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MASS INTENTIONS**Monday, November 8***Seasonal Weekday*

5:00 pm Rosary

5:30 pm North Central Ohio Vocations Club

Tuesday, November 9*Solemnity of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica*

7:00 am † Elaine Johnson

Wednesday, November 10*Saint Leo the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church*

8:25 am Special Intention (FJM)

9:35 am † Richard Shrilla

Thursday, November 11*Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop*

7:00 am † Father Gregory R. Hite

Friday, November 12*Saint Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr*

5:00 pm Rosary

5:30 pm † Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, November 13*Vigil of the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00 pm † Marilyn Kurtzman (Consecration of New Altar)

Sunday, November 14*33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

7:30 am † Father Gregory R. Hite

9:30 am For Parishioners

11:30 am † Joseph Wendling

IN GOD'S ARMS

Father Gregory R. Hite

Paula Kasper

Amelia Miller

Shirley Monica

***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:

Fall is a beautiful time of year that people enjoy for different reasons. Along with the changing color of the tree leaves, it brings cool evenings and pumpkin pie. This season of the year, like spring, naturally brings with it the feel of change. It is for this reason that some people don't like fall because they know the cold months of winter are near. The thought of shoveling snow and slippery roads rob them of the beauty and goodness that these months offer. There is a lesson here for us that applies to many aspects of life – don't let the worries of tomorrow deprive you of the joys and blessings of today.

For Catholics, the month of November is especially important for remembering family members, friends, and parishioners who have died. We do so for the simple reason that we love them. We don't abandon those we love in life, and we don't abandon them in death either. As people firmly rooted in believing and understanding the Catholic Faith, we know that life itself for us is changed, not ended, with earthly death. Death is for us the transition into eternity. This Sunday afternoon, at our annual Bereavement Mass, as we pray for the deceased in a particular way, we will include Fr. Gregory Hite.

I know for many of you, Fr. Hite was not just your priest and pastor, but he was your friend. Some of you have mentioned to me how he helped you in various ways. He was a gentle, caring person who strove to love God and love neighbor. You experienced that, and you should give thanks to God for that each day. His passing from this world to the next might be very sorrowful for us, but we shouldn't be sorrowful for him. We cannot get to heaven without leaving this world.

Additionally, you shouldn't be sad that "he didn't get to enjoy his retirement years" because the only retirement plan that matters is HEAVEN! Earth offers nothing in comparison to heaven. There is no earthly goodness, joy, or love that compares with the goodness, joy, and love of heaven. A priest's life is about preparing people for this, leading them through the "narrow gate" that Jesus speaks about in the gospels. What makes heaven so amazingly wonderful is what isn't there, even in the slightest way – selfishness and pride. I will say more about this later this month.

The new altar and ambo that is being installed in church will be a fitting remembrance of Fr. Hite for this parish. He connected the wish of parishioners to the marble cutters in Italy and to the experts in this country who are installing it. As the installation continues this week, we might consider in what areas of our parish you would like to see improvements. I'll be sharing some of these with you in the near future, but, for now, let's rejoice in the abundant blessings God gives us today and entrust tomorrow to the mercy of God.

Gratefully,
Fr. Miller

ST. PETER GIVING TREE 2021

We are planning this year to collect gift cards in lieu of presents for this year's Annual Giving Tree to offer blessings to the families and individuals in need in the community. This was decided due to several factors, including respecting the safety of giving tree volunteers and parishioners amidst the ongoing Covid 19 pandemic.

St. Peter's church has been a blessing to thousands of families through their generosity to assist families in support with Christmas gifts for many years. Please consider giving a gift card this year to bring joy and hope to families this Christmas!

Look for additional information in the upcoming bulletins and thank you in advance for all the love and care you show to our fellow brothers and sisters in need.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Catholic Charities in Mansfield is seeking volunteers for various work areas: HOPE Food pantry and clerical/office/reception. If you are available for a couple of hours a week your help is greatly appreciated! Without our volunteers, we would not be able to serve the many needs of the community.



We appreciate any amount of time you are able to give and we thank you for your support. Please contact Pam Sellards at 419-524-0733 x235 or psellards@toledodiocese.org.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES JOB OPENINGS

Catholic Charities of Mansfield is seeking a Case Aide. The Case Aide is responsible for providing administrative support to Staff Guardians and Case Managers, to facilitate the efficient and effective delivery of services to our clients.

Full job descriptions and qualifications can be found on the Diocese's website: toledodiocese.org/page/employment.

PRISON MINISTRY CORNER

The Catholic communities at ManCI and RiCI are growing in size...and growing in faith. About a dozen men at ManCI are immersed in RCIA, preparing to be received into the Church at the Easter Vigil.



At RiCI, men gather seven nights a week for a variety of worship, prayer, study, and liturgical music opportunities. A major focus currently involves intensive rehearsal for the RiCI Catholic Christmas Choir Concert.

FREE MANCI CORD ROSARIES

There are FREE Cord Rosaries made by our brothers at MANCI hanging on the Catholic display shelf in the cry room.

Please feel free to take them, and if you can remember, please say a prayer for the one who made them!

Thank you! Fr. Kevin

FEED THE NEEDY UPDATE

The Feed the Needy program continues to assist on average 135 people every other Sunday.

We are in extreme need of blankets and socks. We also need coats, gloves, hats, scarves, mittens, and hand warmers.

The food program can also use your grocery bags to package meals as well. Juice boxes and cocoa are beverages served and can be donated at any time. Blessings on all givers and their gifts. Your help is greatly appreciated. If you would like to join a team to serve the meals let Father Kevin know.

MESSAGE OF THANKS

On behalf of my family and myself, I want to extend deepest thanks to the parishioners, staff and faculty here at St. Peter's for their kindness, prayers, and support during the final illness and death of my mother, Elaine K. Johnson, over the past few weeks.. The difficulty and grief we've experienced are greatly diminished and softened by your many prayers and kindnesses. God bless all of you! Bill Johnson

NIGHT OF HEALING

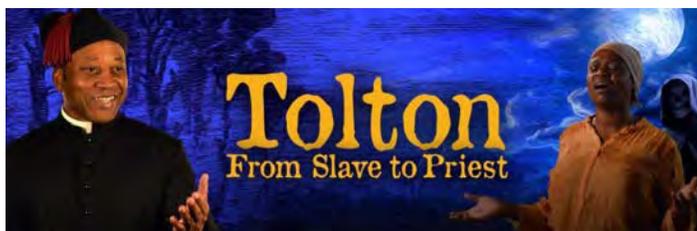
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Jesus heals! Come unite with us in prayer! Listen to the Holy Spirit, who does He want you to invite?

The next night of healing will be held at St. Joseph, Marblehead on Tuesday, December 14. See Father Kevin for additional information.

SUNDAY OFFERING		<i>As of September 2021</i>
		<i>Sunday Collection</i>
Sunday and Holy Day Collections		
Sunday Collection & Holy Day Collection:		\$205,413
Total Budgeted Sunday Collection To Date:		\$218,100
Sunday Collection Surplus/(Deficit)		(\$12,687)
School Collection		
Total School Collection To Date:		\$35,820
Total Budgeted School Collection To Date:		\$36,000
School Collection Surplus/(Deficit)		(\$180)



NEXT WEEKEND! TOLTON: FROM SLAVE TO PRIEST

Tolton: From Slave to Priest, the live theatrical one-man drama is coming Mansfield on Sunday, November 14 at 3 p.m. in the High School Auditorium. Reserve your ticket(s) at no cost at reconnecttoledo.org/tolton.

Tolton is a powerful new live production based on the life of Fr. Augustus Tolton, the first African American priest. This compelling true story of courage, forgiveness, and reconciliation resonates deeply with modern American audiences. To characterize Fr. Augustus Tolton's life as remarkable is an understatement.

PERPETUATE THE GIFT

Support Our Priests' Retirement: Our priests have given their lives in service to us and our parish and we are most grateful! Please offer your gratitude for those who faithfully served the Diocese of Toledo by donating to the Perpetuate The Gift Appeal.

Your gift supports our retired diocesan priests and them to pay for their living expenses. All funds contributed between September 18 through December 31 assist our parish in its assessed contribution to the fund. A gift of cash or check can be sent to Perpetuate The Gift, PO Box 954, Toledo, OH 43697, or placed in the parish collection.

A gift may also be made online at www.toledodiocese.org under the Give tab. As of November 1, St. Peter's parishioners have donated \$3,012 towards the fund.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to the following parishioners 85+ who are celebrating a birthday during the month of November!

Manetha Barretta
Sr. Paula Bingert
James Buckey
Patricia DeCenso
Janet Dignan
Betty Finlayson
Ross Frisbee
Helen Gustin

Jerrina Heston
John Mertler
Josephine Metzger
Jennie Reale
Donald Saxton
Frances Schmidt
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Margaret Soulen



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.

Date/Time: November 13 after 5 p.m. Mass in the Franciscan Activity Center Atrium

Whether you are newlyweds 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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 687 ANNUAL FEATHER PARTY

You are invited to the Knights of Columbus Council 687 annual Feather Party! This annual tradition 21+ adult night of fun returns to the Knights Hall on the Friday before Thanksgiving.



Food, drinks, games of chance plus your chance to win a turkey, ham or one of many bottles of cheer from one of the many raffles.

Friday, November 19 at 7:30 p.m.
Tickets: \$8/per person

Food and drinks are included in your ticket, plus the lounge will be open.

For more information and or to purchase tickets in advance:

- Mike Winters 419-543-3080
- Larry Strauser 419-543-6952
- Rik Blackstone 614-270-0482
- Jason Crundwell—crundwell.jason@myspartans.org

RECYCLING — FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12

FOOD COLLECTION: NOVEMBER 13 & 14



ALL SAINTS DAY CELEBRATIONS

On Monday, our fourth and fifth graders continued our school's annual tradition of researching and portraying a saint on All Saints Day.

Our fifth graders joined this year since they were unable to participate last year due to COVID-19 restrictions.

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SENIOR CLASS RETREAT AT DAMASCUS CATHOLIC CAMPUS

Last week, the Class of 2022 attended their annual multi-day retreat at Damascus Catholic Campus. It's a special time for the senior class to grow closer to God and each other during their final year of high school.



The Spartan Family Association is excited to be carrying on the tradition of St. Peter's Christmas Classic! It will be a drive-thru event again this year, and all orders must be pre-ordered and paid for by Wednesday, November 24.

Orders can be placed online at:

<http://christmasclassic.myspartans.org>

AUGUSTFEST 2022 PLANNING COMMITTEE

Plans are underway for AugustFest 2022! Interested in joining the 2022 St. Peter's AugustFest planning committee? We are excited to make this event bigger and better next year! Reach out to Justin Berry at: justinberry@mansfelddistributing.net.

FEAST OF FAITH
Concluding Rites

The Prayer after Communion gives us a glimpse of the heavenly banquet, of which we have had a foretaste in the Eucharist. The concluding rites speak of what we are to do with this great gift of God. That includes the parish announcements, which are usually given following the Prayer after Communion. Believe it or not, the announcements, which are not an "official" part of the Mass, have been included in the Mass from as early as the fifth century! The deacon or the homilist—even the bishop—would announce coming liturgical celebrations and encourage the people to participate. Today's parish announcements include opportunities for prayer, service, learning, and community building. They should be succinct and should include only significant events and activities in the life of the parish. But even when they are long and tedious, the announcements (and the parish bulletin) flow out of the concluding rites of the Mass. They offer us ways to live the Eucharist, to become what we have received—the Body of Christ, living and active in our local community.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Wis 1:1-7; Ps 139:1b-10; Lk 17:1-6
- Tuesday:** Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22
- Wednesday:** Wis 6:1-11; Ps 82:3-4, 6-7; Lk 17:11-19
- Thursday:** Wis 7:22b — 8:1; Ps 119:89-91, 130, 135, 175; Lk 17:20-25
- Friday:** Wis 13:1-9; Ps 19:2-5ab; Lk 17:26-37
- Saturday:** Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43; Lk 18:1-8
- Sunday:** Dn 12:1-3; Ps 16:5, 8-11; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32

TODAY'S READINGS

- First Reading** — The widow of Zarephath had only a handful of flour and a little oil, but made a little cake for Elijah (1 Kings 17:10-16).
- Psalm** — Praise the Lord, my soul! (Psalm 146).
- Second Reading** — Christ will appear a second time to bring salvation to those who eagerly await him (Hebrews 9:24-28).
- Gospel** — Beware of those who like to go around in long robes and accept greetings in the marketplaces and places of honor at banquets (Mark 12:38-44 [41-44]).

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In Memoriam



FATHER GREGORY R. HITE

Father Gregory R. Hite, 66, a senior status priest of the Diocese of Toledo, died on Thursday, October 28, 2021.

The Reverend Gregory R. Hite, priest of the Catholic Diocese of Toledo, surrendered his soul to God on October 28, 2021, in Perrysburg, Ohio. He was 66 years old. Father Hite, a native of Toledo, Ohio, attended Gesu Elementary School, Toledo; St. Francis DeSales High School, Toledo (Class of 1973); and the Athenaeum of Ohio (St. Gregory Seminary), Cincinnati, Ohio, graduating in 1977 having earned a bachelor's degree in English, magna cum laude. Father Hite continued his preparation for the priesthood at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas (the "Angelicum"), Rome, Italy, where he earned his Baccalaureate of Sacred Theology in 1980. He also attended the Pontifical Athenaeum of St. Anselm, from 1980-81, where he began studies for an advanced degree in Systematic Theology.

In 1981, he was ordained to the Priesthood by Bishop James R. Hoffman and received his first assignment as Parochial Vicar at St. Mary's Parish, Sandusky, Ohio; where he was also full-time religion instructor, department chair, and chaplain to the high school (1981-86).

In 1986, Father Hite was assigned to complete his Licentiate in Sacred Theology at the Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., where he completed his degree in 1988. From 1988-94, Father Hite was Parochial Vicar and high school Principal at St. Wendelin parish, Fostoria, Ohio. During this same time, he earned a Master of Science degree in Educational Administration, magna cum laude, from the University of Dayton (1991). In 1994, he undertook his first Pastorate at St. Mary of the Snows parish, Mansfield, Ohio, where he ministered to the parish, and served as part-time chaplain at Mansfield Correctional Institution - a chaplaincy he continued until 1999. From 1999-2004, Father Hite was President of Central Catholic High School, Toledo, Ohio; his first assignment in Toledo. In 2004, he then became the third Pastor of St. Joan of Arc parish, Toledo, where he served the faithful for seven blessed years. In 2011, Bishop Leonard P. Blair asked Father Hite to assume the leadership of the parish as Pastor of St. Peter's Parish, Mansfield, Ohio. This was Father Hite's return to the Mansfield area, and Richland County. During his tenure, he oversaw the restoration of St. Peter's Church (completed in 2018) and served as local superintendent of the school system. Also, during this assignment, he served as local Dean, was a member of the Presbyteral Council of the Diocese of Toledo and served as a member of the College of Consultors to Bishop Daniel E. Thomas.

Father Hite loved his priesthood, and was faithful to his ministry, often thanking the Lord for the great associate pastors that he worked with throughout the years. He also mentored several seminarians and was grateful for the opportunity to share his experiences of priesthood with them. He loved music, gardening, and especially cooking. He would often say, "Cooking takes time, if you want to do it right." He also loved the history of Rome, especially the ancient history of the republic. He enjoyed traveling to Rome, throughout Europe and vacationing with friends.

Father Hite was preceded in death by his loving parents, Alma L. (Couturier) Hite (+1990) and Richard G. Hite (+2014). He is survived by his loving brother, Allan; sister-in-law, Rose Hite; nephew, Corey (Syndie); niece, Erin; grandniece, Riley; and grandnephew, Declan Hite; many loving friends and extended family.

Visitation will be held from 2-7 p.m., Wednesday, November 3, 2021, at Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral, 2535 Collingwood Blvd., Toledo, beginning with the Rite of Reception at 2:00 p.m. and concluding with Evening Prayer at 7:00 p.m. Additional visitation will be held from 9:00 a.m. until 10:45 a.m., Thursday, November 4, 2021, in the Cathedral with funeral Mass to follow at 11:00 a.m. The Most Rev. Daniel E. Thomas, Bishop of Toledo, will preside and the Rev. Monsignor Charles E. Singler will be the homilist. Burial will take place at Calvary Cemetery, Toledo. Memorial gifts, in lieu of flowers, may be made to the Seminarians Education Fund, Catholic Diocese of Toledo, or the Sisters of the Visitation Monastery, Toledo.

*Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him.
May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

776400 **800** bulletins please

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