SAINT PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 20, 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:

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

Acting Parish Business Manager:

Mrs. Paula Nestor

Director of Development:

Mr. Jason Crundwell

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,

- Travillo Blomes

Most Reverend Daniel E. Thomas

CONSCIENCE AND THE CATHOLIC VOTER - 3RD 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 third of eight, which will examine important moral and political issues. This third outline will provide an overview of the issue of marriage and the family.

Marriage and the Family

The family is the foundational cell of society. That is why the Church teaches what Pope Saint John Paul II wrote in 1981:

The future of humanity passes by way of the family. It is therefore indispensable and urgent that every person of good will should endeavor to save and foster the values and requirements of the family. I feel that I must ask for a particular effort in this field from the sons and daughters of the Church... They must show the family special love. This is an injunction that calls for concrete action. (Saint John Paul II, Familiaris Consortio, On the Role of the Christian Family in the Modern World, 86)

If the future of humanity passes by the way of the family, Catholics should pay special attention to the political approaches of candidates to the family. As the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has written, Catholic are called to:

Protect the fundamental understanding of marriage as the life-long and faithful union of one man and one woman as the central institution of society; promote the complementarity of the sexes and reject false "gender" ideologies; provide better support for family life morally, socially, and economically, so that our nation helps parents raise their children with respect for life, sound moral values, and an ethic of stewardship and responsibility. (The Challenge of Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, Handout Part II)

Yet today, we find the family in crisis. As Pope Francis has pointed out:

The family is experiencing a profound cultural crisis (which) is particularly serious because the family is the fundamental cell of society, where we learn to live with others despite our differences and to belong to one another, it is also the place where parents pass on the faith to their children. (Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium, 66)

This crisis arises from a general lack of openness to life, the use of contraception, absentee fatherhood, and the destruction of what marriage actually is. The Church has always taught that marriage is a covenant between a man and a woman that brings them together as husband and wife to be father and mother to any children their union produces.

Marriage is a covenant "by which man and woman establish themselves a partnership of the whole of life that is by its nature ordered toward the good of the spouses and the procreation and education of offspring" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1601)

In summation, marriage is the building block of families, and therefore of all human civilization. Marriage then has public, not just private, purposes. The Church recognizes then that marriage is based on the truth that men and women are distinct and complimentary, that having children requires a man and a woman, and that every child deserves both a mom and a dad. Catholics therefore should pay special attention to where candidates stand on the crucial role of the family, that is founded on God's design for love, between a man and a woman in marriage.

Peter Range, Director, Office for Life and Justice, Catholic Charities, Diocese of Toledo, <u>prange@toledodiocese.org</u>.

Learn more and watch videos at <u>www.awakencatholic.org/election</u>. Read the party platforms: Democratic Party, https://bit.ly/3hrosagg; Republican Party, https://bit.ly/3hgWV8D (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



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Read & Watch

Make a Holy Hour

Check with your parish to see when there will be Eucharistic Adoration. There is no one way to make a Holy Hour, but your Holy Hour could include:

- Still your body and mind. Take a deep breath and transition into a time for prayer. Try to leave your daily to-do list and anxieties behind.
- Acknowledge Jesus. Affirm your belief that He is present under the appearance of bread. Make a thoughtful recitation of the Creed.
- Speak to Jesus heart to heart. Tell Jesus what is happening in your life your hopes, joys, and worries - in the same way you would talk to a spouse or your closest friend.
- · Listen. Let God speak to you.

Read the daily readings or the Gospel for the day

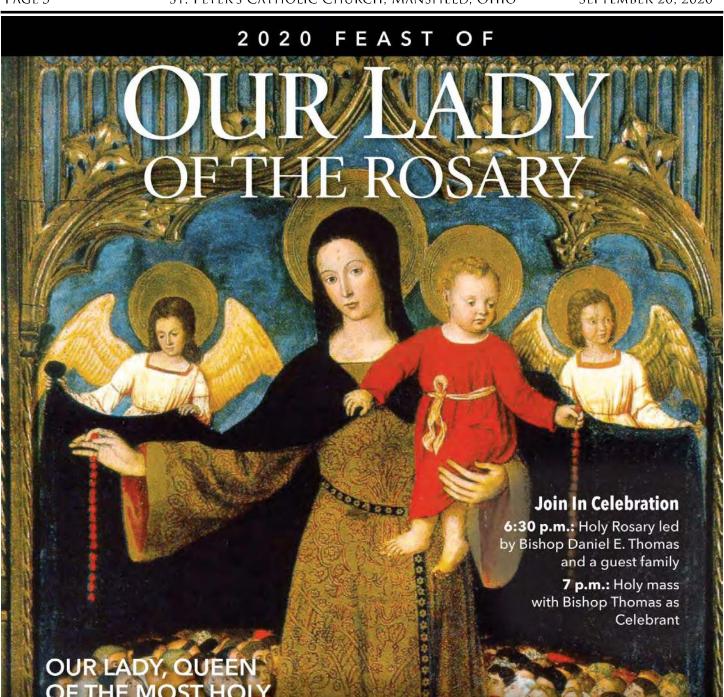
Visit bible.usccb.org to read the daily readings online.





In addition to learning from the example of the Saints and holy people in our lives, there are so many ways for us to grow in our love for God. The simplest and most fundamental way is to continually lift our minds and hearts to the Lord in prayer. God has also gifted us with the sacraments of the Church, which help us to grow ever closer to Him. In particular, a frequent reception of the Most Holy Eucharist and the sacrament of penance is one of the best things that we can do in this life to strengthen us on our journey toward God. We are also so blessed to be able to know the Word of God through Sacred Scripture, and a frequent reading of the Bible can help us to hear God's voice in our lives. Let us never take God's gifts for granted as we strive to love Him more and more each day.

navigating Catholic life through a pandemic



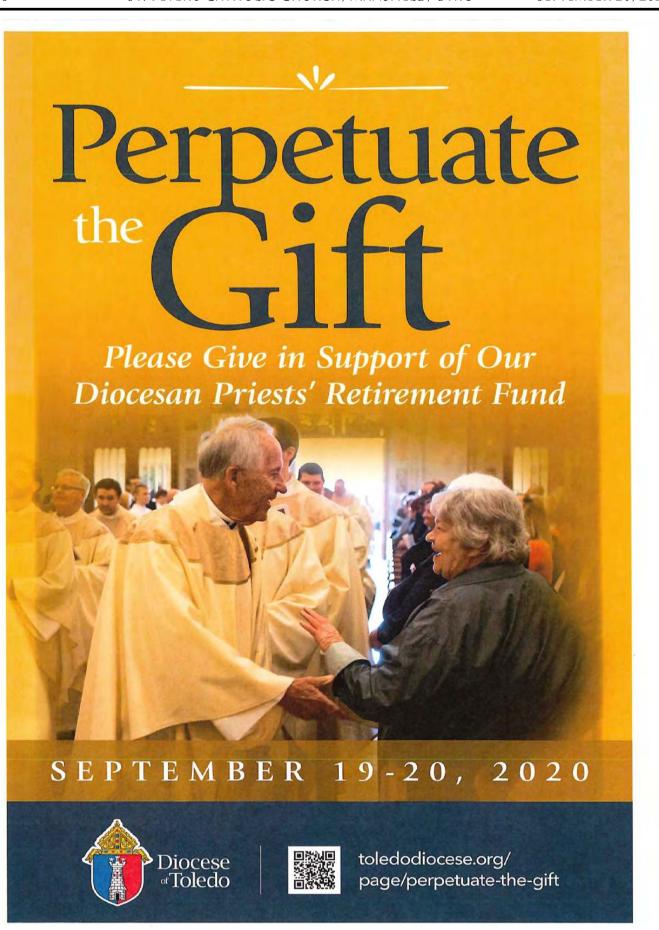
OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY CATHEDRAL

2535 Collingwood Blvd, Toledo

Wednesday, Oct. 7 6:30 p.m. Holy Rosary 7 p.m. Holy Mass



JOIN IN PREPARATION Sept. 29 – Oct. 7: Pray a Novena of Our Lady of Mercy in preparation for the Feast Day. Register at Toledoprays.org



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 begining 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 ton attend to all four evenings.

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

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!



EUCHARISTIC 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





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!

HIGH ALTAR TABERNACLE

You may have noticed that there is a temporary tabernacle on the high altar in church. We are using this tabernacle while we have copies made of the key to our own tabernacle. Previously we only had one key. We will resume use of our own tabernacle once the original key and its copies are returned to us.

PERPETUATE THE GIFT

Support Our Priests' Retirement: Our priests have given their lives in service to us and our parish and we are most grateful! Please offer your gratitude for those who have faithfully served in the Diocese of Toledo by making a gift to the Perpetuate The Gift Appeal. Your gift benefits our retired diocesan priests, enabling them to pay for their living expenses, such as medical, housing, car, clothing and food. All funds contributed between September 19 through December 31, 2020 assist our parish in its assessed contribution to the fund. A gift of cash or check can be sent to Perpetuate The Gift, PO Box 954, Toledo, OH 43697 or placed in the parish collection. A gift may also be made online at www.toledodiocese.org under the Give tab. THANK YOU for your support

Those who know me well know that I'm usually never at a loss of words. The same usually is the case when I have to write this column. This week, the words have been difficult to come by. I've been staring at the blinking cursor on my screen, trying to think of a topic that worked well. I think I finally figured out the reason for that mental block.

During the past week, I've been trying to navigate the way through the fall calendar: two soccer players, a baseball player, Scouts, and a bevy of meetings on my schedule. Sandy and I are trying to make sure we can get our older two children where they need to be and with COVID-19 regulations, having a child with Autism makes it even more difficult. He won't wear a mask due to his sensory issues. We've tried many times with no success.

I have a hard time finding the right balance. Although, I'm making an effort to balance that scale back towards family time this fall.

This week, I took some time to chat with our new theology teacher Mr. Andrew Zmeckek. He's a recent graduate of Walsh University and is very excited to share the Catholic faith with our students. Since he's new to St. Peter's, he's spent his first couple of weeks of school trying to discern what students know about God, Christianity, and the fundamental beliefs of the Catholic Church.

He's used a series of videos from a website **www.imbeggar.com.** The videos are from a man who worked in animation in Los Angeles but felt something was missing in life. To shorten the story, he found his way to the seminary and became a priest. Now, he's merged his former career with his new calling and creates animated shorts about God and the Catholic faith.

The video he showed me in the classroom a video titled "Are You a Grumpy Farmer or a Cheerful Farmer?" The story explains the difference between two farmers. Both farmers face the same burdens of growing the crops, feeding their families, and a host of other challenges. The grumpy farmer resented the cheerful farmer because his burdens were more significant, he had more mouths to feed, but he was still overall happy overall.

Finally, the grumpy farmer confronted the cheerful farmer. He wanted to know why he was cheerful, how he could manage all the burdens of his farm and family, and still have a positive attitude? His answer was remarkably simple. The Cheerful Farmer knew if you carried the work of a year all at once, you would be tired, worried, and grumpy, and by 50, you might be dead. The cheerful farmer only carried the work of one day – that package was much smaller and easy to carry. And tomorrow, it's always tomorrow until it becomes today.

We all worry about the needs of tomorrow. It's those burdens that make us grumpy, stressed, and tired. With COVID, the election, and so on, the pressures of home and work life weighing us down, going the route of the Cheerful Farmer isn't a bad way to go.

—Jason Crundwell

For all of the current important information about St. Peters
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 21 Saint Matthew, Apostle 5:00 pm Rosary 5:30 pm Amelia Hirsch Tuesday, September 22 Weekday

7:00 am Parish

Wednesday, September 23 Saint Pio of Pietrelcina, Priest

7:00 am Mary Elizabeth Steele

Thursday, September 24 Weekday

7:00 am Parish

Friday, September 25 Weekday

5:00 pm Rosary

5:30 pm Bill and Theresa Majors

Saturday, September 26 Vigil of the Twenty-Sixth

Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm Hilda Schemine

Sunday, September 27 Twenty-Sixth Sunday in

Ordinary Time

7:30 am Jess Allred

9:30 am Parish

11:30 am George Berick

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."

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



🕦 Bill Ruhl, Jeannie Burkhalter, Aaron Blank, Cindy Lassen, Dina Riley, Eliana Nelson, MaKaya Butler, Sharon Valdry, Maria Loschinkohl, John Ziegler,

Marlene Ziegler, Dorothy Trinter, JoAnn Marbaugh, Gwen Yockey, 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, Joe Mollica, Beverly Strauser, Thomas Caldwell, Dennis Caldwell, Mark Hawkins, Barb Jefferies, Lucille Thompson, Myrna and William Bohr, Patrick and Judy Boyer, Mike Fisher, Ardis

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

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 ManCl 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.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO **SUPPORT** MINISTRIES OF ST. PETER'S PARISH BY MAILING IN YOUR OFFERING ENVELOPES OR VISITING THE WEBSITE, WWW.MANSFIELDSTPETERS.ORG, LEARN **ABOUT OPPORTUNITIES 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.



II — Kennedy Gregg and Michael Thompson



RECYCLING—NEXT DATE: OCTOBER 9, 2020

FOOD COLLECTION: October 10 & 11

SUNDAY OFFERING Year to Date August 31, 2020 Sunday and Holy Day Collections 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 Pflaum 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 go! Thank You!

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).

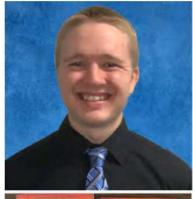
WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. PETER'S SCHOOL

St. Peter's High School is very excited to have Mr. Andy Zmecek as our new high school and junior high theology teacher.

Mr. Zmecek just graduated this spring Walsh University, double from in Education with an emphasis maiored on Adolescent and Young Adult English, and English, with a minor in Theology and Philosophy.

He is teaching our seventh, eighth, ninth and eleventh graders this year. Mr. Mike Mulherin is still teaching senior theology and Mrs. Nicole Chambers, who was Charlie's longterm sub last spring is leading the sophomore class.

A native of Seven Hills, Ohio, he is very excited to be here at St. Peter's and to help our students find the right path on their spiritual journey.



















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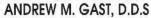
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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Turn to the LORD who is generous in forgiving (Isaiah 55:6-9).

Psalm — The Lord is near to all who call upon him (Psalm 145).

Second Reading — Live your lives in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ (Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a).

Gospel — The last will be first, and the first will be last (Matthew 20:1-16a).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13

Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9; Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163; Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc; Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4; Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Eccl 11:9 — 12:8; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17; Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday: Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-9; Phil 2:1-11 [1-5]; Mt 21:28-32

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