

Sunday, December 23, 2018 ~Fourth Sunday of Advent



# THE CATHOLIC, CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY OF ST. PETER

A MEMBER OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE DEANERY

## WELCOME TO OUR COMMUNITY

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### Parish Mission Statement

For all who enter; we at St. Peter are a community who believe Jesus Christ is the center of our lives. We are committed to live life in relationship with each other; we strive to heed the call to reach out and touch the lives of people. We invite newcomers to join us and those who have been away to rejoin us!

### New Parishioners

A warm welcome as you enter our Parish Community! You are asked to register at the parish office as soon as possible, 419-446-2150. If you are moving from the parish, please inform the office so we may remove your name from our parish roster.

### Sacrament of Marriage

Initial arrangements are to be made 6 months prior to the actual wedding day. The Diocesan policy is to allow sufficient time for the couple to make adequate preparation to receive the sacrament. Please call the rectory to make arrangements or Deacon Larry.

### Sacrament of Baptism

If someone is to be baptized, please call Fr. Stanbery. All parents must attend pre-baptism sessions for their first child. Call the rectory to make arrangements, 419-446-9288 or Deacon Larry (419) 966-7091.

### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Having questions about the Catholic faith? Thinking of joining the Catholic Church? You can learn more by attending our Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) sessions. Classes start each fall. Call Fr. Stanbery at 419-446-9288

## WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULES

Office Hours: Tue. & Thurs.

9:30 am - 4:30 pm

St. Peter, Archbold

Weekend Masses

Saturday ~ 4:30 PM

Sunday ~ 10:30 AM

Reconciliation Sat. 4:00  
or by appointment



Office Hours: Tue. & Thurs.

9:30 am - 3:00 pm

Our Lady of Mercy,  
Fayette

Weekend Mass

Sunday ~ 8:30 AM

Reconciliation Sun.  
8:00 AM or by  
appointment

THE CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY OF ST. PETER

**Saturday, December 22:**  
Norbert Lisak

**Sunday, December 23:**  
All Souls  
Jim Crowell

**Monday, December 24:**

Vigil of Christmas  
St. Peter~9:00 am  
4:30 pm

**Donald Yoder**

Our Lady of Mercy~7:00 pm  
Willie Rodriguez  
St. Peter~10:30 pm

**Kathryn Fleming**

**Al & Ethel LaNeve**

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/  
Lk 1:67-79

**Tuesday, December 25:**

The Nativity of the Lord  
Our Lady of Mercy~9:00 am  
For the People  
Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/  
Jn 1:1-18

**Wednesday, December 26:**

St. Stephen  
No Mass  
Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59/  
Mt 10:17-22

**Thursday, December 27:**

St. John  
No Mass  
1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

**Friday, December 28:**

The Holy Innocents  
St. Peter~8:00 am  
1 Jn 1:5-2:2/Mt 2:13-18

**Saturday, December 29:**

*Fifth Day within the Octave of the  
Nativity of the Lord*  
St. Peter~9:00 am  
1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56

Vigil

*The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and  
Joseph*

St. Peter~4:30 pm

**Bobby & Allen Dominique**

**Sunday, December 30:**

*The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and  
Joseph*

St. Peter~10:30 am

Our Lady of Mercy~8:30 am  
Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21/  
Lk 2:41-52

**Sat., December 29~ 4:30 pm**

**EXTRAORDINARY  
MINISTERS OF HOLY  
COMMUNION**

Tami Kunesh  
Peaches Holland  
Mari Yoder

**GREETERS**

Audrey Dominique  
JoAnn Hasch  
Stephen Bernath

**LECTORS**

**SERVERS**

Grace Ritta  
Wyatt Ritta  
Anissa Ramirez

**USHERS**

Steve & Barb Dominique

**ROSARY LEADER**

**MONEY COUNTERS**

**Sun., December 30~10:30 am**

Nick Wlasiuk  
Mary Evans  
Frank Smith

Chris Lopez  
Maria Gonzales  
Susan Wlasiuk

Mason Miller  
Brooks Miller  
Reese Ankney

Bryan Miller  
Pete Grime

Evelyn Roth

Mary Evans  
Nick & Susan Wlasiuk

**Please find a sub if you cannot make your scheduled date.**

**Servers should arrive 15 minutes before Mass time.**

**ROSARY ~ The Rosary is said every Sunday at 10:00 AM before Mass. No weekday rosary.**

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**Area Happenings**

**KARAOKE PARTY—Open to EVERYONE!**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Come for the fun! Come to sing (although no one HAS to sing)! Come to celebrate with Guest Host Gary Meyer, of Honolulu, Hawaii. **Friday, December 28, 2018, 7-11pm**, in the gym of St. Michael Catholic Church, 100 Antwerp Drive, Hicksville, Ohio. Light snacks provided. \$\$\$\$ Admission: Donation for the Divorced-Separated Ministry. This Fundraiser is sponsored by the Divorced-Separated community—EVERYONE IS INVITED!!!! If you have questions, call 419-487-2652.

**PRO LIFE MARCH DEFIANCE**

Please join us January 22 for our annual pro life March. Mass will be celebrated at 9 am that day at St Johns Catholic Church Defiance with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament throughout the whole day ending with Benediction at 4:45 pm. The March will start at noon at Defiance County courthouse with prayer where with police escort we will walk to the unborn monument ending at St Johns Catholic church basement with a variety of speakers. We pray that the babies inside the womb will be safe and for the Moms to choose life.

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# Holiday Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve: Monday, December 24  
4:30 pm~St. Peter  
7:30 pm~Our Lady of Mercy  
10:00 pm~St. Peter

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Christmas Morning: Tuesday, December 25  
9:00 am~Our Lady of Mercy

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New Year's Eve: Monday, December 31  
5:00 pm~ St. Peter

New Year's Day: Tuesday, January 1  
10:30 am~St. Peter

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Classes start on January 13 at 6:30pm at St Peter  
Register online at DaveRamsey.com  
Questions? Contact:  
Kevin and Elizabeth Seibert 419-446-0086

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We are in need of volunteers for all our ministries. Please prayerfully consider how you can take part in serving your church family and playing a more active role at Mass. If you have questions or are interested, contact Fr. Stanbery or Kim Garrow. We will be setting up training sessions for ministries after the holidays.

**Yes, I am interested in being a part of a church ministry! (New Volunteer)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Ministry/Ministries I am interested in \_\_\_\_\_

Place form in collection basket or in the bin outside of the office.

*Thank You!*

Thank you to all who gave their time and talent to make our church so beautiful in anticipation of the birth of Jesus Christ!

Thank you to all who volunteered and/or donated to the St. Vincent De Paul ministry!

There will be no Eucharistic Adoration Tuesday, December 25 (Christmas day) or Tuesday, January 1 (New Year's Day).

Religious Ed class (K-8) will resume on Wednesday, January 9.

Reminder: pick up your containers from the kitchen left from Cookie Walk/ funeral lunch.

Our St. Peter website is up and running! Signing up is EASY! Go to:

[stpeterarchbold.com](http://stpeterarchbold.com)

Eucharistic Adoration starts at 8 am ending with Mass at 7 pm every Tuesday. Call Dennis Schwind: 419-335-2652.

**Stewardship of Treasure**  
Sunday Offering: \$4162.00  
Weekly Budget: \$3375.00  
Over/(Under) Budget: \$787.00

Past collections:

December 9 \$5098.33  
December 2 \$4461.26  
November 25 \$2764.28

**Perpetuate the Gift**  
Goal: \$6963  
Pledged to date: \$2555

# Dear Padre

December 23, 2018

**Our parish is big into nighttime services. We have the Advent vespers and, of course, Midnight Mass. Is there a reason for doing these services at night?**

Both Advent vespers and Midnight Mass center on our expectation of Jesus coming into our midst as the Light of the World. The vespers prayer is usually celebrated at dusk, as day is turning into night. The service proclaims that the darkness of night will not conquer the Light of Jesus. Christian tradition holds that the ecclesiastical day begins at sunset, in accord with Genesis 1:5: "Evening came, and morning followed—the first day." Vespers, or the Office of Evening, is the first hour of the new Church day.

Both the vespers and the Mass at midnight call us to embrace a new beginning, which is Jesus the Light. This imagery is especially appropriate considering the arrival of the winter solstice. In the beginning of Advent, the nights grow progressively longer. Then, right before Christmas, the winter solstice marks the light's reclaiming of the world.

In the early centuries of Christianity, people from the countryside would gather on Christmas Eve in the warmth of the great monastery church. They would go to confession, be forgiven, sing of the newborn Savior, and participate in the Eucharist. After Eucharist, they would join in a great feast that lasted until sunrise. When you celebrate at Midnight Mass this year, recall that you are proclaiming that Jesus the Light has conquered the darkness again—this year and forever.

—Fr. Paul J. Cury, CSsR

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