

SAINT PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

DECEMBER 2, 2018



The days are coming, says the LORD,
when I will fulfill the promise
I made to the house of Israel and Judah.

In those days, in that time,
I will raise up for David a just shoot ;
he shall do what is right and just in the
land.

In those days Judah shall be safe
and Jerusalem shall dwell secure;
this is what they shall call her:
"The LORD our justice."

Jeremiah 33:14-16

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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 7:00 am

Spanish Mass:

Resurrection Parish, Lexington

Sunday: 6:00 pm

Parish Office Hours:

Monday - Friday: 7:30 am - 7:30 pm
Saturday: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Sunday 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

Pastoral Care Contacts:

Ms. Kristi Reindl 419.524.2572
*Hospital & Follow-up
Nursing Homes/Assisted Living &
Prayer Pipeline*

Deacon John Reef 419.529.3694
Shut-ins/Homebound

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 eight months in advance of the ceremony. A wedding date is confirmed after the initial meeting with a priest.

Sunday Nursery:

Sunday Nursery is temporarily unavailable until further notice.

Bulletin Deadline:

Friday, 12:00 noon. All requests must be submitted in writing or email and must receive prior approval.

Parish Administrative Assistant:

Ms. Kristi Reindl 419.524.2572 ext.2122

Pastoral Staff:

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

Deacon:

Mr. John Reef

St. Peter's School:

Ms. Tammy Haus
High School, Jr. High School
Mrs. Madalyn Bauer
Elementary School
Mrs. Ashley Rastorfer
Montessori

Parish Business Manager:

Mr. Evan Mumea

Director of Development:

Mr. Jason Crundwell

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MASS INTENTIONS**Monday, December 3, St. Francis Xavier, Priest**

5:00 pm Rosary

5:30 pm NO MASS, Day of Sanctification for Priests

Tuesday, December 4, Advent Weekday

7:00 am Parish

Wednesday, December 5, Advent Weekday

7:00 am Class of 1967

Thursday, December 6, Advent Weekday

7:00 am Gerald and Margaret Karl

**Friday, December 7, Vigil of the Solemnity of the Immaculate
Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

5:00 pm Rosary

5:30 pm Parish

**Saturday, December 8, Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of
the Blessed Virgin Mary**

9:00 am Sr. Anton Marie Tesch, OSF, Anniversary

Saturday, December 8, Vigil of the Second Sunday of Advent.

5:00 pm John Pifher

Sunday, December 9, Second Sunday of Advent

7:30 am Eva Nail

9:30 am Parish

11:30 am James Barrett

LECTOR/COMMUNION MINISTER**Friday, December 7**5:30 pm **L** K Cannon, D Creamer**D** D Falquette, D Forster, J Kastelic,
F Leitenberger, R Sliney, Deacon John Reef**Saturday, December 8**9:00 am **L****D** K Reindl, K Reindl, C Sgambellone, Deacon John
Reef5:00 pm **L** D Creamer, J Riedl**D** D Falquette, C Sgambellone, B Linkenbach,
V Zack, Deacon John Reef**Sunday, December 9**7:30 am **L** H Eighinger, B Schartl**D** M Collet, B Danuloff, L Danuloff, K Randall,
K Reindl, K Reindl9:30 am **L** C Henrich, S Vaccaro**D** T Baker, S Weber, R Sliney, T Frasz, M Meinzer,
K Wehinger, D Dreskler, Deacon John Reef11:30 am **L** C Scodova, S Rizzo**D** F Leitenberger, S Elliott, T Fesler, K Yockey,
K Bird, S Rizzo**MASS SERVERS****Friday, December 7**

5:30 pm

Saturday, December 8

9:00 am B Gabor

5:00 pm B Gabor, K DeLano, D DeLano

Sunday, December 9

7:30 am A Saltzgeber, S Tridico, A Gasper

9:30 am M Osborne, S Henrich

11:30 am D McGinty, J McGinty, D Stanford

THE CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

9:30 am

11:30 am

Hello Everyone!

A happy liturgical new year to all as we enter the Advent season this weekend!

The first Sunday of Advent can sometimes feel disconnected from what we have been hearing during the last few weeks of Ordinary Time. After all, throughout the last few Sundays, the Church has been reminding us that everyone will encounter Christ as the just judge after this life and, as such, we need to stay vigilant and repent of our sins in this life because we do not know the day nor the hour in which Christ will come again. This weekend, we once again jump into the beautiful season in which the Church takes about four weeks to remind us of the importance of Christ's first coming. Last week, we celebrated Christ as King of the universe; through Advent, we celebrate Christ, the Creator of the universe, coming to save us from sin and death.

In the Church's rich artistic and liturgical tradition, even from the early centuries of her existence, much artwork and liturgical music has been created to help us enter into this short-lived but wonderful season. That is part of the reason why Advent truly is my favorite liturgical season of the year.

One such piece of music is the traditional Advent hymn, "Creator of the Stars of Night," which I am certain we will be hearing over the next few weekends. Originally composed in Latin, this hymn comes to us from the seventh century. The lyrics beautifully summarize what I tried to express above and easily help us to enter into this season:

Creator of the stars of night,
Thy people's everlasting light,
Jesus, Redeemer, save us all,
and hear Thy servants when they call.

Thou, grieving that the ancient curse
should doom to death a universe,
hast found the medicine, full of grace,
to save and heal a ruined race.

Thou camest, the Bridegroom of the Bride,
as drew the world to evening tide,
proceeding from a virgin shrine,
the spotless Victim all divine.

At whose dread Name, majestic now,
all knees must bend, all hearts must bow;
and things celestial Thee shall own,
and things terrestrial Lord alone.

O Thou whose coming is with dread,
to judge and doom the quick and dead,
preserve us, while we dwell below,
from every insult of the foe.

To God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Spirit, Three in One,
laud, honor, might, and glory be
from age to age eternally.
Amen.

As we can see, what we celebrated last Sunday on Christ the King and what we will be celebrating these next few weeks are actually a lot more connected than it may have seemed at first sight.

A blessed Advent season to you all!***Fr. Austin***

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH



Prayer Requests

Rose Mary Lang-Martin, Debbie Ashley, Mike Payton, Bill Ruhl, Jeannie Burkhalter, Krista Marshall, Aaron Blank, Don Blank, Theresa Prendergast, Cindy Lassen, Dina Riley, Eliana Nelson, MaKaya Butler, Mildred Corbin, Julie Krouse, Ken Kayden, John Henney, Theresa Schmidt, Paige Divelbiss, Maria Loschinkohl, Sharon Valdry, Carol Pittenger, Sherry Studer, John Ziegler, Marlene Ziegler, Kim Rucker, Jess Allred, Dorothy Trinter, Ted Selby, Marti Selby, JoAnn Marbaugh, Baby Greyden Jack, Gwen Yockey, Mary Ann Switzer, Louise Stegall, Tammy Dudley, Sydney Foltz, Keith Combs, Mady Ziegler, Sharon Valdry, Elaine Johnson, Maggie Varga, Brenda Davis, Barb Riley, Dorothy Jean Caldwell, Cindy Jasnek Cartier.

Names will only be listed for 4 weeks. If you wish to have additional time, contact the Parish Center at 419.524.2572.

IN GOD'S ARMS...

Florence Reinhard
Robert Saltzgaber



Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord.

PARISH AND SCHOOL MINISTRIES

Did you know that there are many ways in which you can become more involved at St. Peter's? We are always looking for volunteers for the various ministries provided by both the parish and school. The complete list can be found on our website at mansfieldstpeters.org or by contacting the Parish Center office at 419.524.2572. Each month we will be featuring a different ministry to become involved in. **This month's ministry is Music.** There are many opportunities to be involved in our parish music ministries; Traditional Choir, Bell Choir, Contemporary Ensemble, Children's Choir, etc. Please contact Bill Johnson at the Parish Office or johnson.bill@myspartans.org.

PRISON MINISTRY CORNER



Our RiCI brothers have the opportunity to gather seven evenings a week for prayer and faith enrichment. One activity this fall that has been a primary focus is practice and preparation for our annual Catholic Choir Christmas Concert. Twenty-six dedicated brothers and seven team members have been working hard and look forward to sharing the fruits of our labor in concerts for administration, staff, and general population in a few weeks.

THE ADVENT TRI-PARISH PENANCE SERVICE

This year's Advent Tri-Parish Penance Service for St. Peter's, St. Mary of The Snows, and Resurrection, **will be held here at St. Peter's today, Sunday December 2, 2018. Priests will be available from 3:00 pm—5:00 pm for confessions.**

NO ROOM AT THE INN



Mary and Joseph brought their child into the world in a stable because there was no one to show them hospitality. We are going to have a great many visitors for our Christmas Masses. Let us be sure to show them warm and welcoming hospitality by making room for all who come to worship with us. On a related note, as in past years, there is no reserved seating and seats may only be held for late-arriving members until the ushers begin seating people. Thank you

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR PARISH ...

... in your **estate planning or will.** It is easy to do. Either contact your financial planner or attorney – OR – contact our parish Development Office. We are happy to assist you! Your gift can be either "restricted," meaning to be used for a particular purpose and that purpose only, OR "unrestricted," which means it can be invested and used to support our day to day expenses in the parish. Thank you for your prayerful consideration!

SUNDAY OFFERING

*Year to date through
11/16/2018*



Sunday Collection

Total Sunday Collection To Date:	\$311,612
Total Budgeted Sunday Collection To Date:	\$325,00
Sunday Collection Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$13,388)

School Collection

Total School Collection To Date:	\$55,786
Total Budgeted School Collection To Date:	\$64,400
School Collection Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$8,614)

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FINANCIAL UPDATE



Total Pledged:	\$2,713,894
Amount needed to reach challenge goal:	\$286,105
Payments to Date:	\$2,161,833

As of November 1, 2018



ST. PETER'S SCHOOL



VISIT OUR SCHOOL ANY DAY WITH APPOINTMENT

Parents, if you are considering St. Peter's School for your child's education, you are invited to spend part of a school day here at St. Peter's with your child to experience all the activities and classroom instruction that take place.

Please call the school administrators to arrange a visit that is convenient for you and your child.

- Mrs. Ashley Rastorfer – Montessori Director
419.524.2572 ext. 4113
- Mrs. Madalyn Bauer – Elementary Principal
419.524.2572 ext. 4101
- Ms. Tammy Haus – High School & Junior High Principal
419.524.2572 ext. 3100

St. Peter's School admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs and athletic and other school-administered programs.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



We want to recognize and say a special prayer for the parishioners celebrating birthdays in November, especially those who are 85 years of age and above:

Richard Studer, William Majors, Jacquelyn Reindl, Margaret Fallerius, Mary Bartley, Margaret Ferguson, Richard Cummins, Bertha Lambert, Anton Kleinguetl, Thomas Castrataro, Barbara Studer, Raymond Jasinski, Marilyn Williamson, Marian Eilenfeld, Michael Krebs, Carol Dalenberg, Harvey Mace, Beverly Tridico, and Eileen Nelson.

CARDS AND NOTES

Christmas cards and notes may be sent to Sr. Angeline Hoffman at:

Sisters of the Precious Blood, Central House
Sr. Angeline Hoffman
4960 Salem Avenue
Dayton, OH 45416



Besta Fasta Pizza
289 Marion Ave.—Drive Thru
419.526.3373

175TH ANNIVERSARY NOTES

With this column, we begin our look at the pastorate of our seventh and longest serving Pastor, Father (later Monsignor) Rupert Charles Goebel. Many among us will doubtless remember Monsignor Goebel well. There are countless tales and anecdotes told of the serious, stern and devoted priest who was the first to serve here after this Parish and surrounding parishes were transferred from the governance of the Diocese of Cleveland to the control of the Diocese of Toledo in 1923.

Rupert C. Goebel was born August 28, 1883, in Blakeslee, Ohio, the first-born child of parents Peter and Caroline (née Dietrich) Goebel. At age 16, young Rupert enrolled at St. Joseph's College, the college seminary of the Precious Blood Fathers, in Collegeville, near Rensselaer in Indiana. He graduated from there in 1902 and began studies first at St. John's College in Toledo, where he graduated in 1905, and then at St. Bernard's Seminary in Rochester, New York.

Upon completion of his studies, Rupert Goebel was ordained a priest of the Cleveland Diocese by Bishop John Farrelly on June 10, 1911, less than a month after Bishop Farrelly laid the cornerstone for the present St. Peter's Church here in Mansfield. Father Goebel's first priestly assignment was as parochial vicar at Good Shepherd Church in Toledo. In August 1912 he was transferred to St. Ann's Church in Toledo and in November 1913 he was assigned to St. Joseph's Church in Tiffin, Ohio.

Father Goebel was sent to the Catholic University of America in 1914 for two years of additional studies. Upon his return to Tiffin he was appointed to the Apostolic Mission Board of the Diocese of Toledo, and 1917 he was appointed Pastor of St. Aloysius Church, in Bowling Green, Ohio.

In 1923 the transfer of Erie, Huron, and Richland counties from the Diocese of Cleveland to the Diocese of Toledo became effective. Our shortest serving pastor, Father Nicholas Hassel, elected to remain in the Cleveland Diocese. Father Goebel was appointed his successor on March 15, 1923, beginning service as the Pastor who served here the longest (1923 to 1955 – 32 years).

Father Goebel's tenure at St. Peter's coincided with many of the most significant and momentous events in the history of our Parish. We will continue our examination of his pastorate in the next column in this series.

GIVING TREE

Gifts this year benefit families from St. Peter's Church and School, Catholic Charities, and Salvation Army programs, Angel Tree (prison families) and St. Vincent de Paul. Our Parish's support and generosity have continued to bless many needy individuals and families with Christmas joy.



Please remember to fasten ornament tags to your gift securely, and return to the gifts to the church during weekend Masses **NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 9TH AT THE 11:30 MASS**, as gifts will be distributed shortly thereafter.

Thank you for the love and generosity you have shared with these families during this joyous Christmas season!

ADULT FAITH ENRICHMENT

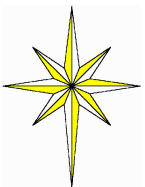
All are welcome THIS THURSDAY, December 6 at 6:30 p.m. Fr. Austin will offer a question and answer session on all things pertaining to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Enter thru Parish Center entrance; you will be directed to Assisi Hall.

REJOICE!

We will celebrate the completion of the restoration of our beautiful church on **Gaudete Sunday, December 16**, with a special Mass of Thanksgiving at the 11:30 Sunday Mass. After the Mass, a reception will be held in the basement of the Church and Church tours will be offered from 1:00 until 2:30 by St. Peter's Director of Music and Liturgy, Bill Johnson. Our Capital Campaign Project Manager, David Barber, will also be present to report on the completion of the restoration project and to answer any questions about the project.



The afternoon will conclude with our annual **Festival of Lessons and Carols for Advent** at 3:00 p.m. featuring the St. Peter's Traditional Choir, Children's Choir, Handbell Choir, and Orchestra. Please plan to attend this popular holiday service to spend time reflecting on the true meaning of the season while listening to timeless readings for Advent and to beautiful music chosen to fill our hearts with the joy and hope of the coming of Christ. You will have a chance to hear the newly refurbished organ and to take part in the celebration of our beautiful church's restoration all while we look forward with rejoicing to the coming of Jesus at Christmas. Admission is free and open to the public. Call the Parish Music Office at 419-524-2572, ext. 2113, for more information.



HOLIDAY SHOPPING



Did you know that while you are doing your holiday shopping, you can also help St. Peter's Parish and Schools?

Kroger Plus Card members can sign up to have a portion of their grocery bill donated back to St. Peter's. Just login to your Kroger online account, click Community Rewards and search for GA694. You can ask the Parish Finance Office to designate your Kroger funds to specific Parish activities, such as the Parish Music Program or the Operations Fund or the Bereavement Ministry. You can also make the same sort of specific designation for the school.

The SCRIP program is a great way to order digital gift cards and receive a rebate percentage on a student's tuition account. Until December 8 you can also order physical gift cards through our SCRIP program, in addition to their digital gift card offer.

Are you planning to do any online shopping at amazon.com? St. Peter's Msgr. Dunn Foundation is set up with the AmazonSmile. Just visit amazonsmile.com to shop and make your purchase, and a portion of that sale will be donated back to the Msgr. Dunn Foundation for Education.

CATHOLIC WOMENS CLUB

The next luncheon will be Wednesday December 12, 2018 at the Brown Derby Roadhouse, 3985 Park Ave. W in Ontario at 12:00 noon. All members of the St. Juan Diego Deanery are invited. If you are new, we encourage you to join us and get to know the Catholic women in the area. Please call Joan Schonhardt at 419.366.0118 or Jo Ann Jerger at 567.274.7954. Reservations must be made by December 7 before 12:00 noon. We look forward to meeting new members.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FRIDAY DINNERS

5:30—7:30 PM

Please RSVP at 419.529.5532 or sign up at the club for December dinners.

December 7—Beef & Noodles

December 14—Hors d'oeuvres in the Lounge

December 21—Chicken Parmesan

December 28—Subs in the Lounge



RECYCLING—NEXT DATE: DECEMBER 14, 2018



10:00 am—11:00 am & 2:00 pm—4:00 pm

(Every 2nd Friday of the month) in the FAC parking lot

BLUE BARRELS: December 8 & 9

Concerned Friends will meet Monday December 3 in the Chapel at Ohio Health Hospital from 7– 8:00pm. It is facilitated by Dr. Faith Proietti the Hospital Chaplain who incidentally is a member of the group having lost a daughter. For more information call John or Terry Heringhaus at 419.526.2019.

Candles from the Bereavement Mass will be available until Friday, December 7, 2018 in the Parish Center Office.

"The Present & Presence" will be held at St. Mary's of the Snows, 1630 Ashland Rd., Mansfield on December 11 at 7:00 pm in the cafeteria. Deacon Tom Dubois will slow us down during the busy month of December and help us experience how to be "present" and experience God's Spirit within us. Call Mary Rennpage at 419.589.2114 or email her at rennpa.mary@mansfieldstmarys.org.

Catholic Charities has funding to assist with PRESCRIPTION and MEDICAL BILLS for individuals living in Richland County. There are no income guidelines to receive this assistance; you just need to be a resident of Richland County. Please phone Laurie Hamrick at 419-524-0733 or email lhamrick@toledodiocese.org to inquire about assistance.

"Never measure generosity by what you give, but rather by what you have left."

-Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

THE PROMISE OF JUSTICE

We are in fairly good company when we ask God for justice. Often enough we hear and agree with the lament of the people of Israel asking God why the wicked prosper. However, when we call out for justice, we usually want someone to get his or her comeuppance. God's justice is something other than this, of course. God's justice comprises a wonderful rightness between God and humankind.

Today, Jeremiah looks ahead to a time when a just one will sprout from the shorn-off stump of Jesse of the house and family of David. Life was not fair in Jeremiah's time. Israel's kings held the promise of God's fidelity, but it was difficult to see how God's promise could be realized through them.

Nevertheless, Jeremiah lifts his voice and announces that the Promised One will come. Luke's Gospel echoes that announcement, and Paul is filled with sturdy encouragement. And so Advent begins with a promise.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Occasionally, someone raises a surprised complaint that while Christmas arrives on Santa's sleigh at the Macy's parade on Thanksgiving Day, the Church doesn't catch on too fast. They may even say that Advent is a new fangled idea. Not so. To trace its beginnings, we have to go back to the fourth or fifth century in France (then Gaul), when Epiphany was the favored day, next to Easter, for baptism. The old pagan structures of Rome were collapsing then, and many people sought to be baptized. Since adults always prepared for baptism by fasting, folks counted back a few weeks for a kind of retreat. Before too long, bishops were advising everyone to attend church frequently beginning on December 17. Soon, artists were imagining ways of expressing the Advent mystery, and in Italy this gave rise to beautiful mosaics of empty thrones awaiting the arrival of the Lord of all creation.

Advent as we know it develops on two separate tracks: the first having to do with our spiritual preparation for celebrating the Christmas feast, and the second having to do with the way this is organized and expressed in the liturgical readings and prayers every day of the season.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The days are coming when the LORD will fulfill the promise made to Israel and Judah

(Jeremiah 33:14-16).

Psalm — To you, O Lord, I lift my soul (Psalm 25).

Second Reading — Abound in love for one another and for all (1 Thessalonians 3:12 — 4:2).

Gospel — Stand erect and raise your heads; your redemption is at hand (Luke 21:25-28, 34-36).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;
Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a;
Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4;

Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Sunday: Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11;

Lk 3:1-6

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