

SAINT PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

NOVEMBER 15, 2015



Sing With All The Saints In Glory

Sing with all the saints in glory,
Sing the resurrection song!
Death and sorrow, earth's dark story,
To the former days belong.
All around the clouds are breaking,
Soon the storms of time shall cease;
In God's likeness, people waking,
Know the everlasting peace.

Oh what glory, far exceeding.
All that eye has yet perceived!
Holiest hearts for ages pleading,
Never that full joy conceived.
God has promised Christ prepares it,
There on high our welcome waits;
Every humble spirit shares it,
Christ has passed the eternal gates.

1 Corinthians 15:20, William J. Irons, 1812-1839;
fr. Psalms and Hymns, 1873, alt. Music: Ludwig van
Beethoven; adapt. By Edward Hodges, 1796-1867

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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. David Barber (Interim)

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
Hospital & Follow-up
Mrs. Vickie Palmer 419-524-2572
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Deacon John Reef 419-529-3694
Shut-ins/Homebound

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 16 + *Margaret of Scotland;*

+ *Gertrude, Virgin*

5:00 pm Rosary

5:30 pm Frank E. Brucato (anniversary)

Tuesday, November 17 + *Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious*

6:30 am Winifred Keller

8:15 am Albert Rosati

3:15 pm Mass at Elmcroft

Wednesday, November 18 + *The Dedication of the Basilicas of + Peter and Paul, Apostles; + Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin*

6:30 am James J. O'Donnell

Thursday, November 19 *Weekday*

6:30 am Rosemary Miller

9:20 am Harry Welsh

Friday, November 20 *Weekday*

5:00 pm Rosary

5:30 pm Mary Ann Shook

Saturday, November 21 *Vigil of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*

5:00 Florence Kastelic

Sunday, November 22 *Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*

7:30 am William, Dorothy & Jeff Alt

9:30 am Parish

11:30 am Benjamin Contra

1:00 pm - 6:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction

LECTOR / COMMUNION MINISTER

Saturday, November 21

5:00 pm L R Rader, J Thrasher **D** S Herlihy, P Dignan, D & T Hipp, B Linkenbach, B Schartl, C Sgambellone, V Zack, need three

Sunday, November 22

7:30 am L M Hawkins, T Mulherin **D** B Danuloff, J Gehrisch, L Lukach, B Marshall, J Morvai, K & K Reindl

9:30 am L J Reidl, R Sliney **D** T Baker, J Brennan, I Cervinski, D Dreskler, D Forster, T Frasz, B Genter, C Raff, R Renie, A Seiss, C Thrasher, J Kastelic, S Weber, K Wehinger, S Weitzel

11:30 am L L Brackett, J Liston **D** F Leitenberger, C Becker, H Deel, J Laskey, B Riley, K Schreck, need five

MASS SERVERS

Saturday, November 21

5:00 pm B & S Miller, T Staab

Sunday, November 22

7:30 am J Randall, A Lorenz, I Annis

9:30 am A Saltzgiver, E Dauterman, B Dix

11:30 am O Deel, P Divilbiss, E Fesler

Counters - Sunday, November 22

J Barlow, S Christian, L Steggall, I Brown

Children's Liturgy of the Word - Sunday, November 22

9:30 am Patti

11:30 am Kathy

Summer has come to a close and the leaves are diminishing from the trees. Indoor activities at St. Peter's after school have increased dramatically. All basketball courts are in full use and the swimmers are preparing for a very active winter season. I wish all our athletes from Elementary through the High School the best of health in hopes they compete fully to the best of their God-given talents throughout their season of choice.

There are many other activities occurring on campus as well. The Elementary play, "Curse of the Mummy's Tomb", will be in the VE room this weekend and the selection of students for National Honor Society in the High School will be next week. We indeed have much to be thankful for at our school in that we are in a peaceful (for the most part) country and should not have to fear from the atrocities seen in some countries in the Middle East. However, we need to be aware should we have to react to various situations that may occur. Our parish Safety Committee meets regularly to keep improving the items which need immediate attention.

Our readiness factor was heightened during two "Lock Down" situations last month in regards to firearms being displayed in the neighborhood. We are fortunate to have law enforcement officers who notify our schools promptly if dangerous scenarios are close at hand so that we can quickly and efficiently maintain safety for all. Safety drills have been implemented with our students and staff also.

It is part of our heritage to protect and preserve what we have here at St. Peter's Schools and Parish. It is also that time where we need to revitalize our buildings within the umbrella of the budget that has been set. The new Capital Campaign, "Preserving Our past, Securing Our future" which just began on our campus is most necessary in fulfillment of those needs. We each need to be involved to the greatest extent that we can so as to enrich our facilities with the much needed refurbishments.

As last week's Gospel told the story of the widow's two coin donation, and how she "gave of her entire being" to the treasury, might we now all look not just to give of "our surplus of wealth, but from our want" as she did, and now for us, in giving to the Church and schools. This week's Gospel brings to our attention that we never know when the "hour of our departure might be." This reminds us that we indeed will leave everything behind except our being... our soul... which carries with it all the good we have done in our lives. This Campaign is an extraordinary opportunity to do an enormous amount of good for our community that will last for a very long time!

All the children are praying in our schools and in each classroom we are using special lesson plans so this St. Peter's family effort can be truly successful. This is going to be a fundraising event at a very high level, yet, "no mountain is too high to climb" for our community, for when enough of our good people see to this endeavor being accomplished, we can do anything in His Name!

We pray we meet as many needs as we can and truly give from the heart so the future of St. Peter's Parish and Schools might be more securely guaranteed. God Bless you all for the efforts and sacrifices you may make to this great venture!

Mike Wasiniak, Principal of the Junior High and High School



Please Pray for the Sick of our Parish

Krista Marshall, Michael Davis II, Madeline Taddeo, Helen Green, Rose Mary Lang-Martin, Don Blank, Pam Taylor, Nick and Hilda Schemine, Mary Ann Gibson, Nancy Stanton, Bill Miller, Cody Riley, Beverly Strauser, Mary Mowyer, Connie Dalton, Rick Finerty, Mary Yeager, Margie Caldwell, Beth Weiland, Elizabeth Risacher, Fred Marshall, Pat Colarosa, Michael Wells, Dina Riley, Greg Betscher, Andrew Weaver
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.



Fr. Gregory Hite & Fr. Jeremy Miller will be on the air Wednesday, November 18th

Annunciation Radio's Fall Sharathon will take place Tuesday, November 17 through Friday, November 20, from 7 am to 6 pm each day. Be sure to tune to 89.5 FM WFOT and hear **Fr. Gregory Hite & Fr. Jeremy Miller Wednesday, November 18th at 4:00 PM & 5:00 PM**, and show your parish support by calling in a pledge during that hour at **1-888-215-0624**.

Giving Tree: The tree will be up in our Church filled with gift requests on **NOVEMBER 21st & 22nd**. Once again, our Parish is partnering with Catholic Charities to serve the Angel Tree program (children of prisoners), The Salvation Army to assist community families' needs, as well as St. Peter school children, parishioners and families served by St. Vincent de Paul. Thank you for the generosity and kindness you share with our neighbors during this blessed Christmas season!

Free Thanksgiving Meals ~ November 26, 2015

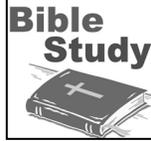
Providence Baptist Church 112 W. Sixth St. Mansfield, Ohio Service at 10:30 a.m. Meal from 11:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Phone: 419-524-9032.

New Jerusalem Progressive Church 709 Burns St. Mansfield. Service from 2:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Phone: 419-522-0652.

Friendly House 380 N. Mulberry St. Mansfield. Serving from 1:00p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Family Activities & Entertainment Sponsored by the Candice Williams Helping Hands Foundation (Homebound Seniors age 62 & older, call Theresa Williams for home delivery starting Monday, November 23rd through Thursday November 25th. Phone 419-961-8334.)

First Lutheran Church 33 Broadway, Shelby. Serving from 12:00 noon -2:00 p.m. No rides, no deliveries. For carry out call Wednesday November 25th by 4:00p.m. to reserve! Free and open to all. Donations welcome. Phone 419-347-7675.

Granny's Kitchen — Hosted by **St. Peter's Girl Scout Troop 2628**. Please join us on Thanksgiving Day for a traditional turkey dinner free of charge to anyone in need. Granny's Kitchen of Galion will open its doors at 11:00am and continue to serve through 1:00pm. Granny's is located at 940 Charles Street, Galion, Ohio.



Beginning January 14, 2016, a new Bible Study will begin on Thursday evening at 7:00 PM in Assisi Hall. *The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation* is the foundational study in the *Great Adventure Bible Study* Series and is a 24 week program.

It will be offered until Memorial Day with a break for summer. It will resume again after Labor Day and conclude in October 2016.

The Bible Timeline will take us on a journey through the historical books of the Bible beginning with Genesis. Please join us in learning about God's promises from the beginning of time and their fulfillment in Jesus the Christ.

Cost of study materials for attendees will be \$20.00. Please contact Vickie Palmer, Parish Secretary, to register for the Study. If the cost is prohibitive, please talk with Vickie.



We will be offering a special Creative Giving Seminar, in conjunction with our Capital Campaign, on November 16th at 7:00 p.m. in the high school library.

This seminar will explore topics such as the benefits of giving cash, securities, personal property, real estate, life insurance policies, trusts and retirement savings to our church and campaign.

You can stop by the "Creative giving Seminar Sign-Up Table" in the vestibule in church or call the Parish Center at 419-524-2572 to leave your name. Thank you!

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

Sandra Lee, Lori Kanney
 Chad & Patricia Kingery & Henry,
 Michael & Staci Mampieri & family

SUNDAY OFFERING

November 8, 2015



Regular Sunday	\$	8,264.00
On-Line Donations	\$	200.00

School	\$	7,175.00
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Children	\$	27.50
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Mailed In Sunday	\$	2,988.00
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Direct Deposit	\$	3,444.00
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Totals	\$	22,098.50
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Weekly Average Needed = \$ 25,000.00
Building Improvement Fund = \$ 3,110.50



Theology on Tap is a gathering for young adults, ages 18 (post high school) to 39. It is an opportunity to talk about God and faith in a relaxed, comfortable setting.

Our next gathering will take place in the back room at the Old Bag of Nails on Thursday, November 19th beginning at 6:00 p.m. Fr. Jeremy will present on the topic of "Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas: Secular or Christian Holidays?" Consider joining us for this enjoyable and informative evening!

Thoughts From the Pastor, Fr. Hite:

A number of things have been going through my head over the past few weeks. Allow me to share with you a few things for the good of our community.

First of all, November's "Building Improvements Collection," a collection held on the first full weekend of every month, *is the last until our Capital Campaign appeal comes to an end (3 years from now)*. Envelopes are still available in the racks at our entrances, for visitors or those who wish to make an offering; but there will be **no scheduled second collection during our Capital Campaign**. What we have collected to this point will be directed, as we stated, to our new sound system for the church.

Second, we priest celebrants at Mass are making an attempt to distribute at various locations of the church, instead of just the center aisle. On occasion, people have asked to have their child(ren) "blessed" by an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. **Only priests and deacons may offer a blessing with the Sign of the Cross**, so please do not be offended if the Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion does not give the same blessing a priest or deacon offers, by reason of his ordination.

Third, THANK YOU to all who planned such a beautiful liturgy in memory of our faithful departed last Sunday afternoon. I believe such a prayerful liturgy helps us to grieve our loved ones who have died and entered eternal life. May our faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace!

Fourth, please consider joining us for an afternoon of Eucharistic Adoration on Sunday, November 22, beginning with Eucharistic Exposition at the end of the 11:30 Mass. Quiet, prayerful, adoration time in the presence of the exposed Blessed Sacrament may be what you need in your busy life. Jesus waits for you! Won't you plan ahead to spend some time in adoration and thanksgiving? **Evening Prayer and Benediction will be held at 6 p.m. in church.**

Finally, St. Peter's will not be among those hosting a Thanksgiving Dinner this year. *The list of those locations in the city that ARE HOSTING a dinner is posted on the bulletin boards in church.* **Thanksgiving morning there will be Mass in the church at 9 a.m.** This is always a beautiful liturgy - all are welcome!

Baptisms

Jessica Martinez-Hernandez - daughter of Cirilo & Maria Martinez-Hernandez

Lorenzo Michael D'Ambrosio - son of Michael D'Ambrosio and Kimberly Nemeth

Gabriel John Black - son of Jared & Sarah Black

Henry Allan Kingery - son of Chad & Patricia Kingery



SCHOOL NEWS



EVERY DAY IS "COME AND SEE US DAY" Parents, are you interested in having your child(ren) attend St. Peter's School this current school year

or in future years? You are invited to spend part of a school day with your child(ren) so you can experience all the activities and classroom instruction that take place. We are very busy here each and every day! Please call the school administrators to arrange a visit that is convenient for you and your child(ren). Mrs. Tammy Kemerling-Montessori Director [419-524-3351](tel:419-524-3351); Mrs. Madalyn Bauer-Elementary Principal [419-524-3351](tel:419-524-3351); Mr. Mike Wasiniak-High School & Junior High Principal [419-524-0979](tel:419-524-0979).

ST. PETER'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL BROCHURES

The St. Peter's Catholic School full-color brochure provides everyone, including prospective parents and students, a brief but thorough overview of the mission, academic, athletic and extracurricular programs, and facilities that our school offers. Every year, we ask parishioners, school parents and alumni to consider displaying the St. Peter's Catholic School brochures in their office or place of employment. If you are interested, please contact Kathy Morris at [419-524-2572](tel:419-524-2572) extension 2110. Thank you.

Back To Heartland Gathering

High School Students: There is no time like the present to register for the Back to Heartland High School Gathering taking place January 17th- 18th at the Galion, Saint Joseph Activity Center. It begins at noon on Sunday and runs until 11 a.m. on Monday. The cost for the gathering is just \$15 if prepaid by January 12th or \$20 if you pay at the door. The weekend includes faith building, speakers, fun, games and a whole lot of fun! If you are interested in getting involved you can pick up a registration form at the parish office or through the youth office by contacting Youth Director, Elizabeth Wurm at wurm.elizabeth@myspartans.org.

Attention 7th and 8th Graders: Join us for the Back to Heartland Junior High School Gathering on Sunday, February 14th from 1 p.m.- 7 p.m. at Saint Francis in Willard. The day includes games, workshops, food, prayer, dancing and friends and will have a Confirmation Theme. The cost to attend is \$10.00 if prepaid and \$15.00 if you pay at the door. Families are invited to join us at the closing liturgy at 6 p.m. at Saint Francis Xavier. Registration forms are available in the parish office and through the youth office by contacting Elizabeth Wurm at wurm.elizabeth@myspartans.org.

BLUE BARRELS

This Weekend

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of the week**

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St. Peter's Parish is seeking a Business Manager

Mansfield St. Peter Catholic school and parish is seeking a Business Manager to provide leadership and day-to-day management of the financial and administrative affairs of the parish and schools.

The Business Manager is responsible for the efficient and effective administration of the parish financial, capital and human resources for a Catholic parish of 1,600 family households in Mansfield, Ohio. Works at the direction of the Pastor and in consultation with the Parish Finance Council.

Duties include management of all range of parish administrative functions. Due to its scope and supervisory responsibility, parish administrative responsibility is fully delegated by the pastor in the areas of finance, facilities, purchasing, stewardship, communications and personnel. Supervises all staff support positions. Requires a Bachelor's Degree in Business or Accounting with at least five years business management experience or equivalent. Must have high level of computer expertise including Microsoft Office products (Word, Excel, power Point and Outlook). Must learn cloud-based QuickBooks account system. Prefer a practicing Catholic and registered member of a Catholic Parish faith community. Competitive salary and benefits.

Send resume to humanresources@myspartans.org or to

St. Peter's Parish
104 West First Street
Mansfield, Ohio 44903

Attn: Parish Business Manager Search Committee

At our annual **All Soul's Mass** last Sunday we remembered the lives of 133 loved ones of many people in our parish. The Mass was a meaningful celebration for those who attended and the reception was a nice opportunity to gather and continue to share the memories of our loved ones. The Candles and Crosses with your loved ones name are available for pick up in the Parish Center as well as extra programs.

Special thanks to Bill Johnson and the Traditional Choir, the Bereavement Team, especially Sheryl Weber who acted as coordinator, Alexis and Sophie Winters for serving the Mass, the Eucharistic Ministers, the lectors, the Knights of Columbus who were the ushers, Carol Sgambellone and the funeral lunch folks who provided the food and coordinated the reception, John Thrasher and Jon Ralph for making all the wooden crosses, Angie Dillon and the three Spiritual Life students as well as the eight service class students who labeled the candles, Fran Leitenberger who is the keeper of our All Souls' Book and Scroll, and especially all those who attended the Mass to pray together and support one another. ~ Vickie Palmer



Knights of Columbus Council 687

419-529-5532

Friday, November 20th - The annual FEATHER PARTY

7:00 P.M. Raffles, Games, Door Prizes, Food & Drink

All are welcome! Only \$7.00 a ticket!



Please join us for the Kick-Off of "Preserving Our Past, Securing Our Future" Campaign this Sunday, November 15 at 12:30pm in the Robert Frye Gymnasium & Auditorium.

Enjoy sweet treats, refreshments and fellowship with your fellow parishioners. Listen to inspirational talks. View our newly produced campaign brochure and DVD and learn first-hand of our needs, our hopes and our dreams. You'll hear it all here. Please plan to attend our Campaign Kick-Off Celebration. Gifts will not be solicited at this event, but you will learn all about just what in God's name is going on here.

Also, please note that we have scheduled a special "Creative Giving Seminar" for this coming Monday, November 16 at 7:00pm in the High School Library to more thoroughly explore and explain the various and very beneficial ways that gifts can be made to our church and campaign. Helpful information will be distributed, a brief DVD will be shown and experts from our church will be on hand to answer any questions you may have.



**CHRISTMAS CLASSIC
IMPORTANT INFORMATION:
Christmas Classic: December 5, 2015**



Call 419-524-8162 to reserve a craft table for \$25.00.

POTICAS, POINSETTIAS and KIEFFELS

Do not forget to place your order for poinsettias, poticas, and kieffels. We will make kieffels on November 30th, and poticas on December 3rd & 4th starting at 8:00 a.m. in the cafeteria. Christmas Classis is on December 5th and we will make butter rings early that morning.

WE NEED A LOT OF HELPERS INCLUDING GENTLEMEN. NEWCOMERS ARE VERY WELCOME AND WE WILL TRAIN WITH GRATITUDE.



Call Molly Orsini (419-526-4783) for more information.



Next recycling date is December 11, 2015 in the Franciscan Activity Center parking lot. Hours: 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Please honor these drop off times. Do not leave your recyclables on the sidewalks or curbs! Thank you.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever (Daniel 12:1-3).

Psalm — You are my inheritance, O Lord! (Psalm 16).

Second Reading — Where there is forgiveness, there is no longer offering for sin (Hebrews 10:11-14, 18).

Gospel — Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away (Mark 13:24-32).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63;
Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158;
Lk 18:35-43

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-7; Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b, 15;
Lk 19:11-28 or (for the memorial of the
Dedication) Acts 28:11-16, 30-31;
Ps 98:1-6; Mt 14:22-33
Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15;
Lk 19:41-44
Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd,
11-12; Lk 19:45-48
Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19;
Lk 20:27-40
Sunday: Dn 7:13-14; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Rv 1:5-8;
Jn 18:33b-37

TODAY - St. Joseph Catholic Church, Plymouth Annual Roast Turkey and Roast Beef Dinner. November 15, 2015

11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. \$9 Adults \$4 Children 6-12 Under 6 FREE. Menu includes: turkey or roast beef, green beans, mashed potatoes, gravy, dessert and beverage. 117 Sandusky St., Plymouth, OH. Carry-out available. PH: [419-687-4611](tel:419-687-4611) for more infor-

THANKSGIVING DAY DINNER — FEED THE HUNGRY THANKSGIVING DAY 11-1PM

Food served by Granny's Kitchen — Hosted by St. Peter's Girl Scout Troop 2628. Please join us on Thanksgiving Day for a traditional turkey dinner free of charge to anyone in need. Granny's Kitchen of Galion will open its doors at 11:00am and continue to serve through 1:00pm. Granny's is located at 940 Charles Street, Galion, Ohio.

50th Jubilee of Cursillo in Christianity in the Diocese of Toledo - The first Cursillo was celebrated in Toledo in November, 1965 at SS Peter and Paul Parish. We will remember this occasion on Sunday, November 22nd, with a Jubilee Celebration beginning with Mass at 12:00 noon, followed by a potluck dinner and Ultreya. All are invited to participate. Location: SS Peter and Paul Catholic Church 738 St. Clair Street Toledo OH 43609 De Colores!

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please

St. Peter Church

104 W First Street

Mansfield, OH 44902-2199

419-524-2572

Attn: Claudia/Cindy

ENTERING INTO FULL COMMUNION WITH THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

*****We ask that you might share this letter with someone who might meet these criteria and who is interested in entering into full communion with the Catholic Church**

For years St. Peter's Parish has offered the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* (RCIA). This is the process through which those who are not baptized and not catechized enter into full communion with the Church.

We have found over the years that we have many baptized Christians in our parish who come to church frequently, have raised or are raising their children in the Catholic faith, and volunteer in various capacities, but who are not full members of the Catholic Church. Due to their involvement and their exposure to the Catholic Church, the full RCIA process may not be the most suitable path for them. The Catholic Church specifically says that for those in this situation, "no undue burden" should be placed on their entrance into full communion with the Church.

For the second year in a row, our parish is offering a special program for those in this situation. It will be a shortened version of the RCIA journey suited for those who have absorbed much of Catholic life and belief over the years. The requirements for participation are:

a baptized Christian - this means baptized with water in a Christian congregation according to the Trinitarian formula – "I baptize you in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit." You will need to prove this through written record or testimony of someone who was present at the baptism.

has been exposed to and supportive of the Catholic Church for many years – e.g. married to a Catholic, raised your children Catholic, semi-frequent attendance at Mass, etc.

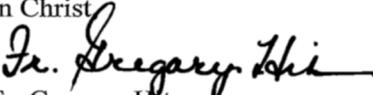
is in a valid marriage – this means that those in need of an annulment or the Church's blessing of their marriage are not able to enter into full communion until the marriage situation has been resolved. If there are questions about this, we would be happy to help you clarify this matter.

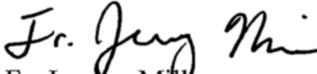
The sessions for this special program will be on six Saturday mornings stretching from January through March – January 23 & 30, February 13 & 20, and March 5 & 12. We are building in a couple of off weekends so that the schedule is easier to manage. The sessions will begin at 8:30am and take place in the Assisi Room on the fourth floor of the high school building. A light breakfast will be provided. We will be finished each day no later than noon. Since we know the busy-ness of your schedules, we would ask that you attend at least five of the six sessions. You are encouraged to attend all six, but one excused absence is certainly understandable.

The goal would be for the participants to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil, March 26, 2016. However, entrance into the Church could happen any time following the program if different arrangements need to be made.

If you are interested in this process or know someone who might be interested, please invite them with this letter or contact us about reaching out to them. If you have any questions about the program or wish to participate, please contact Fr. Jeremy Miller, at miller.jeremy@myspartans.org, or Lynne Lukach at lukach.lynne@myspartans.org, or call either of us at (419) 524-2572.

In Christ


Fr. Gregory Hite


Fr. Jeremy Miller


Lynne Lukach

