

SAINT PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

JANUARY 18, 2015

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Mass Schedule:

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

Phones:

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

Parish Office Hours:

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

Parish Business Manager:

Mr. Jerry Straub

Sacrament of Baptism:

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

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

Sacrament of Marriage:

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

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

Bulletin Deadline: Monday, 12:00 noon. All requests must be submitted in writing or email.

Website:

www.mansfieldstpeters.org

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*

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Deacon John Reef 419-529-3694
Shut-ins/Homebound

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MASS INTENTIONS**Monday, January 19** *Weekday*

5:00 pm Rosary

5:30 pm Deacon Jim Marshall

Tuesday, January 20 + *Fabian, Pope & Martyr; + Sebastian, Martyr*

6:30am James McNamara (anniversary)

8:15am David Oswalt

Wednesday, January 21 + *Agnes, Virgin & Martyr*

6:30 am John Graf

Thursday, January 22 + *Vincent, Deacon & Martyr*

6:30 am Fred Stuht

9:30 am Sandi Shinaberry

Friday, January 23 *Weekday*

5:00 pm Rosary

5:30 pm Mary Cetinich-Sipe

Saturday, January 24 + *Francis se Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

5:00 pm Kenneth Steele

Sunday, January 25 *Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

7:30 am Marilyn Mertler

9:30 am Regina & Paul Sklena

11:30 am Parish

LECTOR / COMMUNION MINISTER**Saturday, January 24**

5:00 pm L D Falquette, C Taddeo D D&T Hipp, M Joyce, N Linkenbach, M Monroe, B Schartil, V Zack, C Sgambellone, need one

Sunday, January 25

7:30 am L M Hawkins, M Santoro D B&L Danuloff, K&K Reindl, L Lukach, S Santoro

9:30 am L Sr. BMC, R Sliney D T Baker, B Connolly, T Etwiler, D Forster, T Frasz, C&R Freeman, S Herlihy, J Hunt, J Kastelic, C Merle, M Riggelman, A Seiss, F Schuster, K Wehinger

11:30 am L J Liston, K Paugh D C Becker, M Jones, B Riley, F Leitenberger, K Marshall, C Mears, K Schreck, M Selby, K Speck, need two

MASS SERVERS**Saturday, January 24**

5:00 pm JJ Keffalas, M Maxwell, T Staab

Sunday, January 25

7:30 am M Butler, I Corso-Phinney, G Farragher

9:30 am A Blunk, C Blunk, L Henrich

11:30 am R Harrigan, J Rizzo, E Rizzo

Counters—January 25

J Gurski, C Dropsey, P Berger, B Doty

Children's Liturgy of the Word — Sunday, January 25

9:30a.m. Patti 11:30a.m. Sarah

Several people have commented appreciatively on the Proclamation which I chanted on the Feast of the Epiphany earlier this month. Six years ago I wrote a column on the *Epiphany Proclamation*. I thought that you might appreciate re-reading it with the dates of this year's moveable feasts included.

“Another interesting but not widely used custom of the Church is the *Proclamation of the Date of Easter on Epiphany*. In centuries past, few people had calendars. Since many of our liturgical celebrations depend on the date of Easter (always the first Sunday after the first full moon after the first day of spring) it was necessary to make the date of Easter known in advance.

Nowadays, almost everyone has at least one calendar and Easter is usually noted. But the Epiphany Proclamation is still chanted or read in many places as it points to the central importance of the Resurrection of Christ in our faith and in our worship. As we celebrate the Epiphany today, I'd like to share the Epiphany Proclamation from the new translation of the Roman Missal with you.

“Know, dear brothers and sisters, that, as we have rejoiced at the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, so by leave of God's mercy we announce to you also the joy of his Resurrection, who is our Savior.

On the eighteenth day of February will fall Ash Wednesday, and the beginning of the most sacred Lenten season. On the fifth day of April you will celebrate with joy Easter Day, the Paschal feast of our Lord Jesus Christ. On the seventeenth day of May will be the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ. On the twenty-fourth day of May the feast of Pentecost. On the seventh day of June, the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. On the twenty-ninth day of November, the first Sunday of the Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom is honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen!”

So now you know! Mark your calendars so you can share in this beautiful and enlightening liturgical cycle with your brothers and sisters in the Body of Christ. May the coming year be one of peace and blessing for you and yours!”

Bill Johnson, Director of Music & Liturgy

Have you visited the Kiosk yet? Why not start listening to a CD as a family? We have several great CD's that will open dialogue with your teens. There is a CD by Matthew Kelly called *“Raising Amazing Children”* and the cost is only \$3.00. *“Jesus Is...”* is very insightful and entertaining. It is money well spent.



Please Pray for the Sick of our Parish

Krista Marshall, Waudell Hinton, James Gattton, Madeline Taddeo, Joan Fisher, Audrey Graf, Joyce Weidig, Mary Jurgens Eaton, Janice Gratz, Makaya Butler, Don Blank, Mildred Corbin, Dina Riley, Kiptin Ball, Linda Snyder, Sharon Valdry, Lorraine Moore, Bernadine Kallerson, Brenda Davis, Jazmine Shaffer, Dinean Tacik, Michael Davis II, Dan Rhea, Tegan Ruiz, Madaline Barrett, Richard Finnerty, Mark Coleman, Beth Weiland, Jeannette Metcalf, Carol Luft, Elizabeth Schneider, Angie Dillon, Aaron Blank, Mary Rosati, Janet Jenkins, Bob Kaufman, Linda Beasley, RoseMary Lang-Martin, Colton Ziegler, Dylan Perry

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. Thank you.

In God's Arms... Megan E. Smith

Weekly Offering January 11, 2015

Regular Sunday	\$ 10,193.00
School	\$ 2,927.00
Children	\$ 19.53
Christmas	\$ 145.00
Mailed In Sunday	\$ 2,910.00
Mail In Christmas	\$ 100.00
Direct Deposit	\$ 3,230.00
TOTAL	\$ 19,524.53

Weekly Offering December 21, 2014

(This information was previously not available due to early bulletin deadline.)

Regular Sunday	\$ 10,919.00
School	\$ 5,161.50
Children	\$ 51.86
Christmas	\$ 1,815.00
Mailed In Sunday	\$ 1,637.00
Mail In Christmas	\$ 2,480.00
Direct Deposit	\$ 2,717.00
TOTAL	\$ 24,781.86

Youth Activities

January 18th- 19th Back to Heartland High School in Galion

January 21- 24th - March for Life in Washington, DC. Please pray for our pilgrims!

New Year's Eve and December 31, 2014
New Year's Day January 1, 2015

Sunday Collection	\$ 822.00
School	\$ 592.00
Christmas	\$ 3,125.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 2,335.50
TOTAL	\$ 6,874.50

Weekly Offering January 4, 2015

Regular Sunday	\$ 13,863.49
School	\$ 6,469.50
Children	\$ 18.01
Christmas	\$ 832.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 390.00
Mailed In Sunday	\$ 3,218.00
Mail In Christmas	\$ 2,270.00
Direct Deposit	\$ 3,850.00
TOTAL	\$ 30,911.00

Weekly Average Needed = \$ 25,000.00
Building Improvement Fund = \$ 3,471.03



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

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

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

BLUE BARRELS

Will be out February 14-15
 Thank you for your support!

Young Adult Book Club: Jesus Shocks! Our last meeting for the book club is January 19, 2015 at 6 PM in the Family Room. Did you miss the meeting in December? Don't worry! There are still copies of the book available! Just call Landree at [419-524-8162](tel:419-524-8162) or email at lrennpage@yahoo.com. Can't make it to the winter session? There will be another great Catholic book club read in the spring! Check out future bulletins for details!



Pro Life Ohio is hosting our annual Vigil for Life on Sunday, January 18th, from 3 to 4 pm.

As in the past, we meet at the First English Lutheran church, and march up to the Gazebo on the square. "Speak up for those unjustly lead away to death." 3600 of our nation's children are killed each day by abortion. Have you joined your voice in their defense? Our guest speakers are Pam Crank, director of Richland Pregnancy Services, and Jim Morgan, their director of development. Fr. Jeremy Miller, Associate Pastor of St. Peter's. will lead the opening and closing prayer.

Beginning Monday, January 26 from 5:30 -6:30 in St. Paul's room the Centering Prayer group will sponsor a 9 week DVD series entitled "The Gift of Life, Death & Dying, Life and Living" by Thomas Keating with Carl J. Ari-co. Each hour-long session on Monday will begin with twenty minutes of centering prayer. A section of the DVD will be viewed, followed by a short time for reflection. This DVD series offers a vision of hope and a view of reality that counter the cultural norms that view death as a tragedy, or the end of living, or an entry into harsh judgment and retribution. The series is a compilation of four days of conversations focused on the transformative process of death and dying as *part of*, rather than the *end of*, life's journey. All are welcome!



The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Thank you to Judy Tridico for providing breakfast! Keep our catechumens and candidates in prayer as their faith journey continues. Our upcoming class topics are Liturgy, Catholic Social Teaching and the Sacraments.



School News



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2015

National Catholic Schools Week is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. For 2015, it begins Sunday, January 25, and continues through January 31.

The theme for the National Catholic Schools Week 2015 is "Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service." **Faith, Knowledge and Service** are the central components and the foundation of Catholic education.

First and foremost, Catholic schools are communities of faith and this is the primary reason they exist. Catholic schools are communities of knowledge. They provide an education that combines Catholic tradition with academic excellence and set high standards for student achievement. Catholic schools also have a rich history of teaching students the value of service.

The CSW 2015 logo features a swirl of colors interacting around a cross, which is at the center of all Catholic education. The vibrancy of the colors and the movement and shadows in the logo portray the inner-connectivity and community life that are present in our Catholic schools.

St. Peter's School will observe National Catholic Schools Week with Mass and other special activities for students, families, parishioners and community members. Through these events, we will focus on the value Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to our church, our communities and our nation.



KINDERGARTEN TO FIRST GRADE TRANSITION Parent Information Night

On Thursday, January 29, parents of children now enrolled in a kindergarten program--here at St. Peter's School or elsewhere--are invited to meet with St. Peter's Elementary School first grade teachers and Mrs. Madalyn Bauer, principal, to ask questions about their child's transition from kindergarten to first grade at St. Peter's for next school year. In the past, this meeting has proven very helpful for parents. The meeting will be held in the elementary school from 6:30-7:30 p.m. So that we can have enough seating and materials prepared, please call the school office at [419-524-3351](tel:419-524-3351) if you plan to attend.



Leaning Tower of Pizza
 180 Lexington Ave.
 Mansfield, Ohio
 419-525-3462

Development Position

St. Peter's Parish is seeking to fill a position in our Development Office. In addition to being Catholic, and preferably a graduate of a Catholic elementary and/or high school, the candidate for the position should:

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

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

Resumes will be accepted through February 17, 2015. An application and broader job description and outline of benefits will be available when resume is received.

Parish Pictorial Directory



It's coming! This is our year for a new Parish Pictorial Directory! We invite and encourage ALL parishioners to have pictures taken. The Directory is an important resource in our large parish and helps our priests—and all of us—to get to know one another. Numerous dates and times will be available to accommodate schedules, including families out of Ohio for the winter, families with military loved ones, college students, etc.

SIGN-UP for picture-taking will take place January 31-February 1 and February 7-8 before and after all Masses - or you can sign up online.

Questions about scheduling? Contact Kristin at 419-631-9928.

Beginning dates for picture-taking:

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

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

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

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

Further dates for picture-taking will be available in April and May. Please watch future bulletins for more information.

All who have a picture taken will receive a free 8x10 photo and a free directory!



To prevent the spread of Influenza and other viruses, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and St. Peter's Parish ask everyone to please keep the following in mind:

*Anyone who is ill with a cough & fever is reminded they do not have an obligation to attend Sunday Mass. In fact, it is better they do not attend Mass & infect others.

*Anyone who feels ill should not receive the Precious Blood from the Chalice.

*Eucharistic Ministers are asked to wash their hands before and after Mass and use hand sanitizer before communion distribution.

*Some people do not wish to shake hands at sign of Peace, please respect this. A bow of the head or wave shows consideration.

*We encourage everyone to practice good hygiene, especially washing hands on a regular basis.



Knights of Columbus

Friday, January 23, 2015, 5:30 —7:30pm:
Swiss Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Salad,
and Rolls.

Adults \$10.00 / Kids 12 and under only \$5.00!

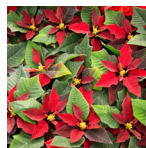
Open to all... Please join us! Knights of Columbus is located at 1114 Park Avenue West. 419-529-5532



**BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION
REALLY DOES MAKE A
DIFFERENCE!**

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you - for all the Box Tops For Education labels! I could not have done it without you. After Christmas, *St. Peter's Elementary* received a check for \$1,752.90! Every single label counts! This represents a six month collection from May-October, 2014. The money will go to the Msgr. Dunn Foundation for Education unless it is designated for a school purpose. God bless the savers!

~ Sister Paula



THANK YOU TO JUSTIN AND LYNN MAROTTA AND POSSUM RUN GREENHOUSE, once again this season, for their generosity to our parish in supplying the poinsettias which adorned our sanctuary.

Our church looked so beautiful and the poinsettias were gorgeous! Thank you, Justin and Lynn, and to parishioners for your generous contributions to the flower sanctuary fund.

Thanks, too, to all who cared and watered the plants and took care of the sanctuary this past Christmas season.

All is a gift; all is grace!

-- Father Hite

Catholic Charities Volunteers Needed Catholic Charities is seeking volunteers for various work areas: volunteer guardians, H.O.P.E. Food pantry, clerical/office/reception. If you are available for a couple of hours a week your help is greatly appreciated! In 2013, we had over 12,000 hours of volunteer time – that equals approximately \$260,000. Without our volunteers, we would not be able to serve the many needs of the community. We appreciate any amount of time you are able to give and we thank you for your support. Please contact Cheryl Dix at 419-524-0733 x224 or cdix@toledodiocese.org.

January 22nd is the anniversary date of a Supreme Court decision that made abortion legal... in other words, killing a human baby before birth. Resurrection Parish is hosting a Mass at 9:30 a.m. to pray for an end to this tragedy. Praying of the rosary will precede the Mass at 8:45 a.m. Be Pro-Life and attend this prayfull time and save the preborn babies from death. This message brought to you by St. Peter's Respect Life Committee.

Come spend the day in an adult retreat that focuses on "Getting Right with God" through a process that includes prayer, scripture study, discussion, individual reflection and Eucharistic adoration. Resurrection Parish Fellowship Hall. Saturday, January 24 10 AM – 4:30 PM. Breakfast and lunch provided. Sign up by calling parish office [419-884-0060](tel:419-884-0060). All are welcome!

Project Rachel Retreat for Hope & Healing after Abortion— Saturday, January 31, 2015 9:00 am—5:00 pm. This is a one day retreat and is designed to help women hurting from past abortions to experience the personal love of Christ and find hope for healing. It will offer a loving and confidential environment to hear stories of post abortion healing, share Scriptural stories of Christ's healing love, spend quiet time in prayer before God. There is an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the great gift of Christ in the Eucharist. Location is confidential, cost is \$20.00 and includes lunch. Please contact Project Rachel at 419-654-4886.

What Does The Church Teach About The End Of Life. On Saturday, February 7, 2015 at 2 p.m., the Sorrowful Mother Shrine south of Bellevue will host a presentation in the Shrine cafeteria on *End of Life Issues*. This hour-long program will explore the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops: directives concerning the end of life and our Christian response to our mortality. For more information, call 419-483-3435 ext. 6 Cost is a donation. (There is a 4 p.m. Mass available also.)

Fertility Seminar, February 28, 2015 - An afternoon of talks and discussions including, alternative treatments for infertility, improving your cycles with nutrition, healthier ways to treat PMS, heavy periods, PCOS, & more. For more information call 419-233-1600 or email delphsnfp@gmail.com.

WATCHING FOR THE MESSIAH

Today's Gospel story of John and his disciples seeing and following Jesus sounds so simple and casual, it's easy to miss the significant acts of faith that are made. John points to Jesus: "Look," he says, "there is the Lamb of God." John's faith in Jesus is evident, so evident that John's disciples immediately leave his side to follow this Jesus. The two disciples make their own act of faith. They follow Jesus, spend time with him, and are quick to spread the good news of their discovery: "We have found the Messiah."

It is easy to forget that the expectations of generations, the hopes of many ages of faithful people were being fulfilled in these simple acts of faith. The Lamb of God, the Messiah, foretold by the prophets, had finally come. Nearly everyone among the Jewish people was watching for the Messiah back then; who in our own society watches for signs of the presence of the Messiah today?

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Old customs fade slowly, and in 1560 the Council of Trent tried for significant change in pastoral care of the sick. People resisted, thinking that the last breath was the right time for the sacrament. Although physical improvement was often noted after anointing, it was seen as a kind of bonus, rather than an expected outcome of a prayer for good health, strength, patience, and even healing. More than four hundred years later, many people still do not ask for anointing until it is literally too late for the person to have reasonable hope of healing, or at least be aware enough to participate in the ritual. By then, it may even be too late for viaticum, the true "last rite."

We have a treasure in our tradition that we seem reluctant to use. We visit the sick, we anoint those who are in the first crisis of illness, we give Communion to those who are dying, and we keep vigil and pray for those close to death. When anointing is celebrated early enough, optimally when the sick person is still at Sunday Mass, it can be a source of courage, faith, and hope for a difficult road ahead. When we anoint our sick, we remind them that they belong to Christ and a community of faith. We bring them into the presence of Christ to reconcile, heal, and give strength and hope. We resist forces that isolate and alienate the sick; the symbol of touch is a powerful act of acceptance. Why wait until the crisis of illness is dire before we apply such a rich remedy to body and soul?

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

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening (1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19).

Psalms — Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will (Psalm 40).

Second Reading — Your bodies are members of Christ; glorify God in your body (1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20).

Gospel — The first disciples saw where Jesus was staying and they stayed with him (John 1:35-42).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c; Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: Heb 7:25 — 8:6; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Mk 3:7-12, *or any of a number of readings for the Day of Prayer*

Friday: Heb 8:6-13; Ps 85:8, 10-14; Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Mk 3:20-21

Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

JOY

The fullness of joy is to behold God in everything.
—St. Julian



Join Ashland's Irish adopted son, Fr. Sean, on his "Homeland Adventure" coming June, 2015. *Leg 1:* June 20-28 includes stops to these Ireland treasures: Dublin, Galway, Adare, Killarney, Kilkenny, Cliffs of Moher, Ring of Kerry and the Blarney Stone. *Leg 2:* June 28-July 1 includes 3 days in Sorrento visiting the Isle of Capri, Sorrento, Positano and the Amalfi Coast. *Leg 3:* July 1-4 includes stops in the Eternal City, Rome, visits to the Vatican and the Basilica of St. Peter's along with the endless art and treasures of Rome! You can choose Leg 1 or Leg 1 & 2 or all three legs. LIMITED AVAILABILITY. Deadline to register is February 14, 2015. For more information contact Greg Kuns at Pinnacle Travel & tours at 419-307-3711 or check on-line at www.pinnacletourexperience.com.



A Family Perspective Can you say "I have testified Jesus is the Son of God?" If you aren't talking about Jesus in your family, you aren't testifying. If you are not walking your talk, your children will see your words as meaningless. ~ By Bud Ozar

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