

SAINT PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

MARCH 8, 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 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 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, March 9, *Lenten Weekday*

5:00 pm Rosary

5:30 pm North Central Ohio Vocations

Tuesday, March 10, *Lenten Weekday*

7:00 am Mel Saprano

Wednesday, March 11, *Lenten Weekday*

7:00 am Capt. Christopher Britton (U.S. Army)

Thursday, March 12, *Lenten Weekday*

7:00 am Mary Foltz

10:30 pm Elementary Penance Service

1:00 pm Jr High/HS Penance Service

Friday, March 13, *Lenten Weekday*

5:00 pm Stations

5:30 pm Charles F. Eaton

Saturday, March 14, *Vigil of The Third Sunday of Lent*

5:00 pm Anton Schroeder

Sunday, March 15, *The Third Sunday of Lent*

7:30 am Constance Dalton

9:30 am Parish

11:30 am Kathy Weaver

LECTOR/COMMUNION MINISTER**Saturday, March 14**5:00 pm **L** D Randall, K Cannon**D** D Falquette, M Joyce, D Hipp, T Hipp,
K Randall, B Linkenbach**Sunday, March 15**7:30 am **L** B Danuloff, J Butler**D** M Collet, D Givens, L Danuloff, P Taylor,
A Holloway, K Reindl, K Reindl9:30 am **L** M Ambrose, M Meinzer**D** D Dreskler, F Schuster, J Kastelic,
T Etwiler, S Weitzel, K Wehinger,
M Riggelman, R Sliney, T Frasz11:30 am **L** C Mears, J Riedl**D** F Leitenberger, K Schreck, S Elliott,
C Mears, J Wendling, K Yockey, J Laskey**MASS SERVERS****Saturday, March 14**

5:00 pm J Westwood, K DeLano, D DeLano

Sunday, March 15

7:30 am A Gasper, S Tridico

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

11:30 am A Pindel, S Rizzo, M Rizzo

THE CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD**March 15** M Hill C Pindel

Hello everyone!

As we continue our Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, we have a great opportunity to reflect on the reality that love is most profoundly expressed by making sacrifices for the ones we love. This is true of our love for Christ as much as it is of our love for others. Jesus challenges us to take up our cross daily and follow after him (Mt. 16:24, Mk. 8:34, Lk. 9:23). But lest we get discouraged, he comforts us in this task: "Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light" (Mt. 11:29-30).

How do we understand the yoke of the Cross in our own life to be easy and light, especially the crosses that seem so heavily imposed upon us by difficult situations in our lives? St. Pio (a.k.a. Padre Pio) has this advice for us:

"Do not be dismayed by the cross. The surest test of someone's love consists in suffering for the person he loves. If God, by such a great love, suffered such torment, the pains that one suffers for him become sweet inasmuch as they are endured out of love. May you be patient in the afflictions which the Lord gifts to you, and may you conform yourself to the Sacred Heart with joy, knowing it all to be a little game of love from the divine lover. [...] As much as you find yourself in tribulation, so much more should you rejoice, because a soul in the fire of tribulation will become as fine as gold, worthy to be placed in such a way that it shines in the royal palace of heaven."

Obviously, Jesus does not want us to suffer. But he does not hide the fact that suffering is part of everyone's life in this fallen world. Taking up our cross daily and following after him means trusting that he would never ask us to carry a cross that is an impossible burden. Rather, because he redeemed and transformed suffering on his Cross, we are already assured of the rewards he wants to bestow on us for remaining faithful to him even in the midst of our deepest suffering. When he seems to be far from us, he is already drawing us closer to himself. See how, when we understand our crosses in this way, our Lenten reflections and experiences already look ahead to Christ's victory at Easter!

God bless you all,

Fr. Austin

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, Jill McMillen, Gary Caldwell, Jeffrey Davis, Willie "Frank" Williams, Catherine R. Liston, Dwayne Wilson, Cheryl Mack, Pius Schell, Maggie Caldwell, Cari Pennington, Michael Davis, Michael Krempel, Annette Togliatti, Clara Powell, Marilyn Miller, Rose Saul.

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...

Mary Lou Moritz Joseph Mergel

Cheryl Topa Keith L. Macke

Margie Phipps



ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD.

COLD AND FLU SEASON IS UPON US

If you have the flu, a cold, or another communicable viral infection 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.

PRISON MINISTRY CORNER



March is yet another busy month at Richland Correctional. We are having a successful Alpha program, with 80 men attending our weekly class. The small group discussions provide the opportunity to respond to the week's topic and video, ask questions, and simply have the chance to share what is on one's mind and heart in a confidential setting. That is a real gift in prison, where men often do not feel safe sharing their thoughts and feelings. As mentioned in last week's bulletin, we pray the Stations of the Cross each Saturday afternoon of Lent; please contact Lynne at the Parish Center this week if you would like to join us once for Stations of the Cross.

CHURCH REGULATIONS REGARDING FAST AND ABSTINENCE

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

Fasting means limiting oneself to one full meal on a given fast day. Catholics who are **eighteen years of age but not yet fifty-nine** are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On fast days, two additional smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength. However, the two smaller meals together may not equal one full meal. Moreover, eating solid foods between meals on fast days is not permitted. Those under physician care may choose a suitable penance.

NEW PARISHIONERS:

Alexandra Predmore

Michael Gong

Mark and Mary Ashley

Aaron Turner

Rick and Betty Coffin



BAPTISMS:

Levi Boals

Millie Swinehart

Emmalyn Eller

Kenson Eller

Anastasia Marina Kallimanis

Henry Becket Mayer

Briggs McCoy Liersemann

Camden Michael Dick



SUNDAY OFFERING

Year to Date
February 29, 2020



Sunday and Holy Day Collections

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| Sunday Collection & Holy Day Collection: | \$568,042 |
| Total Budgeted Sunday Collection To Date: | \$569,034 |

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| Sunday Collection Surplus/(Deficit) | (\$992) |
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School Collection

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| Total School Collection To Date: | \$94,380 |
| Total Budgeted School Collection To Date: | \$96,000 |

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| School Collection Surplus/(Deficit) | (\$1620) |
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SAVE THE DATE! VBS 2020!

We hope that you can join us for VBS this year with "God's Wild Adventure!" VBS will be taking place July 6- 9 at St. Peter's and 3-10 year olds are welcome to join us! It will be taking place from 9:00-11: 30 A.M. daily! We are also looking for adult volunteers to help with this week!

We do have a wish list again this year and appreciate any donations that are given. Our wish list helps us keep the cost down for all of our participants! Although we ask for a \$5 donation from those participating, it is our hope that all can participate regardless of their ability to pay.

If you could prayerfully consider donating one of the items below it would be much appreciated!

- 320 Juice boxes (any flavor)
- Three large boxes of goldfish crackers
- Four large bags of animal crackers
- 5 bags of apples
- Tubes from packages of aluminum foil (or any cardboard tube that is thicker)
- 2 large packages of pipe cleaners
- Four large boxes of minute rice
- Two large packages of clothes pins (with the springs)
- Black and Blue permanent markers (we would need ten of each)
- One package of coffee filters
- One package of brown lunch bags (50 count)
- One large bag of rubber bands
- 12 pool noodles (can be purchased at the dollar store)
- 1 package of Popsicle sticks (the thinner variety not the jumbo)

If you are able to provide any of these items, it would be appreciated if they could be dropped off to the parish office by April 1. Monetary donations are always accepted and welcome to sponsor children who are unable to pay to attend. We thank you for your help as we prepare to go on "God's Wild Adventures!" If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Elizabeth Wurm at the parish office or at wurm.elizabeth@myspartans.org. Thank you in advance for your kindness!

SPRING UNIFORM SALE—MARCH 18 AND 19

The Spring Uniform Sale will be March 18 and 19 from 12:00—2:00 P.M. We apologize if these times are inconvenient for anyone's work schedules, but these are the only times we have volunteers consistently available to assist. For families who need assistance during different times, please feel free to contact me either by phone of email, and we can discuss other option for taking care of your child's uniform needs.

Families with questions of in need of assistance email mgregor.sandra@myspartans.org or call 419.524.2572 ext.6100. Please leave voicemail with your information.

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EASTER BAKE SALE NOTES

Our Easter Bake Sale is on April 7 and 8. We will be making pierogis this Friday, March 13 beginning at 8:00 A.M. in the High School cafeteria. Sale of pierogis will be this Saturday March 14 from 9:00—12:00 P.M. in the cafeteria. We need lots of helpers—and have many sit down jobs.



Cabbage roll making will be March 16, 17 and 18 with the presale on March 19. Candy making is March 24 and 25.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE EASTER BAKE SALE

Saturday, March 14—Presale of pierogis

Thursday, March 19—Presale of cabbage rolls

Tuesday, April 7—Easter Bake Sale

Wednesday, April 8—Easter Bake Sale

Watch for upcoming announcements!

RETREAT HELPS SINGLE CATHOLIC WOMEN DISCERN GOD'S VOCATIONAL CALL

Are you a single Catholic woman between the ages of 19 to 35 and feel that God might be calling you to a deeper life of service and love? The Adrian Dominican Sisters invite you to a special weekend, "A Time to Discern: Come and See for Yourself," April 17—19, 2020, at Weber Retreat and Conference Center on the Motherhouse Campus.

Participants will have the opportunity to meet other women discerning God's call; learn about the life of a Sister, and in particular Dominican life; tour the Motherhouse; engage in conversation with Sisters; and join in the Sunday Liturgy.

To register online, visit <https://tinyurl.com/ADSDiscern>. For more information, email Sister Tarianne DeYonker, OP, Vocation Co-director, at tdeyonker@adriandominicans.org or call or text her at 517.920.1395.

SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 2020

ST. PETER'S POURFEST



An exciting new fundraising event (for 21 and older) at St. Peter's Franciscan Activity Center. St. Peter's PourFest will be a memorable evening of entertainment, food and tastings of some of the best beer, wine and seltzers.

Mar your calendar and stay tuned for more information!

ADULT FAITH ENRICHMENT

We are offering two series during Lent, one for women only and one open to all. Adult Faith sessions 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 as we walk with Him this Lenten season. We gather each Monday at 6:15 P.M. Contact: Dianne Randall - 567.241.6608/diannecream@yahoo.com or Kelly Wurm - 419.884.7785/kmwurm@yahoo.com.

Bible Study—Open to All

Join us for "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 today. We meet each Thursday at 6:30 P.M. Contact: Ron and JoEllen Steven—stevensronjo@yahoo.com.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS



We want to recognize and say a special prayer for the parishioners celebrating birthdays in March, especially those who are 85 years of age and above:

Frank Pewonski, Joseph Mento, Josephine Byrne, Sophie Stiteler, Jean Kulka, Dolores Smith, Christine Franz, Elizabeth Krebs, Victoria Zack, Hiltrude Kleshinski, Jean Gurski, Barbara Crawford, Norma Dorsey, Clara Powell, James Quitter, Betty Schartl, Barbara Olivieri, Harold Cope, Frances Hursh, Janis Bucky.

THE PARISH CENTER OFFICE WILL NO LONGER BE OPEN ON SUNDAY. WE APOLOGIZE FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE THIS WILL HAVE. THANK YOU!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FRIDAY FISH NIGHT DINNERS

March 13, 20, 27

April 3

Call Dave Riggerbach for more information at 419.571.0800.



RECYCLING—NEXT DATE: MARCH 13 , 2020

FOOD COLLECTION: March 14 & 15

THIS IS BIG NEWS! THIS IS GREAT NEWS!



For the 2020-2021 school year, St. Peter's Montessori Preschool will offer a full-day option consisting of half-day Montessori preschool and half-day Montessori preschool enrichment. And even better news—the Montessori preschool tuition will be slightly reduced compared to previous years.

The Montessori program is outstanding and includes language, reading, math, geography, and science. With studies proving that a child's greatest mental development occurs between the ages of 2-6, the Montessori program is a great investment and will prove to be the gift of a lifetime for your child. Call our Montessori director and elementary school principal, Mrs. Ashley Rastorfer, at 419.524. 2572 ext. 4101 for more information.



ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY AT THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

St. Peter Knights of Columbus Council 687, and our Parish family invite you and all your ADULT friends to a St. Patrick's Party at the Mansfield Knights Hall; located at 1114 P.A.W., Saturday March 14th. Doors will open at 6:30, with festivities beginning at 7pm. Cost will be \$8.00 at the door and will include food and door prizes. Games of chance and fun raffles will be available for your enjoyment. Proceeds will benefit Catholic youth through Damascus Campus Youth Services!

ADULTS ONLY EVENT, no minors admitted.

Contact: Mike Winters 419.543.3080

Dave Riggerbach 419.571.0800

Rik Blackstone 614.270.0482

Catholic Womens Club The next luncheon and meeting will be Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at the Brown Derby Roadhouse/ Ontario 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!

If You Are Opposed To Abortion please come to a non-denominational organizational meeting to suggest ways we can work together to stop abortions in Ohio. It will be held at the Mansfield Richland County Library on Monday, March 23 at 6:30 P.M. For further information contact Greg Jevnikar at gregjaye@earthlink.net. You may call/text him at 419.468.4679.

St. Mary Mother of the Redeemer Church of Norwalk has a position open for a part-time director of Liturgical Music. The position requires proficiency as a keyboardist and choir director. Please send questions and/or resume to: pastor@stmarynorwalk.org or St. Mary Church, 38 W. League St., Norwalk, OH 44857, ATTN: Pastor

God our Father, in the Lenten season may we not betray your love by trying to deserve it. Help us to fast from all that distracts us from your love. Help us to recognize you as the origin and goal of all of the desires you place in our hearts. Help us to be true to ourselves and true to you by continuing to beg for your love. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

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CHANGE

Lent is all about change and change is usually not easy. In order to change we have to leave something behind. Today we hear about a very old man who decides to answer God's call. Abram experiences a tremendous amount of change when he leaves everything behind, risking it all for God's promise. Jesus changes as he is transfigured right before the eyes of his disciples. The Lenten scriptures issue the call for us to change, to be transfigured, so that we, too, will soon share in the glory of God. What is it that the Lord is asking us to leave behind? Are we willing to take the risk for the promise made by God? These questions are at the heart of the Lenten journey of conversion.

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SAINT FRANCES OF ROME (1384-1440) March 9

Nature and human nature—plagues and wars—turned late medieval Rome into a living hell, particularly for the sick and poor. Frances, by birth and marriage was well provided for, and was a devoted wife and mother; but like Benedictine Oblates, who to this day “pray and work” while living with their families and working in the world, she joined like-minded laywomen friends in ministering to society's most vulnerable. Frances' charity was not only “hands on” but “in home.” Her palace became a hospital after the plague claimed two of her three children. When her husband's death ended their loving marriage of forty years, Frances joined other widowed Oblates in community. In an interesting link to the United States, our nation's premier religious congregation for women of color, the Oblate Sisters of Providence, in 1833 established bonds of spiritual communion with these Oblates of Saint Frances in Rome. Though Black History Month is past, take a moment to learn about the good work that Mother Lange's spiritual daughters are doing still and consider supporting them as a Lenten project: www.oblatesisters.com.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD said to Abram: All the families of the earth shall find blessing in you (Genesis 12:1-4a)

Psalm — Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you (Psalm 33).

Second Reading — God has called us to a holy life, not because of our works but according to grace (2 Timothy 1:8b-10).

Gospel — Atop a high mountain, Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James, and John (Matthew 17:1-9).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23;

Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, Lk 11-32

Sunday: Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

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