

Sunday, December 22, 2019 ~ Fourth Sunday of Advent



614 North Defiance Street
Archbold, OH

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 21:
Hung Phi Nguyen
The Vicente Minh Nguyen

Sunday, December 22:
Nellie Merrilat

Monday, December 23:
St. John of Kanty
Advent Vesper Service
OLOM~7:00 pm
Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66

Tuesday, December 24:
Late Advent Weekday
St. Peter~4:30 & 10:00 pm
Chris Short
Donald Yoder
Al & Ethel LaNeve
Our Lady of Mercy~7:30 pm
Mary Herr
Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/
Lk 1:67-79

Wednesday, December 25:
The Nativity of the Lord
Our Lady of Mercy~9:00 am
Is 62:1-5a/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:125

Thursday, December 26:
St. Stephen
No Mass
Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59/ Mt
10:17-22

Friday, December 27:
St. John
No Mass
1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Saturday, December 28:
The Holy Innocents
St. Peter~9:00 am
1 Jn 1:5-2:2/Mt 2:13-18

Vigil
St. Peter~4:30 pm
All Souls

Sunday, December 29:
The Holy Family of Jesus,
Mary and Joseph
St. Peter~10:30 am
All Souls
Our Lady of Mercy~8:30 am
For the People
Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21/
Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Sat., December 28~ 4:30 pm

**EXTRAORDINARY
MINISTERS OF HOLY
COMMUNION**

Theresa McColl
Mari Yoder
*Melissa Pifer

GREETERS

Maria Gonzales
Audrey Dominique
Peg Hines

LECTORS

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Grace Ritta
Wyatt Ritta
Tripp Langenderfer

USHERS

Chuck McColl
Tyson Langenderfer

ROSARY LEADER

MONEY COUNTERS

Sun., December 29~10:30 am

Marianne Francis
Arelene Hicks
*Vicki Williams

Doug & Vicki Williams

Frank Smith

Hannah Francis
Olivia Francis
Reese Ankney

Chris Lopez
Doug Williams

Hannah Francis

Andy & Lois Grime
Brooke & Sheri Bosco

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.

Area Happenings

Retrouvaille

Improving a marriage takes time and a conscious effort to learn about your spouse. Growing closer in a marriage does not happen automatically. Retrouvaille is a marriage program dedicated to helping couples grow closer and develop a stronger bond. You give your heart and soul to everything you do, between your work and your family. Are you giving your heart and soul to your marriage? Sometimes the distance between a husband and a wife can seem so wide that it cannot be repaired. Retrouvaille is a marriage program designed to bring couples closer together. The next weekend in our area is January 24 – 26, 2019.



**Christmas Eve
Tuesday, December 24**

4:30 pm

10:00 pm

Eucharistic Ministers:

Mike Britenriker
Barb Britenriker
Karen Dominique

Vicki Williams
Theresa McColl
Larry Zachrich

Greeters

Drew & Melissa Pifer

Brooke & Sheri
Bosco

Servers:

Kassidy Zientek
Lainey Zientek
Vivianne Pifer

Mason Miller
Brooks Miller
Layne Miller
Kobe Kennedy
Karter Zachrich

Lectors:

Amy Zientek

Arlene Hicks

Ushers:

Mike Schrickel
Gary Morman

Doug Williams
Mike Kennedy

Servers for the 10:00 pm Mass will have rehearsal at 9:15 pm.

Confessions

Monday, December 23

Our Lady of Mercy: 12 noon-12:30 p.m. & 5:30 p.m.-6:30 pm

**ADVENT VESPER SERVICE AT OUR LADY OF MERCY
MONDAY, DECEMBER 23 AT 7:00 P.M.**

***Based on the "O" Antiphons expressing awe at the Incarnation & Nativity.
Yule treats and fellowship to follow.***

There will be a new bible study starting in January (Acts). If you are interested please fill in the coupon below so we can have a count for ordering books. More information on days/times will be determined later.

Name _____ Number of books _____
Phone _____ Church _____

*No Adoration on
Tuesday, December 24
(Christmas Eve) and
Tuesday, December 31
(New Year's Eve)*

It is not too late to donate to the Diocesan Priest Retirement Fund Drive, also known as Perpetuate the Gift. A gift of cash or check can be placed in your parish collection or sent to: Perpetuate The Gift PO Box 954 Toledo, OH 43697

Online gifts by credit card or direct debit can be made at www.toledodiocese.org. If you go to website 'toledodiocese.org' you can donate online under the tab "Give" and "Donation Now". You will be directed to the Catholic Foundation for the Diocese of Toledo and set up an account. You can then use this account for all Diocesan collections in the future. Donations must be received before December 31 to be counted for this year's collection.

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

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: \$3419.00
Weekly Budget: \$3375.00
Over/(Under) Budget: \$44.00

Past collections:
December 8 \$2783.50
December 1 \$2780.11
November 24 \$2660.00

Dear Padre

December 22, 2019

Why did early Christians begin celebrating Christmas on December 25th?

Placing Christmas near the winter solstice can be traced to pagan celebrations in Christianity's early years. The celebration of Christmas in December began in Rome as a Christian response to a civil festival honoring the sun god Sol.

The Romans celebrated the sun climbing into the northern skies, signaling the lengthening days after the cold winter nights. On December 25, 274, Aurelian proclaimed the sun god principal patron of the empire. Christmas originated when this sun cult was strongest. Christians wouldn't go to the temple to pay homage to a sun god. They believed in the one true God, and God's only son made human, Jesus Christ.

It's almost as if Christians substituted "son" for "sun" and celebrated the birth of the son of justice into this world. The parallels are uncanny. As the extending sunlight broke night's grip and softened the cold sting on the world, so Jesus' coming broke the long reign of sin and darkness. Jesus was the true son, the light and life of the world, the reason for renewed hope.

Narrow fundamentalists fail to understand that Christmas is more than a birthday celebration of the day Christ was born. It's wider in scope, celebrating the reality that Jesus was born human. It's not the when but the what that we celebrate. So, Jesus' precise birthdate doesn't matter. What matters is that Jesus was truly born human—like us in all things but sin. For this we celebrate.

—Fr. Joseph Morin, CSsR

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