“Whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all.”

Mark 10:43-44
I have recently been working with a young person and it has been a real eye opener for me. This particular young person had some reservations about receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation which is not that unusual. Although most just join the classes and get it done, there are always a few who think about it a little bit more and have more questions, generally pertaining to faith itself, that they want concrete answers to before they “take the plunge” into Confirmation.

This particular young person took his reservations to a different level. His reservation was that he didn’t feel God and that his life was too busy to go looking for him, much less do all the things that Confirmation preparation required.

I am not deaf to the concept that our young people for the most part are extremely busy these days between school, sports, friends, extracurricular and familial commitments. Sometimes it makes my head spin when they tell me about their schedules and their stress levels, their lack of sleep and their want for a break. It is not just mere excuses but their reality and it makes me ponder on some level when twelve or fourteen turned into what seems like a full-time job.

But I have never had a young person tell me that they were just too busy for God.

While working with this young person, I ran across this scripture passage from the Book of Exodus: “The Lord will fight for you; you have only to keep still.”

It gave me pause to think. Our lives are so inundated with activities that we rarely have time to be still. I recently was at a retreat with 7th and 8th graders where they were brought together for a Reconciliation service and one thing that became quite apparent is that they had no idea how to just remain “silent” and “still”. It was almost like they were searching for anything, ANYTHING, to break that silence because they couldn’t handle the concept of just resting in God’s presence (which most adults just took as disruptive and disrespectful behavior).

But one thing is for certain- God will fight for each of us, even the busiest of all of us, if we remain still. God will search for and find us. It is up to each of us to remain “still” just for mere moments to be able to see that he is there. And in today’s society that is constantly crammed with noise and activity this is not always the easiest thing to do, but it can be done and we can feel that God is there with us.

My prayers continually go out to all the young people who are on the cusp of their life and of their faith, that they learn that the two are in fact intertwined. I pray for them to see the value in “being still” and letting God fight for them.

Elizabeth Wurm,
Director of Religious Education & Youth Minister
Please Pray for the Sick of Our Parish


Names will only be listed for 4 weeks. If you wish to have additional time, contact the Parish Center at 419.524.2572.

Parish and School Ministries

Did you know that there are many ways in which you can become more involved at St. Peter’s? We are always looking for volunteers for the various ministries provided by both the parish and school. The complete list can be found on our website at mansfieldstpeters.org or by contacting the Parish Center office at 419.524.2572. Each month we will be featuring a different ministry to become involved in. This month’s ministry is Prison Ministry, which involves visiting our brothers in both ManCI and RiCI. Anyone who is interested in helping with Prison Ministry can contact Lynne Lukach at 419.524.2572 or lukach.lynne@myspartans.org.

Prison Ministry Corner

Planning ahead...All are welcome to contribute cookies for the RiCI Retreat Saturday, November 10. Cookies can be brought to the Parish Center November 7, 8, 9—OR call Lynne at the parish for pick-up on those days. We greatly appreciate the support of so many parishioners in the past and look forward to your generous donation this time! Please, cookies only! Your brownies and other goodies are delicious, but for transporting and serving requirements, cookies are the only request.

“Come and Spend One Hour With Me”

Vocations Awareness week is November 4—10, 2018. Our Diocese will be participating in a statewide Holy Hour for vocations on Wednesday November 7, 2018 from 7:00 pm—8:00 pm.

Please join us in church at this time as we spend one hour in quiet prayer for vocations.

World Mission Sunday

Today is World Mission Sunday. We celebrate this day by remembering the revitalizing mission at the heart of our Christian faith—to bring the Gospel to all! The collection today for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith ensures the work and service of the mission Church, as it supports priests, religious, and lay leaders who offer the Lord’s mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope’s missions. Thank you for your generosity.

2018 Diocesan Celebration of Wedding Anniversaries

Couples who are celebrating 25, 40, 50, 60, and 60-plus years of marriage are invited to an Order of Blessing Married Couples within Holy Mass on Sunday, October 28, 2018, at 3:00 pm at Our Lady Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral in Toledo with Bishop Daniel Thomas. Please register by October 8 at toledoanniversarymass.org. Please contact Marsha Rivas at 419.214.4938 or mrivas@toledodiocese.org with any questions.

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**PSR PROGRAM NEEDS SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS**

The PSR Program is currently looking for substitute teachers to help out on Wednesday nights as needed. If you are interested in this opportunity please contact Elizabeth at wurm.elizabeth@myspartans.org

**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’s 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 does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs*

**175TH ANNIVERSARY NOTES**

In the previous column we read about the first few years of the pastorate of our fifth resident Pastor, Father Ferdinand Schreiber. By the time of his arrival in Mansfield, Father Schreiber was already an accomplished Pastor, having served at St. Mary’s Parish in Antwerp in Paulding County, together with the surrounding mission parishes in the rest of Paulding County as well as Defiance County. During his time there he built churches in the villages of Latty and Cecil. Today neither village has more than 200 people and those early parishes are gone.

After his service in Antwerp, Father Schreiber was sent to the Shelby Settlement (also called Bethlehem) in 1890 to serve as Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish there. The current Gothic style church was built by Father Schreiber between May 1891 and September 1895, and it remains one of the more architecturally notable churches in the Diocese of Toledo, suddenly arising as it does in the midst of the corn fields of northwestern Richland County. Father Schreiber’s labors at the Settlement are commemorated on a plaque in the vestibule of the church.

Father Schreiber’s arrival in Mansfield in 1898 was not without difficulties, but he was a shrewd and gifted Pastor. The mounting parish debt retired within five years, he immediately turned his attentions to the larger concerns of the parish and the community. Twelve years before he came to Mansfield, construction began on the Ohio State Reformatory on Olivesburg Road north of the city. It was the largest prison in the State of Ohio and one of the largest prisons in the country.

Father Schreiber’s concern for the inmates of the Reformatory was genuine and compassionate. He began visiting there regularly to bring the Sacraments and the consolation of Faith to the inmates. The Parish sacramental records are full of notations about inmates at the Reformatory. A brief biography of Father Schreiber, written for the 50th anniversary of his ordination, described his ministry this way: “This biography would not be complete without briefly mentioning Father Schreiber’s zealous efforts in behalf of the Catholic inmates of the Mansfield State Reformatory. Many sacrifices of time and comfort were made throughout the years to revive the faith of these youthful violators of the law. Many grieving parents came to him for assistance and advice concerning their repentant sons. Ministering to these unfortunates was, indeed, a noble work, being replete with discouragements and consolations.”

120 years later, the Prisons Ministry here at St. Peter’s is alive and full of energy. Today our staff and volunteers work tirelessly to provide the same spiritual care for inmates at Richland Correctional and Mansfield Correctional institutions. Father Schreiber would be doubtless gratified by the continuing care provided to those inmates. More to come next week!
THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

The Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Peter’s Parish will be celebrated at the 5:00 pm Mass on Saturday, November 3, 2018, with Bishop Daniel Thomas. Incense will be used at the November 3 celebration of the liturgy.

ADULT FAITH OPPORTUNITIES

Thank you to all who have participated in the Thursday evening sessions on Bishop Robert Barron’s THE MASS. We have one final episode this week:

October 25—6:30 pm—Enter thru the Parish Center entrance; you will be directed to Assisi Hall.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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

Anthony Marinelli, Florence Jocha, Sidney Foltz, Robert Bradner, John Schwartz, Margaret Medina, Dorothy Studer, Frances Bender, Marjorie Ryckman, Jack Walter, Kathleen Patterson, Lawrence Tisdale, Rita Day, Rosemary Dropsey, Jean Cullen, Virginia Anton, Annette Togliatti, John Rincich, Marilyn Clement.

GENEROUS SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR AVE MARIA UNIVERSITY AND AVE MARIA SCHOOL OF LAW

High School Juniors & Seniors and College Seniors & Post Graduates, you are invited to Ave Fall Fest, Saturday, October 27, at Domino’s Farms in Ann Arbor MI. Dinner at 5:30 pm with a program at 6:30 pm. Meet admission counselors and alumni and learn about these generous scholarships:

- Ave Maria School of Law - Michigan/Toledo Full-Tuition Scholarship (Plus Stipend) and Ave Maria University - Toledo Scholarship $28,000 over 4 years (Plus additional AMU Aid) and Ave Maria University Toledo Homeschool Faith Scholarship $36,000 over 4 years (Plus additional AMU Aid).

Enjoy a fall menu, Domino’s Pizza, and Sundae Bar with Giveaways, and Door Prizes. FREE - Registration required by Monday, October 22 to attend! For more information & to register go to www.avemariafoundation.org or call 734-930-3441.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FRIDAY DINNERS

5:30—7:30 pm

Please RSVP at 419.529.5532 or sign up at the club for October 26 dinner—Chicken and JoJos.

150TH SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY NOTES

By 1870 and with a growing parish, Father Magenhann purchased three lots on the northwest corner of Mulberry and First Streets (where the parish parking lot is today). On this land stood the First Ward public school building of yellow brick, two stories providing four classrooms. To accommodate the growing student population, this building became the new (and second) St. Peter’s School. (That we know of, there is no photo available of this building. Based on descriptions of buildings of that time and a topical blueprint of the rooftop, SPHS alum, Jonathan Gallaway, completed this sketch.)

OUR ALL SOULS’ MASS AND RECEPTION WILL BE ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4, AT 2:00 P.M.

Information will be mailed soon to families who have had a family member pass away since October 22, 2017. If you have had an immediate family member (father, mother, sister, brother, child or spouse) pass away in the last year and was not buried through St. Peter’s Parish, we would like to include them and your family in our All Souls’ Mass this year. Please call Kristi at 419.524.2572 with their name, their relationship to you, and their date of death by October 19th.

CONCERNED FRIENDS

Concerned Friends is for the parents who have lost children no matter what age. Meetings are held the first Monday of the month in the Chapel at Ohio Health Hospital, 33 Glessner Ave., Mansfield OH from 7:00—8:00 pm. Facilitator is Dr. Faith Proietti, Hospital Chaplain and a member of the group having lost a daughter. Please call John or Terry Heringhaus at 419.526.3066 for more information. The next meeting is Monday November 5, 2018.

RECYCLING—NEXT DATE: NOVEMBER 9, 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: November 10 & 11
**Trek or Treat 5K: ZOMBIES!** Troop 121 of Mansfield St Peters is sponsoring a 5K Run or Walk through the Woodland Neighborhood of Mansfield on Sunday, October 28. All proceeds of the event will benefit Troop 121’s 2019 adventure trips – also returning to Philmont! The event is chip-timed by Ohio Race Day, pre-registration guarantees a tech shirt with a cool design and afterwards there is an awesome refreshment table for runners and walkers! The race will begin at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church at 525 West Cook Road. Registration will open at 3:30 pm with the race starting at 4:30 pm. There will be awards, door prizes and costume prizes for participants. For more information (forms, course map, sponsorship form, etc.) please visit [www.trekortreat.org](http://www.trekortreat.org). Online registration is available at [ohioraceday.com/races/trek-or-treat-5k/](http://ohioraceday.com/races/trek-or-treat-5k/). Registration forms are also available in the Parish Center office or from a Scout in Troop 121.

“Remember that when you leave this earth, you take with you nothing that you have received—only what you have been given: A full heart enriched by honest service, love, sacrifice and courage.”

—St. Frances of Assisi
**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE**

"Advice" books abound on marriage and parenting. Jesus tells us in today’s Gospel the great secret: satisfying relationships depend on how well we sacrifice our needs to serve others. It is not about "giving," ourselves. If you feel like you are a servant to your children and spouse, then you are doing it right.

~Bud Ozar

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**TODAY’S READINGS**

**First Reading** — My servant shall justify many, and their guilt he shall bear (Isaiah 53:10-11).

**Psalm** — Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you (Psalm 33).

**Second Reading** — Let us confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help (Hebrews 4:14-16).

**Gospel** — Whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all (Mark 10:35-45 [42-45]).

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** Eph 2:1-10; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 12:13-21
**Tuesday:** Eph 2:12-22; Ps 85:9ab-14; Lk 12:35-38
**Wednesday:** Eph 3:2-12; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Lk 12:39-48
**Thursday:** Eph 3:14-21; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19; Lk 12:49-53
**Friday:** Eph 4:1-6; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 12:54-59
**Saturday:** Eph 4:7-16; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 13:1-9
**Sunday:** Jer 31:7-9; Ps 126:1-6; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52

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**Thank you to the following people who made donations to our flower fund for the month of September. These donations help make our church sanctuary beautiful.**

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