



AS HE BLESSED THEM  
HE PARTED FROM THEM  
AND WAS TAKEN UP TO HEAVEN.

LUKE 24:51

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

MAY 29, 2022

## MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

### Monday, May 30

*Memorial Day*

9:00 am † Madeline Taddeo

### Tuesday, May 31

*The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

7:00 am † Fr. Robert Holden

### Wednesday, June 1

*Saint Justin, Martyr*

7:00 am Richard & JoAnn Steele (72nd Wedding Anniversary)

### Thursday, June 2

*Saints Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs*

7:00 am † Joseph Kastelic

### Friday, June 3

*Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs*

5:00 pm Rosary

5:30 pm † Sr. Raphael Caridad Montezirgin, OSB

### Saturday, June 4

*Vigil of Pentecost Sunday*

2:30 pm Wedding: Aimee Strang & Ross Ellerbrock

3:30 pm Confessions

5:00 pm † Rose & Patsy Saul

### Sunday, June 5

*Pentecost Sunday*

7:30 am † Patricia LaFrance Wolf

9:30 am Parishioners

11:30 am † Judy Durbin

## FROM THE PASTOR



At its most basic level, abortion is not a political issue. We can make it political, but doing so is to our detriment. This is because when we make anything political, it often becomes more contentious, and more difficult to resolve. It becomes a contest, or even showdown, between conservatives and liberals, Democrats and Republicans. The issue of abortion is one of humanity's most urgent questions, because it is about who lives and dies.

We cannot cover our eyes and ears, ignoring the science of what we're doing, to rid ourselves from the burden of caring for another human person. Every person, including mothers, have the God given right to choose how to live their lives. However, no person has the God given right to end the life of another person (except in self-defense). That's clearly defined as murder and is impossible to justify morally. Nowhere else in society do we justify terminating the life of another person simply because they are inconvenient and impose a burden on us.

Unfortunately, there are those who never cease searching for ways to justify ending the life of the smallest and most vulnerable members of our society. To say that the baby is a human being but not a human person is one such example. Another example is the undeniable barbaric procedure of partial birth abortion. That is as justifiable as the Nazi guard watching Jews be exterminated in the concentration camps of WWII.

What kind of defense would it have been at the Hague tribunal for the Nazi guard to claim to have been opposed to the killing of the Jews but did nothing to the contrary because he did not want to impose his own personal moral views upon others? Politicians who use a similar excuse either dangerously blind themselves to the truth or deliberately lie for personal gain.

Times of moral confusion and darkness need courageous voices who speak the truth, out of love for their neighbor, whether old or young, rich or poor, educated or uneducated. Mother Teresa, now known as St. Teresa of Calcutta, was recognized by the world and respected by nearly everyone for her care of people. She often spoke against abortion, while emphasizing the need to love both mother and child. She said, "Any country that accepts abortion, is not teaching its people to love, but to use any violence to get what it wants." She who knew poverty better than any of us said: "It is a poverty to decide that a child must die so that you may live as you wish."

Many abortion doctors admit that the fetus is a human person. That's why Dr. Kermit Gosnell aborted babies that were born alive. For him, the location of the procedure didn't change the fact that he was terminating life. Politicians said we needed to follow the science with COVID, now pro-abortion politicians need to do the same with abortion. They need our prayers to overcome pride and stubbornness in admitting they are wrong. Our response if they do, is not the gloating of political victory, but the Christian joy of life triumphing over death.

Humbly,  
Fr. Miller

## IN GOD'S ARMS

Judy Viertlboeck

**Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord.**



## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

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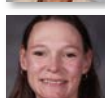
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### Office Hours:

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](mailto:bulletin@myspartans.org).



## PARISH NEWS

### MEMORIAL DAY MASS

Please join us for Mass on Memorial Day at 9:00 am at St. Peter Church. We will remember and pray for all members of the parish and our country, who gave the ultimate sacrifice to protect the freedoms that we all enjoy as Americans.



The Mansfield Memorial Day parade will kick off at 10:30 am and proceed down Park Ave to the square.

### SING TO THE LORD! - POSTPONED

The upcoming St. Peter Music Series concert presenting the oration The Creation by Franz Josef Haydn has been postponed until September. Further details will be made available this summer.

### FEED THE NEEDY—UPCOMING DATES

- June 5 & 19
- July 17 (Christmas in July event)
- August 7 & 21

Meals are served from 3:00 pm until 4:30 pm in the church parking lot. Volunteers are always welcome to help starting at 1:00 pm to setup and 2:30 pm to serve. Contact Pam Taylor (419) 989-8963 for more information.

### 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 May 20, our cash and pledge total is \$53,876.89. That's 89% of our goal with 243 donors. We are \$6,391.11 short of our 2022 goal!**



Please respond generously. For more information visit [acatoledo.org](http://acatoledo.org).

**WEDDING BANNERS** I—Aimee Strang & Ross Ellerbrock

### SUNDAY OFFERING



**As of April 2022**

#### Sunday and Holy Day Collections

Sunday Collection & Holy Day Collection:	\$727,080
Total Budgeted Sunday Collection To Date:	\$712,500

<b>Sunday Collection Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>\$14,580</b>
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#### School Collection

Total School Collection To Date:	\$100,027
Total Budgeted School Collection To Date:	\$100,000

<b>School Collection Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>\$27</b>
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## PARISH NEWS

### MID-OHIO CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS

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### MID-OHIO CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS

Join mid-Ohio Catholic  
young adults in their 20s and 30s as we enjoy active  
and life-giving activities together this summer and  
beyond. This new young adult group will kick-off with  
the following events:

#### Bonfire & S'mores

An evening to socialize, listen to some music, and  
get to know what we're all about.

Thursday, June 9 — 7:00-9:00 pm  
Resurrection Parish

We know this time of fellowship, reflection, prayer,  
and service will be a blessing for all who join.  
Contact Father Kevin Moebius for more information  
at [moebius.kevin@myspartans.org](mailto:moebius.kevin@myspartans.org)

### EAGLE SCOUTS

Congratulations to Isaac  
Stampfli and Nathan Cox  
who earned their Eagle  
Scout rank this spring in  
St. Peter Parish Troop  
#121. They are the 162nd  
& 163rd Eagle Scouts  
from the St. Peter troop.



To learn more about the Scouting program at St.  
Peter, please contact Jim Cox at  
[jamexhuntercox1@gmail.com](mailto:jamexhuntercox1@gmail.com).

### PRISON MINISTRY CORNER

We are nearing our one year  
anniversary of returning to RiCI  
after the 15 month COVID  
lockdown. We hit the ground  
running last June and have been at RiCI every  
evening since then for Mass, prayer groups,  
fellowship, catechesis, music preparation, and more  
(with the few exceptions of events cancelled due to  
illness, weather, and institution changes in  
schedules). It is now time to resume one of the  
men's favorite spiritual activities – a Retreat. We  
hope to involve our St. Peter parishioners in many  
ways, both those who prefer to stay on the outside  
and those who want to join us on the inside. Watch  
this space for further details!



### MANSFIELD CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

**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 at  
Open House.



If you have any questions, please contact the St.  
Peter Parish Office (419) 524-2572, ext 8003 and  
leave a message.

### 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
- 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](mailto:wurm.elizabeth@myspartans.org). Thank you in  
advance for your kindness!

**RECYCLING DAY: FRIDAY, JUNE 10**  
10-11 a.m. & 2-4 p.m. — FAC Parking Lot

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

## HEAD OF SCHOOL UPDATE

This year has flown by us. Honestly, it seems like I just arrived here, anxious to begin this new role. While I still have much to learn, and we still have much to do, I am so grateful for the people I've had the privilege to meet, the progress we have made this year, and the plans we have for the future.

First and foremost, I am incredibly grateful for our faculty and staff. I could not have asked for or hand-picked a better group of colleagues. They are dedicated, smart, wise, gracious, willing to go the extra mile, and ready to pivot when life (and water mains) invariably throws a curve our way. Special kudos to our principals who put in countless hours, troubleshoot unanticipated situations, plan with intention, and truly care about every student. I only wish our families could hear the conversations that take place daily as our principals work tirelessly, making hundreds of important decisions all in the best interest of our students and families.

I am also so grateful for our students and their families. Your support of St. Peter's makes all the difference. Once again, COVID-19 impacted our school year, and our school families made the best of a difficult situation. Thanks again for your patience and forbearance. I know it wasn't always easy, but it speaks volumes about this community that we navigated some very trying days with respect and compassion. Special thanks to the Spartan Family Association for taking such good care of us all. Your efforts have been amazing and so appreciated.

This year, I spent a lot of time listening, learning, and researching everything from school funding sources to school schedules. With much dialogue and input from our faculty and staff, we will be making some exciting changes for the next school year. While all of the details are not finalized, here are a few things to look forward to next year:

- The JH/HS will have a **new schedule** that better serves our students' needs, particularly our seventh and eighth-graders. After looking at our school-wide outcomes and recognizing the learning gaps that resulted from COVID-19, we will be implementing a schedule that provides daily instruction in most subjects. Our students need this daily attention and repetition, especially in math and foreign language.
- This daily schedule should also allow for some flex time during the lunch hour that will be used for remediation, if necessary, band, choir, or club meetings.
- St. Peter's School **will be providing unique student learning opportunities on Fridays**. While our teachers will be attending professional development on Friday afternoons, we will introduce our students to a variety of experiential and supplemental courses taught by experts.
  - Sophomores will be taking a college-level study skills class,
  - Juniors will be offered ACT prep,
  - Freshmen will be preparing for a mission trip experience,
  - and our K-8 students will be learning everything from cooking to financial literacy skills.

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This Friday block will also be used for remediation if necessary. As I have said to our faculty, the entire world is seeing a learning gap from COVID-19. St. Peter's School will be doing everything possible to close that gap as effectively and quickly as possible. This time on Fridays will help ensure that all of our students are at grade level.

- We will be starting a **homework club** after school at the Elementary, so our students can get the tutoring and homework help they need, with our teachers there to help them stay on top of their work.
- We are extending our **Little Spartans After-Care Program** to include preschool students.
- We are bringing in a **Gifted and Talented** specialist once a week in grades K-8.
- We have also engaged a **math coach** at the elementary school to help our teachers reach every student and specifically address any lagging math scores.
- We are **leveraging our social and emotional teacher into the Junior High**.
- We will be using a much **more proactive approach to discipline and behavioral expectations** for next year,
- And rest assured, there will be an intentionality to our decisions that will underscore our holistic approach to educating the whole child, mind, body, and especially spirit.

While we have much more planning to do this summer, we are well on our way to creating a school environment that is challenging, supportive, engaging, and unique. St. Peter's School has a long legacy of excellence, and that legacy will only be strengthened as we plan for a robust, vibrant, and long-term future.

Again, thank you for sharing your students with us. Thank you for your prayers and financial support. Thank you for being a part of our family, and thank you in advance for being a part of our very exciting future.

Yours in faith and gratitude,

Laurie McKeon  
Head of School



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Jesus said, "Righteous Father, the world also  
does not know you, but I know you,  
and they know ...

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## SENT FORTH

Today we celebrate Jesus' return to heaven. If we struggle to know how to feel about this event, we take our cue from Jesus' disciples. These disciples are first-hand witnesses to the Ascension, returning afterword to Jerusalem, where "they were continually in the temple praising God." Long-time companions of the Lord, they surely feel the pain of physical separation from Jesus. Yet they praise God continually. They accept God's plan, looking forward to the day when Christ will come again. As our reading from Hebrews affirms, Christ will return to "bring salvation to those who eagerly await him." This Good News is almost too much to take in; the Acts of the Apostles explains that an angel has to wake the disciples from their stupor, reminding them to start the Lord's work. Today's readings are our own angel, sending us forth in joyful hope.

## PRAYER OF THE WEEK

### The Ascension of the Lord

At the Mass during the Day  
Gladden us with holy joys, almighty God,  
and make us rejoice with devout thanksgiving,  
for the Ascension of Christ your Son  
is our exaltation,  
and, where the Head has gone before in glory,  
the Body is called to follow in hope.  
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.

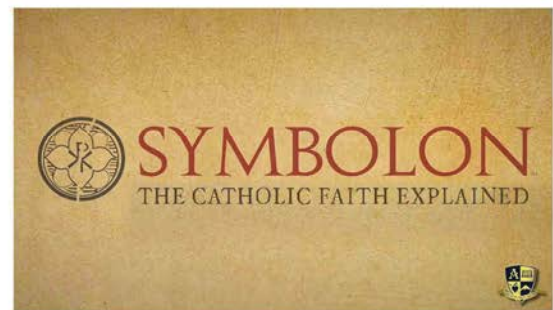
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## SYMBOLON: EP. 1 - THE JOURNEY: TRINITY, FAITH AND THE GOD WHO IS LOVE

The Bible reveals the mystery of who God is: God is love. God created us out of love, died for us out of love, and invites us on a journey of faith in which we live in his love. In this study, we'll look at the God who is Love and how that love shows itself in the Trinity and the Faith.



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### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33
- Tuesday:** Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Lk 1:39-56
- Wednesday:** Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19
- Thursday:** Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26
- Friday:** Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19
- Saturday:** Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25
- Sunday:** Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39 Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

### TODAY'S READINGS

- First Reading** — Jesus tells the disciples that they will be witnesses to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:1-11).
- Psalms** — God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord (Psalm 47).
- Second Reading** — God seated Jesus at his right hand in the heavens (Ephesians 1:17-23) or Hebrews 9:24-28; 10:19-23.
- Gospel** — As Jesus blessed his disciples he parted from them and was taken up to heaven (Luke 24:46-53)

### Reflection Question

Why is the Ascension a cause for joy?



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