

SAINT PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

JULY 26, 2020



Jesus said to his disciples: "The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field."

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it."

Matthew 13: 44-46

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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

All Masses are cancelled until further notice.

Parish Office Hours:

Monday - Friday: 9:00 A.M.- 2:00 P.M.
Saturday and 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. Kevin Moebius, *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

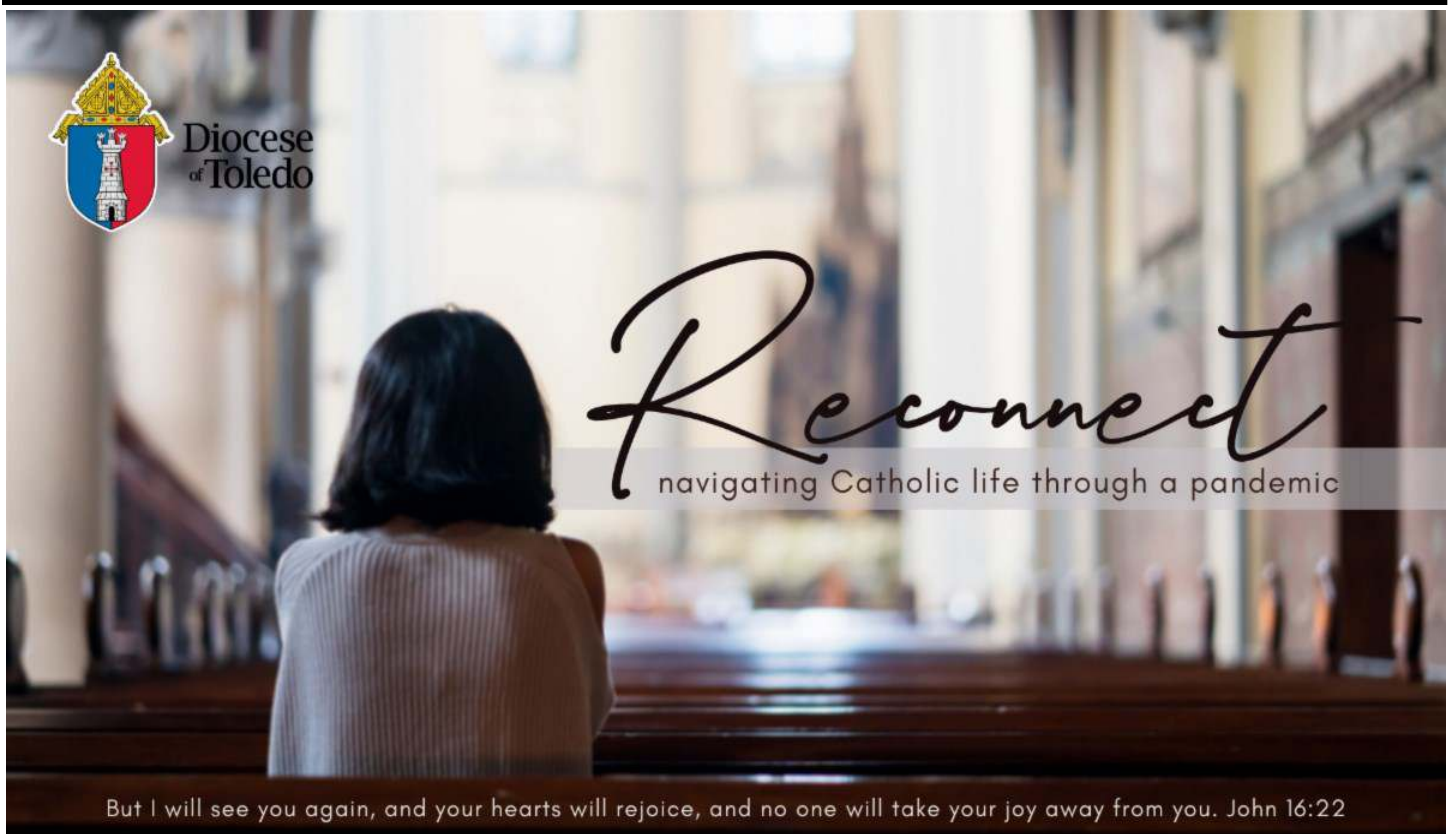
Parish Business Manager:

Mr. Evan Mumea

Director of Development:

Mr. Jason Crundwell

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Introducing the Reconnect Campaign & Website

We are launching a campaign called *Reconnect* to assist parishes and the faithful as we continue to navigate Catholic life during COVID-19 and through the next phases of re-opening. One part of the campaign is a website with resources for parishes and the public. ReconnectToledo.org has resources to help the faithful, including spiritual resources and good news stories. Another portion of the website is resources for parishes. These will continue to be populated with information in the upcoming week.

If you have any questions about the Reconnect campaign, website, or general social media/Communications questions, please contact alust@toledodiocese.org.

RICHLAND COUNTY IS NOW UNDER A
"RED LEVEL" FOR THE COVID-19 VIRUS.

WE RESPECTFULLY ASK THAT ALL WHO
COME TO WORSHIP WITH US

WEAR A MASK OR FACIAL COVERING,
USE HAND SANITIZER,
AND RESPECT SOCIAL DISTANCING
OF 6 FEET.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL DURING THIS TIME
OF PANDEMIC!

MARY, HELP OF THE SICK, PRAY FOR US!

FATHER HITE, PASTOR

*Prayer to St. Corona in a Time of Epidemic**Prayer of St Edmund - Patron Saint of Pandemics*

Into Thy hands, O Lord, and into the hands of Thy holy Angels,

I commit and entrust this day my soul, my relations, my benefactors, my friends and enemies, and all Thy Catholic people. Keep us, O Lord, through the day, by the merits and intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and of all Thy Saints, from all vicious and unruly desires, from all sins and temptations of the devil, and from sudden and unprovided death and the pains of hell. Illuminate my heart with the grace of Thy Holy Spirit; grant that I may ever be obedient to Thy commandments; suffer me not to be separated from Thee, O God, who live and reign with God the Father and the same Holy Spirit for ever and ever.

Amen.

Lord Jesus Christ, You came into this world for our salvation. Look kindly on us now, we pray, that we, and all those who serve You, might be kept safe from this epidemic.

Heal those who are sick, comfort the suffering, bring back those who have gone astray, and above all, increase our faith, O Lord.

Give us the grace to follow You and, like the martyr St. Corona, who gave her life for love of You, to take up our crosses daily without fear or hesitation.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

St. Corona, patroness of epidemic victims, pray for us.



REPORT FROM THE MANSFIELD AREA CATHOLIC CEMETERIES COMMITTEE

(July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020)

The Cemeteries Committee oversees operations in the Mansfield Catholic Cemetery and the Prince of Peace Catholic Cemetery and includes members from St. Mary's Catholic Church, Resurrection Parish and St. Peter's Parish. We have been in operation since Father Hite asked the Committee to form in 2014.

Activity has been slow this past year, especially in the past few months, but we did complete a few major activities. A retaining wall was reconstructed in the Mansfield Catholic Cemetery adjacent to State Street and two very old and deteriorated trees were removed. We continue to experience water line breaks in this cemetery, but we do try and make repairs as quickly as possible. To help protect this line we shut water off in early November and turn it back on by May 1 so it doesn't freeze. The line is very old and consists of several materials that continue to cause issues for us.

We have several hundred spaces left in the Mansfield Catholic Cemetery, but many are single spaces only. The Prince of Peace Cemetery has about 550 grave spaces remaining. Grave spaces are available for \$500. There are also some individual small spaces for cremated remains for \$200 in the Mansfield Catholic Cemetery.

During this past year we started with \$58,022.61 in the Cemetery Fund and ended with \$53,557.77. We did not expect the expense for the retaining wall and tree removal but additional grave space sales helped us end the year with only a moderate decline and funds. Primary income is only through the sale of grave spaces and this past year we sold 15 grave spaces.

For questions about the two Cemeteries please contact us through the Parish office and leave a message.(419-524-2572 ext 8003).

David Barber, Chair

Mansfield Area Catholic Cemeteries Committee

MASS INTENTIONSMonday, July 27 *Weekday*

5:00 pm Rosary

5:30 pm Fred A. Stuht

Tuesday, July 28 *Weekday*

7:00 am Parish

Wednesday, July 29 *Saint Martha*

7:00 am Parish

Thursday, July 30 *Weekday*

7:00 am Parish

Friday, July 31 *Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest*

5:00 pm Rosary

5:30 pm Parish

Saturday, August 1 *Vigil of the Eighteenth Sunday in**Ordinary Time*

5:00 pm Maryanne Voytko

Sunday, August 2 *Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

7:30 am Russ and Brian Ashley (Anniversary)

9:30 am Parish

11:30 am Judy Durbin

THANK YOU

Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish during this pandemic. Every sacrificial gift is accepted in the Lord's eyes.

Please remember to include our parish in your estate planning.

**FR. AUSTIN AMMANNITI'S NEW CONTACT INFORMATION**

Anyone wishing to contact

Fr. Austin, his new address is:

Divine Mercy Parish

417 N. Main St.

Paulding, OH 45879

His new email address is: aammanniti@dmcp parish.com



SAVE THE DATE

2020 Diocesan

Celebration of Wedding

Anniversaries



Congratulations on your milestone wedding anniversary! The Diocese of Toledo will honor you and other couples celebrating 25, 40, 50, 60 and 60-plus years of marriage at a mass celebrated by Bishop Daniel E. Thomas on Sunday, October 25th, at 3:00 pm, at Rosary Cathedral, 2535 Collingwood Blvd, Toledo. Thank you for your witness to the Sacrament of Marriage.

Every registering couple is guaranteed an anniversary certificate.

For more information regarding this event and to register please visit www.toledoanniversarymass.org or contact Alice Jacobs ajacobs@toledodiocese.org 419-214-4978.

PSALM 23

The LORD is my shepherd; there is nothing I lack.

In green pastures he makes me lie down;

to still waters he leads me; he restores my soul.

He guides me along right paths for the sake of his name.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff comfort me.

You set a table before me in front of my enemies;

You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Indeed, goodness and mercy will pursue me all the days of my life; I will dwell in the house of the LORD for endless days.

New American Bible/USCCB

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, JoAnn Marbaugh, 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, Jill McMillen, Gary Caldwell, Jeffrey Davis, Willie "Frank" Williams, Catherine R. Liston, Pius Schell, Krista Marshall, Maggie Caldwell, Michael Davis, Michael Krempel, Marilyn Miller, Rose Saul, Charlene Arthur, Alan Gallaway, Marty Moritz, Logan Page, Maxine Shannon, Gracie Shannon, Pam Schopieray, Jacob Randall, Ed Voytko.

Names will only be listed for 4 weeks. If you wish to have additional time, contact the Parish Center at 419.524.2572.

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!

PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

Regular Parish summer office hours will be from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Monday through Friday. We respectfully request that all business that can be done by phone continue in that manner, and ask, as well, that all visitors to our parish offices demonstrate social distancing guidelines.

IN GOD'S ARMS...

Shane Conry

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD.

**WEDDING BANNERS**

III — Hannah Farley and Logan Leon

II — Alexandra Predmore and Nicholas Milgrim

II — Sophia Winters and Jakob Merle

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.

ADULT FAITH ENRICHMENT

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



RECYCLING—NEXT DATE: AUGUST 14, 2020

FOOD COLLECTION: August 15 & 16

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.

FEED THE NEEDY UPDATE

For the time being, due to concerns about the safety of our volunteers and those who join us in the church basement each month for lunch, the Feed the Needy lunch program has been postponed until August, at the earliest. As you may be aware, this program was last offered in early March, just prior to the closure of our campus due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and we are hopeful that it will be possible to find a way to restart this ministry in the near future.

SUNDAY OFFERING

*Year to Date
June 30, 2020*

Sunday and Holy Day Collections

Sunday Collection & Holy Day Collection:	\$855,327
Total Budgeted Sunday Collection To Date:	\$850,700

Sunday Collection Surplus/(Deficit)	\$4,627
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School Collection

Total School Collection To Date:	\$134,132
Total Budgeted School Collection To Date:	\$143,000

School Collection Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$8,868)
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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IN A BAG

Although we could not be together for Vacation Bible School this year, we were able to remotely celebrate the week with our theme, "God is Out Of This World!" Thank you to all the families who participated and all who donated their time, talents or treasures to make "VBS in a bag" possible! We do look forward to seeing everyone again next year at Vacation Bible School!



PSR CATECHIST NEEDED

Are you looking for an amazing way to serve your parish and the future Church? Look no further! We are looking for someone to become a catechist in our PSR program for the 2020- 2021 school year. The commitment is minimal... once a week for about two hours from September- April. . The requirements include someone who is willing to share their faith with our younger disciples and also complete the requirements of our safety program for children. If you are interested or need more information, please contact Elizabeth Wurm at wurm.elizabeth@myspartans.org. We would love to have you as a part of our amazing ministerial team! You have so much of your faith to share... please share it with us!

SCHOOL AND PSR DONATIONS

As we look forward to the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year and PSR, we would like to ask for donations of face masks, hand sanitizer, sanitizing wipes and bottled water. Donations can be dropped off at the Parish Center office Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM until 2:00 PM. If you have any questions, please contact Evan Mumea at 419.524.2572 ext, 2104 or Mumea.evan@myspartans.org, or Elizabeth Wurm at 419.524.2572 ext. 2114 or wurm.elizabeth@myspartans.org. Thank you on behalf of our students, faculty, staff and PSR students.

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. Your pledge may be sent to: Annual Catholic Appeal, Diocese of Toledo, 1933 Spielbusch Avenue, Toledo, Ohio, 43604.

Our parish goal is \$55,00.00 so far we are at \$37,683.10 with pledges from 274 households or 68.51%. 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. Through your generosity, 4 men were ordained to the priesthood on June 27, 2020, and we **WELCOME FR. KEVIN MOEBIUS** to our parish. **YOUR PLEDGE** to the Annual Catholic Appeal helped to make this possible! Thank You!

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

We will resume Food Collections for the H.O.P.E. pantry at Catholic Charities on the second weekend of the month. We encourage donations of non-perishable canned and boxed food and personal care items. You can also donate with cash or a check to Catholic Charities. You can place in the weekend collection or mail to our parish center office and we will make sure it goes to Catholic Charities (or you can mail a check directly to them at Catholic Charities 2 Smith Ave. Mansfield, OH 44907) The collection weekends for the remainder of 2020 are: June 13-14, July 11-12, August 8-9, September 12-13, October 10-11, November 14-15, and December 12-13. We also continue to provide our client assistance to individuals in Richland County. Anyone seeking assistance with housing, food, medical bills or prescriptions, please contact us at 419.524.0733.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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



Helen Walbert, Mary La Susa, Rosemary Frisbee, Rose Saul, Joan Gaughan, Rose Graham, Carolyn Studer, Robert Turner, Stella Weaver, Barbara Riley, Beverly Doty, Louis Gaul, and Norbert Rall.

A SHARE IN GOD'S KINGDOM

Today concludes a three-week series of Gospel texts in which we have listened to a total of seven parables about the Kingdom. The believer is asked to consider the request that God made of Solomon in today's first reading: "Ask something of me and I will give it to you" (1 Kings 3:5). Today's parables about the treasure buried in the field and the pearl of great price should prompt us to answer, "A share in your kingdom, O God!" Today we discover that the kingdom of God is beyond value, a priceless treasure. Unfortunately, our culture bombards us with things that it believes are priceless treasures—the bigger and better SUVs, anti-aging and anti-balding creams and salves, miracle diets, and so much more. Having a share in God's kingdom and helping to bring about that kingdom are the greatest treasures that we can ever hope to gain.

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SAINT MARTHA (first century)

July 29

Whether you find Martha Stewart admirable or annoying, she has the perfect patron saint. Luke describes Martha—saint, not Stewart—as "burdened with much serving" (Luke 10:40). About Mary, seated, listening to Jesus, Martha complained, "Do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving?" Jesus' response, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things . . . Mary has chosen the better part" (10:41, 42), suggests to some the superiority of the contemplative life, leaving the rest of us, supporting families, earning livings, (helping others?), as second-class Christians. But Luke introduces Martha and Mary immediately after Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan, whom Jesus recommends as a model of practical compassion, concluding, "Go and do likewise" (10:37). Go and do! Sit and listen! Discipleship is never either/or but both/and. Jesus ministered in prayerful silence and hospitable service. Monastic calendars add Martha's sister, Mary, and brother, Lazarus, calling all three "hosts of the Lord," recalling their welcome of Jesus to their home in Bethany, reminding us Whom we welcome whenever we extend summertime hospitality!

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Solomon prays for an understanding heart (1 Kings 3:5, 7-12).

Psalm — Lord, I love your commands (Psalm 119).

Second Reading — All things work for good for those who love God (Romans 8:28-30).

Gospel —The one who knows of the kingdom of heaven brings new and old from the storeroom (Matthew 13:44-52 [44-46]).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jer 13:1-11; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21; Ps 34:2-11; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Thursday: Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146:1b-6ab; Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Jer 26:1-9; Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14; Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24; Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 14:1-12

Sunday: Is 55:1-3; Ps 145:8-9, 15-18; Rom 8:35, 37-39; Mt 14:13-21

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