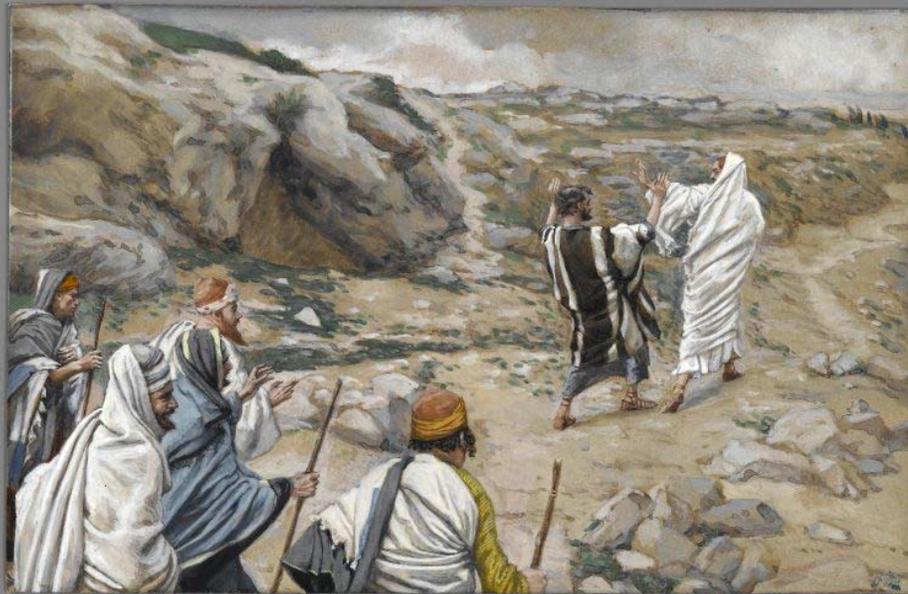


SAINT PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 13, 2015



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*Whoever
wishes to come
after me must
deny himself,
take up his
cross, and
follow me.*

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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

Spanish Mass:

Resurrection Parish, Lexington
Sunday: 6:00 pm

Phones:

Rectory & Parish Center: 419-524-2572
High School, Jr. High: 419-524-0979
Grade School: 419-524-3351
Montessori: 419-524-3351

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

St. Peter's School System:

Mr. Michael Wasiniak
High School, Jr. High School
Mrs. Madalyn Bauer
Elementary School
Mrs. Tammy Kemerling *Montessori*

Pastoral Care Contacts:

Mrs. Vickie Palmer 419-524-2572
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Mrs. Vickie Palmer 419-524-2572
Nursing Homes/Assisted Living & Prayer Pipeline
Deacon John Reef 419-529-3694
Shut-ins/Homebound

A PARISH OF THE SAINT JUAN DIEGO DEANERY, DIOCESE OF TOLEDO

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, September 14 *The Exaltation of the Holy Cross*

5:00 pm Rosary
5:30 pm North Central Ohio Vocations

Tuesday, September 15 *Our Lady of Sorrows*

6:30 am Mary Ellen Brucato Higgins
8:15 am Captain Christopher Britton
3:15 pm Mass at Liberty Nursing Home

Wednesday, September 16 *Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs*

6:30 am Catherine Knapp

Thursday, September 17 *Weekday*

6:30 am Mary Ann Shook
9:20 am Siu Keng Go

Friday, September 18 *Weekday*

5:00 pm Rosary
5:30 pm Audrey Graph

Saturday, September 19 *Vigil of Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00 pm Marilyn Mertler

Sunday, September 20 *Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

7:30 am Parish
9:30 am Hetler Family
11:30 am Stephan Ohl

LECTOR / COMMUNION MINISTER

Saturday, September 19

5:00 pm L C Eighinger, C Taddeo D D & T Hipp, P Dignan, M Joyce, B Linkenbach, M Monroe, B Nihei, B Scharlt, V Zack

Sunday, September 20

7:30 am L M Hawkins, M Santoro D M Collet, B & L Danuloff, B Marshall, K Randall, K & K Reindl
9:30 am L A Seiss, J Riedl D B Genter, J Brennan, I Cervinski, D Forster, T Frasz, S Herlihy, J Kastelic, M Meinzer, R Renie, F Schuster, T & L Speelman, S Weber, S Weitzel, need one
11:30 am L T Malec, L Moore D F Leitenberger, C Becker, L Brackett, F Craig, J Liston, K Paugh, B Riley, K Schreck, C Thrasher, K Yockey, need one

MASS SERVERS

Saturday, September 19

5:00 pm D & M Congdon, A Winters

Sunday, September 20

7:30 am M Givens, A Lorenz, A Saltzgeber
9:30 am M Maxwell, I Annis, Abi Baldasare
11:30 am T Schreck, C Bryant, G Farragher

Counters - September 20

P Weitzel, J & B Genter, P Lapczenski

MASS IN SPANISH

Mass in Spanish is celebrated each Sunday at **Resurrection Parish, Lexington, Ohio, at 6:00 pm.** All parishioners within the Tri-Parish area are welcome to participate.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults



As you may have noticed in the weekly bulletin "RCIA corner," the path to the Church takes many directions and routes. The one commonality for all who are seeking and being called to Catholicism is a desire to know, love, and serve our Lord. For some, the journey may take years. For many, the seeds are planted when they marry a Catholic and, perhaps over many years of marriage, feel called to be one in faith with their spouse. For still others, they may have grown up without "church," but feel that tug that God is calling them to something so much more than they can imagine.

As you can see, "one size" definitely does not fit all. Here at St. Peter's we are blessed to be able to meet seekers where they are and accompany them on the journey. For those who have not been baptized and have little to no experience in living as a follower of Jesus, we offer RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. The first step for all inquirers is a simple phone call or email to schedule an initial conversation. Those who are not baptized then begin the RCIA sessions, culminating for many in celebration of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. For others, specifically those who are baptized and have come to church with their family for years, we offer a condensed process, culminating in celebration of Full Communion at the Easter Vigil. Others are on different stages of the journey and may enter the Church at other times of the year. That initial call or email is the first step for all interested.

A frequent question I hear is this: How many are in RCIA this year? I'm often tempted to answer: The whole parish! The reason for that answer? The entire parish is involved in the RCIA process. We all play an integral role. In reality, there is no RCIA community. The seekers are not joining the RCIA. They are joining Christ! And where do we find Christ? Within the Body of Christ – the body of believers we call parish. That is the only community that can initiate the seekers into the way of faith and conversion....and accompany them on their journey to develop a growing relationship with God.

Here are some specific ways EACH St. Peter's parishioner can participate:

- Invite someone to church who has expressed interest in learning about the Catholic faith;
- Share your own faith right where you are – with family, co-workers, neighbors;
- Encourage and support your spouse or other family members if they are feeling the Spirit's nudge to embrace the Catholic faith;
- Serve as a sponsor, an invitation requiring energy and commitment but through which your own faith will truly be affirmed and strengthened;
- Provide breakfast items only once during the year;
- Pray daily for all who are seeking a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ.

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Please Pray for the Sick of our Parish



Krista Marshall, Michael Davis II, Madeline Taddeo, Helen Green, Rose Mary Lang-Martin, Brittany McCough, Charles Koehler, Joe Burke, Greg Zack, Mark Alt, Rita McCartney, Madeline Barrett, Don Blank, Aaron Blank, Carol Chambers, Lee Collins, Toby Philpott, Elliana Nelson, Cindy Herr-Hickerson, Theresa Prendergast, Eileen Deehan, Pam Taylor, Julian Krous, Nick and Hilda Schemine, Jimmye Martin, Mary Ann Gibson, Nancy Stanton, Christy Selby, Marilyn Coleman, Mark Coleman, Phyllis Hadley, Kathy Shaw, Sister Mary Brendt

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.

Anointing of the Sick Mass



St. Peter's annual Mass with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be TODAY, September 13 at 2:00 p.m. in church. This beautiful Mass offers the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick to those with acute or chronic illnesses, those with other physical or emotional infirmities and the elderly. We also offer a special blessing to all those who are caregivers, health service providers, doctors, nurses and others who work in the fields of medicine or health care. We encourage you to attend with your family. If you are not in need of anointing but know of a parishioner or relative who is, please invite them to join you. Mass will be celebrated Sunday, September 13th, at 2:00 p.m. Please call the Parish Liturgy Office at 419-524-2572 for more information.

Laptops for the Franciscan Sisters: Sister Bernard Marie and Sister Paula won't miss a beat as they will have laptop computers to check their emails and facebook accounts. If you would like to send the sisters an email, their addresses are:

- campbell.bernardmarie@myspartans.org
- bingert.paula@myspartans.org

POSITION AVAILABLE:

Facilities Maintenance Technician Job Posting:

St. Peter's Parish & School has an immediate opportunity for an experienced individual who can effectively and efficiently perform various building maintenance, janitorial and general repair duties. The successful applicant should have working knowledge of boiler operations: refrigeration, plumbing and maintenance, electrical repairs, and fire, phone and security systems. Very good communication skills, ability to multi-task, and desire to work well as a member of a team are imperative to success. Must pass all BCI and FBI background checks & Diocesan requirements for protecting youth.

Send resume with wage and benefit requirements to humanresources@myspartans.org or St. Peter's Parish 104 West First St., Mansfield, OH 44902 Attn: Human Resources. The position is also posted on the following websites: ohiojobs.org and mansfieldareahelpwanted.com.

Campbell's, UPC Codes, Box Tops for Education and Tyson Logos

PLEASE KEEP THEM COMING!

Please continue to place your codes in a sealed envelope and drop off in the Parish Center office. You may also give them to a student of the high school or elementary school to turn into their school secretary.

Many thanks to everyone who has taken the time to clip and save. God Bless All!

Sister Paula

Safety & Security Committee

Over the past few years we have implemented many measures to increase safety & security for all of our students, parishioners, employees, and properties. To further enhance this important objective we are establishing a Safety & Security Committee. If anyone is interested in chairing or participating as an active committee member please call Jerry Straub, Business Manager, at 524-2572.

THANK YOU to all who responded to the 2015 Diocesan Annual Catholic Appeal. Our final report is that *our parish pledged \$46,560.02 (85.75%)* of our parish goal (\$54,300); the same as last year. This also represents a sacrificial gift from 361 households - a slight increase in donors from last year. May the Lord continue to bless you for your generosity to our diocesan church and those ministerial services which benefit our parish!

~ Father Gregory Hite

SUNDAY OFFERING



September 6, 2015

Regular Sunday	\$	12,691.96
School	\$	4,173.50
Children	\$	20.04
Mailed In Sunday	\$	2,356.00
Mailed in School	\$	300.00
Direct Deposit	\$	3,850.00
Totals	\$	23,391.50

Weekly Average Needed = \$ 25,000.00
Building Improvement Fund = \$ 3,722.45



RECYCLING ~ Our next Recycling date is:
October 9, 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

(to benefit the work of the St. Vincent de Paul Society)
THIS WEEKEND

Attention Cooks and Bakers:



We are in need of help for the monthly Music Series receptions. About once a month, we provide refreshments in the FAC after the concerts. You can contribute whatever you would like. Please Contact Missy Saprano at 419-524-0373 or msaprano@aol.com Thank You!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Friday, September 18th: Benefit Dinner for North Central Vocations for the Propagation of the Religious Vocations. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. and will be Chicken Parmigiana, Salad and dessert.

Friday, October 9th: Annual Oktoberfest to benefit St. Peter's Respect Life Committee. Dinner will be served starting at 6:00 p.m. Traditional German fare to be served. We will be having an exciting and dynamic guest speaker, Peter Range, at 6:30pm.

Please RSVP by Wednesday for any meals you plan to attend or sign up at the club. Call 419-529-5532 to leave your name, phone number and the number of people in your party who wish to attend on our answering machine. K of C: 1114 Park Avenue West - Mansfield.

HEARTS & MINDS with HOPE:



If you and/or a loved one are struggling with depression or other mental health issues, consider joining us on Tuesday, September 22nd, at 4:00 in Assisi Hall for "You've Got to Have HOPE". For further information, feel free to contact Sue Malaska at vmalaska@neo.rr.com or call 419-756-0962.



There are many paths to becoming Catholic. Perhaps the Spirit is prompting you or a loved one to seek a deeper relationship with God and to learn more about the Church. We will soon begin RCIA inquiry sessions. Please call Lynne at the Parish Center (419-524-2572) or email her at lukach.lynne@myspartans.org to schedule an initial conversation.



SCHOOL NEWS



SCHOOL ENROLLMENT GOOD NEWS:

All Catholic school principals in the Diocese of Toledo are required to submit a five-day ADM enrollment report. The good news at St. Peter's School is that the ADM enrollment report confirms at least a 1+% increase over last year's numbers. This is the first time in many years at St. Peter's School that total school enrollment number has increased. A complete report on enrollment, along with additional school information, will be published again this October in the St. Peter's FAMILY publication. Thank you to all who support Catholic education, enabling school administrators, teachers and staff to serve our school families here at St. Peter's.

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Please call or email. Gaining more information may help...and will lead to a true sense of freedom, peace, and fullness of joy.

Your sister in Christ (and blessed to coordinate our parish Adult Faith Formation),
 Lynne Lukach
 419-524-2572
Lukach.lynne@myspartans.org

NEW ADDRESS FOR SR. BERNIE & SR. PAULA:

If you would like to write to Sr. Bernie and Sr. Paula their new address is:

**Our Lady of Angels
 1201 Wyoming Avenue
 Joliet, IL. 60435**

When their new phone numbers are available, we will post in the bulletin as soon as possible.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Catholic Charities H.O.P.E. Pantry needs several volunteers 3 days a week for desk work, stocking shelves, helping shoppers and light cleaning. Please call Cheryl if you can help! 419-524-0733 Ext. 224.



Catholic Match Ohio

CatholicMatch.com/myOH

TREK or TREAT: Heroes and a Couple of Villains!



Troop 121 is sponsoring a 5K Run or Walk through the creepy, spooky and possibly haunted Woodland Neighborhood of Mansfield. All proceeds of the event will benefit Troop 121's 2016 Adventure trips. The event is chip-timed by Ohio Race Day. Pre-registration guarantees a shirt. Refreshments for all runners and walkers.

- **DATE:** Sunday, October 25, 2015
- **LOCATION:** Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 525 W. Cook Rd. in Mansfield.
- **REGISTRATION:** Begins at 3:30 p.m.. Race starts at 4:30 p.m.
- **COST:** \$20. Pre-registered. \$25. Race day.

Course map, registration and sponsorship forms available at the Parish Center or www.trekortreat.com.

Capital Campaign Moving Forward



In late July, Bishop Thomas approved the implementation of a Capital Campaign at St. Peter's Parish. The Development Office has been working closely with our Properties Committee to obtain updated quotes for the projects we hope to complete.

Our goal is to raise \$3 million. However, we will only complete projects as we receive the funding needed. Based on the feedback of parishioners in the feasibility study phase, our work will focus on the needs of the church and campus security first.

Over the next couple of months, you will hear much about the campaign and the projects we hope to complete. Since this is a complete as funded project, you will most likely not see work begin until the year 2017 or later. Also, keep in mind that each of these projects will require Diocesan approval from multiple committees before work can commence. We are committed to having work completed by professionals who are proficient in historic worship spaces like St. Peter's Church.

Please keep the success of this campaign in your prayers as we move forward.

Business Networking Group Coming to St. Peter's



The Development Office is coordinating the start of a new ministry to help better connect St. Peter's parishioners, parents and alumni in a business environment. The goal is to share our common Catholic faith in a business environment. The format structure will mirror other successful networking groups and will include open networking, featured speakers and a light breakfast. The first meeting will be Friday, September 18, 2015 at 7:30 a.m. and every third Friday of the month in the Atrium of the Franciscan Activity Center. Additional information will be released in the coming weeks regarding guest speakers. Feel free to call Jason Crundwell with any questions. 419-524-2572.

Confirmation Mass with Bishop Thomas

Fifty of our young people will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop Thomas on October 11th at our regular Sunday 11:30 Mass. That means the Church will be unusually full with family and friends of the Confirmandi.

Because it is a more solemn occasion, *incense will be used!* Parishioners with allergies or other sensitivity to incense may want to choose to attend another of our Sunday Masses that weekend.

If you have mobility problems, you may also want to choose another Mass that weekend. Our other weekend Masses are Saturday at 5:00 p.m. and Sunday at 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.

Please call the Parish Office or the Parish Religious Education Office at 419-524-2572 if you have questions.

Rummage and Bake Sale

Saint Mary Altar Rosary Society will hold a Rummage and Bake Sale in the basement of St. Mary Church, 1630 Ashland Road, Mansfield, on Thursday, October 1 from 9:00am to 5:00pm, Friday, October 2 from 9:00am to 5:00pm and Saturday, October 3 from 9:00am to noon.

Baptisms:

- Lucas Dale Baith* - son of Benjamin & Jennifer Baith
- Gerald Edwin Mussman* - son of Jeffrey & Sarah Musman
- Dominic Andrew Neidlinger* - son of Martin & Jodell Neidlinger
- Camden Liam Kelly* - son of Devin & Marissa Kelly
- Nash Kristopher Alleshouse* - son of Zack & Andrea Alleshouse

New Parishioners:

- Brian Swick
- Kathleen Bush
- Whit & Amanda Robertson & Family
- Aaron & Jackie Morris



Community Service Organization

What exactly are the "Knights of Columbus?" What do they do? Is there an age limit? Who can join? Is there a cost? Many people could find the answers to these questions with a quick google search on the computer, but to really understand the benefits and services that the Knights of Columbus provide, talk to a local Knight. Start by joining our local council for a meal and casual conversation. (See page 4 of today's bulletin for future dates and menu's!) Get real answers from real people.

2015 Jubilee Wedding Anniversary Mass & Reception - Our Lady Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral October 4, 2015 3:00 P.M. Join Bishop Daniel Thomas and the Office of Marriage and Family Life as we commemorate 25, 40, 50, 60, and 60+ years of marriage for couples in the diocese of Toledo. A reception featuring refreshments and the distribution of commemorative certificates will follow. Please register by calling the Parish Center at 419-524-2572.

Parking Lot Rummage Sale—Saturday, September 19, 2015 - St. John's United Church of Christ - 68 Park Avenue East, Mansfield 9:00am to 5:00pm.

Children's Liturgy of the Word will resume at the 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Masses on Sunday, September 20th. The program materials are designed for our young people in kindergarten through fourth grade. We could use several more teachers. If you are interested, please contact Angie Dillon at dillon.angie@myspartans.org or call 419-524-2572 ext. 2112.

Garbage Bags for sale: White (15 gallon - 65 bags per roll), yellow (32x45 - 25 bags per roll) and blue (38x55 - 16 bags per roll) garbage bags are for sale for only \$10.00 per roll in the Parish Center Gift Shop and High School office. What a deal!

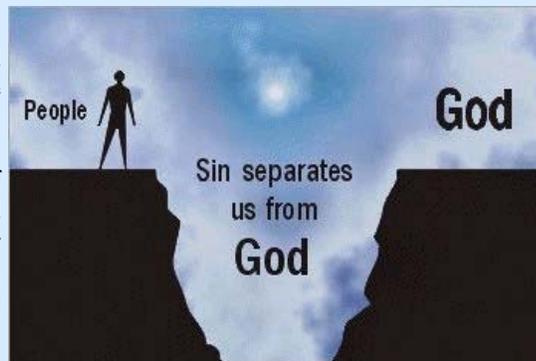
Attention All Parish Altar Servers: If you did not attend the servers' meeting on Sunday, August 23rd, you need to attend the meeting on Sunday, September 20th from 1:00-2:30 in the church. A parent or guardian should plan to attend the first fifteen minutes of the meeting. If you have any questions, contact Fr. Jeremy Miller (miller.jeremy@myspartans.org) or Angie Dillon (dillon.angie@myspartans.org) or call them through the Parish Center phone at 419-524-2572.

Flag Retirement Ceremony: The Knights of Columbus, 1114 Park Avenue West, will be sponsoring a flag retirement ceremony on Saturday, September 26, 2015 beginning at 6:30 p.m. Bring your tattered and torn American flag so it can be properly and respectfully disposed of in a caring and traditional ceremony. All you can eat pizza afterwards for only \$5.00.

SERVANT

Sometimes the hour and the person meet. Sometimes, when a task or mission is set upon our shoulders, we know we must meet our responsibilities and we are ready. These are heady and invigorating times. The first reading and the Gospel proclamation today are intimate glimpses of a commencement, an inauguration of a challenging future. In both readings, a sense of gravity prevails.

The first reading is from the mysterious Servant Songs from the book of Isaiah. The person is steadfast and brave. His courage and bravery are not located in his stout heart, but in God. We are reminded, "The Lord GOD opens my ear that I may hear" (Isaiah 50:4), so the servant understands the mission. And twice, "The Lord GOD is my help" (50:7, 9), so that the servant can endure the coming struggle.



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

It seems obvious to us that Jesus Christ is the Lord of second chances. We need look no further than Peter's denial and rehabilitation for proof. Yet early Christians were more tentative with the gift of forgiveness. For them, every Sunday was an experience of the Lord's power to heal and forgive, yet there were three sins that placed persons at the margins of the community's life. In some places, the rift caused by these sins was permanent. The sins were apostasy (denial of the faith), adultery, and murder. They were particularly detested because of their power to divide and even scatter the community gathered around the Lord's table. Fragile and persecuted communities could crumble and disappear under the weight of a harm done by a public sinner. Sinners were excluded from the community in the hope that "tough love" would help them come to their senses and experience deeper conversion. Inevitably, lists of grave sins grew longer as various bishops added their personal pet peeves to the roster, and more people were required to do public penance. For them, reconciliation was a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Many sinners accepted their condition and hoped for a chance at a deathbed reconciliation by anointing. With more and more people permanently on the outs, the church began to struggle toward the light of the Lord's unfailing gift of reconciliation.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The Lord GOD is my help; who will prove me wrong? (Isaiah 50:5-9a).

Psalms — I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living (Psalm 116).

Second Reading — Faith, if it does not have works, is dead (James 2:14-18).

Gospel — Jesus asked his disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" (Mark 8:27-35).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1b-3ab, 5-6; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-6; Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16; Ps 111:7-10; Lk 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-10, 17-20; Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 8:4-15

Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20; Ps 54:3-8; Jas 3:16 — 4:3; Mk 9:30-37

Project Rachel: "After my abortion, I was broken and desperate for help. I turned to Project Rachel. After the experience, I left feeling like a whole person again. Forgiveness became a reality for me, a feeling I never imagined was possible." The pain of abortion haunts many women. The Project Rachel ministry can help women find hope, healing and reconciliation after abortion. Call 1-888-456-HOPE for help. All inquiries are confidential.

The Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation, Carey, Ohio, invites you to come for the annual Family Day on Sunday, September 27th. Mass at noon in the Shrine Park followed with a free picnic lunch and rosary procession. All are welcome! For more information, call the Shrine office at 419-396-7107 or go to www.olcshrine.com.

PRAYERS & BLESSINGS FOR INACTIVE CATHOLICS

Lord Jesus, for a variety of reasons, many people who once worshipped as faithful Catholics no longer attend Mass, receive the sacraments or embrace the faith. May your Holy Spirit continue to reach out to them, and may they always find in the Church a community ready to receive them once more, hear their concerns and grow together in faith. Amen

THE CROSS TO BEAR

If you bear the cross gladly, it will bear you.

—Thomas à Kempis



A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE: If we want to be happy at home we must commit (lose ourselves) to our family. If we try to be independent from others (save ourselves) we end up lonely and alone. Happiness is found in commitments. The Gospel is true: We save our life by losing it!

~ Bud Ozar, Diocese of Grand Rapids, Family, Youth & Young Adult Ministry