

# SAINT PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

## MARCH 21, 2021



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### Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 5 p.m.  
Sunday: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.  
Monday & Friday 5:30 p.m.  
Tuesday - Thursday 7 a.m.

### Spanish Mass:

Resurrection Parish, Lexington  
2nd and 4th Sundays 5 p.m.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday: 3 - 4:30 p.m.  
Other times by appointment.

### Sacrament of Baptism:

Please contact the Parish Center to begin plans for the baptism of your baby or child.

### 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.

### Parish Priests:

Fr. Gregory R. Hite V.F.  
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*Parochial Vicar*  
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### Parish Office Hours:

Monday - Friday: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Saturday & Sunday: Closed

### Pastoral Staff:

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Bulletin Deadline: Friday at 12 p.m., one week prior to publication date. All submissions must be in writing and approved.

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**MASS INTENTIONS****Monday, March 22***Monday of the Fifth Week of Lent*

5:00 pm Rosary

5:30 pm Marilyn Mertler

**Tuesday, March 23***Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop*

7:00 am Fr. John Fleck

**Wednesday, March 24***Wednesday of the Fifth Week of Lent*

7:00 am Richard Spires

**Thursday, March 25***Solemnity of the Annunciation of The Lord*

7:00 am Parish

9:30 am School Mass

**Friday, March 26***Friday of the Fifth Week of Lent*

5:00 pm Stations of the Cross

5:30 pm Joseph Berger, Jr.

**Saturday, March 27***Vigil of Palm Sunday of The Lord's Passion*

5:00 pm Stewart Nelson

**Sunday, March 28***Palm Sunday of The Lord's Passion*

7:30 am Parish

9:30 am Betty Dillon Fruehstorfer

11:30 am Shane Conry

**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 SIX FEET.**

Dispensation to attend Sunday Mass, Holy Days of Obligations, remains in place for the foreseeable future until we are notified otherwise. ***Mary, Help of the Sick, Pray for us!***

**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!

Greetings from St. Peter's High School and Junior High!

What an unusual year it has been! Just over a year ago, we sent the students home for what we thought was going to be a two-week 'break' to help combat the spread of the coronavirus. Two weeks turned into two and a half months as the students were unable to return to the building for the remainder of the school year. Everything that we had planned for the spring was disrupted and almost all events were canceled.

Unfortunately, the influence of the coronavirus didn't end there as we spent most of the summer planning for returning to school in the midst of the pandemic. The days and weeks before school, usually filled with preparation for new and exciting educational initiatives were instead focused on learning new COVID protocols and how best to utilize Zoom as a teaching medium. The year started on a somber note of caution and concern as we didn't know week to week or even day to day what path the pandemic would take and whether or not we would be able to stay at school in-person long-term or not.

Three quarters of the school year later, I am pleased to report that I believe we have done as well as any school has at weathering the pandemic while maximizing the opportunity for in-person learning and preventing the spread of the coronavirus. Through the work of the Restart Smart Committee to develop an effective plan and the diligence of our faculty in executing the plan we were able to persevere.

However, this was without a doubt the most challenging year for our teachers. Not only did we ask them to teach under the new safety protocols but also to conduct classes simultaneously via Zoom. They also had to adjust to students switching back and forth between in-person and remote, various schedule changes, and the potentially increased risk of exposure to the virus. Fortunately, we have a dedicated staff and they took on this challenge willingly and quite successfully. This year could not have worked without them!

Fortunately, as we begin the final quarter of the school year, it appears that the worst of the pandemic is behind us. As restrictions have been relaxed somewhat, we are enthusiastically preparing for our traditional spring events including May Crowning, Prom, Senior Awards, Baccalaureate Mass, and Graduation. After a tumultuous year, we are hoping that we can give the Class of 2021 the sendoff that they deserve. We are optimistic about the coming months and looking forward to a more normal return to school in 2021.

Finally, I want to thank the parishioners of St. Peter's Parish and all members of St. Peter's family for their support during this difficult year. Your contributions help make the work we do at St. Peter's School possible. Despite the pandemic, not only have we continued to provide an outstanding education, but we have also continued to experience our Catholic faith through daily prayer, School Masses, and Theology classes. The one field trip we have managed this year was our Senior Retreat, returning this year to the Damascus Catholic Mission campus. We remain committed to our mission of practicing Christian spirituality, academic excellence, and service to our community as we move on to the final chapter of this extraordinary school year.

Jon Cuttitta  
Principal  
St. Peter's High School and Junior High

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

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



Bill Ruhl	Gwen Yockey	Carol Pittenger
Jeannie Burkhalter	Mel Switzer	Catherine R. Liston
Krista Marshall	Louise Steggall	Alan Gallaway
Aaron Blank	Tammy Dudley	Amy Malaska
Cindy Lassen	Keith Combs	Mary Page
Dina Riley	Mady Ziegler	Michelle Page
Eliana Nelson	Elaine Johnson	Pamela Schopieray
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Maria Loschinkohl	Marilyn B. Williamson	Caldwell
John Ziegler	Tom Powell	William Scales
Marlene Ziegler	CMSgt Joseph Basting	
Dorothy Trinter	Peggy Basting Taylor	
JoAnn Marbaugh	Kathy Carcione	

## IN GOD'S ARMS



**Andrea Corso**

**Barbara June Studer**

## ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD.

## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Now Through - Sunday March 28, 2021

40 Days for Life is a peaceful and prayerful campaign which seeks to end abortion through prayer, fasting and peaceful witness outside local abortion facilities. Sign up to pray between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. at [www.40daysforlife.com/toledo](http://www.40daysforlife.com/toledo). For more info, contact Peter Range, Catholic Charities, Director of the Office for Life and Justice, at 419.214.4933 or [prange@toledodiocese.org](mailto:prange@toledodiocese.org).

## PRISON MINISTRY CORNER

Sadly, we are now moving into the second year of suspended religious services at ManCI and RiCI. We have made sure our brothers at both institutions have received the monthly Catholic devotions. Many men have been able to watch the televised Mass each Sunday morning. We have maintained consistent contact with our brothers at RiCI these twelve months with letters mailed to the faithful participants in the Catholic community on a monthly (or even more frequent) basis. These letters from our parish prison ministry team offer hope, provide catechesis, include special handouts such as Advent and Lent reflections, answer questions about the faith, and assure our brothers that many prayers are with them. Thank you to our devoted parishioners for your ongoing prayers and support.



## ACA—THANK YOU!

### UPDATE ON THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL – 2021



We have reached 61% of our goal of \$55,036 for this year's Annual Catholic Appeal! We are really "moving forward," due to *your generous response*, having **pledged \$33,590** from our parish households.

Please remember **that ALL gifts count** ALL sacrificial offerings are accepted in the Lord's sight! We all have much to be grateful for. Please be generous. So many of our diocesan ministries depend on St. Peter's "doing their part." And, for the first time in a long time, we have a seminarian in theology school that depends on your spiritual and financial support.

Please pray for our priests and deacons, that the Lord will provide for our parish service in years to come.

*Father Hite, Pastor*

## HOPE FOOD PANTRY

Catholic Charities reported that the HOPE Pantry is well-stocked and they have more than enough food and staples on hand. However, not enough people are coming in. Their numbers are well below normal. Please encourage anyone who is experiencing food insecurity to contact Catholic Charities.

### HOPE Food Pantry

523 Park Avenue East, Mansfield (419) 524-0733.

- Monday – 9-3:30 p.m. (2nd Monday of month 10-3:30 p.m.)
- Tuesday – 8:30-3:30 p.m.
- Wednesday – Closed
- Thursday – 8:30-11, 1-3:30 p.m.
- Friday – 8:30-3:30 p.m.

Please call ahead to double check hours, as they are subject to change.

### SUNDAY OFFERING



*As of February 2021  
Sunday Collection*

#### Sunday and Holy Day Collections

Sunday Collection & Holy Day Collection:	\$566,400.00
Total Budgeted Sunday Collection To Date:	\$568,000.00
<b>Sunday Collection Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>(\$1,600.00)</b>

#### School Collection

Total School Collection To Date:	\$66,206.00
Total Budgeted School Collection To Date:	\$96,000.00
<b>School Collection Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>(\$25,794.00)</b>

# FORMED

Please take advantage of all FORMED offers! We encourage ALL parish and school households to sign up - and sign on often! This is a FREE subscription to every parish in the Diocese of Toledo, thanks to the generous gift of an anonymous donor. Sign-up is simple:

- Go to Formed.org
- Select "I belong to a parish or organization"
- Find "St. Peter's Catholic Church, 104 West First Street, Mansfield"
- Provide your name and email

Some recommendations:

- Formed Daily Reflections
- The Stations of the Cross
- Forgiveness - If you have time for only one episode, we recommend Episode 3
- Lectio: The Case for Jesus
- Numerous titles about St. Joseph, in this year dedicated to St. Joseph
- Many excellent series for families and children

## EASTER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### HOLY WEEK LITURGIES—ST. PETER'S

- ◆ **Palm Sunday**—March 28, 2021  
Blessing and distribution of palms and Proclamation of the Lord's Passion at all Masses.

### SACRED TRIDUUM

- ◆ **Holy Thursday**—April 1, 2021  
**7:00 pm**—Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper.  
**8:00 pm**—9:30 pm, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
**9:30 pm**—Compline (Night Prayer) for Holy Thursday
- ◆ **Good Friday**—April 2, 2021  
**3:00 pm**—Friday of The Passion of the Lord  
**7:00 pm**—Stations of the Cross
- ◆ **Holy Saturday**—April 3, 2021  
**8:30 pm**—Easter Vigil (Reception of RCIA & Elect into the Catholic Church)
- ◆ **Easter Sunday**—April 4, 2021 Masses at regular times:  
**7:30 am.**, in Church  
**9:30 am.**, (Masses in Church **and** High School Auditorium)  
**11:30 am.**, in Church (and High School Auditorium if needed).

## PARISH FISH DINNERS DURING LENT

### Mansfield St. Mary

1630 Ashland Road—Carry out \$10 adult/\$5 children at 5 p.m.

### Mansfield Knights of Columbus

1114 Park Avenue West—Eat in or Carry out \$10 from 5:30-7 p.m.

**Crestline St. Joseph**, 331 N. Thoman Street—Drive thru \$10 adult at 5 p.m. until sold out.

**Shelby Most Pure Heart of Mary**, 26 West Street—Drive thru \$10 adult/\$9 senior/\$4 children 4 and under from 4:30-6:30.

**Knights of Columbus**, 217 Poplar Street, Bucyrus—Drive thru \$10 from 5-7 p.m.



## JUMP INTO YOUTH MINISTRY WITH US!

We are cordially inviting all 6th- 12th graders of Saint Peter's Parish to join us for our youth ministry kick off event on Tuesday, April 6th from 5-7 p.m. at Altitude in Mansfield. The cost per person is \$9.00 which includes the socks, and all participants must preregister by contacting Elizabeth Wurm at [wurm.elizabeth@myspartans.org](mailto:wurm.elizabeth@myspartans.org) no later than March 31st because space is limited. Jumpers must also fill out an on-line waiver form through the Altitude website. Parents are welcome to join us. Bring a friend and jump into our youth ministry program at Saint Peter's! Sponsored by the Youth Leadership Team!

## LET YOUTH MINISTRY BOWL YOU OVER!

Join us for our Youth Ministry kick off event on Saturday, April 10th at 4 p.m. at Lex Lanes in Lexington for an evening of bowling. This event is for children of the parish who are preschool to fifth grade in age and their families. One adult must be present with each child. The cost to attend is \$9 which includes shoe rental and two games of bowling! Preregistration is required by April 5th because space is limited, but you can preregister by contacting Elizabeth Wurm at [wurm.elizabeth@myspartans.org](mailto:wurm.elizabeth@myspartans.org). Don't miss out on this fun event and get involved in Youth Ministry at Saint Peter's! Sponsored by the Youth Leadership Team!

## MANSFIELD CATHOLIC CEMETERY PLOT FOR SALE

We have 2 plots for sale in the Mansfield Catholic Cemetery. Call Bethe at 419-295-8329 for more information.

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**FOOD COLLECTION: APRIL 10 & 11**



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## SPRING FLOWER SALE GOING ON NOW

St. Peter's School Spring Flower Sale is underway now through March 29.

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You can purchase from any St. Peter's student or visit **StPetersFlowerSale.com** to order.

All orders will be available for pickup on May 19 at the Franciscan Activity Center.

## ST. PETER'S EASTER EGG HUNT

Hop on down and join us for a fun and family-friendly event.

6,000 candy-filled Easter Eggs will be available for children ages 12 and under. There will be music, food, and the Easter Bunny will be in attendance.

Masks are required, but there will be plenty of room to spread out so families can hunt at safe distances.



## SCHEDULE A TOUR

Come and see our school first-hand! Visit our website at [mansfieldstpeters.org/school/tour](http://mansfieldstpeters.org/school/tour) and schedule your personalized campus tour. Prospective families will have the opportunity to meet with our principals and see our classrooms in action!



You can also contact Jason Crundwell at (419) 524-2572 x2125 to schedule your visit.

***St. Peter's School will work to make a Catholic education affordable to families who take an active role in participating in their faith and desire a high-quality education for their children.***

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS is July 12-15 from 9 - 11:30 a.m. daily for children ages 3-10. If you could prayerfully consider donating one of the items below it would be much appreciated!

- 400 Juice boxes (any flavor)
- Two large boxes of goldfish crackers
- Two large bags of animal crackers
- Three large boxes of Mott's Fruit Snacks
- 2 large packages of multi colored construction paper
- 20 small bottles of white Elmer's glue
- 10 packages of disinfecting wipes
- 20 packs of paper towels
- 10 pool noodles of any color and width
- 5 bags of apples
- Tubes from packages of aluminum foil (or any cardboard tube that is thicker)
- 2 large packages of pipe cleaners
- Four large boxes of minute rice
- Two large containers of glitter
- 12 large containers of clear baby oil
- Black and Blue permanent markers (we would need ten of each)
- One package of coffee filters
- One package of brown lunch bags (50 count)
- One large bag of rubber bands

Monetary donations are always appreciated to help offset the registration donation for those who do not have the ability to pay.

If you are able to provide any of these items, it would be appreciated if they could be dropped off to the parish office by April 1. We thank you for your help as we prepare to go on "God's Wild Adventures!"

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Elizabeth Wurm. Thank you in advance for your kindness!

## 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. Practicing Catholic preferred. Must be able to meet all Diocese of Toledo employment requirements.

### HEAD OF SCHOOL

St. Peter's Parish & School is conducting a search for its first Head of School. The Head of School will provide educational, spiritual, executive, financial, advancement and managerial leadership in order to achieve the fullest attainment of St. Peter's School's mission.

In addition to being a practicing Catholic, active in a parish, with a strong commitment to Catholic education, the qualified candidate must have appropriate State of Ohio licensure/certification, and be able to meet all Diocese of Toledo employment requirements.

### SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

St. Peter's Elementary is in need of substitute teachers and substitute secretaries for the 20-21 school year. Must have Bachelor's degree or, **in lieu of a Bachelor's degree**, interested persons should see the next paragraph about substitute/teaching license, and have BCI, FBI checks completed as well as VIRTUS requirements.

Complete job descriptions can be found at [mansfieldstpeters.org/employment-opportunities/](http://mansfieldstpeters.org/employment-opportunities/)



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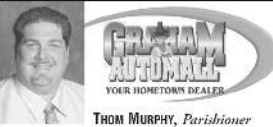


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## THE NEW COVENANT

Today's first reading is an enormously important passage, not only in the history of the Jewish people, but also for us as disciples of Jesus, who see in it a foreshadowing of the Christian dispensation. The prophet announces that God has chosen to forgive the people, and that as a sign of divine forgiveness a new covenant will be established. Contrasting the new covenant with the one made with Moses on Mount Sinai, Jeremiah says that the new covenant will be written on the people's hearts rather than on tablets of stone. No longer will the community's tradition be the sole bearer of the covenant; henceforth, God will speak directly and personally to each individual, forgiving sin and calling for a return to God in faithfulness. No longer will mere outward compliance with the dictates of the Law suffice; henceforth, God asks for an obedience that springs from the depths of one's heart.

Precisely that kind of obedience is highlighted in today's second reading, where the author of the Letter to the Hebrews describes Jesus as the mediator of the new covenant whose obedience has made him the source of salvation for all who, in turn, obey him.

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## FEAST OF FAITH

### The First Reading

Each Sunday, we listen to three scripture readings. The first reading usually comes from the Old Testament. "The New Testament lies hidden in the Old; the Old Testament comes fully to light in the New," we read in the Introduction to the Lectionary. "Christ himself is the center and fullness of the whole of Scripture" (5). On Sundays, these readings usually have a close connection to the Gospel. In this season of Lent, for example, the Exodus account of the thirst of the Israelites in the desert is paired with the Samaritan woman's encounter with Jesus at the well. Ezekiel's vision of the Lord raising people from their graves is paired with the narrative of Christ raising Lazarus from the dead.

The readings are taken from many sources—historical books like Judges, Kings, and the Acts of the Apostles, prophets like Isaiah and Ezekiel, wisdom literature like Proverbs or Ecclesiastes. But no matter its genre, the first reading always ends with the same acclamation: "The word of the Lord." The scriptures are written by human authors who wrote in widely different cultural and historical contexts, but these human authors are also divine instruments through whom God speaks to us. And so we say, "Thanks be to God."

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## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — I will make a new covenant; I will write my law upon their hearts (Jeremiah 31:31-34) or Ezekiel 37:12-14.

**Psalm** — Create a clean heart in me, O God (Psalm 51) or Psalm 130.

**Second Reading** — Christ learned obedience and became the source of eternal salvation (Hebrews 5:7-9) or Romans 8:8-11.

**Gospel** — If a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it produces much fruit (John 12:20-33) or John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45].

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62]; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11

**Tuesday:** Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30

**Wednesday:** Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42

**Thursday:** Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

**Friday:** Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42

**Saturday:** Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56

**Sunday:** Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1-39]



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