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Roman Catholic Church



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BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL: "Living the Joy of the Gospel," the theme of the Bishop's Annual Appeal, inspires us, as people of faith, to share joyfully the Good News of Christ to those who most need to feel His love. Works of kindness and assistance, sometimes in the smallest way, can bring about a profound change in a person's life. Through the Bishop's Annual Appeal, we have an opportunity to bring about a positive change in the lives of many of God's people. Through your generosity, you are supporting the various ministries and programs that are vital in spreading His love. Next week is Commitment Weekend for the Appeal, at which time you can make your gift or pledge. Our parish has been asked to raise \$174,365.50. We can accomplish this if, after prayerful consideration, everyone gives what they can. Any amount raised over our goal will be returned to our parish to be used for our particular needs.

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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.

TO YOU, FROM ME. Thank all of you so very much for your generous outpouring of goodwill, contributing as you did to buying me such a beautiful and expensive going away present. For any who do not know, (as I have now learned) our Early Childhood Coordinator, Ms. Noelle Heinze, in conjunction with the rest of our staff members, organized a campaign to buy me two, new barrister bookcases. And there was money that you contributed left over! So, in addition to the much-needed bookcases, you also provided me with a \$500.00 gift card for Amazon.com and another \$1,300.00 in cash. You have surprised me beyond measure! Truly, I did not expect a present from you: not because I wasn't well-aware of your goodness and kindness, but merely because I just don't ever imagine I deserve presents. Throughout our seven years together, many of you have sent me money and gift cards at Christmas, Easter, and at other special times of the year; I haven't done a good job acknowledging and thanking you for those countless individual gifts. I am painfully aware of my failings in that regard. But I appreciated each and every one of your cards, notes, and "enclosures." Thank you, too, for the supportive letters quite a few have mailed me from time-to-time. You wrote me many of those letters with the intention of bolstering my courage and resolve at moments when you knew I was especially under siege, was troubled in spirit, and was doubtful of my pastoral helpfulness. You cannot possibly know how much those affirmations strengthened me during embattled days and sleepless nights. I have tried to be a good pastor. I have desired only your salvation. I have tried to draw each of you deeper into the mystery of Christ in the Church, to re-connect you with the Truths of the Catholic Faith in Magisterial Teaching and Tradition. The Revelation of God in Holy Scripture, the unfolding of Christ's Sacrifice in the Mass, and all the Sacraments are ever new, ever fresh and we always do well to return time-and-time-again "to the Sources." I wish each of you every grace, every blessing, every good fortune. I cherish this church; I love this parish. You will remain in my mind and heart for the rest of my life.

Love,
Father Mark Stephen Summers

NEW MASS SCHEDULE. Beginning with the Sunday of July 11/12, St. Peter Roman Catholic Church will have a new Sunday Mass schedule. This change is permanent.

On Saturday, July 11th, and on every Saturday thereafter, the Saturday Mass is at 5:00 p.m.

On Sunday, July 12th, and on every Sunday thereafter, the Sunday Masses are at 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and at 5:00 p.m. (in Spanish).

Confessions will be held Saturdays 4:00-4:30 p.m.

Weekday Masses and First Saturday Mass times have not changed.

- **BAPTISM** – Baptisms are regularly scheduled EXCEPT DURING LENT: (1) At the 11:00 a.m. Mass on the first Sunday of each month. (2) At 12:00 p.m. on the third Sunday of each month. There is a Pre-Baptism class (in English) on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Parents must pre-register. There is a Pre-Baptism class (in Spanish) on the last Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. Parents must pre-register. Call 614-889-2221 Ext. 100 to register. There will be no Baptisms during Lent.
- **MARRIAGE** – Engaged couples should make an appointment with one of the priests or deacons at least six months in advance of their anticipated wedding. Participation in Pre-Cana and the Focus program are required. Only the priest or deacon who will be witnessing the marriage can set the date.
- **MINISTRY OF THE SICK** – If you are scheduled to be hospitalized, please call before your admission or contact the priest after Mass to receive the Sacrament. Please notify the Rectory whenever a member of your family or a neighbor is hospitalized so that the priests and deacons can visit. Hospital chaplains provide for the sacramental needs of patients. Please notify the Parish if anyone is confined to home and needs to be visited by the priest.
- **PARISH MEMBERSHIP** – New members, please stop by the Welcome Center Sunday, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. or the Parish Office between 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Monday-Thursday. Spanish-speaking members attending the 5:00 p.m. Mass, stop by the Welcome Center after Mass.
- **RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)** – Classes held here from Fall into Spring on Thursday evenings for those fluent in English. For English classes, please contact the Parish Secretary at jbiesecker@stpetercolumbus.com. There are currently no RCIA classes available in Spanish at St. Peter.

ST. PETER ONLINE MASS: St. Peter Parish will be live-streaming the Sunday 9:00 a.m. 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) and clicking on the Facebook icon near the bottom of the home page.

NEW OFFICE HOURS AND PROTOCOLS: The Parish Office is open from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The Parish Office will accept visitors by appointment only from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Please call 614-889-2221 Ext. 200 and leave a message if you have office business from 1:00-4:00 p.m.

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 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and the number of people permitted into the office space will be limited. Please respect the 6' minimum distance between persons.

A BIG THANK-YOU TO THE CATHOLIC FOUNDATION! As some of you may know, the McEwan Center sanitary lines needed some major maintenance and repair work this Spring. We applied for a grant to help defray the costs of this necessary repair and the Columbus Catholic Foundation came through with a \$10,000.00 grant. This grant helped enable us to complete the repairs to the sanitary lines. Also, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we applied for a Faith Formation Grant through the Columbus Catholic Foundation to purchase computers so that we may offer a digital remote classroom option for our PSR program. The Columbus Catholic Foundation granted St. Peter PSR \$3000.00 to help make this option a reality. Thank you to The Catholic Foundation and all of the generous donors who make grants like this available.

Parish Activities

ALL SOCIAL ACTIVITIES AT THE CHURCH AND MCEWAN CENTER are suspended until at least September 13 or further notice due to the Coronavirus Pandemic.

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 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.

Parish School of Religion

PSR OFFICE

COVID-19 UPDATE: We are working hard in the PSR offices developing our COVID educational plan for all grade levels. Our goal is to offer classroom instruction the maximum amount of time permitted while keeping both students and volunteers as safe as possible. We will follow the guidelines set forth by the State of Ohio and the Diocese of Columbus. We do not have all of the details yet, but hope to publish this plan soon. Please register early to ensure a place for your children.



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 \$30.00 book fee per child in PSR

We are in need of many additional volunteer teachers and aids this year due to smaller class sizes to maintain safe distancing, so please prayerfully consider volunteering.

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
- **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 if you have any questions.

PSR CLASS TIMES:

Early Childhood (Pre-K – 1st Grade):	Sunday	9:00-10:15 a.m. (During 9:00 a.m. Mass)
Elementary (Grades 2-6):	Monday	4:45-6:00 p.m. or 6:15-7:30 p.m.
Jr. High & RCIA Teens	Wednesday	7:15-8:30 p.m.

Deadline for Early Registration is August 1!

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