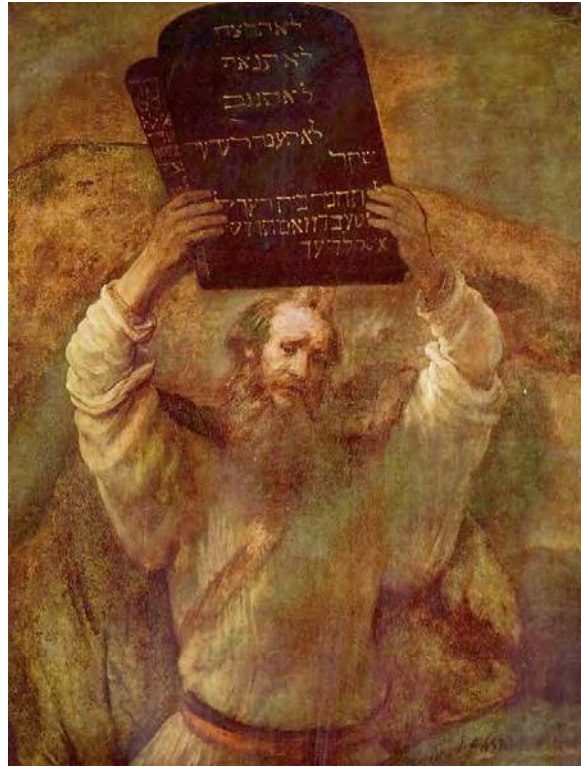


SAINT PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 13, 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

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:

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*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,
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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

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Mr. Jason Crundwell

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CONSCIENCE AND THE CATHOLIC VOTER

"In the Catholic tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation."

Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, 13

In the current environment of extraordinary polarization and having been prompted by many Catholics of good will for guidance in this election year, I am pleased to present to you "Conscience and the Catholic Voter," a series of eight outlines with a view to the upcoming election, prepared by the Director of the Office for Life and Justice of Catholic Charities, Peter Range. These outlines are offered in a spirit of encouragement to provide insight into Catholic Social Teaching regarding issues of consequence in this year's election. I am asking that these outlines together with this introduction be broadly distributed and be made available for placing in parishes bulletins and on parish and diocesan websites.

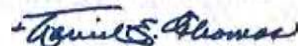
As these outlines examine the many life issues affecting the dignity of the human person in this upcoming election, we are committed to defending and protecting life in the full spectrum of areas of intense disagreement including Euthanasia, Religious Freedom, Marriage and Family, Human Trafficking, Immigration, Prisoners, Racism, Socialism and the Environment. That said, it is critical for Catholics to recall that the destruction of innocent human life through abortion is not simply one among many issues but the foundational and preeminent life issue facing our nation. "No human law can validly contradict the Commandment: "Thou shalt not kill."" (USCCB, *Living the Gospel of Life: A Challenge to American Catholics [1998], no. 31*).

In this election year, there is no doubt that we are faced with a choice between two deeply flawed candidates, and that neither party perfectly aligns with our Gospel values. As Catholics, we do not cast votes based on whether we like or dislike the personality of the candidates; we do not cast votes based on whether the candidate does or does not have the same color of skin as us; we do not cast votes based on the age or gender of the candidates; we do not cast votes based on the political party a family has or has not endorsed in the past; we do not cast votes based on whether the person does or does not share our religious affiliation.

Instead, as Catholics, we need to ask ourselves which party platform, which evident actions and voting records of candidates are more closely aligned to what we hold to be true and just, and whether any of these are directly opposed to the consistent fundamental moral teachings of the Church. With the Democratic and Republican Conventions now in the rear view mirror, their candidates endorsed and their platforms published, it now falls to us to realize that, no matter whether we are affiliated with this or that political party or no party at all, it is our responsibility as Catholic citizens of our nation to exercise our civic duty to vote - for the sake of the common good of society - and that we do so with minds and hearts informed by what the Church herself teaches, not what this or that person says the Church teaches or what this or that person holds, mindful that ultimately we are called first to be citizens of heaven.

As Catholics, it is imperative that we form our consciences from the heart of the Church. I pray these outlines will aid in helping you to form your conscience through understanding Catholic teaching and I encourage you to approach these issues with prayer, charity and fidelity. Please share these outlines broadly in your parishes and schools and invite discussion using these documents. May the Lord guide us and our nation at this critical time.

Sincerely yours in Christ Jesus,



Most Reverend Daniel E. Thomas

CONSCIENCE AND THE CATHOLIC VOTER – 2ND OF 8

“In the Catholic tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation.”
- *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, 13

Since participation in political life is a moral obligation, Catholics need to form their conscience with the mind and heart of the Church on issues of consequence. This outline is the second of eight, which will examine important moral and political issues. This second outline will provide an overview of the issue of abortion.

Abortion

Every single human life is valuable and possesses a dignity beyond our imagination. As 4th century Church Father St. Gregory of Nyssa wrote:

God did not make the heavens in his image, nor the moon, the sun, the beauty of the stars, nor anything else which you can see... You alone are made in the image and likeness of that nature which surpasses all understanding... Nothing in all creation can equal your grandeur. (Kyriaki FitzGerald, *Persons in Communion*, p. 72)

This is why the Church has unequivocally taught that abortion is an intrinsic evil, which must be opposed. It violates the fifth commandment of ‘thou shalt not kill’ as it destroys an innocent human life. No circumstance warrants any person, let alone a mother of a child, to end the life of another human person. This is why Archbishop Jose Gomez, President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) once remarked,

Abortion is not a “Catholic” issue. It is a matter of fundamental human rights. In fact, I believe it is the foundational issue of our time. Because it is so important, the church has spoken clearly about it and believes it is an essential aspect of the Catholic faith. (*Today's Catholic, Newspaper of the Archdiocese of San Antonio*, 10 October 2008)

Because the opposition to abortion is an essential aspect of the Catholic faith, Catholics cannot support politicians who advocate for abortion or ‘abortion rights.’ While this does not mean Catholics should only care about the abortion issue, it does mean Catholics cannot excuse or dismiss this grave error in judgment concerning politicians political positioning on this issue. As the USCCB has written:

*Any politics of human dignity must seriously address issues of racism, poverty, hunger, employment, education, housing, and health care ... **But being ‘right’ in such matters can never excuse a wrong choice regarding direct attacks on innocent human life. Indeed, the failure to protect and defend life in its most vulnerable stages renders suspect any claims to the ‘rightness’ of positions in other matters affecting the poorest and least powerful of the human community.** If we understand the human person as the ‘temple of the Holy Spirit’ — the living house of God — then these latter issues fall logically into place as the crossbeams and walls of that house. All direct attacks on innocent human life, such as abortion and euthanasia, strike at the house’s foundation. These directly and immediately violate the human person’s most fundamental right — the right to life. Neglect of these issues is the equivalent of building our house on sand. Such attacks cannot help but lull the social conscience in ways ultimately destructive of other human rights.* (1998 Pastoral Letter of the USCCB, *Living the Gospel of Life*, 22)

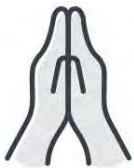
In summation, abortion is not just one issue among many. It is the human rights issue of our time and the preeminent issue of life and importance in this election. As Catholics, it is our duty to protect the most fundamental right of the human person: the right to life. The intentional destruction of innocent human life is intrinsically evil. It must always be opposed.

Peter Range, Director, Office for Life and Justice, Catholic Charities, Diocese of Toledo, prange@toledodiocese.org. Learn more and watch videos at www.awakencatholic.org/election. Read the party platforms: Democratic Party, <https://bit.ly/3hrosqg>; Republican Party, <https://bit.ly/3hqWV8D> (Note: Rep. Party voted to continue their 2016 Platform)



We invite you to join in the diocesan-wide initiative to reconnect with our faith and one another during the months of September, October, and November. Each month will focus on a pillar of the Christian life with a specific intention from our diocesan prayer.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE



Pray

Learn the Diocesan Prayer

Heavenly Father, with the redeeming cross of Christ Jesus your Son, and the gifts of your Holy Spirit, renew and strengthen us, so that by our prayer, fasting, and almsgiving we may foster Holy Disciples, Holy Families and Holy Vocations, so as to become a more Holy Diocese of Toledo. We turn to Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, for her intercession and never failing prayers. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Read & Watch

Go to ReconnectToledo.org/september

You'll find a collection of videos about discipleship.



Reflect

Who is an example of what it means to be a holy disciple?

One way that we can learn what it means to be a holy disciple is to look to the example of others. The best examples of holy disciples are Our Lady and the Saints. Learning more and more about these pillars of our faith can inspire us to be holy and teach us the ways in which holiness is possible. But holy disciples can also be found here on Earth in our day to day lives. We can often learn what it means to be a holy disciple from family, friends, spiritual leaders, neighbors, or coworkers. Let us always be attentive to and aware of the holy people that God has placed in our life so that we might learn from their example.



YOU'RE INVITED



[Register Now!](#)

Join other young adult women to explore the call to religious life and learn more about the Sisters of the Precious Blood.

This virtual retreat will be held in a series of four one-hour zoom calls beginning at 7:30EST each evening, Monday-Thursday, September 21-25th.

"Why should I attend?"

We're glad you asked!

Jesus issued an invitation to his disciples to "Come and See." He invited them to test the waters and learn through experience.

We're offering you the same thing. Come and see what life as a Sister is like!

For more information and to register: tinyurl.com/pbcomeandsee

"I had been thinking about religious life for a while, but I didn't know what to do about it. After a retreat with the Sisters, I found more clarity in my discernment. I wasn't afraid to ask questions or discern anymore."



Converse with Sisters
Practice Discernment Skills
Share Faith Experiences
Learn about the Vows
Discover Precious Blood Spirituality
Q & A opportunities

Register Now!

4000 Denlinger Road, Dayton, OH, USA

937-974-0626

Basic Information

The "Zoom and See" retreat is an invitation for women ages 18-45 to get to know the Sisters of the Precious Blood through a series of short Zoom calls. We will meet each **day Monday (Sept 21) - Thursday (Sept 24) for one hour, beginning at 7:30pm EST**. There will be an opportunity to hear vocation stories from our sisters, learn about community life, the vows, and Precious Blood Spirituality. On Sunday, September 20th, you will receive an e-mail with the Zoom link and other pertinent information. We do ask that women commit to attend to all four evenings.

If you have any questions, please e-mail Jenna at JLegg@cppsadmin.org.

FORMED!

Thanks to a generous donor, the Diocese of Toledo is offering FORMED free to every parish! FORMED offers outstanding Catholic content through thousands of videos, audio, books, faith enrichment series, children's programming and more! We encourage all our parishioners to take advantage of this amazing resource. **It's easy to begin: Go to formed.org. Click on Sign Up. Click "I belong to a Parish or Organization." Type "St. Peter's..." and a list will instantly appear. Be sure to choose our parish - listed as St. Peter's Catholic Church, 104 West First Street, Mansfield.... Then type your name and email address and you're done.** There are no passwords or codes. Enjoy looking over the range of materials. Watch the bulletin and the announcement screen before Mass for special programs, including plans to gather at the parish, view a video together, and have discussion and hospitality (observing distancing guidelines). More to come!



Leading the FLOCK

BY BISHOP DANIEL E. THOMAS



“Facing Fear with Faith”

“Take courage, it is I, do not be afraid” (Mt 14:27).

You may remember these words from only a few weeks ago, taken from the Gospel for the 19th Sunday in Ordinary time. We heard of the Lord who, amidst a raging storm, came walking on the water, approaching the disciples who were in the boat. His message to them in the midst of the storm, is his message to us in the storm of this moment, indeed of these months.

It was just about one year ago in this column that I reflected on another passage from Matthew’s Gospel, remember? That one too was about a storm, and we were in the midst of the storm of the reported abuse and harassment of now former Cardinal Theodore McCarrick, the release of the Pennsylvania Grand Jury Report on the sexual abuse of minors, and the failure of some bishops to protect children.

Last year, I shared a well-known painting, Rembrandt’s “Storm on the Sea of Galilee,” and reflected on what a powerful image it was, with the reassurance that “Christ is in the Boat!”

Now, one year later, I’m sharing a lesser known image by a little known artist, of this other storm recounted by Matthew. This time, Jesus is not in the boat, but walking on the water toward the

disciples. We’re told when they saw him, they were terrified and cried out in fear.

The disciples were afraid! We are afraid: afraid of drowning in the polarizing messages of the media; afraid for ourselves or for our loved ones of getting sick or dying; afraid of the results of the upcoming election; afraid of the direction so many seem to be going; afraid of the increased violence and anarchy; afraid for our children and the reopening of school; afraid of going back to attend Sunday Mass; afraid of wearing or not wearing masks; afraid of so many things!



This summer, the fear of Covid-19 hit close to home as I had traveled to the Philadelphia area for some vacation time with family and friends. Soon after I arrived, I was informed that I had been exposed to someone who had tested positive, was to get tested myself, and needed to "self-quarantine." My vacation became isolation. I never got to see or visit with family or friends. Only after eight days did the results come back that I had tested negative. I experienced fear for myself and for those with whom I had come in contact. The fear was real. I came to understand more deeply the fear of so many of our faithful. But I found the only antidote to the fear was faith: faith that the Lord was in charge, faith that His will would be done, and faith that he would provide whatever grace I needed to confront whatever was to come.

These days, Jesus comes to us in the midst of the storm as he did to his first disciples, and offers this powerful word: "Take courage, it is I, do not be afraid."

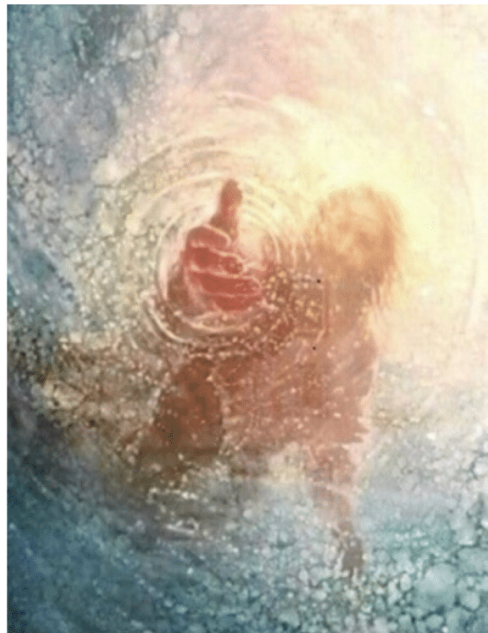
Peter made bold to tell the Lord "If it is you, command me to come to you on the water." But once Peter saw how strong the wind was he became frightened and, beginning to sink, cried out "Lord, save me!" Today, realizing how paralyzing is the fear all around us, we might feel like we're sinking, but we take courage in the one who can save us, and we cry out with Peter "Lord, save me!"

On my Facebook page post in which I reflected briefly on this Gospel passage, someone left this insightful comment referring to Jesus: "He offered not only his word but he offered his hand to Peter. I will grab it and hold on for this scary ride."

The winds are strong and the storm has been raging, the Coronavirus, painful staff reductions, the loss of jobs, the inability to gather together, so many cancelled events, and now, the horrible crimes

leading to the arrest of one of our priests that have once again outraged and grieved us. The storm is raging. When we were in the midst of some storm in life, my Dad would often counsel us: "just be sure to keep your nose above the water line!"

Once Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter, he said to him "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" Jesus desires us to face our fears with faith, faith in him which overcomes our doubts.



There's another image I want to share with you – from the perspective of Peter who, looking up from under the water, vaguely sees the figure of Jesus, and a strong hand and arm plunged into the water ready to pull him up! Jesus questioned Peter's faith, but he saved him. In the midst of all the storms raging around us, we need to ask ourselves whether we are concentrating on how strong the winds are, whether our attention is

turned to being frightened by all that is around us, or whether we're keeping eyes fixed on Christ, seeing his strong hand and arm plunged through the wind swept waters ready to pull us up, and whether we're reaching out to him with confidence. We can face fear with faith, or with doubt. Together, let's face our fears with faith.

These days, don't focus on the storms but on Christ Jesus, and with deep faith hear him say: "Take courage, it is I, do not be afraid."

+ Daniel E. Thomas

Most Rev. Daniel E. Thomas
Bishop of Toledo
September 8, 2020

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

This is an invitation to ALL PARISHIONERS to come to spend some time with the Lord in Eucharistic Adoration **on Sunday, September 27, 2020.**



The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed at the end of the 11:30 Sunday Mass, and our church will be open for private, silent prayer until 5 pm when we will pray Evening Prayer together as a community of faith.

This seems like an opportune time to place our needs, our burdens, and our thanksgiving before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament – asking for His many graces that are available to us.

Prayers for family members, the sick, the dying; prayers for our Church; prayers for our Nation as we anticipate presidential elections; prayers in reparation for all who have suffered any form of abuse; prayers for those who are unemployed; the enduring COVID19 pandemic; for our Mansfield community; for welcome, love and trust for people of every ethnic origin; and the list could go on. We need to bring them all to our Lord and ask for His guidance, His grace, His love!

Please mark your calendars for this date. I sincerely hope that there will be people throughout the afternoon offering prayers of petition and adoration! It would be unfortunate to miss this graced opportunity!

Sincerely in Christ,

Father Hite & Father Moebius

SAINT PETER'S PARISH MASK POLICY

Richland County is now under a "Yellow Level" for the COVID-19 Virus, but the State of Ohio is still under mandatory mask wearing orders.

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.**

If you are not comfortable wearing a mask, we ask that you please watch Mass in the church basement.

Thank you for your consideration.

Please pray for all during this time of pandemic!

Mary, Help of the Sick, Pray for us!

ANOINTING MASS POSTPONED

We are sorry to announce that we have postponed our annual Mass with the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick until further notice. This liturgy offers anointing to the sick of our Parish, along with the elderly, those with chronic diseases, pain, and other debilitating conditions. Those who would normally attend this Mass are also those who are, largely, vulnerable to the COVID-19 virus. Once this pandemic is under control we will reschedule the Anointing Mass to allow our parishioners to take advantage of this sacrament of healing. In the meantime, if you or a member of your family should require the sacrament, especially those in danger of death, please call the Parish Center at 419-524-2572 to arrange anointing. Please remember that area hospitals, convalescent centers, and nursing homes are all still restricting access to their facilities and patients. In those places anointing can only be provided to those who are in immediate danger of death. We pray with all our brothers and sisters for a swift and complete end to this pandemic. Mary, Health of the Sick, pray for us!



ST. MARY OF THE SNOWS FESTIVAL

Due to COVID-19 **St. Mary's of the Snows** on Ashland Rd. Festival will be Drive through Chicken Dinner only. (Enter at Rt.42 entrance) September 13, 2020 Noon – 4PM.

Raffle tickets (include 1 meal) \$50

Additional meals \$10 Child Meal \$5

First Prize \$5,000,

All tickets can be purchased on line at St. Mary of the Snow Website. www.mansfieldstmarys.org or in the office.

Today's readings focus on one of the most difficult and, simultaneously, one of the most vital aspects of the life of a believer. Among the ideas we toss around most casually is, "forgive and forget," as though it's not hard at all to do that. And as though forgiving others isn't tough enough, Jesus' command to forgive, "... seventy times seven..." makes it that much more difficult.

It's a radical idea. Instead of holding grudges; instead of harboring bitterness; instead of seeking ways to avenge the wrongs done to us, we are to set aside our anger and our vengeance. The British author and scholar, C. S. Lewis, has said that forgiveness is to forgive the inexcusable in others because God has forgiven the inexcusable in us.

In times like these, we look at the barriers which divide us from one another and, instead of trying to break down those barriers, we seize upon them as the very reason for our hatred and spite...clearly the people on the other side are not just wrong; they're sinners and evildoers and we can't talk with them because of it. A nation polarized and fracturing amid hateful conduct and vicious recrimination toward each other desperately needs to hear the message in today's readings.

The Christian is commanded by our Lord to forgive. As he himself hung between heaven and earth on the cross and pleaded for God to forgive his tormentors and his killers, so are we to do. We cannot sanitize or dismiss the suffering of God's only Son. Along with that we cannot ignore the example he set for us when he asked God to forgive them. He is our model and our guide. We are called to live as he lived, to sacrifice as he sacrificed, and to bear our crosses as he bore his.

And it's not optional, friends. The command to forgive is tied directly to our need for forgiveness from God. The notion that we must forgive each other from our hearts is tremendously difficult to understand let alone put into practice. But we must do it and we must do it ruthlessly, as it were. Forgiveness, for the Christian, means not harboring even the least bit of resentment or anger. We pray it in the Lord's Prayer. We are reminded of it in the Scriptures, including those we hear today. Forgive so that you may be forgiven. Do not judge so that you may not be judged. Forgive your enemy seventy times seven.

Lately, it seems to be fashionable for us to think something along the lines of, "... I'll forgive those people I deem worthy of forgiveness, but there are many out there who do not deserve forgiveness at all, and who deserve the most dire punishments." And just in case anyone is wondering, this idea is completely wrong. There is no truth in it whatsoever. The forgiveness of God is extended to all, but we must first cleanse ourselves of our list of wrongs done to us and we must extend our forgiveness before we can receive it from God.

Finally, I am mindful of a scene from the movie, "The Mission." The character played by Robert De Niro has committed many sins and as penance, he carries all of his burdens himself, including a suit of armor and weapons. As he follows the Jesuits to the mission station, he is compelled to climb a steep cliff above a raging river. With all those burdens tied together and trailing behind him, he comes to the realization that he cannot take those symbols of his previous life with him and he realizes he must discard them before he can continue the climb. So he cuts them loose and they fall away.

Not precisely the image we need here, but so it is with forgiveness. As long as we carry with us the bitterness, the hatred, the desire for revenge or satisfaction, we will never be able to make the climb to which we are called as followers of Jesus. We have to cut them away. We cannot carry our grudges with us.

Nelson Mandela is quoted as saying, "Resentment is like drinking poison and hoping it will kill your enemy." He was right. If we are to be healed, individually and collectively as a people, we must absolutely and permanently discard our desire for punishment for the other. No Christian can do any less, especially in the light of our Master's plea upon the cross. God bless us all and help us to extend true forgiveness!

Bill Johnson

Director of Music and Liturgy

For all of the current important information about St. Peter's Parish operations during these troubled times, please visit our website at:
MANSFIELDSPETERS.ORG
There you will also find devotional materials for use at home for you and your family.

FEED THE NEEDY—RELAUNCH

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me." (Mt 25:35)

Is God placing in your heart a desire to feed the hungry? Are you a Boy Scout, Girl Scout, K of C and looking for service hours? Do you want to introduce your family to the beauty of feeding the poor?

It is with great joy and excitement that to announce that starting Sunday, September 20th from 3:00pm - 5:00pm, St. Peter's Church will resume its Feed the Needy program!!

What's changed?

- St. Peter's will no longer be serving meals on the 2nd week of every month. Instead, St. Peter's will now serve a Sunday dinner on the 3rd Sunday of every month! Why the change you may be asking? First, this will eliminate the problems we were running into with serving meals at the same time our St. Peter's School was in session. Second, we feel St. Peter's can provide a great service to our Mansfield community! Currently, there are no Sunday meals being provided for our homeless community! It is our great hope and prayer that by serving a Sunday dinner, our St. Peter's Feed the Needy program can attract more needy elderly, families and children!
- At this time, meals will not be served in the church basement. Instead, prepackaged meals will be made available for drive through or pickup only.
- Apart from Mr. Dick Renie, Mr. Tim Markel and myself who will be available to direct volunteers, we are asking for a new set of volunteers each and every Sunday! This means we are asking you to pray about either signing up individually or as a group. 10 volunteer positions are available. Volunteers will be asked to arrive after the 11:30 pm Mass (~12:30 pm) and stay until 5:30 pm.

COVID-19! Of course precautions will be taken! All volunteers will be required to wear facemasks and practice social distancing. Cooks will follow policies of St. Pete's school cafeteria, wearing gloves and following all necessary policies.

Please contact Fr. Kevin at 419-460-5761 or email me at moebius.kevin@myspartans.org to sign up for this beautiful ministry!

God be blessed!

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, September 14 *Exaltation of the Holy Cross*

5:00 pm Rosary

5:30 pm North Central Ohio Vocations Club

Tuesday, September 15 *Our Lady of Sorrows*

7:00 am Mary Foltz

Wednesday, September 16 *Saint Cornelius, Pope and
Saint Cyprian, Bishop*

7:00 am Captain Christopher Britton

Thursday, September 17 *Weekday*

7:00 am Parish

Friday, September 18 *Weekday*

5:00 pm Rosary

5:30 pm Joseph Kastelic

Saturday, September 19 *Vigil of the Twenty-Fifth*

Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm Charles F. Eaton, Jr.

Sunday, September 20 *Twenty-Fifth Sunday in*

Ordinary Time

7:30 am Parish

9:30 am Mary Schwartzer

11:30 am Paul Varga

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 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.

RCIA - RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Usually, those who express interest in becoming Catholic start to give it more serious consideration during the summer since RCIA "normally" begins meeting in the fall. As with gatherings of other parish groups and ministries, we do not know what form RCIA will take this coming year. We may need to combine less frequent congregate sessions (maintaining safe distancing) with more frequent use of other means, such as online access to resources, zoom meetings, etc. Please do not let any of the changes in format prevent you - or a loved one - from inquiring! If the Holy Spirit is moving you toward RCIA, please act on that inspiration! Contact Lynne at the Parish Center 4195242572 / lukach.lynne@myspartans.org to begin the process.

ST. PETER'S RESTART SMART COMMITTEE MESSAGE

St. Peter's Restart Smart Committee would like to thank the community for their prayers as we continue to safely reopen campus. Opening those doors to students in the midst of a pandemic is an overwhelming effort that requires the support of the whole community. From purchasing PPE, developing new cleaning protocols and gathering supplies, investing in remote learning technology, reconfiguring classrooms, installing a new restroom, training faculty to teach remotely, opening buildings to provide for social distancing, and the myriad of sweeping changes we have made to create a safe learning environment for our children, St. Peter's has made unprecedented investments in our school. In keeping with the mission and ministry of our parish to answer the Gospel's call to model the teachings and evangelizing of Jesus, we ask our faith community to consider supporting our schools during this challenging time. **Donations of any amount will help us ensure those doors stay open to students and to allow us to continue to heed Jesus' call in Matthew 28 to "teach them to carry out everything I have commanded you."**

ALL SCHOOL MASSES

Our students will be attending Mass every other week during this school year. Because of the need for social distancing only students and teachers will attend. **At this time we cannot accommodate additional people in the High School auditorium.** Please keep all students and teachers in your prayer during this challenging school year.

PSR CLASSES

PSR classes have now begun! If you have a student who is in preschool through the eight grade, please contact Elizabeth Wurm at wurm.elizabeth@myspartans.org to register them for classes today! Registrations are also now being accepted for First Eucharist and Confirmation!

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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH



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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

Our regular office hours will be Monday through Friday 9:00 AM—2:00 PM.

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 and please wear a mask or face covering.

IN GOD'S ARMS...

Evelyn Twardzik Carolyn Hambly
Robert "Bob" Reiser



ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD.

SACRAMENTS

Students who will be receiving the Sacraments of First Eucharist or Confirmation are expected to attend all of the classes for their sacraments. First Eucharist generally takes place in the second grade while those preparing for Confirmation start the preparation process in the seventh grade. If you have a child who is anticipating these sacraments, please contact Elizabeth Wurm at wurm.elizabeth@myspartans.org to register them today.

PRISON MINISTRY CORNER

Please keep our brothers at Mansfield Correctional and Richland Correctional, as well as the staff and administration and all who work in correctional institutions, in prayer as this trying time continues. Religious services or even opportunities to meet with inmates one-on-one are not permitted at this time. Our Parish Prison Ministry team looks forward to the day we can return to ManCI and RiCI and resume some level of religious services. For now, our brothers are grateful for the televised Mass and for the monthly devotionals and letters of encouragement and prayer they are receiving regularly. Please do NOT drop off plastic bags at the parish center until further notice.



WEDDING BANNERS

1 — Kennedy Gregg and Michael Thompson

RECYCLING—NEXT DATE: OCTOBER 9, 2020

FOOD COLLECTION: October 10 & 11

SUNDAY OFFERING	<i>Year to Date</i>
Sunday and Holy Day Collections	<i>August 31, 2020</i>
Sunday Collection & Holy Day Collection:	\$133,429
Total Budgeted Sunday Collection To Date:	\$142,000
Sunday Collection Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$8,571)
School Collection	
Total School Collection To Date:	\$16,811
Total Budgeted School Collection To Date:	\$24,000
School Collection Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$7,189)

CAFETERIA CASHIER

The St. Peter's School cafeteria is seeking candidates for the part-time position of cashier. Qualified candidates will have prior food service industry experience and be able to perform physical duties including restocking dry storage inventory, various cleaning activities, and cash register operation. Candidates must also complete the Diocese of Toledo VIRTUS training and pass an FBI/BCI background check. In order to be considered for the position, please email your resume to schuck.brenda@myspartans.org.

ELEMENTARY PART-TIME TITLE I READING TEACHER

St. Peter's elementary school is seeking a part-time Title I reading teacher. The preferred candidate must hold a valid Elementary teaching license. Candidates must also complete the Diocese of Toledo VIRTUS training and pass an FBI/BCI background check.

Interested candidates should send their resumes to Ashley Rastorfer at rastorfer.ashley@myspartans.org.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES – DIOCESE OF TOLEDO (MANSFIELD)

is seeking a part-time Office Assistant for the Mansfield Regional Office.

Duties include: Provides office support to the Regional Director and office personnel; perform general office duties including creating correspondence, filing, assisting with spreadsheets and data maintenance, assisting with mailings, processing incoming mail; greets guests and assists incoming callers; directs inquiries to the appropriate resources.

Please submit a resume to: ytertel@toledodiocese.org.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Children's Liturgy of the Word (aka Kids Word) will begin the weekend of Sept. 20th but will NOT meet in person at the 9:30 and 11:30 Masses. The resource program that we use is published by Phlaum Publishing Group. The Good News is geared toward a grade 2-3 reading level. We are offering the materials to children who are in kindergarten through grade four. Please email dillon.angie@myspartans.org to request the materials. Please include your child's name and current grade in school. You will be contacted about how and when to get your materials for Unit One (8 weeks).

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 \$41,693.10 with pledges from 310 households or 75.81%. 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! We are still within reach of our goal with only \$13,307 to

2020 CROP WALK

Do you love walking? Do you care about feeding the hungry in Mansfield? Either join or donate to the Team St. Peter's Crop Hunger Walk page!

How you may ask?

1) You may walk the normal 3 mile route on Sunday, October 4 with your family or group you are with between 2 & 4 pm.

2) You may walk a 3 mile distance at your convenience and document your walk on Facebook/Facebook Live.

<https://www.crophungerwalk.org/mansfieldoh/Team/View/136078/St-Peters>

25% funds raised stay local - St Paul's Saturday Meals; First Christian Church Community Breakfast; MOSAIC Meals; Grace Episcopal Food Pantry and NECIC for gardening supplies (such as seeds).

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. PETER'S SCHOOL

Father Hite and Father Kevin were on hand to welcome back our students to school full this week.

Faculty, staff, and students are all doing their best to follow COVID-19 guidelines, wearing masks, and practicing good hygiene.

The rollout of the synchronous learning environment for remote students has gone well, receiving this testimonial from a parent.

"I think the first two days have gone great. Everything so far has been really easy with clear instructions. I think it is going to be great for them to learn how to connect remotely with the world as it is going to play a large part in their future."

— 5th Grade Parent

Thank you for your continued prayers for our students, teachers, and support staff.



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FORGIVENESS

Nearly ten years before, a son and father had parted ways when the business they shared went bankrupt. The son blamed the father. They did not speak to each other again.

Then the father became seriously ill. The mother called the son and told him he had better come soon. The son walked sheepishly into the hospital room. The father motioned his son to him and whispered: "Did you ever think you could do anything that would keep me from loving you?"

Resentment and anger are foul things, the first reading from Sirach tells us. Remember the last things. Stop hating. Live by the commandments. As St. Paul writes to the Romans, we are to live for the Lord and die for the Lord. Jesus' parable in today's Gospel reminds us of God's compassion. The immense sin of humanity has been forgiven and stricken from the record. We are to forgive others in the same way.

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SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM (c. 344-407)

September 13

"Speaking truth to power" may have become just another cliché, but doing precisely that cost John "the Golden Mouth" (Chrysostom) his diocese and, after exile and a forced march, his health and life. "Renowned for eloquence, heroic in suffering" (Sacramentary), John's scriptural insights still comfort and challenge. Mystical theologian, he bids Eastern Christians, whose principal Divine Liturgy bears his name, to lift up their hearts to "God ineffable, beyond comprehension, invisible, beyond understanding, existing forever, always the same." Model pastor, he warns Roman Catholics in the Liturgy of the Hours not to neglect God-in-the-flesh: "Would you honor Christ's body? Do not scorn his nakedness, honoring him here in church with silken robes, while neglecting him cold and naked outside. What use to burden Christ's altar with golden chalices, while Christ himself starves to death? What use dressing the altar with gold-woven cloths, while denying the shivering Christ the clothes he needs? Do not adorn the church while ignoring your needy brother: he is the most precious temple of all!" (Saturday, Twenty-first Week in Ordinary Time).

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Remember the commandments and hate not your neighbor (Sirach 27:30 — 28:7).

Psalm — The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion (Psalm 103).

Second Reading — Whether we live, or whether we die, we do so for the Lord (Romans 14:7-9).

Gospel — Forgive one another from your heart (Matthew 18:21-35).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100:1b-5; Jn 19:25-27
or Lk 2:33-35

Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13; Ps 33:2-5, 12, 22; Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28; Lk 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20; Ps 17:1bcd, 6-8b, 15; Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Ps 56:10c-14; Lk 8:4-15

Sunday: Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a;

Mt 20:1-16a

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