

SAINT PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

APRIL 18, 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.

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Monday - Friday: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
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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 19***Monday of the Third Week of Easter*

5:00 pm Rosary

5:30 pm Parish

Tuesday, April 20*Tuesday of the Third Week of Easter*

7:00 am Rev. Robert J. Wilhelm

Wednesday, April 21*St. Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

7:00 am Jess Allred

Thursday, April 22*Thursday of the Third Week of Easter*

7:00 am Richard and JoAnn Steele (Wedding Anniversary)

9:30 am School Mass

Friday, April 23*St. George, Martyr; St. Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr*

5:00 pm Rosary

5:30 pm Ned Calla

Saturday, April 24*Vigil of the Fourth Sunday of Easter*

5:00 pm Ed and Mary Anne Voytko

Sunday, April 25*Fourth Sunday of Easter*

7:30 am Parish

9:30 am Joe and Virginia Boyd

11:30 am Shane Conry

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!***

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By visiting the website at www.mansfieldstpeters.org, to learn about opportunities for electronic giving.

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

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Earlier today I was waiting in line to check out at a local pharmacy. There was only one customer in line ahead of me. Like all of us lately he was wearing a mask. He also had on a ball cap and a coat. After looking for a moment, I realized that I knew him and proceeded to say hello. We joked that, back when we were kids, if you walked into a store wearing a mask the police would very likely have been summoned. Too true.

That encounter provided food for thought as I tried to decide what I might cover in this column. I realized that my chance meeting pointed to the question of recognition and then I remembered the topic of today's Gospel.

The two disciples who had been walking to Emmaus related their tale to the apostles...that is, how they had met a man on the road and how he was revealed to them as the risen Lord Jesus. I find that tale a bit odd. How could they not have recognized Jesus? Didn't they see his hands? Didn't they recognize his face or his voice? Was he cloaked and disguised like some mysterious traveler? The Gospel narrative doesn't say why they couldn't recognize Jesus.

What the Gospels tell us is that Jesus became known to them, "...in the breaking of the bread." Of course! At table in the breaking of the bread! However, I suspect that the two disciples may have been more than a little distracted by grief and, because they had already heard from the apostles about the appearances of the Lord, perhaps by astonishment or shock. At any rate, Jesus became known to them as he broke bread at table with them.

Their recognition, slow as it may have been, points the way for us in a couple of ways today. The fact is that we encounter Jesus more often than we know. Most of us aren't really good at recognizing him when we see him. I'd like to suggest that we think about some of those ways of encounter.

At Mass, we encounter Jesus in the Scriptures...he is the Living Word of God proclaimed before us every Sunday. We also encounter him in the Eucharist...of which he said, "...this is my Body...this is my Blood." Less recognizable but still an encounter, is the presence of Jesus in all those who attend Mass with us...we are the Body of Christ in yet another sense. How does that make us feel? How do we respond to that encounter?

In other ways, we encounter Jesus in the poor and needy and marginalized people of the world. He is in that sense, as St. Teresa of Calcutta said of him, Jesus "...in his distressing disguise..." How does that make us feel? How do we respond to that?

It comes down to our response to those encounters. If Jesus himself is present in the Word and in the Eucharist, shouldn't we give him our attention and our devotion? If Jesus is present in the poor and destitute, shouldn't we treat his wounds? Shouldn't we minister to his needs?

We don't need to see his face. His words and our faith tell us what we need to know and what we need to do. The rest is up to us. Let's open our eyes and embrace our risen and living Jesus where we find him!

Bill Johnson, Director of Music and Liturgy

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

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231 Donors (our of 1627 registered households)



PRISON MINISTRY CORNER

Praise God! Father Kevin and Deacon John are now celebrating weekly Mass with our brothers at ManCI. 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.



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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

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- 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
Sunday Collection Surplus/(Deficit)	\$17,795.00

School Collection

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

FORMED

All are invited to our current parish-wide Formed event, beginning this weekend, Saturday, April 17 at 6 p.m. Our focus is the excellent series *Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist*.

We gather in church for approximately one hour (30 minute video followed by discussion and fellowship). Here are the dates and topics:

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, 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 sending an email Elizabeth Wurm at 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 12th - 15th 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
- **10** Blue permanent markers

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 Beth at 419-295-8329 for more information.

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- Crestline High School (6-12)

After the scholarship, elementary tuition could be as low as \$35/month, junior high \$160/month, and \$200/month for high school. **The scholarship deadlines are fast approaching!**

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 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.

END-OF-YEAR EVENTS

The end of the school year is fast approaching! The school administration and the Restart Smart committee have been working to make sure that our annual end-of-year school traditions can continue.

Following CDC and ODH guidelines we are planning to move forward with Prom, May Crowning, Baccalaureate, Graduation and other senior class events. The Class of 2021 held their class retreat several weeks ago at Damascus Catholic Campus and our sixth graders are also preparing for their class retreat. Please keep our students in your prayers as they finish this school year.

YOUTH MINISTRY BOWLING



Special thanks to all the elementary aged students from the school and parish who participated in our Elementary Bowling Night at Lex Lanes on April 10.

We hope to see you at our next event! Come join the fun!



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The second graders of Saint Peter's Parish will be celebrating the First Holy Communion 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.

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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/

"This encounter on the road (to Emmaus) so turned the hearts of the disciples that they literally turned around and ran back into the fray, back into Jerusalem, back into the world. So must we allow our encounter with Christ in others, in prayer, in the Eucharist, and in the Word to turn our hearts around today. We must allow ourselves to be so overwhelmed by the revelation of a God of love, that no fear, no evil, no suffering, and no hatred can leave us in despair."

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FULFILLMENT

It is interesting that during the Easter season, when we do not hear a reading from the Old Testament, it becomes so important. This is particularly true today. Peter's speech begins with a prayer formula familiar to Jews: "The God of Abraham . . ." (Acts 3:13). It likewise contains the potent phrases "Holy and Righteous One" and "mouth of all the prophets" (3:14, 18). Peter was stating in no uncertain terms that the law, psalms, and prophets had been fulfilled in Christ. This is reinforced by Jesus himself in the Gospel passage, when he states that everything in the scriptures (to the early Christians "the scriptures" were what we call the Old Testament) had to be fulfilled. Above all, Jesus and Peter both emphasize that we are witnesses to all of this, and are sent forth to bear witness to it in the world. The Latin Missa, from which our word "Mass" comes, means "sent" (as in "mission"). As we leave Mass today, let us remember to be witnesses to all that has been fulfilled in the risen Christ.

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FEAST OF FAITH

The Second Reading

The Liturgy of the Word generally follows a consistent pattern of three readings and a psalm. The second reading is always taken from one of the New Testament epistles or the book of Revelation, and generally is not intentionally aligned with either the Gospel or the first reading.

Where would we be without these letters in which great saints and apostles like Paul, Peter, James, and John share their wisdom and pastoral good sense with the early Christian communities? It is in these letters, even more than in the Gospel narratives, that we learn what it means to be church: to live with each other, in the world yet not of the world, in these days after the Lord's resurrection. Each New Testament letter was written by a particular leader for a particular community at a particular time. We are reminded of this at the beginning of the proclamation—"A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians," or the Corinthians, or the Thessalonians. These texts were shaped by their particular historical and cultural context, but at the same time, through the liturgy, these letters are written to us, here, today. They speak to the realities of Christian living no matter where—or when—we live. They are truly "the word of the Lord" for us.

—Corinna Laughlin, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The author of life you put to death, but God raised him from the dead (Acts 3:13-15, 17-19).

Psalm — Lord, let your face shine on us (Psalm 4).

Second Reading — We have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous one (1 John 2:1-5a).

Gospel — Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day (Luke 24:35-48).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69

Sunday: Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

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