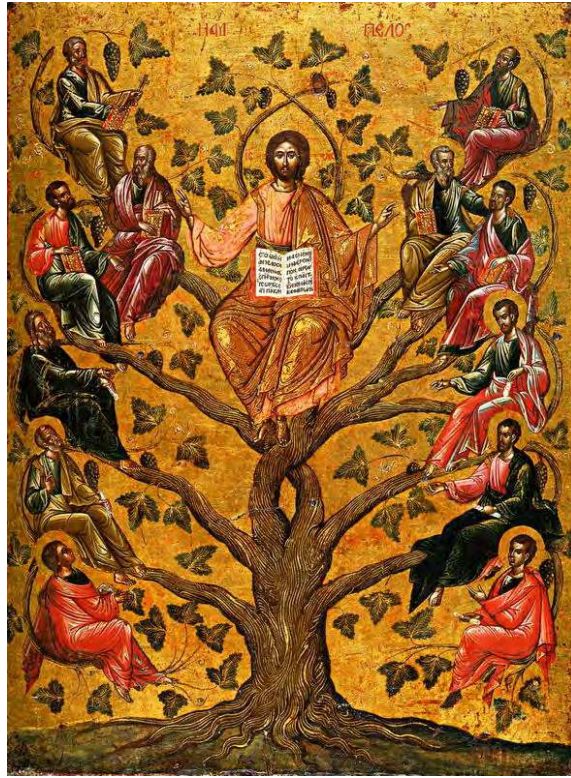


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## Mass Schedule:

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

## 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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**MASS INTENTIONS****Monday, May 3***Feasts of Sts. Philip and James, Apostles*

5:00 pm Rosary

5:30 pm Parish

**Tuesday, May 4***Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Easter*

7:00 am Rosemary Martin

**Wednesday, May 5***Wednesday of the Fifth Week of Easter*

7:00 am Parish

**Thursday, May 6***Thursday of the Fifth Week of Easter*

7:00 am Parish

9:30 am School Mass

**Friday, May 7***Friday of the Fifth Week of Easter*

5:00 pm Rosary

5:30 pm Parish

**Saturday, May 8***Vigil of the Sixth Sunday of Easter*

5:00 pm Marilyn Mertler

**Sunday, May 9***Sixth Sunday of Easter (Mother's Day)*

7:30 am Parish

9:30 am Joe &amp; 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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We greatly appreciate your generosity and support during these difficult days!

This weekend at the 11:30 Mass, we celebrate the First Communion, and 14 young people will receive the Sacrament for the first time. My daughter, Katie, is among the communicants. The traditionalist in me hoped Katie would consider wearing her mom's or grandmother's dress, but she insisted on a new one. Pray for me; I'm terrified of the teen years that lie ahead.

The tradition of First Communion in the Catholic Church has been much the same since the early 20<sup>th</sup> Century. Pope Pius X issued a decree ***Quam Singulari***, which set the age at which First Communion is first received at age seven. Before that, standards varied by local traditions. Some children didn't make their First Communion until as late as 14 years old.

Our parish archives include many First Communion class photos. We have a framed photo from 1897, taken on the front step of the second St. Peter's School building.

By the 1940s, the young men also wore all white, including white sport coats. The picture below is from 1953, where you can see the young men in their white jackets. Unfortunately, the small scale does not do the photo justice.



However, in the late 70's and early 80's, there was a break in that class tradition. Families had the option to make the First Communion outside of the class at a regular Sunday Mass with all of the child's extended family in attendance. Many of my classmates and I went to two First Communion ceremonies. The first was with my family and the second time several months later with my classmates.

My sister and I are probably two of just a handful of people who made their First Communion on Christmas Eve. I still clearly remember my first visit to the rectory to meet with Fr. Blaser about making my First Communion. My sister and I wanted to celebrate the date with our entire extended family, and they were all there at Christmas.

Even though the traditions change over the years, the significance of First Communion remains the same. It's the opportunity for an individual to receive the real presence of Jesus Christ for the first time.

Jason Crundwell  
Director of Marketing

**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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Here is a recent message from one of our RiCi brothers: "Another week is about to begin and all is yet well with our community. We have our devotionals so we are moving forward one day at a time. I trust all is yet well with everyone in our St. Peter's community and all are maintaining their resolve. I, like everyone, find it amazing that we are still on lockdown. We are grateful for your continued support; it makes all of this easier to endure. My prayers are often for those who have no community support during these times and must endure this alone. I pray that people seek God's love, guidance, and daily Word. That is the assurance we have during difficult times. God is ever present!"



**FLOWERS FOR THE BLESSED MOTHER**



Share the beauty of nature with our parish in honor of the Blessed Mother Mary. Please bring your garden flowers to church the weekend of Mother's Day, May 8th and 9th. Volunteers will be present to receive your flowers. All CDC guidelines will be observed.


**SAVE THE DATE! VBS 2021!**

We are almost there! Thank you to all who have contributed to our Vacation Bible School for 2021 taking place July 12th- 15th. There are just a few more items on our wish list that would allow VBS to be a success for the young people of our parish. If you are able to help by donating one item, it would be greatly appreciated.

We are also still accepting registrations for VBS this year and we hope all the young people of our parish and their friends can join us! If you need a registration form please contact Elizabeth Wurm at [wurm.elizabeth@myspartans.org](mailto:wurm.elizabeth@myspartans.org).

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

<b>SUNDAY OFFERING</b>	
	
<i>As of March 2021 Sunday Collection</i>	
<b>Sunday and Holy Day Collections</b>	
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>
<i>*Updated totals will be available in the next bulletin</i>	
<b>School Collection</b>	
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 welcome to join us on the following Saturday evenings as we continue the series *Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist*.

Time: 6:00 (after 5:00 Mass)

Location: in church

Duration: Approximately 30 minute video followed by short period of discussion, faith sharing, and fellowship

Topics:

May 1 - Bread for the Journey

May 8 - Biblical Foundations of the Eucharist

May 15 - Biblical Foundations of the Eucharist

Other Formed recommendations to view at home at your convenience:

*Lectio: Unveiling Scripture and Tradition in MARK* - Watch Dr. Tim Gray's series to learn more about this Gospel writer and saint.

*A Bible Study on the Mysteries of the Rosary* - As we begin May, consider spending time with one of the many topics about Mary, the Rosary, Pentecost, the early Church, and more. This series on the Mysteries of the Rosary is excellent.

In this year dedicated to St. Joseph, consider entering into prayer with *Novena to Saint Joseph*.

## PSR CATECHISTS NEEDED

We are searching for some catechists for our PSR program for the 2021-2022 year. The year starts in September and ends in April, and the commitment is for 1 1/2 hours per week along with completing a VIRTUS Child Protection Training and background check through the Diocese of Toledo (which is all on-line and takes one hour). The greatest gift you could ever share is your experience and knowledge of the faith to help our smallest disciples! If you have any interest in either our Wednesday night or Sunday morning program, please contact Elizabeth Wurm at [wurm.elizabeth@myspartans.org](mailto:wurm.elizabeth@myspartans.org) or at the parish office at 419-524-2572 x 2114. Each of us has a story to tell about our faith... share yours and help a young person take a step farther on their faith journey! I look forward to hearing from you!

## NIGHTS OF HEALING

Ministry to Catholic Charismatic Renewal will hold two Nights of Healing on Tuesday, May 11 and Tuesday, June 8. Please join Fr. Kevin Moebius, as well as Fr. Anthony Coci, Fr. Tom Oedy and Fr. Jim Brown at St. Jerome Walbridge, 300 Warner St., Walbridge from 7 pm to 8:30 pm for worship, witness, adoration, word and healing. Please visit [www.mccrholyspirit.org](http://www.mccrholyspirit.org) for more information.

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION AND ENRICHMENT

If you or a loved one may desire to learn more about the Catholic faith or to begin preparation for the Sacraments of Initiation, please call the Parish Center. Watch this bulletin space for details of upcoming sessions for RCIA and adult enrichment programs being planned for summer.

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**RECYCLING — FRIDAY, MAY 14**

**FOOD COLLECTION: MAY 15 & 16**

### BISHOP THOMAS VISITS ST. PETER'S SCHOOL

Last Friday, St. Peter's Parish & School was honored to welcome Bishop Daniel Thomas to our campus. The Bishop of Toledo makes a school visit every two years to meet members of the senior and junior class.

The day began with the celebration of Mass in the church. Due to COVID-19 guidelines, only the high school and junior high school students were in attendance. After Mass, the bishop was treated to lunch with a handful of students and staff in Assisi Hall.

The afternoon featured a question and answer session with the upperclassmen on a wide range of topics including race relations, the role of women in the church, LGBTQ relationships, and even some lighter subjects like the Bishop's favorite social media platform.



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### SCHEDULE A TOUR

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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.**



### RESTRICTIONS ON TAKING COMMUNION TO THE SICK

Due to the continuing pandemic, all hospitals and nursing homes are restricting patient visits for Holy Communion. If you have a family member living with you, and you would like to take them communion, please contact [kristireindl@myspartans.org](mailto:kristireindl@myspartans.org) or at 419.524.2572 ext. 2122. If you have a homebound family member who would like a visit from a priest or deacon, please contact the Parish Center office with their name, address, and phone number.



**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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## BEARING FRUIT

Few of us, even when we meditate on the image of the vine and branches, stop to really think about how God “prunes” us. For some there is the danger of thinking that we are already producing fruit for the kingdom, in deed and truth as John says, perhaps raising a family, being active in our parish, and so on. But even those branches which are bearing fruit, the Gospel tells us, can be pruned to produce still more. Today Saul, freshly “pruned” by his conversion, arrives in Jerusalem and meets resistance. Since he had been persecuting Christians, this was only natural. But even after he is accepted and begins to bear fruit, he meets further adversity, and his letters are filled with many accounts of how his trials “pruned” him to produce greater fruit for the kingdom. Like him, as long as we remain in Christ we will continue to bear fruit and, when the will of the Father determines it is time to prune us, the strength of the true vine must enable us to endure it.

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## FEAST OF FAITH

### The Homily

The ambo, or pulpit, is a special place—it is the place for God’s word. That is why it is not used for all the spoken words of the Mass, even important words like the collects and the blessing. The ambo is only used for the scripture readings, and for the homily and the prayer of the faithful.

The homily is part of the Liturgy of the Word. It flows from the readings we have just heard, and helps us to understand the way in which God is speaking to us today. The homily is not a lecture, a catechism lesson, or a speech. It is more like an exhortation; it has an urgency about it, for it calls us to find ourselves in the scripture, to live the faith we profess, to see our world by the light of the Gospel. The homily, in itself a response to God’s word, demands a response from us. There are many styles of preaching and many ways to respond to the scriptures. But whether the homily is weak or strong, an open ear and an open heart can find in it an abundance of spiritual nourishment.

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## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Barnabas reported to the apostles how Saul had seen the Lord on the way (Acts 9:26-31).

**Psalm** — I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people (Psalm 22).

**Second Reading** — This is God’s commandment: that we may believe and love (1 John 3:18-24).

**Gospel** — I am the true vine; whoever remains in me will bear much fruit (John 15:1-8).

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14

**Tuesday:** Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a

**Wednesday:** Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8

**Thursday:** Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11

**Friday:** Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17

**Saturday:** Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21

**Sunday:** Acts 10:25-36, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98:1-4; 1 Jn 4:7-10 or 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 15:9-17 or Jn 17:11b-19

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