

**Mass Intentions**

**Monday, August 31**

- 5:00 pm Rosary
- 5:30 pm Charles Massa

**Tuesday, September 1**

- 6:30 am Cecile Boisvert
- 1:15 pm Rosary

**Wednesday, September 2**

- 6:30 am Albert Sanchez
- 9:00 am Laura A Crittenden (all school mass)

**Thursday, September 3 + Gregory the Great**

- 6:30 am James Borgia (anniversary)

**Friday, September 4**

- 6:30 am Donald C. Smith
- 5:00 pm Rosary
- 5:30 pm Robert E. Keller (anniversary)

**Saturday, September 5**

- 2:00 Cassie Vidonish & Chad Walker "W"
- 5:00 pm Parish

**Sunday, September 6**

- 7:30 am Mary, Sam Sr. & Sandy Guarino
- 9:30 am Hetler & Robertson Family
- 11:30 am Betty Wehinger

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**LECTOR/COMMUNION MINISTER**

**Saturday, September 5**

- 5:00 L. J Heringhaus, C Taddeo **D.** K Yockey, M Joyce, C&D Campbell, B Nihei, L&T Speelman, J Walsh, P Prendergast

**Sunday, September 6**

- 7:30 L. C Eighinger, M Santoro **D.** L Lukach, J Morvai, B Krehnovi, J Kulka, B Marshall, B Weiland, J Wiparina
- 9:30 L. P Noser, T Studer **D.** A Dillon, M Baker, T Baker, C Berger, I Cervinski, B Genter, C&J Gonzalez, J Hunt, J Kastelic, J Nelson, R Renie, M Riggelman, F Schuster, S Weber
- 11:30 L. J Riedl, D Butler **D.** F Leitenberger, T Fesler, M&R Jones, C Mears, H Philpott, B Riley, K Schreck, M Selby, K Swank, R Wilson

**MASS SERVERS**

**Saturday, September 5**

- 5:00 R Escolin, M McCarrick, J Randall

**Sunday, September 6**

- 7:30 H Eighinger, A Ralph, M Thomas
- 9:30 A Nelson, J Merle, R Studer
- 11:30 M&C Schlorb, E Tatar

**COUNTERS**

**Sunday, September 6**

- J Gurski, C Dropsey, P Berger, B Doty

**KIDS' WORD** We will begin teaching the "Good News" of our Lord beginning Sunday, September 13th, at the 9:30 & 11:30 Mass. "Let the little children come to me..."

Matthew 19:14

Best kept secrets. As I continue ministry here at St. Peter's, I keep discovering "secrets" and unsung heroes. Not that I think people are intentionally keeping secrets; it is just the humility of those doing ministry at our parish. I would like to share with you a couple of groups I have been very blessed to minister with that serve the youth of St. Peter's



**YOU ARE CALLED**

and never like to have attention called to them. (Sorry folks but the time has come!) The **PSR** (Parish School of Religion) teachers are a group of very dedicated

adults that come every week to share their faith with the children of St. Peter's. They inspire, educate and love the students and truly want to walk with them on their faith journey. As the school year progresses please keep this group in your prayers. Another group is the **Sacramental Team**, they come together each month to plan, organize and carry out every aspect of the programs for sacraments our youth receive. If I had to put their goal into one sentence it would be that they want the youth of St. Peter's to have the best faith-filled experience we can offer as they receive a sacrament. This group focuses on Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation and the Third grade family penance service. They help with everything from teaching classes, retreats, liturgies and even the confirmation picnic. The Sacramental Team understands that our faith is part of our everyday life and everything we do to enhance that understanding is a good thing. They also understand that faith is shared in many different avenues – not just in classes but also at the picnics and in our prayer life. I can not say enough good about both of these groups of devoted, loyal folks. I thank God for blessing me with these people to share ministry with and know that St. Peter's is very blessed to have so many willing volunteers. We are looking for a few new volunteers to join the Sacramental team. If that seems like a ministry that would interest you, please give me a call. The great news is that I know there are many more "secrets" out there to be discovered. As we have shared with the Confirmandi, we all should prayerfully consider where we fit in the parish family and what ministry we could be volunteering in to use the gifts God has given us. I also know this is just my little corner of parish ministry and there are many, many members of St. Peter that share themselves in ministry. Thanks to all who make this parish such a vibrant community.

**PS** Please keep the Confirmandi in your prayers as they finish up their preparation for Confirmation on October 25. And another "secret" is the St. Peter's gift shop. If you haven't visited it, please do. I think you will be pleasantly surprised.

Sheila Herhiser  
Youth Coordinator



**Please Pray for the Sick of our Parish;**

Sarah Valdry, Clarisa Aban, Anne B. Birk, John Lemley, Beverly Freiheit, Leanna Christi, Teresa Gallizzi, Peter Zimmerman, Kevin Steele family, Cathy Smith, Rosario Carlson, James Madden, Melissa Hunter, Millie Aukerman, Dolly Vidonish, Catherine Nixon, Kacey Weitzel, Mike Smith, Tammy Smith, Betty LaFollette, Trey Riggle, Robert Bernard, Bethany Hills, Lou Augustine, Joe Bochnak, Mark Turner, Norbert Reinhard, Mary Frasz, Eric Gerhart, Joan Knapp, Eileen McNamara, Mark Coleman, Joe Adamescu, Ian Spade, Ardie Nadolsky, Father Herb Weber, Anna Hanusz, Helen Bogner, Andy Urban, Joe Kinstle, Annabelle Wells, Todd Rox, Sally Linn, Sumer (Riley) Graham, DiAnn Kuhl, Jacqueline Brogan, Alan & Marilyn Gallaway, Donna Wilson, Barb Studer, David & Philominia Morris

If you or your loved one wishes to be removed from the prayer list, please call the parish center.

**WEDDING BANNES**

III Cassie Vidonish & Chad Walker

*In God's Arms Forever... Josephine Gough, Theresa Mascioli, B. Ruth Massa*



**Mass for the Anointing of the Sick --** St. Peter's annual Mass for the Anointing of the Sick will take place on **Sunday, September 13 at 2:00 p.m. in the church.** The Mass is a regular Sunday liturgy which will include the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick as well as a

Special Blessing for Medical Personnel, Care-givers, families of those who are chronically ill, and for our own Pastoral Care Volunteers. If you or someone you know is struggling with serious or long-term illness or advanced age, this is a wonderful chance to experience the love of Christ in the midst of our parish family as we pray and worship together. Care-givers, medical professionals and families of those who are seriously ill will find this liturgy to be a comforting and supportive experience as they undertake their challenging work. Call the Parish Liturgy Office (419-524-2572, ext. 2113) for more information.

**ANNUAL DIOCESAN 25th/50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**—The Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Celebration for those married 25, 50 & 60 or more years in the year 2009 will be held on Sunday, October 18, 2009, at 3:00 p.m. at Rosary Cathedral. For reservations, call the Parish Center Office at 419-524-2572. **Deadline for reservations is Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2009.**

**REMINDER:** If you haven't picked up your items from the Country Store festival booth you have till September 4th in the parish center.

**YOUTH CORNER**

- **Confirmation** will be on Oct. 25, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.
- **First Communion Pictures** can now be picked up in the Parish Center.

Wed. Sept. 9: Confirmation class - letter to Fr. Tony due  
 Sun. Sept 13: High School PSR 6-7:30  
 Wed. Sept 16: First PSR class gr. 1-8 & Parent mtg.  
 Mon. Sept. 21 Sacramental team mtg. 7:00  
 Wed. Sept 23: PSR gr. 1-6  
 Sat. Sept 26: Confirmation Retreat 9:00 a.m. Atrium  
 Wed. Sept 30: PSR gr. 1-6

**St. Peter's would like to invite you to participate in the Parish School of Religion (PSR).** If you have children in grades 1-12 and have not registered in the past please give Sheila Hershiser (419-524-2572) a call so she can send you the information you need to register. Registration packets are now ready and PSR begins in September.

For more information on Parish Youth activities/Parish School of Religion (PSR)/ Confirmation/First Eucharist, please contact Sheila Hershiser 524-2572 ext. 2114.

**Pastoral Care** – If you have a family member or friend who is homebound, in a nursing home, or hospitalized (especially if they go through the emergency room), please call the Parish Center to let us know. Someone from St. Peter's will visit them and bring them the Eucharist.

**Pastoral Council Members are needed.** If you are interested please fill out an application (located in the church pews). A meeting will be held Tuesday, September 1 at 7:00pm. in St. Paul's Room. Please give thought to using your talents on this council.

**Debt Relief Update:** Last weekend we incorrectly told you we would be collecting for debt reduction this weekend; however, debt reduction is always the first Sunday of the month. We apologize for any confusion. Next weekend, Sept. 6/7, the second collection will be for this. To date we have received \$63, 673.00 towards the parish debt. **THANK YOU for your commitment to St. Peter and your faithfulness in donating each month.**

**Weekly Offering**

August 23, 2009



Sunday	\$ 12,249.00
Children	\$ 7.00
Mailed in	\$ 749.00
Direct Deposit	\$ 2,271.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 15,276.00</b>

Debt Relief \$ 1,370.00 Thank you!



**LET US HONOR THOSE PARISHIONERS**

of St. Peter's Catholic Church who were U.S. servicemen and servicewomen and *lost their lives while in service* to our country. This coming Veteran's Day, a plaque will be placed in the vestibule of the church honoring those individuals. If you know of someone, please provide us with the following information about that person: (1) name, (2) branch of service, (3) rank, (4) date and circumstances of death while in military service, (5) your name as provider of information, (6) your phone, (7) your relationship to serviceman/woman. Please send this information through email to kmorris257@email.com or U.S. mail to Kathy Morris, St. Peter's Parish Center, 104 W. First Street, Mansfield, OH 44902. Please submit no later than October 18, 2009.

**Confidential help** is available to anyone who is suffering from the grief of abortion. There are people with whom you can talk in confidence about your experience. **Project Rachel** offers lay counselors and trained clergy ready to help you find peace and healing. If you feel ready to talk with someone, we invite you to call the confidential help line at **419-260-5811**.



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR.** Coming soon, the 5th Annual Birthday Bash, September 20, 2009. Franciscan Activity Center Atrium, 2-4pm. Bring a snack if you wish.

**STOP THE FLYING**

A flying rumor never has any trouble making a landing.  
—Anonymous

**Family Life Counseling & Psychiatric Services - Hiring MST Therapist** - intensive home based therapy for adolescents & their families. To see a full job description go to [www.mstservices.com](http://www.mstservices.com).



**"Hope & Healing" Bereavement Ministry**

Our next monthly **Grief Support Meeting** will be on **Wednesday, September 2** at 6:30 p.m. in

Franciscan Activity Center.

Our next **Bereavement Team Meeting** for the Core Team will be on **Wednesday, August 26** at 7:00 pm in the Franciscan Activity Center.

If you have any questions about planning your funeral liturgy, our bereavement ministries or need assistance in your grief journey, please call Sandy at 419-524-2572.

**RCIA class** for this year will begin on Sunday, September 13. If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith in hopes of becoming a member of the church, please call Sandy Lauer at the Parish Center office.

**FAITH FULL**—Our next meeting of Faith Full, for young adults, is Sept 1 at 6:30 p.m. at Resurrection. Sr. Mary from the Sisters of Saint Francis will be talking. An Ultimate Frisbee game will be held on Monday, Sept 7 at 7 p.m. If interested, contact Elizabeth at Resurrection. Hope to see you there.



**SAVE THE DATE...**Catholic Charities is hosting the first annual **FINANCIAL TOOLKIT FOR WOMEN** day long event, Friday, Sept. 18, 9-3pm. The event will highlight financial education and information for women. More details to follow.

The **Toledo Diocesan Council of Catholic Women** is holding the annual Fall Convention this year at the Holiday Inn, 116 Park Ave, Mansfield, Wed., Sept 9. The registration deadline is September 1. The price for the day is \$25 or \$18 for the luncheon only. To register call 419-244-6711.

**ST. PETER JOB BANK** - If you or someone you know is aware of local companies that are hiring, please complete the Job Opportunity Form below and mail it to the Parish Office, 104 W. First St., Mansfield, Ohio 44902. All job postings will be listed in the Bulletin for two weeks.

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Company Website: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Job Description: \_\_\_\_\_  
Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



**RECYCLING** - Our next Recycling date is **Friday, September 11** at the Franciscan Activity Center Parking Lot.

**HOURS:** 10 to 11 a.m. and 2 to 4 p.m.

**IMPORTANT** Please honor these drop off times, do not leave your recyclables on the sidewalks or curbs.

**BLUE BARRELS**

will be out the weekend of September 12 & 13

**Attention Travelers:** St. Peter's Travel Club is joining Willard St. Francis 55 + Club for a two day excursion to Indiana. Trip includes stop at quaint town of Nashville, Indiana for lunch and shopping on own, Cabaret Dinner show at Bogstown, with overnight in Franklin, Indiana. Travel, hotel lodging, Cabaret dinner and breakfast included in price. A stop will be made at a nearby casino on return trip home. Dates are Sept. 8 and 9th...price \$160 per person, depending on the number of people traveling in the group. Call Terry (419-526-0265) or Fran (419-884-0964).

**RESURRECTION, Spaghetti Dinner**—

Saturday, Sept 5 at 6 p.m. following the 5 p.m. Mass. Goodwill donations will be accepted and all profits earned will go towards helping finance the youth group's National Catholic Conference in November.



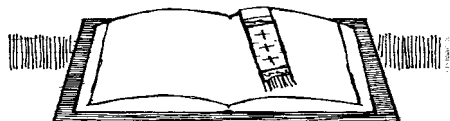
**Annual K of C BBQ**—St. Joseph Activity Center, 115 N. Liberty St., Galion. Sat., Sept., 12 11:00-6:30pm. Cost is \$8.00/adults, \$4.50/children. Sponsored by Galion K of C.

**MOST PURE HEART OF MARY**, 29 W. St. Shelby, Sept. 13, 11a.m. - 8 p.m.; BBQ Chicken and Pork Dinners are \$7.50/adults, \$5.00/children.

**THE ST. FRANCIS SPIRITUALITY CENTER** will host its annual Fall BBQ Dinner on Sunday, September 13th from 11:00 am until 2:00 pm, at Elizabeth Schaefer Hall, 200 St. Francis Ave. Tiffin.



**Coffee & Donuts**, Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, 3rd Sunday of the month; September thru May. Please join us Sunday, September 20 after 7:30 & 9:30am masses in the Atrium of the Franciscan Activity Center.



**Welcome the Word**

Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls.

— James 1:21b



**School News**

**ACCOUNTABILITY**

All Catholic schools in the Diocese of Toledo proudly demonstrate both existing quality and a readiness to go beyond current practice through participation in the six-year cycle of continuous improvement sponsored by the Ohio Catholic School Accrediting Association. Through this process, every school verifies compliance with the prescribed standards for all chartered schools in the state of Ohio. This plan for the future consists of goals and objectives which will move the school forward during the six-year accreditation cycle. And Catholic education requires much more. Through standards addressing the unique attributes of the Catholic school, the religious dimension is also examined.

**DID YOU KNOW...**



September 8, 1868 - Reverend Jacob Kuhn, St. Peter's 3rd pastor, organized St. Peter's Elementary in a three-room frame building with three young ladies.

September 2, 1924, under the direction of Bishop Samuel Stritch, St. Peter's four-year high school was started with 23 freshman.

**Knights of Columbus September Schedule:**

- Friday 9/4; fried green tomatoes, eggplant/zucchini, hamburger/turkey burger, served in bar \$5
- Tuesday 9/8; burgers, brats, potato salad, chips \$6
- Friday, 9/11; lounge open, pulled pork sandwich, chips & potato salad \$3
- Saturday, 9/12; Prime rib dinner (OSU & USC on big TV in hall) lounge open \$12.00
- Friday, 9/18, meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans & dessert \$6
- Saturday, 9/19, Golf League Party, lounge open at 3:00 for everyone
- Friday, 9/25, stuffed pork chop, mashed potato, green beans & dessert \$8

**K of C 1114 Park Ave. West, Mansfield**

**Reservations requested for dinners • 419-529-5832**

**HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS Exposition and Benediction of the Most Holy Eucharist** is being sponsored by the Serra Club of Mansfield. The Holy Hour will be the second Monday of each month beginning in September through May. Please join us at St. Peter's Church on September 14th at 7:00 pm and pray for vocations to the Priesthood and the Consecrated Life.

**ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK:**

**SERVEPRO**  
of Richland & Ashland Counties  
Fire & Water Restoration Specialists  
419-526-2701



**PICTORIAL DIRECTORY UPDATE:** We recently had family photographs taken for our new pictorial directory. Some of you chose to have your complimentary 8x10 portrait sent to the church. Portraits have arrived and can be picked up at the Parish Office. For those who missed this session, no need to worry. Our second round of photography will begin September 29 and run through October 10. If you have a computer, you can sign up now by logging on to the parish website: [www.mansfieldstpeters.org](http://www.mansfieldstpeters.org). We need the participation of each and every parishioner. It won't be complete without YOU! Any questions, please call Teresa Baker at 419-756-2699.

**Catholic Charities Family Connections/Adoption Dept. Invites You** "Adoption Information Meeting"; Tues., Sept. 15, 6:00-9:00 p.m. (Meeting is Free.) Toledo Catholic Center, 933 Spielbusch Ave., Toledo, OH 43604. To register or for more information: [kmotsinger@toledodiocese.org](mailto:kmotsinger@toledodiocese.org) or call 419-244-6711 ext. 440 or call 800-926-8277.

**40 Days for Life** Toledo will join over 200 cities for the international **40 Days for Life** pro-life campaign from September 23 through November 1. Locally, at least 2 persons will be present in prayer outside the Center for Choice, 328 22nd St., in Toledo from 8am-8pm during each of those 40 days. This is a peaceful, prayerful witness and is **NOT** a protest! For more information or to get involved, please visit [www.prolifeconnection.com](http://www.prolifeconnection.com) or contact Ann at (419) 708-9497. Be part of the effort that changes hearts to help bring about a Culture of Life!

**St. Mary Church is sponsoring a bus trip to Our Lady of Consolation Shrine** in Carey Ohio. Wednesday September 16, bus leaves at 9am. Cost is \$25 (includes lunch). Bus will leave to return at 3:30pm. Call St. Mary's by Sept. 7th to reserve your spot, 419-580-2114.

## Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Reflecting on the Gospel**

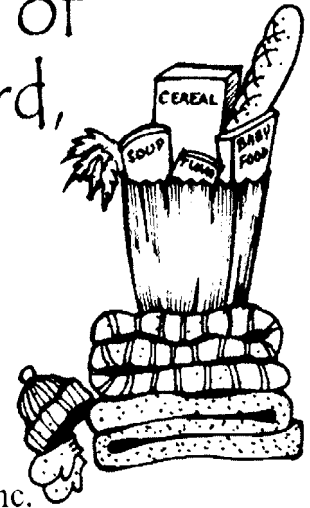
The Coca-Cola company put a new product on the shelves — Coke Plus — which was fortified with vitamins. If folks' drink of choice is soda, then the idea is to fortify it with what's good for us. One way or another, we'll get our vitamins! This is an example of the attitude, "Can't lick them, join them": if we are going to drink Coke, then let's put the vitamins we need to stay healthy in that drink. More than we like to think, we tend to do what others do. Most of advertising is based on a "herd mentality" premise. In the gospel today, the Pharisees and scribes have a herd mentality. They questioned Jesus about observing traditions and raise issues of clean and unclean. Jesus' response helps us sort out what enables us to be truly clean, that is, acceptable before God. In their goal to be acceptable before God, some Pharisees and scribes become caught up in mere human traditions. Jesus insists on the priorities of God's Law — that which keeps our hearts focused on God.

The Jewish leaders in this gospel specify religious purity in largely external ritual terms — washing hands, purifying pots, etc. Jesus reconnects law and tradition to the historical context from which they grew and the goal toward which they are oriented: hearts focused on God. Jesus calls us to look at what is deep within us: honoring God or "evils come from within." It is not external behaviors that define religious fidelity, but the internal dispositions of heart from which behavior flows.

What constitutes cleanliness and defilement? Jesus makes clear that cleanliness and defilement are not solely connected to something "outside" like keeping laws. One can keep the letter of the law and miss entirely the point of the law — moral living is a sign of covenantal relationship with God. Israel's taking possession of the land (see first reading) is a realization of salvation — God delivered them from their enemies as a sign that God is faithful to the covenant that God made with Israel. Israel, in turn, is to observe God's commands. But a "wise and intelligent people" doesn't merely keep the commandments; this people knows that the commandments are a sign of their faithful covenantal relationship with God.

Paying mere lip service to God's commands is evidenced by "hearts...far from" God; purity before God flows from a heart turned to God. We can't afford only to pay lip service to God. When our hearts are turned to God, we have life. This is what is at stake.

Be doers of  
the word,  
and not  
hearers  
only



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**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Moses directs the people to observe the commandments of the Lord (Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8).

**Psalms** — The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord (Psalm 15).

**Second Reading** — Welcome the word that you have received and become doers of the word, not hearers only (James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27).

**Gospel** — You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition (Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23).

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18; Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: Col 1:1-8; Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: Col 1:9-14; Lk 5:1-11

Friday: Col 1:15-20; Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: Col 1:21-23; Lk 6:1-5

Sunday: Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37



**Family Perspective:** In today's gospel Jesus reminds us it is not WHAT we do but WHY we do it which gives religious significance to our actions. Family life is full of rituals and routines. When they are done "in the Lord" with love, they are holy.