

# *5th Sunday of Easter*



## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE & MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, May 8

*Easter Weekday*

- 8:00 am R Public Servants  
8:30 am R Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
5:30 pm P Religious Vocations

### Tuesday, May 9

*Easter Weekday*

- 7:00 am P † Donald Steele  
12:00 pm M Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
5:30 pm M † Henrietta Mancha

### Wednesday, May 10

*Memorial of Saint John of Avila, Priest and Doctor of the Church*

- 7:00 am P † Souls in Purgatory  
9:30 am P † Michael Krebs (All-School)  
10:00 am M † Richard Mancha (School)  
5:30 pm P Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

### Thursday, May 11

*Easter Weekday*

- 7:00 am P † Delores Pitroff  
5:30 pm R Elderly & Homebound

### Friday, May 12

*Memorial of Saints Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs*

- 8:00 am M † Paul Blubaugh Sr.  
5:30 pm P † Marilyn Kurtzman

### Saturday, May 13

*Vigil of the Sixth Sunday of Easter*

- 2:00 pm P Wedding: LaMunyon/Eighinger  
3:30 pm P Confessions  
4:00 pm M † Nick Vasquez  
5:00 pm P † Michael Krebs  
6:00 pm R Parishioners of St. Mary,  
St. Peter & Resurrection

### Sunday, May 14

*Sixth Sunday of Easter*

- 7:30 am P † John & Rose Ann Rozic  
9:00 am R † John Pifher  
9:30 am P Dan & Cathy Forster  
(50th Wedding Anniversary)  
11:00 am M † Freda Bishop  
11:30 am P † Ira & Patricia Albin & Edna Russell

The Sacrament of Penance will be available 30 minutes before every Mass. The Rosary will be said 30 minutes before weekend and most weekday Masses.

M—St. Mary | P—St. Peter | R—Resurrection

## FROM THE PASTOR:



Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday is an exciting day for some of the youngest members of our parishes and their families. Our second graders are receiving for the first time the sacrament of Holy Communion. They have been devoting much of this year preparing for what hopefully will be the first of many, many occasions when they receive Jesus at Mass. Like many of you, I still remember the first time I did. I couldn't explain how Jesus was truly present in the consecrated Host, but knew it was Him. It was very simple for me, and three words said everything that needed to be said: It is Jesus!

My reasoning was that if God could become man, and if God could speak through the burning bush that doesn't really burn, then God could make Himself present in and through the consecrated host at Mass. It was obvious to me even at a young age that God wants to be close to His people, and Holy Communion was the most special way He does that. Please pray that all Catholics, especially our second graders, will grow in their love and understanding of this great sacrament. Pray that more of our own parishioners will understand it is not bread and wine that we receive in Holy Communion, but instead the crucified, risen Christ.

Part of their preparation for this sacrament was helping them understand how to be properly prepared. They have been taught to fast beforehand, not have gum in their mouth during Mass, and how to fold their hands. But even more, they have been taught the importance of going to the sacrament of Confession often, especially if they have committed serious sin. Young children don't have to be too concerned about this, but teenagers and up do. God reminds us that whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord. (1 Cor 11:27)

Additionally, when we come forward during Mass to receive Holy Communion, what we receive in the form of the Consecrated Host is exactly the same as the Consecrated Wine in the chalice. In each of these, it is the same sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. The only difference between the two is the outward appearance. In each form of Holy Communion, it is the crucified, risen Christ who is present for us. He desires we draw near to Him and become like Him. The first step we must take is truly believing His real presence in this wonderful sacrament. We should not allow ourselves to be distracted before, during, or after receiving Holy Communion. That is the time for the deepest intimacy with Jesus!

If you are not doing so already, please remember to pray the rosary during this month of May. The Blessed Virgin Mary asked us to do so many years ago. In doing so, we bring God's grace upon this world as we meditate on the most important moments of Jesus' life. Before you start the rosary, ask the Holy Spirit to lead and guide you in your meditation!

Gratefully,  
Fr. Miller

## IN GOD'S ARMS

Please pray for our  
beloved dead.

*IN  
LOVING  
MEMORY*

**Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord.**

## WEDDING BANNERS

- III — Emma LaMunyon & Hayden Eighinger  
II — Addison Zeisler & Jacob Almeda  
I — Sidney Keller & Joshua Brockman



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### Office Hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 8:30 am — 5:00 pm  
Wednesday: 8:30 am — 6:30 pm | Saturday & Sunday: Closed

### New Parishioners:

Welcome to St. Peter Parish! We encourage you to register as a parish family as soon as possible. You can call the parish office or register on our website.

### Sacrament of Baptism:

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

### Sacrament of Marriage:

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

### Bulletin Deadline:

Friday at Noon, one week prior to publication date. All submissions must be in writing to [bulletin@myspartans.org](mailto:bulletin@myspartans.org).

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## PARISH NEWS

# Hooray for Donut Sunday!



**Sunday, May 14**

8:30 am & 10:30 am  
Church Basement

Following 7:30 & 9:30 Masses

## ST. PETER FUNERAL CHOIR

The Funeral Choir is looking to add several new members. This is especially opportune for stay-at-home moms or dads, retirees, and those who work third shift.

Burying the dead is one of the Corporal Works of Mercy and is thus a very important ministry. Virtually all our funerals occur in the morning, most of which are at 10:00 or 11:00 am. No ability to read music or to sing four-part music is required. You just need to be able to sing. Call Bill Johnson at the Parish Center if you'd like more information.

## ST. PETER'S LITURGY COMMITTEE

The Liturgy Committee is seeking new members to join us in our work. We work to enhance liturgy by decorating the sanctuary with our community traditions. We also work to facilitate liturgy in our Parish by acting as sacristans and helping with various projects that need to be accomplished before liturgies. If you are interested, please call Bill Johnson at the Parish Center.

## May Tri-Parish Youth Events

Youth Minister Contact: Mikayla Metzger -  
[mikayla@resurrectionlexington.com](mailto:mikayla@resurrectionlexington.com)

### Cook Out

Friday, May 12  
St. Mary  
6-8pm  
Grades K-12

### High School Bible Study

Tuesday, May 2, 9, 16, & 23  
Resurrection  
6:30-8pm  
Grades 9-12



**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is now available every week at all three parishes.

Morning, afternoon and evening times are available and all are welcome to spend some quiet time in prayer.

Resurrection: Monday 8:30—Noon  
 St. Mary: Tuesday Noon—5:30 pm  
 St. Peter: Wednesday 5:30—9:00 pm



**MEDJUGORJE PRAYER GROUP**

Did you know that we have a tri-parish Medjugorje Prayer Group that has been meeting since 1988 and is still going strong?



We meet once a month in the morning, with the location rotating monthly between members' homes.

Please consider joining us as we pray the rosary, reflect on our Lady's messages, and offer our intentions to Jesus.

For more information, call Fran Leitenberger (419) 884-0964. We'd love to have you join us.

**NEW PARISHIONERS**

Please welcome the following individuals to the St. Peter Parish family.

- Michael & Julie Miller
- Donna Brannam
- Kay & Terry Leedy

**PRISON MINISTRY CORNER**

Those who regularly read Prison Ministry Corner know the invitation has been extended to "come and see" our Parish Prison Ministry in action. Perhaps YOU will respond and join us at Richland Correctional (RiCI) for Mass one time. That is a good way to see if the Spirit is calling you to take a more active role in this very rewarding ministry. Here are a few questions for discernment: How well do I understand prison systems and culture? Have I already made assumptions and judgments that I may need to question? How well do I *let go and let God*? Can I truly listen to and love all incarcerated persons unconditionally? If you would like to explore the opportunity to attend Sunday evening Mass at RiCI, please contact Lynne by email: [lukach.lynne@myspartans.org](mailto:lukach.lynne@myspartans.org).



**2023 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL**

Countless lives are touched by every contribution to the Annual Catholic Appeal. Children, seminary students, the sick and aged, the needy—they all depend on our generosity. Faith, hope and love come alive through the Annual Catholic Appeal. Thank you for pledging today to help meet our parish goal and assure the continuation of these programs and services.



For more information and to make your gift, visit: [acatoledo.org](http://acatoledo.org).

<b>St. Peter Parish Goal:</b>	<b>\$59,068</b>
Gifts/Pledges to Date:	\$27,548.75
% of Goal	46.64%
<b>Total Families Donated:</b>	<b>141</b>

**EVER THOUGHT ABOUT BECOMING A STEPHEN MINISTER?**

Resurrection will be training another class of Stephen Ministers in the fall of 2023. Stephen Ministers work alongside our priests to care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support to people who are going through a difficult time, such as divorce, grief, hospitalization, unemployment, terminal illness, relocation, chronic illness, or loneliness. If you have gifts for caring, encouragement, and listening, please begin to prayerfully consider whether you might want to be part of this exciting ministry.

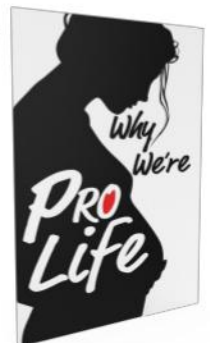


If you think you might be interested, contact Sara at Resurrection at (419) 884-0060.

**WHY WE'RE PROLIFE**

**Why We're ProLife** booklets, authored by Catholic apologist Trent Horn, and provided by Catholic Answers, is available at our church entrances for you to take, read and share.

Since the overturning of Roe V. Wade, individual states now have the opportunity to re-engage and build a culture that reflects the respect and dignity of the human life of the unborn. This easily readable and compelling resource will deepen your understanding of the ProLife position and prepare you for peaceful dialogue on this divisive topic.





SCHOOL CHOICE INFORMATION NIGHT

**Thursday, May 11 @ 6 pm**  
**High School Cafeteria**

Please join us for a **FREE family-friendly** school choice event on Thursday, May 11, at 6 pm in the high school cafeteria. This event is sponsored by Americans for Prosperity.

**What to expect:**

- Skip cooking dinner and bring the kids. (Meal is on us!)
- Meet other families from area Catholic schools and parishes.
- Hear what school choice means for the future of making Catholic education affordable for all Ohioans.

You can sign postcards to show your support to key legislators!

To register, visit: [mansfieldstpeters.org/schoolchoice](http://mansfieldstpeters.org/schoolchoice)



**MAY CROWNING**

Congratulations to the 2023 May Crowning Queen, Grace Dix, escorted by Andrew Wendt. Her attendants include Adrian Allen, escorted by Griffin Crutchfield, Erin Belmer, escorted by Angelo Gasper, Mahala Boothe, escorted by Logan Rhodes, Audrey Couch, escorted by Dominic Wendt; and crown bearer Estel Bramlage.



**BISHOP THOMAS VISITS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS**

St. Peter's was honored to welcome Bishop Thomas last week for his biennial visit with our high school students. After Mass, he met our juniors and seniors in the FAC to answer questions about the Catholic faith and teachings.

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**April**  
 Students of the Month  
 Virtue: *Courage*

**SPARTAN CREATE ELECTRIC CAR CHALLENGE**

Weather was terrible, but that didn't stop the Spartan Motorheads from an absolute amazing performance at the NC State College Electric Car Challenge.

The Spartan Create entry made 24 successful laps in their 30 minute time window and suffered no mechanical failures. They were one of three entries to make it the distance! St. Peter's was the only high school that participated in this event.





THEOLOGY ON TAP

The next Theology on Tap is May 24 at Old 30 in Bucyrus. The featured presenters are Al & Sue Bishop, who will discuss prison ministry and service.

We will have a buffet-style meal that evening, so the cost per person for a meal is \$10, and each person is responsible for their drinks. We hope you can join us! We will be discussing the amazing summer lineup that we have for Theology on Tap! An RSVP for this particular meeting would be greatly appreciated and can be done by emailing Elizabeth Wurm at [ewurm124@gmail.com](mailto:ewurm124@gmail.com).



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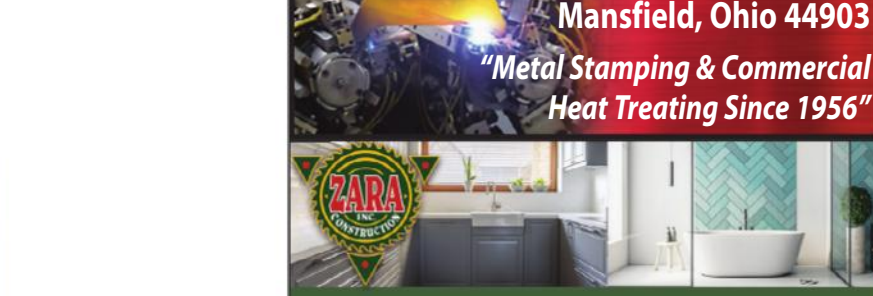
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### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

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Eillana Nelson	Frederick Dale
MaKaya Butler	Joan Schonhardt
Sharon Valdry	Fr. Kris Sorenson
Gwen Yockey	Micah Galuzny
Jeannine Klotz	Barbara Riley
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Carol Pittenger	Schambre
David Donley	Bill Johnson
Jordan Hiser	Christine Caudill
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John & Cindy Lloyd	Adrian DeLeon
Josephine Contra	Michael Rohal
Marianne	Sarah Hahn
Cappadonna	Beverly Thorton
Linda & Cindy	Asha Papajcik
Thompson	Jon Papajcik
Michael Yoha	Lura Barnes
Rick Gasper	Holly Barnes
Cindy Lassen	Stephanie (Mruphy)
Alan Gleisenger	Reynolds

Christine Franz  
Kathy Giorigi  
Caroline Clark  
Kathy Deckard  
Scott Darnell  
Bob Lyall  
Lynn Raque  
Harold Kieffer

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26

**Tuesday:** Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a

**Wednesday:** Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Jn 15:1-8

**Thursday:** Acts 15:7-21; PS 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11

**Friday:** Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-9, 10 & 12; Jn 15:12-17

**Saturday:** Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5; Jn 15:18-21

**Sunday:** Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20; 1Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21

### Sunday Stewardship As of March 2023 Sunday and Holy Day Collections

Sunday Collection & Holy Day Collection:	\$706,119
Total Budgeted Sunday Collection:	\$653,601

**Sunday Collection Surplus/(Deficit) \$52,518**

#### School Collection

Total School Collection:	\$78,138
Total Budgeted School Collection:	\$90,000

**School Collection Surplus/(Deficit) (\$11,862)**

## TRANSITIONAL DIACONATE ORDINATION

On Saturday, May 20, 2023, at 10:00 am, Bishop Daniel E. Thomas will ordain Christopher Turner and Jacob Livecci to the Transitional Diaconate. Please keep Christopher and Jacob in your prayers! You are invited to join us for the joyous occasion in person at Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral. Additionally, the ordinations will be live-streamed! Watch at [toledopriesthood.org](http://toledopriesthood.org).



Christopher Turner



Jacob Livecci

# Transitional Diaconate Ordination

Saturday, May 20, 2023 @ 10:00am

live streamed at [toledopriesthood.org](http://toledopriesthood.org)

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