

Sunday, December 29, 2019 ~ The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph



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 28:**  
All Souls

**Sunday, December 29:**  
All Souls  
Chuck Worth

**Monday, December 30:**  
Sixth Day within the Octave  
of the Nativity of the Lord  
No Mass  
1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40

**Tuesday, December 31:**  
St. Sylvester  
St. Peter~5:00 pm  
1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18

**Wednesday, January 1:**  
The Octave Day of the  
Nativity of the Lord;  
Solemnity of Mary  
Our Lady of Mercy~8:30 am  
St. Peter~10:30 am  
Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/  
Lk 2:16-21

**Thursday, January 2:**  
Sts. Basil the Great &  
Gregory Nazianzen  
No Mass  
1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28

**Friday, January 3:**  
Holy Name of Jesus  
St. Peter~9:00 am  
1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Jn 1:29-34

**Saturday, January 4:**  
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton  
St. Peter~9:00 am  
1 Jn 3:7-10/Jn 1:35-42

Vigil  
St. Peter~4:30 pm  
**Matt Kunesh**

**Sunday, January 5:**  
Epiphany of the Lord  
St. Peter~10:30 am  
**Jeannette Talbot**  
Our Lady of Mercy~8:30 am  
For the People  
Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/  
Mt 2:1-12



Sat., January 4~ 4:30 pm

**EXTRAORDINARY  
MINISTERS OF HOLY  
COMMUNION**

Jeanie Alt  
Stephen Bernath  
\*Melissa Pifer

**GREETERS**

Mike & Lisa Wilson

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**SERVERS**

Lyndsay Gladieux  
Vivianne Pifer  
Tripp Langenderfer

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JR Lauber  
Tyson Langenderfer

**ROSARY LEADER**

Sun., January 5~10:30 am

Leonard Gustwiller  
Karen Dominique  
\*Frank Smith

Frank & Benie Smith

Susan Wlasiuk

Natalie Seibert  
Oliver Seibert  
Tessa Seibert

Chris Lopez  
Nick Wlasiuk

Chris Lopez

Mari & David Yoder  
Nick & Susan Wlasiuk

*With the flu season,  
we will only need one  
Eucharistic Minister until  
further notice...*

**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**

**March for Life**

Please join us in our March for Life which will be Jan 22 starting at noon at the Defiance Courthouse ending at St John Catholic Church basement where there will be many speakers and students speaking on the importance of life in different ways. God here will be Mass celebrated at Holy Cross Catholic School at 9:30 am for life with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St Johns ending with Benediction at 4:45.

**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.

**THE CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY OF ST. PETER**

New Year's Mass Schedule

*New Year's Eve*  
Tuesday, December 31  
St. Peter: 5:00 pm

*New Year's Day*  
Wednesday, January 1  
St. Peter: 10:30 pm  
Our Lady of Mercy: 8:30 am

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On the table you can find the book "Letter to a Suffering Church," the 2020 church calendar, and the new *Living Faith* devotional. Every family is welcome to take!

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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](http://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.

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*If you have borrowed any items from the kitchen, please return ASAP. If you would like to use things from the kitchen outside of church use, please contact the office first. When we have funerals and hall rentals, it puts us at a disadvantage to be missing items and not be aware before hand they are gone and/or where they are located. Thanks!*

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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 31  
(New Year's Eve)*

Coffee and rolls will be served next Sunday after Mass. Everyone is invited for food, fun, and fellowship!

If you are a server, you can pick up your Christmas gift certificate. Thank you for being a part of this ministry!



*Luke & Lunch Tuesday  
January 7  
1:00 pm*

*Religious Ed K-8  
Wednesday, January 8  
6:30 pm-7:45 pm*

*Rosary Altar Society  
Sunday, January 12*

*Parish/Finance Council  
Tuesday, January 14  
7:30 pm*

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: \$2433.13  
Weekly Budget: \$3375.00  
Over/(Under) Budget: (\$941.87)

*Past collections:*  
December 15 \$3419.00  
December 8 \$2783.50  
December 1 \$2780.11

# Dear Padre

December 29, 2019

**I've heard priests tell stories about Jesus' childhood, the Blessed Virgin, St. Joseph, and St. Anne that aren't in the Bible. Where do these stories come from?**

The Bible as we know it—a definitive collection of sacred texts as the word of God—came together in the fourth and fifth centuries. The same God that inspired authors to record his divine word also inspired the books of the Bible to be collected during the first centuries of Christianity. As such, the Bible itself is formed by tradition.

Ancient texts, other than those officially accepted as fulfilling revelation (like Scripture), existed in the Church's early centuries. These are known as noncanonical sources. Many of the stories you hear, especially about the people you mention, come from those sources.

In the Church's infancy, people were eager to hear as much as they could about Jesus and his family. In response, many stories about Jesus' childhood and family members were collected in a variety of written accounts—including the *Protoevangelium*, or gospel of James from the year 145 (not to be confused with the New Testament's Letter of James). Although they weren't included in the canon of the Bible, they became sources for stories passed from generation to generation that were accepted as a part of our tradition. For example, information about Mary's parents, including their names, Joachim and Anne, were derived from noncanonical texts. These sources may add color and flavor to our faith and devotion. But ultimately, everything we need for salvation is revealed in the Scriptures.

—The Redemptorists

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