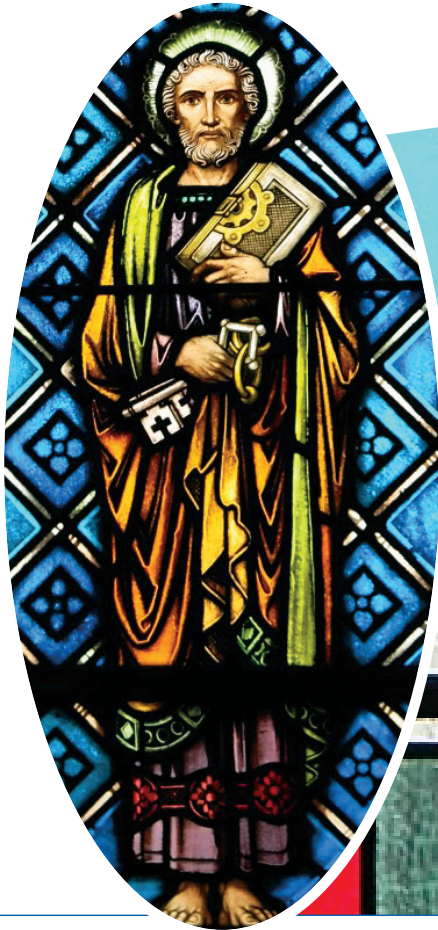


Welcome to the Catholic Community of
SAINT PETER IN CHAINS & SAINT MONICA



**MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS
For January 22nd-January 28th**

Monday – No Mass

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Tuesday – No Mass

*Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin;
Saint Vincent, Deacon & Martyr*

Wednesday – No Mass

Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Thursday – No Mass

The Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle

Friday – No Mass

Saint Timothy & Saint Titus, Bishops

Saturday a.m., – No Mass

*Weekday – Saint Angela Merici, Virgin & Religious Founder;
Blessed Virgin Mary*

Saturday – 4:00 p.m., St. Monica

Vigil Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

William E. Rush & William T. Rush/ Mary Louise Rush

Sunday – 8:30 a.m., St. Peter

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pauline Pekar/Pat Pekar

Sunday – 11:30 a.m., St. Monica

*Pro populo: for the people of St. Monica, St. Peter, Holy
Trinity, St. Mary, and Holy Redeemer.*

Pastor – Fr. Joseph Yokum

Parochial Vicar-Administrator – Fr. Stephen Smith

Parochial Vicar - Fr. Nicola Ventura

Deacons – Jim Sturgeon, Terry Acox, & Chris Varacalli

Family Life Coordinator – Theresa Metzler

Coordinator of Youth Ministry – Carol Boll

Office Staff

Cecilia Morris – Bookkeeper

Julie Pastor – Secretary

St. Peter & St. Monica Office Hours

Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday & Wednesday - St. Peter, 12:30 p.m.

Thursday - St. Monica, 12:30 p.m.

Friday - St. Monica, 5:00-5:50 p.m.

Saturday - 3:00 p.m. prior to 4:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday - St. Peter, 7:45 a.m. &

St. Monica, following 11:30 a.m. Mass

Sacrament of Marriage

Please contact the Pastor one year prior to event.

Sacrament of Baptism

Please contact the Pastor six months prior to event.

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SPOTLIGHT ON VOCATIONS: At the heart of the church is vocation. The earliest idea of what is today called "church" starts with the Greek word *ekklesia*, which is only found twice in the gospels, both times in Matthew, and means those who have been "called out." Jesus "calls out" all who follow him to share in his ministry in different ways.

Before Jesus even preached, healed someone, or performed a miracle, he called people to follow him. At the beginning of Jesus' ministry, after his baptism and temptation in the wilderness, the first thing he did was to call two sets of brothers. He asks Simon and Andrew and then James and John to follow him (Mark 1:16-20). And that is the church in its simplest terms: the followers of Jesus Christ.

– *Vision Vocation Guide 2015*

OUR LADY OF LOURDES STATUE: The sign-up sheet to host the Our Lady of Lourdes Statue for 2018 is in the back of St. Peter. It will be in the home of Jesse Skaggs through January 28.

PRAYER LIST: Madison Evans, Mary Massie, George Lawson, Gabe McCarty, Helen Rawlins, Michael Lawson, Janis Bouts, Michelle Ashley, Larry Hacker, Ron and Mary Nelson, Roger Otworth, Steve Workman, Lew Labin, Jill Clark-Wills, Gwili Fisher, Mary Kisor, Keith Shonkwiler, Debbie Estep, Charles McLaughlin, Charlie Whitaker, Jr., The Carver Family, Charles and Mary Blevins, Peg Orlett, Phillip Otworth, Bessie Otworth, Jean Pendland, Diane Matheny, Robin Parrish, Margaret Mohr, Jocelynn Mayhew, Tim Lang, Thomas Lynch.

FOR THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO SERVE: We are looking for new Altar Servers for St. Peter/St. Monica Parishes. If you've received your First Holy Communion and would like to be trained as an Altar Server, please contact the Parish Office at 740-574-5486. Our next training session will be Saturday, February 10th after the 4:00 p.m. Mass at St. Peter.

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PRIESTLY VISITS TO THE HOMEBOUND OR HOSPITALIZED: Are you home bound or in the hospital? Would you like to be anointed or receive communion? Please let us know by calling the parish office! Father Smith is available, but he needs to know! 740-574-5486.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: February 16-18, 2018 in central Ohio. Marriage Encounter is where married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores, and phones and focus only on each other. For more information or to apply, contact Paul and Marilou Clouse at 614-834-6880 or visit our website at www.wwmecolumbus.org.

CURIOUS ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH?: Come to RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Tuesdays from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the Holy Redeemer Activity Center in Portsmouth!

ANNUAL NOTRE DAME "BID YOUR HEART OUT" AUCTION: The ND BYHO Auction needs donations! Contact the Development Office at 353-2354 for ideas. Save the Date – February 17th, 2018. Tickets will be available in early January. Purchase tickets online at www.notredameschools.com or at NDHS.

PASTOR'S EMERGENCY LINE AT HOLY REDEEMER: 740-981-9555

CATHOLIC NIGHT WITH THE COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS: will be Feb. 10, 2018, vs. the New Jersey Devils. Tickets are \$38.00 in the Upper Bowl and \$65.00 in the Lower Bowl. For every ticket purchased, \$10.00-\$20.00 will be donated back to the Diocese of Columbus and you will receive a FREE CBJ Catholic Night T-shirt while supplies last! To order your tickets, please visit www.BlueJackets.com/catholic; for more information, contact Jacob Welter at (614) 246-7625 or jwelter@BlueJackets.com.

CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE: "Cast Your Nets; Become Fishers of Men!" Will be held February 24, 2018, at Cardinal Hall in the Ohio Expo Center. 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Find out more at CatholicMensMinistry.com.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE: "Ask Jesus what He wants from you and be brave." – Pope Francis. It will be held February 17th, 2018 at Cardinal Hall in the Ohio Expo Center. 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Find out more at www.columbuscatholicwomen.com. For a free bus ride to the conference, contact Mary Sturgeon (740) 357-4483.

ATTENTION, MEN OF THE PARISHES: Our Annual Retreat at the Jesuit Spiritual Center at Milford, Ohio, will be held January 26 (beginning with dinner) to January 28, 2018 (ending with lunch). Transportation to and from retreat can be arranged. For questions regarding the retreat, or, to make a reservation call Mary Ellen at 513-248-3500, ext. 10, Andy Glockner at 740-352-3867 or Steve Fitzer at 740-821-4831.

EUCCHARISTIC APOSTLES OF DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP: Join Father Joe in a new Monday night prayer group, held at 7:00 p.m. in the Holy Redeemer Activity Center (small room).

NEW PRAYER STUDY GROUP: There will be a four-week Prayer Study on Wednesdays from 1:00-2:00 p.m. starting January 31st. We will meet at St. Peter in the JP2 room. The booklet to be discussed is *The Parish as a School of Prayer* by Father Scott Traynor, JCL. Anyone who is interested in participating should contact the office or Theresa Metzler at 740-352-2812. ****Please note the change in date from Tuesdays to Wednesdays!!**

ONE CALL: We will be using this notification system to get important messages out. If you are a registered member of one of the five parishes, your number has been put into the system to call. If you do not want to be included in this notification system, call Portsmouth Catholic Office at 740-354-4551.

VALENTINE JEWELRY SALE: Saturday, February 10th from 11:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m. in the St. Mary Center. This is a fundraiser for the Missionaries for their Hispanic Ministry. All jewelry is fifty-cents apiece. There will also be desserts for sale. Volunteers are needed to help set up at 10:00 a.m. If interested in volunteering, please call Rose at the Portsmouth Catholic Office 740-354-4551.

RESPECT LIFE: "For the men and women who sit on death row, awaiting the end of their life: that we might pray for them with compassion and care; We pray to the Lord." – USCCB

ANNUAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE UNBORN: (Taken from USCCB.org) The over 56 million abortions since the 1973 decisions of *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton*, reflect with heartbreaking magnitude what Pope Francis means by a "throwaway culture." We are reminded time and again in Scripture to seek the Lord's help, and as people of faith, we believe that our prayers are heard. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM), no. 373, designates January 22 as [...] the "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children"; "In all the Dioceses of the United States of America[...to] be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion." As individuals, we are called to observe this day through the penitential practices of prayer, fasting and/or giving alms.

THE ANNUAL RESPECT LIFE MASS: Monday, January 22, 2018, 10:30 a.m. at St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad Street, in Columbus. The celebrant will be Bishop Campbell. Following Mass, the Roe Remembrance Event at the Ohio State House will be held noon to 1:00 p.m.

MEETING SCHEDULE

- **Hospitality Committee:**
2nd Wednesday of the Month.
- **Knights of Columbus:**
2nd Tuesday of the month, 7:00 p.m. at St. Peter.
- **Prayer & Praise:**
Mondays, 7:00 p.m. at Holy Redeemer.
- **Prayer Shawl:**
Every 1st Tuesday of the month, 2:00 p.m. at St. Peter.
- **Raphael's Hands Healing Outreach:**
Third Tuesday of the month. 6:30 p.m. at St. Francis Outreach Center. Confidential Help Line: 740-357-9822.

SAINT PETER OFFERTORY		
	Week of January 14	Fiscal YTD
Actual	\$2,760.00	\$109,284.05
Budget	\$3,676.52	\$102,942.56
Total	(\$ 916.52)	\$ 6,341.49

SAINT MONICA OFFERTORY		
	Week of January 14	Fiscal YTD
Actual	\$1,938.50	\$ 54,918.22
Budget	\$1,882.04	\$ 54,579.16
Total	(\$ 51.46)	(\$ 339.06)

DEAR PARISH FAMILY,

Praised be Jesus Christ! Our Gospel passage today reminds us that Our Lord does call us. As I spoke about in my homily last week, He does not necessarily call us from a thundering voice in the heavens, but as we learned in the case of Samuel, in the silent whispers of the night. The question we must ask ourselves is "How will I respond?"

Our Lord desires to come to us – so much so that He continues to humble Himself for us, in the form of bread and wine at the Holy Eucharist, that we might not fear to approach Him. In receiving Our Lord worthily, we open ourselves up to so many graces that Our Lord desires to give to us. These graces have made countless saints throughout the years, and Our Lord desires to do the same with you...Listen to Him!!

This week, Father Joe, Father Ventura and I will be away for a mini-retreat in order that we might spend some time together as "just the priests" in that "state up North" ... This will be a wonderful time of prayer and support for us as we continue our mission to minister to you, the people of God. We ask that you remember us in your prayers throughout this week and know we are offering many for you.

Because I will be away, there will be no daily Mass on the East Side. I will offer you some alternatives, however, that ensure you will not be without Our Lord in the Eucharist.

There are two options...

The "West Side":

Our Lady of Sorrows, West Portsmouth – Tuesday: 8:15 a.m.

Our Lady of Lourdes, Otway – Wednesday: 6:00 p.m.

Holy Trinity, Pond Creek – Thursday: 8:15 a.m.

Catholic Community of Ironton:

St. Joseph, Monday thru Friday at 8:00 a.m.

St. Joseph, Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.

Should there be any emergencies, please feel free to call the usual parish line. The emergency option will be sent directly to my mobile phone. I will then be able to dispatch a priest as needed.

May God Bless you this week and always!

Father Stephen Smith

Parochial Vicar-Administrator

St. Monica, New Boston

St. Peter, Wheelersburg

WEEKLY ASSIGNMENTS FOR JANUARY 27TH-28TH

	4:00 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
Rosary Leader		Betty Reinhardt	Nancy Keller, Jerry Gulley
Greeters		Kim Russell, Julia Cunningham	Lou Ann Castle
Lectors	Mary Ann Wakefield	Don Davis, John Schwamburger	Joe Donini, Rachele Strickland
Eucharistic Ministers	Donna Gillispie, Gail Schmidt	S-Becky Schwamburger, C-Pat Pekar, Barb Boll, Kaye Schwamburger	C-Ethan Boerger, Lou Ann Castle, Nancy Donini, Matt Todt
Servers	Volunteer	Jesse Skaggs, Lauren Kaltenbach, Claire Kaltenbach	Pete Newman, Levi Newman, Trinity Todt
Gift Bearers	Donna Gillispie, Mary Ann Wakefield	Maria Rowe, Betty Fannin	Daniel & Andrew Arthur Family
Collectors/Usher	Donna Gillispie, Mary Ann Wakefield	Maria Rowe, Betty Fannin	Kevin Metzler, Dirk Hollar
Sacristan	Carol Boll, Mary T. Boll	Becky Schwamburger	Jeni Cassidy

- **ALL** Ministers are required to sign-in **15 minutes before** Mass is scheduled to begin. If you are not present and checked in, you will be replaced for that ministry. If you know you are not going to be available the weeks you are scheduled as a Minister, it is **your responsibility to find a substitute!**

