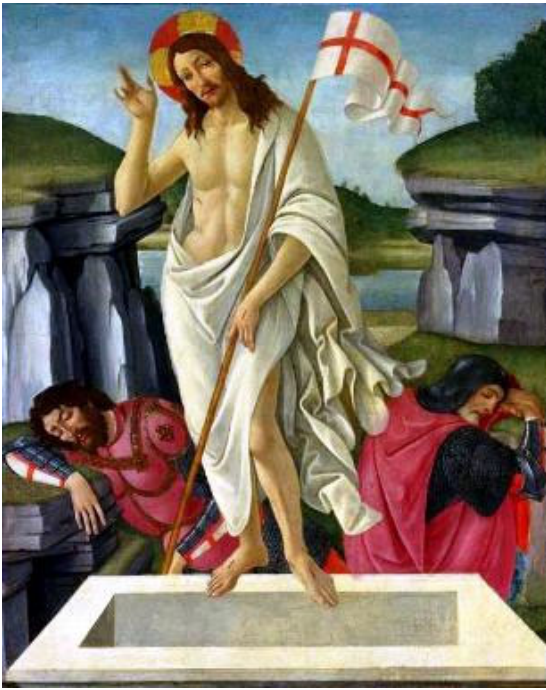


# SAINT PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

APRIL 5, 2015



Let Christians offer sacrificial praises to the Passover victim.  
The lamb has redeemed the sheep:  
The Innocent Christ has reconciled the sinners to the Father.  
Death and life contended in a spectacular battle:  
the Prince of life, who died, reigns alive.  
Tell us, Mary, what did you see on the road?  
"I saw the tomb of the living Christ and the glory of his rising,  
The angelic witnesses, the clothes and the shroud."  
"Christ my hope is arisen;  
into Galilee, he will go before his own."  
[Happy they who bear the witness Mary's word believing  
above the tales of Jewry deceiving.]  
We know Christ is truly risen from the dead!  
To us, victorious King, have mercy!  
Amen. [Alleluia.]

## The Resurrection,

by Sandro Botticelli: c. 1490, Beaverbrook Art Gallery

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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: 419-524-3351  
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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**MASS INTENTIONS****Monday, April 6** *Monday within the Octave of Easter*

5:00 pm Rosary

5:30 pm Orvy &amp; Betty Wilson

**Tuesday, April 7** *Tuesday within the Octave of Easter*

6:30 am Frank Russo

**Wednesday, April 8** *Wednesday within the Octave of Easter*

6:30 am James Marshall

**Thursday, April 9** *Thursday within the Octave of Easter*

6:30 am Agnes Contra Brucato

**Friday, April 10** *Friday within the Octave of Easter*

5:00 pm Rosary

5:30 pm Jim Mayer

**Saturday, April 11** *Vigil of Second Sunday of Easter*

5:00 pm Joan Knapp

**Sunday, April 12** *Second Sunday of Easter*

7:30 am Sammy Tridico

9:30 am Parish

11:30 am Sam Sr., Mary &amp; Sandy Guarino

**LECTOR / COMMUNION MINISTER****Saturday, April 11**5:00 pm L J Heringhaus, B Linkenbach D D Hipp,  
D & C Campbell, V Zack, M Monroe, B Schartl,  
T Hipp, C Sgambellone, need one**Sunday, April 12**7:30 am L T Mulherin, L Danuloff D B Marshall, K Randall,  
B Danuloff, L Lukach, K & K Reindl, Sr. P Bingert9:30 am L C Raff, S Vaccaro D T Baker, T Frasz, A Seiss,  
F Schuster, S Weber, R Renie, D Dreskler,  
I Cervinski, M Riggleman, T Etwiler, K Wehinger,  
J Kastelic, C & R Freeman, J Brennan11:30 am L M Jones, T Malec D F Leitenberger, J Laskey  
M Selby, J Liston, K Paugh, C Mears, K Speck  
B Riley, need three**MASS SERVERS****Saturday, April 11**

5:00 pm B &amp; S Miller, need one

**Sunday, April 12**

7:30 am J Ramey, J Randall, need one

9:30 am A Lorenz, M &amp; S Tridico

11:30 am W Laskey, E Holzmilller, M Maxwell

**Counters - April 12**

J Barlow, S Christian, L Steggall, R Brown

**Children's Liturgy of the Word - April 12**

9:30 am Anita 11:30 am Kathy

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***From the Desk of Mr. Wasiniak,  
Principal of grades 7 through 12:***

In the third week of March, St. Peter's High School and Junior High was paid a two day visit from four principals representing an EVT (External Validation Team) from the OCSAA (Ohio Catholic School Accrediting Association) which reports to the Columbus Office then sends its findings to ODE (Ohio Department of Education) for the purpose of renewing our State License.

Needless to say, having four principal-comrades walking through the building and looking for hints of "how we are striving" toward our goals (as stated on our Mission and Belief Statements) was somewhat nerve racking. Prior preparation was done by a wonderful Core Team here on campus made up of Steve Bernath, Jessica Roth, and Tammy Haus in the arranging of a "Box" of hundreds of specific items required in the process plus six Binders of specific summary items.

For the four of us on the Core Team, it was a most time consuming effort which started back in September with our first faculty meeting. We as a complete staff had to come together and decide where we are, how we got to this point and where we wanted to go. Joining the ideas of the San Damiano Hall staff (who focus primarily on the Scholarship students on third floor) with those of our teachers on all other floors was a challenge in that they were not only separated by the concrete floors, but also that they were focused on different types of teaching experiences.

Staff members were randomly selected to speak with the EVT team and were asked many questions about the goals, the Mission Statement, Beliefs and the general level of staff involvement in the process. At least ten of our teachers and staff members were selected for this. Next came an interview with ten students, members of Mr. Strang's mentor group who are in the St. Matthias House. The EVT team later remarked how gracious they were in expressing many strengths of St. Peter's. Being able to converse with faculty members was repeated often as well as the strong statements of our school being a large family where all are concerned about each other.

The goal setting process of October, November and December became a great foundation for our staffs to solidify some key points of emphasis to our Core Team, which then developed the major Catholic Identity Goal and the Student Performance Goal which are mandated by the state to have in place by this year's end. The Core Team met at least ten times in January, February and March in developing the assessments and strategies necessary for completion of our Total School Plan. This had to be summarized and placed into Binders which had to be sent to Toledo for Internal Validation and then to be sent to the EVT.

This experience has been one of unification of our staffs and a huge learning experience for all the "newbies" in the office. Had not Mrs. Audrey Ralph kept the information flowing into my office, and had not Mrs. Tammy Haus spent hours on weekends assigning those artifacts specific places in the Box and Binders, and had not Mr. Steve Bernath and Ms. Jessica Roth kept the statistics and graphs growing in number and specificity, we would certainly not have shined like I know we did. I would like to thank all those in the paragraphs above for representing what St. Peter's School is all about... strong work ethic and the tops in team-building.

No, I would not relish doing this project again, but... it is actually all in place for the next review in six years. It just needs to be kept "up to date." We, as a more unified school, will need now to carry out the School Improvement Plan with the same kind of effort we put into its' development.

With all this ground work being done to unify the school programs... as Mrs. Bauer also had a great EVT Accreditation last month...it makes me ponder how during this Easter Season, St. Peter must have felt in bringing all the Apostles and disciples together to make the really important decisions as to how to create goals for the early Church. Those early decisions (with great prayer and Blessings from God above) have allowed this Church to exceed 2000+ years of stunning continuity like no other. May our efforts (and prayers and Blessings from Him above) at St. Peter School help us move our school into the "distant" future as well.

God Bless St. Peter's School!

Mr. Wasiniak, Principal

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



Krista Marshall, Michael Davis II, Madeline Taddeo, Mary Ann Gibson, Greg Betscher, Peg Nusbaum, Grayson Zrelak, Patricia Gavin, Jon Rohal, Theresa Williams, Nick & Hilda Schemine, Don Blank, Aaron Blank, Brenna & Elianna Nelson, Richard Rots, John Johnson, Will Kennedy, Christy Selby, Mark Coleman, Rose Mary Lang-Martin, Helen Green, Beth Weiland, Bernadine Kallerson, Dan Rhea, Sharon Berger, Ruth Woodrow, Isaac Neumann, Elizabeth Schneider, Pat Wright

**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:** Mary Kay Glaze

**Youth Activities**

**Ninth and Tenth Graders!** Consider attending the Discovery Retreat scheduled for April 24th- 26th at our Lady of Consolation Retreat House. The weekend will include some peer and adult led presentations, activities, small group discussions and prayer services that will help the youth have a better understanding of themselves, others, their faith and most importantly, their relationship with God! The cost is just \$120. For more information or to get a registration form, please contact Elizabeth Wurm, Youth Minister at [wurm.elizabeth@myspartans.org](mailto:wurm.elizabeth@myspartans.org) or for more information contact the Office of Youth, Young Adult and Campus Ministry at 419-224-6711 x352 or e-mail at [rmaume@toledodiocese.org](mailto:rmaume@toledodiocese.org). We hope you will attend!

- April 8th - Confirmation class 6-7:45 pm in the FAC
- April 15th - Last PSR class.
- April 22nd - IGNITE at St. Peter's starting at 6 pm.
- April 25th - First Communion Retreat 9am-1pm.



**We want to recognize and say a special prayer for the 334 parishioners celebrating birthdays in the month of April** especially the nineteen people who are 85 and above: Teresa Gallizzi, Katharina Engel, Florence Collins, Richard Pfeifer, Theresia Merkli, Mary Gassaway, Eleanor Rohrer,

L. Jean Baughman, Sophie Crittenden Polhemus, Elizabeth Laser, Ralph Dillon, Anton Freiheit, Mario Valente, Rose Mary Dawson, Patsy Saul, Wilhelm Marx, Richard Steele, Catherine Fritz, and Joanne Stover. May God continue to shower his blessings upon you. If you are above 85 and we missed your birthday, please let us know.

**ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL REPORT** – It is not too late to make a gift in doing our part for the greater diocesan church and the programs served by the Annual Catholic Appeal. As of **3/24/2015** we have **257 donors** who pledged **\$32,634.00** towards our goal of **\$54,300.00**. Please prayerfully consider a gift in accordance with your financial blessings. Every gift, no matter how big or how small, will make a difference. Pray also for the success of this appeal. You may use the pledge envelopes that are found at the church doors, if you do not have one. The theme this year is **“Our Family of Faith.”** Thank you for your support.

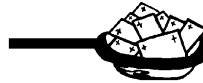
**FEED THE NEEDY LUNCH MINISTRY:**

Feed the Needy is *still* searching for a captain to assist with the first Thursday of every month luncheon. Please call Dick Renie for more information. 419-756-4483. Thank you!

March 29, 2015 collection totals unavailable due to early bulletin deadline.

**SUNDAY OFFERING**

**March 22, 2015**



<b>Regular Sunday</b>	\$	9,264.00
<b>School</b>	\$	5,191.00
<b>Easter Envelopes</b>	\$	680.00
<b>Children</b>	\$	18.00
<b>Mailed In Sunday</b>	\$	1,282.00
<b>Mailed In School</b>	\$	200.00
<b>Direct Deposit</b>	\$	2,460.88
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$	19,095.88

**Weekly Average Needed = \$ 25,000.00**  
**Building Improvement Fund = \$ 326.00**



**RECYCLING** ~ Our next Recycling date is:  
**April 10, 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 - April 11-12**  
*Thank you for your support!*

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul**

Today is Palm Sunday and the beginning of the holiest of Christian weeks. Let us pray for the grace to take up our own cross and follow Jesus through death to new life.

During this past fiscal year, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, through your generous donations, was able to bring the mercy of Jesus into the hearts of the poor by assisting 1,289 individuals both financially and through in-kind donations. Because of your supportive contributions, our St. Vincent de Paul ministry was able to assist financially in a variety of ways.

Transportation assistance, through bus passes and gas cards, was given to families to assist with obtaining and securing employment and get to medical appointments. Car repair expenses were given to both a single mother at risk of losing employment and a disabled father raising his teenage son with a limited income. We were able to obtain birth certificates/state I.D's for both children and adults and assisted families in traditional ways such as preventing homelessness by helping with rent, keeping individuals warm during the extreme cold with utility assistance and avoiding water shutoff for families with a newborn child in the home.

Additionally, through our Parishioners' love and generosity, the Blue Barrel program supporting Catholic Charities food pantry has helped an estimated 525 people with food and personal care products this year. Our parish *Giving Tree* has provided thousands of families and children with Christmas joy over the years.

Thank you for your support! Would you consider a Lenten offering through our Parish monthly green envelopes to continue supporting our efforts? How about volunteering? If interested, please call 419-524-2572 and leave a voicemail message for SVDP expressing your interest.



*St. Peter's Department of Theater & Performing Arts presents "ANNIE"*

*April 17, 18, 24 & 25 at 7:00 p.m.*  
*April 19 & 26 at 3:00 p.m.*

ROBERT FRYE AUDITORIUM—in the High School

Tickets cost \$8.00, \$10.00 & \$12.00.  
Pre-sale available now in parish office.  
You can also purchase at the door.

A scrumptious "Annie Dinner on the Set" will be served Tuesday, April 21st. Time TBA. Actors will sing and perform vignettes from Annie. Guided tours of the set and fun questions & answers with the cast and crew!



DIFFERENT BY DESIGN.

**DIOCESE OF TOLEDO, CATHOLIC SCHOOLS LOGO**

Welcome to St. Peter's Parish and School! You might recognize this logo for Catholic schools in the Diocese of Toledo. The third apple of the logo represents what makes us different as Catholic schools and is symbolic of who we are. When cut horizontally, the apple has five core seeds.

**First Core Seed: Formators**

Parents are primary religious educators with pastors/pastoral leaders, principals, catechetical leaders, teachers, parish staff and the entire community also as formators.

**Second Core Seed: The Religion Curriculum**

Taught from K-12 in a consistent, age-appropriate way in each of the diocesan schools, the religion curriculum consists of 8 strands: Church, Doctrine, Lifestyles, Old Testament, Morality, New Testament, Sacraments & Prayers, and Social Teachings/Justice.

**Third Core Seed: Community**

Our schools are communities where students are loved and respected and where Christian behavior is expected, differences are celebrated, and families are welcomed.

**Fourth Core Seed: Worship**

Students attend Mass regularly and begin each day with prayer. We celebrate together our common faith; we welcome other faiths.

**Fifth Core Seed: Service**

Students are challenged to reach beyond themselves in service and works of justice to the poor, the sick, and the underprivileged.

The U.S. Catholic Bishops expressed in their joint Statement issued in July, 2005 titled **Renewing Our Commitment to Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools in the Third Millennium**: "We are convinced that Catholic schools continue to be the most effective means available to the Church for the education of children and young people who are the future of the Church."

Are you interested in **St. Peter's Catholic School** for your child (ren)? We invite you to schedule a visitation day for you and/or your child(ren). Please contact the school principals at the phone numbers located on the front of the bulletin or the marketing director at 419-524-2572 x2110. Visit our website at [www.mansfieldstpeters.org](http://www.mansfieldstpeters.org).



**National Electric Supply Company**  
**419-524-1042**

**Weekly Total: Current Fiscal YTD**  
(July 2014 – March 2015) = \$ 821,534.35  
Average = \$ 21,064.98

**Weekly Total: Last Year Fiscal YTD**  
(July 2013 – March 2014) = \$ 818,596.56  
Average = \$ 20,989.66

**.36% Increase from Last Year**

Weekly Average Needed = \$ 25,000.00

**Budget Deficit: Current Fiscal YTD = \$ 153,465.65**  
( \$ 3,935.02 / week)  
15.74% Below Budget

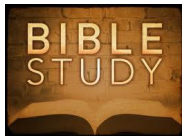
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**Christmas 2014 = \$ 60,997.43**  
(Previous Year) Christmas 2013 = \$ 55,015.54

**10.87% Increase from Previous Year**

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**Building Improvement Fund**  
(Fiscal YTD - Jul 2014-Mar 2015) = \$43,156.54

#### **DONATE BLOOD IN MEMORY OF SAM TRIDICO**

Wednesday, April 15th, 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. in the F.A.C.  
To schedule an appointment call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org), sponsor code: SPHS. Win a Hocking Hills getaway to the Inn & Spa at Cedar Falls & a zip line tour!



#### ***Come join us in a new Bible Study on the Book of Acts of the Apostles.***

The first session will begin April 16th for nine weeks. There will be a summer break after nine weeks, picking back up at the beginning of September. This study will begin as the Church is listening to readings from Acts at Mass after Easter Sunday. Come join us for a deeper look at the early Church. For information, please call Vickie Palmer at 419-524-2572.



#### **School Nurse Position Open**

Part-time position open for a school nurse at St. Peter's School. Hours are from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. School nurse experience preferred. Duties include hearing/vision screening, health care plans, administration of medication, state reporting, etc. Please call Mrs. Madalyn Bauer at 419-524-3351.

**LENTEN STARFISH COLLECTION:** We will return the sacrificial savings in our Starfish bowls the **two weekends following Easter**. Our contributions will go to St. Augustine's Seminary in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe, to be used toward their desperate need for compressor, pump, and water tank equipment to help the seminarians help themselves grow food and small livestock for their survival.



#### **Parish Pictorial Directory**

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Reminder of upcoming picture-taking dates:  
April 28, 29, 30, May 1 from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m.  
May 2 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

May 19, 20, 21, 22 from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m.

May 23 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

June 2 from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Schedule your photo shoot by going to

[www.mansfieldstpeters.org](http://www.mansfieldstpeters.org) and following link to Parish Directory Photographs



#### **SPRING GARAGE SALE IN LIMBO**

*A new location is needed for St. Peter's annual Garage Sale.* Can you help us find a new, one-level location with electric hook-up and plenty of parking in Mansfield for approximately 30 days? The spring garage sale is a yearly event that generates over \$10,000 for our parish's general fund. It is typically held during the month of May.

Needing to change location was an unexpected twist to the already challenging logistics of putting on such a large event. If you or anyone you know can offer assistance in any way, please contact Sue Konz (419-756-5123) or Carol Sgambellone (419-529-2758) as soon as possible. Thank you!



#### **Mark Your Calendars** **April 22nd**

When was the last time you walked away from a faith event saying, "That was really amazing"? When you felt something really move you? **IGNITE** is an unforgettable evening of inspiring worship, word and witness in the presence of Jesus Christ that has been drawing thousands of people, young and old, throughout Northwest Ohio.

Come experience the power of God truly alive and with us. We are hosting an Ignite at St. Peter's parish on Wednesday night, April 22nd. The evening begins with the **Spark**, which includes heavy appetizers and a speaker at 6pm in the church basement. The **Ignite** worship experience begins at 7pm and lasts until about 8:30pm in the church. The **Afterglow** follows back in the church basement with fellowship and dessert. Child care will be provided for the entire evening in the Day Care Center of the school building.

If you would like to volunteer for this event, please contact the team leader below in the area of your interest:

Hospitality Team – Kim Randall at [frodo821@gmail.com](mailto:frodo821@gmail.com)

Set up/Take Down Team – Mike Roth at [mglthroth@aol.com](mailto:mglthroth@aol.com)

Prayer Team – Amy Secrist at [amysecrist6@gmail.com](mailto:amysecrist6@gmail.com)

Candle Lighting Team – Sheryl Weber at [sweber7@neo.rr.com](mailto:sweber7@neo.rr.com)

Food and Fellowship—Missy Saprano @ [msaprano@aol.com](mailto:msaprano@aol.com)

Let us grow together in Christ,

Fr. Jeremy Miller



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



Crystal M. Rhodes - In Honor Of the Dix family  
David C. Falquette - In Memory Of Fr. Mueller  
Carol A. Pollman - In Memory Of Joe Pollman  
Robert H. Sliney - In Memory Of Peggy Sliney  
Dianne M. Creamer - In Memory Of Sam & Genny Wehinger  
William A. Majors - In Memory Of Theresa & Anna Majors  
William A. Majors - In Honor Of Caregivers & our Military  
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John R. Collins  
Bryan E. Taylor  
Michael H. Krebs - In Honor Of Poor Souls  
Dolores E. Fancher - In Honor Of Pope Francis  
Mary K. Castor - In Memory Of Frank & Katie Fowler  
Harold E. Masters - In Memory Of Helen Masters  
Jean M. Smith - In Memory Of James P. Smith, husband  
Jean M. Smith - In Memory Of Megan Smith, granddaughter  
Stella M. Weaver - In Memory Of Martin L. Weaver  
Anonymous - In Memory Of Richard S. Zack  
Juanita S. Hinton - In Memory Of Robert Hernandez  
Harold N. Phalor - In Memory Of  
Norman, Matthew & Stephan Phalor  
Rex W. Linkenbach  
Marianne F. Cappadonna - In Memory Of  
Anthony Cappadonna

Ralph E. Wilson - In Memory Of Rosie  
Elizabeth K. Krebs - In Memory Of Joseph S. Krebs  
Elizabeth K. Krebs - In Honor Of Elizabeth K. Krebs  
Emma R. Chronister  
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Miguela Till  
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H. Elmer Berger - In Memory Of Jane I. Berger  
William P. Jilek  
John J. Kastelic - In Memory Of Frances R. Alfieri  
Glenny Haynes  
Richard L. Pfeifer -- In Memory Of Elvia Pfeifer  
Landree M. Rennpage - In Memory Of Marilyn Landoll  
Janice Y. Smith - In Memory Of Raymond Smith  
Victoria A. Zack - In Memory Of Richard S. Zack  
Heather Deel

*Thanks to all who help make our Church look beautiful, whether it be through flower donations, cleaning, sewing or repairing pews and so on.*

*For those who donated for our Easter Flower Fund, those names will be listed in the bulletin in the weeks to come.*

**SEEKING**

Easter Sunday is a day all about seeking. The early Christian communities gathered around the Apostles, seeking more about the life and ministry of the Lord Jesus. Saint Paul told the baptized Colossians to “seek what is above.” Mary of Magdala went to the tomb, seeking to find the Lord’s body so that she could anoint it. We come to church on Easter Sunday seeking many things. For some of us, this is a once a year journey, when we seek connection with the foundations of the Christian faith. For others, this day is the culmination of a long journey of Lenten repentance. For the newly baptized, this is the first day of a new life filled with promise and expectation. Whatever it is that we seek, let us be inspired by the disciple whom Jesus loved who, when he saw the wrappings of cloth inside the empty tomb, “saw and believed.”

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Our tradition has a way of honoring age-old customs, and is patient with how practices unfold in different places. The name of today’s feast illustrates this well. English is a Germanic language, and our word “Easter,” or German “Oester,” points back to the pagan goddess Eoestre, the star of the vernal equinox feast. The Greek title “Pasch” reaches back in a more helpful manner to the Hebrew “Pesach,” or “Passover.” “Paschal Triduum” may be slow to replace “Easter” in our vocabulary, but it is clearer about the mystery we celebrate today, the culmination of three days laden with mystery and meaning.

You can hear the older term, and the resistance to English influence, in the Irish “Casca” and Scottish “Pask.” Romance languages stay close to the deep paschal tradition, with the French “Pâques,” Spanish “Pascua” and Italian “Pasqua.” Memories of our pagan past with “Oester” will not soon fade away: even Japanese Christians are under her spell, for today’s feast is called “I-suta.” Swahili, a young language, takes the more traditional route with “Pasaka.” Each language yields a rich insight into the feast. Spanish includes a sense that today is a “big Sunday” by adding the designation “Pascua” to the greatest feasts, such as “Pascua de la Natividad” (Christmas). Once Christ is risen, every step of life’s journey is illuminated by the light of the Pasch!

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**TODAY’S READINGS**

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

**Psalm** — 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*

Mark 16:1-7 (*or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Luke 24:13-35*).

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a; Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-15ab, 16-21; Mk 16:9-15

Sunday: Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

**FRANCISCAN SISTERS 150TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION:**

In 2015, the Joliet Franciscans are celebrating their 150th anniversary of ministry in the United States. Here in Mansfield, we will be celebrating with our dear Franciscan Sisters, Sister Bernard Marie Campbell and Sister Paula Bingert along with Sister Irene Yosick from Shelby. On **Sunday, April 19, 2015**, we will share in their celebration at the 11:30 a.m. Mass here at St. Peter’s Church and a reception will follow in the Franciscan Activity Center. All are invited to attend.

For many Franciscan Sisters, a good number of those 150 years were spent here at St. Peter’s with you—in fact, 144 years to be exact. From these 144 years, would you share your memories? Perhaps your parents or grandparents told you stories. Please share them for the celebration. Mail your memories to Kathy Morris at St. Peter’s Parish Center, 104 W. First Street, Mansfield, OH 44902 or email Kathy at [morris.kathy@myspartans.org](mailto:morris.kathy@myspartans.org). All memories shared will be displayed at the reception.

Instead of the annual Spring Fling this year, please come to the April 19th celebration remembering the 150th Anniversary of the Founding of the Sisters of St. Francis in Joliet!