

# SAINT PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

APRIL 11, 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:

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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, April 12***Monday of the Second Week of Easter*

5:00 pm Rosary

5:30 pm North Central Ohio Vocations Club

**Tuesday, April 13***Tuesday of the St. Martin, Pope, Martyr*

7:00 am Howard Schwartz

**Wednesday, April 14***Wednesday of the Second Week of Easter*

7:00 am Jess Allred

**Thursday, April 15***Thursday of the Second Week of Easter*

7:00 am Bernard Alfieri

**Friday, April 16***Friday of the Second Week of Easter*

5:00 pm Rosary

5:30 pm Marilyn Kurtzman

**Saturday, April 17***Vigil of the Third Sunday of Easter*

5:00 pm Walt Maurer

**Sunday, April 18***Third Sunday of Easter*

7:30 am Sammy Tridico

9:30 am Parish

11:30 am Gary D. Shoemaker (Anniversary)

**SAINT PETER'S PARISH MASK POLICY**

Richland County is still 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!

It is beautiful weather, the sun is shining and that can only mean one thing... it is baseball season! My boys have never been so excited. My oldest has played two years of t-ball and is now moving on up in the league, my second youngest has played one year of t-ball and for the third it will be his inaugural year. They really missed the experience last year when the season was cancelled due to COVID.

While we were driving today, my oldest and I were trying to think through all the different names of teams he has been on so far, and I told him that we would have to write them down so we didn't forget them. He asked me why, and I told him so that someday when he hit the majors we could say it all started when he was just a member of the Club View Vision Center. He said, yes, and then we will have to move to New York. I asked him why New York and why would we have to move, and he said that New York was where all the big fields were and so when he played on a big field the whole family would have to move. I don't have too many "aww" moments as a mother, but I have to say that was one of them. It was the sweetest thought that as a major league baseball player that he would still want his mom and his family hanging around. I told him he would probably have to go on his own if that happened because he would be a grown up by then, and he said, "but who will take care of me?"

In my household we have quite a few sayings that we repeat over and over. As the mother of four boys I have adopted the parenting technique that nature will teach them more powerful lessons than I ever could preach, so when they are about to do something stupid, which they are apt to do, I mention it and then let them make their decision whether to proceed, figuring a scraped knee or a bumped elbow will remind them not to try it again. Our saying is "I won't stand in your way but I will always be just three steps behind you", making sure that the bumped elbow doesn't morph into a broken arm along the way and I can always intervene if it looks like it is heading in that direction.

After I dropped him off, I thought about the sweetness of the conversation the whole way to work and it made me contemplate God's relationship with us. I think it is especially important to do in this Easter Season. No matter how "grown up" we get, we still need him to care for us. No matter where we move, he moves with us. Most importantly, he is always there to pick us up when we fall, when our hearts are broken to the point we cannot stand it, and although he won't stop us from our actions, he does give fair warning of what the repercussions may be. And he never goes away, always just three steps behind, or three days away as he rose from the dead so that we could always be with him.

I think sometimes it is just so important to just take a moment and really think about that kind of love. I know when I do it overwhelms me. I often get lost in thinking about the love I experienced from my mother to myself, or the intensity of love that I feel for all my children, but then come to the realization that the love that God has for each and every one of us is so much greater and unfathomable. We are truly blest.

Elizabeth Wurm

Director of Religious Education

## 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.



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## IN GOD'S ARMS



**Norma Dorsey**

**Dorothy Studer**

**ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD.**

## ACA—THANK YOU!

**2021 - Annual Catholic Appeal (as of April 1):**

**\$ 55,036.00 - GOAL**

**\$ 36,989.00 - PLEDGED**

**67.21% of Goal to Date**

**213 Donors (our of 1627 registered households)**



## PRISON MINISTRY CORNER

Praise God! Father Kevin and Deacon John have now celebrated the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass with our brothers at ManCI two weeks in a row. How grateful we are that religious services have resumed there and our brothers are able to gather. Please keep our brothers at RiCI in prayer; the isolation, loneliness, and anxiety of prison life has been exacerbated by the necessary Covid restrictions. We pray the day will come soon when we are able to resume religious services there.



## THE ST. PETER'S MUSIC SERIES RETURNS!



Please join us for a performance in concert by Flutist Angela Massey, accompanied by Pianist Erika Dohi, in the Church on Monday evening April 12 at 8:00 p.m. Miss Massey will perform a selection of Baroque and Impressionist music for flute as well as a newly composed contemporary classical selection. Admission is, as always, free and open to the public. Free will offering will be accepted.

## ANNUNCIATION RADIO'S SPRING SHARATHON IS COMING UP!

Listen and pledge April 27<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> and help us continue providing Catholic programming to listeners throughout our Toledo Diocese. In these difficult times, we need to make sure we have the operating funds to carry us to the fall. Call during the Sharathon, or make a secure online donation now at [www.annunciationradio.com](http://www.annunciationradio.com) or on our mobile app. Annunciation Radio serves listeners throughout the diocese of Toledo. 89.7 Toledo, 88.1 Sandusky, 89.9 Bryan, 89.5 Mansfield, 90.9 Willard.

## 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 March 2021  
Sunday Collection*

### Sunday and Holy Day Collections

Sunday Collection & Holy Day Collection:	\$656,795.00
Total Budgeted Sunday Collection To Date:	\$639,000.00
<b>Sunday Collection Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>\$17,795.00</b>

### School Collection

Total School Collection To Date:	\$75,799.00
Total Budgeted School Collection To Date:	\$108,000.00
<b>School Collection Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>(\$32,201.00)</b>

# FORMED

All are invited to our next parish-wide Formed event. Our focus is the excellent series *Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist*.

We will gather in church at 6:00 p.m. the following dates for approximately one hour (30 minute video followed by discussion and fellowship):

**April 17** - Episode 1: God Is with Us

**April 24** - Episode 2: The Story of the Eucharist

**May 1** - Episode 3: Bread for the Journey

**May 8** - Episode 4 (first half): Biblical Foundations of the Eucharist

**May 15** - Episode 4 (second half): Biblical Foundations of the Eucharist

If you are not able to be with us, you are encouraged to view *Presence* on your own through the easily-accessed Formed platform. This is available FREE to all parishioners. Simply sign on at [formed.org](https://formed.org), select "I belong to a parish," select our parish (listed as St. Peter's Catholic Church, 104 West First Street....).

Parents: There are two additional segments of *Presence* available to help in your role as your children's first teacher and to build our families as the domestic church:

"Presence for Parents Preparing Children for 1st Communion" - 37 minutes

"Presence for Children" - 11 minutes

## HUNGER BANQUET

Come to a Hunger Banquet on Saturday, April 24th at 6 p.m. in the Franciscan Activity Center. The cost to attend is a \$9.00 donation which will go to benefit the Feed the Needy program at Saint Peter's Parish.

This interactive dinner is one that you will not forget, so come with an open mind to whatever you might be served so that you can learn a little bit more how we should serve others. Reservations are required (by April 20th) because seating is limited, and you can reserve your spot by contacting Elizabeth Wurm at [wurm.elizabeth@myspartans.org](mailto:wurm.elizabeth@myspartans.org).

Masks are required and social distancing will be followed. This experience is sponsored by our Youth Leadership Team! We hope to see you there!

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWEST CATHOLICS!

We welcome five newly-received into our parish family. Celebrating the Sacraments at the glorious Easter Vigil Mass were Beverly Strauser (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist); David Coleman, Mitchell Kirkbride, Jordan Tackett (Confirmation, Eucharist); Sharon Frijouf (Confirmation). God bless all of you, your sponsors, and all who prayerfully supported our RCIA process this year.



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Save the Date! VBS 2021!

Vacation Bible School is coming up quickly and we are so excited that we will be able to have all of our friends with us this year! We will be having VBS July 12<sup>th</sup>- 15<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m.- 11: 30 a.m. daily for our 3- 10 year olds. We are also still looking for adult helpers who would be willing to take part in the VIRTUS training to participate in the program. I promise you it will be the most wonderful week of your life!

If you could prayerfully consider donating one of the items below it would be much appreciated!

- **400** Juice boxes (any flavor)
- **One** large box of goldfish crackers
- **One** large bag of animal crackers
- **One** large box of Mott's Fruit Snacks
- 10 small bottles of white Elmer's glue
- 10 packages of disinfecting wipes
- 5 bags of apples
- 2 large packages of pipe cleaners
- Four large boxes of minute rice
- 12 large containers of clear baby oil
- Blue permanent markers ( ten )

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

## MANSFIELD CATHOLIC CEMETERY PLOT FOR SALE

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

**RECYCLING — FRIDAY, MAY 7**

**FOOD COLLECTION: MAY 8 & 9**



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## STUDENTS OF THE MONTH—MARCH

Congratulations to our March Students of the Month. These students were recognized for displaying their virtue of **compassion**.

Spartan of the Month and the virtue program coincide with our *Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports* (PBIS) program. "Be a Spartan" includes school-wide expectations, and students are expected to "Be safe, Be Respectful, and Be Responsible" Spartans every day.

Teachers reinforce the virtue of the month with lessons in their classrooms, and the virtue is reinforced every morning on announcements, and students are given a task each week so that they practice the virtue of the month in action.

## FIRST HOLY EUCHARIST

The second graders of Saint Peter's Parish will be celebrating the Sacrament of First Holy Eucharist on Sunday, May 2nd at the 11:30 a.m. Mass.

Please keep these little ones and their families in your prayers as they continue to prepare to receive this most precious gift.

## FIRST ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT SUCCESS!



It only took about ten minutes for 200 children to scoop up 6,000 Easter Eggs at Spartan Fields on the Saturday before Palm Sunday.

This event attracted many families who are not directly connected with the parish or school community.

It was a wonderful opportunity to share the joy of the Easter season with our community and we look forward to making it even better next year!

## NOW ENROLLING FOR FALL!

St. Peter's School is currently accepting applications for the 2021-2022 school year.

## 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.***



## 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/)

*"Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe.'"*

*Thomas answered and said to him, 'My Lord and my God!'*

*Jesus said to him, 'Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.'"*

*John 20: 28-29*

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## DOUBT

The desire to be able to prove the existence of a divinity has troubled humanity since human consciousness first became aware of the divine. To this very day we are fond of saying that any number of things—from sunsets to hot fudge sundaes—are “proof that there is a God.” We get so caught up in the story of “doubting Thomas” that we fail to notice that today’s Gospel gives us John’s account of Pentecost, the bestowing of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples following the Resurrection. Thomas, evidently, missed out not only on seeing the Risen Christ, but receiving the Holy Spirit as well. This is not to be taken lightly and, perhaps, makes Thomas’ disbelief a bit easier to comprehend. It also makes his professing that Jesus is his Lord and God—the only time the New Testament explicitly refers to Jesus Christ as “God”—more remarkable.

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## FEAST OF FAITH

### The Psalms in the Liturgy

The book of Psalms is a prayer book, hymnal, and anthology of verse all rolled into one. It contains one hundred fifty ancient songs—poem-prayers that express the joys and sorrows of the Hebrew people and their longing for God. The psalms are incredibly varied in tone. Some are solemn anthems of praise that once accompanied processions of great multitudes to the temple; others record the lonely cries of a faithful soul who feels abandoned by God.

This ancient prayer book of the Hebrew people is our principal prayer book as well. The psalms are everywhere in the liturgy—in the antiphons and acclamations of the Mass, and most particularly in the responsorial psalm that follows the first reading. The psalm that is sung at Mass usually echoes the themes of the first reading, and sometimes even comments on it. On this Third Sunday of Lent, we listen to the Exodus account of the stubbornness of God’s people in the desert, and then the psalm comes to remind us: “If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts” (Psalm 95:8). In their wonderful variety, the psalms teach us how to pray.

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## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus (Acts 4:32-35).

**Psalm** — Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting (Psalm 118).

**Second Reading** — The victory that conquers the world is our faith (1 John 5:1-6).

**Gospel** — Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed (John 20:19-31).

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-3, 4-9; Jn 3:1-8

**Tuesday:** Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15

**Wednesday:** Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21

**Thursday:** Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36

**Friday:** Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15

**Saturday:** Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21

**Sunday:** Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4, 7-9; 1 Jn 2:1-5a;  
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