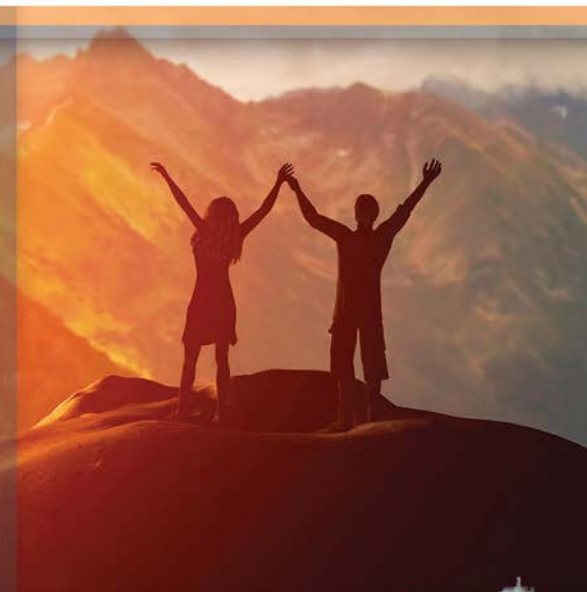


TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 3, 2021

From the beginning of creation,
God made them male and female.
For this reason a man shall leave
his father and mother and
be joined to his wife,
and the two shall
become one flesh.

MARK 10:6-8



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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.

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MASS INTENTIONS**Monday, October 4***St. Francis of Assisi*

5:00 pm Rosary

5:30 pm † Marilou Marshall

Tuesday, October 5*Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos*

7:00 am † Russell Moebius

Wednesday, October 6*Saint Bruno, Priest; Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin*

8:25 am † Bernard Alfieri

9:35 am † Joyce Kulka

Thursday, October 7*Our Lady of the Rosary*

7:00 am † Robert Metz

Friday, October 8*Weekday*

5:00 pm Rosary

5:30 pm † Marilyn Kurtzman

Saturday, October 9*Vigil of the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00 pm † Marilyn Mertler

Sunday, October 10*28th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

7:30 am For Parishioners

9:30 am † Alta Walker

11:30 am SPH Class of 1965

IN GOD'S ARMS

Dan Krous
Patricia Ryan Kulka '71

Carl Fulmer '62

***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:

Hopefully this past week you experienced some of the beauty and goodness of God. Life is filled with challenges and difficulties, but also with God's blessings. Just as plants need both sunshine and rain to grow, so we too need both the blessings and difficulties to become more like God. It's the challenges in life that call us to grow in Christian virtue, and to become less worldly and more Godly. When those moments come, be sure to draw near to Christ, He will help you through it.

One of the blessings we will experience next weekend is having Bishop Thomas join us both Saturday and Sunday. The occasion for his visit is to officially install me as pastor here at St. Peter (Saturday 5:00 pm) and to confer the sacrament of Confirmation to the eighth graders of this parish (Sunday 11:30 am).

After the Saturday evening Mass, there will be a reception in the church basement for all parishioners to attend. Hopefully you will be able to join Bishop Thomas and your fellow parishioners for good fellowship and tasty refreshments. I'll provide more information next week about both my installation and the sacrament of Confirmation.

You might have noticed in the pews last week envelopes for "Perpetuate the Gift". As you may know, those envelopes are for the annual collection for the Priests' Retirement Fund. In our diocese, like most dioceses, priests receive a modest income from wherever they serve. Once a priest retires from active ministry, the diocese continues to provide income to him for necessities like food, housing, etc. The funding for this is the reason for the "Perpetuate the Gift" envelopes in the church pews. Please consider making a donation to this fund, even if it's only ten dollars. Our retired priests will be grateful that you did!

You will also notice at the Masses this weekend something different. It won't be in what you see but in what you hear. In the past, during the Universal Prayers, which years ago were referred to as the Petitions, the names of recently deceased parishioners were included in the last prayer (petition).

Beginning this Sunday, only one name will be spoken as part of the last prayer, which will be the name listed in the bulletin for that particular Mass. There is a very important reason for why these names have not been spoken during the Mass, which I will explain in a future bulletin. The Church is concerned about people having an incorrect understanding of what the Mass intention(s) is. This is already the case for many Catholics. Notice this Sunday the exact wording of the last Universal Prayer. That will be the first installment of the catechesis (religious instruction) about this in the future bulletin.

God's blessings to you!
Fr. Miller

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB

The next luncheon and meeting will be Wednesday, October 13, at the Roadhouse Brown Derby Event Center on Park Ave. West. The lunch will start at 12:00 pm and the meeting and program will follow.

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 contact Deborah Blackstone (October Chairperson) at 419-610-3215 or Anita Holloway (President) at 419-524-2219 to make a reservation. Reservations must be made by October 8, before noon. We are looking forward to seeing current members and meeting new members!

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.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES JOB OPENINGS

Catholic Charities of Mansfield is seeking a Case Aide and a Staff Guardian.

The Staff Guardian serves as an advocate for court-appointed wards assigned to the Mansfield regional office.

The Case Aide supports staff guardians and case managers.

Full job descriptions and qualifications can be found on the Diocese's website: toledodiocese.org/page/employment.

PRISON MINISTRY CORNER

Prison Ministry Corner has been in our parish bulletin every week since September 2016 for the purpose of keeping parishioners informed about our dynamic parish prison ministry programs in the two local state institutions, ManCI and RiCI, and to share opportunities for parish involvement. The column has also included information and updates on related issues, such as re-entry, restorative justice, the death penalty, etc.

Thank you to all who continue to donate plastic bags and knitting supplies. These items can be brought to the Parish Center office during business hours or given to Lynne after 7:30 Mass most Sundays.



BLESSING OF PETS

In celebration of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, our annual Blessing of Pets will take place on Monday, October 4 at 3 p.m., in the church parking lot.

All members of our parish and school community are welcome to attend!



BELOVED: FINDING HAPPINESS IN MARRIAGE

Understanding God's plan for marriage is one thing, living it out is another. **Beloved: Living Marriage** examines the day-to-day challenges of being united as husband and wife while maintaining individuality. Join us to watch the series and learn how to put faith at the center of your marriage.

Date/Time: October 9 after 5 p.m. Mass in the church basement.

Whether you are a newlywed or have been together 40 years, St. Peter's date night is a great way to enrich your marriage and meet other couples in the parish while breaking bread together. Dinner is provided and if you need more information, questions, childcare, or to RSVP, email Brad or Katie Michel at stpdatenight@gmail.com.

HARVEST FESTIVAL—OCTOBER 3

Mother of Sorrows Chapel, 7212 N. Auburn Road, North Auburn (Tiro) is hosting its Fall Festival this Sunday from 11 a.m.—3 p.m., featuring pork and chicken dinners, sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, applesauce, green beans, dessert. Drive-thru and carry out available.

SUNDAY OFFERING



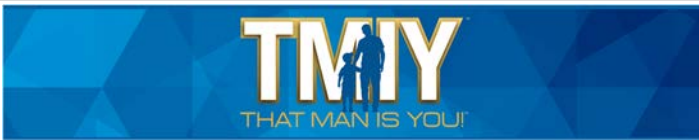
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Sunday Collection*

Sunday and Holy Day Collections

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

School Collection

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



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 society.

It's not too late to join us this upcoming Friday at 6 a.m. Call Father Kevin if you would like more information.

PERPETUATE THE GIFT

Support Our Priests' Retirement: Our priests have given their lives in service to us and our parish, including our recently retired pastor Father Hite, and we are most grateful! Please offer your gratitude for those who faithfully served the Diocese of Toledo by donating to the Perpetuate The Gift Appeal.



Your gift supports our retired diocesan priests, enabling them to pay for their living expenses. All funds contributed between September 18 through December 31. Assist our parish in its assessed contribution to the fund. A gift of cash or check can be sent to Perpetuate The Gift, PO Box 954, Toledo, OH 43697, or placed in the parish collection.

A gift may also be made online at www.toledodiocese.org under the Give tab. You can also make a gift on your handheld device by holding the camera up to the QR code above. THANK YOU for your support!

CONFIRMATION RETREAT

Our candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation traveled to Damascus Catholic Campus for their retreat. Confirmation will be celebrated next weekend at the 11:30 a.m. Mass.

Bishop Daniel Thomas will be celebrating this sacrament with our young people. Incense will be used at this Mass for those who have sensitivities to its use.



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PICK OF THE WEEK

Sept 26, 2021

THÉRÈSE

A pampered child from a middle-class 19th century French family, Therese Martin journeys to Rome to beg Pope Leo XIII for permission to enter the Carmelite monastery at the unheard-of age of 15. Once admitted she experiences the joys and rigors of monastic life, and makes the surprising yet simple discovery that holiness can be achieved by small acts of love and compassion – a spiritual path she calls her "Little Way."



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RECYCLING — FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8

FOOD COLLECTION: OCTOBER 9 & 10

SEE YOU AT THE POLE!

Last week, high school and junior high students took part in the annual "See You at the Pole".

SYATP is a global movement of prayer which is student-initiated, student-organized, and student-led. The event happens every year on the fourth Wednesday of September. Due to rain, the event was moved to the gym instead of the front of the school.

St. Peter's has participated in this event for more than 20 years.

MARCH FOR LIFE—JANUARY 2022

Youth Leadership Team is planning a trip to the March for Life in Washington, DC in January 2022! This trip is for high school youth only or younger students only with the accompaniment of a parent or legal guardian.

If you are interested in attending or would like more information about this annual event for Life please contact Elizabeth Wurm by October 15.

BUILDING A CULTURE OF LIFE YOUTH RETREAT AND DINNER

Saturday, October 23—6 p.m.—9 p.m.
St. Stephen Parish Hall, West Salem

This FREE event is for youth in grades 7-12!

- Spaghetti dinner, ice cream bar, games, t-shirts
- Confession opportunity & Eucharistic Adoration
- Speakers:
 - Phil Klinefelter—"Men of Honor for LIFE"
 - Fred del Giudice—"St. Joseph-Father for LIFE"

Contact Wendy or Todd McKee at (330) 262-1096 or rosarywtm@gmail.com by October 16 to reserve your spot.

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SAYING THANK YOU TO HEALTHCARE WORKERS

St. Peter's students completed a joint service project this week in support of our local healthcare workers.

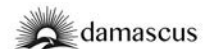
Both high school and elementary students created "thank you" posters using hand cutouts to make flowers. These posters will be distributed to staff at both Ohio Health and Avita Hospitals.

**LIFE NIGHT**

Combined youth nights

6:30-8:30

Oct 3rd
Oct 10th
Oct 17th
Nov 7th



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.

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

FEAST OF FAITH

The Sign of Peace

"Greet one another with a holy kiss," wrote Saint Paul to the Corinthians (1 Corinthians 16:20), and he said the same thing to other communities as well. The holy kiss, the sign of peace, has been a hallmark of Christians from the very beginning. In giving and receiving the sign of peace, we are not giving something of our own, but something that Christ has given to us. "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you," Jesus told his disciples (John 14:27). Jesus comes to us when we gather together in community.

We celebrate the Eucharist not just to receive spiritual nourishment to help us on our solitary way to salvation, but to be transformed into one body, the Body of Christ in the world. As we receive the Eucharist, we are not only united to Christ; we are united to each other. It is never easy to live in community, and we hurt each other on the way. So we need to turn to each other in a sign of reconciliation and forgiveness, to look into each other's eyes, and give and receive the peace that is not ours, but Christ's.

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THE BARRIERS THAT SEPARATE US

We live in a society that has many technological avenues for stimulation and entertainment, one in which the urban population exceeds the non-urban. It is curious that loneliness is a prevalent malady. It is easy to reach out and touch someone, we are told. But—in truth—it is not all that easy, and statistics from the mental health field will reinforce that opinion. Today's readings are about the ways in which we can authentically reach out: God touches Adam to create a mate and end his solitude; God-in-Jesus takes on human flesh and death in order that we might come to glory; Jesus reaches out to the children whom the disciples had tried to keep away, showing us the manner in which we must approach the loving embrace that awaits us in heaven. Until that day, however, we must remember that ours is a sacramental church, a church of signs of the love of God. And so we are called to reach out continually to ease the loneliness and the barriers that separate us from one another and, therefore, from the love of Christ.

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BAPTISM: IZAIAH ZAPPONE

Welcome to Izaiah, son of Zachary & Amy (Tittle) Zappone, baptized by Deacon John Reef on September 26.

RESPECT LIFE MONTH 2021 | REFLECTION

St. Joseph: Faithful Protector of Mother and Child

The infant Christ “came into our world in a state of great vulnerability. He needed to be defended, protected, cared for and raised by Joseph” (PC 5). The humble and often hidden carpenter of Nazareth accompanied Mary in her pregnancy, assisted at the birth of the Messiah in a stable, presented Jesus in the Temple, fled with his family far from their homeland to protect them, and lovingly raised Jesus as his own son in the years to come.

While the angel of the Lord appeared to Mary to announce that she would bring forth the Savior of the world, it was revealed to *Joseph* in a series of dreams how God’s plans would be brought to fulfillment. As Pope Francis highlights, “God trusted Joseph, as did Mary, who found in him someone who would not only save her life, but would always provide for her and her child” (PC 5).

Like every other human family, the Holy Family had to confront real and concrete challenges. Yet, “in every situation, Joseph declared his own ‘fiat’” (PC 3). His “yes” to the Lord meant that regardless of the hardship and personal sacrifice to himself, he consistently chose to put the needs of Mary and Jesus before his own. Joseph’s devotion helps reveal to us our own call to show special care for the lives of those whom God has entrusted to us.

During this Year of St. Joseph, each of us can find in him “an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble” (PC, Intro). Joseph shows us how to say “yes” to life, despite our own fears, frailties, and weaknesses. For it is Joseph who was “chosen by God to guide the beginnings of the history of redemption. He was the true ‘miracle’ by which God saves the child and his mother” (PC 5).

May we, too, be miracles in the lives of those who are most in need, especially at the beginning and end of life. *Dear St. Joseph, you who were “able to turn a problem into a possibility by trusting always in divine providence” (PC 5), help us to imitate your faithful trust and courage.*

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jon 1:1 — 2:2, 11; Jon 2:3-5, 8; Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 130:1b-4ab, 7-8; Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11; Ps 86:3-6, 9-10; Lk 11:1-4
Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 11:5-13
Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Ps 9:2-3, 6, 16, 8-9; Lk 11:15-26
Saturday: Jl 4:12-21; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Lk 11:27-28
Sunday: Wis 7:7-11; Ps 90:12-17; Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30 [17-27]

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The man said, “This one is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called ‘woman’” (Genesis 2:18-24).

Psalm — May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives (Psalm 128).

Second Reading — He who consecrates and those who are being consecrated all have one origin (Hebrews 2:9-11).

Gospel — Whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it (Mark 10:2-16 [2-12]).

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