

SEPTEMBER 12, 2021 | TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JESUS ASKED THEM,  
"BUT WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?"  
PETER SAID TO HIM IN REPLY,

*"You are the Christ."*

— MARK 8:29

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**Mass Schedule:**

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.  
Monday & Friday 5:30 p.m.  
Tuesday & Thursday 7:00 a.m.  
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.

**Sacrament of Marriage:**

Arrangements should always be made at the **Parish Center office at least eight months** in advance of the ceremony.

**Parish Office Hours:**

Monday - Friday: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Saturday & Sunday: Closed

**Bulletin Deadline:**

Friday at 12 p.m., one week prior to publication date. All submissions must be in writing to [bulletin@myspartans.org](mailto:bulletin@myspartans.org).

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**MASS INTENTIONS****Monday, September 13***Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

5:00 pm Rosary

5:30 pm North Central Ohio Vocations Club

**Tuesday, September 14***The Exaltation of the Holy Cross*

7:00 am † Mary Ellen Brucato Higgins

**Wednesday, September 15***Our Lady of Sorrows*

8:25 am † Joe &amp; Virginia Boyd

9:35 am † Pam Schopieray

**Thursday, September 16***Saints Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian Bishop, Martyrs*

7:00 am † Charles F. Eaton, Jr.

**Friday, September 17***Weekday*

5:00 pm Rosary

5:30 pm † Capt. Christopher Britton

**Saturday, September 18***Vigil of the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00 pm † Joseph Kastelic

**Sunday, September 19***24th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

7:30 am For Parishioners

9:30 am † Joe Wendling

11:30 am † Melinda Currens

**IN GOD'S ARMS**Lucy Atherton  
Timothy Kilgore***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:**

In case you missed it, last week's bulletin had a new section added called "What's New?" The purpose of this is to keep you informed with the smaller happenings around the parish that are not mentioned elsewhere in the bulletin. As an example, last week's "What's New" section gave a brief update and explanation for why two of the modesty rails were shortened in the center front of church. The "What's New" section will not always be in the bulletin, but only when there are little new things to report here at the parish. I hope you enjoy these updates.

As we all know, the coronavirus is making a resurgence with the new delta variant. Hospitals are seeing an increase in patients with the virus, but thankfully the situation isn't as severe as last year. We hope and pray that continues to be the case. Many people were hoping the beginning of summer would bring a permanent end to anything covid related! While we continue to hope for that, we pray for patience and perseverance. Patience helps us to deal with the daily frustrations and disappointments, whereas perseverance gives us the strength to do so day after day, for as long as needed.

I've been having discussions with staff members, parishioners, and others about our COVID protocols at Mass. We discussed whether or not to wear masks, continue the sign of peace, etc. The consensus is that we should continue doing what we are doing while making clear a few points. The first of those is that those attending Mass are not required to wear masks but are welcome to do so. The second point is that we will continue to extend a "sign" of peace without necessarily shaking hands. The reason for this is that it doesn't make sense to prohibit family members from shaking hands with each other. However it does make sense to offer an alternative, non-physical sign of peace to others in church. A warm smile and a nod of the head would satisfy most people during these challenging times.

For reception of Holy Communion, please remember to open your hand flat instead of partially opening it (cupping). Also, please do not close your hand until the distributor has completely removed his/her hand. The reason for this is to minimize the spread of COVID and other illnesses through physical contact. While distributing, we clergy have an alcohol pad in our hand under the ciborium (gold bowl with Hosts) to sanitize our fingers after someone receives the Host on the tongue or there is uncertainty when receiving in the hand.

The sanitizer pads are alcohol based, similar to what is used in doctors' offices, and have an alcohol concentration greater than 70%. The alcohol pads are unscented which eliminates the issue some parishioners had with tasting hand sanitizer lotion when receiving Holy Communion. When someone receives Holy Communion on the tongue, the distributor can quickly sanitize without drawing attention to the person, making him/her feel like a leper in Jesus's time.

Prayerfully,  
Fr. Miller

**CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES SUPPORTING HAITIAN EARTHQUAKE SURVIVORS & HURRICANE IDA**

Our prayers go out to the thousands who perished, their families, and untold numbers of people who are suffering from the devastation wrought by the recent earthquake in Haiti and Tropical Storm Grace. While hundreds remain missing, more than 12,000 persons are injured and now homeless, in Haiti's southern peninsula, an area without medical resources in normal times.



On August 29, thousands of Americans were directly affected by Hurricane Ida on the Louisiana and Mississippi coasts. Days later the storm caused tornadoes and severe flooding to the U.S. East Coast.

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is reaching out to help the destitute, distributing emergency supplies, clearing rubble, and preparing medical and mental health teams for dispatch. Growing numbers of families need food, safe shelter, hygiene, water and cooking fuel to live.

Most Reverend José H. Gomez, Archbishop of Los Angeles, and U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops President, is making a special appeal for a voluntary special collection to support the USCCB Bishops Emergency Disaster Relief Fund. The funds collected in this special appeal will be used to support the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops for pastoral and reconstruction needs of the Church, as well as the efforts of Catholic Relief Services, as they respond to immediate emergency needs and aid in long-term rebuilding and recovery efforts both Haiti and the United States.

As in past disasters, Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo is collecting and forwarding donations dollar for dollar for this international humanitarian relief effort.

You may donate on our secure website: [catholiccharitiesnwo.org](http://catholiccharitiesnwo.org), noting Haitian Relief or Hurricane Ida relief as your donation designation. Please make checks out to Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo, with a notation designating Haitian or Hurricane Relief. Please mail checks to Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo, 1933 Spielbusch Ave., Toledo, OH 43604. Thank you for generously supporting those in need.

**PRISON MINISTRY CORNER**

Thanks to the efforts and energy of Fr. Kevin Moebius and Deacon John Reef, the Catholic community at ManCI is growing and thriving.



About twenty of the men recently provided lunch to the ministry team, sharing their delicious "homemade" recipes. It was a joy to behold how they worked together, shared two microwaves, and creatively turned commissary items into pizzas, calzone-type wraps, desserts, and more.

After lunch Fr. Kevin taught the men how to make rosaries.

**ANOINTING MASS CANCELLED**

As COVID-19 cases continue to rise again in Richland County, we are canceling our annual Mass with the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. This liturgy offers anointing to the sick of our parish, along with the elderly, and those with serious illness.

If you or a member of your family should require the sacrament, especially those in danger of death, please call the Parish Center at 419-524-2572 to arrange anointing.

We pray with all our brothers and sisters for a swift and complete end to this pandemic. Mary, Health of the Sick, pray for us!

**PASTORAL CARE: HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS**

We are updating our lists of homebound parishioners and nursing home residents. If you know of someone needing a visit or pastoral care, contact Angie Dillon at the parish center or via email [dillon.angie@myspartans.org](mailto:dillon.angie@myspartans.org).

**RCIA**

We have begun a new RCIA class, with the expectation that some of our candidates will be entering the Church at the Easter Vigil in April. As noted in previous bulletins, we are sharing resources with Mansfield St. Mary and Resurrection Parishes. See next week's bulletin for details and an invitation to future classes.

**FEED THE NEEDY: PERSONAL CARE ITEMS**

Please continue to donate personal care items which are distributed at the Free Dinner twice a month. Especially popular are washcloths, 3-in-1 body wash, shampoo and conditioner, deodorant, hair brushes, and disposable razors. These can be brought to church any weekend or to the parish center.

In addition, we continue to collect pop tabs for Ronald McDonald House at Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus and participate in the Box Tops for Education Program online.

**SUNDAY OFFERING**



*As of August 2021  
Sunday Collection*

**Sunday and Holy Day Collections**

Sunday Collection & Holy Day Collection:	\$140,478
Total Budgeted Sunday Collection To Date:	\$145,400
<b>Sunday Collection Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>(\$4,922)</b>

**School Collection**

Total School Collection To Date:	\$24,201
Total Budgeted School Collection To Date:	\$24,000
<b>School Collection Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>\$201</b>





That Man is You! is an interactive men's program that combines the latest findings of modern science with the teachings of the Church and the wisdom of the saints to develop authentic male leaders capable of transforming themselves, their families and greater society.

Join us for food, fellowship and faith starting this Friday, September 16 at 6 a.m. All men are welcome. Learn more at [tmiy.org](http://tmiy.org).

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to the following parishioners 85+ who are celebrating a birthday during the month of September!

Bernard Marie Campbell  
 Germaine Monachino  
 Raymond Rallo  
 Eileen Bozyski  
 Jacques Boisvert  
 Mary Berick  
 Edmund Andres

Carl Musille  
 Nikolas Ries  
 Lawanda Brim  
 Miguela Till  
 Barbara Mollica  
 Rita MacCartney



## MATERIALS LEFT IN CHURCH FOR OTHERS

Please remember that any pamphlets, books, posters or other printed material **must** be approved by Father Miller, Father Kevin or Mr. Johnson before they can put out in the Church. Any and all materials put out without permission will be collected and discarded.

This includes but is not limited to devotional books, novena pamphlets, posters or organizational literature, of the source. If you have questions about this, please call Mr. Johnson at the parish center office at ext. 2113.

## ANNIVERSARY MILESTONE MASS

The Diocese of Toledo will honor you and other couples celebrating 25, 40, 50, 60 and 60-plus years of marriage at a Mass celebrated by Bishop Daniel E. Thomas on Sunday, October 24, at 3:00 pm, at Rosary Cathedral.

To register, visit [www.toledoanniversarymass.org](http://www.toledoanniversarymass.org). Every registering couple is guaranteed an anniversary certificate. Questions? Please contact Alice Jacobs at 419-214-4978 or [ajacobs@toledodiocese.org](mailto:ajacobs@toledodiocese.org).

**Life Teen Kick Off**  
**Combined Youth Night**  
 6th-12th Grade  
 Sep 26th  
 6:30-8:30

Join us for a night of fun as we meet our Damascus Missionaries

Students in grades 6-12 are encouraged to attend Life Teen Youth Nights at Resurrection Parish.

The Life Teen program is a Eucharist-centered movement that leads teenagers and their families into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church.

Missionaries from Camp Damascus will help facilitate the program. The kickoff will be held on Sunday, September 26, from 6:30—8:30 p.m.

Dates include:

- September 26 (Kickoff)
- October 3
- October 10
- October 17
- November 7

All are invited to attend. For more information, please contact Elizabeth Wurm ([wurm.elizabeth@myspartans.org](mailto:wurm.elizabeth@myspartans.org)) at St. Peter's at or Mary Young at Resurrection Parish ([mary@resurrectionlexington.com](mailto:mary@resurrectionlexington.com)).

## YOUTH PRAISE & WORSHIP TEAM

The Saint Peter's Praise and Worship Team will once again start meeting in October!

The Praise and Worship team is a group comprised of 1st - 6th graders who come together to sing, dance, praise God and make a joyful noise! In addition, they help to lead the song and dance at Vacation Bible School which takes place annually in July. If you are interested, please contact Elizabeth Wurm at ([wurm.elizabeth@myspartans.org](mailto:wurm.elizabeth@myspartans.org)) for more information and meeting times.

We would love to see you there.

## PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Classes start soon! PSR meets weekly on Wednesday evenings in the High School building. If you still need to register for PSR for the 2021-22 year, please contact Elizabeth Wurm for more information and a registration form. ([wurm.elizabeth@myspartans.org](mailto:wurm.elizabeth@myspartans.org))

**LEARNING THROUGH GAMES**

Mixing in a little fun while you learn. Students in Mrs. James' sixth-grade math class are using board games to reinforce math skills.

Yahtzee!, for example, gives students the opportunity to use addition, multiplication and probability skills in a creative way.



**EARN MONEY FOR ST. PETER'S**

Even if you do not have children in our school, you can still help to earn money for the school just by doing your normal shopping.

**SCRIP Gift Cards**

By downloading the RaiseRight app, you can purchase physical or digital gift cards and a percentage of your purchase will be given to St. Peter's School.

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- Use the app to purchase digital or physical gift cards at places you normally shop.
- Each retailer offers a rebate that will come to the school.
- Rebates can also be applied to a family member's tuition.



It is a perfect time to sign up because September 16-17 is ThankScripting Day, with up to 20% back bonuses on eGift cards.

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**Amazon Smile**



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**FIRST SCHOOL MASSES OF NEW YEAR**

Last Wednesday, our students gathered as one community in faith to celebrate the Eucharistic feast. Students will attend Mass every Wednesday. Students were encouraged to use Mass as a time for prayer, song, reflection, and to listen for the voice of Christ speaking to them in their hearts.

**MSGR. DUNN FOUNDATION ANNUAL MEETING**

The Msgr. Dunn Foundation will host its Annual Meeting on Thursday, September 23 from 5:30 — 7:00 p.m. in the Franciscan Activity Center Atrium.

The guest speaker for the event will be our new Head of School Laurie McKeon. If interested in attending, please contact Cheryl Gurski, [gurski.cheryl@myspartans.org](mailto:gurski.cheryl@myspartans.org).



**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)
- Substitute Teachers

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

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



**FEAST OF FAITH**  
**Offering and Intercessions**

In this holy moment—with the consecrated bread and wine, the Body and Blood of Christ, upon the altar—we pray for a share in the fruits of Christ's sacrifice. We offer to God what God has given to us, and we intercede for the Church and the world. We pray for the pope and for all the bishops, and we mention the bishop of our local church by name. We pray for the clergy and for all the people of God. We pray in a special way for those who have died. And we pray for ourselves, that one day, with Mary and all the saints, we may come to that place where Jesus already reigns. These prayers of intercession, like the General Intercessions earlier in the Mass, broaden our focus and remind us that the Eucharist is offered not just for those gathered, but for the salvation of the entire world. The Eucharistic Prayer leads us from an intense focus on Christ, present in the consecrated host in the hands of the priest, to a loving sweep of prayer that embraces the world.

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**IT'S ALL ABOUT CONTROL**

From toddlerhood to old age, we grow in mastery of our own lives, our bodies, and our destiny. This mastery is hard won, and we don't let go of autonomy easily. Much of this self-mastery involves the avoidance of pain or discomfort, so when we hear things like "take up your cross" and "lose your life," we tend to resist the message.

James says that faith without works is dead. Ouch! That is really a direct message! One way to look at this, as well as the part about losing our life to find it, is that faith is a process of more and more openness to God's direction of our lives. It is very hard for us to give up control, but perhaps what we are being asked to do is not to become passive and babyish, but to allow God to direct where our self-mastery will lead and what it will accomplish. We are asked to relinquish the need to control the results of our efforts; to risk, as Jesus did, the loss of everything we are working to achieve. We are asked to let God take the lead and to control the results, even though we may never see those results.

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## HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH BEGINS!

**September 15-October 15, 2021**

Hispanic/Latino Presence in the USA: Early History

By Alejandro Aguilera-Titus and Fr. Allan Figueroa Deck, SJ, courtesy of the USCCB Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church

People with roots in Latin American countries have lived in the United States from its very beginnings. However, their presence on the national scene was practically invisible. The 1970 Census was the first time Hispanics were counted and recognized as a distinct population. The very term Hispanic was chosen by the U.S. Government to name a growing population that was not a racial or an ethnic group, but a people with roots in more than twenty-three Latin American countries and Spain, sharing a common cultural heritage and language. The term Latino emerged in the 80s as a self-given name, particularly in urban settings. This broadening of identity as Hispanics/Latinos was encouraged by robust immigration from Latin America during the '80s and '90s. Yet today, most Hispanics/Latinos still identify with their nation of origin, for example, and prefer to call themselves Mexican Americans, Cuban Americans, Puerto Ricans, etc.



The roots of the Hispanic/Latino presence in the U.S. go back to colonial times when most of the country's southern flank was under Spanish rule. The first Mass celebrated in what is now the U.S. took place in 1569 in St. Augustine, Florida, under Spanish auspices. The Hispanic/Latino presence took on a whole new dimension in the 1840s with the annexation of half of Mexico's territory to the United States as a result of the Mexican-American War. The new border crossed entire populations from big and small towns, as the Mexican-American presence was born in what is now the American West and Southwest. In 1898 the Spanish-American War led to the annexation of Puerto Rico, adding its population to the growing number of U.S. citizens of Hispanic/Latino descent.

The second part of the twentieth century saw a new wave of Hispanic/Latino immigrants come to the United States from Mexico, Central America and South America. In the early 1940s the U.S. and Mexico established the "Bracero Program." This program brought thousands of Mexican nationals to work in agriculture. The demand for workers also brought a significant number of Puerto Ricans to the Northeast region. The '60s saw a massive immigration of Cuban refugees as a result of the Cuban Revolution. The '70s and '80s witnessed significant immigration from Central America due to civil wars ravaging places like El Salvador and Guatemala. During the '90s many Latin American countries experienced a severe economic crisis. Growing Fact of Faith unemployment and high inflation rates forced nationals from practically every Latin American nation to migrate north in search for better economic opportunities. Immigration from Colombia, Bolivia, Ecuador and Peru was particularly high during those years.

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### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** 1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7-9; Lk 7:1-10
- Tuesday:** Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
- Wednesday:** 1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-6; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
- Thursday:** 1 Tm 4:12-16; Ps 111:7-10; Lk 7:36-50
- Friday:** 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-10, 17-20; Lk 8:1-3
- Saturday:** 1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 8:4-15
- Sunday:** Wis 2:12, 17-20; Ps 54:3-8; Jas 3:16 — 4:3; Mk 9:30-37

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The Lord GOD is my help; who will prove me wrong? (Isaiah 50:5-9a).

**Psalm** — I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living (Psalm 116).

**Second Reading** — Faith, if it does not have works, is dead (James 2:14-18).

**Gospel** — Jesus asked his disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" (Mark 8:27-35)

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