

# Easter Sunday

April 17, 2022

WHY DO YOU SEEK  
THE LIVING ONE  
AMONG THE DEAD?

HE IS NOT HERE, BUT HE HAS BEEN RAISED.

~ Luke 24:5-6





## MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

### Monday, April 18

*Monday within the Octave of Easter*

5:00 pm Rosary

5:30 pm † Bernard E. Alfieri

### Tuesday, April 19

*Tuesday within the Octave of Easter*

7:00 am † Phil Hawk

### Wednesday, April 20

*Wednesday within the Octave of Easter*

7:00 am † Fr. Fred Nietfeld

### Thursday, April 21

*Thursday within the Octave of Easter*

7:00 am † Sharon Timmer

### Friday, April 22

*Friday within the Octave of Easter*

5:00 pm Rosary

6:30 pm † Fr. Raymond Fisher

### Saturday, April 23

*Vigil of the Second Sunday of Easter*

2:00 pm Wedding: Emily Russell & Brendan Murray

3:30 pm Confessions

5:00 pm † Ned Calla

### Sunday, April 24

*Second Sunday of Easter / Sunday of Divine Mercy*

7:30 am For Parishioners

9:30 am † Phyllis & John Stone

11:30 am † Gary D. Shoemaker

3:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet

## FROM THE PASTOR



Dear Parishioners,

Easter blessings and joy to you! Hopefully the Easter season will be one of continued growth in understanding and living the Catholic faith.

What we celebrate today with Easter is not simply that Jesus has power over death.

Jesus clearly demonstrated this with the three people He raised from the dead. Lazarus seems to have been the most convincing of these since he was already four days in the tomb before Jesus brought him back to life. This was so well known and convincing to the people of the time that the religious authorities plotted to kill Lazarus also since people were believing in Jesus because of him.

The only question people should have had about Jesus's power over death is whether He could raise Himself from the dead. It would seem that when life is lost, power is lost. However, Jesus did say beforehand that He would freely lay down His life and freely take it up again. (John 10:17) So if the apostles were really listening to Jesus, they should not have been surprised when Jesus rose from the dead on the first day of the week. But they are surprised and find it difficult to believe, even after Mary Magdalene tells them what the angel at the empty tomb said about Jesus having risen.

The disciples needed to focus more on what Jesus was telling them and less on their own ideas. It is also likely that the apostles were allowing their feelings and emotions to get in the way of listening to and believing in what Jesus had said. He can only be our Shepherd when we listen to and follow Him. Jesus still speaks to us today through His Church, despite the weakness and shortcomings of its members. God's message to humanity has remained consistent from one generation to the next: love God and love your neighbor. Jesus summarized this even further, saying: "if we love Him, we will keep God's commandments."

Next Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday. This designation was made by St. John Paul II in 2001 as a result of what Jesus spoke in the 1930 to a Polish nun named St. Faustina. Jesus was speaking to all humanity through her. The message is a simple one – turn back to God and trust in His mercy. There is no limit to God's mercy as long as we are humble enough to turn to Him and acknowledge our sinfulness. Jesus came to heal what was broken and to make whole what had become divided.

Among the various spiritual insights, prayers, and devotions that Jesus revealed to St. Faustina, one of the most important was the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Hopefully you began the nine day novena on Good Friday and will continue praying it each day this week, preferably at the three o'clock hour. We will end the novena 3pm next Sunday (April 24) in church with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, chanting the Divine Mercy chaplet, quiet time, etc. Please consider joining us for this special time of prayer.

A very blessed Easter to you!  
Fr. Miller

## 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 Office.



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Dina Riley  
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MaKaya Butler  
Sharon Valdry  
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**Parish Office** (419)524-2572 x2101

### Office Hours:

Monday, Thursday, Friday: 9 am — 3 pm  
Tuesday & Wednesday: 9 am— 6 pm  
Saturday & Sunday: Closed

### New Parishioners:

Welcome to St. Peter Parish! We encourage you to register as a parish family as soon as possible. You can call the parish office or register on our website.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday: 3:30—4:50 pm & 30 minutes before every Mass

### Sacrament of Baptism:

Please contact the Parish Center to begin plans for the baptism of your 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:

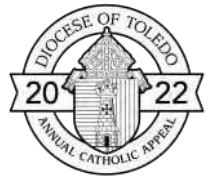
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## PARISH NEWS

### ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

The 2022 Annual Catholic Appeal Campaign: **Do Prayer, Do Service, Do Gratitude** is underway. The campaign goal is \$3 million and our parish goal is \$60,268. **As of April 4, our cash and pledge total is \$44,091. That's 73% of our goal with 204 donors.**



Through our contributions, we can assure the continued existence of many important programs that help tens of thousands in our diocese each year, including supporting the education of our seminarians, caring for the sick and needy, and providing faith formation for our youth. Please respond generously. For more information visit [acatoledo.org](http://acatoledo.org).


### CURSILLO RETREAT WEEKEND



A huge thank you to Dianna Bessemer, Barb Riley, Debra Such and Grace Grixti for attending the #286 Cursillo Retreat from March 31-April 3!

It was an amazing and uplifting experience! A special thank you to Father Kevin who supported and sponsored them through this journey, Cursillo Retreats, for both men and women, are offered in the fall and spring. If you would like to get involved or know someone that would, please contact Father Kevin for more information!


### WEDDING Banns III—Emily Russell & Brendan Murray

| SUNDAY OFFERING  |                 |
|--|-----------------|
|  |                 |
| As of March 2022   |                 |
| Sunday and Holy Day Collections  |                 |
| Sunday Collection & Holy Day Collection:   | 654,285         |
| Total Budgeted Sunday Collection To Date:  | \$641,250       |
| <b>Sunday Collection Surplus/(Deficit)</b>   | <b>\$13,035</b> |
| School Collection  |                 |
| Total School Collection To Date:   | \$93,800        |
| Total Budgeted School Collection To Date:  | \$90,000        |
| <b>School Collection Surplus/(Deficit)</b>   | <b>\$3,800</b>  |

## PARISH NEWS


### SAM TRIDICO BLOOD DRIVE

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**8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

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Each year, more than 100 pints of blood are donated at the Sam Tridico Blood Drive. If you are eligible to give, please RSVP at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org). This year's event falls during the school's Easter Break and many of our high school donors will not be available to donate.

Thank you to all our donors who help make this event so successful!

### ANNUAL COMPLIANCE AUDIT

Each year, the Diocese of Toledo is required to undergo an audit to ensure that it is in compliance with the articles of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. This year's audit examined the audit period of July 1, 2018 through September 30, 2021. Bishop Daniel Thomas is pleased to announce that the Diocese was found to be in full compliance with the requirements in the Charter following the audit.

The Diocese of Toledo remains committed to ensuring the protection of children and providing a safe environment for all young people. If you have any knowledge of abuse that has been committed by a cleric or by any personnel of the Catholic Church, you are urged to report the abuse to your local police department, Children Services, and to contact the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at (419) 214-4880; or to write to the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at 1933 Spielbusch Avenue, Toledo, Ohio 43604.

### SUPPORT HOME MISSIONS DIOCESAN COLLECTION—NEXT WEEKEND

Home mission dioceses are those Catholic dioceses in the United States, its territories, and former territories that cannot provide basic pastoral services without outside help. Basic pastoral services include Mass, the sacraments, religious education, and ministry training for priests, deacons, religious sisters and laypeople. Nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are considered home missions.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

### COLOR RUN TO BENEFIT AUTISM RESEARCH

St. Peter's Youth Leadership Team is hosting a Color Run for Autism Awareness. This color run will be a 2k where you can enjoy a nice walk or run, whatever is your speed.



There will also be a Kid Zone where there will be races, egg toss, water balloons, and tons of activities just for the kiddos. All proceeds go to the Organization for Autism Research.

Registration is just \$10 individual entry, \$15 for two or a family of five for \$30.

To register please contact Elizabeth Wurm at [wurm.elizabeth@myspartans.org](mailto:wurm.elizabeth@myspartans.org) or by calling the parish office.

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Save the date and plan to come and have a great time with us this year at VBS! This year we are going to see why Jesus is "Out Of This World!"

VBS is taking place July 11-14 from 9 am-11:30 am for 3-10-year-olds. To register, please contact Elizabeth Wurm.

### TRI-PARISH YOUTH GROUP

All families from St. Peter are welcome to join the tri-parish youth groups. There are several opportunities for both junior high and high school students.

#### High School

April 19—6:30—8 pm @ Resurrection

#### Junior High

April 26—6:30-8 pm @ Resurrection

#### Combined High School/Junior High

April 22—6:00-8 pm @ Resurrection



**RECYCLING DAY: FRIDAY, MAY 13**  
10—11 a.m. & 2—3 p.m. — FAC Parking Lot

**H.O.P.E. PANTRY BLUE BARREL WEEKEND**  
MAY 14 & 15



### HEAD OF SCHOOL UPDATE

Happy Easter! Today is a great day of joy in the church. It's an opportunity for new beginnings through the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, and a reminder that we will all one day be a part of that new birth in the Kingdom of God.

As we enter into the last month of the school year, St. Peter's School is experiencing a resurgence. I am pleased with the strides we have made, and I am excited about our plans for next year.

This year, St. Peter's School has much to be proud of. Unlike other schools in our area and in the nation, our students did not miss a **single** school day due to COVID-19. Because of our safety protocols, we were able to bring back many St. Peter's traditions, and introduced several new opportunities for our students — a social and emotional learning teacher, an eSports team, an elementary student council, peer mentoring, a Gospel choir, and more.

Most importantly, working collaboratively with a clear vision, St. Peter's School is making strong decisions and bold plans for next year that will pay dividends for years to come. Here are just a few of those plans:

- We are creating innovative daily and weekly schedules to ensure that instruction is targeted, professional development is meaningful, curriculum at all levels is sequential and faith formation for both students and staff is ongoing.
- Recognizing our role as a college preparatory school, St. Peter's is requiring every tenth grader to take a college level class next year.
- Leveraging all available resources, knowing next year is critical, St. Peter's is using local, state and federal funds to provide very intentional remediation for any students experiencing learning loss due to the pandemic.
- At the same time, St. Peter's is investing in significant enrichment opportunities, including a Talented and Gifted program for grades K-8, more advanced classes in the junior high and high school, and a renewed focus on student outcomes.
- Understanding our obligation to form the whole child, St. Peter's is also putting structures in place to help our students develop important skills and habits that will lead to lifelong success.
- We will continue to build a vibrant, Catholic community of grace, where the Gospel comes alive daily and every person in our school is treated with respect, dignity, and love.

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Please continue to keep your school family in your prayers and if your children do not currently attend St. Peter's, I ask that you give us another look. We have big plans for the future and with these plans comes a renewed sense of hope and community.

Cost should never be a reason to forgo strong Catholic education for your children. We have thousands in financial aid available for families and will work with you to make Catholic school affordable for your family.

May you have a blessed Easter Season

With faith and gratitude,

Laurie McKeon  
Head of School

### 2022 URBAN IDITAROD RAISES \$6,000 FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES



After a two-year hiatus, the Spartan Urban Iditarod — Race to End Hunger returned to the streets around St. Peter's.

More than \$6,000 was raised for Catholic Charities of Richland County's HOPE Food Pantry. This year's total smashed the old record.

It was a great day where **#SpartanSpirit** shined brightly.

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## TOLEDO DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN'S DAY OF RENEWAL

**WHO:** All Women  
**WHAT:** Spiritual & Inspirational Spring Retreat  
**WHEN:** Wednesday, May 11 ~ 8:15 am to 3:00 pm  
**WHERE:** Our Lady of Consolation 315 Clay Street, Carey Ohio 43316  
**COST:** \$20.00

This Day Includes:  
Continental Breakfast, Inspirational Talks, Mass, Boxed Lunch, Rosary, Opportunities to visit the Shrine / Gift Shop

FOR REGISTRATION INFO CONTACT:

Tammy Schroeder, Communication Chair, at  
ews@bright.net or 419-796-8964.

## EVERYTHING IS CHANGED

Easter changes everything. Having been raised from the dead, Jesus shatters the frightful images that haunt humanity. Betrayal, torture, crucifixion, death, burial—these terrors pale in the brilliant glory of Jesus resurrected. Today's psalm guides our response to God's power: "it is wonderful in our eyes."

Today is indeed a day for wonder, for gasping in astonishment at Jesus' resurrection. For all of human history, death had been final. In the Acts of the Apostles, though, Peter testifies that Jesus, who was publicly executed, was raised to life by God. John's Gospel admits that the disciples "did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead."

Even Jesus' closest friends were not expecting this innovation: life after death. In response to the Easter miracle, Paul tells us to become "a fresh batch of dough." Everything, even our very selves, must become new. Easter changes everything.

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## GET INVOLVED IN YOUR PARISH

God has blessed all of us with talents and abilities and each of them is as valuable and important as any other person's gifts. At Saint Peter we have many ministries, programs and opportunities for you to offer yourself and your talents to God. There are many opportunities to grow in your faith or to serve others.

### That Man is You

That Man is You! honestly addresses the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture, especially those relating to their roles as husbands and fathers. The program harmonizes current social and medical science with the teachings of the Church and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of man fully alive! TMIY meets every Friday morning at 6:30 am in the church basement.



### Beloved: Finding Happiness in Marriage

Contact: Katie Michel—stpetedatenight@gmail.com

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 on Saturday, May 14, and put faith at the center of your marriage. St. Peter's Date Night is a great way to enrich your marriage and meet other couples in the parish while breaking bread together. Enjoy the fellowship, a home cooked meal, and see what our ministry is all about.

### Feed the Needy

Contact: Pam Taylor — teach621@aol.com

Our Feed the Needy Ministry serves meals to the community on most first and third Sunday's each month. Besides meals, we distribute items to those in need and pray with them. Everyone is welcome to assist when you can.



*\* Indicates that the particular volunteer must comply with Toledo Diocesan requirements regarding the protection of youth and vulnerable persons. In some cases a background check may be required. In other cases, completion of training required by the Diocese may be the only requirement.*

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

|                   |   |
|-------------------|---|
| <b>Monday:</b>    | Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15                              |
| <b>Tuesday:</b>   | Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18                               |
| <b>Wednesday:</b> | Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35                                     |
| <b>Thursday:</b>  | Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48  |
| <b>Friday:</b>    | Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27; Jn 21:1-14                                 |
| <b>Saturday:</b>  | Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-21; Mk 16:9-15                                     |
| <b>Sunday:</b>    | Acts 5:12-16; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31 |

### Prison Ministry

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St. Peter's Prison Ministry has tended to the spiritual needs of local prisoners for more than 100 years.



### Youth Ministries

Contact: Elizabeth Wurm—wurm.elizabeth@myspartans.org

**Parish School of Religion:** Could that person be you? You know, the one to share your faith with our youngest disciples? We are looking for a few great catechists\* for our PSR program for the 2022-2023 school year! The PSR (Parish School of Religion) program is a one hour commitment per week and runs from September to April.

**Youth Leadership Team:** We meet monthly to plan and implement our youth events! Our most recent Youth Event was coordinating the Walking to Bethlehem! This group is for 6th- 12th graders, but we would very happily welcome any adults who would also like to help to make this group a success.

### Pastoral Care

Contact: Angie Dillon—dillon.angie@myspartans.org

Volunteers\* are always needed to assist with Nursing Home Outreach and, when the coronavirus is finally under control, Hospital Visitations. Contact: Angie Dillon.

### Liturgical Ministries

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Lectors, Altar Servers, Ushers, Liturgical Decorators, Mass Coordinators, and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Contact Bill Johnson at ext. 2113/  
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### Music Ministry

Contact: Bill Johnson—johnson.bill@myspartans.org

The Choir and Contemporary Ensemble both need singers. The Hand Bell Choir is in need of a few more ringers. Instrumentalists are needed, particularly guitarists, flutists, a bassist, and a percussionist.

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Peter is an eyewitness: The Lord is risen (Acts 10:34a, 37-43).

**Psalms** — This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad (Psalm 118).

**(1) Second Reading** — All who are baptized, set your hearts in heaven (Colossians 3:1-4) or **(2) Second Reading** — Christ our Passover is sacrificed; therefore let us celebrate (1 Corinthians 5:6b-8).

**Gospel** — Three witnesses, Mary, Peter, and John; each responds to the empty tomb (John 20:1-9) or Luke 24:1-12 (or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Luke 24:13-35)

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