

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE & MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, May 22

Memorial of St. Rita of Cascia, Religious

8:00 am R Public Servants

8:30 am R Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

5:30 pm P † Judy Viertlboeck

Tuesday, May 23

Easter Weekday

7:00 am P † Thomas A. Miller

12:00 pm M Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

10:00 am M † Gerald Stanger (8th Grade Graduation)

5:30 pm M Vocations

Wednesday, May 24

Easter Weekday

7:00 am P † Agnes Contra Brucato

5:30 pm P Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, May 25

Memorial of Saint Bede the Venerable, Priest & Doctor of the Church / Saint Gregory VII, Pope / St. Mary Magdalene

de'Pazzi, Virgin

7:00 am P | Jack Taylor

5:30 pm R Strengthening of Marriages

Friday, May 26

Memorial of Saint Phillip Neri, Priest

8:00 am M † Mary Jo Manocchino

5:30 pm P † Michael Krebs

Saturday, May 27

Vigil of the Pentecost Sunday

2:00 pm P Wedding: Keller/Brockman

3:30 pm P Confessions

4:00 pm M † Werner Schnieders

5:00 pm P † Margaret & Frank Jerger

6:00 pm R Conversion of Sinners

Sunday, May 28

Pentecost Sunday

7:30 am P Parishioners of St. Mary,

St. Peter & Resurrection

11:30 am P Tom & Kathleen Miller

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

IN GOD'S ARMS

Harold Kieffer

JOIN SOVING MEMORY

Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord.

WEDDING BANNS

III—Sidney Keller & Joshua Brockman I—Zoe Swain & Kory LeBlanc

WEDNESDAY MASS REMINDER

Now that school is ending for the year, there will only be one Mass on Wednesday mornings at 7:00 am at St. Peter.

FROM THE PASTOR:



Dear Parishioners,

One of the most powerful statements for any person to thoughtfully reflect upon is the following: either man governs his passions and finds peace, or he lets himself be dominated by them and becomes unhappy. We find these words in the Catechism of the Catholic Church,

paragraph 2339. They are deeply insightful about our human nature and plainly reveal one of the most fundamental choices that every person must make: Will I allow my urges, desires, and feelings to control me and dictate how I live? Will I let these dominate and enslave me? If so, know that there is a painful cost for doing so.

Evidence of this is in a few news headlines from this past week. You are probably aware of the first: "Ohio priest convicted of five sex trafficking charges, including of a minor." The priest is Fr. Michael Zacharias, who is a priest of our diocese and was at St. Peter Parish for a few years. The second news headline is equally shocking: "Former Superintendent of the Year arrested for human trafficking." Ten arrests were made in connection to a human sex trafficking sting in northeast Ohio, including a middle school teacher and a non-profit executive. Sadly, the former school superintendent was the Superintendent of the Year for the whole State of Ohio in 2013.

These individuals, like so many others, thought they could walk with evil and be in control. However, the exact opposite was the case. They might find it difficult to admit to the truth – evil was controlling them. They were doing the work of Satan. Jesus said of Judas at the Last Supper, when Judas made his final and definitive decision to betray Jesus for money – "Satan entered into him". These individuals had their moments of spiritual weakness and blindness, but there were moments of clarity and strength when they could have fought with everything in them to overcome his sin. They needed to fight sin like they were fighting for their life, because in actuality they were.

Another important statement to reflect upon is the following: The road to hell is paved with rationalization! Satan doesn't show us where our sinful actions are taking us. He wants us to be isolated from the truth, because as Jesus says, the truth is what will set us free. The person gives into his/her urges, desires, and feelings, thinking they are in control, but in reality, loses more and more control. They rationalize from one sin to another, not seeing the cumulative effect is taking them far from God.

God spoke to us through the Blessed Virgin Mary at Fatima just over one hundred years ago. It's important to remember that the greatest publicly witnessed miracle since the time of Jesus occurred at Fatima. There God reminded the world that "more souls go to Hell because of the sins of the flesh than for any other reason." Again, the Catechism states: either man governs his passions and finds peace, or he lets himself be dominated by them and becomes unhappy.

God's teachings and commandments are the pathway from slavery to freedom. The commandments that you need the most are the ones you are struggling with or ignoring!

Gratefully, Fr. Miller

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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.

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PARISH NEWS

MARRIAGE & FAMILY ENRICHMENT ROAD TRIP

The Marriage & Family Enrichment invites you to join them on a trip to Cleveland Sanctuary Museum on Saturday, June 10.

The Sanctuary Museum inspires visitors by preserving the wonders of the Catholic faith and heritage through religious art and artifacts and by serving as an educational archive for the community.

For more information, contact Brad or Katie Michel at **STPdatenight@gmail.com**



All are welcome





WEDDING: EIGHINGER/LAMUNYON

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Hayden & Emma Eighinger, who celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage on Saturday afternoon at St. Peter Church.

Hayden is a 2013 graduate of St. Peter's High School and is the son of parishioners Dave & Carla Eighinger. Hayden & Emma now reside in Toledo and both work at St. Francis de Sales High School.

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.

2023 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

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St. Peter Parish Goal: \$59,068

Gifts/Pledges to Date: \$31,438.75

% of Goal 53.22%

Total Families Donated: 165

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 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.

PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

Thank you to all who continue to make donations of personal care items for distribution during our Feed the Needy meals. Items needed for the June distribution:

- washcloths
- · razors & shaving cream
- · three-in-one body wash
- shampoo and conditioner
- · hair combs and brushes
- children's books

ACA & WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Envelopes for the Annual Catholic Appeal and World Mission Sunday are available at the church exits.

RECYCLING DAY: FRIDAY, JUNE 9 10—11 a.m. & 2-4 p.m. — FAC Parking Lot

H.O.P.E. PANTRY BLUE BARREL WEEKEND
June 10 & 11

SCHOOL NEWS



2023 BISHOP'S CROSS WINNERS

Congratulations to Mahala Boothe and Logan Rhodes, this year's Bishop's Cross winners for St. Peter's High School.

For the first time, the Bishop's Cross award winners were announced in front of the entire St. Peter's School student body. This award, given on behalf of Bishop Thomas, is the highest award granted to a graduating senior in the Diocese of Toledo. This award is given to a male and female of the Senior Class who show Christian and pastoral leadership in their class, school, and church communities.



PAPERCLIP CHALLENGE

Students in Mrs. Priess' fourth-grade science class too on the "paperclip challenge." The challenge was for students to float as many paperclips on top of the water as possible (which is much harder than you think). This important task not only challenged the students in critical thinking and creativity, but taught the students important life lessons in perseverance and the willingness to fail and try new ideas (which are very important life skills). The winning group floated a total of 56 paperclips! Runner up was 52 paperclips!

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St. Peter's High School Class of 2023 Commencement Exercises

Sunday, May 21, 2023–2 pm Franciscan Activity Center



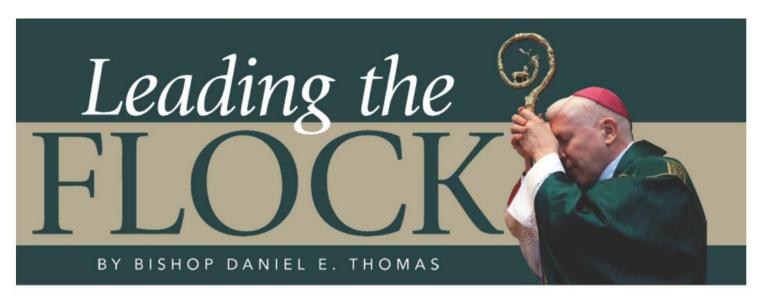
MARBLE ROLLERCOASTERS

Mrs. Blackford's physical science class created Rube Goldberg marble rollercoasters as part of their final project. Students needed to have their marble run for 25 seconds before they reached the bottom. The longest run almost went a full minute. In addition to the longest run, teams won prizes for their decorations and strategy.

CARROUSEL RIDES

St. Peter's elementary students were excited to be among some of the first to help re-open the Richland Carrousel Park after water damage closed the attraction in late December.





"What does the Eucharist mean to me?"

That was the question posed for school age youth this past October, when our Diocesan Department of Catholic Education asked principals, teachers, directors of religious education and catechists to invite and encourage all parishioners in grades K-12, including all students in Catholic schools, in parish religious education programs, and homeschoolers throughout the Diocese of Toledo, to participate in a

diocesan wide contest as part of this diocesan year of the National Eucharistic Revival.

Our children and young people throughout our 19 counties were invited to reflect on and answer the question, "What does the Eucharist mean to me?" by writing an essay of one thousand

words or less, or by creating an original piece of art, music, poetry, or short video. The responses were overwhelming! Over 500 students participated either individually or as part of a small group by submitting creative entries which included wonderful videos, innovative works of art (including paintings, drawings and sculpture), inspiring poems, and many heartfelt reflections about their experience of the Lord in the Eucharist. Their works captured what the Eucharist means to them! Their works are an inspiring testimony to their faith in and love for Jesus!

The students' entries were divided into age groups: primary students (kindergarten to second grade),

intermediate students (third to fifth grade), middle school students (sixth to eighth grade), and high school students (ninth to twelfth grade). multimedia projects or essay projects were judged based on their creativity, content, and aesthetics. It was a very challenging process to determine three finalists in each category to be recognized for their outstanding work, but with the help of multiple

> "graders" from the Education Department, Mrs. Pat Odey-Murray, the Chair our Diocesan Eucharistic Revival Team, and yours truly, every one of the were and appreciated.

Catholic National submissions reviewed

special evening event, we honored the three finalists in each category, and their families by inviting them for a tour of Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral, followed by a pizza party in the Monsignor Bernard E. Smith Auditorium celebrating their work, and the announcement of the winners. Every finalist received an age-appropriate book about Blessed Carlo Acutis, young patron of the National Eucharistic Revival. Third place winners also received a holy water font, second place winners also received a Diocesan rosary blessed by Pope Francis, and first place winners also received a framed image of the Eucharistic Revival Logo or of the Lord's Supper, together with a modest monetary gift.

Madi, a senior from Bishop Hoffman Catholic School, was the grand prize winner. Her vibrant painting is featured here, and she also took home a hand-painted plaster relief of the Last Supper to celebrate her splendid depiction! It was truly an evening of palpable Easter Joy!



To view the finalists' entries and others from around the Diocese, visit toledodiocese.org/eucharist and look for other students' work on our Diocesan social media pages.

The winners of the contest include the following young people from across our diocese:

Multimedia Project Winners

- Primary (Grades K-2): 1st Place: Abigail, Grade 2, St. Rose Parish School, Perrysburg; 2nd Place: Second Grade Parish School of Religion, Holy Trinity Parish, Bucyrus, 3rd Place: Caleb, Kindergarten, St. Michael, Findlay.
- Intermediate (Grades 3-5): 1st Place: Grade 4 Class, St. Mary Parish School, Edgerton, 2nd Place: Grade 4 Class, Immaculate Conception Parish School, Port Clinton; 3rd Place: Libby, Grade 3, Tiffin Calvert School.
- Middle School (Grades 6-8): 1st Place: Aliyah, Grade 8, St. Aloysius Parish School, Bowling Green; 2nd Place: Grade 6, St. Charles Parish School, Lima; 3rd Place: Charli, Grade 8, St. Rose Parish School, Perrysburg.
- High School (Grades 9-12): 1st Place: Madi, Grade 12, Bishop Hoffman Catholic School, Fremont; 2nd Place: Scott, Grade 11, Resurrection Parish,

Lexington; 3rd Place: Aniyah, Grade 10, St. John the Evangelist, Defiance.

Essay Project Winners

- Intermediate (Grades 3-5): 1st Place: Ryder, Grade 3, St. Mary Parish School, VanWert; 2nd Place: Ivy, Grade 3, Tiffin Calvert School; 3rd Place: Devon, Grade 4, Divine Mercy Parish School, Paulding.
- Middle School (Grades 6-8): 1st Place: Ella, Grade 7, St. Joseph Parish School, Maumee; 2nd Place: Simon, Grade 6, Divine Mercy Parish School, Paulding; 3rd Place: Evelyn, Grade 6, Sandusky Central Catholic
- High School (Grades 9-12): 1st Place: Zac, Grade 12, Lima Central Catholic; 2nd Place: Megan, Grade 11, Sandusky Central Catholic; 3rd Place: Emma, Grade 10, Lima Central Catholic.

As you can see, the winners are representative of every area of our diocese, and I could not be more delighted by their participation, and by the encouragement and interest given by their parents and guardians, their teachers and principals, their catechists, their parish families. Kudos and congratulations to all the winners and thank you to all the young people who participated!

For me, participating in the judging process was not only an inspiring and life giving exercise, but a source of grace as I was privileged to see, from the perspective of our children and young people, what they believe about the Holy Eucharist, not "what" but "who" they receive, and a source of pride in their witness to us of the simplicity and depth of their belief in the Body and Blood of the Lord!

With this column, while I'm not inviting you to submit an entry for a contest, I am inviting you to take time to reflect on that same question, not in paint or essay or video, but in your heart, mind and soul! I pray your responses, while they won't be winning any prizes, may lead to a deeper understanding of, love for, and living out of the Holy Eucharist. Ask yourself the question: "What does the Eucharist mean to me?" Here's hoping your response will be as inspiring, as genuine and as joyful as those of our young people!

+ Devil & Gleoman

Most Rev. Daniel E. Thomas Bishop of Toledo May 12, 2023



TRANSITIONAL DIACONATE ORDINATIONAL DIACONATE

Deacons Chris Turner & Jacob Livecchi were ordained to the transitional diaconate on Saturday, May 20, 2023. Meet the newest transitional deacons of the Diocese of Toledo!



Deacon Jacob Livecchi

My name is Jacob Livecchi, I am the son of Gary and Elizabeth Livecchi. My home parish is St. Ignatius in Oregon. I grew up in a very Catholic home and am from a large family of ten kids (I am number five). I was homeschooled by my mother through high school. I went to the University of Toledo for one year and studied visual arts. I then entered college seminary at the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus studying philosophy. The diocese asked that I finish my Bachelor of Philosophy at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit. After graduating with my philosophy degree in 2019, I began my theological studies at the Pontifical North American College in Rome. I graduated in June 2022 with a Baccalaureate in Sacred Theology from the Pontifical Gregorian University. As I near ordination I cannot help but be filled with gratitude. I am honored and humbled by what God has done in my life with my simple yes to follow his will. I entered seminary not convinced I wanted to be a priest, today I could never imagine doing anything else. I am also aware that I am not approaching this great sacrament on my own strength. I am able to approach ordination because of all the prayers, support, and formation that I have received from all of you, but most of all because of God's great grace.



Deacon Chris Turner

My name is Chris Turner and my home parish is St. John 23 in Perrysburg. I graduated from Central Catholic High School in 2004 and went to The Ohio State University following that. My plan was to run a large resort or hotel, and as a result, I received a degree in Hospitality Management in 2008. However, God had other plans, and upon graduation he called me to serve in youth ministry instead. I was the youth minister at St. Catherine Parish in Toledo for two years and then moved to Atlanta to become Events Director for Life Teen International. After serving in that role for three years, I missed parish life and became a youth minister again at St. Ann in Marietta, GA. It was at St. Ann that I fell in love with parish life and first felt the call to become a priest. While I loved living in Atlanta, Toledo was always home to me and I knew I needed to go back home to discern my vocation. As a result, I entered seminary formation in 2017 for the Diocese of Toledo.

I am forever grateful for my six years of formation thus far, and I have especially enjoyed the various parish assignments I have received over the years. I am reminded of one of my favorite quotes from St. John Paul II: "It is Jesus that you seek when you dream of happiness; He is waiting for you when nothing else you find satisfies you." I have certainly found this to be true. Jesus and His Church have made my life so much better, and I am so thankful He has called me to serve the Church in this way.

Please keep Deacons Chris Turner & Jacob Livecchi and all seminarians in your prayers!

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Bishop Thomas will be Celebrating Mass. Mass will take place outside on the campus at Holy Trinity. If the weather does not cooperate, Mass will be held in the Church.

Seating will be available, but you're invited to bring your lawn chairs or blankets.

PARISH PICNIC @ 12:00PM

Old Fashioned Parish Picnic! Bring a picnic for you and your family.

The Knights of Columbus will be grilling hot dogs, drinks will be provided, and Mark's Homemade Ice Cream will be serving ice cream.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Monday:

Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21;

Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a,

35bc-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11;

Ps 16:1-2a & 5, 7-8. 9-10, 11; Jn 17:20-26

Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Friday:

Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5 and 7;

Jn 21:20-25

Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or

> Ez 37:1-4 or JI 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 20, 30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39

Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34;

1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

Sunday Stewardship As of April 2023 Sunday and Holy Day Collections Sunday Collection & Holy Day Collection: \$780,003 **Total Budgeted Sunday Collection:** \$726,224 Sunday Collection Surplus/(Deficit) \$53,779 **School Collection** Total School Collection: \$82,890 **Total Budgeted School Collection:** \$100,000 School Collection Surplus/(Deficit) (\$17,110)

HELP PROTECT THE DIGNITY OF LIFE IN OHIO

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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



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