

August 22, 2021 • Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time



Master, to whom  
shall we go?

**You have  
the words of  
eternal life.**

John 6:68



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Wednesday (School Year) 8:25 a.m. & 9:35 a.m.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Saturday: 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. &  
30 minutes before every Mass

**Sacrament of Baptism:**

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

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Arrangements should always be made at the  
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**Parish Office Hours:**

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**MASS INTENTIONS****Monday, August 23***St. Rose of Lima, Virgin*

5:00 pm Rosary

5:30 pm † Angela Oriol

**Tuesday, August 24***St. Bartholomew, Apostle*

7:00 am † Margaret Ferguson

**Wednesday, August 25***St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest*

8:25 am † Phil Hawk

9:35 am World Peace

**Thursday, August 26***30th Thursday in Ordinary Time*

7:00 am † Rev. Robert J. Wilhelm

**Friday, August 27***St. Monica*

5:00 pm Rosary

5:30 pm † Mary Ann Switzer (Anniversary)

**Saturday, August 28***Vigil of the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00 pm † William A. "Bill" Reale

**Sunday, August 29***30th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

7:30 am † Harry M Welsh

9:30 am † Deceased Alumni SPH Class of 1960

**IN GOD'S ARMS**

Please pray for our beloved dead.

***ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD.*****PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH**

Names will only be listed for four (4) weeks. If you wish to have additional time, contact the Parish Center at (419) 524-2572.



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**FROM THE PASTOR:**

Catholics are known for their work to better society. Throughout our history, we have transformed the societies in which we lived, not just for our family and friends, but for the betterment of all. What inspired and animated those before us, and many today, is Jesus's command to "love your neighbor as yourself." Catholics today, even those who have stopped going to church, are known for feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, clothing the naked, sheltering the homeless, visiting the sick and imprisoned, and burying the dead. These are the corporal works of mercy.

However, we Catholics are significantly limiting our efforts to better this world if we aren't giving equal attention to the spiritual works of mercy, most especially prayer. In our world where what is seen is more important than what is unseen, the power of prayer has been forgotten by many. I don't think the message can be made more strongly or beautifully than what the Blessed Virgin Mary has been saying to us: My dear children, you have forgotten that through prayer and fasting, you can avert wars and suspend the laws of nature.

The news media this past week gave us another reason to pray – Afghanistan. Just as the COVID virus has been moving from nation to nation, community to community, wreaking havoc, so has violence and evil been doing the same. The situation in Afghanistan needs our prayer for many reasons. It is the latest nation to suffer a humanitarian crisis. Many good people will be persecuted, tortured, and killed. Women and children will suffer the greatest. They need our prayers.

Our prayers are also needed because Afghanistan was the training ground for the terrorists who attacked our country exactly twenty years ago. There is great tension throughout our world. Never before in human history has humanity been on the edge of enormous greatness as we are today, either great humanitarian advancements or great destruction. The world stage is set for either of these. In the battle between good and evil, good will ultimately win because God will reign over every aspect of creation. However, in our time, which will win?

Good can win in our time if Christians commit themselves to daily prayer. If we are not praying for at least 30 minutes every day, we are like a boxer with one arm tied behind his back. Prayer does at times require sacrifice and even great effort, but that is when it has its greatest power. St. Teresa of Calcutta said: "You can pray while you work. Work doesn't stop prayer, and prayer doesn't stop work. It requires only that small raising of the mind to God." In doing so, we bring ourselves and others to God to encounter HIS wisdom, grace, power, and mercy.

As you commit yourself to at least 30 minutes of daily prayer, please mark your calendar for a special day of prayer three weeks from now. It will be Friday, Sept. 10, the day prior to the twentieth anniversary of the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center in New York. More information about this will be provided here next week.

Prayerfully,  
Fr. Miller

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION/RCIA**

**RCIA** classes will begin soon. If you have family members, friends, neighbors, coworkers who have expressed interest in learning more about the Catholic faith, please encourage them to consider being part of RCIA this year. As Father Miller stated in a recent bulletin column, there is no pressure in becoming Catholic when attending RCIA classes. All who attend, both prospective candidates and their sponsors, learn a great deal about Catholicism and, most importantly, deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ.

Please call the parish office THIS WEEK to start the process - (419) 524-2572.

Update: Our Tuesday morning **Crochet & Pray** class will be moved to a different time once school starts.

**ST. PETER'S MUSIC MINISTRIES**

Summer is flying by and we are only a month away from the start of a new music season at St. Peter's.

The **St. Peter's Traditional Choir** will begin its season with rehearsals starting Thursday, September 9 at 7 p.m. in the choir loft. In addition to the choir's usual performances at 11:30 a.m. Sunday Mass, the choir also sings at Christmas Midnight Mass, Holy Week and Easter Masses, the annual Lessons and Carols for Advent, plus other special events.

The **Parish Contemporary Ensemble** sings weekly at the 9:30 a.m. Sunday Mass. Rehearsals are Tuesday evenings at 5:30 p.m. in the HS Choir room. It is open to singers and musicians.

The **Parish Handbell Choir** always welcomes new ringers. The choir rehearses on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the HS Choir room. The Bell Choir performs approximately once a month.

The **Parish Children's Choir** will begin rehearsals soon after school resumes. Full safety measures will be observed. Rehearsal times and performance dates will be announced as soon as possible thereafter.

If you would like to know more, contact Bill Johnson at ext. 2113 or johnson.bill@myspartans.org.

**PRISON MINISTRY CORNER**

As with all parish ministries, in our prison ministry we must carefully monitor the COVID situation, an important factor in determining our future course of action. We have a number of plans in process as part of our ongoing ministry at RiCI but can proceed only as the COVID protocol and other factors permit. One project we have already begun is our Catholic Community Christmas Choir in preparation for our "annual" concert in December.



Of course, we were not there last year, so we very much look forward to resuming this enjoyable event and hope to be able to invite interested parishioners. Watch this space for details over the coming weeks and months.

**PARISH REGISTRATION**

If you have been attending St. Peter's on a regular basis, and wish to register in our parish, please contact **our parish office: 419.524.2572. You can also register electronically on the parish website.**

**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 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!

**COURAGE: YOUNG ADULTS EXPERIENCING SAME-SEX ATTRACTIONS**



Effective July, 1 2021 Bishop Thomas appointed Fr. Kevin as Chaplain for the Diocese of **Toledo Chapter of Courage.**

Courage is an apostolate that helps minister to those with same sex attractions. Each month Fr. Kevin hosts a local Chapter meeting here at St. Peter's and also a larger Chapter meeting in Fremont.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Fr. Kevin either at [moebius.kevin@myspartans.org](mailto:moebius.kevin@myspartans.org) or (419)460-5761. Pamphlets with more information are available at all church entrances.

**SUNDAY OFFERING**



*As of July 2021  
Sunday Collection*

Sunday Collection & Holy Day Collection:	\$67,264
Total Budgeted Sunday Collection To Date:	\$71,000
<b>Sunday Collection Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>(\$3,736)</b>
<b>School Collection</b>	
Total School Collection To Date:	\$10,633
Total Budgeted School Collection To Date:	\$12,000
<b>School Collection Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>(\$1,367)</b>

## SCHOOL YEAR MASSES

During the school year, Masses on Wednesday mornings will be held at 8:25 a.m. and 9:35 a.m. These will replace the Mass at 7 a.m.

The elementary school will attend the 8:25 a.m. Mass and the high school and junior high students will attend at 9:35 a.m.

***Per the school's COVID-19 guidelines everyone who attends a school Mass will be required to wear a mask.***

Mass intentions currently scheduled for a 7:00 a.m. Mass on school days will be offered at the 8:25 a.m. Mass.

You can call the parish center if you would like to reserve a Mass intention for the 9:25 a.m. Masses.

## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB

The Catholic Women's Club of the Saint Juan Diego Deanery will be resuming their meetings for 2021-2022. The first meeting will be Wednesday, September 8, 2021, at Resurrection Parish.

All are encouraged to attend Mass at 11:00 am, with the luncheon and program to follow. The cost of the lunch is \$16, and a member of the September committee will be getting in contact with the current members to verify reservations.

The program will be the installation of officers. All Catholic women in the Saint Juan Diego Deanery are invited. If you are new, you are encouraged to come and join us and get to know the Catholic women in the area.

Please call Anita Holloway, President at (419) 524-2219 or (419) 544-0184. Reservations must be made by September 3, 2021, by noon. We are looking forward to seeing current members and meeting new members!

### BLESSED

If you have sight, you are blessed. If you have insight, you are a thousand times blessed.

—Anonymous

# FORMED

To sign-up is easy: Go to [formed.org](https://formed.org), select our parish (listed as St. Peter's Catholic Church, 104 West First Street, Mansfield), and provide your name and email.

Enjoy and grow in the faith!

## BAPTISM — COLETTE SHANEL



Welcome to Collette Shanel, daughter of James & Laura (Wappner) Shanel, baptized on Saturday, August 14 by her great-uncle Fr. Nicholas Weibl.

## FR. WEIBL ANNIVERSARY



Father Nick Weibl celebrated his 57th Anniversary of the Ordination of Priesthood last weekend at the 9:30 a.m. Mass

A 1957 graduate of St. Peter's High School, Fr. Weibl was the last priest from our parish to be ordained at St. Peter's Church.

Later ordinations to the priesthood were held at Rosary Cathedral in Toledo.

## ST. BERNARD SUMMER FESTIVAL

St. Bernard Parish in New Washington will hold its summer festival on Sunday, August 22.

BBQ Chicken & Ham with Homemade Dressing will be served from 11:30 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. or runs out. Dine-in, carry-out, and drive-thru available.

Bingo, Kiddie Tractor Pull, Live Music, Prizes, Games and \$1,000 reverse raffle.

**RECYCLING — FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10**

**FOOD COLLECTION: SEPTEMBER 11 & 12**

## PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION—REGISTRATION

Registration forms for the PSR (Parish School of Religion) school year are now available. Classes begin in September. If you have not received a registration form, you can get one by contacting Elizabeth Wurm. ([wurm.elizabeth@myspartans.org](mailto:wurm.elizabeth@myspartans.org))

Classes are for those who will be entering kindergarten through twelfth grade this coming school year!

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

We hope to be able to resume **Children's Liturgy of the Word** at the 9:30 and 11:30 Masses beginning next month. This program is geared toward children in grades one through four. **Additional leaders are needed.**

Training will be given and leaders must complete the Diocese of Toledo Protecting Youth Certification which can be done online.

Contact Angie Dillon at the Parish Center 419-524-2572 ext. 3108 or [dillon.angie@myspartans.org](mailto:dillon.angie@myspartans.org) with questions or to volunteer.

## WELCOME SPH CLASS OF 1961 & 1971

A special welcome the Classes of 1961 & 1971 who are celebrating their 60th and 50th class reunions this weekend.

Both classes are joining us at the 9:30 a.m. Mass this weekend. We hope you had a great time reminiscing with classmates and have a safe travels to visitors this weekend.

## PRAYER TO BEGIN A SCHOOL YEAR

Blessed are you, Lord God,  
Creator of body and mind and heart;  
you have sent the Spirit of wisdom and knowledge  
to guide your people in all their ways.

At the beginning of this new school year  
we implore your mercy:  
bless the students, teachers, and staff of St. Peter's School  
that together we may grow in faith, hope, and love  
as we learn from you and each other  
how to follow your son Jesus.

Expand the horizons of our minds,  
that we may grow in wisdom,  
understanding and knowledge;  
deepen our commitment to see the truth of your ways;  
and enliven our faith to reach out to those in need.

Glory and praise to you, Lord God, in the Church and in Christ  
Jesus forever and ever.

R/. Amen

## SFA SUNDAY FAMILY FELLOWSHIP

St. Peter's Spartan Family Association invites school and parish families to an afternoon of fellowship following 11:30 a.m. Mass **this Sunday** in St. Peter's Elementary School playground and parking lot.



This will provide our community's children, parents, and guardians an opportunity to connect and socialize. Light refreshments will be provided.

Please park in the church or FAC lot. If you have questions, please contact Jess Berry, Spartan Family Association President, at [spartanfamily@myspartans.org](mailto:spartanfamily@myspartans.org).

## BACK TO SCHOOL MASS FOR FACULTY

On Monday, faculty and staff faculty and staff gathered for Mass with Fr. Miller and Fr. Moebius to start off the new school year.

The Mass gave an opportunity to pray before the teacher of teachers seeking his guidance and wisdom for the new school year.



## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

St. Peter's Parish & School is currently seeking to fill the following positions.

- High School Science Teacher
- High School Theology Teacher
- Elementary Full-Time Tutor
- Cafeteria Cook (Part-time)

To learn more about the job positions and to apply, please visit our website: [mansfieldstpeters.org/employment-opportunities](http://mansfieldstpeters.org/employment-opportunities).

All employees must pass BCI/FBI background checks and complete VIRTUS requirements.

**FEAST OF FAITH**

**Come, Spirit!**

The presider at the Eucharist can choose from among a number of different Eucharistic Prayers, all of which follow a similar pattern. Almost always, they begin with an epiclesis, a Greek word that means "invocation upon" or "calling over here." At this moment in the prayer, the priest calls down the Holy Spirit upon the gifts of bread and wine that we have brought to the altar: "Father, we bring you these gifts. We ask you to make them holy by the power of your Spirit, that they may become the body and blood of your Son" (Eucharistic Prayer III).

The words of the prayer are accompanied by the ritual gesture of the laying on of hands, the ancient sign of the gift of the Spirit, which is also used in most sacramental celebrations, from the rite of confirmation to the ordination of deacons, priests, and bishops. Liturgists sometimes call this first epiclesis the epiclesis of consecration. Later in the Eucharistic Prayer, there will be another epiclesis, the epiclesis of communion, as the priest asks that the Holy Spirit be sent upon us to transform us. "Grant that we, who are nourished by his body and blood, may be filled with his Holy Spirit, and become one body, one spirit in Christ" (Eucharistic Prayer III).

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**DECISIONS**

There is an axiom that states, "Not to decide is to decide." This saying was popular in the turbulent times of the Vietnam War. It urged us not to allow others to answer the moral questions raised by our nation's involvement in that terrible conflict, but to decide for ourselves. Making such choices is never easy. Avoiding them is common. Jesus, for his part, was not only a gallant risk-taker, but a clear decision-maker. As he pursued the mission to which the Father called him, he continually decided for us and for the Father. He worked hard to lay out a scenario that would enable others to make similar choices. Never did he make decisions for others or force others into decisions, even decisions that had eternal ramifications. Jesus is inviting us to make such decisions today. We won't be absolutely sure. What is sure, however, is the command that issues from God's word: Take the risk. Decide!

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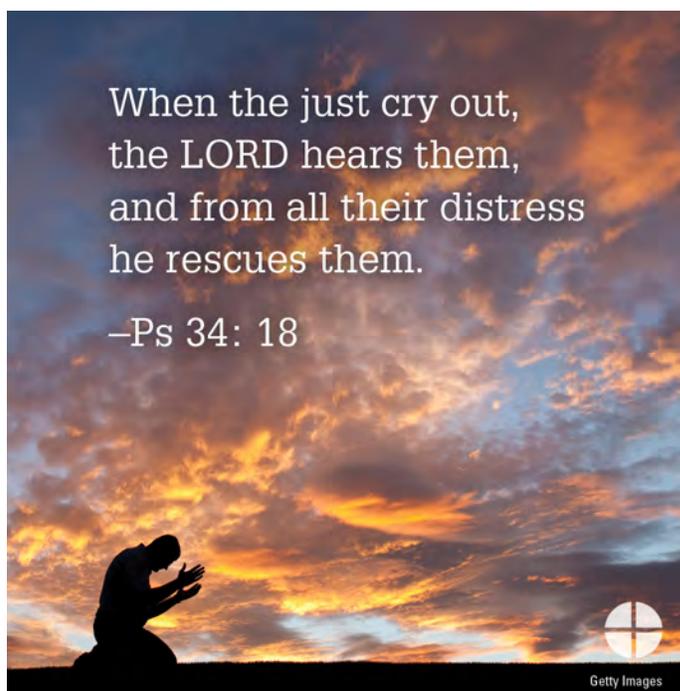
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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday:** 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Mt 23:13-22
- Tuesday:** Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51
- Wednesday:** 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12ab; Mt 23:27-32
- Thursday:** 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-14, 17; Mt 24:42-51
- Friday:** 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12; Mt 25:1-13
- Saturday:** 1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Mt 25:14-30
- Sunday:** Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15:2-5; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Joshua challenges the Israelites to serve either the Lord or other gods. They choose the Lord (Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b).

**Psalms** — Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34).

**Second Reading** — Paul reflects on how husbands and wives should reverence and love each other (Ephesians 5:21-32 [2a, 25-32]).

**Gospel** — Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life (John 6:60-69)

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