

# SAINT PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

FEBRUARY 22, 2015

*POPE FRANCIS ASKS US  
TO "MAKE OUR HEARTS  
FIRM" AND TO BE  
"MERCIFUL,  
ATTENTIVE AND  
GENEROUS." EMBRACE HIS  
CALL TO MERCY BY  
REACHING OUT TO THOSE  
IN NEED. BE ATTENTIVE  
TO THE LENTEN CALL TO  
PRAYER, BE GENEROUS  
WITH YOUR TIME AND  
TREASURE.*

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#### **Mass Schedule:**

Saturday: 5:00 pm  
Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:30 am,  
11:30 am  
Monday & Friday 5:30 pm  
Tuesday - Thursday 6:30 am

#### **Phones:**

Rectory & Parish Center: 419-524-2572  
Convent: 419-524-2572  
High School, Jr. High: 419-524-0979  
Grade School, Montessori:  
419-524-3351  
Child Care Center:  
419-524-2572 Ext. 3108  
Fax: 419-522-2553  
Gifts to Msgr. Dunn Foundation:  
419-524-2572 Ext. 2125

#### **Parish Office Hours:**

Monday - Thursday: 7:30 am - 8:30 pm  
Friday: 7:30 am - 7:30 pm  
Saturday: 8:30 am - 5:00 pm  
Sunday: 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

#### **Parish Business Manager:**

Mr. Jerry Straub

#### **Sacrament of Baptism:**

Please contact the Parish Center to begin plans for the baptism of your baby or child.

#### **Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Saturday: 3:00 - 4:30 pm  
Other times by appointment

#### **Sacrament of Marriage:**

Arrangements should be made at the Parish Center at least six months in advance of the ceremony.

**Sunday Nursery:** Every Sunday during 9:30 and 11:30 am Mass, located in the Day Care Center in the basement of the High School.

#### **Bulletin Deadline:** Monday, 12:00

noon. All requests must be submitted in writing or email.

#### **Website:**

[www.mansfieldstpeters.org](http://www.mansfieldstpeters.org)

**Staff emails** are found on the website

#### **Pastoral Staff:**

Fr. Gregory R. Hite, *Pastor*  
Fr. Jeremy Miller, *Parochial Vicar*  
Mr. Bill Johnson,  
*Director of Music & Liturgy*  
Ms. Lynne Lukach, *Pastoral Associate*  
Mrs. Elizabeth Wurm, *Director of Religious Ed. & Youth Minister*

#### **Deacons:** Mr. Terry Philpott

Mr. John Reef  
Mr. Dennis Striker  
Rev. Mr. George Mahas

#### **School:**

Mr. Michael Wasiniak  
*High School, Jr. High School*  
Mrs. Madalyn Bauer  
*Elementary School*  
Mrs. Tammy Kemerling *Montessori*  
Ms. Melinda Milligan *Child Care Director*

#### **Pastoral Care Contacts:**

Mrs. Vickie Palmer 419-524-2572  
*Hospital & Follow-up*  
Mrs. Vickie Palmer 419-524-2572  
*Nursing Homes/Assisted Living & Prayer Pipeline*  
Deacon John Reef 419-529-3694  
*Shut-ins/Homebound*

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**BUDGET TIME**

It is that time of year when we begin our budget process for the 2015-2016 fiscal year. It is a very extensive budget, nearly \$5 million as it encompasses all operations – Parish and Schools.

There were many challenges to budget development these past three years but also many accomplishments. Many of those accomplishments were the result of creating and maintaining an effective budget.

Three years ago we owed over \$1,000,000 to the Diocese of Toledo. Thanks to your generous contributions to Debt Reduction, some serious financial planning between Fr. Hite, Cathy Stout, your Parish Finance Council and, of course, a significant gift from the Msgr. Dunn Foundation that debt is retired! Once debt-free it is extremely important in our planning to not return to that financial situation. This is why a budget is so very important.

We are again paying our Diocesan Assessments. Through effective budgeting and planning under the leadership of John Kastelic, your Finance Council chair, and the members of the Finance Council and Budget Committees we have paid all of our assessments the past two years and we will be paying them this year before fiscal year end. The total amount of assessments and self-insurance this year will be around \$141,000.

We owed over \$120,000 for our Spartan Fields Concession Building. That is a great Parish-owned facility and wonderfully maintained by Bob Vaccaro. Please utilize it and take advantage of it. Through the budgeting process we have cut that debt in half and are paying every month.

St. Peter's Parish currently owns two cemeteries: Mansfield Catholic Cemetery - which is a part of Mansfield Cemetery, and Prince of Peace Cemetery. Three years ago we owed nearly \$30,000 for cemetery maintenance. We are now paid in full. That was accomplished by including the cemeteries in our budget process - as they should be. The management and maintenance of our cemeteries has never been better thanks to Tracey Williamson and the efforts of our revised Cemeteries Committee under the leadership of the chairperson, Dave Barber.

We have a very large campus with many older buildings. Through the budget process the past three years we have annually spent 4.5 times the amount that we had historically spent annually in repairs and maintenance to our campus and its buildings. Thanks to a very dedicated and determined Properties Committee led by Monty Friebel.

What does not show up in any financial report is the value of a volunteer. Paul Malaska loved St. Peter's! For so many years he was such an important consultant and source of knowledge for our campus maintenance personnel and committee members. Even in his final days he was helping to ensure the safety of our parishioners and employees and the future of our campus and its buildings. He will be greatly missed!

We have budgeted and spent significantly more on safety and security, including new security camera systems, and perimeter fencing. We will continue to budget more and spend more for safety and security as we strive to make our campus as safe as possible.

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday, February 23** *Lenten Weekday, + Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr*

5:00 pm Stations Of The Cross  
5:30 pm Agnes Loeckel

**Tuesday, February 24** *Lenten Weekday*

6:30 am George Fosco  
8:15 am Parish  
4:00 pm Mass at Waterford

**Wednesday, February 25** *Lenten Weekday*

6:30 am Robert Hernandez

**Thursday, February 26** *Lenten Weekday*

6:30 am Doris Gesing  
9:20 am Ellen Dierkes

**Friday, February 27** *Lenten Weekday*

5:00 pm Stations of the Cross  
5:30 pm Deceased members of the Hornung & Szablewski Families

**Saturday, February 28** *Vigil of The Second Sunday Of Lent, Lenten Weekday*

5:00 pm David Oswalt

**Sunday, March 1** *Second Sunday Of Lent*

7:30 am Parish  
9:30 am Robert Fancher  
11:30 am Elvia Pfeifer

**LECTOR / COMMUNION MINISTER**

**Saturday, February 28**

Sorry, new schedule unavailable at this time.  
Please check in the sacristy before or after Mass.

**Sunday, March 1**

Sorry, new schedule unavailable at this time.  
Please check in the sacristy before or after Mass.

**MASS SERVERS**

**Saturday, February 28 & Sunday, March 1**

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Please check in the sacristy before or after Mass.

**Counters—March 1**

T & D Hipp, D & C Merle

**Children's Liturgy of the Word — Sunday, March 1**

9:30 am Anita  
11:30 am Kathy

**Catholic Charities** can offer assistance to any Richland County resident for medical bill assistance and prescription assistance. There are no income eligibility requirements. Please call Laurie Hamrick 419-524-0733; ext. 226 for additional information.

**Please Pray for the Sick of our Parish**



Krista Marshall, Waudell Hinton, James Gaton, Madeline Taddeo, Joan Fisher, Audrey Graf, Joyce Weidig, Janice Gratz, Makaya Butler, Don Blank, Mildred Corbin, Dina Riley, Kiptin Ball, Linda Snyder, Sharon Valdry, Lorraine Moore, Bernadine Kallerson, Brenda Davis, Jazmine Shaffer, Dinean Tacik, Michael Davis II, Dan Rhea, Tegan Ruiz, Madaline Barrett, Richard Finnerty, Mark Coleman, Beth Weiland, Jeanette Metcalf, Carol Luft, Elizabeth Schneider, Angie Dillon, Aaron Blank, Mary Rosati, Janet Jenkins, Rose Mary Lang-Martin, Colton Ziegler, Dylan Perry, Mary Ann Gibson, Greg Betscher, Chad Nusbaum, Bernadine Kallerson, Sharon Berger, Mary Ann Gibson Peg Nusbaum, Debra Cowell, Carol Hardin

**Names will only be listed for 4 weeks. If you wish to have your name appear an additional 4 week period, contact the Parish Center at 419-524-2572.**

***In God's Arms: Donald Chambers, Bob Kaufman, Paul Malaska***

**Q & A About Lenten Practices:**

*Question:* All Friday's of Lent are days of abstinence from meat, but what is classified as "meat?" Does meat include chicken and dairy products?

*Answer:* Abstinence laws consider that meat comes only from animals such as chickens, cows, sheep or pigs—all of which live on land. Birds are also considered meat. Abstinence does not include meat juices and liquid foods made from meat. Thus, such foods as chicken broth, consommé, soups cooked or flavored with meat, meat gravy or sauces as well as seasonings or condiments made from animal fat are technically not forbidden. However, moral theologians have traditionally taught that we should abstain from all animal-derived products (except foods such as gelatin, butter, cheese, and eggs, which do not have any meat taste.) Fish are a different category of animal. Salt and freshwater species of fish, amphibians, reptiles (cold-blooded animals) and shellfish are permitted.

Source: <http://www.usccb.org>



**Spartan Scramble Golf Outing**

**Saturday May 16, 2015**

**The Woods Golf Course & Swim Club**

\$75.00 per player or \$300.00 per team. Fee includes 18 holes of golf with cart, catered post-scrabble dinner on site and prize raffle tickets. Sign up individually or as a team! Limit of only 36 teams. Don't delay! For early registration forms please contact Carla Eighinger at 419-610-5232 or by emailing her at [Eighinger.carla@myspartans.org](mailto:Eighinger.carla@myspartans.org).

**Youth Activities**

**February 25th**—PSR from 6:15-7:30.

**The Senior Prom is taking place on March 22nd.** It is from 3- 5 p.m. at Shelby Saint Mary. If you are a high school student who is willing to share your time and talents at this event. If you are a senior citizen who would like to attend this event, please contact Elizabeth Wurm to sign up! We hope to see all of you there!

**High School Students: Please plan on spending June 26-28th in Willard for the YES or Youth Elect Service weekend.** This is an incredible weekend where the youth of our area go out and help others in the community with basic tasks around the house. If you know of someone who would need such a service, please contact Elizabeth Wurm. Registration forms for high school students are now available. Please plan on spending the weekend with us to help others!

High School Students: Saint Peter's is once again hosting a trip to the youth Steubenville Conference taking place June 12-14. This is an amazing opportunity for you to grow in your faith! For more information and to register, contact Elizabeth Wurm by February 20th. We hope you will consider joining us this year!

**Registrations are now being taken for the Back to Heartland Junior High event July 15th** at Willard, Saint Francis. 7th and 8th graders are encouraged to come and join in a day of faith, fellowship and fun! The cost is only \$10.00!

**Weekly Offering February 15, 2015**

|                         |              |
|-------------------------|--------------|
| <b>Regular Sunday</b>   | \$ 6,364.00  |
| <b>School</b>           | \$ 2,451.00  |
| <b>Children</b>         | \$ 12.25     |
| <b>Mailed In Sunday</b> | \$ 1,682.00  |
| <b>Mailed In School</b> | \$ 150.00    |
| <b>Direct Deposit</b>   | \$ 2,717.00  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>            | \$ 13,376.25 |

**Weekly Average Needed = \$ 25,000.00**  
**Building Improvement Fund = \$ 268.00**



**RECYCLING** ~ Our next Recycling date is:  
**March 13, 2015** in the Franciscan Activity  
 Center Parking lot.

**HOURS:** 10 to 11 am and 2 to 4 pm.

**IMPORTANT:** Please honor these drop off times; **Do not**  
 leave your recyclables on the sidewalks or curbs.

**BLUE BARRELS**

**Will be out March 14-15**

*Thank you for your support!*

**STATE OF OHIO  
 SCHOOL CHOICE SCHOLARSHIPS**



St. Peter's Catholic School participates in the State of Ohio School Choice Scholarship Program and accepts admission application and scholarship application for four of these scholarships. The application period begins February 1 for the Ed-Choice, Ed-Choice

Expansion, and the Jon Peterson Special Needs. There is no deadline for the Autism Scholarship, so families can apply at any point during the year.

**EdChoice Scholarship**, students NOW ATTENDING Mansfield Middle School (7th and 8th graders) or Hedges Alternative School AND students who WOULD BE ATTENDING Mansfield Middle School (current 6th graders) or Hedges Alternative School for 2015-2016 are eligible to apply.

**EdChoice Expansion Scholarship**, to assist families with qualified income whose child(ren) will be in kindergarten, first grade, or second grade for the 2015-2016 school year. For example, a family of 4 earning less than \$47,700 would qualify. *(Students currently enrolled at St. Peter's School are eligible to apply)*

**Autism Scholarship**, for students on the autism spectrum. The scholarships are worth up to \$20,000 annually.

**Jon Peterson Special Needs Scholarship**, for students in grades K-12 with an IEP. Scholarships are worth approximately \$7,000-\$20,000 depending on the student's disability.

If you have questions or would like more information, please contact St. Peter's Elementary School principal, Mrs. Madalyn Bauer, 419-524-3351, bauer.madalyn@myspartans.org; St. Peter's JrHi/HS principal, Mr. Mike Wasiniak, 419-524-0979, wasiniak.mike@myspartans.org, or Laura Gregory, State Services Office Manager, 419-524-2572, or her email at: gregory.laura@myspartans.org.

**ST. PETER'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

**"MONTESSORI KIDS AT WORK NIGHT"**

**St. Peter's Montessori Preschool/Kindergarten**  
**Thursday, February 26, 6:00-7:00 p.m.**

Parents who are looking for a unique and highly-respected program for their pre-school or kindergarten age child(ren) are invited to the Montessori House to learn about the Montessori Preschool/Kindergarten program. Children from 30 months through kindergarten age are accepted into the Montessori program.

The Montessori program includes language, reading, math, geography, and science. Students who participate in the program are exceptionally well prepared to begin first grade. The dedicated teachers at St. Peter's Montessori provide the environment for the surge of learning that, according to research, occurs in children age 2-6.

Montessori teachers will be there to answer questions about the program and its philosophy. Prospective parents will also be able to observe current students doing their "works". Please call the school office at [419-524-3351](tel:419-524-3351) if you plan to attend.

*"When we were visiting various preschools to decide where to send our daughter, we were amazed by the learning environment Montessori provided that was unlike any other. This environment has enabled her to flourish and grow beyond the average expectations of a preschooler." Courtney and Michael*

**OPEN HOUSE & REGISTRATION**

**St. Peter's Daycare and St. Peter's Catholic School, Pre-school through grade 12**  
**Sunday, March 8**

Building tours! Meet faculty and administrators! Meet athletic team coaches! Find out why most SPHS graduates attend college! We will also share information on the school mission, tuition assistance, School Choice scholarships, Christian service program, extracurricular programs, and academic programs that rank our students always among the highest OGT scores, prepare them for college studies at whatever level they perform academically, and have SPHS graduates earning an average of \$54,989 in scholarships over the last five years!

**1:00-3:00 p.m.**

Child Center Daycare, Montessori Preschool/Kindergarten, Kindergarten, Grades 1-6

**2:00-4:00 p.m.**

Junior High & High School  
 Important information meeting at 3:00 p.m.

**KINDERGARTNER FOR AN EVENING**

**Thursday, March 19**

**5:45-6:45 p.m.**

An evening of fun and information! Pizza dinner for the entire family! Information session for parents. Activities for your 2015-2016 school year Kindergarten-age child. Please call the school office at 419-524-3351 if you plan to attend.

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### Position Opening

#### Director of Development St. Peter's Parish and School

In addition to being Catholic, and preferably a graduate of Catholic elementary and/or high school, the candidate for the position should:

- Be highly interested in perpetuating the values of Catholic education.
- Hold a degree from an accredited college or university.
- Be a self-starter working independently as well as collaboratively.
- Have the ability to work well with a wide variety of people.
- Possess skill and proficiency in writing and social media.

If you are interested in applying for this full-time position, please respond with your resume to Cathy Stout, St. Peter's Development Office, 104 West First Street, Mansfield, Ohio 44902. You may also e-mail your resume to [humanresources@myspartans.org](mailto:humanresources@myspartans.org).

### Parish Pictorial Directory



We're getting closer! Photo shoots begin soon! (See schedule below.) Our goal is to get as many parishioners pictured as possible! Sign-up is available online; access the online Parish Directory Photographs link at our parish website [www.mansfieldstpeters.org](http://www.mansfieldstpeters.org). Questions about scheduling? Call Kristen at [419-631-9928](tel:419-631-9928).

Many, many parishioners will be needed to help with greeting and signing in on the picture-taking dates. This is a wonderful opportunity to spend an hour or two helping with this tremendous project as well as meeting new people. Interested? Please call Dave at [419-884-7127](tel:419-884-7127).

Pick a date, gather your family (and family pet!) and have a beautiful portrait taken. The location for picture-taking is the St. Clare Room in the lower level of the Franciscan Activity Center. Enter through the east doors at the rear of the Activity Center.

We will have a special page/section devoted to our active military family members. Also, arrangements are being made for the photographer to go to our parishioners who are homebound or in nursing homes. Calls will begin in early March to set those up. We want to make sure to include everyone in our parish family!

#### **Beginning dates for picture-taking:**

**March 3, 4, 5, 6 from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m.**

**March 7 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

**March 10, 11, 12, 13 from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m.**

**March 14 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

*Further dates for photo shoots will be available in April and May.*

**All who have a picture taken receive a free 8x10 portrait and a free directory.**



### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY DINNERS FOR LENT**

Fish Fry dinners for the season of Lent have begun and will last through March 27, 2015. Dinners typically include Alaskan Pollack, Tilapia, and vegetables. Every week we will have different side dishes that may include pasta and different vegetables.

**\$9.00 for adults / \$5.00 for kids 12 and under.**

*Please RSVP by the Wednesday before for any meals you plan to attend by calling 419-529-5532.*

*Leave your name, phone number and the number of people in your party on our answering machine.*

You do not need to be a member of the K of C to enjoy the meals and fellowship of the Knights of Columbus Council 687. The K of C is located off Park Avenue West next to Value City Furniture. Won't you consider joining us for at least one meal?



### **World Meeting Of Families 2015 Philadelphia**

Join Bishop Daniel E. Thomas as he leads the Diocese of Toledo on a Pilgrimage to the World Meeting of Families and Papal Visit to Philadelphia in September! The theme "Love is Our Mission: The Family Fully Alive," emphasizes the impact of the love and life of families on our society.

There is a five day trip and an eight day trip available. The eight day trip plan has a partial scholarship available. To learn more about this Pilgrimage, contact Monica Martinez at [mmartinez@toledodiocese.org](mailto:mmartinez@toledodiocese.org) or call 419-244-6711 ext.715 .



### **Miscellaneous Items Needed For The Daycare: Can You Help?**

There are still a couple needs for the Daycare... If anyone has puzzles for age group 3-5 and an old cash register to use in our simulated store, please contact the Daycare at 419-524-2572. Thank you!

### *BUDGET TIME ...Continued from page 2*

Our largest source of revenue, of course, is tuition. School enrollment is down 15% over the last three years. That reduction in tuition revenue always poses a significant challenge to the budgeting process but we still finished in the positive financially the last three consecutive years. Two of the last three years we even instituted an across the board salary and wage increase to all of our employees.

None of this would have been accomplished without a budget. A realistic and efficient budget should and does take a lot of time. That is the best way for all of us to remain good stewards of the gifts - financial and personal - that we all have been given.

Thank You!

Jerry Straub, Business Manager



Floral decorations and greenery in our Sanctuary have been underwritten in part by:

Joan C. Ashley - In Memory of Russ Ashley  
 Teresa Baker - In Memory of Vada Binion, Mother's Birthday January 11th.  
 Susan M. Brown - In Memory of Gerrie Meck  
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 Jaunita S. Hinton - In Memory of Robert Hernandez  
 William A. Majors - In Memory of Theresa M. & Anna I. Majors, In Honor of Caregivers & Family  
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 Richard L. Pfeifer  
 Mary Ann Pollock - In Memory of Jack Pollock  
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 Mary Ann Roberston - In Memory Of Dean Robertson  
 Miguela Till  
 Paul J. Weitzel - In Memory of Mary Weitzel, Kacey Weitzel & Joe Monia  
 Victoria A. Zack - In Memory of Richard S. Zack  
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 Susann M. McBride  
 Landree M. Rennpage  
 Bryan E. Taylor  
 Marianne F. Cappadonna - In Memory of Anthony Cappadonna  
 Richard L. Bell  
 Michael L. Kopina  
 Michael H. Krebs - In Memory of Deceased Family Members  
 Harold E. Masters - In Memory of Helen Masters  
 Clara M. Robison - In Memory of Frank & Gertrude Gremling  
 Pauline M. Sellars - In Memory of Dominic M. Sellars...My Dear Husband  
 Anonymous - In Memory of Richard S. Zack

**Flower Donation Envelopes** are available at the church entrances for those who do not receive envelopes but wish to donate to the Flower Fund. We thank those who contribute and enhance our beautiful church.



**THE MEANING OF OUR BAPTISM**

Lent is the time of year that we devote to scrutinizing our lives in the light of our baptism into the death and resurrection of Jesus. Today's readings are a nice shorthand catechism of what our baptized lives mean. As Noah passed through the waters of the flood to a covenant with God, so did we enter into a covenant, a promised relationship with God through our baptism. The psalm reminds us that if we truly keep the covenant, the way of life God expects us to follow will not be a burden, but a source of love and truth. Peter's letter gives one explanation of what our baptism means: it is an appeal that we make to God for a clear conscience. How do we obtain this clear conscience? The words that Jesus proclaims immediately following his temptation show us the way: "Repent and believe in the gospel." It might be a good spiritual exercise to keep these readings before us throughout the entire season of Lent, a means to help us return to a life lived in our baptismal promises.



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**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Fasting may be a priority in your Lenten spring-cleaning regimen. Almost every religious tradition recognizes that fasting is a key to heightened spiritual awareness. You know this from your own experience. When you are engaged in a hobby, painting a room, keeping vigil near a delivery room, or standing watch at a sickbed, you may simply forget to eat. What you are doing so fills you that the intensity of the action is itself nourishing. In fasting from food, or drink, or habitual behaviors, you make room for what is truly important.

Even though Lenten Sundays stand apart from the Lenten fast, you will notice traces of fasting in our liturgy. We fast from singing the Gloria and Alleluia, we fast from flowers bedecking the altar, and there may be a noticeable drop in the number of infant baptisms as parents elect to wait until Easter. This hints that fasting is a prelude to feasting, and the vigor of our Easter alleluias is rich fare after a long silence. In the same way, even a small fast—no cream in the coffee, no pepper in the soup, no radio in the car—can not only point to deeper hungers, but help us rejoice more fully in the feast when we break our fast together.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
- Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
- Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
- Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12
- Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
- Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
- Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10, 15-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

**TODAY'S READINGS**

- First Reading** — I will set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth (Genesis 9:8-15).
- Psalm** — Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant (Psalm 25).
- Second Reading** — The water of the flood prefigured baptism, which saves you now (1 Peter 3:18-22).
- Gospel** — Jesus was tempted by Satan, and the angels ministered to him (Mark 1:12-15)

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**RCIA** - Thank you to Anne Seiss for providing breakfast last week. Today in a special ceremony at Findlay St. Michael (with an identical service at Rosary Cathedral in Toledo at the same time) our catechumens and candidates will be among the hundreds of thousands celebrating the Rite of Election (for catechumens) and the Rite of Calling to Continuing Conversion (for candidates) throughout the United States!

**THE QUALITY OF CHANGE**

To change and to change for the better are two different things. —German proverb

**STARFISH LENTEN BOWLS** - Did you get your Starfish bowl after Mass today? More are available at the church entrances. As we do each year at St. Peter's, we ask each household to sacrifice something each day of Lent and place the sacrificial offering in the bowl. We suggest fifty cents each day, resulting in \$20 at the end of Lent, but ask each household to determine what is appropriate. After Easter we will give our donations to St. Augustine's Seminary in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe, where Fr. Tom McQuillen served for many years. Please watch for pictures of the Seminary in our vestibule and further details in the bulletin each week.



**A Family Perspective** Jesus went into the desert to put his life in perspective. This Lent, take a fresh look at a difficult relationship in your life. Concentrate on the positive things that person does, not just the negatives. Try to understand why their behaviors "bug" you. Can you honestly share your feelings with them without attacking them? Make Lent a time to MEND and FORGIVE! ~ by Bud Ozar



# 776400 **1200** bulletins

please

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