

# SAINT PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

## OCTOBER 25, 2020



**"YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD, YOUR GOD,  
WITH ALL YOUR HEART,  
WITH ALL YOUR SOUL,  
AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.  
THIS IS THE GREATEST AND THE FIRST  
COMMANDMENT.  
THE SECOND IS LIKE IT:  
YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS  
YOURSELF.  
THE WHOLE LAW AND THE PROPHETS  
DEPEND ON THESE TWO  
COMMANDMENTS."**

*Mark 12:30-31*

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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

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**MASS INTENTIONS**Monday, October 26 *Weekday*

5:00 pm Rosary

5:30 pm Hilda Kleinguetl

Tuesday, October 27 *Weekday*

7:00 am Parish

Wednesday, October 28 *Feast of Saints Simon and  
Jude, Apostles*

7:00 am Rose Mary Martin

Thursday, October 29 *Weekday*

7:00 am Parish

Friday, October 30 *Weekday*

5:00 pm Rosary

5:30 pm Della Wildman

Saturday, October 31 *Vigil of the Solemnity of All Saints*

5:00 pm Elish and Voytko Families

Sunday, November 1 *Solemnity of All Saints*

7:30 am Parish

9:30 am James R. Blank

11:30 am John Gerger Family

**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."**

Mt 22:34-40 - *"love your neighbor as yourself"*

St. Peter's Parishioners and Friends,

What a joy! It's so great to be back writing to you as we continue this long journey through "Ordinary" time. We're reminded that the First Sunday of Advent is fast approaching and merely just weeks away! As you may or may not recall, the time of Advent is a season consisting of the 4 weeks before Christmas where we spend our time waiting, expecting and preparing ourselves for Jesus. Whoa!

I must share with you, even though it's only been just a few short months since arriving here to St. Pete's, there continues to be so much joy and love in my heart! Many priests tell me that, like any vocation, the priesthood can go through stages. It would seem right now, as a newly ordained priest, I'm in my "honeymoon stage." Well I humbly ask you, please please pray that this honey joy never stops oozing! Come Lord Jesus! Come Holy Spirit!

In today's gospel, from the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Jesus tells the Pharisees that the greatest commandment is, "Love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." Anyone up for the challenge? Geez! And if that wasn't hard enough, the second ain't much easier, "Love your neighbor as yourself. I mean come on Jesus, out of the 613 commandments from the Torah, you couldn't have selected any of the easier ones?

How about, "186. Not to eat worms found in fruit once they have left the fruit. (Lev 11:42)." Or something like, "523. Not to muzzle an ox while plowing. (Deut 25:4)" I thought God was supposed to be a God of Mercy! Haha!

Well, given no choice, let's see if we can make sense of these two commandments Jesus spoke about today. It seems to me that the first commandment almost hinges itself on the second, does it not? Let's start with the second commandment. My question is..."How do we love ourselves?" Do we love ourselves as God loves us, with our whole being? Or....Do we only love certain parts of ourselves? If we have curly hair, do we hate ourselves, wishing we had straight? If we have straight hair, do we hate ourselves, wishing we had curly? How much energy do we spend each and everyday disappointed in ourselves, wishing we were somehow different?

Today, we ask ourselves one question, "How is it that does God love us?" Hear God say, "I love you." We should feel challenged. Why does God love us? Simple. God loves us, because being made in His image and likeness, we are able to love Him. In learning to love ourselves the way God does, loving our neighbor now doesn't seem all that difficult. And even maybe, just maybe, neither does that greatest commandment of all.

Have a blessed week, *Fr. Kevin*

## SAINT PETER'S PARISH MASK POLICY

Richland County is now under a "Red 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!

## TV MASS SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY

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

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

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

## 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.**

## 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](mailto:wurm.elizabeth@myspartans.org) to register them today.

**For all of the current important information about St. Peters Parish operations during these troubled times, please visit our website at:**

**[MANSFIELDSPETERS.ORG](http://MANSFIELDSPETERS.ORG)**

**There you will also find devotional materials for use at home for you and your family.**

## 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!

## 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.

## PSR CLASSES

PSR classes have now begun! If you have a student who is in preschool through the eighth grade. To register please contact Elizabeth Wurm at [wurm.elizabeth@myspartans.org](mailto:wurm.elizabeth@myspartans.org) for class sign up today!

Registrations are also now being accepted for First Eucharist and Confirmation!

**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 Bohr, Patrick and Judy Boyer, Mike Fisher, Ardis Steggal, John Doty, David Donley, Elsie Person.

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

**IN GOD'S ARMS...**

Thomas Bair                      Anna Heater  
James "Jim" Martin Pekare



*ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD.*

**PARISH AND SCHOOL MINISTRIES**

Did you know that there are many ways in which you can become more involved at St. Peter's? We are always looking for volunteers for the various ministries provided by both the parish and school. The complete list can be found on our website at mansfieldstpeters.org or by contacting the Parish Center office at 419.524.2572.

**PRISON MINISTRY CORNER**



We were saddened to hear last week of the Covid-related death of one of our brothers in the Catholic community at RiCI. He was 80 years old, faithfully attended Mass, Rosary prayer, and all of our gatherings, and had a special devotion to Our Lady of Fatima. May he rest in peace. Please lift prison staff and inmates in prayer in an intense way during this trying time.

**OUR ALL SOULS' MASS WILL BE ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, AT 2:00 P.M.**

Information has been mailed to families who have had a family member die since October 01, 2019. If you have had a family member (especially father, mother, sibling, child or spouse) pass away in the last year who was not buried through St. Peter's Parish, we would like to include them and your family in our All Souls' Mass this year.

Please call Kristi at [419-524-2572](tel:419-524-2572) with their name, their relationship to you, and their date of death by October 22.

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO SUPPORT THE MINISTRIES OF ST. PETER'S PARISH**

**By mailing in your offering envelopes, OR**

**By visiting the website at [www.mansfieldstpeters.org](http://www.mansfieldstpeters.org), to learn about opportunities for electronic giving.**

**We greatly appreciate your generosity and support during these difficult days!**

**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.

 **RECYCLING—NEXT DATE: NOVEMBER 13 , 2020**

**FOOD COLLECTION: November 14 & 15**

<b>SUNDAY OFFERING</b>	<i>Year to Date</i>
	<i>September 30, 2020</i>
<b>Sunday and Holy Day Collections</b>	
Sunday Collection & Holy Day Collection:	\$202,963
Total Budgeted Sunday Collection To Date:	\$213,000
<b>Sunday Collection Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>(\$10,037)</b>
<b>School Collection</b>	
Total School Collection To Date:	\$23,546
Total Budgeted School Collection To Date:	\$36,000
<b>School Collection Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>(\$12,454)</b>

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**



**BUSINESS MANAGER**

Reporting to the Pastor, the business manager provides leadership and day-to-day supervision of the temporal affairs of the parish and school. Essential duties include financial responsibilities, personnel responsibilities, and administrative responsibilities. Must have BA/BS in Business, Finance or Accounting with at least five years of business management experience. Requires a high level of expertise in QuickBooks and Microsoft Office products including Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Outlook. Practicing Catholic preferred. *Candidates must also complete the Diocese of Toledo VIRTUS training and pass an FBI/BCI background check.*

Send resume to Finance Council Chair  
jjkastelic40@gmail.com.

**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](mailto:rastorfer.ashley@myspartans.org).

**SUBSTITUTE SECRETARY & CLASSROOM SUBSTITUTE**

St. Peter's Elementary is in need of substitute teachers and substitute secretaries for the 20-21 school year. Must have Bachelor's degree, substitute/teaching license, and have BCI, FBI checks completed as well as VIRTUS requirements. Send resumes to [rastorfer.ashley@myspartans.org](mailto:rastorfer.ashley@myspartans.org). The secretary subs do not need a degree/license...they just need FBI, BCI, and VIRTUS. Thanks! *All candidates must also complete the Diocese of Toledo VIRTUS training and pass FBI/BCI background check.*



**ASK FOR HELP**

Ask Our Lady to help you. Ask her to entreat her Son to let you know what you should do. —Bl. Marie Rose Durocher

**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](http://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 \$55,000.00 so far we are at \$42,668.10, with pledges from 326 households or 77.58%. 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!

**Remember, we have a Seminarian in Training, Hayden Eighinger**, studying at the Athenaeum of Ohio (Mt. St. Mary's of the West) who depends on your support to continue his formation as he continues in his studies for the priesthood. In his name, and for the ministries that serve our parish, I am making a last time appeal to you for your generous and faithful support.

We are still within reach of our goal with only \$12,331.90 to go!

Thank you for your consideration,  
Father Hite, Pastor



**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

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

Sr. Paula Bingert, Jennie Reale, Giselle Sgambellone, Margaret Soulen, Bill Spognardi, Ross Frisbee, Betty Finlayson, James Buckley, Jerrina Heston, Donald Saxton, Helen Gustin, Frances Schmidt, Janet Dignan, Patricia DeCenso, John Mertler, Josephine Metzger, Manetha Baretta.

## ELECTION YEAR SPECIAL REPORT 2020 – 7<sup>TH</sup> OF 8

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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 seventh of eight, which will examine important moral and political issues. This seventh outline will provide an overview of the issue of socialism.

### Socialism

Pope John XXIII stated in *Mater et Magistra* (“On Christianity and Social Progress”) that “No Catholic could subscribe even to moderate socialism.” (Saint John XXIII, *Mater et Magistra*, 34)

The Church believes that socialism is a grave threat to the social order. Socialism violates the third major principle of Catholic Social Teaching: subsidiarity, or the belief that problems are best handled at the level in which they arise. Subsidiarity insists on limits to States intervention in the affairs of the family and society. As St. John Paul II wrote in *Centismus Annus*, Subsidiarity “insists on necessary limits to the State’s intervention... inasmuch as the individual, the family and society are prior to the state, and inasmuch as the State exists in order to protect their rights and not stifle them.” (Saint John Paul II, *Centismus Annus*, 11)

Socialism, on the other hand, puts ownership of the means of production, distribution and exchange of wealth exercised through the government and its officials. This type of power should not reside in the State. As Pope Benedict has taught:

*We do not need a state which regulates and controls everything, but a State which, in accordance with the principles of subsidiarity, generously acknowledges and supports initiatives arising from different social forces and combines spontaneity with closeness to those in need.* (Pope Benedict XVI, *Deus Caritas Est*, 28)

That much power in the hands of the State dispossesses individuals and families of their autonomy. As Pope Francis has commented: “No actual or established power has the right to deprive peoples of the full exercise of their sovereignty.” (Pope Francis, *Address to the Second World Meeting of Popular Movements, Bolivia, 9 July 2015*)

Furthermore, socialism treats people as groups, not individuals, including denying man his natural law right to private property for the common good. Saint Pope John Paul II, in *Centesimus Annus* (“The Hundredth Year”), wrote that this error is:

*Anthropological in nature. Socialism considers the individual person simply as an element, a molecule within the social organism, so that the good of the individual is completely subordinated to the functioning of the socio-economic mechanism.* (Saint John Paul II, *Centesimus Annus*, 12)

This is why every Supreme Pontiff, from Pius IX in 1849 through Pope Francis, has opposed socialism. Pope Pius XI, in his encyclical *Quadragesimo Anno* (“On Reconstruction of the Social Order”), went so far as to say that socialism is “Irreconcilable with true Christianity,” and thus “No one can be at the same time a good Catholic and a true socialist.” (Pope Pius XI, *Quadragesimo Anno*, 120)

In summation, if socialism is called ‘democratic socialism’ or ‘Christian socialism’ it remains, socialism – something the Catholic Church has clearly and forcefully spoken against as it deprives the individual of personal responsibility and attributes power to the State which belong in the hands of families and communities. A Catholic when voting, at every turn, must reject socialism as a legitimate principle of change.

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## CONSCIENCE AND THE CATHOLIC VOTER – 8<sup>TH</sup> OF 8

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### Environment

As Catholic Christians, we are tremendously blessed to receive from God our Father the gift of this earth, what Pope Francis has called our ‘common home.’ Thus, from the first man, Adam, down to our day, we are called to work, revere and protect the great gift of our environment. Therefore, as our ‘common home’ is received as gift, protecting our environment is not ‘optional to the Christian experience.’ As Pope Francis remarked in *Laudato Si*:

*Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience. (Pope Francis, Laudato Si, 257)*

To live out our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork it is essential that we have an adequate anthropology to appreciate the importance of our ecology. In other words, if we more deeply appreciate the human person, and the human relationships we engage in, the better our relationship can be with nature and creation. Again, quoting Pope Francis:

*When we fail to acknowledge as part of reality the worth of a poor person, a human embryo, a person with disabilities – to offer just a few examples – it becomes difficult to hear the cry of nature itself; everything is connected. (LS, 117)*

*There can be no renewal of our relationship with nature without a renewal of humanity itself. There can be no ecology without an adequate anthropology. When the human person is considered as simply one being among others, the product of chance or physical determinism, then “our overall sense of responsibility wanes”. (LS, 118)*

The human person, the crown of God's creation, must then be respected, cherished and loved if we are to in turn respect and cherish our environment. When we fail to respect the human person, we fail to respect our environment:

*If the present ecological crisis is one small sign of the ethical, cultural and spiritual crisis of modernity, we cannot presume to heal our relationship with nature and the environment without healing all fundamental human relationships. Christian thought sees human beings as possessing a particular dignity above other creatures; it thus inculcates esteem for each person and respect for others. (LS, 119)*

*Since everything is interrelated, concern for the protection of nature is also incompatible with the justification of abortion. How can we genuinely teach the importance of concern for other vulnerable beings, however troublesome or inconvenient they may be, if we fail to protect a human embryo, even when its presence is uncomfortable and creates difficulties? “If personal and social sensitivity towards the acceptance of the new life is lost, then other forms of acceptance that are valuable for society also wither away”. (LS, 120)*

In summation, when we vote as Catholics approaching the issue of the environment, we recognize that our care for creation flows from the centrality of the dignity of the human person. Because God has made us in his image and likeness, the environment in which he has deposited us is a great gift to help us flourish and create a culture of life and love. When we fail to see God in each other, we fail to see the gift God has given us in our ‘common home’: A home that we must protect, cultivate and revere for future generations and for the common good of all.

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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.

In October, we will fast for the intention of holy families. More information will be shared in the bulletin and social media. You can also visit [ReconnectToledo.org/October](https://ReconnectToledo.org/October).

## **HOW TO PARTICIPATE**

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### **Fourth Week of October**



**Fast**

You might choose other works of charity or exercises of piety to take the place of fasting and abstinence. This week refrain from eating out or having your favorite meal – instead, eat a nutritious meal that isn't your first choice.



**Pray**

Go on a pilgrimage together. Pilgrimages have a long and rich history in the Catholic Church. For many centuries, men and women have prayerfully traveled to holy sites across the world. Although we often think of pilgrimages involving long, often international, journeys, we can certainly make pilgrimages no matter what our budget or travel restrictions may be. The Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy, by the Congregation for Divine Worship, states that, among other things, “a pilgrim goes to a shrine to encounter God, to be in His presence, and to offer Him adoration in worship, and to open his heart to Him.” Even a journey to a shrine the next town over can be a deeply prayerful, transformative experience! Here are some local shrines you can visit:

- Carey: Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation, [olcshrine.com](http://olcshrine.com)
- Bellevue: Sorrowful Mother Shrine, [sorrowfulmothershrine.org](http://sorrowfulmothershrine.org)
- Maria Stein: Maria Stein Shrine, [mariasteinshrine.org](http://mariasteinshrine.org)

*-from FamilyRosary.org*



**Reflect**

Sacrifice means "to make holy". Just as Jesus sacrificed His life for each one of us, we are also called in marriage and family life to sacrifice through little acts each day. With each sacrificial act done in love for our spouse or family members, we not only personally grow in holiness, but we cultivate holiness in our marriage and in our family. In what ways can you sacrifice for your family members today?

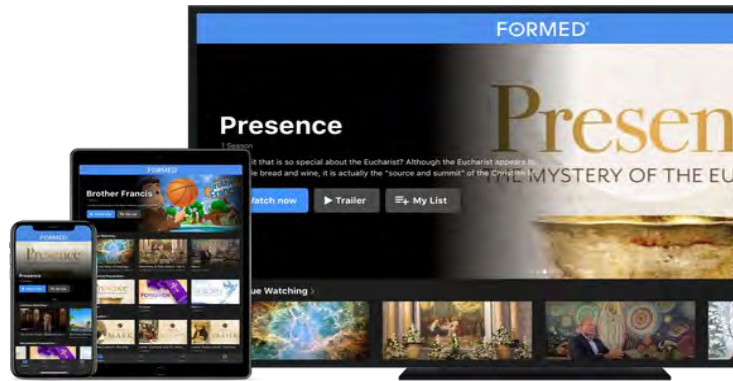


**Watch**

- For Men: Into the Breach, Episode 5: Family ([Formed.org](http://Formed.org))
- For Women: Learning in the Family with Danielle Bean ([Formed.org](http://Formed.org))
- Parents: Foundations for Thriving in Parenting & Building Better Families ([Formed.org](http://Formed.org))
- For Kids: Brother Francis, Let's Pray! A Lesson on Prayer ([Formed.org](http://Formed.org))







We hope you are enjoying getting acquainted with FORMED online at home. Our next parish-wide event will be Saturday, Nov. 7 after 5:00 Mass. All are welcome! We will watch "What Is the Kerygma?" presented by Fr. John Riccardo and Dr. Tim Gray followed by discussion and hospitality.

If you have any questions on signing in to FORMED or recommendations on particular topics, please call the Parish Center- 419 -524-2572 - and ask for staff members Bill Johnson, Angie Dillon, or Lynne Lukach.



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**40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN**

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# Leading the FLOCK

BY BISHOP DANIEL E. THOMAS



## “Fratelli tutti”

With these very first words of his third and newest Encyclical Letter, signed by Pope Francis in Assisi and published on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, the vigil of the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, the Holy Father quotes his namesake in an address to all his brothers and sisters, proposing to them “a way of life marked by the flavor of the Gospel.” In the introduction, the Pope mentions how he has taken his inspiration from the saint of fraternal love, simplicity and joy; how the issues of human fraternity and social friendship have always been a concern of his; and how, in this Encyclical, he has sought to bring together reflections he has spoken of repeatedly and in other contexts, situating them in a broader context of reflection.

This Encyclical represents a summation of the underlying vision that the Holy Father has proclaimed throughout his papacy: “It is my desire that, in this our time, by acknowledging the dignity of each human person, we can contribute to the rebirth of a universal aspiration to fraternity. Brotherhood between all men and women” (n. 8).

In the current worldwide situation in which we find ourselves, strained by the effects of a pandemic, and the resulting polarization,

isolation and division, it is not hard to see why Pope Francis strives to offer a message of concord instead of discord, turning to the Gospel Parable in which Jesus tells of a man assaulted by thieves and lying injured on the wayside. He writes: “The parable eloquently presents the basic decision we need to make in order to rebuild our wounded world. In the face of so much pain and suffering, our only course is to imitate the Good Samaritan. Any other decision would make us either one of the robbers or one of those who walked by without showing compassion for the sufferings of the man on the roadside. The parable shows us how a community can be rebuilt by men and women who identify with the vulnerability of others, who reject the creation of a society of exclusion, and act instead as neighbours, lifting up and rehabilitating the fallen for the sake of the common good. At the same time it warns us about the attitude of those who think only of themselves and fail to shoulder the inevitable responsibilities of life as it is” (n. 67).

It is Pope Francis’ conviction that the practice of social friendship, whether it be between nations, peoples or individuals, is one where each person knows and maintains his or her identity, but is also able to know and respect the

identity of others and work toward “coming up with shared goals that transcend their differences and can thus engage in a common endeavor” (n. 157). Further, the way forward to a new political future based on fraternity and social friendship begins with “moving beyond ourselves” which requires dialogue: “Authentic social dialogue involves the ability to respect the other’s point of view and to admit that it may include legitimate convictions and concerns” (n. 203). And it is religion which can play such a significant role in helping the dialogue of social friendship which leads to a greater sense of fraternity in our political world. Touching as he has before on topics of import in the realm of the Church’s social teaching, Pope Francis highlights that the religions of the world are called to the service of fraternity.

In receiving this new Encyclical Archbishop Jose Gomez, President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, wrote: “In analyzing conditions in the world today, the Holy Father provides us with a powerful and urgent vision for the moral renewal of politics and political and economic institutions from the local level to the global level, calling us to build a common future that truly serves the good of the human person. For the Church, the Pope is challenging us to overcome the individualism in our culture and to serve our neighbors in love, seeing Jesus Christ in every person, and seeking a society of justice and mercy, compassion and mutual concern.”

As we receive this new Encyclical, we affirm that among Catholics, among other Christians and

those of other religions, “the effort to seek God with a sincere heart, provided it is never sullied by ideological or self-serving aims, helps us to recognize one another as travelling companions, truly brothers and sisters” (n. 274). And we understand more deeply that “The Church has a public role over and above her charitable and educational activities. She works for the advancement of humanity and of universal fraternity. She does not claim to compete with earthly powers, but to offer herself as a family among families, this is the Church, open to bearing witness in today’s world, open to faith, hope and love for the Lord and for those whom he loves with a preferential love. A home with open doors. The Church is a home with open doors, because she is a mother” (n. 276).

In releasing this new Encyclical, the Holy See concluded: “Faced with those injured by the shadows of a closed world and still lying by the roadside, we are invited by Pope Francis to make our own the world’s desire for fraternity, starting with the recognition that we are all ‘*Fratelli tutti*,’ brothers and sisters all.” May this be the starting point for us all.

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The Pope’s Encyclical Letter *Fratelli tutti* (On Fraternity and Social Friendship) may be found at [bit.ly/fraternity2020](https://bit.ly/fraternity2020).



Most Rev. Daniel E. Thomas  
Bishop of Toledo  
October 9, 2020

**ENCYCLICAL LETTER**  
**FRATELLI TUTTI**  
**OF THE HOLY FATHER FRANCIS**  
**ON FRATERNITY AND SOCIAL FRIENDSHIP**

17. To care for the world in which we live means to care for ourselves. Yet we need to think of ourselves more and more as a single family dwelling in a common home. Such care does not interest those economic powers that demand quick profits. Often the voices raised in defence of the environment are silenced or ridiculed, using apparently reasonable arguments that are merely a screen for special interests. In this shallow, shortsighted culture that we have created, bereft of a shared vision, "it is foreseeable that, once certain resources have been depleted, the scene will be set for new wars, albeit under the guise of noble claims".<sup>[12]</sup>

*A "throwaway" world*

18. Some parts of our human family, it appears, can be readily sacrificed for the sake of others considered worthy of a carefree existence. Ultimately, "persons are no longer seen as a paramount value to be cared for and respected, especially when they are poor and disabled, 'not yet useful' – like the unborn, or 'no longer needed' – like the elderly. We have grown indifferent to all kinds of wastefulness, starting with the waste of food, which is deplorable in the extreme".<sup>[13]</sup>

19. A decline in the birthrate, which leads to the aging of the population, together with the relegation of the elderly to a sad and lonely existence, is a subtle way of stating that it is all about us, that our individual concerns are the only thing that matters. In this way, "what is thrown away are not only food and dispensable objects, but often human beings themselves".<sup>[14]</sup> We have seen what happened with the elderly in certain places in our world as a result of the coronavirus. They did not have to die that way. Yet something similar had long been occurring during heat waves and in other situations: older people found themselves cruelly abandoned. We fail to realize that, by isolating the elderly and leaving them in the care of others without the closeness and concern of family members, we disfigure and impoverish the family itself. We also end up depriving young people of a necessary connection to their roots and a wisdom that the young cannot achieve on their own.

20. This way of discarding others can take a variety of forms, such as an obsession with reducing labour costs with no concern for its grave consequences, since the unemployment that it directly generates leads to the expansion of poverty.<sup>[15]</sup> In addition, a readiness to discard others finds expression in vicious attitudes that we thought long past, such as racism, which retreats underground only to keep reemerging. Instances of racism continue to shame us, for they show that our supposed social progress is not as real or definitive as we think.

21. Some economic rules have proved effective for growth, but not for integral human development.<sup>[16]</sup> Wealth has increased, but together with inequality, with the result that "new forms of poverty are emerging".<sup>[17]</sup> The claim that the modern world has reduced poverty is made by measuring poverty with criteria from the past that do not correspond to present-day realities. In other times, for example, lack of access to electric energy was not considered a sign of poverty, nor was it a source of hardship. Poverty must always be understood and gauged in the context of the actual opportunities available in each concrete historical period.

*Insufficiently universal human rights*

22. It frequently becomes clear that, in practice, human rights are not equal for all. Respect for those rights "is the preliminary condition for a country's social and economic development. When the dignity of the human person is respected, and his or her rights recognized and guaranteed, creativity and interdependence thrive, and the creativity of the human personality is released through actions that further the common good".<sup>[18]</sup>

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Yet, "by closely observing our contemporary societies, we see numerous contradictions that lead us to wonder whether the equal dignity of all human beings, solemnly proclaimed seventy years ago, is truly recognized, respected, protected and promoted in every situation. In today's world, many forms of injustice persist, fed by reductive anthropological visions and by a profit-based economic model that does not hesitate to exploit, discard and even kill human beings. While one part of humanity lives in opulence, another part sees its own dignity denied, scorned or trampled upon, and its fundamental rights discarded or violated" [\[19\]](#) What does this tell us about the equality of rights grounded in innate human dignity?

23. Similarly, the organization of societies worldwide is still far from reflecting clearly that women possess the same dignity and identical rights as men. We say one thing with words, but our decisions and reality tell another story. Indeed, "doubly poor are those women who endure situations of exclusion, mistreatment and violence, since they are frequently less able to defend their rights" [\[20\]](#)

24. We should also recognize that "even though the international community has adopted numerous agreements aimed at ending slavery in all its forms, and has launched various strategies to combat this phenomenon, millions of people today – children, women and men of all ages – are deprived of freedom and forced to live in conditions akin to slavery... Today, as in the past, slavery is rooted in a notion of the human person that allows him or her to be treated as an object... Whether by coercion, or deception, or by physical or psychological duress, human persons created in the image and likeness of God are deprived of their freedom, sold and reduced to being the property of others. They are treated as means to an end... [Criminal networks] are skilled in using modern means of communication as a way of luring young men and women in various parts of the world" [\[21\]](#) A perversion that exceeds all limits when it subjugates women and then forces them to abort. An abomination that goes to the length of kidnapping persons for the sake of selling their organs. Trafficking in persons and other contemporary forms of enslavement are a worldwide problem that needs to be taken seriously by humanity as a whole: "since criminal organizations employ global networks to achieve their goals, efforts to eliminate this phenomenon also demand a common and, indeed, a global effort on the part of various sectors of society" [\[22\]](#)

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## SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES

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## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — You shall not oppress an alien, for you yourselves were once aliens in Egypt (Exodus 22:20-26).

**Psalm** — I love you, Lord, my strength (Psalm 18).

**Second Reading** — You became imitators of the Lord, so that you became a model for all believers (1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10).

**Gospel** — You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, and you shall love your neighbor as yourself (Matthew 22:34-40).

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Eph 4:32 — 5:8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33; Ps 128:1-5; Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 6:12-16

Thursday: Eph 6:10-20; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Lk 13:31-35

Friday: Phil 1:1-11; Ps 111:1-6; Lk 14:1-6

Saturday: Phil 1:18b-26; Ps 42:2, 3, 5cdef; Lk 14:1, 7-11

Sunday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a