

SAINT PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

MAY 3, 2020



The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
In verdant pastures he gives me repose;
beside restful waters he leads me;
he refreshes my soul.

He guides me in right paths
for his name's sake.
Even though I walk in the dark valley
I fear no evil; for you are at my side.
With your rod and your staff
that give me courage.

You spread the table before me
in the sight of my foes;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

Only goodness and kindness follow me
all the days of my life;
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
for years to come.

~~Psalm 23: 1-3A, 3B-4,5,6~~

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Mass Schedule:

There will be no Masses offered at this time. Mass will be available on WMFD TV on Sunday at 10:00 A.M. and on the St. Peter's YouTube channel, website and Facebook page.

Spanish Mass:

Resurrection Parish, Lexington

All Masses are cancelled until further notice.

Parish Office Hours:

All offices are closed until at least May 1, 2020

Pastoral Care Contacts:

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Nursing Homes/Assisted Living &
Prayer Pipeline*
Deacon John Reef 419.529.3694
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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*
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Mrs. Elizabeth Wurm, *Director of
Religious Ed. & Youth Minister*

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Mr. John Reef

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Mr. Jonathan Cuttitta
High School, Jr. High School
Mrs. Ashley Rastorfer
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Parish Business Manager:

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Director of Development:

Mr. Jason Crundwell

A PARISH OF THE SAINT JUAN DIEGO DEANERY, DIOCESE OF TOLEDO

Spirituality of the Readings

Fourth Sunday of Easter A

May 3, 2020

John Foley, SJ

Reading I: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Responsorial Psalm: 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

Reading II: 1 Peter 2:20b-45

Gospel: John 10:1-10

Sheepish?

What are some facts about those woolly creatures we call sheep? Jesus talks about them and their shepherds in the Gospel this week.

Well, did you (or I) in our childhood have fun by turning various insects on their backs? Childishly, we would watch them struggle and never achieve their proper leg-side down position, unless we had mercy on them. Shepherds tell us an unshorn sheep is the same way: completely stranded if it gets turned on its back. In order to turn it right-side up when it was in need, the shepherd would carry a “crook” and with it would hook the sheep and turn it right. He was kind and careful.

That was why they followed him.

A stranger’s voice could not have the gentle consonance of their master and friend.

History tells us that in Jesus’ time the many shepherds all brought their small flocks down to Jerusalem and that they kept these together in one big sheepfold. There were no brands, no markings of any kind, just a fuzzy mob. How, you might ask, would each shepherd retrieve the sheep that belonged to him (or to his boss)?

The first way was by calling each of his sheep by name. He had been with them on the hillsides to the point that they were no longer strangers to him. For instance, there was the one with the nick in its ear, the one with the pretty face, the one that limped. He had a name for each because they each had a personality that was special, just as you and I do today. When they heard their name, they got up and followed.

Second, the sheep recognized not only its name but the actual voice of the shepherd, a much loved sound. It belonged to the one who flipped them back on their feet, the one who shielded them from wolves, the one who led them to fresh pastures instead of what they had eaten down to nubs. A stranger’s voice could not have the gentle consonance of their master and friend.

The appropriate sheep flocked to him.

Why does Jesus use such imagery on the Fourth Sunday of Easter? I suppose you know the answer already, but—if you will pardon the comparison—you and I are much like sheep. The shepherd calls us by name, which means that the magnificent God of the universe pays attention to us. He knows each and every one of us better than we know ourselves. The name he confirms for each of us finds its way down to the deepest interior of our souls. Christ calls each of us by name to be most truly who we are.

Of course, we often mishear such a voice. We ignore it, resist it, button our ears to it. But in our moments of sane and solitary wholeness, or maybe in our times of trouble, our spirits pulse to the rhythm of God’s voice. It resounds within us.

Like the shepherd with his sheep, and in spite of wolves and wildness all around, this call is safe. Christ’s call lets our fear drop away; it turns us right side up. It lets us follow our master and friend, around rocks and even through dark valleys.

Sometimes the phrase, “people are sheep,” is deemed an insult. This Sunday it is the greatest compliment we could get.

John Foley, SJ

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

Celebration Summary: Bryan M. Cones

Today's liturgy makes it hard to miss that this is Good Shepherd Sunday. The second and Gospel readings, both opening prayers and the prayer after Communion, the Gospel acclamation and the Communion antiphon all make some reference to Christ the Good Shepherd of his flock, the Church. This is hardly surprising: The Good Shepherd is one of the most beloved images of Christ, as well as one of the most ancient.

At the same time, there is always a danger that the image of the Good Shepherd will be no more than a security blanket. This is fine for children, who are still learning of God's constant care and protection, but grown-ups need to be called beyond mere comfort. First Peter, while referring to Jesus as "shepherd and guardian" of souls, highlights the suffering we face as members of Christ's flock. As goes the shepherd, "who died for his flock" (Communion antiphon), so go the sheep. The opening prayer asks God to grant us the "courage" of our shepherd, that we may follow him faithfully. The alternative opening prayer is more specific, asking God to "attune our minds to the sound of [Christ's] voice" and to "lead our steps in the path he has shown." This is no small task.

Though we must allow ourselves to be challenged by the Good Shepherd, we still find hope. Jesus promises abundant life in the Gospel passage, for as the writer of First Peter says, "By [Christ's] wounds, [we] have been healed." This is cause for joy, and a cause worth living and dying for.

Lectionary Summary: Glenn CJ Byer

The fourth evangelist, John, offers a discourse from Jesus about being shepherd and sheep gate. The voice of Jesus assures the late first century Christian community of the importance of listening to his voice and resting in his safety. Jesus promises to keep the flock (the Christian community) safe from thieves and robbers. For the community today, it is important that our music and liturgy focus on the voice of the shepherd and not get too impressed with having our own voices, gifts and talents get in the way.

The selection from the Acts of the Apostles exhorts people of faith who have heard the message to be "baptized...for the forgiveness of your sins" and "receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." The words of Peter have been prescient for many generations, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." The more things change, the more they stay the same. In all times and generations, the culture has been a challenge to living a life of faith in Jesus Christ and being witnesses to the world of God's power over sin and death.

The words from the First Letter of Peter offer us a glimpse of how we are to embrace suffering to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Whereas our culture embraces vengeance and revenge, the redemptive suffering and sacrifice of Jesus our what we are to embrace. Like the non-violence of Ghandi and Martin Luther King, we are exhorted to "return no insult", not to threaten but to hand ourselves over willingly for the sake of our faith. Doing so, we will be saved by the shepherd who knows his sheep.

Reading Summaries

First Reading: Fr. Eugene Hensell, OSB

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

This passage describes the amazing response of the hearers to the first speech among several that Peter addresses to the crowds (Acts 2:1). We are given the conclusion of the speech which actually serves as a summary of all that Peter has said. Two essential points are made. First, Jesus is Lord which means that the risen Lord shares equal status with God. Second, Jesus is the Messiah, God's anointed one who is the promised agent of salvation (Acts 2:36). These essential insights have been made clear through a faithful understanding of the meaning of Jesus' death and resurrection. This implies that faith more than knowledge is required to grasp Peter's message.

The remarkable aspect of the crowd's response is that it is indeed made in faith (Acts 2:37). They have the requisite faith but they are unclear about the action that should flow from it. Thus the question. "...what should we do?" Peter has an immediate response (Acts 2:38). First they should repent. This is not the same thing as doing penance. To repent means to change radically. If you are going north, change and go south. If you are going east, change and go west. Second, everyone is to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Baptism gives one entrance into the faith community and access to the real presence and power of the risen Lord.

The promise of the Holy Spirit is for Jews and Gentiles, those who are near as well as those who are far away (Acts 2: 39). In other words, salvation is to include all who have faith in the risen Lord. It extends to all generations including our own.

Responsorial Psalm: Deacon Owen Cummings

Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

This has to be the most popular, best known and best loved psalm in the Psalter. It is especially meaningful during Lent. As we are making our way towards the Easter Vigil, the psalm recapitulates the present reality and the hope of the elect.

In terms of the present, the Lord is indeed the Shepherd of the elect, close to them, guiding them through these last weeks of preparation for initiation. Lent can be a difficult time for the elect, as they prepare to enter the Church. Sometimes this leads to difficulties with families, perhaps even periods of concern and even of doubt. That is why we have the Scrutinies, the prayer that every impediment, every demonic difficulty, may be removed from the path of the elect. The psalm provides exquisite reassurance: "Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side with your rod and your staff that give me courage." God is there, side by side with the elect, and indeed with all of us, never absent.

At the Easter Vigil, God's comforting presence reaches its climax as he invites and incorporates into his own life. He leads the elect to the restful waters of baptism in which they will be refreshed and renewed. They will be anointed with oil, with chrism, deepening the image of the Christ-Son in the newly baptized. The table of the Eucharist will be spread before them so that their incorporation will be complete. Fed with Christ's body the elect join us as Christ's Body, as we all struggle to give witness as Christ's Body.

Second Reading: Fr. Damien Dougherty, O.F.M.

1 Peter 2:20b-25

The figure of Christ is being presented in a direct relationship with Isaiah's Servant of Yahweh to affirm the salvific rapport between the suffering of Christ and that of the Christian and it mounts up gradually to a crescendo of explication: first, the absolute innocence of Christ is highlighted, his non-opposition to the violence, injustice and his self-abandonment to God who, alone, "judges justly."

The innocent suffering of Christ, therefore, acquires a transcendental perspective: he is subjected by means of men to a judgment by God manifested and realized within Christ's death on the cross. Such a death, an annihilation of the bodily life of Christ, constitutes an annihilation of our sins - insofar as they are taken up by Christ and carried within his body on the cross.

This is a second attempt of theological intelligence to explain the connection between crucifixion-salvation, following Paul's endeavor (Romans 8,2-4). The effect of the Christ's salvific action rests precisely in the fact that Christian life is realized in the concrete by making present within our lives that "measure" of behavior that has been established for us by God. After this exposition, what is once again expressed, with emotional force, is a concrete synthesis of the fundamental, soteriological fact: we are rendered whole by his suffering. First there is the straying herd of sheep, without a shepherd; now there is a shepherd, Christ, who looks after his herd lovingly; as he takes constant care of the present, is also preparing for the future salvation.

Gospel: John Paul Heil

John 10:1-10

Main Theme: Jesus is both the "gate" and "shepherd" who leads us to eternal life.

In the biblical tradition the people of God are often portrayed as "sheep" who are to be safely led by their "shepherds"--their kings and leaders--to the life God wants them to live. Although they do not realize it, the Pharisees are being portrayed by Jesus as false "shepherds" or leaders of their people. Because they do not "enter a sheepfold through the gate" as a true shepherd does, they are not shepherds but "thieves and robbers" who have come "only to steal and slaughter and destroy" the sheep. In other words, they have come to deprive the "sheep" of life rather than lead them to life with God.

Jesus, on the other hand, is the true shepherd who not only enters through the gate so that the "sheep" hear his voice and follow him, but, as he solemnly reveals, "I am the gate for the sheep." As the "gate," Jesus is the means or medium through which we as "sheep" will be saved from the death to be perpetrated by the "thieves and robbers," so that we can freely and safely "come in and go out and find pasture" in our life with God. As both the "gate" and the "shepherd" who was raised from the dead by God after he laid down his life for the sheep, Jesus came so that we might have life--an eternal life that we can live even now-- and "have it more abundantly."

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CATHOLIC CONFERENCE OF OHIO

April 28, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Yesterday, 27 April 2020, Governor Mike DeWine presented a strategy to begin a multi-phased plan, even while the executive "Stay at Home Order" remains in place. His plan begins a process for Ohioans gradually to return to work and daily activity and provides hope and evidence that our cooperation with the governor's orders has significantly curbed the spread of the virus. We thank you for and admire the patience, cooperation and understanding you have already shown during this COVID-19 pandemic. We realize the frustration, sadness, and loss the faithful felt not to be able to gather personally to celebrate the Paschal Mysteries during the Sacred Triduum and each Sunday. During this time of sacrifice and longing, we have joined our prayers and hearts to yours, trusting that God will see us through this pandemic and reunite us at the Eucharistic Feast. Out of deep concern for the common good as well as the physical and spiritual well-being of all the people of Ohio, the Catholic Bishops of Ohio have agreed once again to cooperate with the governor, and to support and abide by the multi-phased approach to returning to work and eventual public gathering in large groups.

To that end, the Catholic Bishops of Ohio extend the temporary suspension of all publicly celebrated Masses/liturgies ending on May 29th, with the hope of publicly celebrating together the Solemnity of Pentecost on the weekend of May 30/31. Each of the bishops of Ohio, once again, dispense the Catholic faithful who reside in their respective dioceses and all other Catholics currently in their territories from the obligation of attending Sunday Mass during this time. We ask for the cooperation and adherence of all the faithful to the governor's directives during this period.

We will be working diligently with our pastoral teams to consider reasonable, gradual and responsible initiatives for welcoming back the faithful in time to Sunday Mass, initiatives which will renew our love for the Holy Eucharist and the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and which will help us to restore Catholic life and invite others to share that life after the pandemic. We encourage individual dioceses and their respective pastors and parishioners to begin to work to establish plans which respect social distancing and other requirements for the safety of our people.

This decision has not been taken lightly and, as your bishops, together with you, we recognize the sacrifice we are called to make being physically distanced from the Holy Eucharist and from one another. We remain grateful for your understanding and prayerful support. As your bishops we continue to encourage you to keep holy the Lord's Day by participating in Sunday Mass by way of radio broadcast or televised or livestreamed options and making a spiritual communion. Keeping in mind of the gift of plenary indulgences offered to us by the Church, we encourage all the faithful to turn to the Church's treasury of prayer, praying as a family or individually the Liturgy of the Hours, rosary, divine mercy chaplet, and Stations of the Cross, etc.

Together we continue to pray for all who are suffering from Covid19, for all health care workers and first responders, for all the deceased and their families, and for an easing of the anxiety and tension caused by this pandemic. Relying on the Motherly care of Our Lady, Health of the Sick, we unite our sufferings to those of Our Lord Jesus Christ, and we trust in the glorious hope of His Resurrection.

Most Rev. Dennis M. Schnurr
Archbishop of Cincinnati

Rev. Donald P. Oleksiak
Diocesan Administrator of Cleveland

Most Rev. Joseph R. Binzer
Auxiliary Bishop of Cincinnati

Most Rev. Daniel E. Thomas
Bishop of Toledo

Most Rev. Robert J. Brennan
Bishop of Columbus

Most Rev. J. Michael Botean
Romanian Eparchy of Canton

Most Rev. Jeffrey M. Monforton
Bishop of Steubenville

Most Rev. Bohdan J. Danylo
Ukrainian Eparchy of St. Josaphat

Most Rev. George V. Murry, S.J.
Bishop of Youngstown

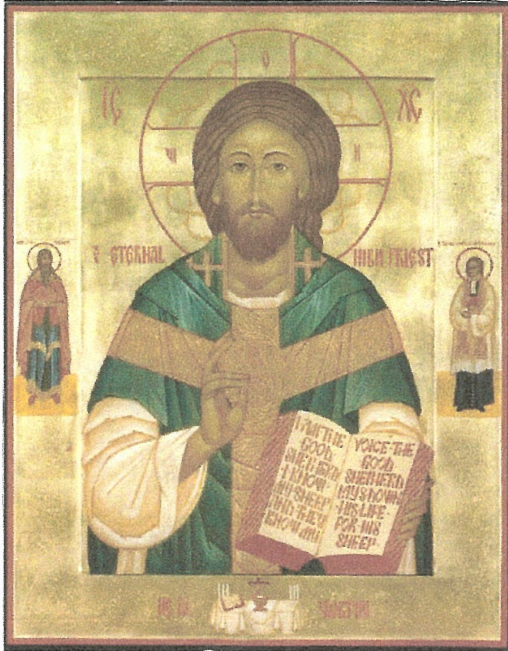
Most Rev. Milan Lach, SJ
Byzantine Eparchy of Parma



The picture above was taken in the newly completed St. Peter's Catholic Church here in Mansfield in 1917 or 1918. Note the absence of stained glass windows (which did not arrive until 1920), as well as the visible differences in sanctuary furnishings and décor. The picture comes from the collection of the late Helen Keating Ott, who went on to establish the Children's Department of the Mansfield Richland County Public Library. Mrs. Ott would have been 13 or 14 years old when she took the picture. Though she herself was a Presbyterian, she was evidently inspired by the interior of our church. Note the sanctuary presence lamp suspended from the center of the ceiling in the apse. Forced perspective makes it look as though the lamp was hung to the right, however. **If anyone in our parish can remember when the lamp was removed and what might have become of it, we would love to know about it. Please contact the Parish Liturgy Office at 419-524-2572, ext. 2113 if you can shed any light on this question.** The lamp was removed prior to 1944 when the church was redecorated for the Parish Centenary. (Photo courtesy of Timothy Brian McKee.)

Parents of Priests *Prayers for Priests*

Prayers for Clergy, Religious, and/or Groups of Individuals for each day of the month.



Dear Lord,
we pray that the Blessed Mother
wrap her mantle around your priests
and through her intercession
strengthen them for their ministry.
We pray that Mary will guide your priests
to follow her own words,
"Do whatever He tells you" (Jn 2:5).
May your priests have the heart of St. Joseph,
Mary's most chaste spouse.
May the Blessed Mother's own pierced heart
inspire them to embrace
all who suffer at the foot of the cross.
May your priests be holy,
filled with the fire of your love
seeking nothing but your greater glory
and the salvation of souls.
Amen.

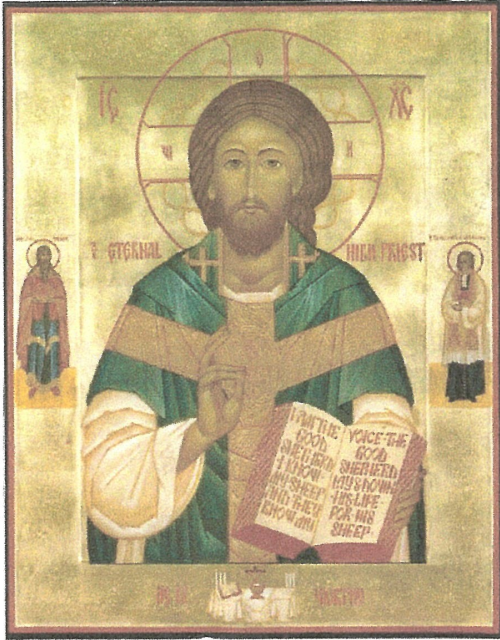
Saint John Vianney, pray for us.

May 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
+++++ DIOCESE OF TOLEDO +++++					Pope Francis 1	Increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life 2
Bishop Daniel E. Thomas 3	Your Parish Priests 4	Parents of Priests 5	Rev. Charles Obinwa 6	Rev. Thomas Oedy 7	Rev. Ronald Olszewski 8	Rev. Bernard Owens 9
Rev. Walter Oxley 10	Seminarian Mr. Albert Beltz, Jr. 11	Rev. Gregory Peatee 12	Rev. James Peiffer 13	Rev. Scott Perry 14	Deacons and Missionary Priests 15	Rev. Julian Peters 16
Rev. William Pifher 17	Very Rev. Joseph Poggemeyer VF 18	Rev. Matthew Rader 19	Rev. Anthony Recker 20	Rev. Robert Reinhart 21	Religious Brothers and Sisters 22	Rev. Daniel Ring 23
Rev. James Risacher 24	Rev. David Ritchie 25	Seminarian Mr. Michael Bialorucki 26	Rev. Charles Ritter 27	Rev. Tommy Rodrigues 28	Rev. Michael Roemmele 29	Deceased Priests of our Diocese 30
Rev. Patrick Rohen 31	GOD BLESS OUR PRIESTS, PRAY FOR THEM DAILY.					

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June 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
JESUS PROTECT OUR PRIESTS	Pope Francis 1	Bishop Daniel E. Thomas 2	Your Parish Priests 3	Parents of Priests 4	Very Rev. William Rose, VF 5	Increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life 6
Rev. Geoffrey Rose 7	Rev. David Ross 8	Rev. James Sand 9	Rev. James Sanford 10	Seminarian Mr. Zachary Brown 11	Rev. James Say 12	Rev. Herman Scherger 13
Very Rev. Jerome Schetter VF 14	Deacons and Missionary Priests 15	Rev. Eric Schild 16	Rev. Frederick Schill 17	Rev. Francis Schimscheiner 18	Rev. Edward Schleter 19	Rev. Philip Schneider 20
Rev. Ronald Schock 21	Religious Brothers and Sisters 22	Rev. Robert Schramm 23	Rev. Paul Schreiner 24	Rev. Stephen Schroeder 25	Rev. Roger Schroeder 26	Seminarian Mr. Hayden Eighinger 27
Rev. Rudi Schwarzkopf 28	Rev. Michael Sergi 29	Deceased Priests of the Diocese 30	+++ DIOCESE OF TOLEDO +++			

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Bill Ruhl, Jeannie Burkhalter, Aaron Blank, Cindy Lassen, Dina Riley, Eliana Nelson, MaKaya Butler, Sharon Valdry, Maria Loschinkohl, 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, Tom Powell, Chief Master Sergeant Joseph Basting, Peggy Basting Taylor, Kathy Carcione, Carol Pittenger, Charlie Henrich, Jill McMillen, Gary Caldwell, Jeffrey Davis, Willie "Frank" Williams, Catherine R. Liston, Pius Schell, Krista Marshall, Maggie Caldwell, Michael Davis, Michael Krempel, Marilyn Miller, Annette Togliatti, Rose Saul, Charlene Arthur, Alan Gallaway, Marty Moritz, Logan Page, Maxine Shannon, Gracie Shannon.

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...

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD.

FOR ALL OF THE CURRENT IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT ST. PETERS PARISH OPERATIONS DURING THESE TROUBLED TIMES, PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT:

WWW.MANSFIELDSTPETERS.ORG

THERE YOU WILL ALSO FIND DEVOTIONAL MATERIALS FOR USE AT HOME FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.

THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB MEETING FOR MAY 13, 2020 HAS BEEN CANCELLED.

ADULT FAITH ENRICHMENT

ALL ADULT FAITH CLASSES ARE ON HOLD UNTIL "NORMAL" PARISH CENTER HOURS AND OPERATIONS RESUME.



RECYCLING—NEXT DATE: MAY 8, 2020

FOOD COLLECTION: May 9 & 10

PRISON MINISTRY CORNER

All Catholic services and programming at ManCI and RiCI are suspended for now. Please keep our brothers in prayer. Fortunately, many of them are able to watch Mass on WMFD, just as we are. They expressed their gratitude and greatly enjoyed being able to see the interior of our beautiful church.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL UPDATE

The 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal Campaign is underway with a campaign goal of \$3 million. We can assure the continued existence of many important programs that help tens of thousands in our Diocese each year; education of our seminary students, care of the sick and needy are among them. We ask you once again for your help; we have to work together. Please respond generously when you are asked to make your pledge. Thank you for your attention and thank you for being my parish family. For more information, visit the Diocesan website at Toledodiocese.org/ACA.

Our parish goal is \$55,00.00 so far we are at \$27,296.85 with pledges from 207 households or 49.63%. Thank you for your support of our diocesan ministries and the help you provide to our seminarians and deacons who are in formation to serve our parish's future.

MASS INTENTIONS:

During this time, our priests are offering daily, private Masses for the intentions we have. Please know that your intentions are being honored. We have attempted to make a few calls for re-scheduling; however, if you have not responded, they will be honored in a timely manner. God bless and keep you!

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO DURING THIS TIME?

We have 3 small portable wooden benches that need stripped, sanded, and refinished. These are occasionally used in church. They are old, have seen a lot of use, but we would like to clean them up for various uses. If you are interested in taking on a somewhat tedious project, please let Fr. Hite know. It would make a great prayer! St. Joseph, pray for us!!

SUNDAY OFFERING

*Year to Date
March 31, 2020*

Sunday and Holy Day Collections

Sunday Collection & Holy Day Collection:	\$624,002
Total Budgeted Sunday Collection To Date:	\$639,451

Sunday Collection Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$15,449)
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School Collection

Total School Collection To Date:	\$110,083
Total Budgeted School Collection To Date:	\$108,000

School Collection Surplus/(Deficit)	\$2,083
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TV MASS SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY

You may know that we are broadcasting our Sunday Mass on WMFD TV in Mansfield, as well as on our Facebook, YouTube and Parish Web pages. While there is no cost associated with the internet transmissions, the cost of broadcasting on television is \$135.00 per half hour.

Many parishioners and area businesses have stepped up to underwrite the cost of these broadcasts. In these uncertain days that need may continue for quite some time to come.

If you or your business would like to underwrite a TV Mass, please contact Jason Crundwell or Bill Johnson at the Parish Center at 419.524.2572 ext. 2125 or ext. 2113 for more information.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO SUPPORT THE MINISTRIES OF ST. PETER'S PARISH BY MAILING IN YOUR OFFERING ENVELOPES OR VISITING THE WEBSITE, WWW.MANSFIELDSTPETERS.ORG, TO LEARN ABOUT OPPORTUNITIES FOR ELECTRONIC GIVING. WE GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR GENEROSITY AND SUPPORT DURING THESE DIFFICULT DAYS!

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL - ST. PETER'S CONFERENCE

Our Conference members pray this finds you safe and well during these challenging times. We are committed with our ongoing mission in serving individuals and families during this pandemic. We continue to receive calls from our community of those in need and we invite you to pray for our Conference that we may assist our brothers and sisters, to offer some relief in financial emergencies, as well as offer comfort and hope through our love through HIM. We anticipate having a significant increase in requests for help in the upcoming months and our Conference members are prayerfully working to contemplate how we can adapt to meet this demand. We invite you to consider, if able, to support our Conference with a financial donation to assist in our mission. If you receive Parish Envelopes, donations can be made on the green bordered "My Special Gift" envelope with delegating donation to St Vincent de Paul and/or mailed to our Conference to St. Peter's Parish. We are a 501(c)3 recognized charitable organization. Thank you so very much for your ongoing support of our ministry which was established in this Parish in 1932 and remains committed in our vision to serve our fellow brothers and sisters.

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 (provided circumstances permit) 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 once the pandemic has subsided. 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!

NEW PARISHIONERS

Please welcome the following new parishioners to our parish family:

- Maureen Kuiper
- Sharon Evans
- Jody and Felicia Beal & Family
- Kathleen Gallant

Welcome to the St. Peter's Parish Family!





Thank you to the following people who made donations to our flower fund for Easter. These donations will be used at a later date to help the parish celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving for the end of the Coronavirus Pandemic.



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Kristi Reindl	In Memory of Jim, Dottie & Joe Reindl & Eva Nail
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Mrs. Mary Ann Robertson	In Honor of Parish Priests

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These donations help make our church sanctuary beautiful.

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IN NEED OF A SHEPHERD

For a while it was very fashionable to own pigs as pets. The publicity surrounding these creatures informed us that they were—contrary to their popular image—very clean animals, and also quite smart. Sad to say, sheep will most likely never enjoy this sort of domestic vogue. They are neither clean nor smart and are largely defenseless when left on their own, even in large numbers. The biblical image of us as the flock of sheep is not a particularly flattering one. Sheep without a shepherd are truly sad, because they most likely will perish either from their inability to fend for themselves or from their lack of defenses against predators. Placing ourselves in the heart of this unflattering image can reinforce our faith. Until we come to a profound realization of how much we need a shepherd, we cannot appreciate how deeply blessed we are to have been given a Shepherd, one who laid down his life for us and was raised to life eternal in the Spirit, so he might guide us and we might follow him in faith forever.

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SAINTS PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES

May 3

Call Philip the Gospel's 'Answer Man.' "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Nathaniel asked Philip, who had proclaimed Jesus "the one about whom Moses wrote in the law, and also the prophets" (John 1:45). Jesus asked Philip, "Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?" (John 6:5). Greeks brought Philip their request: "We would like to see Jesus" (John 12:21). Philip's answer to each question: bring people to Jesus! At the Last Supper, finally, Philip had a request of his own: "Show us the Father!" (John 14:8). Jesus had three last questions for Philip: "You still don't know me? How can you ask that? Don't you believe?" And an answer: "I am in the Father and the Father is in me" (John 14:10). Today's James, known as James the Less (depicted by the statue to the left of the crucifixion on our high altar), is not John's brother, the son of Zebedee, but, tradition says, author of the New Testament Letter of James, who died praying for his murderers in Jesus' words: "Forgive them, for they know not what they do." Few historical details for either saint, but lessons aplenty: Bring every question we have and everybody we meet to Jesus; be, as James' letter challenges, "doers of the word and not hearers only" (James 1:22).

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — All peoples called by God will receive the gift of the Spirit if they repent and are baptized (Acts 2:14a, 36-41).

Psalm — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).

Second Reading — Once we were like straying sheep; but now we have been returned to the shepherd, our guardian (1 Peter 2:20b-25).

Gospel — The shepherd leads the sheep out into pastures of abundant life (John 10:1-10).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:11-18

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Jn 12:44-50

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14

Sunday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

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