Sliney

9:30 am L Students

D Students

12:05 pm L D Forster, B Scharl

7:00 pm L M Ambrose, C Eighinger

D L Simmons, C Campbell, D Campbell, D Dreskler,
T Etwiler, M Meinzer, B Nihei, F Schuster**Saturday, February 29**

5:00 pm L B Linkenbach, K Cannon

D D Falquette, M Joyce, T Hipp, D Hipp,
C Campbell, D Campbell**Sunday, March 1**

7:30 am L B Danuloff, D Bessemer

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

9:30 am L D Forster, M Meinzer

D S Weber, K Wehinger, T Frasz, C Merle, R Sliney,
J Kastelic, T Etwiler, L Steggall

11:30 am L C Mears, S Andrews

D K Yockey, C Mears, J Wendling, H Deel, J Laskey,
K Speck, F Leitenberger, T Fesler**MASS SERVERS****Wednesday, February 26**

9:30 am Students

7:00 pm L Rhodes, U Ezike, J McGinty

Saturday, February 29

5:00 pm J Westwood, A Baldasare, L Rhodes

Sunday, March 1

7:30 am S Tridico, A Gasper

9:30 am A Saltzgiver, G Farragher, A Farragher

11:30 am E Fesler, C Fesler, E Henderson

THE CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD**March 1** P Kastelic M McGinty

In our efforts to welcome parents and students – both current and prospective – to our school, please consider attending our **OPEN HOUSE on Sunday, March 1, beginning at 1 p.m., in our newly renovated high school auditorium.**

I recognize very well that there are many options available for parents to choose from today. Catholic schools, in particular, have a lasting impact on the educational, emotional and spiritual development of a child or young adult.

A 2016 article by *People's Alliance for Continuing Education (PACE)* identified the top benefits of a Catholic education. These align with our mission at St. Peter's.

A Spiritual View of the World – Catholic schools provide an environment where students learn to see “the footprints of God” in their daily lives. For us at St. Peter's this is nurtured by prayer, religious education, and the practice of Gospel values.

Inspired View of the Scriptures – Students who attend St. Peter's have the opportunity to learn about the Scriptures in both daily religion classes and in our liturgical prayer (weekly attendance at Mass).

Civic Responsibility and Engagement – Our students strive to relate spirituality to our community. Outreach to the poor, the aged, and our neighbor flow from the mandate of the Gospel to serve as Jesus did.

Value of Service – Our students are expected to perform a given number of Christian service hours outside of school, from the early grades through high school graduation.

Discipline – Students are educated and challenged to make decisions and actions that are considered “Christ-like;” not only in actions but in words. We strive to enforce a moral and ethical code that, supported by parents, will help our students to make the best life-long decisions as possible.

Arts and Culture – We expose our students to drama, literature, art and music to encourage creativity, to discover beauty, and to express their God-given gifts.

Goal Setting – Our school revisits our educational goals (accreditation) every five years. We are accredited by the State of Ohio and the Ohio Catholic Schools Accreditation Association. All teachers are licensed through the state of Ohio. Moreover, students are encouraged to set goals and high standards for themselves in such a way that they might maximize all that God calls them to be.

Safe Environment – Catholic schools are designed to be safe learning places, free of weapons and drugs

Passionate Instructors – Teachers and staff make the sacrifice because they are passionate about their ministry. It's not uncommon for teachers to go “beyond the call of duty” to help our students.

Diverse Friendly Atmosphere – Diversity is respected! It is not race or financial status that defines one's value, but rather words and actions. Students are taught the values we appreciate in a global society.

The Catholic educational system has been proven in time, surveys and studies throughout the years. Please invite a friend or neighbor to join you when you join US at St. Peter's on **Sunday, March 1 for our OPEN HOUSE.**

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, Chuck Hopkins, Jill McMillen, Gary Caldwell, Jeffrey Davis, Willie "Frank" Williams, Catherine R. Liston, Dwayne Wilson, Cheryl Mack, Pius Schell, Maggie Caldwell, Cari Pennington.

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...

Charles Hopkins Kenneth Klupp



PALMS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY



We will not be collecting palms this year for Ash Wednesday. Should you wish to dispose of your old palms, you may bury them or burn them and spread the ashes outside.

ON COURSE WITH CHRIST

Countless lives are touched by every contribution to the 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal. Children, seminary students, the sick and aged, the needy—they all depend on our generosity. Faith, hope and love come alive through the Annual Catholic Appeal, which in turn fosters the Holy Disciples, Holy Families and Holy Vocations. Thank you for pledging today to help meet our parish goal of \$55,000.00 and assure the continuation of these programs and services. For more information on ministries funded by the appeal visit Toledodiocese.org/ACA.

PRISON MINISTRY CORNER



Death Penalty update: Our hard work and prayers to end the death penalty continue to bear fruit. Last week Governor DeWine granted more reprieves to death row inmates with scheduled execution dates. The Governor cites the ongoing struggle to obtain execution drugs as the reason for granting these postponements. More reprieves are quite possible this year, but should any execution dates be kept, we will indeed hold a candlelight prayer vigil the evening before, as we have for the past twenty-two years.

COLD AND FLU SEASON IS UPON US

If you have the flu or a cold please refrain from shaking hands and from drinking from the Communion cups at Mass. Our faith teaches us that the entire Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Christ are contained in each of the Eucharistic species.

"During the cold and flu season, our parish has made a decision NOT to offer the common chalice at daily or weekend Masses. Also, some parishioners prefer not to shake hands at the sign of peace. Do not be offended - it is only precautionary. Also, while the priests and deacon would like to shake hands after Mass, we too get sick. Again, it is not that we do not wish to be hospitable."

Let us pray for all who are sick during this season.

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 is requested. Moreover, you will receive regular parish mailings including offering envelopes, unless you wish to use Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) for your offerings. In either case it is important for us to 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.

HAND BELL CHOIR THANK YOU!

The members of the St. Peter's Hand Bell Choir would like to THANK YOU for purchasing tickets for the Quilt Raffle in December. We are a quarter of the way toward our goal to purchase a set of choir chimes for our Hand Bell Choir. Winners of the raffle were Angie Dillon, Terrie Duffey and Deb Hudephol.

| SUNDAY OFFERING | <i>Year to Date</i> |
|--|-------------------------|
|  | <i>January 31, 2020</i> |
| Sunday and Holy Day Collections | |
| Sunday Collection & Holy Day Collection: | \$498,419 |
| Total Budgeted Sunday Collection To Date: | \$498,617 |
| Sunday Collection Surplus/(Deficit) | (\$198) |
| School Collection | |
| Total School Collection To Date: | \$83,997 |
| Total Budgeted School Collection To Date: | \$84,000 |
| School Collection Surplus/(Deficit) | (\$3.00) |

NATIONWIDE VALENTINE EXCHANGE

Mrs. Baker's kindergarten students took part in a nationwide Valentine exchange. They sent hearts to 24 schools across the country and one in British Columbia. So far, they have received 20 in return. They had fun learning about the other schools and finding similarities and differences to St. Peter's School. They located each town on a map on their Clevertouch board and zoomed out to see how many states away they were from Ohio. Finally, they hung the hearts in the hallway on a big map. This was a fun, great project! Go Spartans!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

Mark your calendars for this year's Vacation Bible School! It will be taking place July 6—9, 2020 and those who are 3-10 years of age are eligible to participate. We are always looking for additional youth helpers as well as adult helpers! Registrations paperwork will be available in the parish office soon, but if you are interested in either having your child participate or assisting with the week, please contact Elizabeth Wurm at wurm.elizabeth@myspartans.org as soon as possible! We hope you can join us!

STEUBENVILLE YOUTH CONFERENCE

There is still time left to sign up for the Steubenville Youth Conference taking place June 12—14, 2020. This amazing conference is for those who will be incoming Freshman to outgoing seniors during the 2020-2021 school year. Registration ends on February 27 so if you are interested please contact Elizabeth Wurm as soon as possible.

USHERS NEEDED

More ushers are needed at all of the weekend Masses. If you are interested or have questions contact Head Usher, Dave Barber DHB4950@gmail.com or talk to any usher at the Mass you attend.



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AUSTRALIAN WILDFIRE AND PUERTO RICAN EARTHQUAKE COLLECTION

Our prayers go out to all who perished, their families, and the untold numbers of people who were injured, displaced from their homes or facing evacuation from the Australian wildfires and catastrophic earthquakes in storm-battered Puerto Rico. The Australian bush fires death toll exceeds 30. Over 16 million acres of land have burned and more than 2,500 homes have been destroyed.

Your financial support will help with long-term recovery efforts, including needed pastoral care and support, case management to assist disaster victims, and direct assistance to people unable to get insurance coverage or sufficient government support.

As with past disasters, Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Toledo is collecting and forwarding donations dollar for dollar to Catholic Relief Services and sister Catholic Charities agencies. Checks should be made out to Catholic Charities, Diocese of Toledo, with an Australia Recovery OR Puerto Rico Recovery notation and should be sent to Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo, 1933 Spielbusch Ave., Toledo, Ohio 43604.

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.

PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER



Following considerable prayer and consultation, it has been decided that **St. Peter's will discontinue operation of the San Damiano Hall program after the end of the current school year, May 28, 2020.**

Due to economic forces beyond our control, as well as more stringent regulations by the state, we can no longer subsidize the program to meet the educational needs of our students in the program.

Please keep in prayer our staff and our families whom we have attempted to serve over the past several years.
Fr. Gregory Hite

ADULT FAITH ENRICHMENT

This is the week! We begin two new series, one for women only and one open to all. All Adult Faith classes are held in Assisi Hall, 4th floor, Parish Center. Enter thru Parish Center Entrance, 104 West First Street. See details for each class in the following descriptions:

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

"No Greater Love" is a 5-part pilgrimage with author Edward Sri guiding us through the last hours of Christ's life. We will experience a deeper understanding and appreciation of God's immeasurable and unconditional love for us - and grow closer to Jesus. A study guide set with workbook and paperback is available through Ascension Press for \$24.95. **We look forward to gathering each week at 6:15 PM beginning tomorrow, Monday, Feb. 24.**

Contact Dianne Randall - 567.241.6608 / diannecreamer@yahoo.com or Kelly Wurm - 419.884.7785 / kmwurm@yahoo.com.

BIBLE STUDY—Open to all

We will begin "Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life" from Ascension Press, a 5-week journey into the entirety of Jesus' life - who He is, the nature of His saving mission, and what this means for us as Catholics today. Please join us each Thursday at 6:30 PM beginning this Thursday, Feb. 27. No registration needed. Contact Ron and JoEllen Stevens - stevensronjo@yahoo.com.

UPPER ROOM YOUTH GROUP

The next Upper Room High School Session will be held on **Sunday, March 8, 2020** at Resurrection Parish. Missionaries from Damascus Catholic Mission Campus (CYSC) come to Resurrection Parish for spiritual and fun-filled evenings twice a month running through April. For more information call Sarah or Barb at Resurrection 419.884.0060, 2600 Lexington Avenue in Lexington OH. Pizza and desserts provided.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PANCAKE DINNER

- What:** Shrove Tuesday Pancake & Sausage Dinner
- When:** Tuesday, February 25, 5:00—7:00 P.M.
- Where:** Church Basement
- How:** Presented by our Parish Knights of Columbus



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FRIDAY NIGHT DINNERS

February 21—Beef and noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans, bread, and salad

February 28—Lenten Friday Night Fish Fry Dinners begin and run through April 3

Call Dave Rigenbach for more information at 419.571.0800.



St. Peter's School
 OPEN HOUSE
 Sunday
 March 1

BE A
SPARTAN!



Graduating students who achieve academic excellence, practice Christian spirituality, and prepare to be of service to the world.

- ◆ Hear about the mission of St. Peter's School and the academic, athletic, and extracurricular programs.
- ◆ Receive information on the St. Peter's admission and registration process.
- ◆ Tuition, scholarship, and financial aid staff will answer your questions.
- ◆ Meet administrators, teachers, and coaches.
- ◆ Get details about the State of Ohio School Choice Scholarship Programs.
- ◆ Building tours will be offered.

Begins promptly at 1:00 P.M. in the High School Auditorium. Call 419.524.2572 if you have questions or for more information about Open House. (Snow date: Sunday March 8)

St. Peter's School
 OPEN HOUSE
 Sunday
 March 1

Teachers
Challenge
Us!





MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE EASTER BAKE SALE

- Saturday, March 14—Presale of pierogis
- Thursday, March 26—Presale of cabbage rolls
- Tuesday, April 7—Easter Bake Sale
- Wednesday, April 8—Easter Bake Sale

Watch for upcoming announcements!





RECYCLING—NEXT DATE: MARCH 13, 2020

BLUE BARRELS: March 14 & 15

Urgent Call to Action: Support School Choice In a diocesan-wide effort to support parents as primary educators and support parents in having options for their children's education, Bishop Daniel E. Thomas invites the faithful of the Diocese of Toledo to contact your state representatives and senators expressing to them support for educational choice in Ohio. Ohio's General assembly has recently introduced legislation that would effectively eliminate one of Ohio's school choice programs without securely funding an alternative for families. To learn more about the school choice in Ohio, please view this document: <https://tinyurl.com/school-choice>

Concerned Friends This non-denominational, Christian based grief support group meets the first Monday of each month in the Chapel at Ohio Health Hospital from 7:00—8:00 P.M. The next meeting is March 2, 2020. It is facilitated by Dr. Faith Proietti the Hospital Chaplain, who incidentally is a member of the group having lost a daughter. This group is for parents who have lost children no matter what age. For any questions call John or Terry Heringhaus at 419.526.3066.

Catholic Womens Club The next luncheon and meeting will be Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at the Roadhouse Brown Derby Event Center at 3985 Park Avenue West, Mansfield, Ohio 44903. The lunch will start at 12:00 pm and the meeting and program will follow. All Catholic women in the Saint Juan Diego Deanery are invited. If you are new, you are encouraged to come and join us and get to know the Catholic women in the area. Please call Muriel Janowiak, March Chairperson at 419-564-1258 or Joan Schonhardt, President at 419-366-0118. Reservations must be made by March 6, 2020 before 12 noon. We are looking forward to seeing current members and meeting new members!

Catholic Womens Club Scholarship for High School Senior Girls. The Catholic Women's Club of the St. Juan Diego Deanery is offering a \$500 Scholarship to a high school girl who is planning to attend college. You do not have to be attending a Catholic high school or plan to attend a Catholic college to apply. See your youth director or the parish pastor for an application form.

"A judicious silence is always better than truth spoken without clarity."

Saint Francis de Sales

FOOLISHNESS

Sometimes the idea of repentance seems old-fashioned, naïve, even foolish. But if you're looking for real foolishness, you'll find it in today's readings.

We begin with Leviticus and the admonition, "Take no revenge and cherish no grudge" (Leviticus 19:18). We've heard that message before, of course, so we might forget how far it is from the so-called "practical realities of life." Saint Paul warns us about being practical, however. Whoever considers oneself wise had better "become a fool," because, "the wisdom of this world is foolishness in the eyes of God." (1 Corinthians 3:18, 19).

This "foolishness" continues in the Gospel: "Offer no resistance to one who is evil," (Matthew 5:39). In fact, offer the other cheek when you've been slapped. Hand over your coat as well as your shirt. Be like God, who sends sunshine and rain on the bad as well as the good. "So be perfect," says Jesus, "just as your heavenly Father is perfect." (Matthew 5:48).

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ASH WEDNESDAY

Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving: these disciplines, prescribed by Jesus himself in the Sermon on the Mount, along with strict instructions not to flaunt them in public to win recognition and praise (Matthew 6:1-18), have been embraced by all the saints at the beginning of every Lent for almost two thousand years. But mention Lent, and many react with a grimace or slight shudder—even now, years after official obligations have been reduced to a minimum! No wonder the Eastern Rite's "Lenten Announcement" sounds surprising: "Let us receive with joy, O faithful people, the divinely inspired announcement of Lent! The Lenten Spring shines forth! Begin the fast with joy! Let us fast from passions as well as food, taking pleasure in the good works of the Spirit, and accomplishing them in love!" Saint John Chrysostom, whose feast is September 13, elaborates: "Do you fast? Give proof by your works. If you see a poor person, take pity. An enemy, be reconciled. A friend gaining honor, don't be jealous." A positive approach! May the saints help us keep such a Lent!

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Take no revenge and cherish no grudge; love your neighbor as yourself (Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18).

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

Second Reading — You are the temple of God, and holy (1 Corinthians 3:16-23).

Gospel — Offer no resistance; love your enemies (Matthew 5:38-48).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jas 3:13-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10; Ps 55:7-11a, 23; Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32

Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17; Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11

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