# Fifth Sunday of Caster

I give you
a new
commandment:
love one another.

John 13:34



#### MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Monday, May 16 Easter Weekday

5:00 pm Rosary 5:30 pm Mary Ellen Higgins

Tuesday, May 17 Easter Weekday

7:00 am † Norma Leesberg

Wednesday, May 18 Saint John I, Pope and Martyr 8:25 am † Mary Ellen Brucato Higgins

9:30 am Benefactors of St. Peter Church and School

Thursday, May 19 Easter Weekday

7:00 am † Earl E. Hershey

Friday, May 20

Saint Bernårdine of Siena, Priest

5:00 pm Rosary

5:30 pm Fr. Andrew Wellman

**Saturday, May 21** Vigil of the Sixth Sunday of Easter

3:30 pm Confessions 5:00 pm † Mary Lou Hiler

**Sunday, May 22**Fifth Sunday of Easter

7:30 am Párishioners

† Rev. Gregory R. Hite † James & Matilda Halas 9:30 am 11:30 am

#### IN GOD'S ARMS

Jeff Evans



#### 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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#### FROM THE PASTOR



Dear Parishioners,

Congratulations to all the new high school and college graduates from our parish. It certainly is one of the most exciting times in the life of a young person. I remember both of my graduations, and I still smile about them today. The many years of study

and hard work give way to newly discovered freedoms. The graduate enjoys the freedom to choose where to live, what job to pursue, and what to make of life in general.

Without a good moral foundation, there is a great temptation for new graduates either to chase after the worldly pursuits of fame, fortune, and wealth or to be lazy and not accomplish anything at all in life. The temptation of the first approach comes from our materialistic culture, and the second often comes from a lack of personal discipline. Neither approach is good and both have moral consequences in this world and the next.

If our graduates know the Catholic Faith that Jesus gave us, they know that we are people of purpose, vision, and energy. By living this faith, beginning as young children, we develop personal discipline which allows us to successfully deal with each temptation that this world throws at us. In addition to our daily jobs, we realize that God has a moral and spiritual mission for each of us here on earth. The Bible readings we have been hearing at Mass remind us that we love and glorify God "by accomplishing the work" our Father in Heaven has given each of us to do. This is what Jesus did and we

Before ascending to Heaven, Jesus gave us clear direction about how we should use our time, talent, and treasure. There Jesus commanded us to, "... make disciples of all nations." We might doubt and wonder how we are to do this. It starts by acknowledging that we have the ability to do this and that the Holy Spirit assists in this important work. What is needed on our part is the desire and will to do the work that God asks of us each day.

So to our graduates, our world needs missionaries more than it needs more people with technical or liberal arts degrees. Our world is technically more advanced than it ever has been, yet our social and moral problems are as great as in any previous generation. Graduates, do not forget that among the many good things God wishes you to accomplish in life, the most important of those is being part of the missionary activity of the Church.

Remember that the greatest mission field of the Church is the home; the place where parents raise their children to be faithful followers of Christ. Missionaries must also leave the home and travel to other parts of our country and world to accomplish their God-given work. In any case, the Church has the answer for what our world needs, but in order to share this with others we need to be willing to sacrifice our time, talent, and treasure as previous generations did so wonderfully.

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#### **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:** 

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

#### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

In a world where women are measured by their beauty, achievements, and possessions, wouldn't it be nice to find a place



where you could just be valued for who you are?

We know just the place. And you are not alone.

Walking with a Purpose is a Bible study that brings women together as they embark on a journey closer to the heart of God. This spring, we are excited to announce that St. Peter's will be offering the study, *Living in the Father's Love*—a six lesson study of God the Father that reveals how deeply relevant the Gospels are to our relationships, both with God and those we love. Sessions start May 18 at 6:00 pm in the Franciscan Activity Center.

For more information and to register, please get in touch with Judy Tridico (419) 631-7595 or call the parish office. You were never meant to journey alone. God is inviting you to draw near to Him, and the women of our parish are waiting for you.

Let's journey together.

#### FEED THE NEEDY

Upcoming meals will be on May 15th (chef's salad), June 5th (ham and scalloped potatoes), and June 19th (taco soup w/ Fritos).

Volunteers are always welcome to come around 1:00 pm. We prepare the food in the church basement. We do not serve until 3:00. We are usually done by 5:00. You are welcome to come for the entire day or just a part of it. Questions? email Pam Taylor at teach621@aol.com.

Special thanks to the Catholic Womens Club for their generous donation to the Feed the Needy Program. It is greatly appreciated.



#### STEPHEN MINISTRY

Each of us has times when we are lonely, grieving, hurt, or need care. In his second letter to the Corinthians,



Paul writes that when we suffer and are troubled, we find comfort in Christ (2 Corinthians 1:4-6), and one of the ways we find this comfort is through other caring Christians.

Resurrection has a group of people skilled in caring for those facing challenges in their lives. These people, called Stephen Ministers, have undergone extensive training to develop and nurture their caring skills. Our newly commissioned Stephens Ministers—Mary Martin, Vickey Milligan, and Cristine Sutter, join Dianne Randall and Sheryl Weber in Resurrection's Stephen Ministry, working with people experiencing many different kinds of crises. We have only women Stephen Ministers at Resurrection, but we are hopeful that men will recognize their call to this caring ministry.

Who might receive care from a Stephen Minister? Care receivers may be hospitalized, grieving the death of a loved one, separated or divorcing, homebound, unemployed, adjusting to the birth of a child, or experiencing many other kinds of life difficulties. They may be members of our church or friends, neighbors, and co-workers without any church home.

Think about your life and the lives of the people around you. Are you, or is someone you know, going through a time of crisis or challenge? The care of a Stephen Minister may be exactly what's needed to bring Christ's healing.

If you have any questions about Stephen Ministry, please contact Sara at Resurrection at (419) 884-0060. Consider whether you know of someone who needs their care, and offer to connect them to this ministry. Please remember our Stephen Ministry in your prayers.

Respectfully,

Marilyn Hunter and Nancy Lessick

#### PRISON MINISTRY CORNER

We are currently collecting both yarn supplies AND plastic bags



for projects at Richland Correctional. Please drop off at Parish Center during business hours or give to Lynne at 7:30 Mass on Sundays. Thank you to our thoughtful parishioners who support our parish prison ministry programs in so many ways, especially in prayer!

#### MANSFIELD CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

The Mansfield Catholic Cemeteries Committee met in February and reviewed the current pricing of grave spaces and burial services for our two MANSFIELD CATHOLIC CEMETERIES Catholic cemeteries: Prince of Peace



Cemetery (POP) and Mansfield Catholic Cemetery (MCC). It was determined that an adjustment of pricing is needed at this time.

At its most recent meeting, our committee determined that it was necessary to raise the price of burial services at POP cemetery and the price of grave spaces at both Catholic cemeteries. The last time these costs were raised for our Catholic cemeteries was in 2014. The new prices for the Catholic cemeteries begin this summer, July 1,

The current and new charges are shown below:

Grave Space	Current	New
Full (body or cremains)	500	\$550
Half (cremains, only @ MCC)	\$200	\$250
Burial Services @ Mansfield Catholic Cemetery		
Monday-Friday	\$790	
Saturday	\$1,030	
Burial Services at Prince of Peace Cemetery		
Weekday (Body)	\$700	\$750
Saturday Morning (Body)	\$800	\$850
(2 in 1 space)—additional	\$75	\$100
Cremains	\$375	\$450

Burial of two cremated remain on one grave space is permitted in either Catholic cemetery.

The number of spaces remaining in the MCC is limited. If that is your preference for yourself or another family member, contact please the Mansfield Cemetery Office by phone (419) 522-1831 or visiting their office at 389 Altamont Ave.

The Catholic Cemetery Committee is having an **Open House at the Prince of Peace Cemetery** at 262 S. Ridge Road on Sunday June 5 from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm. As has been our practice, the cost of grave spaces will be discounted \$50 from now until the end of the Open House.

If you have any questions, please contact the St. Péter Parish Office (419) 524-2572, ext 8003 and leave a message. We will return your calls as soon as possible.

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

H.O.P.E. PANTRY BLUE BARREL WEEKEND JUNE 11 & 12

#### **SCHOOL NEWS**

#### **MAY CROWNING**



Last week, St. Peter's School celebrated May Crowning. Senior Alana Mitchell placed a crown of fresh flowers on the statue of Mary.

It was also the first time in more than two years that the school community celebrated Mass as a school community.



As a Catholic school, these All School Masses are foundational—for our students, for our staff and for our community. Because everything we do is rooted in Christ, to be able finally to share this time at Mass together from kindergarten through high school is truly powerful and an important indicator of many more collective moments of faith to come.

May Crowning was the beginning of several celebrations for our senior class. Please keep our graduates in your prayers as they receive their diplomas this afternoon.

#### **ELEMENTARY ARTFEST**

Some of the highlights of ArtFest—our showcase of our elementary students' artistic talents.







#### **SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION**



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#### YOUTH MINISTRY

#### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Vacation Bible School is coming up quickly and we are so excited that we will be able to have all of our friends with us this year! We are having VBS July 11-14 from 9:00 a.m.- 11: 30 a.m. daily for our 3-10 year olds. We are also still looking for adult helpers who would be willing to take part in the VIRTUS training to participate in the program. I promise you it will be the most wonderful week of your life!

If you could prayerfully consider donating one of the items below it would be much appreciated!

- 400 Juice boxes (any flavor)
- Two large boxes of goldfish crackers
- Two large bags of animal crackers
- Three large boxes of Mott's Fruit Snacks
- 20 empty small plastic coffee containers (cleaned out, please) with lids
- 4 rolls of colored cellophane wrapping paper
- 4 packages of jumbo drinking straws
- 4 packages of giant drinking straws
- 4 small containers of playdough
- Two large packages of multi colored construction paper
- paper 20 small bottles of white Elmer's glue
- 10 packages of disinfecting wipes
- 20 packs of paper towels
- 18-5 lb. buckets of Crayola self drying clay in white
- Large appliance boxes

Monetary donations are always appreciated to help offset the registration donation for those who do not have the ability to pay.

If you are able to provide any of these items, it would be appreciated if they could be dropped off to the parish office by June 1st. We thank you for your help as we prepare to see how **Jesus Is Out of This World!** If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Elizabeth Wurm at the parish office or at wurm.elizabeth@myspartans.org. Thank you in advance for your kindness!

#### AROUND THE DEANERY & DIOCESAN NEWS

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St. Francis Xavier Parish School, Willard, is seeking a Principal for the 2022-2023 school year to serve our growing student population. The ideal candidate will have a passion for Catholic education and working with a diverse student population and demonstrate that passion through professionalism, creativity, and innovative ideas. Candidates must be organized and be able to multi-task. They must also demonstrate leadership, initiative, and collaboration, in a faith-filled environment.

Please submit a resume, cover letter, references, and salary requirements to kbeesonsb.sfx@gmail.com or mail to St. Francis Xavier Church, c/o Principal Search Committee 25 W. Perry St. Willard, OH 44890.

#### ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

The 2022 Annual Catholic Appeal Campaign: *Do Prayer, Do Service, Do Gratitude* is under way. The campaign goal is \$3 million and our parish goal is \$60,268. *As of April* 29, our cash and pledge total is

\$52,401.89. That's 86% of our goal with 239 donors. We are \$7,866.11 short of our 2022 goal!

Through our contributions, we can ensure 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**.





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#### MAKING ALL THINGS NEW

Although we are four full weeks into the celebration of Easter, today's readings focus on newness. Our Easter food leftovers may be long gone, but the readings insist on every moment's freshness in the risen Jesus. The Acts of the Apostles depicts Paul and Barnabas reflecting on all the innovative work that God has done with them. They have traveled hundreds of miles, introducing faith in Jesus Christ to all who listen, even Gentiles. For the dutiful Jewish scholar Paul, preaching to Gentiles is a completely unique development. Jesus calls Paul, and us, not to be afraid of new challenges: as John the Evangelist reports in Revelation, Jesus promises to "make all things new." In the Gospel reading, Jesus even gives us a new commandment. The Hebrew Scriptures overflow with commandments, but Jesus knows we need one more, perfect mission: "love one another."

#### PRAYER OF THE WEEK

#### **Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Almighty ever-living God,
constantly accomplish the
Paschal Mystery within us,
that those you were pleased to make
new in Holy Baptism may,
under your protective care, bear much fruit
and come to the joys of life eternal.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

#### **Reflection Question:**

What does it mean for me to bear fruit for the reign of God?

### **FORMED**

PICK OF THE WEEK

May 15, 2022

# **LISTEN**

## THE FOUR LAST THINGS: DEATH, JUDGEMENT, HEAVEN, HELL BY FR. MIKE SCHMITZ

In this exceptional presentation, Fr. Mike tackles four topics that many of us understandably struggle with: death, judgement, Heaven, and Hell. As you listen to this talk, you'll be reminded that God wants to welcome you into Heaven, your true home!



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#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Acts 14:5–18; Ps 115:1–4, 15–16;

Jn 14:21-26

**Tuesday:** Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21;

Jn 14:27-31a

**Wednesday:** Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8

**Thursday:** Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11

**Friday:** Acts 15:22–31; Ps 57:8–10, 12; Jn 15:12–17

**Saturday:** Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21

**Sunday:** Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8;

Rv 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29

#### TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Paul and Barnabas continue their travels, spreading the faith and unifying the

churches (Acts 14:21-27).

**Psalm** – I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God (Psalm 145).

**Second Reading** – John's vision of God dwelling with the human race (Revelation 21:1-5a).

**Gospel** — As Jesus has loved us, so we must love

one another (John 13:31-33a, 34-35)

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