

SAINT PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

MARCH 18, 2018



“I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name.”

Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it and will glorify it again.”

John 12: 27-28

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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

am

Spanish Mass:

Resurrection Parish, Lexington

Sunday:

6:00 pm

Parish Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday: 7:30 am - 7:30 pm

Friday

7:30 am -

6:00 pm

Saturday:

10:00 am - 2:00

pm

Sunday

12:30 pm

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 pm

Other times by appointment.

8:30 am -

Sacrament of Marriage:

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

Sunday Nursery:

Sunday Nursery is temporarily unavailable until further notice.

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*

A Parish of the Saint Juan Diego Deanery, Diocese of Toledo

Mass Intentions

Monday, March 19, *St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

5:00 pm Rosary

5:30 pm Antoinette Reynolds

Tuesday, March 20, *Lenten Weekday*

7:00 am Mary Kleshinski

3:15 am Liberty Nursing Home

Wednesday, March 21, *Lenten Weekday*

7:00 am Fr. J. Michael Ricker

Thursday, March 22, *Lenten Weekday*

7:00 am Rose Anne Henney

9:15 am Paula & Dick Renie Anniversary, All School Mass

Friday, March 23, *Lenten Weekday*

5:00 pm Stations of the Cross

5:30 pm Marilyn Mertler

Saturday, March 24, *Vigil of Palm Sunday of The Passion of The Lord*

Lord

5:00 pm Stewart Nelson

Sunday, March 25, *Palm Sunday of The Passion of The Lord*

7:30 am Parish

9:30 am Raymond Depcinski

11:30 am Parish

Lector/Communion Minister

Saturday, March 24

5:00 pm **L** J Reidl, B Rader

D V Zack, D Hipp, T Hipp, C Campbell,
D Campbell, B Nihei, Deacon Dennis Striker

Sunday, March 25

7:30 am **L** D Bessemer, M Santoro

D M Collet, K Randall, P Taylor, A Holloway,
K Reindl, K Reindl

9:30 am **L** F Schuster, D Forster

D S Weber, A Seiss, M Meinzer, D Dreskler,
M Riggelman, T Etwiler, A Harraman, J Kastelic

11:30 am **L** S Rizzo, F Leitenberger

D K Yockey, K Speck, S Rizzo, T Fesler, C Mears,

S Elliott, Deacon John Reef

Mass Servers

Saturday, March 24

5:00 pm M Togliatti, R Togliatti

"Could you not watch one hour with me?"

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Jesus Christ:

In one short week, we will begin our recollection and celebration of the passion, death and resurrection of our Savior and brother, the Lord Jesus. Each year we are invited to take part in remembering and joining in his suffering and death. The reason this is important is that we hold very dearly the idea that our remembrance and reenacting makes those events real and makes us not only witnesses but *participants* in the suffering, death and resurrection of the Lord.

For us who remember and participate in the rites of Holy Week, there is the opportunity to unite ourselves with Jesus as he undergoes his Passion. For many of us, this is a familiar idea. Who among us has sat by the bed of a loved one as they journey from this life to the next? Who among us has accompanied loved ones through illness and suffering? Who among us has watched over a sick child, praying for their recovery? We do this because we love them. We do this because they are an important part of our lives.

If this is true...that those we love are so important in our lives, then how much more so for Jesus? If we can accompany our loved ones on journeys through suffering and pain, even unto death, then how much more so for Jesus? How much more for the one who gave up his life, his godhead, his immortality, so that he could rescue us from sin and death? If we love, Scripture tells us that it is because he first loved us. And if he loved us, how can we not love him in return?

Love in this case is not about how we feel. Love is about what we decide to do. What will we decide to do for the dying and rising Lord?

Holy Week offers us the opportunity to make real our participation and witness and sharing in the Passion of the Lord. Why not accompany him by participating in the liturgies and rites of Holy Week?

The bulletin contains a complete schedule of the events to come, but of special note is the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday night at 7:00 p.m. We recall and participate in the Institution of the Holy Eucharist and, afterward, we are given the opportunity to keep watch with the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament as we recall

Please Pray for the Sick of Our Parish



Rose Mary Lang-Martin, Gwen Yockey, John Henney, Debbie Ashley, Mike Payton, Bill Ruhl, Jeannie Burkhalter, Ken Kayden, Krista Marshall, Colleen Behr, Aaron Blank, Don Blank, Marilyn Williamson, Theresa Prendergast, Cindy Lassen, Dina Riley, Eliana Nelson, Mary Ann Switzer, MaKaya Butler, Thomas Julian, Mildred Corbin, Julie Krouse, Hilda Schemine, Pierce Chitwood, Fr. Jim Lee, Tim Arthur, Marilou Marshall, Sharon Valdry, Alex Porter, Elizabeth Osmond, Jim Wetzels, Connie Streff, Carol Pittenger, Ken Kayden, John Henney, Michael Davis, Mary Keil.

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

2018 Annual Catholic Appeal

We would like to thank all of our Parishioners who joined together in pledging their gift to the 2018 Annual Catholic Appeal. If you have not made your commitment, today would be a convenient opportunity to do so. Pledge envelopes and pencils are available in pews. Once completed, kindly place your pledge card in the offertory. Every gift is very important. Thank you for your generosity. For more information on the impact of your support for the appeal, visit Toledodiocese.org/ACA. Our

Prison Ministry Corner



At Richland Correctional we have been blessed to gather for Stations of the Cross seven times this Lent. We have used seven different formats, all powerful and prayerful. Here is an example from "The Way of the Cross for Prisoners" for Station XI - Jesus is Nailed to the Cross: *Lord, I cannot even begin to imagine the pain you endured. I, too, have inflicted pain on others, those who were innocent as you were. Give me a new heart that seeks to give love, not pain. When I think of my sins,*

Adult Faith Opportunities



Wednesdays at 6:10 pm - Catholicism series by Bishop Robert Barron. Immerse yourself in the beauty and power of our faith

March 21 - The Mystery of the Liturgy and the Eucharist

March 28 - The Communion of Saints

April 4 - Prayer and Life of the Spirit

April 11 - The Last Things

Enter thru Parish Center entrance. Take elevator to 2nd floor. Turn left off elevator. Location is Room 216 in west hall.

Thursdays at 6:30 pm - EPIC: Journey through Church History. All are welcome to join us for the final episode Thursday, March 22! Thank you to those who have participated in this 20-week series. We've learned a great deal about the major people, places, and events of the 2000-years of our Church. Our knowledge and faith

Senior Citizen Prom

The Senior Citizen Prom will be taking place on Sunday, March 25 from 3-5:00 pm at Saint Mary's in Shelby. This event is free and is open for anyone over the age of 60 and their guests. This years theme is "Out to Sea" and the dress is casual. If you are interested in attending you can contact Elizabeth Wurm at the parish office or through e-mail at wurm.elizabeth@myspartans.org or

SUNDAY OFFERING

Year to date through



Sunday Collection

Total Sunday Collection To Date:	\$571,659.00
Total Budgeted Sunday Collection To Date:	\$569,852.94
Sunday Collection Surplus/(Deficit)	\$2,806.06

School Collection

Total School Collection To Date:	\$120,151
Total Budgeted School Collection To Date:	\$125,827
School Collection Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$5,676)

Capital Campaign Financial Update



Total Pledged:	\$2,640,062
Amount needed to reach challenge goal:	\$359,938
Payments to Date:	\$1,842,445

2018-2019 Annual Fund Campaign



Total Pledged:	\$81,207
Payments to Date:	\$72,276
Amount needed to reach goal:	\$18,793

As of March 1, 2018

Hearts and Minds



Our next meeting is Tuesday, March 27, 5:30-7 pm in the St. Andrew conference room on the Parish Office floor of the High School building. Our discussion and prayer this year focuses on *compassion* for mental health issues. For further information contact Sue at vmaslaka@neo.rr.com or call 419.756.0962.

School News



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
419.524.2572 ext. 4113
- Mrs. Madalyn Bauer – Elementary Principal
419.524.2572 ext. 4101
- Ms. Tammy Haus – High School & Junior High Principal
419.524.2572 ext. 3100

St. Peter School admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It

Easter Bake Sale



We will be baking Poticas this Wednesday, March 21 in the High School Cafeteria beginning at 8:00 am. We will be baking Poticas for one day only! They can be purchased from 12– 6:00 pm on Wednesday, and at the Bake Sale as well. We will need a lot of help, with sit down jobs starting at 11:30 am.

We are still in need of items for the raffle. Please contact Joanne Winters-Jerger at 567.274.7954 if you have any items that you wish to donate.

Bakers, if you have an Easter favorite, please consider donating to our Bake Sale! We are always in need of baked goods to sell.

Next Sunday March 25, we will be cooking and preparing potatoes, onions, celery, etc., and cooking and coloring eggs in the HS cafeteria starting at 9:00 am.

Important Upcoming Events

March 21— One day only, Potica Baking begin at 8:00 am in cafeteria. Roll out poticas in the morning. Package in the afternoon. Plenty of sit down jobs after 11:30 am. **Need lots of help.**

March 25 (Sunday)— Cooking potatoes, Coloring Eggs, Preparations in cafeteria, begin at 9:00 am. **We need lots of help.** Sit down jobs. We slice, chop and prepare onions, celery, potatoes, etc.

March 26—Bake Butter Rings & Braided bread , etc. We continue food preparations begin at 8:00 am in cafeteria. We need someone to stay in the church basement after 12 noon and help monitor donations of baked goods.

March 27—Easter Bake Sale 7 am - 6 pm
A very busy day, **Lots of Help Needed Everywhere.**

March 28— Easter Bake Sale 7 am - 2 pm
School students come in morning. We need lots of baked

Fish Fry Dinners



Fried Alaskan cod, and baked fish along with a variety sides at the K of C Hall from 5:30-7:30 pm for the next six



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362 Trimble Road
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Lent & Easter Calendar of Events

Sacrament of Reconciliation

- ◆ **St. Peter's**—Confession times are on Saturdays from 3:00-4:30 pm.

Deanery Lenten Penance Services

- ◆ **Lexington, Resurrection**—Wednesday, March 21, Youth, 7:00 pm.
- ◆ **New Washington, St. Bernard**—Thursday, March 22, 6-8:30 pm.
- ◆ **Bethlehem, Sacred Heart**—Sunday, March 25, 3:00 pm.
- ◆ **Mansfield, St. Mary**—Sunday, April 8, Confirmation Candidates, 6:00 pm.

Holy Week Liturgies—St. Peter's

- ◆ **Palm Sunday**—March 25, 2018
Blessing and distribution of palms and Proclamation of the Lord's Passion at all Masses.

Sacred Triduum

- ◆ **Holy Thursday**—March 29, 2018
7:00 pm—Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, Presentation of the Holy Oils, Washing of Feet, Eucharistic Procession **(Incense will be used)**
8:00 pm—Midnight, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament **11:30 pm**—Compline (Night Prayer) for Holy Thursday
- ◆ **Good Friday**—March 30, 2018
3:00 pm—Celebration of The Lord's Passion
7:00 pm—Stations of the Cross
- ◆ **Holy Saturday**—March 31, 2018
9:00 am—Morning Prayer, Blessing of Easter foods, RCIA Anointing with the Oil of Catechumens
8:30 pm—Easter Vigil (Blessing of Fire & Water and reception of RCIA & Elect into the Catholic Church) **(Incense will be used)**
- ◆ **Easter Sunday**—April 1, 2018 Masses at regular times:
7:30 am., in Church
9:30 am., (Masses in Church **and** High School Auditorium)
11:30 am., in Church **(Incense will be used)**

Stations of the Cross

March 23 at 5 pm **March 30 at 7 pm**

In Observance of Holy Week

Parish Offices will be closed during our solemn days and no school activities are scheduled.

Thursday March 29 — Closed for school activities only. Parish Offices will close at 12:00 pm.

Friday March 30 — Closed

Saturday March 31— Closed

Sunday April 1 — Closed



Please note that Incense will be used at the 7:00pm Holy Thursday mass and the 8:30pm Easter Vigil Mass and the 11:30am Easter Mass in the church.

Vacation Bible School Wish List

It is through the generosity of our parish family that we are able to keep Vacation Bible School affordable for all children who want to attend. This year's VBS, "Jesus Is My Superhero" will be taking place July 9—12. Below is our "wish list" to help make our VBS a success. If you could prayerfully consider donating one item, it would mean a lot to the program in general and the children that we serve. All donations can be dropped off at the parish center prior to June 30.

- Sharpies (of several colors)
- Blue Stick Tac
- 80 Hot Dogs
- 80 Hot Dog Buns
- 1 large hand sanitizer
- 4 large rolls of paper towels
- 1 container of clean up wipes
- 320 juice boxes (any flavor)
- 80 mozzarella cheese sticks (that come individually wrapped in clear wrapper)
- One large package of XL white lunch bags
- Monetary donations to support a child to come to VBS are



Recycling—Next Date: April 13, 2018



10:00 am—11:00 am & 2:00 pm—4:00 pm

(Every 2nd Friday of the month) in the Franciscan Activity Center parking lot

BLUE BARRELS: April 14 & 15

50th Year Wednesday Noon Lenten Service at First United Methodist Church, 12 N. Diamond St., at 12:05 pm. Rev. De Wayne Smith from Main St. United Methodist. 12:30 lunch available for \$3 donation. Call 419.522.8623 for more information.

Praise & Worship + Eucharistic Adoration at St. Paul the Apostle Church in Norwalk will host a night of music, singing, reflection, and prayer On Sunday March 18. Come, bring a friend, and meet Jesus in a special way. Music and reflection led by Peter Grodi and accompanying musicians. Questions? Please email peterg@stpaulchurch.org.

Spaghetti Dinner honoring Parish Patron Saint Joseph, Spouse of Blessed Virgin Mary will be held on Sunday March 18 from 11-2:00 pm. Free will offering for spaghetti, homemade meat sauce, garlic breadsticks, salad, dessert & beverage, take out is available. Call 419.687.4611 for more information. St. Joseph Catholic Church, 117 Sandusky St., Plymouth, Ohio.

Senior Citizen Luncheon at St. Mary's School on Ashland Road. Tuesday March 27 luncheon begins at 12:15 pm with Sloppy Joe, Hash brown, salad, pears and beverage. Cost is \$3 per person. Reservations required, call 419.589.2114.

Senior Girls Scholarship, The Catholic Women's Club of St. Juan Diego Deanery is announcing a Scholarship for \$500 to be offered to a qualified senior girl who will be graduating in 2018 and going on to college. Interested? Deadline March 31. Contact Carol Sgambellone at 419.529.2758.

Teens Encounter Christ Applications for TEC, or Teens Encounter Christ, are now available in the parish office. Ladies' TEC is taking place April 7-9. Men's TEC is taking place March 17-19. If you are a junior or senior in high school or post high school by one year, consider taking a TEC retreat! Call Elizabeth Wurm at the Parish Office

Steubenville Youth Conference We are now taking registrations for the SYC. This year's conference, "Revealed", is

SAVED BY GOD'S LOVE

Because the people broke the old covenant, God promised a new covenant, not in the blood of oxen and other animals, but in the blood of the Son, Jesus Christ. This new covenant, foreseen from afar by Jeremiah and the prophets, was not to be engraved on stone, or written on paper, but carved on our hearts, so that we might know God intimately. Not by keeping many laws are we to be saved, but by the love of God, living and real in our hearts through the sacrifice of Christ.

Our Eucharist is the pledge of that indwelling of Christ, and of our response of praise and thanksgiving to God for the mercy, love, and kindness shown to us in forgiving our sins and cleansing our hearts of everything evil. God issues this invitation to intimacy by offering us the chance to have our sufferings transformed into the perfect love of the Savior, who first loved us.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Over the next two weeks, as we hear of the interior anguish of Jesus, we are led to the Garden of Gethsemane, the scene of a night of suffering, failure, and loss. In Hebrew, the word means "olive press," and it was an olive grove, although only a few trees remain. Olives can't be eaten off the trees, they need to be cured—knocked from the trees at harvest time, scooped into a stone basin, and cracked open by a heavy millstone. The crushing stone weight was itself called a "gethsemane," and once it was lowered onto the olives, oil from the fruit and the inner stone would drip into a groove and flow into jars. The night before his death, Jesus experienced such anguish that scripture says his own blood perspired from him, an image no one who understands olive oil production could miss.

Today, the Mount of Olives is within the city of Jerusalem and the site of the Church of All Nations, also known as the Basilica of the Agony. It was built in 1924, funded by Catholics in twelve different countries. An open-air altar on the grounds is used by Anglicans on Holy Thursday every year. Nearby is the Russian Church of Mary Magdalene, built by the czar in 1888, its magnificent golden domes a distinctive landmark. There is also another tiny Catholic Church, called

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts. (Jeremiah 31:31-34) *or* *Ezekiel 37:12-14*.

Psalm — Create a clean heart in me, O God
(Psalm 51) *or* *Psalms 130*.

Second Reading — Christ became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him (Hebrews 5:7-9) *or* *Romans 8:8-11*.

Gospel — If a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it produces much fruit (John 12:20-33) *or* *John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]*.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29;
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a
or

Lk 2:41-51a

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday:
Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn
8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42



A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Relationships come with a price tag. We must be willing to entrust ourselves to one another, to let go of our autonomy and die to our independence. It is in dying to our independence that we find interdependence with others.

This week's cover art: : Jesus Carrying the Cross, Wikimedia.org

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