

September

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2021

Did not God
choose those who
are poor in the world
to be rich in faith
and heirs of the
kingdom that he
promised to those
who love him?

James 2:5

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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.

Monday & Friday 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday & Thursday 7:00 a.m.

Wednesday (School Year) 8:25 a.m. & 9:35 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday: 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. &
30 minutes before every Mass

Sacrament of Baptism:

Please contact the Parish Center to begin
plans for the baptism of your baby or child.

Sacrament of Marriage:

Arrangements should always be made at the
Parish Center office at least eight months
in advance of the ceremony.

Parish Office Hours:

Monday - Friday: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday: Closed

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Friday at 12 p.m., one week prior to
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Mass Intentions

Monday, September 6

Labor Day

9:00 am † Tom Dix

Tuesday, September 7

Tuesday in Ordinary Time

7:00 am † Theresa Kolar

Wednesday, September 8

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:25 am † Orijann Madej

9:35 am † Martha & Ted Selby

Thursday, September 9

St. Peter Claver, Priest

7:00 am † Kathleen Schadej

Friday, September 10

Patriot Day / 9/11 Day of Prayer

9:00 am † Marilyn Kurtzman

Saturday, September 11

Vigil of the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm † Marilyn Kurtzman

Sunday, September 12

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am † Marilou Marshall

9:30 am † Joann DeMatteo

11:30 am For Parishioners

In God's arms

James Crowl
Anthony J. Marinelli



Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord.

Please Pray for the Sick of Our Parish

Names will only be listed for four (4) weeks. If you wish to have additional time, contact the Parish Center at (419) 524-2572.



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From the Pastor:

Saturday is the 20th anniversary of the terror attacks here in the United States that initiated a two decade war on terrorism. The threat of more terrorism is equally serious today, especially with what has been happening in Afghanistan these last few weeks. We Christians, most especially we Catholics, need to remind ourselves and each other of the power of prayer and fasting. The course of human history has been changed more than once by prayer.

With that in mind, again I invite you this Friday to make time in your schedule to come into our beautiful church for prayer sometime between 9 am and 7 pm. We will begin with Mass, Eucharistic Adoration throughout the day, and end with Vespers & Benediction. As the schedule below indicates, there will be other times for common prayer (see below). The students from our school will also be going into the church for quiet prayer before our Lord. The parish staff will be doing the same. I hope you will also.

It's true that we can pray at home, but coming together as a faith community in the church not only publicly manifests our solidarity with each other, but it also amplifies the power of our prayers. God reminds us of this throughout Sacred Scripture. God's people were to observe the "sacred rest" in each week, and at other times of the year, for the purpose of the "sacred assembly". If your work schedule or other restriction prevents you from coming to church, then please pray wherever you will be that day.

God is always speaking to us, even in the worst times. After all four hijacked planes crashed twenty years ago, rescue workers in New York were looking for survivors in what seemed like a mountain of rubble. With smoke still billowing, they discovered something completely unexpected that gave them hope, comfort, and strength. What they discovered was the cross (see below).

This image gives us much to ponder and to pray about this Friday. The schedule for the day is as follows:

- 9:00 am Mass
- 12:00 Midday Prayer
- 3:00pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- 5:00pm Rosary
- 6:30pm Vespers
- 7:00pm Benediction



The Blessed Virgin Mary's message to the world: *My dear children, you have forgotten that through prayer and fasting you can avert wars and suspend the laws of nature.*

I look forward to praying with you in church this Friday.

Prayerfully,
Fr. Miller

Catholic Relief Services supporting Haitian earthquake survivors & Hurricane Ida

Our prayers go out to the thousands who perished, their families, and untold numbers of people who are suffering from the devastation wrought by the recent earthquake in Haiti and Tropical Storm Grace. While hundreds remain missing, more than 12,000 persons are injured and now homeless, in Haiti's southern peninsula, an area without medical resources in normal times.



This past weekend, thousands of Americans were directly affected by Hurricane Ida on the Louisiana and Mississippi coasts.

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is reaching out to help the destitute, distributing emergency supplies, clearing rubble, and preparing medical and mental health teams for dispatch. Growing numbers of families need food, safe shelter, hygiene, water and cooking fuel to live.

Most Reverend José H. Gomez, Archbishop of Los Angeles, and U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops President, is making a special appeal for a voluntary special collection to support the USCCB Bishops Emergency Disaster Relief Fund. The funds collected in this special appeal will be used to support the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops for pastoral and reconstruction needs of the Church, as well as the efforts of Catholic Relief Services, as they respond to immediate emergency needs and aid in long-term rebuilding and recovery efforts both Haiti and the United States.

As in past disasters, Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo is collecting and forwarding donations dollar for dollar for this international humanitarian relief effort.

You may donate on our secure website: catholiccharitiesnwo.org, noting Haitian Relief or Hurricane Ida relief as your donation designation. Please make checks out to Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo, with a notation designating Haitian or Hurricane Relief. Please mail checks to Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo, 1933 Spielbusch Ave., Toledo, OH 43604. Thank you for generously supporting those in need.

What's New!

You may have noticed a change in the pews near the front of church. If during Mass you come forward in the center aisle to receive Holy Communion, you may have noticed the turn radius isn't as tight.

The front "modesty rail" has been shortened for funeral Masses and to allow elderly people with walkers to sit in front. During a funeral Mass, when the casket is sitting in the center aisle, it is very difficult to walk between it and the modesty rail. With it being shortened a few feet, people can easily move past the casket and return to their seats when coming forward for Holy Communion.

Secondly, the change allows family members with walkers to sit in the front pew by the caskets, or even for a regular Mass, instead of several pews back. Let us know if you have other ideas for improvements!

Feed the Needy: Personal Care Items

Please continue to donate personal care items which are distributed at the Free Dinner twice a month. Especially popular are washcloths, 3-in-1 body wash, shampoo and conditioner, deodorant, hair brushes, and disposable razors. These can be brought to church any weekend or to the parish center.

In addition, we continue to collect pop tabs for Ronald McDonald House at Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus and participate in the Box Tops for Education Program online.

Pastoral Care: Homebound Parishioners

We are updating our lists of Homebound Parishioners and Nursing Home Residents. If you know of someone needing a visit or pastoral care, contact Angie Dillon at the parish center or via email dillon.angie@myspartans.org.

Prison Ministry Corner

Thanks to the efforts and energy of Fr. Kevin Moebius and Deacon John Reef, the Catholic community at ManCI is growing and thriving.



About twenty of the men recently provided lunch to the ministry team, sharing their delicious "homemade" recipes. It was a joy to behold how they worked together, shared two microwaves, and creatively turned commissary items into pizzas, calzone-type wraps, desserts, and more.

After lunch Fr. Kevin taught the men how to make rosaries.

SUNDAY OFFERING	
	
<i>As of July 2021 Sunday Collection</i>	
Sunday and Holy Day Collections	
Sunday Collection & Holy Day Collection:	\$67,264
Total Budgeted Sunday Collection To Date:	\$72,000
Sunday Collection Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$3,736)
School Collection	
Total School Collection To Date:	\$10,633
Total Budgeted School Collection To Date:	\$12,000
School Collection Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$1,367)

Labor Day Mass

Labor Day our an annual holiday to celebrate the economic and social contributions of all workers. Join us for Mass at 9 a.m. on Monday, September 6.



There is no Mass at 5:30 p.m.



DISCOVER:

- The scriptural vision of man and the overwhelming scientific evidence that supports this vision.
- The four leadership roles that have been entrusted to men and the five personal traits necessary for fulfilling these leadership roles.
- How and why Satan always attacks the union of man and woman.
- The three main obstacles to living as authentic men and the means for overcoming them.
- The wonderful renewal God is offering to men and their families through the Church.

PROGRAM INFORMATION:

Friday Mornings: 6:00 a.m.—7:30 a.m.
St. Peter's Franciscan Activity Center
Starting on September 17, 2021

REGISTRATION:

Register for this free program online at thatmanisyou.org or contact Fr. Kevin for more information.

Beloved: Finding Happiness in Marriage

Understanding God's plan for marriage is one thing, living it out is another. Beloved: Living Marriage examines the day-to-day challenges of being united as husband and wife while maintaining individuality.



Join us to watch the series and learn how to put faith at the center of your marriage.

Time: 2nd Saturdays of the month following the 5 p.m. Mass

Place: St. Peter's Church

Dates: 1st Session starts Saturday, September 11

Whether you are a newlywed or have been together 40 years, St. Peter's date night is a great way to enrich your marriage and meet other couples in the parish while breaking bread together.

Dinner is provided and if you need more information, questions, childcare, or to RSVP, email Brad or Katie Michel at stpdatenight@gmail.com.

Youth Praise & Worship Team

The Saint Peter's Praise and Worship Team will once again start meeting in October!

The Praise and Worship team is a group comprised of 1st - 6th graders who come together to sing, dance, praise God and make a joyful noise! In addition, they help to lead the song and dance at Vacation Bible School which takes place annually in July. If you are interested please contact Elizabeth Wurm at (wurm.elizabeth@myspartans.org) for more information and meeting times.

We would love to see you there.



PICK OF THE WEEK

Sept 5, 2021

NETWORK OF FREEDOM

Set in France at the beginning of World War II, this inspiring film narrates the heroic work of Sister Helene Studler, the Daughter of Charity who saved the lives of thousands of French refugees by preventing them from becoming prisoners of the Nazi forces, or freeing those who were captured. Among those she saved were many illustrious characters including the future Prime Minister of France, François de Mitterrand.



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RECYCLING — FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 FOOD COLLECTION: SEPTEMBER 11 & 12

From the Head of School...

Dear St. Peter's Parishioners,

While it has been almost twenty years since my family moved away from Mansfield, our affection and love for St. Peter's Parish and School has never faded. St. Peter's was instrumental in shaping our young family and showed us repeatedly, in ways both big and small, just how important a supportive Catholic community can be. With our families several hours away, St. Peter's was more than a school for us. It was a spiritual home and a welcoming family. St. Peter's not only fed our children's minds but nourished their souls. We are forever grateful for the strong educational and Catholic roots that our family grew at St. Peter's.



Now that I have returned, honored to be St. Peter's very first Head of School, I can still feel the transformational power of this parish and school. Though I have only been here for a month, I am so impressed with the dedicated teachers, so many of them who are alumni. Our students are inspired, inquisitive, curious, and eager to learn, and with the school families, who are seeking a better education for their children, one that fosters the whole child, mind, body, and spirit.

I am also incredibly impressed with the generosity of St. Peter's parishioners, many of whom have children that have graduated from St. Peter's School but still very much care that the school stays strong. This parish-wide commitment to creating the Catholic leaders of tomorrow is a testament to our Catholic faith and a collective belief in the future of our church. Your support, both financially and spiritually, is instrumental to our school's success. Because of our shared commitment to Catholic education, I give you my word that every single day, St. Peter's School will honor your investment, building thoughtful scholars, compassionate leaders, and impactful stewards who will make you all proud. Through faith, excellence, and service, our students are the grateful recipients of your support and will live lives of faith and purpose.

I look forward to working closely with Fr. Miller and Fr. Kevin to ensure that St. Peter's Parish and School shine bright for years to come.

Yours in Faith,

Laurie McKeon

Msgr. Dunn Foundation Annual Meeting

The Msgr. Dunn Foundation will host its Annual Meeting on Thursday, September 23 from 5:30 — 7:00 p.m. in the Franciscan Activity Center Atrium.

The guest speaker for the event will be our new Head of School Laurie McKeon. If interested in attending, please contact Cheryl Gurski, gruski.cheryl@myspartans.org.



Staying Cool in School

Students returned to the classroom on Thursday after two days off for the heat. Thanks to the efforts of staff and several generous donors, our students were given a little afternoon bonus to help them keep cool.

The Snowie Shaved Ice Bus stopped by the school, and every member of the student body and staff from Montessori to High School was treated to a delicious snow cone. In addition, students were allowed to wear the Spartan Spirit wear instead of the normal uniforms. A donor also donated several cases of water for students to use in each building.

As you can see from the photos below, everyone enjoyed the cool treat!



Parish School of Religion

Classes start soon! PSR meets weekly on Wednesday evenings in the High School building. If you still need to register for PSR for the 2021-22 year, please contact Elizabeth Wurm for more information and a registration form.

wurm.elizabeth@myspartans.org

Employment opportunities

St. Peter's Parish & School is currently seeking to fill the following positions.

- High School Science Teacher
- High School Theology Teacher
- Elementary Full-Time Tutor
- Cafeteria Cook (Part-time)
- Substitute Teachers

To learn more about the job positions and to apply, please visit our website: mansfieldstpeters.org/employment-opportunities.

All employees must pass BCI/FBI background checks and complete VIRTUS requirements.

Feast of Faith
Remembering

When Jesus broke the bread on the night before he died, he told his disciples, "do this in memory of me" (Luke 22:19). Christians have been faithful to that solemn command. Our eucharistic remembering is not nostalgia, nor is it merely historical, recalling events and facts of long ago. In the liturgy, remembering is action. "Do this," Jesus said. In the Eucharist, we remember by doing. And as we remember, the sacrifice of Jesus is renewed, truly made present, no longer then, but now.

After the consecration, each of the Eucharistic Prayers includes a section called the anamnesis, a Greek word that means "remembering." In this part of the prayer, "the Church, fulfilling the command that she received from Christ the Lord through the Apostles, keeps the memorial of Christ, recalling especially his blessed Passion, glorious Resurrection, and Ascension into heaven" (General Instruction of the Roman Missal, 79e). We pause and call to mind the whole paschal mystery, Christ's dying and rising. "We celebrate the memory of his death and resurrection" (Eucharistic Prayer for Reconciliation II). Obeying Christ's command, we remember.

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The Messiah Foretold

Today's story of the cure of a deaf man with a speech impediment is a good example of how much is contained in a simple miracle story. The Greek word mogilalos appears only here in all of the New Testament. It is a technical term referring to someone with a stammer. It is also used only once in the entire Jewish scriptures, in the passage that we read today as our first reading from Isaiah. Clearly, by his choice of this precise word Mark wants us to recognize that what Jesus is doing is the fulfillment of what Isaiah had predicted centuries earlier. In fact, Mark wants us to recognize that Jesus is the Messiah foretold by Isaiah and the other Jewish prophets of old.

The word ephphatha, "be opened," used to describe the restoration of the man's speech, is another example of a subtle allusion to an earlier prophecy. This time the prophecy in question is from Ezekiel, when he foretells that in the messianic age, "your mouth shall be opened to speak" (24:26). The sophistication of Mark's narrative is further revealed when we realize that there are multiple levels within a single reference. Mark not only draws our attention back to Israel's prophetic past, he also points to the initiatory practice of his contemporaries by his mention of such things as spittle, touching of ears, and the use of the word ephphatha, all of which were practices incorporated into the early Church's baptismal ritual.

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Happy Labor Day!
Monday, September 6, 2021

In the Catholic tradition, work is more than a way to make a living; it is a form of continued participation in God's creative action. We pray for men and women whose jobs have been impacted by the Coronavirus pandemic.

Patriot Day
Saturday, September 11, 2021

A People Changed by 9/11
 "The years have gone by, but the memories remain for all who were involved in that one single day and its aftermath that changed the lives of so many and of our nation."
 — Monsignor Robert J. Romano

We remember all those who lost their lives in the 2001 attacks. We pray for all victims of violence and terrorism around the world, and for their families, that they may find comfort and peace.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Col 1:24 — 2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11, or, for Labor Day, any readings from the Mass "For the Blessing of Human Labor," nos. 907-911
- Tuesday:** Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11; Lk 6:12-19
- Wednesday:** Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]
- Thursday:** Col 3:12-17; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 6:27-38
- Friday:** 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Lk 6:39-42
- Saturday:** 1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-7; Lk 6:43-49
- Sunday:** Is 50:5-9a; Ps 116:1-6, 8-9; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

TODAY'S READINGS

- First Reading** — Say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God (Isaiah 35:4-7a).
- Psalm** — Praise the Lord, my soul! (Psalm 146).
- Second Reading** — Show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ (James 2:1-5).
- Gospel** — Jesus makes the deaf hear and the mute speak (Mark 7:31-37).

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