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WELCOME

On behalf of the entire St. Peter Catholic Parish Community, we welcome you! Whether you are a parishioner, vacationer, or seeking a parish to call home, we hope that we can provide you with any desired information and spiritual support while you are here.

MASS SCHEDULE

The Lord's Day

Saturday 5:00 p.m. * Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Weekday Masses

Mon. -Wed. 8:00 a.m. * Friday Noon (See inside for occasional changes.)

CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS

Councils, Ministries & Groups

Parish Council * Finance Council * Choir * Servers * Lectors * Ushers * Greeters * Eucharistic Ministers * Mission Society * Knights of Columbus * Grief Ministry * Gabriel Project * Art & Environment * St. Peter KEYS Youth Group * St. Peter Prayer Group * After Alpha

Social Concerns

Community Help Mission, Helping Hands & Support of Community Projects

SACRAMENTS

Sacrament of Baptism

Please contact the parish office to attend classes and schedule a Baptism.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. or by appointment.

Sacrament of Marriage

Contact the parish at least 6 months before the wedding for required pre-marriage preparation.

Anointing of the Sick

If you are in the hospital, contact the hospital Chaplain.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY

Call the parish office for programs and details.

RCIA/ Inquiry Class

Are you thinking of becoming Catholic? Contact Father Hawk at the parish office for further information.



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MISSION STATEMENT

We, the people of St. Peter Church are a community built on Jesus Christ, our foundation, rooted in the Gospel, and distinguished by a spirit of welcome and belonging. Therefore, we strive to worship joyfully, serve gladly, and be stewards of God's gifts. We nurture spiritual growth through faith formation and education. We support one another, reach out to all, spread the Gospel, and practice our faith in our daily lives.

Bulletin Deadline: Tuesday noon. Please read inside bulletin for any changes from above.

November 5, 2017



THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS IS BEING OFFERED FOR...



| Day | Date | Feast/Holiday | Mass Time | Mass Intention | Requested By |
|-----------|--------|------------------------------------|-----------|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Saturday | Nov 4 | Vigil | 5:00 pm | † Dec. of Mable Mutchler Family | Robert Mutchler |
| Sunday | Nov 5 | 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time | 9:00 am | People of St. Peter | |
| Monday | Nov 6 | Weekday | 8:00 am | † Frank Mitsch | Toni Dunmire |
| Tuesday | Nov 7 | Weekday | 8:00 am | † Abe Kuttothara | Annie Kuttothara |
| Wednesday | Nov 8 | Weekday | 8:00 am | † Robert & Yvonne Baumgartner | Roxanne Baumgartner |
| Thursday | Nov 9 | Dedication of the Lateran Basilica | No Mass | | |
| Friday | Nov 10 | St. Leo the Great | Noon | † Jeep Allerding | Dan & Susie Piskur |
| Saturday | Nov 11 | Vigil | 5:00 pm | People of St. Peter | |
| Sunday | Nov 12 | 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time | 9:00 am | † Eleanor Thompson & Paul Marmet | Rose Leonard |

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER 11 & 12

| Mass Time | Greeter | Lector | Server | Server | Eucharistic Minister | Cup Ministers |
|----------------|--------------------|---------------|----------------|--------------|----------------------|----------------|
| Nov 11 5:00 pm | Mary Davis | Stephen Smith | Cole Zody | X | Pat Studer | Please sign up |
| Nov 12 9:00 am | Christine Shepherd | Larry Henley | Matthew Henley | James Henley | Bob Zerrer | Please sign up |

COUNTING 11-6-17 TEAM 1

11-13-17 TEAM 1

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Do we not have one father? Did not the one God create us? (Malachi 1:14b — 2:2b, 8-10).

Psalm — In you, Lord, I have found my peace (Psalm 131).

Second Reading — You have received not a human word but the word of God (1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9, 13).

Gospel — Call no one your father on earth; you have but one Father, the one in heaven (Matthew 23:1-12).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rom 11:29-36; Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36; Lk 14:12-14
 Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b; Ps 131:1bcde-3; Lk 14:15-24
 Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10; Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9; Lk 14:25-33
 Thursday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22
 Friday: Rom 15:14-21; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 16:1-8
 Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Lk 16:9-15
 Sunday: Wis 6:12-16; Ps 63:2-8; 1 Thes 4:13-18 [13-14]; Mt 25:1-13

Breakfast Schedule

Nov 5 Youth Group/PSR Parents
 Nov 12 Knights of Columbus
 Nov 19 Mission
 Nov 26 Parish Council



Parish Thanksgiving Dinner

Don't forget to join us for an early Thanksgiving dinner in the parish hall this Tuesday (11/7). We will be serving dinner from 6:00 pm—7:00 pm or until gone. If you'd like to bring along a game to play after dinner, feel free.

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Stewardship Report
October 29, 2017

| | Weekly Budget | Last Week | YTD Budget | Total YTD |
|--|---------------|---------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| Offertory | \$2,939.00 | \$2,814.35 | \$52,902.00 | \$55,395.83 |
| General Fund Envelope | 363.00 | 195.00 | 6,534.00 | 5,102.00 |
| Unrestricted Donations and Bequests | 289.00 | 0.00 | 5,202.00 | 10,950.91 |
| World Mission Sunday | \$100.00 | All Souls Day | \$15.00 | All Souls Day \$15.00 |

Thank You!

Saint Peter parishioners are remarkably generous. Sharing a portion of our income with the Church is a sign everything belongs to God and we dedicate our "first fruits" to the work of the kingdom of Christ. Thank you so much for your faith and generosity.

Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time



Follow Pope Francis on Twitter @Pontifex
Remember the sufferings of every person in your heart. Then bring them all to God in your prayers.

Mission Society

St. Francis Xavier Mission Society would like to thank our parishioners for celebrating our 70th Anniversary with us last Sunday. It was a special mass with us sitting together. Our next meeting is Monday morning, November 20 at 8:30 in the church basement. Since we have no membership dues, all women of our parish are invited to come anytime you are available.

Adult Education Opportunities

Adult Enrichment – Join us for a study on the Acts of the Apostles consisting of a video by Jeff Cavins followed by discussion. We will meet this Thursday, November 9 at 7:00pm in the meeting room behind the sanctuary. We will be exploring Chapter 12.

Adult Reflection – Meets on the first Saturday of each month. The next session will be Saturday, December 2 at 9:00am.

Youth Group

Due to changes in Katie's everyday job, she is unable to continue to lead our youth ministry on a regular basis. Therefore, we will not be having regular meetings of youth group for a while. Please watch the bulletin for special event gatherings. We are thankful to Katie for her time, talent, love and faith that she devoted to our youth!

Meals on Wheels Schedule

November 5 through 11 is Rich Stoker

November 12 through 18 is Roxanne Baumgartner

November 19 through 25 is Helen Ankney

November 26 through 30 is Woody and Bonnie

We have lost two more volunteers due to ill health. Any one wishing to help can call Lourene Heichel at 419-368-3068 or email to lourene.heichel@yahoo.com. Our months are May and November every year.

2017 Giving Tree

The 2017 Day of Sharing event will take place Tuesday, December 5th from 10-2:00 pm at The Church of the Nazarene. Our mission circle will have a giving tree with tags listing needed items in the vestibule the weekends of November 4, 11, and 25. We would like unwrapped items returned any of those weekends but no later than Sunday, November 26th. Please call Renata Lunt at 419-571-3402 with any questions. Thank you for your generosity to this worthwhile community event.



THE GREATEST AMONG US

Whom do you admire? Is it the President of the United States or a movie star or a billionaire? These are people whom the world exalts as great. Like the Pharisees in today's Gospel, they have places of honor wherever they go. Would you like to follow in their footsteps?

The scriptures for today offer different examples for us to follow. Jesus tells us that the greatest among us are the servants. These are the people we are to honor and imitate. We are called to be like Paul, who worked hard to serve the needs of his communities, and Jesus, who gave his life in service to the world.

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Parish Calendar of Events

| | | | |
|-----|----|----------------------------|----------|
| Nov | 5 | PSR | 10:15 am |
| | 6 | Grief Recovery | 7:00 pm |
| | 7 | Parish Thanksgiving Dinner | 6:00 pm |
| | 8 | Knights Meeting | 7:30 pm |
| | 12 | PSR | 10:15 am |
| | 13 | Grief Recovery | 7:00 pm |
| | 19 | PSR | 10:15 am |
| | 20 | Mission Meeting | 8:30 am |
| | 26 | PSR | 10:15 am |
| | 28 | After Alpha | 10:00 am |
| | 29 | Confirmation Prep | 7:00 pm |

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

What is the name of the pope's cathedral? If you said the Vatican, or St. Peter's, you were off by a few miles, since the answer is the Basilica of St. John, the Lateran, the "Mother Church" of all the churches of the world and the cathedral of the Diocese of Rome. It takes its name from the Lateran family, the Trumps of their day, who somehow ran afoul of the Emperor Nero. He seized all their property, including their vast Roman palace and estate. We don't know how Plautius displeased Nero so badly, but eventually all the Lateran property came to Constantine, the first Christian emperor, through his wife, Fausta. Early in the fourth century, when Christianity was at last legalized, Constantine gave the property to the church. Soon the great meeting halls were expanded and adapted.

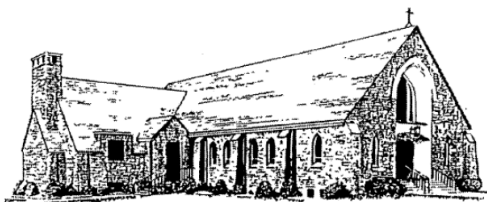
Over the centuries, the church building has been sacked by armies, ruined by fire, torn down, and rebuilt. The oldest and most unchanged part of the Lateran is a vast, separate baptistery with steps leading down to a huge green basalt pool. Imagine what a triumphal moment the dedication of this public church building was for a community that had worshiped in secret for so long! This Thursday's feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica is really about the tradition of consecrating space for worship, and so by extension, a feast for your parish church building and, given the beautiful second reading, for its baptistery as well.

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PRAY FOR...

Joe Hiesser, John Bessesi, Tom Kamenik, Mary Walker, Jack VanKuren, Alfred Stanley, Mary Kay Ellis, Donna Foote, Bill Derr, Art Adams, Andy Kochera, Mary Moses, Eddie Murphy, Tim Sage, Bruce Bible, Logan Stake, Tripp Heffelfinger, Ed & Kae White, Eleanor Chapman, Marilyn & Raymond Keck, Jane Bible, Dan Sved, Buzz Henley, Betty Ginnett, Dick Porter, Linda Sage, Micki Gaines, Clara Jane Conrad, Mrs. Jackson, Ginny Dunmire, John Metzger, Taylor Kinney, Eileen Esselburn, Fr. Elmer Marquard, Pope Francis, and for peace throughout the world.



St. Peter

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Dear Church,

I am pleased to report the results of our parish and cemetery operations for the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2017. This year was a great year. We welcomed Fr. Norm Douglas from Heart to Heart Ministries, for our parish mission, and have provided the parish with access to Formed, an online Catholic resource with movies, books, podcasts and more. This year we also did a great deal of work on the church building. You may recall the foundation work, including the drain tile replacement, the tuck pointing, and at the cemetery, the work on the cemetery wall and we started the new garage. The cemetery wall and building will actually be accounted for in the year we are reporting and next year as the disbursements were actually made in 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 fiscal years.

Looking forward to this year as far as capital expenses go, here is what is happening. We made an investment on the exterior lighting for the building, we will be replacing windows in the, restrooms, kitchens and church hall. It appears that we still have some water infiltration that seems to be coming from the windows. Additionally, the front doors need to be refinished, and we will be adding them to the electronic lock system that was installed last year. These are the major projects, but there may be other small projects that needs accomplished as well.

Last year, you may recall when I gave the finance report I mentioned that we would be looking to 2020 and our parish sesquicentennial. As you know we have been moving forward on this project. We have had our listening sessions here at the parish to gather input from parishioners about direction and hopes for the parish. Letters have been sent this week to leaders in the community for their input on the life of our parish, and how all of the churches in the area might help to meet needs of our area. In the listening sessions, I heard loud and clear that the parish wants to build a parish center. This is not a surprise to me. In my time here, I have heard this desire and the Finance Council, the Parish Pastoral Council and I have discussed the possibility on many occasions. As I stated in the finance report last year there is a question about being able to sustain the additional costs of having an additional building long term. With that said both councils have recommended to me, and I agree with the recommendation, to move forward incrementally, beginning with taking care of our existing facility. With that said the "spruce up" of the worship space, assuming that the approval from the Diocese comes through, is the next project that we are going to take on, while at the same time studying and looking for ways to make our dream of a parish center a reality. It is a desire of mine as well to have a place where our parish can gather comfortably and that everyone can feel a part of what we do here as a parish family. Please know that I want this to happen.

Thank you again for all of your support of time talent and treasure that you share with the parish and I look forward to what we can accomplish together.

Peace and Blessings,

Reverend Vincent Hawk, Pastor

ST. PETER PARISH
STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE
CHURCH, SCHOOL & CEMETERY

| | | Balance at June 30, | |
|---|-----------|----------------------------|----------------------|
| | | 2017 | 2016 |
| ASSETS | | | |
| CHECKING, SAVINGS AND INVESTMENTS | | | |
| Checking Account Balances | \$ | 36,807.87 | \$ 80,752.59 |
| Savings and Investment Account Balances | | 581,129.81 | 582,355.25 |
| TOTAL CHECKING SAVINGS AND INVESTMENTS | | 617,937.68 | 663,107.84 |
| ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE | | - | - |
| OTHER ASSETS | | - | - |
| TOTAL ASSETS | \$ | 617,937.68 | \$ 663,107.84 |
| LIABILITIES | | | |
| ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED EXPENSES | | | |
| Payable to Diocese of Cleveland | \$ | - | \$ - |
| Other accounts payable and accrued expenses | | - | - |
| TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED EXPENSES | | - | - |
| INCOME RECEIVED IN ADVANCE | | - | - |
| EMPLOYEE WITHHOLDING | | 939.67 | - |
| DEFERRED RESTRICTED SUPPORT | | 24,780.59 | 22,986.57 |
| LOANS, NOTES AND MORTGAGES PAYABLE | | - | - |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | | 25,720.26 | 22,986.57 |
| FUND BALANCE | | | |
| FUND BALANCE BEGINNING OF FISCAL YEAR | | 640,121.27 | 680,807.40 |
| Net Surplus (Deficit) for Fiscal Year | | | |
| Parish | | (76,428.99) | (32,856.44) |
| School | | - | - |
| Cemetery | | 28,525.14 | (7,829.69) |
| Net surplus (deficit) for fiscal year | | (47,903.85) | (40,686.13) |
| FUND BALANCE, END OF FISCAL YEAR | | 592,217.42 | 640,121.27 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE | \$ | 617,937.68 | \$ 663,107.84 |

ST. PETER PARISH
STATEMENT OF CHURCH REVENUE AND EXPENSES

| | Actual Year Ended June 30, | | Budget |
|---|----------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|
| | 2017 | 2016 | Year Ending June 30, 2018 |
| CHURCH REVENUE | | | |
| Offertory Collections | \$ 152,702.63 | \$ 147,685.68 | \$ 152,828.00 |
| Other Collections | 18,857.25 | 17,117.00 | 18,876.00 |
| Donations & Bequests | 9,766.90 | 13,205.90 | 15,028.00 |
| Net Bingo Proceeds | - | - | - |
| Net Fund Raising Income | - | - | - |
| Income from Parish Programs | 4,190.61 | 2,758.79 | 4,200.00 |
| Investment & Endowment Income (Loss) | 12,718.51 | (6,720.53) | 6,000.00 |
| Rental Receipts | - | - | - |
| Contributions from Parish Organizations | 3,114.66 | 500.00 | 2,000.00 |
| Miscellaneous Receipts | 21,777.00 | 23,792.11 | 22,000.00 |
| Designated Collections | 7,127.20 | 5,506.32 | 7,000.00 |
| Extraordinary Receipts | - | - | - |
| TOTAL CHURCH REVENUE | 230,254.76 | 203,845.27 | 227,932.00 |
| CHURCH EXPENSES | | | |
| Salaries, Benefits, & Taxes | 80,540.71 | 84,504.29 | 90,900.00 |
| Rectory & Household | 5,729.90 | 5,113.57 | 6,000.00 |
| Parish Office & Administration | 15,771.85 | 17,798.28 | 16,400.00 |
| Altar, Sanctuary, & Liturgical | 4,601.10 | 5,137.43 | 4,500.00 |
| Community Outreach | 2,587.61 | 4,832.11 | 3,600.00 |
| Religious Education | 3,940.59 | 1,944.92 | 3,400.00 |
| Stewardship & Evangelization | 10,046.14 | 5,895.25 | 8,250.00 |
| Utilities | 8,672.70 | 8,242.72 | 9,000.00 |
| Insurance & Property Taxes | 6,927.40 | 8,540.34 | 7,650.00 |
| Maintenance, Repairs, & Plant Operating | 14,564.42 | 6,280.10 | 15,750.00 |
| Diocesan Assessments | 24,318.00 | 24,300.00 | 24,400.00 |
| Payments to Other Schools | - | - | - |
| Designated Collections | 7,127.20 | 5,506.32 | 7,000.00 |
| Capital Expenditures | 121,856.13 | 58,606.38 | 25,000.00 |
| Intra Parish Transfers & School Support | - | - | - |
| Extraordinary Expenses | - | - | - |
| TOTAL CHURCH EXPENSES | 306,683.75 | 236,701.71 | 221,850.00 |
| NET CHURCH SURPLUS (DEFICIT) | \$ (76,428.99) | \$ (32,856.44) | \$ 6,082.00 |

**ST. PETER PARISH
STATEMENT OF CEMETERY REVENUE AND EXPENSES**

| | Actual Year Ended June 30, | | Budget | |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|-------------|----------|
| | 2017 | 2016 | Year Ending | June 30, |
| | | | 2018 | |
| CEMETERY REVENUE | \$ 82,846.11 | \$ 17,586.10 | \$ | - |
| CEMETERY EXPENSE | 54,320.97 | 25,415.79 | | - |
| NET CEMETERY SURPLUS (DEFICIT) | \$ 28,525.14 | \$ (7,829.69) | \$ | - |

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November 2017

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One Minute Meditations

St. Catherine Labouré

Born the ninth of eleven children to a French farming family, St.



Catherine eventually joined the Daughters of Charity. Shortly after, the Blessed Mother appeared to Catherine and asked to have a medal engraved with her image and the words, "O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee" engraved on it. The devotion spread quickly, but no one knew St. Catherine's involvement until soon before her death. She was canonized in 1947.

Counting Blessings

How do we handle inconveniences like an irritating coworker, a last-minute schedule change, or occasional miscommunication? God allows us trials so we can grow in virtue, to encourage us to trust him and open ourselves to his grace.

The next trial you face, thank God for his "blessings" and pray for his patience, humility, and grace.

"The Mass is long, you say, and I reply: 'Because your love is short.'"—St.

Josemaría Escrivá



Do what Jesus did

It is hard to imagine how wonderful Heaven is or the joy that awaits us there. Jesus' mission of salvation while on Earth made Heaven possible for us, if we live a life of holiness and grace as he did. Jesus hoped we would do what he did ...

Service. While on Earth, Jesus' purpose was to serve God and others. He even performed servant tasks such as serving food and washing feet. He asked that we model his servant's heart.

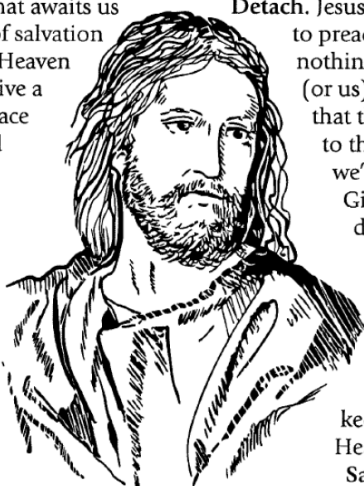
Love. When he walked among us, Jesus reached out to those who felt unloved, comforted those who were suffering, and helped people draw closer to his Father. Try to show love in

these ways every day.

Detach. Jesus sent his disciples out to preach with almost nothing. He didn't want them (or us) distracted. He knew that the more stuff we have to think about, the less we'll think about God. Give away whatever you don't absolutely need.

Pray. Jesus drew strength from time alone with God. Spending quiet time with God each day will help keep you on the path to Heaven.

Sacrifice. The most perfect sacrifice offered to God was Jesus' death on the Cross. Yet, when we give up time, effort, or something we value out of love for God and others, we imitate Jesus' generosity.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics honor saints in our churches?

Saints are spiritual role models whose examples we can follow to Heaven. Viewing statues and images of them in our churches helps us to recall their heroic virtue and faithful love for God.

The statues, and the saints



themselves, are not meant to be objects of worship. Instead, we recognize the good these holy people did and honor their examples. Just as in praising a painting we honor the painter, in praising the saints, we honor God who made them.

God loves us as we are

Most of us care about how we come across to other people. Choices about how we live, work, or dress can be influenced by a desire for others' approval. While it is only human to want to be liked, it's important to remember that God's opinion matters most. The best part? God always loves us.

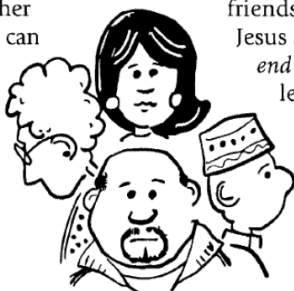
His love never changes. Human standards change over time. Someone considered "in" today, can be "out" in no time. God's love is unchanging and unending.

Friends come and go. Sooner or later,

friendships change or friends may move on. But Jesus said, "... behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20). God never leaves.

He loves us for who we really are. There's nothing God doesn't know about us, and he adores us anyway. Go figure.

If God likes you, others may, too. To please God, we have to fill ourselves with love for him and other people, and that makes us even nicer to be around.



from Scripture

Matthew 25:31-46, Judged on love

In this Gospel reading, Jesus describes the coming of the Son of Man, that is, his glorious return on the last day. Jesus will appear at the end of time as the King of the Nations and the Judge of History. Everyone who has ever lived, from the first to the last, from the greatest to the least, will stand before Christ. All of us will be judged on how we loved, especially how we loved those who suffered among us.

The specific criteria for judgment is the basis for the Seven Corporal Works of Mercy,

which are: feed the hungry and give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked and welcome the stranger, care for the sick and imprisoned, and bury the dead.

In the end, we will be judged on our response to the suffering of others. Do we, like the "blessed," respond with compassion and mercy? Or do we, like the others, turn a blind eye and do nothing? The goal is to see Christ in others and to minister to their needs as he did.



Feasts & Celebrations

Nov. 1 – All Saints Day – a Holy Day of Obligation. In the early Church, there was a desire to celebrate saints and martyrs by assigning each a feast day. However, the Christian persecutions were so horrible that there weren't enough days in the calendar for individual commemorations. Pope Gregory IV designated Nov. 1 as All Saints Day.

Nov. 14 – St. Lawrence O'Toole (1180). St. Lawrence was born in County Kildare, Ireland. When he was twelve, he was dedicated to God's service. St. Lawrence became Dublin's

second archbishop and a papal legate. He was canonized in 1225.

Nov. 16 – St. Margaret of Scotland (1093). Queen Margaret of Scotland was dedicated to caring for the poor. She washed beggars' feet and gave them alms. She fed orphans and destitute adults before eating her own meals.

Nov. 26 – Solemnity of Christ the King. God promised his people a king who would triumph over their enemies. Jesus is our King. In Baptism and Confirmation, we are brought under his kingship.



Q & A

What are indulgences?

An indulgence is "the remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sin whose guilt has already been forgiven" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*). In other words, after certain conditions have been met, the Church prays that the punishment for one's sins – either on Earth or in Purgatory – will be reduced or eliminated.

Jesus' sacrifice on the Cross and the prayers and good works of the saints during their lifetimes make indulgences possible. The Catechism compares this idea to something like an infinite bank account. The Church draws from the "treasury" of spiritual goods – prayers and sacrifices – of the saints and applies the benefits to those completing the indulgence (CCC #1476). To gain an indulgence, certain requirements must be met, including attending Confession, receiving Holy Communion and praying for the intentions of the pope.

Indulgences are only effective for sins that have already been forgiven in the Sacrament of Confession. Otherwise, we could be in danger of presuming on God's mercy or assuming God's forgiveness without true contrition.

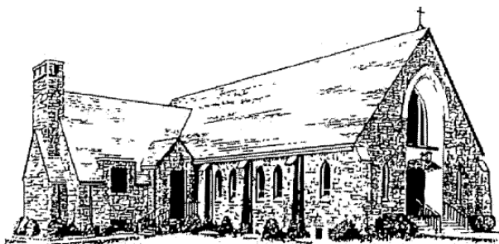
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CATHOLIC CHURCH

Dear Church,

The 20/20 Vision Committee met last week. We discussed the feedback from the listening sessions, and they reviewed the questions that will be used when conducting interviews with community leaders. It will be very interesting hearing what the leaders have to say about the Parish in the community. I also look forward to hearing what they say the needs are for the community. It will be wonderful to begin planning once we get that information.

There were several areas that stuck out as some great ideas and areas that we can improve as a parish community. These areas surround, welcoming and awareness of what we have to offer, youth and young adult ministries, and of course the desire for a parish center. These are all important areas, but the 20/20 Vision committee and I would like to look first at the area of welcoming. The idea of welcoming the stranger is a very important part of being Christian. With that said I am looking to put together a group of people who can take some time looking at the ideas that were presented in our listening sessions, and maybe coming up with some of their own ideas in order to present a plan for us to implement in our parish. Please let me know this week if you are willing to help.

I mentioned in my homily two weeks ago that we should have "bring a friend to church day." I am just reminding you to please consider bringing a friend to church on the first Sunday of Advent which is December 3rd. It would really be great to welcome many friends here that weekend, as we prepare to welcome the Guest at Christmas.

Finally, this past week I was at a presentation by the Ohio Attorney General's office about ways that faith based organizations and their members can help in response to the opioid crisis. One of the areas of great need is foster care. The need for foster families as a result of this epidemic is increasing dramatically. If you would have questions or you desire to be a foster parent please go to the following website: <http://www.ashlandifs.org/surveys/foster-parent-information>

Have a great week!

Peace and Blessings,
Fr. Vince

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