

God took the fragrance  
of a flower...

The majesty of a tree...

The gentleness of  
morning dew...

The calm of a quiet sea...

The beauty  
of the twilight hour...

The soul  
of a starry night...

The laughter of a  
rippling brook...

The grace of a bird  
in flight...

Then God fashioned  
from these things

A creation like no other,

And when his  
masterpiece was through

He called it simply -

Mother.

~Herbert Farnham

*In Honor of Our Mothers*

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE & MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, May 15

*Memorial of St. Isidore the Farmer*

8:00 am R Vocation to the Priesthood  
8:30 am R Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
5:30 pm P † Catherine Liston

### Tuesday, May 16

*Easter Weekday*

7:00 am P † Mary Ellen (Brucato) Higgins  
12:00 pm M Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
5:30 pm M † Duwayne Shoup

### Wednesday, May 17

*Easter Weekday*

7:00 am P † Norma Leesberg  
8:25 am P † Orijann Madej (All-School)  
10:00 am M † Stan Zeigler (School)  
5:30 pm P Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

### Thursday, May 18

*Memorial of Saint John I, Pope & Martyr*

7:00 am P † Earl E. Hershey  
5:30 pm R Sick & Dying  
7:00 pm P Baccalaureate Mass

### Friday, May 19

*Easter Weekday*

8:00 am M † Elizabeth Russell  
5:30 pm P † Paul Alton

### Saturday, May 20

*Vigil of the Sixth Sunday of Easter*

2:00 pm P Wedding: Zeisler/Almeda  
3:30 pm P Confessions  
4:00 pm M † Mary Jo Manocchio  
5:00 pm P † Fred & Louise Jurgens  
6:00 pm R Souls in Purgatory

### Sunday, May 21

*Sixth Sunday of Easter*

7:30 am P † Martin "Marty" Moritz  
9:00 am R † Jack Pifher  
9:30 am P MaryLou Hiler  
11:00 am M Parishioners of St. Mary,  
St. Peter & Resurrection  
11:30 am P Rev. Andrew Wellman

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,

Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers in our parishes! Today we thank our mothers in a special way for the love and concern they have for us. It is an opportunity for us to reflect on the blessings that God gives us through our mothers and how different our lives would be without them. Being a caring and devoted mother is not an easy task, so today we make a special point to thank all mothers who have selflessly given of themselves for their children. Thank you for all that you do for us!

Every child is a gift from God that is more valuable than any worldly fame, fortune, or pursuit. Mothers play a crucial role in what the future of their children looks like in this world and in the next. Like the Blessed Virgin Mother, the impact of mothers is meant to be far greater than the confines of this world. God intends for mothers to help their children each day become saints. How great it is for mothers to consider this important and essential role that God has given them here on earth!

It's not an easy task but with God's grace it is possible! The more mothers do so the more they themselves become transformed into the likeness of Christ. How beautiful – mother and child growing in Christian maturity. Let us pray that mothers will love their children enough to commit themselves to this great task. We need to pray that they see their responsibility not through worldly eyes but through the eyes of Christianity.

In this month of May, let each of us thank our heavenly mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary, for her ceaseless prayers for us. It might be hard to imagine, but she loves us even more than our earthly mother does. She is always interceding for us before Jesus. She wants very much to lead us to Jesus so that we can experience the same inexpressible joy that she experiences in HIS presence! Trust your Heavenly Mother and listen to her plead to pray the rosary, especially in this month of May.

This weekend there will be a second collection for World Mission Sunday. In years past, this appeal was connected with the Society of the Propagation of the Faith. The money collected in our parish, and in the parishes throughout our Diocese, will go to support Catholic missionaries throughout the world. Thankfully, there is great hunger for the truth of Christianity by millions of people who have not yet heard it.

St. Teresa of Calcutta once said: "The greatest poverty in the world is the absence of God in the lives of so many people." She made heroic sacrifices each day to live the Catholic Faith and to bring it to others. Your financial support for Catholic Missions throughout the world is greatly appreciated! Being part of the missionary activity of the Church is the how we can have the greatest positive effect on this world.

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— Addison Zeisler & Jacob Almeda  
II— 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**

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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



**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIRST COMMUNICANTS**

Congratulations to our Second Graders who received their first Holy Communion this past weekend: Kiptin Ball, Estel Bramlage, Uchenna Ezike, Lain Hittinger, Elizabeth Hoyek, Oliver Mulherin, Harper Nadler, Evelyn Shaw, Elizabeth Williams.

Alexander Crundwell made his First Communion during the 9:30 am Mass. Alex has Autism and received the sacrament so it could be part of his normal routine.



**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?



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.

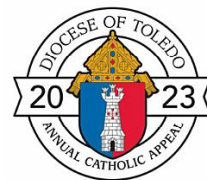
**PRISON MINISTRY CORNER**

The comment we hear most often from parishioners who join us for Mass at Richland Correctional for the first time is "It wasn't at all what I expected." Come and see and experience this grace-filled ministry. In last week's bulletin there were some questions for discernment. Here are a few more: If Jesus were standing in front of me, how would I treat him? Am I willing to treat those standing in front of me in prison the same way? Will I mirror Jesus to each man - and allow him to mirror Jesus to me? What is in my heart when I enter prison for the first time? What is in my heart when I leave, after having experienced the RiCi Catholic community? Come and see. Email Lynne at [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.



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<b>St. Peter Parish Goal:</b>	<b>\$59,068</b>
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% of Goal	51.32%
Total Families Donated:	141

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

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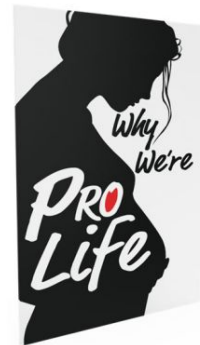


Stephen Ministers work alongside our priests to care for, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support to people who are going through a difficult time, such as divorce, grief, hospitalization, unemployment, terminal illness, relocation, chronic illness, or loneliness. If you have gifts for 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.

HEAD OF SCHOOL UPDATE

We are just days away from the end of another school year. It's been a year full of new initiatives and progress made in many areas. I'm excited to update you on all the great things happening at St. Peter's.

Here is a look at what we've accomplished this year:

- Math scores have improved and, equally important, we are better able to hone in on the specific content areas and students that need the greatest focus moving forward.
- We've collected critical baseline data for every student in our school that is being leveraged in everything from course offerings to individual interventions to career planning.
- We are the only school in the area that has tested every student for our gifted and talented program. Also, every 10th grader took the ACT this spring, and every 7th, 8th, and 9th grader took the pACT. These tests provided a wealth of data to help prepare students for the next level. A higher ACT score could mean thousands in additional scholarship dollars for our students.
- Our commitment to Theology and student formation has renewed and increased the spirituality of our students, staff, and school, emphasizing the depth, breadth, beauty, and humanity of our Catholic faith.

Our work here at St. Peter's is only the beginning. We have several new initiatives planned for next year. The biggest initiative is the launch of St. Peter's Middle School.

After several months of studying research, exploring best practices, reviewing student data, assessing student behaviors, dialoguing with the staff, and analyzing resources, we are excited to announce a dedicated, self-contained Middle School for grades 6, 7, and 8 on the third floor of the high school building.

The new middle school will include several refreshed classrooms, a science lab, homework space, an honors lounge, a community meeting space, and, most importantly, a dedicated core of teachers committed to working with this age group. This program will feature an enhanced curriculum that will allow for both remediation and honors courses (including Latin) and focus on building the habits, skills, and behaviors that lead to lifelong success.

Our work here at St. Peter's School is only beginning. There is a renewed energy and spirit – among our faculty and staff, students, and parents. Enrollment trends are positive, with many new prospective families touring our school. Thank you for your prayers and financial support. You, our parishioners, are a key part of St. Peter's history, legacy, and future. As members of St. Peter's family, we hope you continue to bless us with your generosity.

Laurie McKeon, Head of School

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ARTFEST 2023

Last week, we celebrated the creative and musical talents of our students at ArtFest.

Each year, our art teachers turn the school into an art gallery featuring all the students art projects from the school year. This year, our band and choirs concerts were also featured as part of the evening. We are so blessed with the many talents of our students.



**THEOLOGY ON TAP**

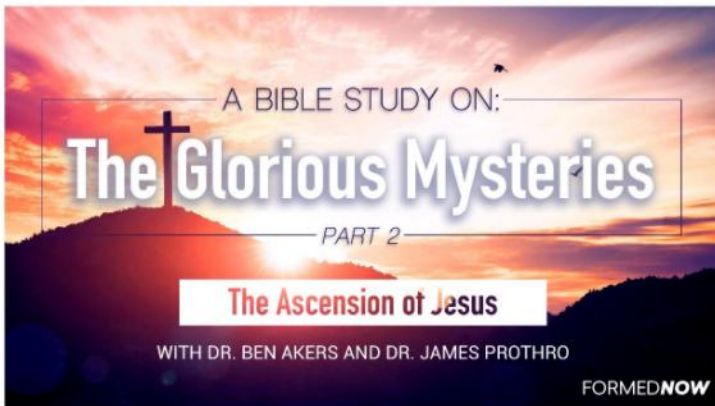
The next Theology on Tap is May 24 at Old 30 in Bucyrus. The featured presenters are Al & Sue Bishop, who will discuss prison ministry and service.



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).

**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,



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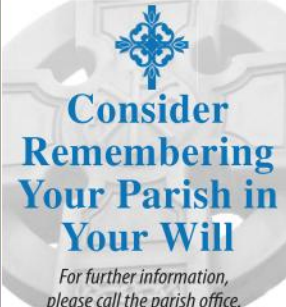
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Rick Gasper	Holly Barnes	
Cindy Lassen	Stephanie (Murphy)	
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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a & 9b; Jn 15:26-16:4

**Tuesday:** Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11

**Wednesday:** Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14; Jn 16:12-15

**Thursday:** Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 16:16-20

**Friday:** Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn 16:20-23

**Saturday:** Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10; Jn 16:23b-28

**Sunday:** Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20

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

Sunday Collection & Holy Day Collection:	\$706,119
Total Budgeted Sunday Collection:	\$653,601
<b>Sunday Collection Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>\$52,518</b>
<b>School Collection</b>	
Total School Collection:	\$78,138
Total Budgeted School Collection:	\$90,000
<b>School Collection Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>(\$11,862)</b>

## HELP PROTECT THE DIGNITY OF LIFE IN OHIO

Life in its earliest and most vulnerable stages is threatened by groups proposing an amendment to the Ohio Constitution for the November 2023 ballot to expand and enshrine abortion at the expense of protections for preborn children and women. The Catechism of the Catholic Church proclaims that "human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception." The Church accompanies and supports women facing unexpected pregnancies and mothers through programs like Walking with Moms in Need and the services of Catholic Charities.

The bishops of Ohio strongly encourage Catholics statewide to unite in prayer and work to defeat this proposed amendment and its grave consequences for women and preborn children in Ohio. The following materials about the proposed amendment are available:

- **Protect Them Both Prayer Card:** Unite with Catholics across Ohio in asking God to strengthen us as we defend and accompany mothers and preborn children
- **Dignity of Life Threatened in Ohio Flyer:** Learn more about the proposed amendment and what you can do now

These are the first of many resources that will be available to help defeat the proposed amendment. Learn more about the proposed amendment and access resources online at: [ohiocathconf.org/protect](http://ohiocathconf.org/protect)



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