

SAINT PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

JANUARY 12, 2020



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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

2nd & 4th Sundays: 5:00 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 8:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

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 INTENTIONSMonday, January 13 *Weekday*

5:00 pm Rosary

5:30 pm North Central Ohio Vocations

Tuesday, January 14, *Weekday*

7:00 am Fr. Raymond Sheperd

Wednesday, January 15, *Weekday*

7:00 am Kleinman-Schilli-Wiecher

Thursday, January 16, *Weekday*

7:00 am Charles A. Massa

9:30 am All School Mass

Friday, January 17, *Saint Anthony, Abbott*

5:00 pm Rosary

5:30 pm William, Dorothy, & Jeff Alt

Saturday, January 18, *Vigil of the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00 pm Leona Graff

Sunday, January 19, *Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

7:30 am George Ellish

9:30 am Parish

11:30 am Mary E. Eaton

LECTOR/COMMUNION MINISTER**Saturday, January 18**5:00 pm **L** B Linkenbach, B Rader**D** D Falquette, K Randall, M Joyce, D Hipp,
T Hipp, Deacon John Reef**Sunday, January 19**7:30 am **L** D Bessemer, B Danuloff**D** L Simmons, K Reindl, K Reindl, D Givens,
L Danuloff, P Taylor, Deacon John Reef9:30 am **L** P Kastelic, D Forster**D** S Weber, T Etwiler, S Weitzel, R Sliney,
M Riggelman, T Frasz, M Meinzer, Deacon
John Reef11:30 am **L** C Mears, T Malec**D** K Yockey, J Laskey, C Mears, S Elliott,
K Schreck, F Leitenberger, T Fesler, Deacon
John Reef**MASS SERVERS****Saturday, January 18**

5:00 pm K DeLano-Goodman, D DeLano-Goodman

Sunday, January 19

7:30 am

9:30 am A Baldasare, N Osborne, M Osborne

11:30 am A Pindel, C Schenkelberg, K Elliott

On this weekend's feast of the Baptism of our Lord, we might find ourselves asking the same question every year: "Why was it the Father's will for Jesus to be baptized?" After all, Jesus is God, so why would he be baptized by John? Above all, it helps us to know that the baptism Jesus received is different than the sacrament of Baptism, which we receive. However, the two realities are deeply connected.

By his baptism in the Jordan River, Jesus is publicly manifesting the very mission the Father sent him to accomplish in the world: saving us from our sinfulness and making it possible for us to dwell with him in heaven. Pope Benedict XVI helps us to understand this reality: "Basically, the whole mystery of Christ in the world can be summed up in this term: 'baptism,' which in Greek means 'immersion.' The Son of God, who from eternity shares the fullness of life with the Father and the Holy Spirit, was 'immersed' in our reality as sinners to make us share in his own life: he was incarnate, he was born like us, he grew up like us and, on reaching adulthood, manifested his mission which began precisely with the 'baptism of conversion' administered by John the Baptist. Jesus' first public act, as we have just heard, was to go down into the Jordan, mingling among repentant sinners, in order to receive this baptism." Jesus, always being God, is like us in all ways except sin, so that he might come to us and lead us back to the Father. For us, this process begins with the sacrament of Baptism, which Christ himself gave us.

In the new life we receive in Baptism, Christ not only forgives Original sin, but also opens the possibility of eternal life with him. Pope Benedict adds: "Whereas for other creatures who are not called to eternity, death means solely the end of existence on earth, in us sin creates an abyss in which we risk being engulfed forever unless the Father who is in Heaven stretches out his hand to us. This, dear brothers and sisters, is the mystery of Baptism: God desired to save us by going to the bottom of this abyss himself so that every person, even those who have fallen so low that they can no longer perceive Heaven, may find God's hand to cling to and rise from the darkness to see once again the light for which he or she was made. We all feel, we all inwardly comprehend that our existence is a desire for life which invokes fullness and salvation. This fullness is given to us in Baptism. [...] For this reason Christian parents bring their children to the baptismal font as soon as possible, knowing that life which they have communicated calls for a fullness, a salvation that God alone can give. And parents thus become collaborators of God, transmitting to their children not only physical but also spiritual life."

Therefore, this weekend's feast day is firstly a reminder to us to give thanks to the Lord for so great a gift which he poured out on us at our own Baptism. Secondly, this feast day brings a fitting conclusion to the liturgical season of Christmas. It serves as a sort of "bridge" between reflecting on the Lord's Nativity and the mission he came to accomplish, which we enter back into as we return this week to Ordinary Time, and which we will especially focus on when we enter into Lent at the end of next month.

God bless you!

Fr. Austin

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH



Bill Ruhl, Jeannie Burkhalter, Krista Marshall, Aaron Blank, Cindy Lassen, Dina Riley, Eliana Nelson, MaKaya Butler, Sharon Valdry, 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, Charlie Henrich, Ben Walker, Michael Krempel, Walter Kukus, Cynthia Kalinoff Watson, Beverly Strauser, Roseann Fusco, Chuck Hopkins, Jill McMillen.

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...

Michael Gossom James Madden
 Marilyn Coleman Tom Feia



ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD.

DIOCESE OF TOLEDO SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM

Diocese of Toledo Safe Environment Program in Full Compliance with USCCB Norms. Each year, the Diocese of Toledo is required to undergo an audit to ensure that it is in compliance with the articles of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. Bishop Daniel Thomas is pleased to announce that, for the fiscal year 2018-2019, the Diocese was found to be in full compliance with the requirements in the Charter.

The Diocese of Toledo remains committed to ensuring the protection of children and providing a safe environment for all young people. If you have any knowledge of abuse that has been committed by a cleric, or any employee or volunteer of the Catholic Church, please report the abuse to your local police department, Child Protection Services, and Mr. Frank DiLallo, Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator. Mr. DiLallo can be reached at (419) 214-4880 or by mail at 1933 Spielbusch Avenue, Toledo, Ohio 43604.

PRISON MINISTRY CORNER



Our brothers at RiCI and ManCI extend their gratitude for the ongoing prayers and support from our parish. We continue our busy schedule at RiCI, with goals for 2020 including the Alpha program, a family worship evening, and continued daily opportunities for prayer, faith instruction, and fellowship. Perhaps YOU would like to join us one time this year for Mass or Rosary prayer group. Please call Lynne at the Parish Center to discuss - 419.524.2572.

HOLY WATER

This weekend we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. It is a special time for us to remember our Christian sign of unity, for by our baptism we are incorporated into the Body of Christ, the Church. It also brings to a close the Christmas season.

Holy Water is one of **the sacraments**, which are things made sacred by rites of the Church in the manner of Christ. All religious rites and sacred things used in administering the sacraments are sacramental – our holy oils, holy water, and the Sign of the Cross to name a few.

It is our tradition to recall our baptism when we enter the building of the church, blessing ourselves with water and the Sign of the Cross – which reaffirms our faith in Christ Jesus and in the mysteries of our salvation. We bless the casket at the moment of our loved one's last liturgy on earth, recalling the baptism of our deceased loved one. We bless wedding rings, homes, places of work, new cars, animals, and new places of business. It's also a great practice to put small holy water fonts in our homes, and to teach our children about Holy Baptism and sacraments. Blessing with Holy Water reminds us of our spirituality and our desire to be close to Christ.

For more information, see the Catechism of the Catholic Church, # 1667-1679. There is also a great book entitled, "Holy Water and Its Significance for Catholics," authored by Rev. Henry Theiler, and published by Sophia Institute Press.

We are most grateful for the new Holy Water container located by the St. Joseph statue (behind the vigil lights). It is a donation from a couple from our parish. There are also small holy water bottles that you are welcome to fill from the blessed water container and take home (best to take the top off the plastic bottle first, before filling!).

END OF YEAR TAX STATEMENTS

All parishioners will automatically receive a statement summarizing their charitable giving totals to St. Peter's Parish & School for the 2019 tax year. The Development Office is required to mail the statements by January 31, 2020. You will not need to call and request a tax statement.

SUNDAY OFFERING	<i>Year to Date</i>
	<i>December 31, 2019</i>
Sunday and Holy Day Collections	
Sunday Collection & Holy Day Collection to date:	\$426,682
Total Budgeted Sunday Collection To Date:	\$428,200
Sunday Collection Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$1,518)
School Collection	
Total School Collection To Date:	\$73,205
Total Budgeted School Collection To Date:	\$72,000
School Collection Surplus/(Deficit)	\$1,205



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 and Acting Elementary School Principal 419.524.2572 ext. 4101
- Mr. Jonathan Cuttitta – Acting High School & Junior High Principal 419.524.2572 ext. 3100

St. Peter's Catholic School does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, age, or ethnic origin in the hiring of its certified and non-certified personnel. In accordance with Christian principles, St. Peter's Catholic School recruits and admits students of any race, sex, color, age, gender, ethnicity, national origin, ancestry, handicap (if student can safely function in the environment with the support and services that the school can offer), or religion to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities. In addition, the school will not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, color, age, gender, ethnicity, national origin, ancestry, handicap or religion in the administration of its educational policies, scholarships, loans, athletics, fee waivers, and extracurricular activities. In addition, the school is not intended to be an alternative to court administrative agency ordered or public school district initiated desegregation.

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.



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STATE OF OHIO SCHOOL CHOICE SCHOLARSHIPS—IMPORTANT CHANGES

Across Ohio, thousands of parents use state-funded scholarships to send their children to the school they choose. St. Peter's Catholic School is a registered "provider school" with the State of Ohio School Choice Scholarship Program.

THERE ARE SOME IMPORTANT CHANGES AND UPDATES WITH TWO OF THE STATE FUNDED SCHOLARSHIPS

Educational Choice Scholarship (EdChoice)

EdChoice provides scholarships to students who attend the state's underperforming public schools. For the 2020-2021 school year, numerous schools have been newly added to the ODE designated list of underperforming schools so students assigned to those schools are eligible for the scholarship. **Prospect, Sherman, Woodland, Madison South and Mifflin elementary schools, Mansfield Middle School, and Mansfield Senior High are some of the area public schools on the ODE designated list.**

Ed Choice Expansion

This scholarship is based only on family income. For the 2020-2021 school year, **students in ALL grades K through 12** whose family's income is at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines are eligible to apply. For example, last year a family of four earning \$51,500 or less was eligible to apply for the scholarship. *Families currently enrolled at St. Peter's who meet these requirements are eligible to apply.*

IMPORTANT: The application period for EdChoice and EdChoice Expansion scholarships is February 1 through April. Once the admission process is complete to attend St. Peter's School for the 2020-2021 school year, application for state scholarships can begin. The sooner that process begins, the better.

Have questions? Curious if your child is eligible? Attend an information meeting on either Tuesday, January 7, at 6:00 P.M. or Tuesday, January 21, at 6:00 P.M. in the high school building, Robert Frye Gymnasium or call 419.524.2572.

ST. PETER'S SCHOOL & PARISH RECYCLES!

Richland County Solid Waste Authority visits St. Peter's on the second Friday of the month, setting up a SCRAP (School Community Recycling As Partners) trailer in the parking lot in front of the Franciscan Activity Center from 10:00-11:00 A.M.. And 2:00-4:00 P.M. They accept: #1 & 2 plastic, aluminum cans, steel food cans, newspaper and cardboard. Please make sure all donations are empty and clean. St. Peter's Parent's Club receives the profits from this collection, usually \$50-\$100 per month. There is no cost to St. Peter's for this service.

ADULT FAITH ENRICHMENT

We will resume our adult faith opportunities in February. We will again offer two opportunities. Monday evening is for women only. Thursday evening is open to all. Please watch this bulletin space for details.

"EXPLORE MONTESSORI" NIGHT

Thursday, January 16, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Location: Montessori House

- **For parents only**
- Meet teachers, visit the classrooms, and receive information about the program
- St. Peter's Montessori Preschool/Kindergarten offers a unique and highly-respected program that includes language, reading, math, geography, and science during the surge of learning that, according to research, occurs from ages 2-6. Students in the program are exceptionally well prepared to begin first grade, beyond the average expectations of a preschooler.

Please call the school office at 419-524-2572 x4100 for more information.

PARISH REGISTRATION:

If you have been attending St. Peter's on a regular basis, and wish to register in our parish, please contact **our parish office: 419.524.2572.**

Registration in a parish is important for a number of reasons: if you anticipate having a child baptized, it is expected that you are registered and regularly attending Mass; if you need a letter from our parish to be a Confirmation sponsor, it is expected you are fully initiated in the Catholic faith and participating regularly at Eucharist; if you wish to be married according to the laws of our faith, your registration and participation is expected. Frequently, there are occasions when a letter from the Pastor of your current parish are requested.

Moreover, you will receive regular parish mailings, including offering envelopes (or informing us if you wish to go electronic fund transfer – EFT)—it is important that we know your wishes.

If you transfer parishes, it is also important that you inform us in order that we may remove you from our parish registration and regular parish mailings. It helps to keep our records up to date.

WE STILL SELL GARBAGE BAGS FROM THE YELLOW BAG PEOPLE IN THE PARISH CENTER.



RECYCLING—NEXT DATE: FEBRUARY 14, 2020

BLUE BARRELS: February 15 & 16

HONORING THE "COCOA LADIES"

The week before Christmas break, at St. Peter's School we celebrated the history of the St. Peter's Parish "cocoa ladies." Father Hite served hs/jrhi students and staff a cup of cocoa and a beautifully decorated Christmas cookie and he had the assistance of four parishioners--Dr. John Heringhaus, Carol Pittenger, Dick Renie, and Melanie Riggelman--whose family history is connected with the "cocoa ladies." Father Austin served juice and a cookie to students and staff in the elementary school. Father Hite spoke with all students the week prior about the history of the St. Peter's "cocoa ladies" and the upcoming event. Go Spartans!



WALL OF LOVE

Thank you to all who were involved in the spirit of giving with the WALL OF LOVE project organized by the Montessori and elementary school students and staff. It turned out just beautifully with so many donations collected for several weeks in mid-December. Students filled the bags with hygiene items, gloves, Christmas notes and cards, message rocks, hats, etc. The bags were then clipped to the outside fence on Thursday, December 19, and were there for the taking by those in need. So much love was shared during that time of Advent in preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. Again, thank you! Go Spartans!



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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

Frances Sneeringer, Rosalie Cusic, Mary Phelps, Ann Bishop, Raymond Anton, Sue Swetlick, Kenneth Gabor, Lucille Rincich, Joseph Mollica, Anne Pfahler, Mary Siciliano, Donald Steele, Marian Turner, Ludwig Perseitz, George Metzger, William Rathburn, Josephine Toby, William McKay.

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.

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.

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.

Parish Registration Forms Can be obtained either in the Parish Center office during normal business hours or online at parish.mansfieldstpeters.org/parishioner-registration.

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Cold and Flu Season is Upon Us. Please be mindful of the health of others. If you have the flu or a cold please refrain from drinking from the Communion cups at Mass. Our faith teaches us that the entire Christ, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity are contained in each of the species.

“Humility consists in not esteeming ourselves above other men, and in not seeking to be esteemed above them.”
Saint Francis de Sales

THIS IS MY BELOVED SON

This Sunday's celebration of the Baptism of the Lord closes the Christmas season. In the scriptures we see one more epiphany, or manifestation, of the Spirit of God in Jesus—but this time it is as an adult, rather than as a child. Jesus' baptism also serves as the inauguration of his prophetic mission and the messianic age. Today's reading from Isaiah describes God's chosen Messiah, upon whom God's spirit rests. In the Acts of the Apostles Peter says that "God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power" (Acts 10:38). Finally, in the proclamation from Matthew's Gospel Jesus' baptism in water goes almost unnoticed. The crucial moment comes when the Spirit of God comes upon Jesus and a voice from heaven echoes the words of Isaiah: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased" (Matthew 3:17).

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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!

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Isaiah speaks of the Servant whom the LORD upholds; he shall bring forth justice to the nations (Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7).

Psalm — The Lord will bless his people with peace (Psalm 29).

Second Reading — Jesus was anointed by God with the Holy Spirit; he went out healing and doing good (Acts 10:34-38).

Gospel — A voice comes from heaven proclaiming Jesus as the beloved Son, with whom God is well pleased (Matthew 3:13-17).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8; Ps 116:12-19; Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7; Mk 2:13-17

Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

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