

**His Heart, Our Home**  
*June 14, 2020 The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ*

MASS INTENTIONS that were to have taken place while the Church was closed (March 17 to May 29) will be re-scheduled to the next available Mass. Due to the large volume of dates to re-schedule we are not able to accommodate requests for specific dates at this time.

***MASS INTENTIONS JUNE 15-21, 2020***

**MONDAY**

**WEEKDAY**

8:30 a.m.

George Brooks

**TUESDAY**

**WEEKDAY**

8:30 a.m.

Steve Massey

**WEDNESDAY**

**WEEKDAY**

8:30 a.m.

Carole Weisgerber

**THURSDAY**

**WEEKDAY**

8:30 a.m.

Irene Goedde

**FRIDAY**

**THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS**

8:30 a.m.

Pauline Connelly

**SUNDAY**

**THE TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

5:30 p.m. – Marian Frentz

8:00 a.m. – Brittany Rossi

9:30 a.m. – Noah & Margery Pitts

11:30 a.m. – St. Peter Parishioners

5:00 p.m. (Spanish)– Juventino Nieves Gomez

***Readings for the Week***

**MONDAY**

1 Kgs 21:1-16; Mt 5:38-42

**TUESDAY**

1 Kgs 21:17-29; Mt 5:43-48

**WEDNESDAY**

2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

**THURSDAY**

Sir 48:1-14; Mt 6:7-15

**FRIDAY**

Dt 7:6-11; 1 Jn 4:7-16; Mt 11:25-30

**SATURDAY**

2 Chr 24:17-25; Lk 2:41-51

**SUNDAY**

Jer 20:10-13; Rom 5:12-15; Mt 10:26-33

Week of June 7<sup>th</sup>

Envelopes - \$ 6,707.00  
Loose checks - \$ 8,290.00  
Loose cash - \$ 191.00

**TOTAL COLLECTION-** \$ 15,188.00

**DISPENSATION FROM BISHOP BRENNAN:** All Catholics in the Diocese of Columbus are dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass at least through September 13, 2020. If you are not feeling well, or have a fever, **DO NOT COME** to Mass. If you have risk factors for developing complications from COVID 19, **DO NOT COME** to Mass.

**THE PASTOR IS DEAD. LONG LIVE THE PASTOR.** Fr. Summers was asked by Bishop Brennan to become the new pastor of St. Agatha in Upper Arlington. Succeeding Fr. Summers here at St. Peter will be Fr. Chris Tuttle, who is currently a parochial vicar in the Portsmouth area. The move date for all priests changing places is Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup>. Fr. Summers intends to leave here after morning Mass on Monday, July 13<sup>th</sup>. Fr. Tuttle will start the next day.

**REGARDING INCENSE AT MASS:**

The *Corpus Christi* procession(s) (June 13/14) and Benediction will take place as usual. Incense **WILL** be used in the procession and at the Benediction. The procession will occur outside, weather permitting.

**JUNE 21<sup>ST</sup> IS FATHER'S DAY.** A blessing will be given them after the homily.

**JUNE 29<sup>TH</sup> IS OUR PARISH'S PATRONAL FEAST DAY.** There will be a Spanish Mass at 5:00 PM and an English Mass at 7:30 PM. There can be no social-gathering festivities this year.

**DURING THIS TIME OF EXTREME CHARITY,** as Bishop Brennan calls it, please remember that that St. Peter Parish was paying bills, maintaining the Church building and the McEwan Center, making the full payroll for our staff, and assisting our sponsored charities and organizations.

**FOR VARIOUS REASONS,** our offertory collections over the first months of our fiscal year, before the COVID-19 Crisis hit, have been considerably lower than last year by about \$50,000. Because of the Stay-at-Home orders due to COVID 19 there were no in- person Mass collections taken up for 10 weeks. The simple truth is that Easter is one of the most giving of seasons, with more sustaining donations than at any time other than Christmas. Thank you to everyone who sent in donations during the shutdown! Continuing in this time of lower income but increased need, we ask you to prayerfully consider maintaining or increasing your offerings and donations to St. Peter Church. You may continue to give through your Pathways envelopes or, even better, may join our Faith Direct online giving program. There is a link on the church website homepage if you would like to sign up for Faith Direct.

**IF SENDING YOUR OFFERING BY MAIL** please do not mail cash. When sending a check, please note in the memo line or include a message noting how you would like the funds allocated.

**DIOCESAN STRATEGIC PLAN IN DEVELOPMENT.** The Diocese of Columbus has been working on a strategic pastoral plan that addresses the shifting demographics and growing trends across the wide spectrum of Catholic life. Currently the focus is on two trends: (1) the severe drop in active priests in our diocese and (2) the significant decrease in Mass attendance among those who self-identify as Catholics. Regarding the latter, we are all aware of how few of our parish's registered members attend Mass weekly. What is happening at St. Peter is exactly what is happening in the Church at-large, both in the United States and abroad. As for active priests: in 2008 the Diocese of Columbus had 100 active priests; in 2019, we are down to 86 active priests, which includes 7 priests already over the retirement age who have needed to keep going. Many of our priests – 28 of them – will reach retirement age in the next five years. Soon, we will have only 65 active priests to serve our 23 counties and 108 parishes.

Given these two trends, parishes are to trim their Sunday Mass schedules. For years, we have tried to offer as many Sunday Masses as humanly possible in order to accommodate the faithful to the extent humanly possible. Yet, despite adding more and more Masses, fewer and fewer are attending them.

**At St. Peter, one Sunday Mass will be discontinued, and in all likelihood, remaining Mass times will change.** Some parishes have already made changes; some pastors have simply changed their schedules without parishioner input. The Strategic Plan leadership recommends though that pastors consult with their parishioners before making changes. During the recent shutdown, I introduced the news to all our faithful who have a presence on our Flocknotes social medium. Now that we are back together for Mass, I am able to put the word out more broadly. There can be no reasonable expectation of consensus among us. The early returns (so-to-speak) from Flocknotes proved widely divergent. Everyone is invested in one's own "favorite" Mass. I ask you, however, to be more spiritually detached, to be less focused on your own interest, and to think objectively about the needed and coming Mass schedule change.

Initially, **please prayerfully consider a new Sunday Mass schedule to be, say, Saturday at 5:00pm; Sunday at 9:00am; Sunday at 11:00am; and Sunday at 7:00pm in Spanish.** That still leaves Fr. Tuttle doing four Sunday Masses, with three of them on Sunday. You may be interested to learn that according to Canon Law, a priest is only permitted to say two Masses a day unless the local ordinary (i.e. the bishop) grants express permission for the priest to say a third Mass if necessary, though it is not to be a regular occurrence. Of course, I did not have the luxury of saying only two Masses on Sundays, and even with St. Peter dropping a Sunday Mass, Fr. Tuttle will not have that luxury either. It takes a toll.

There are answers to many expected questions posted on our parish website at [www.stpetercolumbus.com](http://www.stpetercolumbus.com). The questions and the answers have been provided you by the Diocese of Columbus. The answers and the questions are not mine, but were formulated by Diocesan Strategic Plan leadership.

If you want to comment on the proposed changes for Mass times, please send them to the Parish Office at 6899 Smoky Row Road, 43235. Please be civil.

Thank you!

Fr. Mark S. Summers

Pastor

**ST. PETER ONLINE MASS:** St. Peter Parish will be live-streaming the Sunday 9:30 AM Mass on Facebook. Please go to St. Peter Roman Catholic Church on Facebook to watch the Mass. If you do not have a Facebook account you can still reach the Live-Stream by going to the Church website ([www.stpetercolumbus.com](http://www.stpetercolumbus.com)) and clicking on the Facebook icon near the bottom of the home page.

**CHURCH WEBSITE:** The Church website has been updated! A big thank you to the members of Parish Council and the Office Staff who made it happen. The address is still the same: [www.stpetercolumbus.com](http://www.stpetercolumbus.com). Please note that the Office Staff is still working with the new format and some information may be incorrect or out of place. Bear with us as we learn the new site.

**NEW OFFICE HOURS AND PROTOCOLS:** The Parish Office is open from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. The Parish Office will accept visitors by appointment only from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Please call 614-889-2221 and leave a message if you have office business from 1-4.

If you plan on visiting the Parish Office, please wear a facemask, and prepare to have your temperature taken if you have not done so at home. The outer door will be unlocked from 9-12 and the number of people permitted into the office space will be limited. Please respect the 6' minimum distance between persons.

## PARISH ACTIVITIES

**ALL SOCIAL ACTIVITIES AT THE CHURCH AND MCEWAN CENTER** are suspended until at least September or further notice due to the Coronavirus Pandemic.

**THANK YOU TO ANY AND ALL** who have shared your time and talents with the Lazarus Committee. We are blessed to have so many willing to help at a moments notice with kind and compassionate hearts. It is truly the Lord's work supporting and feeding those that have lost a loved one. May God bless each of you today and always. -  
*Mike and Mary McCulla*

**THE ST. PETER'S PRAYER CHAIN** is here to offer intercessory prayers for you and your loved ones. If you, or someone you know is in need of prayer, please contact Kara Prem at [kara.prem@gmail.com](mailto:kara.prem@gmail.com) to be added to the list. Additionally, if you would be willing to become a member of the St. Peter's Prayer Chain and pray for those who request it, please contact Kara as well.

## DIOCESAN AND UNIVERSAL CHURCH ACTIVITIES

### ATTENTION ALL CATHOLIC YOUNG MEN ENTERING 9TH – 12TH GRADE.

Do you know where your life is going? The Lord Jesus has a great plan for you! You are invited to attend the Quo Vadis Retreat, spending time with other young men discerning God's call. Quo Vadis is led by priests and seminarians of the Diocese of Columbus and is supported by the Diocesan Office of Vocations. Quo Vadis will be held July 26th - July 29th. The cost of the retreat is \$40. For more information or to register go to <https://faceforwardcolumbus.com/quo-vadis/> or contact Michael Haemmerle at [columbusquovadis@gmail.com](mailto:columbusquovadis@gmail.com).

**THE CATHOLIC MEN'S LUNCHEON JUNE MEETING CANCELED.** Due to the restrictions in place because of the coronavirus, there will be no Catholic Men's Luncheon on June 5, 2020. Due to the summer break there will be no CMLC meetings in July or August.

## PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

### PSR OFFICE

**Registration for St. Peter's Parish School of Religion is now open.  
Registration materials and payment options are AVAILABLE ONLINE**

#### To Register:

- **Go to:** [www.stpetercolumbus.com](http://www.stpetercolumbus.com)
- **Click:** Faith Formation, Parish School of Religion, then Registration
- **Download:**
  - Family Registration Form
  - Emergency Medical Form **for each child**
  - Volunteer Form
  - 2020-2021 Parent Student Policy Handbook
- **Complete** the forms and return them to the PSR Office with full tuition payment
- **To pay online:** Click: Faith Direct, One Time Gift (on the Home Page)
- **If you are new to the parish:**
  - A copy of each child's Baptismal Certificate must accompany your Registration Forms!

Please contact Elizabeth at 889-1407 or [erodgers@stpetercolumbus.com](mailto:erodgers@stpetercolumbus.com) if you have any questions.

#### PSR Class Times:

Early Childhood (Pre-K – 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade):	Sunday	9:30 – 10:30am
Elementary (Grades 2-6):	Monday	4:45-6:00pm or 6:15-7:30pm
Jr. High & RCIA Teens	Wednesday	7:15-8:30pm

**Deadline for Early Registration is August 1!**

### PSR VOLUNTEERS ARE THE HEART OF OUR PROGRAM

**PLEASE HELP!** Is Christ calling you to share your gifts, your faith and your time? Please consider volunteering for this very important ministry. Contact Jeannette Stone at 889-1407, ext. 102 if you would like to help.



Remember:

- Teachers are tuition exempt
- Classroom and Office Aides pay only a \$30 book fee per child in PSR

**PSR Volunteers are needed for all grade levels**

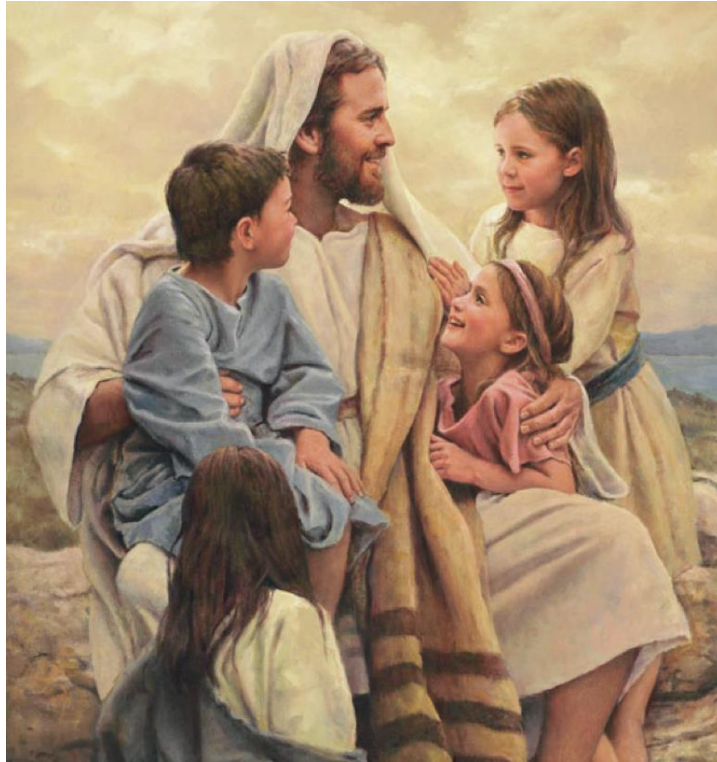
**First Communion will be Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup>.** Please keep all of our First Communicants in your prayers as they continue to prepare to receive Jesus for the very first time.



### INFANT AND TODDLER

**There is no childcare at Mass until further notice.**

**Early Childhood, Elementary,  
Junior High & RCIA Teens PSR  
Teachers & Classroom Aides Needed!**



**TIME COMMITMENT: Once a week, Late Sept. through April**

**EARLY CHILDHOOD: Sundays, 9:30-10:45 am**

**ELEMENTARY: Mondays, 4:45-6:00 pm or 6:15-7:30 pm**

**JUNIOR HIGH/RCIA TEENS: Wednesdays, 7:15-8:30 pm**

**CONTACT: Jeannette Stone, DRE in the PSR Office  
(615) 889-1407, ext. 102 or [jstone@stpetercolumbus.com](mailto:jstone@stpetercolumbus.com)**