

SAINT PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

DECEMBER 1, 2019



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Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 5:00 P.M.
Sunday: 7:30 A.M., 9:30 A.M., 11:30 A.M.
Monday & Friday 5:30 P.M.
Tuesday - Thursday 7:00 A.M.

Spanish Mass:

Resurrection Parish, Lexington

Sunday: 6:00 P.M.

Parish Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday: 7:30 A.M. - 7:30 P.M.
Friday: 7:30 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.
Saturday: 10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.
Sunday Closed

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 P.M.
Other times by appointment.

Sacrament of Marriage:

Arrangements should be made at the Parish Center at least ten months in advance of the ceremony. A wedding date is confirmed after the initial meeting with a priest.

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:

Mr. Jonathan Cuttitta
High School, Jr. High School
Mrs. Ashley Rastorfer
Elementary School and Montessori

Parish Business Manager:

Mr. Evan Mumea

Director of Development:

Mr. Jason Crundwell

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MASS INTENTIONS**Monday, December 2, Advent Weekday**

5:00 pm Rosary

5:30 pm NO MASS

Tuesday, December 3, Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

7:00 am Fr. P. Martin Donnelly

Wednesday, December 4, Advent Weekday

7:00 am Class of 1967

Thursday, December 5, Advent Weekday

9:00 am Esther Gomez De Villa

Friday, December 6, Advent Weekday

5:00 pm Rosary

5:30 pm Johanna Cappadonna

Saturday, December 7, Vigil of the Second Sunday of Advent

5:00 pm George Berick

Sunday, December 8, Second Sunday of Advent

7:30 am Parish

9:30 am Dean Robertson

11:30 am Mary Cetinich-Sipes

LECTOR/COMMUNION MINISTER**Saturday, December 7**

5:00 pm L K Cannon, C Eighinger

D B Schartl, C Campbell, D Hipp, T Hipp, B Nihei,
K Randall**Sunday, December 8**

7:30 am L D Bessemer, L Danuloff

D M Collet, B Danuloff, D Givens, A Holloway,
K Reindl, K Reindl, L Simmons

9:30 am L D Forster, M Meinzer

D D Dreskler, T Etwiler, T Frasz, M Riggleman,
F Schuster, R Sliney, L Steggall, S Weber

11:30 am L S Andrews, F Leitenberger

D K Speck, S Elliott, T Fesler, K Leitenberger,
C Mears**MASS SERVERS****Saturday, December 7**

5:00 pm K Delano, D Delano

Sunday, December 8

7:30 am A Gasper

9:30 am G Farragher, A Farragher

11:30 am D Stanford, K Elliott, C Schenkelberg

THE CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD**December 8** Megan Carla

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ –

Happy New Year! Or perhaps I should say, *Happy Church New Year!* With our entry this weekend into the season of Advent, we begin the Year of Grace 2020. In little over a month, we will celebrate the civic New Year's Day with all the usual parties, meals, and football games. We will probably indulge in the customary resolutions about our diets, smoking-cessation, exercise, and general development of new good habits to take the place of old bad habits. As usual, some of us will stick to our resolutions and some of us will not. Whether we succeed in our efforts or not, come New Year's 2021, we will probably make resolutions again.

It is not such a bad thing that we desire to improve ourselves – or that we resolve to change our behaviors. It is not a terrible thing that we often fail to keep our resolutions or fail to achieve our goals. It is not bad that we try making the same resolutions year after year, either. After all, how can hope and aspiration be bad things? How can the desire to do better or to improve ourselves be bad?

No, indeed. Aspirations and striving for improvement are good things. They are signs of hope. Don't we always look to the New Year with a certain degree of hope – with the thought that the coming year will be better than the last? It is fitting, then, that we celebrate our Church New Year at the beginning of Advent, a season of hope and preparation when we look with patient longing for the dawning of salvation – for the coming of the Lord.

What resolutions do we plan to make at the start of our Church New Year? What aspirations will we allow ourselves as we come to this season of hope and expectation? What measure of patience will we show toward ourselves and toward others if our spiritual lives do not live up to our hopes and expectations? There's something wrong if we don't accord ourselves at least as much patience and forgiveness in things of the Spirit as we do in little things like losing weight or being couch potatoes.

'Hope springs eternal,' or so the saying goes. May our Advent journey be one of hope and of patient longing for the coming of the One who will make our lives into what they are truly meant to be. May our eyes and hearts be focused on the Sun of Righteousness who comes to set us free. Whether we keep our spiritual resolutions or not, may our prayer always be, "Even so, Lord Jesus, come soon!" *Maranatha!*

Bill Johnson

Director of Music and Liturgy

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH



Mike Payton, Bill Ruhl, Jeannie Burkhalter, Krista Marshall, Aaron Blank, Cindy Lassen, Dina Riley, Eliana Nelson, MaKaya Butler, Mildred Corbin, Sharon Valdry, John Henney, Paige Divelbiss, Maria Loschinkohl, Sherry Studer, John Ziegler, Marlene Ziegler, Kim Rucker, Dorothy Trinter, Marti Selby, JoAnn Marbaugh, Baby Greyden Jack, Gwen Yockey, Mary Ann and Mel Switzer, Louise Steggall, Tammy Dudley, Keith Combs, Mady Ziegler, Elaine Johnson, Cindy Jasnek Cartier, Jeannine Klotz, Marilyn B. Williamson, Paul Schopp, Tom Powell, Chief Master Sergeant Joseph Basting, Sarah Basting, Peggy Basting Taylor, Kathy Carcione, Carol Pittenger, Francis Paul Nestor, Charlie Henrich, Danny Rhea, Barb Jefferies, Amelia Moser, Ben Walker, Susan Lynn Shire, Cynthia Kalinoff Watson.

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...



ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD.

CONCERNED FRIENDS

For the parents who have lost children no mater what age, this non denominational, Christian based group meets the first Monday of the month in the Chapel at Ohio Health Hospital from 7-8:00 P.M. This group is facilitated by Dr. Faith Proietti, Hospital Chaplain, who is also a member of the group having lost a daughter.

Further information or question, call John or Terry Heringhaus at 419.526.3066.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL UPDATE

To date, our parish has contributed **\$46,065.50 of our parish goal of \$55,000.** This represents a gift from **356 (of 1650) households.** Please consider helping us to reach our goal - **only \$8,934.50 to go.** In the big picture, your gift will help support a future pastor or associate pastor to serve at St. Peter's, Mansfield!! - Father Hite

PRISON MINISTRY CORNER



While our parish is blessed to provide Catholic services and ministry to our brothers in the two local state institutions, ManCI and RiCI, "prison ministry" can involve so much more. Perhaps in the new year you would like to explore opportunities in other prison ministry-related areas, such as Mentoring, Re-entry, Advocacy, Community and Family Support, and Restorative Justice. Please prayerfully consider and call Lynne at the Parish Center to discuss—419.524.2572.

GIVING TREE



Our annual Giving Tree is filled with gift requests from families from St. Peter's church and school, and our Community through Salvation Army, St. Vincent De Paul, Catholic Charities and the Angel Tree Program—children of prison inmates. The ornaments tags are color coded for each respective entity and it is important to return them securely fastened on the gift.

Please return your gift either the weekend Mass of December 7/8 or December 14/15. THE DEADLINE TO RETURN GIFTS IS DECEMBER 15 AT THE 11:30 A.M. MASS—as gifts will be distributed soon after by their respective agencies/volunteer. Thank you in advance for providing Christmas joy to needy families.

CHECK OUT THE KIOSK!

Check out the new items in the Respect Life kiosk in the main vestibule. We have new CDs, pamphlets and some new books. The CDs are great to listen to in the car when you take a short drive. We are blessed to have so many great items available to us to keep us knowledgeable in our faith.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to be a part of one of the teams who will do light cleaning in the church once a month. We hope to have three or four teams. We would also need help twice a year with cleaning before Easter and Christmas. If you would like to help call Angie Dillon 419.524.2572, x3108 or email Dillon.angie@myspartans.org. People of all ages are welcome. This is a great service opportunity for our young people.

SUNDAY OFFERING

*Year to Date
November 8, 2019*



Sunday and Holy Day Collections

Sunday Collection & Holy Day Collection:	\$300,314
Total Budgeted Sunday Collection To Date:	\$305,900

Sunday Collection Surplus/(Deficit)	\$(5,586)
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School Collection

Total School Collection To Date:	\$49,965
Total Budgeted School Collection To Date:	\$52,800

School Collection Surplus/(Deficit)	\$(2,835)
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CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FINANCIAL UPDATE



Cash Available for Auditorium	\$391,162
Stage One Cash Goal:	\$379,000
Amount Needed to complete first stage:	GOAL REACHED!
Uncollected Pledges:	\$139,752

As of November 12, 2019

NORTHWEST OHIO SCHOLARSHIP FUND



Apply today for a scholarship for the 2020-21 school year! Scholarships are available for your children to attend a private school or for homeschool expenses for grades K-8.

Your child may qualify for a scholarship worth up to \$1,500 at the private school of your choice or for \$500 for homeschool expenses based on your family's annual household income.

- * Families who meet the eligibility requirement and reside in one of the participating counties* can apply.
- * Scholarships payments are made directly to the school.
- * Residing Counties: Allen, Crawford, Defiance, Erie, Fulton, Hancock, Henry, Huron, Lucas, Ottawa, Paulding, Putnam, Richland, Sandusky, Seneca, Van Wert, Williams Wood and Wyandot.

Online application deadline for 2020-21 is Friday, April 24, 2020. <https://tinyurl.com/NOSF2021AP>

For questions, contact Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund at 419.720.7048 or visit www.nosf.org.



SPARTAN WEAR ONLINE STORE



If you are interested in purchasing Spartan wear, our line store is open until 11:00 P.M. on Sunday, November 24. All proceeds from these sales go to benefit our Athletic Boosters. Items to be purchased can be found at the following website:

<https://stpetershsathletics19.itemorder.com/> All items ordered will be delivered in time for Christmas.

HEARTS AND MINDS

This group involves people who have had a loved one experiencing mental illnesses or addictions, and they are associated with The National Alliance on Mental Illness Family-to-Family Program. The next meeting is Tuesday, December 3 at 4:00 P.M. at Resurrection Parish. Contact Sue Malaska at vmalaska@neo.rr.com for more information.

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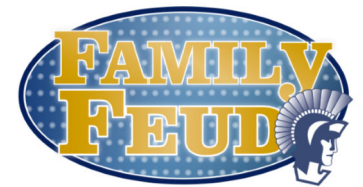
32ND ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CLASSIC



We will make kieffels this Tuesday, December 3 starting at 8:00 A.M. in the HS cafeteria. Potica baking will be this Thursday and Friday (December 5 & 6) starting at 8:00 A.M. in the HS cafeteria. Sit down jobs available in the afternoon wrapping poticas.

We will make butter rings on Saturday, December 7—Day of the Christmas Classic—beginning at 7:00 A.M. in the HS cafeteria. We have jobs for every ability and we need a lot of help—both ladies and gentlemen. If you still need to order call Ann Brown at 419.756.6983.

Our **32nd Annual Christmas Classic** will be held in the High School from 9:00—2:00 P.M. As it is the largest bake sale in our area, we need a large variety of goods and we ask for your help. The goods may be brought to the HS cafeteria starting on Friday, December 6. Please bring your friends and enjoy the Christmas spirit listening to the beautiful voices of our children at this special community event. We greatly appreciate your support.



THANK YOU . . .

A GREAT TIME WAS HAD BY ALL!

Thank you to St. Peter's School Families, Parishioners and the Mansfield Community for supporting our 2019 Fall Gala Family Feud on November 8. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped to make it a successful evening! Our proceeds were more than \$20,000 with \$10,000 going to our Fund A Need. We appreciate your support!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED COAT DISTRIBUTION



Help will be needed Sunday, December 8 starting at 1:00 P.M. in the church basement to sort the coats, sweaters, hats, gloves and mittens, scarves and boots which were donated for our Anniversary Service Project. Help will also be needed on December 9, 10 & 11 from 10:30—1:30 P.M. distributing those items during our Free Lunch Week in the church basement.

Contact Angie Dillon dillon.angie@myspartans.org if you want to volunteer or if you have questions

ADULT FAITH ENRICHMENT

Adult Faith opportunities are held in Assisi Hall, 4th floor Parish Center. Enter thru Parish Center entrance, 104 West First Street.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

We meet each **Monday at 6:15 P.M.** Our study is the Jeff Cavins video series "Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible." Open to all women. Contact Dianne Randall - 567.241.6608 diannecreamer@yahoo.com or Kelly Wurm - 419.884.7785 / kmwurm@yahoo.com.

THE BIBLE AND THE VIRGIN MARY—A JOURNEY THROUGH SCRIPTURE

Open to all. Come even if you have not been able to attend thus far. We meet each Thursday at 6:30 P.M. This week's topics are "Full of Grace" and "All Holy." Make this a part of your faith journey through Advent.

COCOA LADIES

The rule for fasting to receive Holy Communion for Catholics many years ago was more than the one-hour fasting now in place. In the early 1900's, since elementary school students attended Mass every morning during the school week, they could not eat breakfast before arriving to school. A group of women parishioners—the St. Rita's Sodality who were later called the "cocoa ladies" - served hot cocoa after Mass to the children in the church basement. Children would bring their breakfast and top it off with the delicious hot drink. This continued for many, many years.



WERE YOU A COCOA LADY WHO SERVED HOT COCOA TO OUR STUDENTS HERE? Or a relative of a "cocoa lady"? OR WERE YOU A STUDENT WHO REMEMBERS BEING SERVED HOT CHOCOLATE BY A COCOA LADY AFTER MASS? If so, we would enjoy talking with you about that. At your earliest convenience, please contact Kathy Morris at 419.524.2572, x 2110 or at morris.kathy@myspartans.org. Thank You!

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE SERVING IN THE US MILITARY

Do you know someone serving in the US Military or someone who gave their life for our country while serving in the armed forces? These people can be honored by submitting their names to St. Peters. They will then be placed on bulletin board by the cry room at the main entrance to St. Peters. These people will then be remembered by many parishioners prayers. What a great gift to be given to these serving our country.

 **RECYCLING—NEXT DATE: DECEMBER 13, 2019**
BLUE BARRELS: December 14 & 15

CATHOLIC WOMENS CLUB

The next luncheon and meeting will be Wednesday, December 11, 2019 at the Brown Derby Roadhouse/Ontario Events Center at 3985 Park Avenue West, Mansfield, Ohio 44903. The lunch will start at 12:00 pm and the meeting and program will follow. All Catholic women in the Saint Juan Diego Deanery are invited. If you are new, you are encouraged to come and join us and get to know the Catholic women in the area. Please call Debbie Cochran, the December Chairperson at 419-529-8176 or Joan Schonhardt, President at 419-366-0118. Reservations must be made by December 6, 2019 before 12 noon. We are looking forward to seeing current members and meeting new members!

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



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

Evelyn Twardzik, Sr. Paula Bingert, Jennie Reale, Giselle Sgambellone, Margaret Soulen, Bill Spognardi, Betty Finlayson, Ross Frisbee, Jerrina Heston, Donald Saxton, James Buckley, Helen Gustin, Janet Dignan, Frances Schmidt, Patricia DeCenso, Josephine Metzger, and Manetha Barretta.

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.

ST. PETER'S PARISH GIFT SHOP



If you haven't visited the St. Peter's Parish Gift Shop in a while, you should! We have a nice selection of gifts, cards, books and so much more for every occasion. If we don't have it, we can order it for you. The Parish Gift Shop is open during regular Parish Office Hours.

BLOOD DRIVE

Please mark your calendars! The St. Peter's High school Key Club is sponsoring a blood drive on Thursday, December 12 from 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM in the Franciscan Activity Center Atrium.

Upcoming blood drives will be on February 6 and April 22, 2020. The April 22 blood drive is the Tridico Memorial Drive.

Thank you for giving the gift of life!

St. Peter's Elementary is looking for a volunteer crossing guard Monday—Friday 7:15—8:00 A.M. If interested, please email Ashley Rastorfer at rastorfer.ashley@myspartans.org.

PSR Teacher Needed to fill the role of a catechist for our PSR Program. The program meets on Wednesday evenings from 6:00-7:30 P.M. and the opening needs to be filled quickly. It is for an elementary grade. If you love little ones and love your faith and sharing it (or know someone who does) please contact Elizabeth Wurm at wurm.elizabeth@myspartans.org as soon as possible.

Upper Room Youth Group is for all Middle School (6-8 grade) and HS (9-12 grade) youth in the deanery and around the area. Missionaries from Damascus Catholic Mission Campus (CYSC) will be at Resurrection Parish, 2600 Lexington Avenue for Spiritual and fun-filled evenings twice a month running October through April. HS grades will meet December 8. Call or text 614.989.2724 for more information.

Before the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, the Sisters of Notre Dame invite women ages 20 - 45 to step away for prayer and reflection at a FREE retreat! Our Come & Be weekend is a chance to learn about the life, spirituality and mission of the Sisters of Notre Dame, while taking time for personal prayer and rest. The retreat is being held in Chardon, OH from December 6 - 8, 2019. Please contact Sister Jenny Zimmerman, SND at vocations@snd1.org for more information!

Open Teaching Positions St. Peter's School is looking for qualified substitute teachers for all grade levels. Substitute teachers require a Substitute Teaching License from the Ohio Department of Education. This requires a minimum of a Bachelor's degree as well as BCI and FBI background checks and completion of the Diocese of Toledo VIRTUS program. Interested candidates should contact the appropriate building principal: Jon Cutitta, Acting HS/JH Principal, at cuttitta.jon@myspartans.org or Ashley Rastorfer, Acting Elementary Principal at rastorfer.ashley@myspartans.org.

"Half an hour's meditation each day is essential, except when you are busy"

.Saint Francis de Sales~

HOPEFUL EXPECTATION

Our liturgical year begins with the season of Advent—a time of hopeful expectation of the coming of the Lord. On the First Sunday of Advent we look forward to the end of time when we will awaken to the dawn of Christ's new day.

Today we hear Isaiah speak of a day when God's power will have brought universal peace and God's Word will have instructed all people, radiating God's "light" (teachings) into all of human society. Only when humanity walks "in the light of the LORD" (Isaiah 2:5), when all people desire to be instructed "in [God's] ways" (Isaiah 2:3), will the world be set aright and our deepest longings fulfilled. The reading from Romans calls us to "awake from sleep" for this final "day is at hand" (Romans 13:11, 12). Together this Sunday's scriptures proclaim our Christian faith that Jesus is the One who will finally come to fulfill God's plan of salvation.

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REFLECTING ON THIS WEEKEND'S GOSPEL

We are not complacent. The mystery of Christianity, the life, death, resurrection, and ongoing life of Jesus animates us. Any tendency to become lethargic is thwarted by a resounding call to "stay awake!" We are not carried away by a glittering spectacle. Our life in Christ makes us rooted in God's vision of the world. We see the world through new lenses. We are prepared for anything that might come. In a state of preparation, then, we are alert, aware, and awake. The metamorphosis on the horizon approaches. It is coming, though we know not when.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — All the peoples shall stream toward the LORD's house (Isaiah 2:1-5).

Psalm — Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord (Psalm 122).

Second Reading — It is the hour to cast off the dark and clothe ourselves in the light (Romans 13:11-14).

Gospel — Stay awake! Be prepared! The Son of Man will come when you least expect (Matthew 24:37-44).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 4:2-6; 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: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1

Sunday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

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