TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY

So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives his brother from his heart. Matthew 18:35

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE & MASS INTENTIONS

FROM THE PASTOR:



What separates humans from all other life here on earth is our desire to love and be loved. Unique to us is our capacity to love, which is present in us not because of our own doing, but because God intentionally created us this way. This is what is meant by God saying "let Us make man in Our image,

after Our likeness" (Gen. 1:26). Being made this way is both a gift and responsibility to us. How we choose to live is up to us, of course, but the ramifications of how we do so extend beyond this world into eternity.

Perhaps the most cherished aspect of love is its willingness to do what is difficult for another person. It's been said more than once that we can measure a person's love by his/her willingness to sacrifice for another person. For many people, especially the young, love is merely a feeling. However, Godly wisdom helps us to move beyond this naivety to realize that love is a mindset. It is an intentional direction of the will, in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health, to continually act for the good of another person. This mindset overcomes the tendency, which at times is very strong, to focus on ourselves. The famous biblical passage about love reminds us that "love does not seek its own interest" (1 Cor. 13:5).

God never stops teaching us and reminding us about what true love is and what true love does. Every Christian, especially we Catholics, should have etched into our minds and hearts the words Jesus spoke upon the cross at Calvary. Through them we understand Jesus' feeling of absolute abandonment but also His mindset to look beyond himself to do the will of His Father. Jesus models for us "love does not seek its own interest" in the midst of the indescribable suffering He experiences because of our sins. This is revisited at every Mass for our benefit. During consecration, the priest repeats the words of Jesus: "this is my body given up for you!" Are we striving to love God in the same way and to the same extent?

If our love of neighbor is what God intends it to be, then our mindset is to selflessly act for their good also. We will make sacrifices and do what is hard because our love for them is selfless. As Christians, we Catholics know the spiritual needs of others are even more important than their physical needs. Just as we help the hungry and homeless, we need to help those who are living contrary to God's teaching. We need to bring to them God's truth and wisdom because of our love for them and not because of pride, politics, anger, etc. This was made unmistakably clear to us in our Scripture readings at Mass last weekend.

I have appointed you as a watchman... when you hear me say anything, you shall warn them for me. If I tell the wicked, "O wicked one, you shall surely die" and you do not speak out to dissuade the wicked from his way, the wicked shall die for his guilt, but I will hold you responsible for his death. (Ez. 33:7-8) In His love, Fr. Miller

5:30 pm	P †	Joseph Kastelic
8:00 am	R	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
8:00 am	R †	George Krenzel
monaay ii	ז נחפ	I wenty-Fourth week in Orainary Time

Tuesday, September 19

Memorial of Sc	iint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr
7:00 am P †	Father Herman F. Scherger
12:00 pm M	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
5:30 pm M	Protection of the Unborn

Wednesday, September 20

Memorial of Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, and Paul Chong Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs

7:00 am P 8:30 am P	† Souls in Purgatory † Jim Liston
9:45 am M	Homebound & Those in Nursing Homes
5:30 pm P	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, September 21

Feast of Sain	Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
7:00 am P	Amelia Hìrsch
5:30 pm R	Dorothy Demyon

Friday, September 22

Friday in	the	Twenty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time
8:00 ám		Stréngthening of Families
5:30 pm	Ρ	† Beverly Magee

Saturday, September 23

Vigil of the 1	Гŵе	nty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 pm M	†	Clara Montsilos
5:00 pm P	†	Benjamin Zirzow
6:00 pm R	f	Rodman B. Baird & Family

Sunday, September 24

Twenty-Fifth	Su	nday in Ordinary Time
		Marilyn Miller
9:00 am R	ŧ	Bob Sutter
9:30 am P	t.	Dan Krous
11:00 am M	۰.	Parishioners of our Tri-Parish Community
11:30 am P		Special Intention of Doctor Joseph
		Kurtzman

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

Father Robert Bernotas

Jim Cantinilla Rufus P. Mills







Banns of Matrimony (III)

Kelly Hudak and Robert Traul

PARISH STAFF



Fr. John Miller, Pastor miller.john@myspartans.org (419) 217-0228



Fr. Kevin Moebius, Parochial Vicar moebius.kevin@myspartans.org (419) 460-5761



Fr. Kishore Kottana, Parochial Vicar kottana.kishore@myspartans.org (419) 524-2572 x2114 | (567) 623-3050



Mr. John Reef, Deacon reef.john@myspartans.org | (419) 529-3694



Mr. Bill Johnson Director of Music & Liturgy johnson.bill@myspartans.org | (419) 524-2572 x2113



Mrs. Melissa Heichel

Office Manager heichel.melissa@myspartans.org | (419) 524-2572 x2101



Mrs. Paula Nestor Parish Finance Manager

nestor.paula@myspartans.org | (419) 524-2572 x2103



Mrs. Jenny Ewing Co-Director of Religious Education ewingstmary@gmail.com | (419) 589-2114 x508



Mrs. Mary Mancha Co-Director of Religious Education mtrmancha@gmail.com | (419) 589-2114 x507



St. Peter Catholic Church

Physical Address: 60 S. Mulberry St. Mailing Address: 104 W. 1st. St., Mansfield OH 44902-2199 Website: mansfieldstpeters.org/parish Parish Office (419)524-2572 x2101

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:

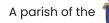
Please contact the Parish Center to begin plans for the baptism of your child.

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*.



Diocese «Toledo Saint Juan Diego Deanery

PARISH NEWS

EDITORIAL NOTE

You'll no doubt notice some changes in our Sunday Bulletin. A lively, busy Catholic parish always has a lot going on. St. Peter's is no exception, and neither are Resurrection or St. Mary's parishes. You only need to look at copies of our bulletin over the last few years to see that we're trying to put more and more information into the same amount of space. So last weekend, we began an experiment to see how a twelve page format will look and, more importantly, how it will work. Forgive us any minor errors as we grow. We will fix them quickly. If you have comments or questions, feel free to contact Bill Johnson at 419-524-2572, ext. 2113 or by email at johnson.bill@myspartans.org.

JOIN OUR FUNERAL LUNCHEON TEAMS

The funeral luncheon teams are looking for volunteers to join a team to help prepare and serve lunches for funerals held at St Peter. Please contact Ann Harraman at 419-524-3275 or call the parish office if you are interested in helping out.

PSR NEWS

PSR (religious education classes for students not attending Catholic school) began on Wednesday, Aug 30. To register your children, contact Jenny Ewing at <u>ewingstmary@gmail.com</u> or by calling at 419-589-2114 ext 508

Sunday Stewardship As of July 2023 Sunday and Holy Day Collections

Sunday Collection & Holy Day Collection:	\$71,434
Total Budgeted Sunday Collection:	\$84,738
Sunday Collection Surplus/(Deficit)	\$(13,304)
School Collection	
Total School Collection:	\$8,034
Total Budgeted School Collection:	\$11,058
School Collection Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$3,024)

2023 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

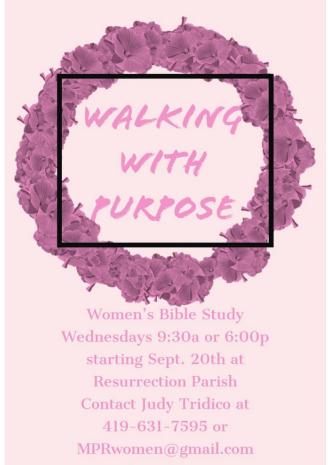
Countless lives are touched by every contribution to the Annual Catholic Appeal. Children, seminary students, the sick and aged, the needy—they all depend on our generosity. Thank you for pledging today to help meet our parish goal and assure the continuation of these programs and s



continuation of these programs and services. For more information and to make your gift, visit: acatoledo.org.

St. Peter Parish Goal:	\$59,068
Gifts/Pledges to Date:	\$49,216.25
% of Goal	83.32%
Total Families Donated:	245

PARISH NEWS



to register

TRI-PARISH THEATER GROUP

Theater Informational Meeting



Are you an interested student, parent, community member, parishioner, or supporter of the arts who wants to learn more about our Theater Department, activities and opportunities?

If so, please join us this Wednesday, September 20, at 6:00 pm in the Franciscan Activity Center Atrium to learn more! You will have the opportunity to meet the director, to learn about ways to become involved as an actor on stage or behind the scenes with tech crew, or to learn about volunteer opportunities, and even to learn about how YOU can support our theater program.

We will also be announcing our 2024 Spring Musical and discussing auditions, as well as introducing our directorial team.

If you are interested and cannot attend, reach out to Director Shannon Ball at

<u>stpetestheater@myspartans.org</u> or feel free to call 419-631-2771 for more information. We hope to see you there!

FEED THE NEEDY

The next Feed the Needy dinner will be today, September 17, from 3:00 to 4:30 pm at St. Peter. If you can volunteer, please arrive at 1:30 pm to the door at the back of the high school. If you would like to volunteer for this ministry, please email: **nestor.paula@myspartans.org**.

FEED THE NEEDY COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Donations are needed for our community outreach at our Feed the Needy Sunday Dinners for those in need. We need: combs and brushes, disposable razors and shaving cream, shampoo and conditioner, bar soap, washcloths, deodorant, toothbrushes and toothpaste, socks, and children's books. Bring to the Parish Office or church anytime. Thank you for your generosity.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.

The Collection Counting Team is in need of additional volunteers. Counting takes place Monday mornings from 9:30-11:00. Any questions or to volunteer please call Michelle Spain in the Finance Department. 419-524-2572 ext 2110. Thank you.

RECYCLING UPDATE

The green and yellow paper recycling containers have been removed from our campus at our request. This was a fundraiser for the school but the company, based in Cleveland, had not emptied them since before last Christmas.

You may still bring the following items to the S.C.R.A.P.(School and Community Recycling As Partners) recycling truck on the second Friday of the month. The truck is set up in front of the FAC from 10:00-11:00 am and again from 2:00-4:00 pm. They accept the following: newspapers, #1 and #2 plastic, aluminum cans, metal food cans, corrugated cardboard, box board, and white and colored paper (e.g., copy paper, junk mail, catalogs). This is an ongoing fundraiser for the school.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Have you considered answering the call to join?

Members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul ("Vincentians") are Catholic men and women who strive to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to neighbors in need. Our members are gifted with an awareness that the blessings of time, talent, and



treasure are to be shared with neighbors in need. Our ministry is small, and we can use help taking calls, coordinating assistance to those in need, prayers, and donations.

We usually meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 7 pm at St. Peter in Assisi Hall or by Zoom. If you are interested in learning more – please call St. Peter at (419) 524-2572 and ask to leave a message in the St. Vincent de Paul voicemail.

PARISH NEWS & MINISTRIES





WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I DIE? 6-8PM SUNDAY



Tri-Parish Event! @ Resurrection (2600 Lexington Ave, Lexington, OH 44904



PRISON MINISTRY CORNER

Thank you to all who are responding to ways to be involved in our dynamic triparish prison ministry programs - on the inside and outside. As



mentioned in last week's bulletin, we accept yarn and plastic bags (grocery & drugstore type). Drop off at St. Peter Parish Center during business hours.

Thank you for offers of books and other material; we cannot accept hardbound Bibles or any outdated devotionals.

Those who would like to join us for Mass at Richland Correctional are asked to email <u>lukach.lynne@myspartans.org</u> for further information.

> Be mindful of prisoners as if sharing their imprisonment - Hebrews 13:3

RECYCLING DAY: FRIDAY, October 13 10–11 a.m. & 2–4 p.m. – Franciscan Activity Center Parking Lot



PILGRIMAGE WITH FATHER KISHORE KOTTANA

Tri-Parish pilgrimage this Thursday, Sept. 21, 2023...Trip to Canton, Ohio area includes stops at the following places:

St Dymphna National Shrine Mother Angelica Museum

Rhoda Wise House & Grotto Sancta Clara Monastery

Seats are still available - Call the Parish Center Office for more information or to register for the trip! Leave St Mary Church parking lot 7:30 am and Return to St. Mary by 5:00 PM.





MIDDLE SCHOOL JESUS MOVEMENT ALL MIDDLE SCHOOL TEENS FROM OUR TRI-PARISH AND BEYOND ARE INVITED T Deter in the Eremeisson Activity Conter Atrium

St Peter in the Franciscan Activity Center Atrium 111 W. First St. Mansfield, Oh 44902

Sundays 6:00PM - 8:00PM THERE WILL BE FOOD | COMMUNITY | GAMES | WORSHIP | AND SO MUCH FUN

September 10 & 24 October 8 & 22 November 5 December 3 January 14 & 28 February 18 March 3 & 17 April 7

H.O.P.E. PANTRY BLUE BARREL WEEKEND October 14 & 15

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | SEPTEMBER 17 2023

SCHOOL NEWS

Saint Peter's School congratulates our first Middle School Spartan MVP's! Because of their character, academic achievements, and virtuous acts, they have been selected by their teachers to have acess to the MVP Room this week during their homeroom period. Equipped with games, art supplies and snacks, this space was specifically designed to reward students who are helping us to build a culture of excellence every day. Students selected for the MVP Room must exhibit the virtue of compassion; have completed all assignments; have earned a grade of B or better in all of their classes; and cannot have any tardies or unexcused absences.

Research consistently shows that academic and social outcomes in middle school are a greater predictor of college and career success than achievement in high school. By providing a dedicated middle school space, faculty, courses, and initiatives such as Spartan MVP's, we are providing for our students' growth during these formative years. We also look forward to offering quarterly middle school Masses in the chapel, providing students with a welcoming way in a smaller environment to learn about our Catholic faith and traditions.

If you are interested in finding out more about any of our academic programs at St. Peter's School, contact Admissions Director Jennifer Jones at jones.jennifer@myspartans.org.



FRONT ROW: REUBEN DOVE (7TH), RAYNA SMITH (6TH), Lily Richlovsky (6Th), Trenton Funk (6TH)

BACK ROW: ELIANNA IVY (7TH), TALIE LEFEBVRE (6TH), Taraji Smith (7th), David Crundwell (8th), Isabella Deel (8th), Julyana Bass (8th)





ST. PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH, MANSFIELD, OHIO View this bulletin online at www.DiscoverMass.com

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION



Mrs. Laurie McKeon Head of School mckeon.laurie@myspartans.org (419) 524-2572 x2135







Mrs. Ashley Rastorfer Elementary Principal/Montessori Director rastorfer.ashley@myspartans.org (419) 524-2572 x4101 Mr. Jon Cuttitta High School/Junior High Principal cuttitta.jon@myspartans.org

Mrs. Jennifer Jones Director of Admissions & Enrollment jones.jennifer@myspartans.org (419) 524-2572 x2111

(419) 524-2572'x3101







Now Enrolling for Fall - Grades K-12 Educating future scholars and leaders.

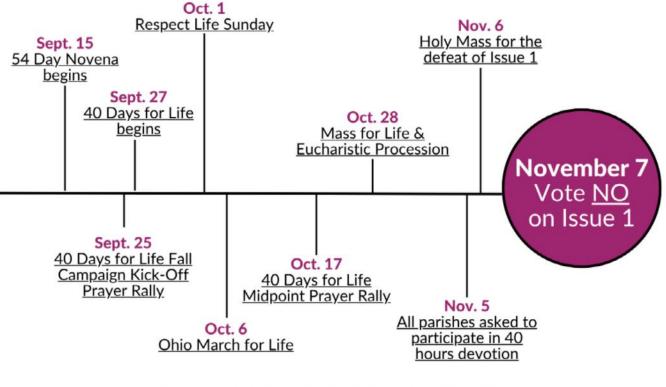






Join the Office for Life & Justice of the Diocese of Toledo and thousands of individuals in Northwest Ohio who are willing to stand up for society's most vulnerable.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Get the details at ToledoRespectLife.com



TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | SEPTEMBER 17 2023



Catholic Business Network Mission

- Promote spiritual growth and moral courage for Catholics serving in the workplace.
- Advance and serve Christ and His Church teachings, sharing personal experiences, educational materials, and inspiring speakers.
- Share ways to live the Catholic faith through business practices, relationships with all workplace stakeholders, and community service.
- Facilitate opportunities for business and career networking.

The Catholic Business Network welcomes people of all faiths. Our ministry is to engage and empower Northwest Ohio business leaders and professionals to promote Catholic values in the workplace.

Join us for this free-will offering breakfast program!



Having Courage To Discuss Moral Issues In The Workplace

Most Reverend Daniel E. Thomas Bishop, Diocese of Toledo

Thursday, October 5, 2023



Doors Open | 7:00 a.m. Complimentary Breakfast | 7:30 a.m. Program | 8:00 a.m. Optional Mass | 9:00 a.m.

> Saint John XXIII Roncalli Hall 24250 North Dixie Highway Perrysburg, OH 43551

Register at CatholicBusinessNetwork.eventbrite.com Questions? Call Paula at 419.214.4898

Please join the Catholic Business Network at Saint John XXIII Roncalli Hall for our next free-will offering breakfast event on Thursday, October 5, 2023. Our speaker will be the Most Reverend Daniel E. Thomas, Bishop of the Diocese of Toledo, speaking on "Having Courage to Discuss Moral Issues In The Workplace." Register online at https://catholicBusinessNetwor...;

7 a.m. | Doors Open

7:30 a.m. | Complimentary Breakfast/Networking

8 a.m. | Program

9 a.m. | Mass Optional

On October 22, 2014, the Most Reverend Daniel E. Thomas was named by Pope Francis as the eighth Bishop of the Diocese of Toledo. Bishop Thomas was born and raised in Philadelphia, where he earned bachelor and master of arts degrees. He also earned a Licentiate in Sacred Theology (S.T.L.) in 1989 from the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome.

In 1990, he was assigned to serve the Holy See as an Official of the Congregation for Bishops. During his 15 years there, Bishop Thomas also served as an Adjunct Spiritual Director at the Pontifical North American College Seminary in Rome. In 1995, he was named Chaplain to His Holiness (Monsignor), and in 2005, was named a Prelate of Honor, both by Pope John Paul II. In 2006 he was named by Pope Benedict XVI as an Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

The Catholic Business Network (CBN), a ministry of Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo, is open to men and women of all faiths. The CBN ministry's key goals are to:

+ Promote spiritual growth and moral courage in the workplace.

+ Advance and serve Christ and His Church teachings through sharing personal experiences, educational materials, and inspiring speakers.

- + Share ways to live the Catholic faith through business practices, relationships with all workplace stakeholders, and community service.
- + Welcome people of all faiths, who seek to learn and advance Catholic morality, values, and ethics; and

+ Facilitate opportunities for business and career networking.

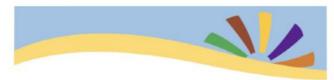
If you are interested in sponsoring a Catholic Business Network event, or have questions, please contact: Paula J. Kidney at 419.214.4898 or email her at pkidney@toledodiocese.org.

DIOCESAN, DEANERY & TRI-PARISH NEWS



Group healing and personal prayer teams

For more info call the Ministry to Catholic Charismatic Renewal 734-888-8197or visit website: www.mccrholyspirit.org



all to "Sainthood".

Padre Pio Feast Day Celebration

Guest Speaker: Fr. Vito Martinez, OFM Cap. "Middle Class Saints: Franciscan Holiness"

Join us as Fr. Vito Martinez talks about ways of holiness from Franciscan perspective of St. Padre Pio, Blessed Solanus Casey, and invites us

First-class relic of St. Padre Pio available.

September 20, 2023, 1-3 p.m. or 7-9 p.m.

Christ the King Parish, Fellowship Hall "B" 4100 Harvest Ln., Toledo, Ohio 43623

Contact Magdalena Skiles Group Leader, PPPG-CK magdalena@magdalenaskiles.com 419.356.4208

UPCOMING DIOCESAN EVENTS OF INTEREST

40 Days for Life Fall Campaign Kick-Off Prayer Rally

What: 40 Days for Life Fall Campaign Kick-Off Prayer Rally

When: 5:40pm Rosary, Rally to begin at 6:00pm

Where: Gather in the Foundation for Life parking lot across from the Toledo Women's Center at 1160 W Sylvania Ave. Toledo, OH.

Details: 40 Days for Life is an internationally coordinated 40-day campaign that aims to end abortion locally through prayer and fasting, community outreach, and a peaceful all-day vigil in front of abortion businesses. Our main speaker will be Ramona Trevino, a former planned parenthood manager who is now a spokeswoman for 40 Days for Life. Join the Toledo campaign for a time of peaceful prayer to bring an end to abortion in Northwest Ohio.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to the 2024 National March for Life

What: Diocesan Pilgrimage to the 2024 National March for Life

When: Pilgrims depart from St. Thomas More University Parish in Bowling Green on Thursday morning, January 18th. National March for Life takes place on Friday, January 19th. Pilgrims return to Bowling Green on Saturday night, January 20th.

Where: Pilgrims depart from St. Thomas More in Bowling Green. National March for Life takes place in Washington, DC.

Details: Every year, the Office of Life and Justice leads a pilgrimage to the March for Life in Washington, D.C. You are invited to join thousands of pro-life Americans as we march against abortion and build a culture of life. This pilgrimage is open to all high schoolers and their leaders, college students, and young adults ages 18-35. The cost of registration is now just \$200, thanks to the generosity of the Knights of Columbus! To learn more and to register, visit <u>www.toledodiocese.org/marchforlife</u>

> An extreme amendment is on the Ohio ballot in November that threatens the health and safety of women, the rights of parents and the lives of pre-born babies up to 9 months.



Join Catholics across Ohio in praying a 54-Day Rosary Novena beginning Friday, Sept. 15, for the defeat of this dangerous amendment.

Sign up for a daily email reminder with novena prayers here or at pray54ohio.org.



DIOCESAN, DEANERY & TRI-PARISH NEWS

VENITE ADOREMUS - CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

All men in search of a deeper love of Christ and desire to become better husbands, fathers or men of faith are welcome to join our ministry.

The group is open to all men from the Mansfield and surrounding areas and meets twice a month for fellowship.

Monthly meetings are the first Saturday of each month at 7 am and third Wednesday at 7 pm.

Warm Weather: 3310 St. Rt. 603, Lucas Cold Weather: 4 W. Main St. Lucas

For more information contact Kevin Thomas (419) 631-1295.

HARVEST FESTIVAL AT MOTHER OF SORROWS

CHAPEL, NORTH AUBURN: Sunday, October 1, 2023, 7212 N. Auburn Road, Tiro, OH 44887 (3 mi. east of New Washington). Pork & chicken dinners with sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, green beans, applesauce and dessert, served from 11:00am – 3:00pm. TWO drive-thru lines, walk-in/carry-outs available, as well as **dine in the hall**. Also in the hall: Arts & Crafts, Farmers Market, baked goods, fall décor, Reverse Raffle w/ \$1,000 grand prize, and Super 50/50 drawing.

YOUNG ADULT EVENT—THEOLOGY ON TAP

Join us at Ralphies in Galion this Wednesday evening, September 20th, from 6-8 p.m. where we will have dinner, drinks, and a whole lot of fun! Theology on Tap is for young adults and those who are young at heart, and our featured presenter this month is Father Paul Fahrbach from Galion, Saint Joseph's and Bucyrus, Holy Trinity. He will



Joseph's and Bucyrus, Holy Trinity. He will be speaking about the presence of angels in our lives. Each person is responsible for the cost of their own meal and beverages. An RSVP is appreciated but not required. You can RSVP to <u>ewurm124@gmail.com</u>. We hope you can join us!







ę Advertising@Diocesan.com VISA

E SALES DISCOVER 2597

PARISH PRAYER LIST

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 Office.



Lura Barnes Holly Barnes MaKaya Butler Marianne Cappadonna Christine Caudill Caroline Clark **Betty Connolly** Paul Conry Josephine Contra Frederick Dale Scott Darnell Kathy Deckard Cherrie De La Paz Adrian DeLeon David Donley Jeffrey Downing Mick Frye SPHS 71 Micah Galuzny **Rick Gasper** Alan Gleisenger Bill Johnson

Danny Kiehl Penny Wendland Jeannine Klotz Gwen Yockey Cindy Lassen Don Yockey John & Cindy Lloyd Michael Yoha Krista Marshall Danny Marti Kathy Nash Dr. Kimberly Nemeth Carol Pittenger Lynn Raque Śtephanie Reynolds Barbara Riley Bill Ruhl Colleen Schambre Joan Schonhardt Fr. Kris Sorenson Larry Strauser Linda & Cindy Thompson Sharon Valdry Genevieve (Jenny) Wala

The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and ich in compassion.

Readings for the Week

Your Word is a lamp to my feet, a light to my path–Psalm 119:105

Sunday	Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sir 27:30 – 28:7; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35
Monday	1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9; Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday	Memorial of Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr 1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6; Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday	Memorial of Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, Companions, Martyrs 1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 7:31-35
Thursday	Feast of Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Mt 9:9-13
Friday	1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20; Lk 8:1-3
Saturday	Memorial of Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest 1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Lk 8:4-15
Sunday	Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a
\sim	

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament



SAINT PIO OF PIETRELCINA (1887-1968) FEAST DAY -SEPTEMBER 23



Did the World War II American flyer really see Padre Pio in midair, preventing the bombing of his village below? Did Pio actually "bilocate" in Italy, the Holy Land, even America, as countless witnesses testified? Or "read hearts" before penitents spoke? What of the *stigmata*, Christ's wounds imprinted on Padre Pio's hands, feet, and side? John Paul II, who as a young man visited Pio, never mentioned these Pio's hands, feet, and side? John Paul II, who as a young man visited Pio, never mentioned these extraordinary elements at the canonization. Instead, the pope spoke of "trials accepted with love," referring perhaps to sanctions restricting Pio's faculties for hearing confessions and celebrating public Mass, imposed because of criticism, later discredited, sent to the Vaticar; of Pio's offering his sufferings in union with Jesus' passion for a suffering world; of his continual availability to sinners seeking direction and absolution; of Padre Pio's prayer that blossomed in charity, especially through his "House for the Relief of Suffering," a healthcare facility that anticipated by decades today's holistic partnering of medical science and spirituality. Finally, how comforting for us "ordinary" Christians, this extraordinary saint's most frequent advice: "Pray, hope, and don't worry!" = Peter segnet

and don't worry!" -Peter Scagnelli

Editorial Note: One of St. Peter's life-long parishioners, the late Sylvester (Ses) Kleshinski, had the opportunity on a few occasions, during his service in World War II, to be an altar server for Padre Pio when he said Mass. Ses shared his stories about Padre Pio willingly and

generously. He had a very special devotion to Saint Pio. In an interview with the Mansfield News Journal, Ses said, "He (Saint Pio) took me by the shoulders in the Italian fashion for a kiss on the cheek. I met a saint and he hugged me!"



Copyright Notices: Cover Art: Copyright © Diocesan Publications. Collect text from the English translation of The Roman Missal, © 2010, The English translation of the Psalm Responses from the Lectionary for Mass © 1969, 1981, 1997: International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved. Additional materials Copyright United States Catholic Conference of Bishops. All rights reserved.