



# Ministries of St. Peter's

## St. Peter's Catholic Church





### **MISSION POSSIBLE PRAYER**

God calls each one of us in a unique way.

We are called to be one in God by allowing ourselves to be nourished by His Son and enlivened by the Spirit.

We participate in the Mission of Jesus Christ by enthusiastically sharing His Good News, praying together, serving others, and proclaiming His healing love to all people.

We acknowledge this call in our lives as members of the St. Peter's Parish family.

Gracious and loving God, in your faithfulness You gave us Your Son to be our Savior and sent the Holy Spirit to continue the mission of Christ among us.

You have called each of us by name. Open our hearts to Your Son. Give us the courage to speak His name to those who are close to us and the desire to share His love with all people.

We pray that all people in our communities and throughout the world, together with all of us at St. Peter's, be invited to know and love Jesus as Savior and Redeemer.

May all of us come to know Christ and his unconditional love. May that love transform every element of our lives and our society.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord...Amen.

Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us.

St. Joseph, pray for us.

St. Peter, pray for us.



### **Parish Staff**

Pastor: Fr. Tony Borgia

Associate Pastor: Fr. Chris Bazar

Pastoral Associate: Ms. Sandy Lauer

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Director of Music & Liturgy: Mr. Bill Johnson

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Finance Director: Ms. Pat Lapczenski

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## **PARISH ORGANIZATIONS**

### **EDUCATIONAL**

#### **ACADEMIC BOOSTERS**

Our purpose is to recognize and promote the academic endeavors of our high school students, staff, and administration.

#### **ALUMNI**

The Development Office assists alumni by providing addresses of classmates for reunions, labels for reunion mailings and e-mail addresses.

#### **ATHLETIC (SPARTAN) BOOSTERS**

This group of active parents (and others) supports all of the athletic programs and is busy with fund-raising to assist the athletic directors and coaches in providing a quality sports program. Right now their big project is the raising of funds for a new bus to transport student athletes.

#### **CAFETERIA HELPER**

This is once a week or every other week on a specific day you choose. You will choose to work in the serving line or on the floor assisting students and cleaning tables.

#### **DEVELOPMENT**

Our goal in Development is to build a sense of spiritual bonding, community, friendship, and commitment. A result of achieving our goal will be financial support. Primary areas of fundraising include the Annual Scholarship Drive, the Capital Campaign and the Monsignor Edward C. Dunn Foundation for



Education. Specific efforts which require volunteer assistance include the annual Phon-a-thon, the Silent Auction, and Teacher Appreciation Night, sponsored by the Msgr. Dunn Foundation.

## **DEVELOPMENT BOARD**

Committed men and women serve on this committee and work directly with St. Peter's Development office with the ongoing task of raising funds and developing giving opportunities for those supportive of St. Peter's Schools.

## **FAMILY PUBLICATION**

Helping in the publishing of a newsletter to the parish/school family. Need writers or story submissions. About four editions are printed yearly.

## **FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS**

Host homes are needed for international exchange students who are interested in attending St. Peter's High School. If you are interested or want to know more about it, please call the High School.

## **KROGER/LANDS END CERTIFICATES**

Kroger and Lands End Gift Certificates can be purchased every Thursday 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. in the small conference room in the Parish Center. The certificates are sold in \$5.00 denominations. A percentage of the total sales can be applied towards tuition, Msgr. Dunn Foundation, or Scholarship Fund. Summer Hours are 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. on Thursdays.



## **MARKETING/PUBLIC RELATIONS**

Need persons interested in serving on publicity/promotion committee for schools. People with skills in communication, newspaper or radio/TV backgrounds would be welcomed.

### **Monsignor Edward C. Dunn Foundation for Education**

The Msgr. Dunn Foundation's mission is to establish a substantial endowment fund through the promotion of planned giving to insure the continuity of quality education at St. Peter's Schools. The Board of Trustees oversees the development and investment of its assets.

## **MONTESSORI ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MAC)**

The MAC is comprised of parents of currently enrolled Montessori students and serves to assist the teachers in various school related activities throughout the year. This includes in-class parties, field trips, policy issues, fund raising efforts, and house related projects. A five-member board coordinates the MAC. The MAC meets on the first Thursday of the month (unless otherwise specified) from 3:15-4:15 p.m. in the Montessori house. All parents are encouraged to attend.

## **PARENTS CLUB - SCHOOL VOLUNTEER**

Parents who do many fund raisers for the school with things like the Christmas Classic, Poticas, gift wrap sale. The Club helps with other events such as used uniform sale and fine arts fair. This group meets about five times a year. Check out the St. Peter website and the Parents Club link for other events and details. All parents are welcome.



## **PLAYGROUND HELPER**

Contact the Elementary School at 419-525-3351 if you're available for lunch between the hour of 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm to supervise students during recess.

## **SCHOOL (EDUCATION) COMMISSION**

Members of this group are elected by the parish and serve three-year terms, advising the pastor and the principals regarding St. Peter's school issues.

## **SPARTAN FIELD CONCESSIONS**

Season consists of 8 weeks in Spring and 8 weeks in Fall; easy work; easy menu; prices posted. It's a fun way to get to know a lot of St. Peter's Families.

## **SPIRITUAL FORMATION PROGRAMS**

### **CENTERING PRAYER**

Centering Prayer is a method designed to facilitate the development of Contemplative Prayer by preparing our faculties to receive this gift. It is an attempt to present the teaching of earlier times in an updated form. Centering Prayer is not meant to replace other kinds of prayer; rather it casts a new light and depth of meaning on them. It is at the same time a relationship with God and a discipline to foster that relationship. This method of prayer is a movement beyond conversation with Christ to communion with Him. It tends to build communities of faith and bonds the members together in mutual friendship and love. This group meets every Tuesday from 5:30-7:00 p.m. at the Parish Center and welcomes all who feel called to Silence.



## **PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR)**

This is a religious education program for children in our parish who attend public schools. Classes, grades 1-6, meet every Wednesday evening from 6:15 - 7:30 and Junior High youth meet from 6:15 - 7:30 on the first and third Wednesdays from September through April. The High School program is currently being revised. Adults as teachers and aides are always welcome to join in this ministry of mentoring our faith with the youth from grades 1-8.

## **RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (R.C.I.A)**

The R.C.I.A. is the process by which adults and children who are in third grade or older become full members of the Catholic church. Each adult has a sponsor who walks with them on their journey during the year. A sponsor is a practicing Catholic looking to renew their own faith while supporting someone interested in learning about the Catholic religion. Please call if you are interested in learning more about the R.C.I.A. process and/or becoming an RCIA sponsor.

## **TRI-PARISH MISSION**

The Tri-Parish community sponsor a mission every other year sometime between October - early December. The Mission offers an opportunity for spiritual formation during the four evening presentations by invited spiritual presenters. The presenters come from across the country and bring Christ to all who are open. Each Mission has a different theme. The Mission begins on Sunday and ends on Wednesday evening. An opportunity for a social gathering is offered each evening following the Mission.



## **TRI-PARISH RETREAT**

The Tri-Parish community sponsored its first retreat Spring 2006. The Tri-Parish retreat is a Spiritual Experience in Christian Community designed to take participants through a reflection of self, the Church, sacramental life, and OUR community in the Body of Christ. The experience offers private and communal prayer, solitude, and meditation. It helps participants focus on Christ as the center of your Christian life. The retreat also helps us renew an understanding of the meaning of the church, sacraments, and Christian personal growth through talks and personal witness of team members. It is truly a spiritual uplifting weekend. The retreats begin on Friday night and retreatants return to conclude on Saturday. The retreat concludes with Mass and a social gathering.

## **SACRAMENTAL TEAM**

Meets monthly to study church teachings and diocesan guidelines regarding the sacraments and how to implement this in our parish. Plans all sacramental retreats and meetings.

## **SMALL FAITH SHARING GROUPS**

Parishioners meeting together in groups of ten to fourteen people to share their faith through scripture and prayer. These groups meet any where from once a week to once a month, with new groups forming for six weeks in the fall and spring.

## **FAMILY LIFE**

## **BLACK CATHOLIC MINISTRY**

Assists parishes in the area of African-American catechesis; Black Catholic history celebrations; National Black Catholic Congress; retreats; support groups; workshops on racism,



prejudice; and diocesan Martin Luther King Liturgy/Drum Major Awards.

## **ENGAGED COUPLES CONFERENCE**

Married couples interested in participating in the Engaged Couples Conference. Couples can act as host, cook, or presenter of talks on communication, sexuality, finance, parenting, spirituality. Couples would be involved a few times a year on the first Sunday of the month.

## **MOTHERS WITH YOUNG CHILDREN**

MYC is an organization of mothers sharing faith, prayer, friendship and fellowship. We meet the second Thursday of every month for a business meeting and program. We also meet during the month for children's activities and social gatherings.

## **NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING**

Seek information for planning a family or become part of the facilitators who present this to engaged couples.

## **POST-ABORTION HEALING—PROJECT RACHEL**

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, call the national hotline or the local help line. Also you may contact one of the priests.

## **RESPECT LIFE**

For those who believe in Jesus Christ that they may proclaim the gospel of life with honesty and love to the people of our



time. Our mission is to embrace all of life's cycle...from conception to natural death. Watch the bulletin for activities or call the above.

## **COMMUNITY CONCERNS**

### **CATHOLIC CHARITIES**

Catholic Charities provides emergency services for those in need, a food bank, and adult guardianship programs. The organization also coordinates issues of social justice such as pro-life lobbying, the rural life center, and various Catholic programs for activism. Catholic Charities helps put faith in action. St. Peter parishioners can participate as volunteers for the local office or through the local advisory board.

### **COMMUNITY CONCERNS COMMITTEE**

This is an umbrella committee which oversees the activities of the St. Vincent de Paul, Feed the Needy, and the Thanksgiving Day Dinner. They meet every two months on the last Monday of the month.

### **FEED THE NEEDY**

Many volunteers are needed to continue the work of providing a hot and nourishing lunch to the needy of the community on the first full week of each month, Monday through Friday, serving from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. in the church basement. Volunteers are needed for set-up, food preparation, serving, and clean up.

### **FOOD DELIVERY**

Volunteers are needed on an occasional basis to take non-



perishable food collected at Church and in the Parish Center to Catholic Charities.

## **THANKSGIVING DINNER**

This dinner is served in the High School Cafeteria from 11:30 to 2:00. Volunteers are needed to cook turkeys that are provided by the parish, bake desserts, serve and/or clean in the cafeteria, and deliver meals to shut-ins. About 900 meals are served.

## **HAITI ADOPTED PARISH**

Steering Committee oversees fundraising and support of parish in Haiti.

## **PRISON MINISTRY**

Working with priests and deacons of the parish, teams of parishioners assist in prison liturgies, retreats, Bible study, and other ministry to men in the local prisons. Contact Deacon Terry Philpott.

## **CANDLELIGHT PRAYER VIGIL**

Candlelight prayer vigils are held the evening before each state execution. The focus of this ministry is to pray for an end to violence, including the use of the death penalty. Watch the bulletin or call for further information.

## **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

Parishioners meet monthly to pray and prayerfully support families and individuals in need. In a Christ-like spirit of sharing, these men and women “walk with” families in need, helping them become more independent. Open to new members.



## **PASTORAL CARE**

### **BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY**

This ministry encompasses the following areas of bereavement: assisting families in planning the funeral for their loved one, assisting at the funerals, walking one-on-one with someone who has suffered a loss, assisting with support groups, sending cards, making phone calls, planning special liturgical celebrations during the year, death education for the parish, etc. Depending on the ministry a certain amount of training and life experience is required.

### **FUNERAL LUNCHESES**

Assist in preparing food for funeral lunches and/or set-up, serving and clean-up for our funeral luncheons. This also includes those who would like to make a monetary donation for luncheon supplies and purchase of food.

### **HOSPITAL FOLLOW UP**

Visit and take Eucharist after patient returns home from hospital until they can get back to church.

### **HOSPITAL VISITORS**

Visit and take Eucharist to patients in the hospital.

### **NURSING HOME VISITOR**

Visit and take Eucharist to residents in nursing homes.

### **PRAYER PIPE-LINE CALLER/PARTICIPANT**

Call and pass on prayer intentions to parishioners who are shut in.



## **PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

Prayer Shawls are knitted or crocheted with love and prayers for the person who will eventually be presented with the prayer shawl. Prayer shawls are given to those who are ill and bereaved in our parish and community

## **SHUT-IN VISITORS**

Visit and take Eucharist to parishioners unable to get to Mass.

## **WORSHIP**

### **BELL CHOIR (The Bells of St. Peter's)**

This is our parish handbell choir that rehearses on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 in the choirloft. We are continually learning and perfecting the various techniques of handbell playing, and also play at least once per month at a weekend Mass. We can almost always use additional players who have some note reading ability This group keeps busy playing for the parish and the community!

### **CANTOR MINISTRY**

The cantors serve as leaders of the responsorial psalm, the gospel acclamation and any other music that requires a leading voice. A cantor must possess a clear and accurate voice and a positive appearance. A cantor is much like a lector only the cantor ministers the sung word of God. One may become a cantor after an interview and audition with the parish Music Director.



## **CONTEMPORARY ENSEMBLE**

This ensemble accompanies and leads the music for the Sunday 9:30 Mass. We have limited space to expand in the church sanctuary but can make room for the vocalist or instrumentalist with the right talents! This group plays through the entire year with a few weeks of vacation each summer. We have been known to sing for wedding liturgies and always appear at the Parish Picnic Mass.

## **FUNERAL CHOIR**

This choir sings for our frequent funeral liturgies. Their singing offers musical leadership and support to those who are mourning the loss of a family member or friend. The choir functions on a rather informal level and rehearses on an "as needed" basis. They maintain a calling list and gather in the choirloft to sing. This ministry serves also as an outlet for maintaining friendship contacts and fellowship.

## **INSTRUMENTAL MUSICIANS**

Anyone who plays a musical instrument competently is invited to share their talents with the parish community. The parish Music Director will be very interested to meet and talk with you about your talent and where it can be best utilized.

## **ST. PETER'S SCHOLA CANTORUM**

A small group of 8 to 12 singers which specializes in the most traditional forms of music in the Church - Chant, Medieval Music, and Renaissance Polyphony - in addition to newer expressions of the Church's most time-honored hymn and psalm texts. The Schola provides music once a



month at the Saturday 5:30 Mass and rehearses on Sundays.

## **TRADITIONAL CHOIR**

This choir rehearses weekly on Thursday evenings at 7:00 in the choirloft and sings on Sundays at the 11:30 Mass. They specialize in 4-part music, classical through contemporary, and welcome singers ages high school through adult. The choir sings for all the major festivals of the church year and presents an annual service of *Advent Lessons and Carols* and an annual Spring Concert.

*(Talk to the parish Music Director about your place in the music ministry.)*

## **AFTER-MASS COFFEE SOCIALS**

Held in the Franciscan Center Atrium once a month after Mass. Everyone is invited to gather for fellowship and coffee, juice, and donuts. Sponsored by Knights of Columbus, Council 687.

## **ALTAR PLANT/FLOWER HELPERS**

Person(s) with a greenhouse or green thumb, willing to nurture plants over winter and/or rotate them. Also people willing to water (on a schedule) poinsettias-Easter lilies-orange flowers.

## **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER**

Assists in the distribution of bread and wine, serving the community with prayerful reverence and dignity.

## **GREETER MINISTRY**

Individuals, families and parish activity groups are all encouraged to get involved in the Greeter Ministry at St. Peter's. These ministers of hospitality assist the St. Peter's Ushers with welcoming and greeting newcomers and visitors to St. Peter's liturgies on



Sundays and Holy days. Greeters answer questions and help visitors and newcomers to feel welcome in the St. Peter's Parish Family.

## **IRON CHURCH LINENS**

Volunteer to wash and iron linens used in the church.

## **KIDS' WORD**

Provide Liturgy of the Word for children in grades K-4 during 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Masses from September to May. Volunteers may lead or assist. Material and guidance provided.

## **LECTOR**

Reading the scripture and petitions at Eucharist.

## **LITURGICAL ENVIRONMENT ENHANCEMENT**

Includes everything from banner making to flower arranging. Artistically talented parishioners are invited to share their talents by making their services available to the Parish Liturgy planning team for the execution of liturgical art work as need for the various seasons and celebrations.

## **LITURGICAL PLANNING**

Is an on going function of the Parish staff, but parishioners are invited to participate in this process as much as possible, especially by becoming involved in seasonal planning meetings.



## **LITURGY COMMITTEE**

Responsible for liturgical environment enhancement and liturgical planning.

## **MASS COORDINATOR**

Assist in sacristy with preparation for Mass, usually on a regular schedule.

## **PRAYER GROUPS**

There are several prayer groups which meet daytime or night. Each prayer group has its own spirit and approach to prayer (charismatic, Medjugorje or rosary group).

Charismatic Renewal Prayer Group—call Deacon Terry Philpott

Monday and Friday Rosary in church at 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday Afternoon Rosary in church at 1:15 p.m.

Last Wednesday of the Month Morning Rosary

Holy Hour every first Friday of the month from 6:15-7:15 p.m. in the St. Francis Chapel.

## **SEAMSTRESS**

Sewing, making new altar linens, banners or repairing old material.



## **SERVERS (ALTAR)**

The ministry of server is open to children in grades 5-12. Each student must participate in a training session held annually.

## **SUNDAY NURSERY HELPER**

Need adults or older teenagers to babysit for young children during the 9:30 A.M. and 11:30 A.M. Eucharist. This is a year round project except for certain major holidays.

## **USHER**

Help welcoming, seating, and taking collection at parish weekend and special Eucharist

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## **YOUTH/YOUNG ADULT**

### **BOY SCOUTS**

St. Peter's Troop 121 has a long history of large numbers of eleven to eighteen year old boys pursuing scouting skills, strong adult leadership, and boys achieving the Eagle Scout Award. The Scouting experience is full of outdoor adventures, survival skills, service projects, leadership skills and experience and responsibilities that help a young boy mature and become a strong, confident adult, all the while making every experience a fun one. High adventure awaits you.

### **CUB SCOUTS/WEBELOS**

Join the scouts. For boys first grade to sixth grade interested in outdoor activities, skill building, fun, awards, and lots of friendship. Parents and boys will be invited to a fall



open house meeting. Come check us out.

## **GIRL SCOUTS/BROWNIES**

Girl Scouts of the United States of America (GSUSA) provides an opportunity for girls ages 5-17 to develop a high dose of leadership, friendship, and skill building. Girl Scouts help girls to achieve their full potential through quality fun-filled activities.

## **TEENS ENCOUNTER CHRIST**

TEC is a Diocesan program for Juniors, Seniors and one year post high school. It is a spiritual retreat held over a weekend and designed especially for youth. The program is held separately for boys and girls at the retreat center in Carey, Ohio.

## **YOUNG ADULT GROUP**

“Theology on Tap” is a group of Young Adults (post-high school, married or single) who gather once a month at a local restaurant in a relaxed environment to listen to a speaker on faith & age appropriate issues followed by discussion. Also the Diocesan office plans gatherings and trips for this age group. For more information - keep your eye on the Sunday bulletin.

## **YOUTH GROUP**

Our Youth Group is open to every high school age student of our parish. Being a member of Youth Group is about sharing your faith with others and having fun at the same time. For more information check out the “YOUTH CORNER” in the Sunday bulletin.



## **OTHER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

### **BINGO VOLUNTEER**

Friday night bingo begins at 7:00 p.m. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. Sunday night bingo begins at 6:00 p.m. Doors open at 4:00 p.m. The Knights of Columbus volunteer on Sunday evenings. Bingo volunteers are always needed. Volunteers can work on floor, kitchen, or baking deserts to sell. Bingo is the major fund raiser for St. Peter's Schools.

### **EASTER BAKE SALE**

Volunteers needed for baking, preparation of food, selling of goods, and clean-up. Work begins a few weeks before the sale which is held annually during the Monday-Thursday of Holy Week.

### **FESTIVAL COMMITTEE**

The committee is in charge of organizing and running the festival. Committee begins its meetings in January and works through the festival time in July.

### **FESTIVAL VOLUNTEER**

Many skills and people are needed for setting up, cleaning up, and taking care of game and food booths. Festival is scheduled for the middle of July.

### **FOOD PREPARATION COORDINATOR**

Oversee organizing people and serving food for small receptions at different parish activities (Eucharistic Days, Parish Mission, celebrations awards, etc.).



## **GARAGE SALE**

The Spring Garage Sale brings together hundreds (thousands) of treasures from people's homes — furniture to fitness machines, collectibles to appliances, from the unusual to the rare — for a three-day sale. Workers receive items, sort, and price them as well as help run the sale. Many workers needed; always lots of fun.

## **GARDEN CLUB**

Volunteer to weed and plant flowers around the parish buildings from Spring to Fall.

## **HERITAGE ROOM**

If local history is of interest to you, this is the place to volunteer to help collect and preserve parish history.

## **INTER-CHURCH REPRESENTATIVE**

Parishioner would represent parish at the Mansfield Inter-Church meeting and work on committee. Meetings once a month, September through June.

## **MAILING VOLUNTEER**

Volunteers will stuff envelopes and put labels on them. Great group of people who have fun while working.

## **PARISH PICNIC**

Annually we have a parish picnic after an open air Mass. We need volunteers to help with the setup and preparation of the picnic area and food.



## **SHROVE TUESDAY**

Pancake and sausage supper on Tuesday before Ash Wednesday. This is done by Knights of Columbus 687.

## **TYPISTS/OFFICE WORK**

Person with typing and computer skills who could type for parish or school needs. Filing, copying, etc.

## **CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS**

### **CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB**

Catholic Women's Club is an organization to welcome and assist Catholic women of the Mansfield area in a social atmosphere. We meet monthly during the school year (September through May) on the second Wednesday. There is a program with a luncheon following, and it is held at various places throughout the community. (Formerly known as Catholic Newcomers.)

### **DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA**

The Daughters of Isabella is an International Organization of practicing Catholic women 16 years of age and older. Our purpose is to promote Unity, Friendship, and Charity. We donate to both Civic and Religious charities. The local circle meets on the second Tuesday of each month, March through December in the Parish Center. We hold one Mass per year for the living and deceased of the membership.



## **KA-CETS**

These are any female relative along with the wives of the men who belong to the K of C and help them out at various functions they have. They meet monthly for lunch and socializing or card playing, and monthly evening meetings.

## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

The K of C is a fraternal organization of Catholic men, 18 years of age and over. They have monthly business meetings on the first Wednesday of every month. They sponsor numerous social events and raise funds for charitable works such as youth programs, assistance to the handicapped, religious education materials, and promoting causes of Respect for Life.

## **LONE STAR SINGLES**

Catholic oriented singles of all ages who meet for fun, fellowship, and spiritual growth. Approximately three functions per month; watch the bulletin for details.

## **SERRA CLUB OF MANSFIELD**

International group of Catholic men and women who promote vocations to the sisterhood, brotherhood, deacons, and priesthood. Meetings are the second and fourth Monday of the month after the 5:30 p.m. Mass.



## **PARISH ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES**

### **PASTORAL COUNCIL**

A group of twelve parishioners meets regularly with the pastor to pray and to study on-going areas of need of the parish and how to better help the parish respond to its mission. Prospective members may be nominated or self-nominated. Then, at an orientation/information meeting, a discernment process helps select new members.

### **PROPERTY/GROUNDS COMMITTEE**

This group has the task of the on-going over-sight of the physical shape of all the buildings on the parish campus.

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Working with the Finance Director, this group helps advise the pastor on financial decisions. There is an on-going review of all parish finances. In addition, the group makes recommendations on necessary purchases and expenditures.

### **CEMETERY BOARD**

This committee helps advise on decisions for the care of the present cemetery and the development of the new cemetery (Prince of Peace Cemetery).



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## **He Said, She Said in the Volunteer world**

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"How can I be of help?" she asked,  
"I have a good idea," he said,  
"Here, hold my hand," she suggested,  
"We'll do it together," they offered.

"We'll be right here until it's done."  
"Let's do it this way, its more fun!"  
"It's what we're here for it's no fuss."  
"Call us back if you should need us."

"She needs our help, God bless her heart."  
"Oh, I'm just glad to do my part."  
"Walk with me, I'll show the way."  
"Goodness no, I don't want pay."

"You can do it, I'll show you how."  
"You need it when? I'll do it now."  
"If you need anything I'm right here."  
"Who am I? A volunteer."



**V** is for the Very special people that you are

**O** is for the Overwhelming support & compassion you offer others during their time of need

**L** is for the Little things you do that make such a difference in some one's life

**U** is for the Unspoken words that sometimes mean just as much

**N** is for the Need you fill when others aren't able

**T** is for the Time you give of yourselves on top of your own busy schedules

**E** is for the Emotional support you continually give

**E** is also for the Endless energy you all seem to possess

**R** is for the Responsibility you have taken on & never once complained

**S** is for the Smiles you bring to patients & families by just being you

## **Personal Notes**



The Apostle Peter, also known as Saint Peter (from the Greek Petros, meaning "rock" was one of the [Twelve Apostles](#) whom [Jesus](#) chose as his original [disciples](#). His life is prominently featured in the [New Testament Gospels](#) and the [Acts of the Apostles](#). Peter was a [Galilean fisherman](#) assigned a leadership role by Jesus ([Matthew 16:18](#); [John 21:15–16](#)). Many within the [early Church](#), such as St. [Irenaeus](#)[1], assert his primacy among the apostles.



The [Roman Catholic Church](#), [Eastern Orthodox](#), [Oriental Orthodox](#) and [Anglican Communion](#), consider Simon Peter a [saint](#) and associate him with the foundation of the [Church](#) in Rome.

The [Roman Martyrology](#) assigns [29 June](#) as the [feast day](#) of both Peter and [Paul](#), without thereby declaring that to be the day of their deaths. St. [Augustine of Hippo](#) says in his Sermon 295: "One day is assigned for the celebration of the martyrdom of the two apostles. But those two were one. Although their martyrdom occurred on different days, they were one." The [Annuario Pontificio](#) gives the year of Peter's death as A.D. [64](#) or A.D. [67](#). Some scholars believe that he died on [October 13](#) A.D. [64](#). It is traditionally believed that the [Roman](#) authorities sentenced him to death by [crucifixion](#). According to a tradition recorded or perhaps initiated in the [apocryphal Acts of Peter](#), he was crucified head down. Tradition also locates his burial place where the [Basilica of Saint Peter](#) was later built, directly beneath the Basilica's high altar. In art, he is often depicted holding the keys to the [kingdom of heaven](#) (interpreted by Roman Catholics as the sign of his primacy over the Church), a reference to [Matthew 16:19](#)

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