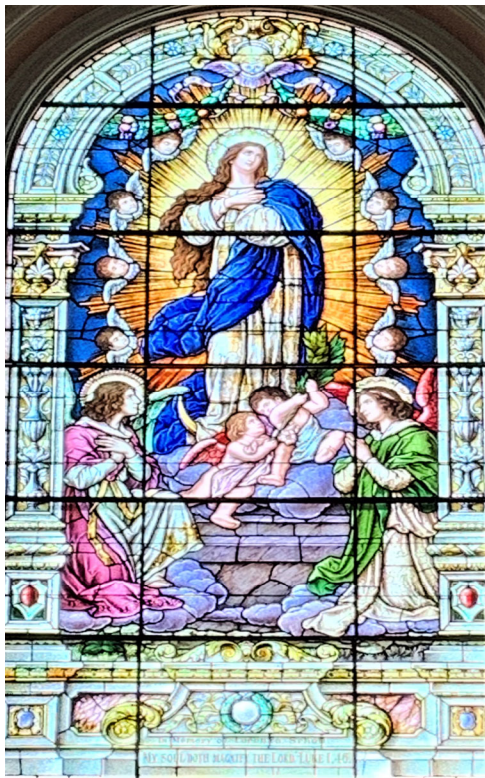


SAINT PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

AUGUST 11, 2019



"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord;
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed:
the Almighty has done great things for me
and holy is his Name.
He has mercy on those who fear him
in every generation.
He has shown the strength of his arm,
and has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,
and has lifted up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant Israel
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
the promise he made to our fathers,
to Abraham and his children forever."

~The Canticle of Mary, Luke 1:46-55~

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Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am
Monday & Friday 5:30 pm
Tuesday - Thursday 7:00 am

Spanish Mass:

Resurrection Parish, Lexington

Sunday: 6:00 pm

Parish Office Hours:

Monday - Friday: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Saturday: 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
Sunday Closed

Pastoral Care Contacts:

Ms. Kristi Reindl 419.524.2572
*Hospital & Follow-up
Nursing Homes/Assisted Living &
Prayer Pipeline*
Deacon John Reef 419.529.3694
Shut-ins/Homebound

Sacrament of Baptism:

Please contact the Parish Center to begin plans for the baptism of your baby or child.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday: 3:00 - 4:30 pm
Other times by appointment.

Sacrament of Marriage:

Arrangements should be made at the Parish Center at least eight months in advance of the ceremony. A wedding date is confirmed after the initial meeting with a priest.

Sunday Nursery:

Sunday Nursery is temporarily unavailable until further notice.

Bulletin Deadline:

Friday, 12:00 noon. All requests must be submitted in writing or email and must receive prior approval.

Parish Administrative Assistant:

Ms. Kristi Reindl 419.524.2572 ext.2122

Pastoral Staff:

Fr. Gregory R. Hite, *Pastor*
Fr. Austin Ammanniti, *Parochial Vicar*
Mr. Bill Johnson,
Director of Music & Liturgy
Ms. Lynne Lukach, *Pastoral Associate*
Mrs. Elizabeth Wurm, *Director of
Religious Ed. & Youth Minister*

Deacon:

Mr. John Reef

St. Peter's School:

Mr. Jonathan Cuttitta
High School, Jr. High School
Mrs. Ashley Rastorfer
Elementary School and Montessori

Parish Business Manager:

Mr. Evan Mumea

Director of Development:

Mr. Jason Crundwell

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MASS INTENTIONS**Monday, August 12, Weekday**

5:00 pm Rosary

5:30 pm North Central Ohio Vocations Club

Tuesday, August 13, Weekday

7:00 am For the intention of Asha Dhanarajan

Wednesday, August 14, Vigil of the Assumption of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary

5:30 pm Joseph Legenza

Thursday, August 15, Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 am Parish

7:00 pm Parish

Friday, August 16, Weekday

5:00 pm Rosary

5:30 pm Josephine Taddeo

Saturday, August 17, Vigil— Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm Ted Selby

Sunday, August 18, Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am Parish

9:30 am Benich Family

11:30 am Ralph Ruhl

LECTOR/COMMUNION MINISTER**Saturday, August 17**5:00 pm **L** B Rader, S Andrews**D** D Falquette, K Randall, M Joyce, D Hipp,
T Hipp, Deacon John Reef**Sunday, August 18**7:30 am **L** J Butler, D Bessemer**D** L Danuloff, B Danuloff, A Holloway,
K Reindl, K Reindl, D Givens,
Deacon John Reef9:30 am **L** L Brackett, D Forster**D** T Baker, M Meinzer, D Dreskler, R Sliney,
F Schuster, K Wehinger, M Riggelman,
Deacon John Reef11:30 am **L** S Rizzo, C Mears**D** F Leitenberger, S Rizzo, C Mears, S Elliott,
T Fesler, L Strauser, Deacon John Reef**MASS SERVERS****Saturday, August 17**

5:00 pm J Westwood, L Rhodes, D Stanford

Sunday, August 18

7:30 am J Ramey

9:30 am G Farragher, R Henrich, S Henrich

11:30 am J Rizzo, S Rizzo, N Osborne

Many of us (myself included) are history-buffs. Those of us who've been bitten by the history bug love the monuments and memorials which commemorate the great events of our history. Personally, I've been to Pearl Harbor, Gettysburg, Independence Hall, the Vietnam Memorial, the Washington Monument, and the Lincoln Memorial, as well as Washington's home at Mount Vernon and a host of other significant places.

The importance of these places is in the way they help us to remember...to recall those great moments in time. At Gettysburg, President Lincoln pointed out (wrongly, as it happened) that the "...world will little note nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they (the men who fought and died in that battle) did here." (Abraham Lincoln, "The Gettysburg Address", November 19, 1863.) Remembering is a wonderful way of making history and those who made history come alive for us. So it's natural for us to commemorate special events and great deeds by building monuments and memorials.

Last Tuesday we celebrated the Feast of the Transfiguration. Jesus, accompanied by Peter, James, and John, goes to the top of a mountain. There he is revealed in glory as he is seen in conversation with Moses and Elijah. The voice of God confirms that Jesus is the Son of God. We are to take from this episode that Jesus is the one to whom the law (Moses), the prophets (Elijah) and God the Father all testify. We are to understand, as those three apostles certainly did, that Jesus is the fulfillment of the law, and the prophets, and that all of God's will is brought to completion in him. An amazing moment at the top of that mountain...for sure!

Instantly, Peter wants to commemorate the moment by putting up "tents" or "booths" for Jesus, Moses and Elijah. To the average reader, that might seem an odd idea. But what Peter is actually proposing is erecting shrines to the three of them to mark to spot and the event. In a way, Peter wants to capture not only the moment, but the actors in the moment as well. Jesus, however, has something else in mind when he tells his disciples not to tell anyone about the Transfiguration until he has been raised from the dead.

In other words, Jesus doesn't want to be captured and stored in some shrine as a remote but inspiring memory. The implication of his statement to the disciples is, don't tell anyone about this now...but after I've been raised from the dead. Tell people about it so that they will know who I am and what you saw and heard here. In plainer words, Jesus doesn't want to be trapped in a museum of religious memory. He doesn't want to be kept as a cold stone statue on some side aisle in some dusty corner of some dark old cathedral.

The real message of the Transfiguration is that this is it! This is he! Jesus is the one! He's alive! He's real! His message is true! And he has come to give us life and to help us to share in his life-giving love and in his victory over death! And we can't keep that locked up in a cupboard. We have to let him out! We have to tell everyone we meet!

Bill Johnson

Director of Music and Liturgy

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH



Mike Payton, Bill Ruhl, Jeannie Burkhalter, Krista Marshall, Aaron Blank, Don Blank, Cindy Lassen, Dina Riley, Eliana Nelson, MaKaya Butler, Mildred Corbin, Sharon Valdry, Ken Kayden, John Henney, Theresa Schmidt, Paige Divelbiss, Maria Loschinkohl, Carol Pittenger, Sherry Studer, John Ziegler, Marlene Ziegler, Kim Rucker, Dorothy Trinter, Marti Selby, JoAnn Marbaugh, Baby Greyden Jack, Gwen Yockey, Mary Ann and Mel Switzer, Louise Stegall, Tammy Dudley, Keith Combs, Mady Ziegler, Elaine Johnson, Cindy Jasnek Cartier, Jeannine Klotz, Marilyn B. Williamson, Rex Linkenbach, Helen Philpott, Kathryn Keil, Paul Schopp, Tom Powell, Danny Rhea, Sharon Berger, George Elish, Mike Krebs, Christopher Hout, John Kocher, Dana Henry, Michael Krempel.

Names will only be listed for 4 weeks. If you wish to have additional time, contact the Parish Center at 419.524.2572.

A NEW LOOK FOR OUR DEACONS:

Effective August 10, 2019, the Feast of St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr, Bishop Thomas has given permission to the deacons of the Diocese of Toledo, if they so choose, to wear a gray clerical shirt when they are exercising their diaconal ministry in the Diocese. The Bishop's permission comes in response to a recommendation made by the Diocesan Deacon Council. The permission to wear clerical attire in ministerial settings, if the deacon so chooses, is meant to assist the deacon as a visible sign of his ministry of service and to help the faithful recognize the role of deacons in the life of the Church. Deacons are members of the Catholic clergy. The wearing of the gray clerical shirt is strictly optional on the part of the deacon.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE:

Work on the High School Auditorium continues. Painting, the removal of old tile in preparation for the new seating, lighting, and other plans depend on the response of our entire community – parishioners, alumni of our school, and friends. Please consider your gift today. As in past efforts, we cannot proceed without cash in hand (so as to avoid debt). For more information, please contact crundwell.jason@myspartans.org or the high school development office.

IN GOD'S ARMS...

Diana Krempel



Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord.

RELIGIOUS ARTICLES

Do you have any Religious Articles like rosaries, books, prayer cards or devotionals at home that you are not using? We are looking for items like these and any other articles that you would like to give to be taken to the Pastoral Care office at OhioHealth Mansfield. Many times patients are checked in after an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion has visited and the Pastoral Care staff would like to be able to give the Catholic patients something that they could keep in their rooms with them. Donations can be dropped off in the Parish Center office during normal hours and will then be taken to OhioHealth.

PRISON MINISTRY CORNER

Our brothers at Richland Correctional and our Parish Prison Ministry Team recently bade a tearful farewell to our dedicated volunteer Elaine Zarczynski, as she and her husband prepare to move out-of-state. The men had worked hard on a special "I Thank My God" song, signed a beautiful hand-made card, and wrote notes of gratitude for all Elaine devoted to our prison ministry program at RiCl, especially her love of the music ministry and Christmas Choir. We will miss Elaine's presence and energy and will keep her always in our prayers.



VOLLEYBALL BAKE SALE

The High School Volleyball team will be holding a bake sale in the church following all of the Masses next Sunday, August 18.

SUNDAY OFFERING



*Year to Date
July 26, 2019*

Sunday and Holy Day Collections

Sunday Collection & Holy Day Collection:	\$61,253
Total Budgeted Sunday Collection To Date:	\$64,400

Sunday Collection Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$3,147)
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School Collection

Total School Collection To Date:	\$11,084
Total Budgeted School Collection To Date:	\$12,000

School Collection Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$916)
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CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FINANCIAL UPDATE



Cash Available for Auditorium	\$319,024
Stage One Cash Goal:	\$370,000
Amount Needed for project to begin:	\$50,975
Uncollected Pledges:	\$160,071

As of July 29, 2019

ST. PETER'S SCHOOL

VISIT OUR SCHOOL ANY DAY WITH APPOINTMENT

Parents, if you are considering St. Peter's School for your child's education, you are invited to spend part of a school day here at St. Peter's with your child to experience all the activities and classroom instruction that take place.

Please call the school administrators to arrange a visit that is convenient for you and your child.

- Mrs. Ashley Rastorfer – Montessori Director and
Acting Elementary School Principal
419.524.2572 ext. 4101
- Mr. Jonathan Cuttitta – Acting High School & Junior High
Principal
419.524.2572 ext. 3100

St. Peter's School admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs and athletic and other school-administered programs.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Starting August 21 the Parish Office will be open on Monday—Thursday from 7:30 am—7:30 pm, Friday from 7:30 am — 6:00 pm, Saturdays from 10:00 am—2:00 pm and Sunday from 8:30 am—12:30 pm.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION, POP TABS AND GARBAGE BAGS

Please keep saving Box Tops For Education and Pop Tabs. These can be turned in to the Parish Center or High School Offices. And, we still sell Garbage Bags from the Yellow Bag People in the Parish Center.

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MUSIC IN THE AIR!

Summer is already flying by and we will soon be ready for the start of a new music season at St. Peter's. The **St. Peter's Traditional Choir will continue its 50th Anniversary Season** with rehearsals beginning on September 5, 2019, at 7:00 PM. In addition to their usual performances at Christmas Midnight Mass, Holy Week and the Easter Masses, this year's Choir will also perform the annual Lessons and Carols for Advent, featuring our newly refurbished organ, and, in celebration of the 175th Anniversary of our Parish, a springtime performance of the *Magnificat* and the *Requiem* by renowned composer John Rutter. If you have ever thought you'd like to be part of the Music Ministry at St. Peter's, now's the time! We're recruiting new singers to join us and if you can sing, we need you! We rehearse on Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm and perform most usually at the Sunday 11:30 Mass.

If you're not really keen on a traditional style choir, why not consider trying the Parish **Handbell Choir** (rehearsals beginning September 4, 2019) or the Parish **Contemporary Ensemble** (rehearsals going on now)? The Bell Choir can always use additional ringers — the ability to count and some rudimentary musical reading ability are useful for this group. The Contemporary Ensemble is always in need of additional singers, and if you can play the guitar or other select instruments, so much the better!

If you have children aged between Kindergarten and 12th grade, the **Children's Choir** is also looking for more singers.

Call the Parish Music Office at (419)-524-2572, ext. 2113, for more information about any of these musical opportunities.

OPEN TEACHING POSITIONS

St. Peter's School has open teaching positions for full time Algebra and English and part time Theology in the Junior High and High School.

Qualified candidates will have prior experience teaching the subject matter to similar aged students. All candidates must hold a current Ohio teaching license or be in the process of obtaining a license. Special consideration will be given to candidates with familiarity with ODE standards for education. Additionally, preference will be shown to current practicing Catholics and those who demonstrate strong understanding of the Catholic faith and commitment to Church teachings. All candidates must have or be able to obtain BCI and FBI background checks as well as complete the Diocese of Toledo VIRTUS program if hired.

This position is full-time, salaried position with a contract for the 2019-2020 school year. Salary will be commensurate with experience. Competitive benefits are offered to all full-time employees including tuition discounts for school age dependents.

Interested candidates should email their cover letter, resume and other relevant documentation to Jon Cuttitta, Acting High School Principal, at cuttitta.jon@myspartans.org.

ADULT FAITH ENRICHMENT

All are welcome to our upcoming Adult Faith course entitled **ROMANS: The Gospel of Salvation**. We will meet Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. in Assisi Hall, Parish Center 4th floor, beginning Sept. 26.

RCIA - RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

The RCIA is a process for adults who are non-baptized, baptized in another Christian church, or baptized Catholic who have not yet celebrated the sacraments of Confirmation **and** Eucharist and are interested in becoming fully initiated in the Catholic Church. You - or someone you know - may have the desire to become fully Catholic. Please call the **Parish Office** at **419-524-2572** for information on beginning or completing the initiation process. We also receive requests from individuals interested in knowing more about the Catholic faith, with or without the intention of becoming a member. You are also welcome to join the RCIA process by calling the above number.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

PSR or Parish School of Religion will be beginning again in September! This is a program that is dedicated to all youth of Saint Peter's Parish, who are not otherwise enrolled in a parochial school, from preschool to twelfth grade. Our classes meet on Wednesday nights from 6:00- 7:30 p.m. Included in this program is sacramental preparation for those wishing to receive the Sacrament of First Eucharist (generally second grade) or Confirmation (generally seventh grade). **Parents: Children anticipating First Eucharist and Confirmation are required to attend all classes and parent sessions, per Diocesan policy.** We also have a program for those under 18 who would like to enter the Church. If you are in need of more information, or would like to register, please contact Elizabeth Wurm, wurm.elizabeth@myspartans.org or call the Parish Office.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

St. Peter's annual Mass with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be Sunday, September 22 at 2:00 p.m. in the church. This beautiful Mass offers the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick to those with acute or chronic illnesses and those with other physical or emotional infirmities and the elderly.



We also offer a special blessing to all those who are caregivers, health service providers, doctors, nurses, and others who work in the fields of medicine or health care. We encourage you to attend with your family. If you are not in need of anointing but know of a parishioner or relative who is, please invite them to join you.

Mass will be celebrated Sunday, September 22 at 2:00 p.m. Please call 419-524-2572, ext. 2113 for more information.



RECYCLING—NEXT DATE: SEPTEMBER 13, 2019

BLUE BARRELS: September 14 & 15

175TH ANNIVERSARY NOTES

Last week in this column we concluded our look at the pastorate of Monsignor Edward C. Dunn, ninth Pastor of St. Peter's. This week we will begin to look at the pastorate of our tenth Pastor, Father John R. Blaser.

John R. Blaser was born to Herman J. and Loretta M. (Bauer) Blaser in Fostoria, Ohio, on October 24, 1936. He had three siblings: brothers Eugene and Donald, and his sister Janet. He attended St. Wendelin School and graduated from St. Wendelin High School in 1954. Upon graduation from high school, he attended the University of Michigan for one year with the intention of studying business and law. At the end of his freshman year he withdrew from college and began to contemplate a vocation to the priesthood.

In a July 22, 1984, interview with the Mansfield News Journal Father Blaser described how he came to think about the priesthood in this way:

"At the time of their death (his grandparents), I found myself asking very fundamental questions about the meaning of life. It got me thinking about how I wanted to use my life, and I ended up thinking about the priesthood.

"I felt I had been blessed in many ways. I felt I wanted to serve people in more of a direct way.

*"My parents were very supportive of my decision. I came from a family where priests were always welcome in the house. My father had been friends with many priests. He would have them over to play cards. I always had a positive feeling about priests." (Interview with Jim Krumel, **Mansfield News Journal, July 22, 1984**)*

After leaving the University of Michigan, Father Blaser entered the preparatory seminary at St. Meinrad's in Indiana. He completed his theological studies at Mt. St. Mary's Seminary in Cincinnati. He was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop George Rehring at Rosary Cathedral in Toledo on May 30, 1964. His first assignment was as an Associate Pastor at St. Catherine's in Toledo from 1964 to 1968. From then until 1975 he served as Associate Pastor at Delphos St. John's. From 1975 until 1978 he worked in the Diocesan Office of Religious Education in Toledo. In 1978 he became the Pastor of the St. Thomas More University Parish in Bowling Green.

Then, in 1984, Toledo Bishop James Hoffman (himself a former Assistant Pastor here at St. Peter's) asked Father Blaser to consider taking on the pastorate at St. Peter's in Mansfield. At the time St. Peter's was one of the five largest parishes in the Diocese of Toledo. He described himself as feeling overwhelmed.

We will continue the look at Father Blaser's time here in the next column.

Shelby Knights of Columbus at 250 Vernon Rd, Shelby is holding a Spaghetti dinner fundraiser for Sadie Kreinbrink. Sadie is an adorable, spunky 2 1/2 year old who was diagnosed with Rhabdomyosarcoma. Please contact 419.342.5396 for more information.

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 109 N. Main St. Glandorf, OH is Hosting Fr. Mitch Pacwa S.J. Saturday, August 24, 2019, 9am to 3:30pm. Fr. Mitch Pacwa S.J. is well known as an EWTN TV & Radio Host, Scripture Scholar, Catholic Author, World Renowned Lecturer, & is Fluent in 12 Languages. Theme: ' ALL THINGS CATHOLIC'. Eucharist, Mary, Prayer, & Q & A Session. RSVP to 419-890-3724 or jmschroeder51@gmail.com. Free Will Offering Will Be Taken. \$6.00 Lunch Available (RSVP by Aug. 19 for lunch). Coffee/Pastry Break after 8:00AM Mass. MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

St. Mary of the Snows is having their Famous Feast and Raffle on September 8, 2019. The quilt will be raffled off that same day. Go to mansfieldstmarys.org or call St. Mary of the Snows at 419.589.2114 for more information and/or to purchase tickets.

St. Edward's Parish in Ashland has an opening for a full time maintenance person. Persons interested in the position should visit the St. Edward's Parish website, stedwardashland.org, or contact Fr. Rod Kreidler at 419.289.7224 or 501 Cottage St., Ashland, OH.

"Children are the most beautiful gift that God can give us."

~Mother Theresa~

FAITH AND HOPE

Faith and hope are closely united in today's readings. The Israelites knew when the Passover was coming, and so were not in fear, but had faith and courage, putting into effect with one accord the divine institution. In this we can see a foretelling of the Eucharist that we celebrate according to Christ's command, "Do this in memory of me". We see that Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, and Jacob died in faith, although they did not see fulfillment of the promise. We live in hope that our faith will be fulfilled every time we celebrate this sacrament. We too are not to be afraid, but to have hope that our faith will be fulfilled in the coming of Christ.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

When Pope Pius XII died in 1958, there was the usual buzz of speculation about likely successors. Cardinal Agagianian, Patriarch of the Armenians, was highly thought of as a likely choice. This took many Catholics by surprise, since he had never celebrated the same liturgy as Pope Pius, but followed ancient Armenian customs according to the Eastern Church, which veils the Eucharistic liturgy from sight by a series of curtains, and in which the priest kneels while the people stand for Communion. In the years that followed, the Second Vatican Council would affirm the dignity and independence of the Eastern Churches, in complete union with Rome, yet different in patterns of life and worship. We have the same faith, the same sacraments, and the same pope. Yet everywhere in the world our separate Churches are combined into families held together by the ministry of bishops. All of this serves as warning: If you ever say, but we've always done it this way, you are on very thin ice indeed!

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Your ancestors waited in faith and courage for God's promised summons (Wisdom 18:6-9).

Psalm — Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own (Psalm 33).

Second Reading — By faith Abraham sojourned in the promised land (Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 [1-2, 8-12]).

Gospel — You do not know the day nor the hour when the Son of Man will appear (Luke 12:32-48 [35-40]).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dt 10:12-22; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: Dt 31:1-8; Dt 32:3-4ab, 7-9, 12; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: Dt 34:1-2; Ps 66:1-3a, 5, 8, 16-17; Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10-12, 16;

1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

Friday: Jos 24:1-13; Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22, 24; Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Jos 24:14-29; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Mt 19:13-15

Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Ps 40:2-4, 18; Heb 12:1-4;

Lk 12:49-53

This week's cover art: Assumption of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Stained glass window in St. Peter's Church.

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