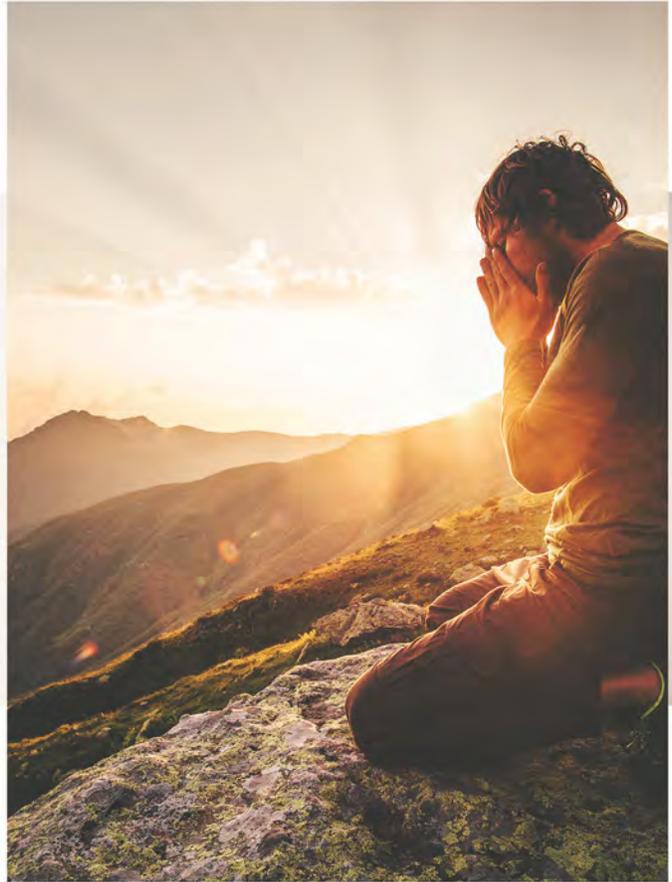


FEBRUARY 20, 2022

**SEVENTH
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY
TIME**

Love your enemies,
do good to those who hate you,
bless those who curse you,
pray for those who mistreat you.

~ Luke 6:27



MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Monday, February 21

St. Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor

5:00 pm Rosary
5:30 pm † Patsy Saul

Tuesday, February 22

The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

8:25 am † Fr. Fred Nietfeld
9:35 am † Fr. Raymond Fisher

Wednesday, February 23

St. Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr

7:00 am † Kenneth Bartlett

Thursday, February 24

Weekday

7:00 am † Rosemary Martin

Friday, February 25

Weekday

5:00 pm Rosary
5:30 pm † Darlene Redfield

Saturday, February 26

Vigil of The Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

3:30 p.m. Confessions
5:00 pm † Herbert Zirzow

Sunday, February 27

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am Parishioners
9:30 am † Mary Lou Saprano
11:30 am † Bennett Cooper Jr.

FROM THE PASTOR



This column is being repeated for those that didn't see it last week.

There are times in life when words fall short of conveying the thoughts, feelings, and emotions we wish to convey. The situation of Fr. Michael Zacharias being in the news again is one of them for me. I know that all of us have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. (Rom. 3:23) Each of us has our faults. However, the actions of one of my fellow priests goes far beyond any venial sin. His actions hurt more people than he ever imagined. Yet the wounds are real and they do not heal quickly.

Speaking for myself and my fellow priests, we offer our most sincere apology for the action of one of our brother priests. The hurt and betrayal so many people experience is very saddening to us. My thoughts and prayers go out especially to the victims. Their suffering is the greatest of all those who have been affected by Fr. Zacharias's actions. In your charity, please include them in your prayers and people everywhere who have been victimized by another person. It's good to remember that God always provides a pathway to healing and wholeness for every person regardless of their situation.

At Mass two weekends ago, we heard that "love does not seek its own interest." (1 Cor. 13:5) Pursuing our own interests without regard for God and other people is not love. Whenever our comfort or pleasure comes at the expense of another person, we are involved in evil. Satan is always at work seeking to lead you and me astray. He wants us to choose evil rather than good. His means of doing so are very simple: doubt, temptation, and rationalization. With these, Satan leads us into spiritual tunnel vision, where we become so focused on what we want that we tune out God and neighbor. We ignore the consequences or rationalize them away.

Fr. Zacharias had many positive qualities, yet there was an area of his life that he had not turned over to Christ. In this he thought he could walk with evil and be in control. He found out differently in the most dramatic of ways. Fr. Zacharias had his moments of spiritual weakness and blindness, but there were moments of clarity and strength that he could have fought with everything in him to overcome his sin. He must still do that now. What are the sins that you need to fight to overcome? Stop with the excuses and rationalization. Instead, get on your knees and beseech (prayerfully beg, plead, implore) God to give you conviction to turn away from whatever leads you to sin.

Pray for your priests. Challenge them to holiness. The more we encourage each other in holiness the better we will all be. We should not be timid or bashful in doing this. Invite priests to your home, or take them out to eat, and while you look into their eyes, encourage them in the way of holiness. You don't have to assume there is anything wrong with them, just that they will benefit from your encouragement. I'm always happy when someone speaks to me about growing in holiness and become saintly! It's the pathway to heaven.

Relying on the Mercy of Christ,

Fr. Miller

IN GOD'S ARMS

Please remember 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 Office.



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Tuesday & Wednesday: 9 a.m.— 6 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday: Closed

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Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday: 3:30—4:50 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 twelve months** in advance of the ceremony.

Bulletin Deadline:

Friday at 12 p.m., one week prior to publication date. All submissions must be in writing to bulletin@myspartans.org.

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PARISH NEWS

FEAST OF THE CHAIR OF ST. PETER

School Masses this week will be held on Tuesday morning in celebration of the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter at 8:25 & 9:35 a.m. Wednesday Mass will be at 7 a.m.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB

The next luncheon and meeting will be Wednesday, March 9, at the Brown Derby RoadHouse & Event Center. The lunch will start at noon with the meeting and program to follow. All Catholic women in the Saint Juan Diego Deanery are invited.

Please contact Valerie Mapes, March chairperson, (419) 564-3034 or Anita Holloway (419) 564-3034, president, to make a reservation. Please RSVP by March 4.

WOMEN'S LENTEN STUDY

A Women's Lenten Study will start on Sunday, March 6, from 10:30 a.m.- 12:15 p.m., based on the women of the Passion.

It is an amazing opportunity to really delve into Lent this year and take your prayer life a little deeper. Each week features different speakers, prayer, small group and of course, food! It is an awesome opportunity to learn, experience and share our faith with one another.

If you are interested in joining us, please contact Elizabeth Wurm or call the parish office.

FEED THE NEEDY

Our next meal will be this Sunday, February 20 from 3 p.m.—5 p.m.

In March, we will be again be distributing personal care items. You can bring donations of toilet tissue, hairbrushes, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, washcloths, razors, liquid and bar soap, toothbrushes and toothpaste, razors, baby wipes, and shampoo to the church or the parish office.

SUNDAY OFFERING



As of January 2022

Sunday and Holy Day Collections

Sunday Collection & Holy Day Collection:	\$506,750
Total Budgeted Sunday Collection To Date:	\$502,085

Sunday Collection Surplus/(Deficit)	\$4,665
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School Collection

Total School Collection To Date:	\$75,978
Total Budgeted School Collection To Date:	\$70,000

School Collection Surplus/(Deficit)	\$5,978
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In Memoriam

FR. FREDERICK J. NIETFELD

Fr. Frederick J. Nietfeld, senior status priest of the Diocese of Toledo, died on Sunday, February 6, 2022. At 101 years old, he was the oldest priest in the Diocese of Toledo.



FR. JAMES HOLMER

Fr. James J. Holmer, a senior status priest of the Diocese of Toledo died on Friday, February 11, 2022.



Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

ELECTRONIC GIVING

Have you considered making your weekly or monthly Sunday offering online? You can sign up in one of two ways:

1. Visit mansfieldstpeters.org/mysundaygift
2. Call the Stewardship office at 419-524-2572 x2130 and we can set it up for you over the phone.

You can also call the number above to make changes to your current stewardship gift.

RCIA

Upcoming RCIA schedule: Wednesday evening class 7:00-8:30 at St. Mary Parish on Mar. 9, 16, 23; RCIA Retreat on Feb. 27, at Findlay St. Michael. Please keep our catechumens and candidates in prayer as they journey closer to celebrating the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil.



PRISON MINISTRY CORNER

As we prepare for special devotions during Lent at Richland Correctional, we invite our parishioners to consider a one-time visit to pray with us. Stations of the Cross are scheduled for every Saturday afternoon during Lent. Please email Lynne - lukach.lynne@myspartans.org - to indicate your interest and to receive more information.



Life Night
 Combined Youth Night
 6:30pm - 8:30pm
 Resurrection Parish
 2600 Lexington Ave, Lexington, OH 44904

February 6th
 "In Your Hands" - Confession available

February 20th
 "In Their Shoes" - Service opportunity

February 27th
 "With Him" - Adoration

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CHILDREN'S LENTEN RETREAT

We hope that your child can join us for our Children's Lenten Retreat on Saturday, March 5, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. The retreat is open to all who are in preschool through fourth grade. The retreat will include learning more about the Three Pillars of Lent which are prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, and how we can live those out more fully during Lent.



Children will receive lunch, dinner and a snack. The program will end with 5 p.m. Mass .

The cost is \$10 per child. If you are interested in registering your child for our retreat, please contact Elizabeth Wurm at wurm.elizabeth@myspartans.org or by calling (419) 524-2572 x 2114. A registration form will be sent to you! We hope your child can join us!

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

The Catholic Women's Club of the St. Juan Diego Deanery is offering a \$500 Scholarship to a Catholic high school girl planning to attend college. You do not have to be attending a Catholic high school or plan to attend a Catholic college to apply. See your youth director or the parish center office for an application form and guidelines.

RECYCLING DAY: FRIDAY, MARCH 11
 10-11 a.m. & 2-3 p.m. - FAC Parking Lot

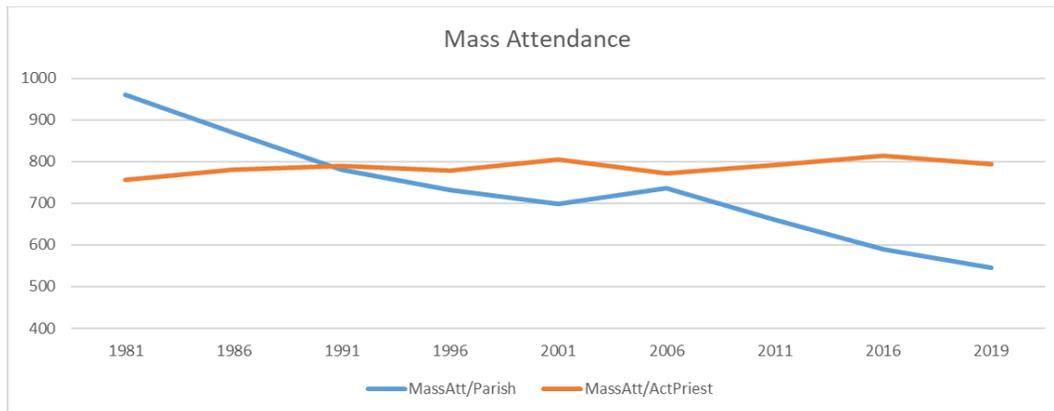
H.O.P.E. PANTRY BLUE BARREL WEEKEND



Intentional Planning in Mansfield and Lexington

The Diocese of Toledo is engaged in an Intentional Planning process. The purpose of this process is to ensure quality ministry throughout the diocese in light of current demographic data and to support the health and holiness of priests. Over the next five years, this discernment process will occur in one form or another in every community in the diocese.

The planning process is proactively facing the reality that the demographics of our parishes are rapidly changing while the number of active priests is declining. From 2010 to 2019, the average parish in the diocese lost over 21% of its Mass attendance. From 1981 to 2019, the average parish mass attendance dropped about 45%, while, in the same period, the average priest only celebrated Mass for about 4% more people on Sunday.



Here are the local statistics:

Mass Attendance	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Resurrection, Lexington	330	307	355	239	302
St. Mary, Mansfield	298	306	322	226	277
St. Peter, Mansfield	1,130	944	900	462	609

The Toledo Diocese has lost three active priests in the last two years. This represents a 5% reduction in diocesan priests available for parish ministry. The planning process' goal is to assign our priests in the light of the new realities in our communities and presbyterate. We are currently considering having one pastor with two associate pastors working as a team to minister in the three parishes in Mansfield and Lexington. While this would not reduce the total number of priests in the area, it would free a much-needed pastor for ministry in another part of the diocese.

We appreciate everyone who has already given feedback on this proposal by letter, email, or at meetings. Please email planning@myspartans.org with any questions or comments.

ELEMENTARY SING ALONG

Delayed by last week's weather, our elementary students held their annual sing-a-long in church last week. They sing their favorite hymns that they've learned through the course of the year.



ELEMENTARY PENNY PARADE

Students also wrapped up an extended Catholic Schools week with our annual Penny Parade. Students raised \$289.15 for Catholic Missions.



It took a level to determine the winner, but the Fourth Grade just barely edged the Third Grade class to retain their champion title.

TRI-COUNTY SPELLING BEE

Congratulations to parishioner and St. Peter's School sixth-grader Julianna Williams who, made it into the Top 16 in the recent Tri-County spelling bee!



2ND GRADE BOOK BAKERY

Second graders participated in a genre "tasting" recently at the "book bakery" in language arts class. Students chose a book to read from each genre (poetry, realistic fiction, non-fiction, graphic novels, biography) and decorated cupcakes for each book and genre that they read. At the end of the lesson, they shared their favorite genre with the rest of the class!



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HOMECOMING 2022

St. Peter's High School celebrated the 63rd Homecoming Ceremony at the Franciscan Activity Center. Senior Alana Mitchell was crowned queen, and John Harris was named King. Alana plans to attend Ohio University, majoring in economics. John also plans on attending OU majoring in nursing.



VALENTINES DAY CANDY GRAMS

In celebration of Valentine's Day, our Spartan cheerleaders put together and sold candy grams that were delivered in homeroom and at lunch. Their best customer was Father Kevin who purchased one for every JH/HS student and signed them "Jesus Loves You."

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

We invite you to join other Christians from March 2, through April 9, for *40 Days for Life* – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion.

If you'd like more information – and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact:

- Peter Range, prange@ohiolife.org; (440) 821-1533
 - Veronica Leguire, vleguire@toledodiocese.org; (419) 721-1094
- or visit 40daysforlife.com/toledo.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS—FRIDAY NIGHT DINNERS

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Feb 25 Lasagna, garlic bread and salad.
 Mar 4 Friday Lenten Fish Fries begin

KofC St. Patrick's Day Party & Fundraiser
 Save the Date: Saturday, March 19

LENTEN POWER HOUR SERIES
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It is a fun, supercharged date night every Wednesday in Lent in the comfort of your own home LIVE via Zoom for just an hour, between 8:30–9:30 p.m. from March 2 – April 13. Our amazing speakers will take us deeper into the T.R.I.N.I.T.Y.

Each Power Hour will also consist of short breakout sessions with up to four other couples. You can register solitarily as a couple (we will place you in your breakout group), or invite 2-4 close couple friends to join your breakout group.

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To report any sexual abuse of a minor by a bishop, or a bishop's interference in an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor, immediate contact should be made with local civil authorities and by going to ReportBishopAbuse.org or calling (800) 276-1562. The Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting service allows for individuals to relay to church authorities any reports of a U.S. Catholic bishop who has:

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PICK OF THE WEEK

February 20, 2022

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THE WILD GOOSE: EPISODE 10 THE SPIRIT AND THE DESERT

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The one who trusts in the LORD is like a tree planted beside the waters.
(Jeremiah 17:5-8).

Psalm — Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.
(Psalm 1)

Second Reading — Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.
(1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20)

Gospel — Blessed are you who are poor, hungry, weeping. Woe to you who are rich, filled, laughing.
(Luke 6:17, 20-26)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76; Mk 8:11-13
- Tuesday:** Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21
- Wednesday:** Jas 1:19-27; Ps 15:2-4ab, 5; Mk 8:22-26
- Thursday:** Jas 2:1-9; Ps 34:2-7; Mk 8:27-33
- Friday:** Jas 2:14-24, 26; Ps 112:1-6; Mk 8:34 — 9:1
- Saturday:** Jas 3:1-10; Ps 12:2-3, 4-5, 7-8; Mk 9:2-13
- Sunday:** 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23;
Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 15:45-49;
Lk 6:27-38