

SAINT PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

DECEMBER 16, 2018



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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 7:00 am

Spanish Mass:

Resurrection Parish, Lexington

Sunday: 6:00 pm

Parish Office Hours:

Monday - Friday: 7:30 am - 7:30 pm
Saturday: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Sunday 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

Pastoral Care Contacts:

Ms. Kristi Reindl 419.524.2572
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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.

Sacrament of Marriage:

Arrangements should be made at the Parish Center at least eight 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*
Mr. Bill Johnson,
Director of Music & Liturgy
Ms. Lynne Lukach, *Pastoral Associate*
Mrs. Elizabeth Wurm, *Director of
Religious Ed. & Youth Minister*

Deacon:

Mr. John Reef

St. Peter's School:

Ms. Tammy Haus
High School, Jr. High School
Mrs. Madalyn Bauer
Elementary School
Mrs. Ashley Rastorfer
Montessori

Parish Business Manager:

Mr. Evan Mumea

Director of Development:

Mr. Jason Crundwell

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MASS INTENTIONS**Monday, December 17, Late Advent Weekday**

5:00 pm Rosary

5:30 pm Richard Hite

Tuesday, December 18, Late Advent Weekday

7:00 am Margie Voytko

8:30 am Parish, Elementary Mass

3:15 pm Liberty

Wednesday, December 19, Late Advent Weekday

7:00 am Angel Oriol

Thursday, December 20, Late Advent Weekday

7:00 am Edward Hirsch

Friday, December 21, Late Advent Weekday

5:00 pm Rosary

5:30 pm Carl Leesburg

Saturday, December 22, Vigil of the Fourth Sunday of Advent

5:00 pm Charles Eaton, Jr.

Sunday, December 23, Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:30 am Parish

9:30 am Isabel Stuht

11:30 am Mapes/LehmanFamily

LECTOR/COMMUNION MINISTER**Saturday, December 22**5:00 pm **L** B Schartl, K Cannon**D** D Falquette, C Sgambellone, V Zack**Sunday, December 23**7:30 am **L** B Danuloff, T Murphy**D** M Collet, L Danuloff, D Givens, K Randall,
K Reindl, K Reindl, Deacon John Reef9:30 am **L** M Ambrose, R Sliney**D** T Baker, T Frasz, S Weber, J Kastelic,

D Forster, F Schuster, M Riggelman, T Etwiler

11:30 am **L** K Bird, C Scodova**D** F Leitenberger, S Elliott, T Fesler, S Rizzo**MASS SERVERS****Saturday, December 22**

5:00 pm K Pollock, K DeLano, D DeLano

Sunday, December 23

7:30 am A Gasper, S Tridico,

9:30 am S Ambrose, J Ambrose, G Ambrose

11:30 am E Fesler, C Fesler, G Farragher

THE CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

9:30 am Meagan

11:30 am Tricia

I recently ran across a very interesting article that I thought was quite astute because I had never heard this scenario put into such terms before. It was talking about Zechariah and Mary and why one person lost their voice while another one "found theirs". Their stories were both very similar. Both encountered the Angel Gabriel, both were given news of the birth of their soon to be child, both were given the name of their preborn child and both asked the angel one simple question. So the question that inevitably comes up is why was Zechariah muted until the birth of John when Mary was not?

It was the nature of the questioning. When Mary questioned the angel, she said, "How can this be, since I have no relations with a man." When Zechariah questioned the angel he said, "How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is advanced in years." The questions seem relatively similar in nature, but something prompted Zechariah to be muted while Mary went on singing the praises of God.

The only difference in the questions was doubt. Mary asked a very legitimate question because she knew there was no way a child could be conceived, without first having relations. Zechariah asked the question because he didn't believe that he and Elizabeth could conceive, due to their advanced age. Mary did not have doubt but a question, Zechariah questioned because he had doubt.

That is the whole thing about faith. In the book of Hebrews it states, "Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." Faith is sometimes a very hard thing for us to swallow because we are people who rely on the seen, the concrete. We rely on a tangible world and anything opposite to that purpose is hard for us to grasp.

But as we enter into this very holy season of Christmas we enter into what could be known as the advent of our faith. For centuries people have believed in a baby and in the promise of that child. For centuries people have assented to God's will as Mary and eventually Zechariah came to do.

This Christmas season let us focus on the faith that brought us here. In the promise of an angel's words. In the testimony of Zechariah, Elizabeth, Mary and Joseph. Let us remember that we must have the conviction in those things not seen.

Elizabeth Wurm

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH



Prayer Requests

Rose Mary Lang-Martin, Debbie Ashley, Mike Payton, Bill Ruhl, Jeannie Burkhalter, Krista Marshall, Aaron Blank, Don Blank, Theresa Prendergast, Cindy Lassen, Dina Riley, Eliana Nelson, MaKaya Butler, Mildred Corbin, Julie Krouse, Ken Kayden, John Henney, Theresa Schmidt, Paige Divelbiss, Maria Loschinkohl, Sharon Valdry, Carol Pittenger, Sherry Studer, John Ziegler, Marlene Ziegler, Kim Rucker, Jess Allred, Dorothy Trinter, Ted Selby, Marti Selby, JoAnn Marbaugh, Baby Greyden Jack, Gwen Yockey, Mary Ann Switzer, Louise Stegall, Tammy Dudley, Sydney Foltz, Keith Combs, Mady Ziegler, Sharon Valdry, Elaine Johnson, Maggie Varga, Brenda Davis, Barb Riley, Dorothy Jean Caldwell, Cindy Jasnek Cartier, Joyce Taylor, Barb Simms, Michael Davis, Mary Kay Futtly.

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

NEW PARISHIONERS

Joe and Judie Zuber



BAPTISMS FOR NOVEMBER

Abriana Amelia Vero

Jaynelyn Elizabeth Christian



PRISON MINISTRY CORNER



Ministering to our brothers who are incarcerated leads to a greater sense of awareness of the justice system (or "injustice" system for some). Laws change over the decades, and an individual who is convicted today for a particular crime may receive quite a different (and lesser) sentence than a person convicted of the same crime twenty or thirty years ago. Our RiCI brothers who committed crimes all those years ago as young men are now middle-aged (or older). By the grace of God, their lives have changed; they have availed themselves of education, religion, recovery, and vocational opportunities in prison, have truly been transformed, and are not a danger to themselves or others. We have witnessed several of our older RiCI brothers upon their release living clean, sober, productive lives. One of our brothers travels throughout the state at the invitation of police chiefs to talk to young offenders. (This story will continue in next week's Prison Ministry Corner.)

PLEASE NOTE THAT INCENSE WILL BE USED AT THE 7:00 PM AND MIDNIGHT MASSES FOR CHRISTMAS



END OF YEAR CHARITABLE GIFTS

The end of the year is fast approaching, and with all of this year's changes to the tax code this year, you might find yourself in a position to make an end of year charitable gift to reduce your 2018 taxable burden. You may want to make a gift to St. Peter's to: pay off your Capital Campaign pledge early, pre-pay your 2019 Sunday collection, the Annual Fund or endow a sustaining gift to the Msgr. Edward C. Dunn Foundation.

Anyone may give the gift of cash or stock to St. Peter's. Gifts of stock that have been held for a year or longer can have a charitable deduction for the stock's fair market value on the day it is donated, and you may avoid paying capital gains on the stock. Stock transfers should be initiated by December 22, 2018 to guarantee they will be completed by the end of 2018. All other gifts must be postmarked by December 31, 2018 to be credited towards your 2018 giving cycle.

If you are 70 1/2 years or older, you may also elect to make a qualified charitable distribution from your IRA.

Be sure to consult your tax advisor about any questions on how the new tax laws affect your personal situation.

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

On Tuesday December 18 at Resurrection Parish at 6:30 pm until all confessions are heard;

On Thursday December 20 at St. Mary Parish at 6:30 pm until all confessions are heard.

SUNDAY OFFERING



Year to date through 11/30/2018

Sunday Collection

Total Sunday Collection To Date:	\$338,438
Total Budgeted Sunday Collection To Date:	\$357,500
Sunday Collection Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$19,062)

School Collection

Total School Collection To Date:	\$60,535
Total Budgeted School Collection To Date:	\$70,000
School Collection Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$9,465)

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FINANCIAL UPDATE



Total Pledged:	\$2,713,894
Amount needed to reach challenge goal:	\$286,105
Payments to Date:	\$2,161,833

As of November 1, 2018



ST. PETER'S SCHOOL



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 and athletic and other school-administered programs.

For Parents considering St. Peter's School for their child, please mark your calendars. More information will be forthcoming as the date approaches.

PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT—JANUARY 17, 2019

Montessori Preschool & Kindergarten—4:30-5:30 pm

Location: Montessori House, for parents only!

You have never seen a preschool this unique and wonderful!

Traditional Kindergarten—5:30-6:30 pm

Location: Elementary school, for parents only.

A dynamic teacher and students excited about learning!

Also, personal appointments are always welcomed by the school principals. Call the school administrators to arrange a visit that is convenient for you and your child.



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175TH ANNIVERSARY NOTES

We continue our look at the pastorate and ministry of our seventh Pastor, Father Rupert C. Goebel.

As the late 1920's wound to a close and the 1930's followed, the Great Depression settled over the country and Mansfield was in no way exempt from the nationwide suffering which the Depression produced. Very much a priest of his times, Father Goebel quickly became the face of Catholicism in Mansfield and the surrounding areas. St. Peter's Parish set about to combat the effects of the Great Depression in very concrete ways, establishing assistance networks for the community and, in particular, seeing to it that the neediest members of his own parish were cared for.

As Pastor and as overseer of the school and all activities of the Parish, Father Goebel certainly had his hands full. He continued his work with the Toledo Apostolic Mission Board. In 1936, Toledo Bishop Karl J. Alter appointed Father Goebel to the Board of Trustees of the newly constituted DeSales College in Toledo. The college was established from the merger of St. John's University and the Toledo Diocesan College that year and was located on the grounds of St. John's High School and College.

In September of 1936, Father Goebel was honored by the parish and the diocese on the occasion of his 25th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood. Bishop Alter and more than 100 priests of the Diocese, including a few who were alumni of St. Peter's High School, gathered in Mansfield to honor Father Goebel. The Jubilee Mass was accompanied by programs and performances by students in the school and members of the Parish. More than 300 students participated in the celebration. A luncheon for the clergy was held at the fabled Leland Hotel and an evening reception in Father Goebel's honor was held in the parish hall (the church basement) and attended by nearly a thousand people over the course of several hours.

On July 4, 1938, at the request and recommendation of Bishop Alter, Pope Pius XI appointed Father Goebel a Domestic Prelate with the title of Reverend Monsignor. Monsignor Goebel and eight other Diocesan priests who were similarly honored were confirmed in their appointments by Bishop Alter in a solemn ceremony at Rosary Cathedral in Toledo on September 28, 1938.

During those years, the student population of St. Peter's School had been growing exponentially. Monsignor Goebel began, of necessity, to envision a new, modern school building with all the bells and whistles as the 1930's gave way to the 1940's. He moderated his vision of a new school by refusing to allow the parish or school to go into debt if a school was indeed to be built. He declared that no construction would begin until the lion's share of the necessary funds were in hand. Efforts to raise the money for a new school began, but were hampered by the demands World War II placed on the community.

As a strong Pastor, once described by the *Mansfield News Journal* as the "...the city's most militant Catholic leader..." Monsignor Goebel energetically led his people in their drive to support the war effort. Parishioners and students alike took up many causes to support the troops. Many of St. Peter's young men and women and young alumni answered the call to serve and enlisted in the military and the WAVES and WACS. Students at St. Peter's made it possible for the school to win the *News Journal's* Scrap Metal drive to provide metal resources for the manufacture of planes, tanks, artillery weapons, and ammunition. One generous family even provided a scrapped automobile to help the cause.

We will continue our look into the service of Monsignor Rupert Goebel next week.

REJOICE!

We will celebrate the completion of the restoration of our beautiful church today, **Gaudete Sunday, December 16**, with a special Mass of Thanksgiving at the 11:30 Mass. After the Mass, a reception will be held in the basement of the Church and Church tours will be offered from 1:00 until 2:30 by St. Peter's Director of Music and Liturgy, Bill Johnson. Our Capital Campaign Project Manager, David Barber, will also be present to report on the completion of the restoration project and to answer any questions about the project.



The afternoon will conclude with our annual **Festival of Lessons and Carols for Advent** at 3:00 p.m. featuring the St. Peter's Traditional Choir, Children's Choir, Handbell Choir, and Orchestra. Please plan to attend this popular holiday service to spend time reflecting on the true meaning of the season while listening to timeless readings for Advent and to beautiful music chosen to fill our hearts with the joy and hope of the coming of Christ.



You will have a chance to hear the newly refurbished organ and to take part in the celebration of our beautiful church's restoration all while we look forward with rejoicing to the coming of Jesus at Christmas.

Admission is free and open to the public. Call the Parish Music Office at 419-524-2572, ext. 2113, for more information.

HELP IS NEEDED FOR DECORATING

Help is needed on Sunday December 23 starting at 3:00 pm to decorate the church for Christmas. There are jobs for people of all ages.

Many Hands Make Light Work!

Email dillon.angie@myspartans.org with any further questions or to sign up.

NO ROOM AT THE INN



Mary and Joseph brought their child into the world in a stable because there was no one to show them hospitality. We are going to have a great many visitors for our Christmas Masses. Let us be sure to show them warm and welcoming hospitality by making room for all who come to worship with us. On a related note, as in past years, there is no reserved seating and seats may only be held for late-arriving members until the ushers begin seating people. Thank you in advance for your hospitality.

THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to all the wonderful ladies & gentlemen who helped make the Christmas Classic such a fantastic success. We thank all who supported us by buying, or donating raffle items, or working, or baking such delicious goodies. A very special thanks to Mr. Clark & his wonderful young singers who delighted us with holiday music. We could not do all that baking without the fantastic cooperation of Brenda & her cafeteria staff who accommodate us so graciously. You all help make our labor go so much easier.

A very special thanks to all who helped with baking kieffels, poticas, & butter rings. It was a lot of very hard work & you did not quit till it was all done. We so appreciated the new faces & the gentlemen who made our work load easier. You all are a constant inspiration & model of generosity. You make our community so very special. Thank you so much.

ADULT FAITH ENRICHMENT

When: Thursday evening at 6:30 pm

Where: Assisi Hall, 4th floor Parish Center

What: Our next course is THE BIBLE AND THE SACRAMENTS: Journey through Scripture by St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology, Steubenville; presented by Matthew Leonard. *See the bulletin each week for details.*

Dates/Topics:

January 10—Introduction to the Mysteries

The Ritual of Family

January 17—The Waters of Salvation

On a Mission for God

January 24—The Sacrificial Offering

Lamb of God

January 31—Reconciled to God

Spiritual Healing

February 7—Brides and Bridegrooms

Ordained to Serve

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FRIDAY DINNERS

Please RSVP at 419.529.5532 or sign up at the club for December dinners.

December 21, 5:30—7:30 pm—Chicken Parmesan

December 28, 5:30—7:30 pm—Subs in the Lounge



RECYCLING—NEXT DATE: JANUARY 11, 2019



10:00 am—11:00 am & 2:00 pm—4:00 pm

(Every 2nd Friday of the month) in the FAC parking lot

BLUE BARRELS: January 12 & 13

Senior Citizen Luncheon at St. Mary's School, Ashland Road. Tuesday, December 18, 2018 the luncheon begins at 12:15 pm; cost is \$3.00 per person. Menu: Taco salad with Doritos, applesauce, cookie and beverage. Reservations are required, please call Aimee Campbell for more information at 419.589.2114.

Check Out the Kiosk! Before you finish your Christmas shopping, check out the CDs available in the kiosk in the back of church. There are CDs available on a wide variety of subjects. They are fascinating to listen to and are only about one hour in length. The CD on the "Our Father" is incredible. You will see a new reason why Jesus taught us to pray this prayer. St. Peter's Respect Life Chapter, Mary Rennpage, 419.524.8162.

CATHOLIC WOMENS CLUB: The next luncheon will be Wednesday January 9, 2019. Luncheon will be at Brown Derby in Ontario at 12:00 noon. All residents of the St. Juan Diego Deanery are invited. If you are new, we encourage you to join us and get to know the Catholic women in the area. Please call Kathy Wukela at 419.522.5321 or Beth Hass at 419.681.1329. Reservations must be made by January 4, 2019 before 12 noon. Looking forward to meeting new members.

Catholic Charities has funding to assist with PRESCRIPTION and MEDICAL BILLS for individuals living in Richland County. There are no income guidelines to receive this assistance; you just need to be a resident of Richland County. Please phone Laurie Hamrick at 419-524-0733 or email lhamrick@toledodiocese.org to inquire about assistance.

Calendars courtesy of Herlihy-Chambers Funeral Home and Wappner's Funeral Home are available all of the entrances to the church.

"Loving Father, help us remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and the worship of the wise men."

Robert Louis Stevenson

REJOICE!

Today has traditionally been called "Gaudete Sunday." The Latin tag is derived from Paul's appeal in the second reading to "rejoice always in the Lord," and the Latin Mass text based on that reading. The irony and paradox of this Christian joy is underlined by the fact that Paul wrote those words in prison. But from there he could see the progress of God's work.

Is it obvious to us? We feel that this is not the time for joy when there is so much suffering and moral evil. It is interesting, then, that the first reading is from the prophet Zephaniah, who is almost exclusively concerned with gloomy visions of Judgment Day. Today the Church selects the only optimistic text in Zephaniah, in which the prophet has been touched by the spirit of joy.

This, we are assured on all sides, is "the season of joy." Let us recapture that feeling of joy in our lives and reflect it to those who are joyless.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Years ago, the trick question on religion quizzes would be to name all the liturgical colors, or the colors of the vestments worn at Mass. Rose is a color seldom seen, used at most two days a year. Today, "Gaudete Sunday," is one of those days. The name of the day is drawn from an opening verse in the old Latin Mass texts: *Gaudete* is Latin for "Rejoice!" This year's Gospel certainly reflects that mood as Elizabeth feels her infant within her leaping for joy at the presence of Mary. Mary's visit to her aged cousin is an act of compassion between women, as two kinswomen who are bearing children into the world share their joy.

Some churches retain the custom of having the priest wear rose vestments today, and many will use a rose candle in the Advent wreath. Violet is the official color for Advent and Lent, but many parishes employ different hues for each season, trying to keep them distinct. In medieval times, dye was costly, and poor parishes used unornamented plain cloth for vestments. Dyes were expensive and some colors, particularly purple, difficult to achieve. In England, purple dye was made from mollusks, yielding at best a deep indigo or blue and not the desired violet. Thus, the color of Advent in the British Isles has long been a deep blue, reminding many people of Mary's presence at the heart of the Advent mystery. That theology is largely unplanned: it's all because of the clams!

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Your God will sing joyfully because of you, as one sings at festivals (Zephaniah 3:14-18a).

Psalm — Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel (Isaiah 12:6).

Second Reading — Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! (Philippians 4:4-7).

Gospel — Whoever who has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. Whoever who has food should do likewise (Luke 3:10-18).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

Tuesday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

Wednesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17;
Lk 1:5-25

Thursday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 1:26-38

Friday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12,
20-21; Lk 1:39-45

Saturday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10;

Lk 1:39-45

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