SAINT PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

NOVEMBER 8, 2020



"The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones, when taking their lamps, brought no oil with them, but the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps. Since the bridegroom was long delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep. At midnight, there was a cry, 'Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!' Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise ones replied, 'No, for there may not be enough for us and you. Go instead to the merchants and buy some for yourselves.' While they went off to buy it, the bridegroom came and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him. Then the door was locked. Afterwards the other virgins came and said, 'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!' But he said in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.' Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Matthew 25:1-13

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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

Business Manager:

Dr. Vincent Palombo

Director of Marketing:

Mr. Jason Crundwell

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 9 Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome

5:00 pm Rosary 5:30 pm Sr. Grace Straub

Tuesday, November 10 Memorial of Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

7:00 am Elizabeth Berno

Wednesday, November 11 *Memorial of Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop*

7:00 am Parish
Thursday, November 12 *Memorial of Saint Josephat, Bishop and Martyr*

7:00 am Parish

Friday, November 13 Memorial of Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, virgin

5:00 pm Rosary

5:30 pm Ed and Maryanne Voytko

Saturday, November 14 Vigil of the Thirty Third
Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm Shane Conry

Sunday, November 15 *Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

7:30 am Parish 9:30 am James P. and Megan Smith 11:30 am Annette Togliatti

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."

We are off to a great start to our school year at the Elementary! It is hard to believe that it is already the end of our first quarter! The students are doing well following all of our new COVID policies and procedures and have been earning Spartan out of dress code days on Fridays as a reward for following all of these new safety rules. I am so proud of all of our staff and students!

All students K-6 have been busy completing MAP testing for Fall during the months of September and October. MAP stands for Measures of Academic Progress. These computer-based tests are created by NWEA (Northwest Evaluation Association). They are designed to determine each student's instructional level and measure academic growth throughout the school year. They also show growth from one grade level to the next. MAP tests were given online to students who are learning remotely. We will test students again in the Winter and Spring. Students in Grade 3 will also take the "Third Grade Reading Guarantee" state test this month. Third grade students must receive a passing score set by ODE on either the state test, or the MAP Reading test, in order to move onto fourth grade next school year. Third graders will have the opportunity to take the state Reading test again in the Spring.

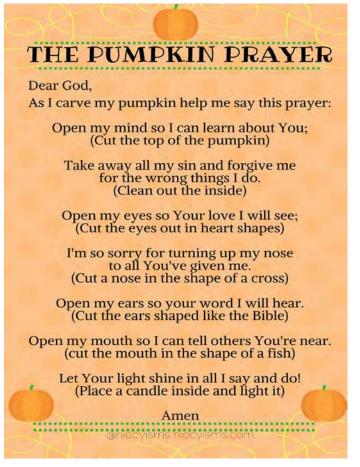
We are continuing our "Be a Spartan" PBIS (Positive Behavior Support) system this school year in a digital format. Students have been earning "Spartan bucks" and choosing items they would like to purchase from the Spartan Store. A few students have used their "Spartan bucks" to purchase "Principal for the Day" and have been helping me with morning announcements, morning greetings, and other tasks throughout the school day. I have really enjoyed my time with these future principals!

Students have also been working on practicing a different Virtue each month. Teachers nominate one student per grade level each month who has been exceptional at practicing the assigned Virtue. For the month of September, the Virtue was Courtesy and for October, the Virtue is Responsibility. Congratulations to all of our "Spartan of the Month" winners so far this school year!

As we near the end of October, please join me in saying the Pumpkin Prayer. I found it fitting for the month of October and shared it with my staff to pass along to their students.

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Mrs. Ashley Rastorfer
St. Peter's Elementary Principal/Montessori Director

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 for class sign up today!

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

MANSFIELD AREA CATHOLIC CEMETERIES COMMITTEE

The Mansfield Area Catholic Cemeteries Committee would like to remind parishioners that grave spaces are available in both the Mansfield Catholic Cemetery and the Prince of Peace Cemetery. The price for grave spaces are reduced during the month of November from the normal price of \$500 to \$450. For more information about purchasing grave spaces please contact David Barber, Chair of the Committee at the St. Peter's Parish Office 419.524.2572, x 8003.

EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION & ADORATION

Please mark your calendars! We will close this liturgical year on Sunday, Nov. 22 with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at the close of the 11:30 am Mass, and offer time for Adoration following Mass until the celebration of Evening Prayer at 5 pm.

Father Andrew Wellmann has graciously accepted my invitation to be with us to preside and preach at the celebration of Evening Prayer at 5 pm.

Please plan to come to spend time with our Lord, King of the Universe, that afternoon! Sign up times will be available.

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.

Dispensation to attend Sunday Mass, Holy Days of Obligations, remains in place for the foreseeable future until we are notified otherwise.

Those who are at high risk, especially the elderly and those with pre-existing health conditions, are strongly advised to refrain from Mass attendance out of concern for their own well-being and out of Christian charity for others.

Thank you for your consideration. Please pray for all during this time of pandemic! Mary, Help of the Sick, Pray for us!

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE SERVING IN THE US MILITARY



Do you know someone serving in the US Military or someone who gave their life for our country while serving in the armed forces? These people can be honored by submitting their names to St. Peter's. They will then be placed on bulletin board by the cry room at the main entrance to St. Peter's. These people will then be remembered by many parishioners prayers. What a great gift to be given to these serving our country.

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.

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, Tom Powell, Chief Master Sergeant Joseph Basting, Peggy Basting Taylor, Kathy Carcione, Carol Pittenger, Jill McMillen, Catherine R. Liston, Alan Gallaway, Marty Moritz, Joe Mollica, Beverly Strauser, Thomas Caldwell, Dennis Caldwell, Mark Hawkins, Barb Jefferies, Lucille Thompson, Myrna and Williams Bohr, Patrick and Judy Boyer, John Doty., Michael Caldwell, Mike Fisher, Ardis Steggal, 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...

Stella "Peg" Weaver Thomas "Tom" Dix



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



Here are more comments from our RiCI brothers; we have been able to communicate by mail so they know they are not forgotten, our parish is praying for them, and our messages bring much prayerful support: "We miss the team terribly and pray for all of you daily." "The coronavirus is taking its toll especially on the older inmates. A friend who lives in 3-lower passed away." "I pray and read a lot. I need to spend time listening to see how the Holy Spirit is directing me." "The TV Mass is a welcome sight. It keeps us connected to Mass and to the parish. I sing along with Bill! It's comforting to have him, Father, and Deacon John with us in this way."

WELCOME OUR NEW BUSINESS MANAGER

I am pleased to announce the hiring of Dr. Vincent Palombo as the new Business Manager for St. Peter's Parish & School.

Dr. Palombo comes to St. Peter's with a wealth of business experience in a faith-based and academic environment. He most recently served as the Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs at Notre Dame College in South Euclid, Ohio. At Notre Dame College, he was responsible for a staff of 12 and managed a \$10.5 million annual budget. Palombo also served as Chair of the Business Division and as an assistant professor during his ten years at Notre Dame.

The hiring committee was impressed by his credentials, colleagues' recommendations, and, most importantly, his desire to work and continue to serve in the Catholic Church. His experience and leadership will prove valuable as we continue to navigate our way through COVID-19 and the implementation of our school's strategic plan.

Dr. Palombo has received his Doctorate in Business Administration from Walden University and a Master and Bachelors in Business Administration from Myers University.

Vince and his wife Jill have three children, Joshua, 19, Ryan, 16, and Noah, 11, and currently live in Medina. He is looking forward to becoming part of the St. Peter's family and Mansfield community.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Very Rev. Gregory R. Hite, V.F.



RECYCLING—NEXT DATE: NOVEMBER 13 , 2020

WE STILL SELL GARBAGE BAGS FROM THE YELLOW BAG PEOPLE IN THE PARISH CENTER.

FOOD COLLECTION: November 14 & 15

SUNDAY OFFERING	Year to Date October 31, 2020
Sunday and Holy Day Collections Sunday Collection & Holy Day Collection:	\$272,792
Total Budgeted Sunday Collection To Date: Sunday Collection Surplus/(Deficit)	\$284,000 (\$11,208)
School Collection	
Total School Collection To Date:	\$33,330
Total Budgeted School Collection To Date:	\$48,000
School Collection Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$14,670)

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES



DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT & ADVANCEMENT

St. Peter's Parish & School is seeking to fill a new position in our Development Office. The Director of Development & Advancement provides leadership, planning and management of the Advancement Office and is responsible for designing, implementing and maintaining a comprehensive institutional advancement program. Minimum qualifications include a bachelor's degree in a related field or equivalent experience with a minimum of five years experience in fundraising, event planning, donor relations and alumni relations. Outstanding knowledge of fundraising data software and database management software is required. Practicing Catholic preferred. Please send cover salary requirements letter. resume, references to Vincent Palombo, **Business** Manager at palombo.vincent@myspartans.org.

SUBSTITUTE SECRETARY AND 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. rastorfer.ashlev@myspartans.org. Send resumes to The secretary subs do not need a degree/license...they just VIRTUS. need FBI. BCI. and Thanks! All candidates must also complete the Diocese of Toledo VIRTUS training and pass FBI/BCI background check.

CONGRATULATIONS

I am pleased to announce that Jason Crundwell has agreed to transition from Director of Development to the role of the Director of Marketing.

His primary duties will include enrollment management, retention, and telling the story of our students' academic achievements. He will also continue to assist with parish marketing and communication efforts, including the production of the weekly Sunday Masses that have been airing on WMFD-TV since the start of the pandemic.

Sincerely yours in Christ, Very Rev. Gregory R. Hite, V.F., Pastor

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 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*

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FEATHER RAFFLE



Friday November 20 is the drawing date for one of our annual fund raisers. Eight tickets will be drawn to win, the top prize being \$250, 2nd prize \$150, 3rd prize \$100, 4th prize \$75, 5th prize \$50, and three turkeys to round out the last three prizes. Cost per ticket is \$25 and only a limited number are being sol, so get yours now! The drawing will be at the Mansfield Knights Hall at 7:00 P.M. You do not need to be present to win. Contact Grand Knight Larry Strauser at 419.543.6952, or Mike Winters at 419.543.3080 or any Knight to get your tickets.



What is the KERYGMA? Why is it important? How will understanding the Good News of the Gospel change our lives and why have we really never heard it?

Join us for the second "special" FORMED event – Saturday, Nov. 7 immediately after the 5:00 Mass.

Together we will watch **WHAT IS THE KERYGMA**? A discussion with Fr. John Riccardo about the kerygma, and how it applies to a Christian life.

Fr. John Riccardo.

If you have heard his radio program Christ is the Answer on Annunciation Radio or seen his homilies and RCIA presentations on YouTube or listened to his podcast You Were Born For This, then you know what an amazing teacher and preacher he is.

His new book on the Kerygma entitled **RESCUED- the Unexpected and Extraordinary News of the Gospel** has just been published. At 180 pages, it will be perfect for a book club!

We will meet in the church after Mass, watch the video (socially distanced, of course) followed by discussion and hospitality (also socially distanced). Please add this event to your schedule for next week, bring your mask and join us for what promises to be a very special evening.

We look forward to sharing more group FORMED events as we work to stay in touch with each other.

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!



In November, we will give alms for the intention of holy vocations. More information will be shared in the bulletin and social media. You can also visit

ReconnectToledo.org/November.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE Week of Sunday, November 8



Send a spiritual bouquet to Bishop Thomas, a priest, a consecrated religious, deacon or a seminarian.

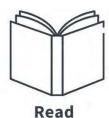
Print (or cut out from your bulletin) the religious life poster. Pray for the men and women each day this week.



The Liturgy of the Hours is the official prayer of the Church and a pillar of religious life. You can pray the Liturgy of the Hours (sometimes called Divine Office or Breviary). Apps like Laudate or iBreviary help make it simpler.

Prayer for Consecrated Religious

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as sisters, brothers, religious priests, consecrated virgins, and hermits, as well as members of Secular Institutes. Renew their knowledge and love of you, and send your Holy Spirit to help them respond generously and courageously to your will. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



Read Discerning Religious Life by Mother Clare Matthiass, CFR, Story of a Soul: The Autobiography of St. Therese of Lisieux (the Little Flower) or The Way of Perfection by St. Teresa of Avila. Visit FORMED.org for audiobooks and videos on saints who were consecrated religious, including Divine Mercy and the Second Greatest Story Every Told Episode 4: Faustina or God's Doorkeeper: St. Andre of Montreal.

navigating Catholic life through a pandemic

MEN'S ADVENT DAY OF PREPARATION SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2020

Father Matthew Frisbee will be the keynote speaker at this Men Of Jesus The Christ (MOJTC) 4 th Annual Mini-Retreat. Fr. Matt was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Toledo by Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr on May 31, 2014. He is currently the pastor of Resurrection Parish in Lexington and St. Mary of the Snows Catholic Church in Mansfield. Father also hosts a popular Sports Roundup during the Tuesday Morning Offering on Annunciation Radio. Fr. Matt first attended St. Joseph College Seminary at Loyola University Chicago, where he earned a Bachelor's degree in Philosophy. From there, he attended Mount St. Mary Seminary of the West in Cincinnati, earning a Master of Arts in Theology and a Master's of Divinity. From 2014 - 2019, he was the associate pastor at the Catholic Parishes of Sandusky. This is for men - ages 16 to 99. To prepare us spiritually for Advent and Christmas! ATTENDANCE LIMITED TO THE FIRST 80 MEN. ALL COVID precautions will apply!

When: Registration Opens at 6:30 AM; Retreat starts promptly at 7:00 AM; should end by 1:00 PM

What: Program will include: Breakfast, Videos, Speakers, Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation, and will conclude with Mass

Where: Immaculate Conception Catholic Church 414 Madison St, Port Clinton, Ohio

RSVP is a "Must"! to 419-734-4004 or MADOP@mojtc.org by November 17

GIVING TREE 2020



St. Peter's has a long history of supporting our Community families with love and generosity through providing Christmas gifts through our annual Giving Tree program. Planning for this event has been in progress for months with our partner agencies with respect to safety and challenges of Covid-19. Although there will be changes to the overall Giving Tree operations, we remain committed offering an opportunity to serve families in our community. Please look for upcoming bulletin announcements for information of how our program will implement changes soon. Thank you in advance for your ongoing support to the families!

STEUBENVILLE YOUTH CONFERENCE

We are now taking reservations for the Steubenville Youth Conference, June 11- 13th. Students who will be incoming freshman to outgoing seniors for the 2021-2022 school year are eligible to attend. Registration forms are available in the parish office and by contacting Elizabeth Wurm at wurm.elizabeth@myspartans.org. All those wishing to attend MUST preregister no later than December 13th. We hope you can join us!

EVERY SATURDAY AT PLANNED PARENTHOOD



Saturdays give us time to do things we don't have time for during the week. Saturdays are also a great chance to spend time in prayer such as the Rosary. A gathering of "pray-ers" takes place every Saturday morning at 10:30 A.M. in front of Planned Parenthood. Prayers are so necessary in the effort to end abortion. Your prayers will aid in that cause. Please join us.

All Souls' Mass

We will celebrate the **Feast of All Soul's** on **Sunday, November 8** at the **2:00 p.m. Mass.** Everyone is invited to this Mass and the reception that follows. At this Mass, we will read the names listed below and a candle will be placed on St. Mary's Altar in remembrance of each person who has died. When you come to church next week-end and see these candles burning, please pray for the deceased and their loved



Deceased Members of St. Peter's Parish October 17, 2019 – October 17, 2020



October 2019

- 03 Roberta Riley
- 19 Theresa Schmidt
- 21 Doris Harraman
- 22 Joseph "Joe" Zuber

November 2019

- 01 Merida Garza
- 02 James "Jim" Blank
- 07 Colleen Lynch
- 07 George Fesler, Jr.
- 11 Regina Linkenbach
- 14 Wanda Benedict
- 15 William Parsons
- 16 Mary Lorraine McWilliams
- 21 Carol Dalenberg
- 24 Michael Payton
- 26 Mary Jane Lantz Stevens
- 29 Richard Cummins

December 2019

- 03 John Henney
- 04 Marjorie Robb
- 10 Sophie Crittenden
- 11 Donald DeCenso
- 15 Ruth Laug
- 16 Michael "Mike" Wells
- 18 Jeanette Sherman
- 19 Tom Vassel
- 25 Michael "Mike" Gossom
- 30 James "Jim" Madden
- 30 Marilyn Coleman

January 2020

- 02 Thomas "Tom" Feia
- 03 Dottie Schmitz Cassidy

- 11 Ursula Unterwagner
- 18 Florence Jocha
- 29 Kathy Weaver

February 2020

- 01 Linda White Phegley
- 09 Judy Durbin
- 11 Eleanor Regula
- 13 Charles Hopkins
- 14 Kenneth Klupp
- 19 Jack Hunsucker
- 21 Francis Paul Nestor
- 21 Margaret "Margie" Phipps
- 25 Mary Lou Moritz
- 25 Cheryl Topa
- 26 Joseph Mergel
- 27 Dennis Bush
- 28 Keith L. Macke

March 2020

- 09 Marie Parsons
- 19 Clara Powell
- 20 Marjorie "Anne" Seiss
- 27 Urban Corso
- 27 Nancy Howard
- 30 Shane Conry

April 2020

- 13 Sharon "Sherry" Studer
- 14 Sr. Lucy Beischel, RSM
- 15 Daniel Drouhard
- 18 Mike Sumergrad
- 18 Janet Rall
- 30 Norma Geary

May 2020

- 12 Mary Nearhood
- 12 Richard "Rich" Morris
- 21 Elizabeth Risacher

June 2020

- 03 Suzanne "Sue" Berger
- 05 Andrew Schweitzer
- 05 Raymond Fesmier
- 11 Jerry "Bud" Grega
- 18 Mary Lou Yeager
- 19 Joseph "Joe" Chavez
- 19 Maureen Sullivan
- 21 Annette Togliatti22 Maria Piatka

July 2020

- 01 Charlie Henrich
- 02 Edwin M. "Ted" Egge
- 09 Martha "Marti" Selby
- 09 Judith Smith
- 23 Edward "Ed" Croxall
- 24 John Fusco
- 25 Beverly Tridico
- 25 Jonelle Sager

August 2020

- 03 Marilyn Kurtzman
- 04 Louis "Lou" Baldasare
- 06 Walter "Walt" Maurer
- 10 Geraldine Musille
- 12 Mary Diane Rodriguez
- 18 Edward "Ed" Voytko
- 24 Margery Graham

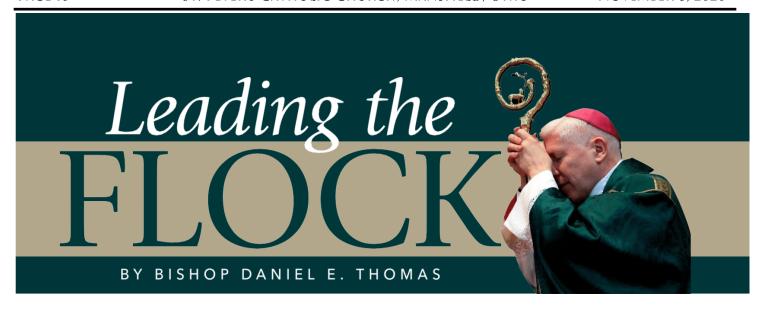
- 27 Mary Ann Switzer
- 28 E. Edward Morris
- 29 Sue Zeides

September 2020

- 01 Janet Jenkins
- 01 Robert "Bob" Reiser
- 03 Evelyn Twardzik
- 07 Carolyn Hambly
- 11 C. Edward "Eddie"
 Jacques
- 14 Teresa Davidson
- 26 William "Bill" Bohr
- 28 Joan Malaska
- 29 Barbara Crundwell
- 30 Linda Oswalt

October 2020

- 02 Dorothy Gies
- 04 Katherine Ohl
- 07 Carmen Hively
- 08 Robert Godwin09 Marlene Fesler
- 11 Rosemary Frisbee
- 12 William Rickert
- 12 Thomas "Tim" Bair



"Fratelli tutti"

With these very first words of his third and newest Encyclical Letter, signed by Pope Francis in Assisi and published on October 3rd, 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 travelling as 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.

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

Most Rev. Daniel E. Thomas

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Bishop of Toledo October 9, 2020

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

AN ABSENCE OF HUMAN DIGNITY ON THE BORDERS

- 37. Certain populist political regimes, as well as certain liberal economic approaches, maintain that an influx of migrants is to be prevented at all costs. Arguments are also made for the propriety of limiting aid to poor countries, so that they can hit rock bottom and find themselves forced to take austerity measures. One fails to realize that behind such statements, abstract and hard to support, great numbers of lives are at stake. Many migrants have fled from war, persecution and natural catastrophes. Others, rightly, "are seeking opportunities for themselves and their families. They dream of a better future and they want to create the conditions for achieving it".[36]
- 38. Sadly, some "are attracted by Western culture, sometimes with unrealistic expectations that expose them to grave disappointments. Unscrupulous traffickers, frequently linked to drug cartels or arms cartels, exploit the weakness of migrants, who too often experience violence, trafficking, psychological and physical abuse and untold sufferings on their journey".[37] Those who emigrate "experience separation from their place of origin, and often a cultural and religious uprooting as well. Fragmentation is also felt by the communities they leave behind, which lose their most vigorous and enterprising elements, and by families, especially when one or both of the parents migrates, leaving the children in the country of origin".[38] For this reason, "there is also a need to reaffirm the right not to emigrate, that is, to remain in one's homeland".[39]
- 39. Then too, "in some host countries, migration causes fear and alarm, often fomented and exploited for political purposes. This can lead to a xenophobic mentality, as people close in on themselves, and it needs to be addressed decisively". [40] Migrants are not seen as entitled like others to participate in the life of society, and it is forgotten that they possess the same intrinsic dignity as any person. Hence they ought to be "agents in their own redemption".[41] No one will ever openly deny that they are human beings, yet in practice, by our decisions and the way we treat them, we can show that we consider them less worthy, less important, less human. For Christians, this way of thinking and acting is unacceptable, since it sets certain political preferences above deep convictions of our faith: the inalienable dignity of each human person regardless of origin, race or religion, and the supreme law of fraternal love.
- 40. "Migrations, more than ever before, will play a pivotal role in the future of our world".[42] At present, however, migration is affected by the "loss of that sense of responsibility for our brothers and sisters on which every civil society is based". [43] Europe, for example, seriously risks taking this path. Nonetheless, "aided by its great cultural and religious heritage, it has the means to defend the centrality of the human person and to find the right balance between its twofold moral responsibility to protect the rights of its citizens and to assure assistance and acceptance to migrants".[44]
- 41. I realize that some people are hesitant and fearful with regard to migrants. I consider this part of our natural instinct of self-defence. Yet it is also true that an individual and a people are only fruitful and productive if they are able to develop a creative openness to others. I ask everyone to move beyond those primal reactions because "there is a problem when doubts and fears condition our way of thinking and acting to the point of making us intolerant, closed and perhaps even without realizing it racist. In this way, fear deprives us of the desire and the ability to encounter the other". [45]

THE ILLUSION OF COMMUNICATION

42. Oddly enough, while closed and intolerant attitudes towards others are on the rise, distances are otherwise shrinking or disappearing to the point that the right to privacy scarcely exists. Everything has become a kind of spectacle to be examined and inspected, and people's lives are now under constant surveillance. Digital communication wants to bring everything out into the open; people's lives are combed over, laid bare and bandied about, often anonymously. Respect for others disintegrates, and even as we dismiss, ignore or keep others distant, we can shamelessly peer into every detail of their lives.

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THE ILLUSION OF COMMUNICATION, continued

43. Digital campaigns of hatred and destruction, for their part, are not – as some would have us believe – a positive form of mutual support, but simply an association of individuals united against a perceived common enemy. "Digital media can also expose people to the risk of addiction, isolation and a gradual loss of contact with concrete reality, blocking the development of authentic interpersonal relationships". [46] They lack the physical gestures, facial expressions, moments of silence, body language and even the smells, the trembling of hands, the blushes and perspiration that speak to us and are a part of human communication. Digital relationships, which do not demand the slow and gradual cultivation of friendships, stable interaction or the building of a consensus that matures over time, have the appearance of sociability. Yet they do not really build community; instead, they tend to disguise and expand the very individualism that finds expression in xenophobia and in contempt for the vulnerable. Digital connectivity is not enough to build bridges. It is not capable of uniting humanity.

Shameless aggression

- 44. Even as individuals maintain their comfortable consumerist isolation, they can choose a form of constant and febrile bonding that encourages remarkable hostility, insults, abuse, defamation and verbal violence destructive of others, and this with a lack of restraint that could not exist in physical contact without tearing us all apart. Social aggression has found unparalleled room for expansion through computers and mobile devices.
- 45. This has now given free rein to ideologies. Things that until a few years ago could not be said by anyone without risking the loss of universal respect can now be said with impunity, and in the crudest of terms, even by some political figures. Nor should we forget that "there are huge economic interests operating in the digital world, capable of exercising forms of control as subtle as they are invasive, creating mechanisms for the manipulation of consciences and of the democratic process. The way many platforms work often ends up favouring encounter between persons who think alike, shielding them from debate. These closed circuits facilitate the spread of fake news and false information, fomenting prejudice and hate".[47]
- 46. We should also recognize that destructive forms of fanaticism are at times found among religious believers, including Christians; they too "can be caught up in networks of verbal violence through the internet and the various forums of digital communication. Even in Catholic media, limits can be overstepped, defamation and slander can become commonplace, and all ethical standards and respect for the good name of others can be abandoned". [48] How can this contribute to the fraternity that our common Father asks of us?

Information without wisdom

- 47. True wisdom demands an encounter with reality. Today, however, everything can be created, disguised and altered. A direct encounter even with the fringes of reality can thus prove intolerable. A mechanism of selection then comes into play, whereby I can immediately separate likes from dislikes, what I consider attractive from what I deem distasteful. In the same way, we can choose the people with whom we wish to share our world. Persons or situations we find unpleasant or disagreeable are simply deleted in today's virtual networks; a virtual circle is then created, isolating us from the real world in which we are living.
- 48. The ability to sit down and listen to others, typical of interpersonal encounters, is paradigmatic of the welcoming attitude shown by those who transcend narcissism and accept others, caring for them and welcoming them into their lives. Yet "today's world is largely a deaf world... At times, the frantic pace of the modern world prevents us from listening attentively to what another person is saying. Halfway through, we interrupt him and want to contradict what he has not even finished saying. We must not lose our ability to listen". Saint Francis "heard the voice of God, he heard the voice of the poor, he heard the voice of the infirm and he heard the voice of nature. He made of them a way of life. My desire is that the seed that Saint Francis planted may grow in the hearts of many".[49]
- 49. As silence and careful listening disappear, replaced by a frenzy of texting, this basic structure of sage human communication is at risk. A new lifestyle is emerging, where we create only what we want and exclude all that we cannot control or know instantly and superficially. This process, by its intrinsic logic, blocks the kind of serene reflection that could lead us to a shared wisdom.
- 50. Together, we can seek the truth in dialogue, in relaxed conversation or in passionate debate. To do so calls for perseverance; it entails moments of silence and suffering, yet it can patiently embrace the broader experience of individuals and peoples. The flood of information at our fingertips does not make for greater wisdom. Wisdom is not born of quick searches on the internet nor is it a mass of unverified data. That is not the way to mature in the encounter with truth. Conversations revolve only around the latest data; they become merely horizontal and cumulative. We fail to keep our attention focused, to penetrate to the heart of matters, and to recognize what is essential to give meaning to our lives. Freedom thus becomes an illusion that we are peddled, easily confused with the ability to navigate the internet. The process of building fraternity, be it local or universal, can only be undertaken by spirits that are free and open to authentic encounters.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. PETER'S SCHOOL

Election Day

On Election Day, St. Peter's elementary students took an active part in learning about our government and the election process. Students designed their own campaign and vote posters. They also were allowed to dress on Election Day in red, white, and blue shirts to show their patriotic spirit and participate in a mock election. Students who are currently learning virtually could cast their ballots via an online "absentee ballot."

Our teachers were all provided with an Election Day prayer card shared that prayer with the students during religion classes.







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EXPECTING THE UNEXPECTED

If it ever crossed your mind that Jesus was somewhat lacking in a sense of humor, today's Gospel should belie any such notion. Jesus' story of the five wise and five foolish bridesmaids is downright hilarious. The circumstances of the story were surely familiar to Jesus' listeners, just as they are—if we think about it—to us. Weddings never, ever start on time. There's always a delay. Buttons pop off at the last minute. Flowers wilt. Cars full of wedding guests get caught in traffic. Soloists contract laryngitis. Brides or grooms or priests show up late! So the only reasonable way to approach a wedding is with a sense of humor, to realize that something probably will go awry, and, when that happens, to smile about it. Jesus tells this funny story to encourage us to be watchful, yes; to be ready, yes. But he doesn't tell it to make us dour and somber. The heavy-hearted tremble, waver, lose sight of their place and purpose, and fall asleep. The lighthearted know that the unexpected will happen—is bound to happen—so they are awake in their place and ready in their purpose when it comes. Copyright 0.1. S. Paluch Co.

SAINT FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI (1850-1917)

Burly longshoremen glared at the woman in widow's dress who interrupted their drinking to beg money, in broken English, for her orphanage. The bar exploded in laughter as one man responded by spitting in her face. "That was for me," the woman smiled. "Do you have anything for the children?" Given today's national debate, could it be as much God's sense of humor as God's will for our sanctification that our first American saint should be an immigrant and naturalized citizen? Frances Cabrini, adopting the name Xavier, confided to Pope Leo XIII her longing to follow her Jesuit patron to Asia. But the Pope replied, "Not East—West!" So she and her Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart exchanged exotic dreams of China for the impoverished reality of Italian ghettos across the United States and Central and South America. Before her death, Frances had founded seventy educational, health care, child, and family service institutions. Today, from Siberia to Ethiopia, in sixteen countries, Mother Cabrini's sisters and lay associates embody her practical spirituality: "Let's get to work! We'll have eternity to rest!" —Peter Scappelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Go.



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Wisdom is easily discerned by those who love her (Wisdom 6:12-16).

Psalm — My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God (Psalm 63).

Second Reading — Since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 [13-14]).

Gospel — Stay awake! You know neither the day nor the hour (Matthew 25:1-13).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9;

1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22

Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14; Ps 37:3-4, 18, 23, 27, 29;

Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday: Ti 3:1-7; Ps 23:1b-6; Lk 17:11-19 **Thursday:** Phlm 7-20; Ps 146:7-10; Lk 17:20-25

Friday: 2 Jn 4-9; Ps 119:1-2, 10-11, 17-18; Lk 17:26-

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Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8; Ps 112:1-6; Lk 18:1-8

Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps 128:1-5;

1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30 [14-15, 19-21]

SAINT PETER'S PARISH & SCHOOL

November 3, 2020

Dear Friends in Christ,

Over the past year, the Strategic Planning Committee has been meeting to chart a positive course for St. Peter's School's future. Intrinsic to that plan is the hiring of a Head of School to provide leadership in educational, spiritual, executive, financial, advancement, and managerial areas to guide our school towards the achievement of its mission.

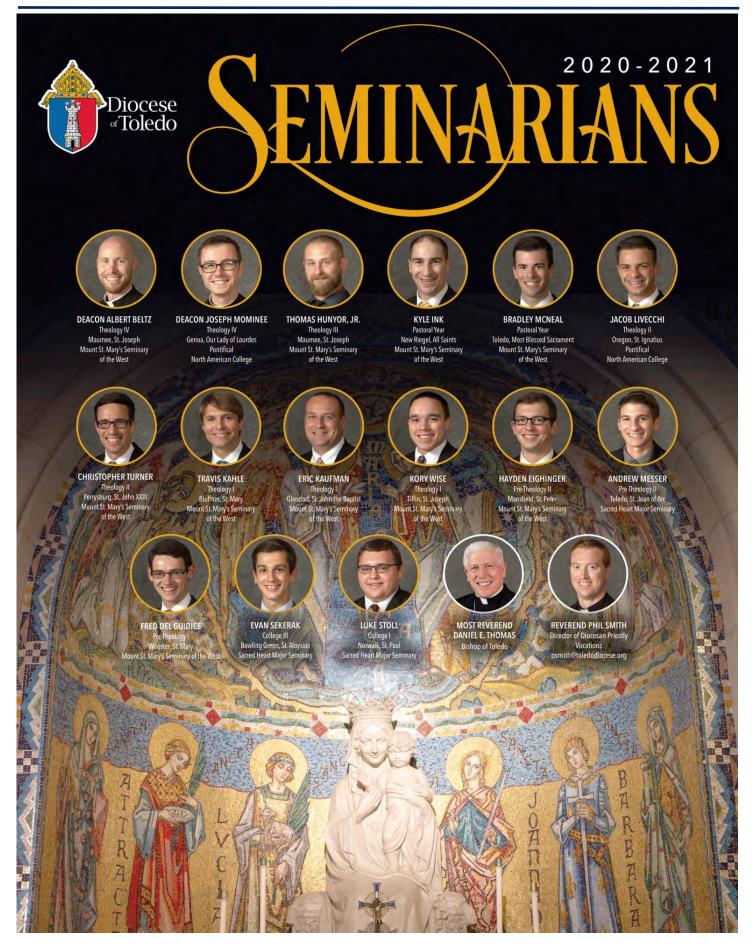
I am pleased to announce that the Head of School position has been approved by the Diocese of Toledo's Catholic Schools Office. Further, because of the support of The Monsignor Edward C. Dunn Foundation, funding for the position has now also been secured. With these elements in place, we are preparing to move forward with a search for the individual to serve in this important leadership role.

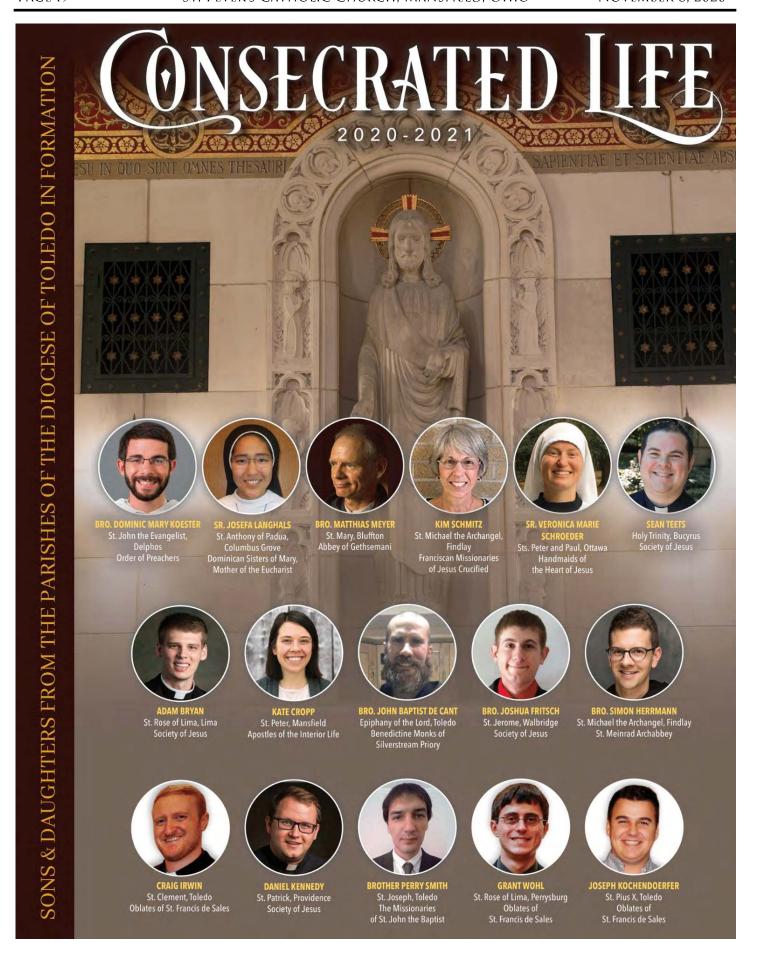
Details regarding the preferred credentials for the position will be listed in the forthcoming job posting. In short, however, the Head of School is responsible for the effective oversight of St. Peter's School, for providing academic leadership and strategic vision, and for the quality of the student experience. He or she will guide the development of the curriculum and the faculty, working with the principals to promote academic excellence and improve retention. The Head of School will develop and uphold the mission of St. Peter's School, overseeing marketing and development efforts, and setting targets and key performance indicators for school administrators. The Head of School will be dedicated to the ministry of Catholic education, model Gospel values, and help shape the ongoing spiritual direction for the school. In sum, the Head of School, actively promoting the image and reputation of the school, will serve as its official spokesperson and representative.

Please join us in praying that the Holy Spirit continues to guide this process. As Paul reminds us in Romans 8:28, "in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to His purpose." May such a person be called to serve with us here at St. Peter's.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Very Rev. Gregory R. Hite, V.F., Pastor/Local Superintendent

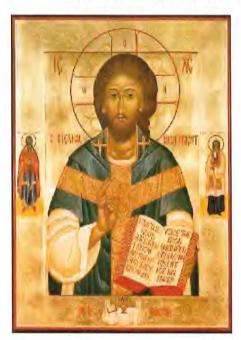






Prayers for Priests

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



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

Saint John Vianney, pray for us.

November 2020

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