

Sunday, January 5, 2020 ~ The Epiphany of the Lord



614 North Defiance Street
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THE CATHOLIC, CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY OF ST. PETER

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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, January 4:
Matt Kunesh

Sunday, January 5:
Jeannette Talbot
For the People

Monday, January 6:
St. Andre' Bessette
Communion Service~9:00 am
1 Jn 3:22-4:6/
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday, January 7:
St. Raymond of Penafort
St. Peter~7:00 pm
1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday, January 8:
Christmas Weekday
St. Peter~8:00 am
1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday, January 9:
Christmas Weekday
No Mass
1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Lk 4:14-22

Friday, January 10:
Christmas Weekday
St. Peter~8:00 am
1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday, January 11:
Christmas Weekday
St. Peter~9:00 am
1 Jn 5:14-2/Jn 3:22-30

Vigil
St. Peter~4:30 pm
All Souls

Sunday, January 12:
Baptism of the Lord
St. Peter~10:30 am
Chris Short
Our Lady of Mercy~8:30 am
Marcel Bonin
Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Acts 10:34-3/
Mt 3:13-17



Sat., January 11~ 4:30 pm

**EXTRAORDINARY
MINISTERS OF HOLY
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ROSARY LEADER

Sun., January 12~10:30 am

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Arlene Hicks

Mason Miller
Brooks Miller
Layne Miller

Mike Kennedy
Gary Morman

Arlene Hicks

Mari & David Yoder
Cindy Krueger

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

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

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

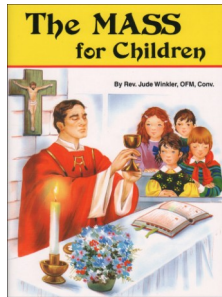
Improving a marriage takes time and a conscious effort to learn about your spouse. Growing closer in a marriage does not happen automatically. Retrouvaille is a marriage program dedicated to helping couples grow closer and develop a stronger bond. You give your heart and soul to everything you do, between 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.

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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!

FOR OUR YOUNG PARISHIONERS...COMPLIMENTS OF THE ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY



In the pews you will find copies of the book "The Mass for Children" to help enrich your child's Mass experience while here at St. Peter Church. Please leave the books in the pew so other's can enjoy as well when visiting.

Thank you for the cards, gifts, prayers, and best wishes this Christmas season. It is a pleasure to serve you. ~Deacon Larry

**IT'S
DONUT
DAY!**

You too could be a host for our 2020 coffee and rolls ministry!

The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.
Prayerfully consider taking a role this year... beyond just taking a sweet roll!



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!

Coffee and rolls will be served today 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!

Your 2019 contribution report can be found in your mailbox.

There are two plates left behind from the Cookie Walk in the kitchen.

Fish Fry Fridays at the Knight's of Columbus start on *January 17...*



Luke & Lunch
Tuesday January 7
1:00 pm

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

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: \$6324.00
Weekly Budget: \$3375.00
Over/(Under) Budget: \$2949.00

Past collections:
December 22 \$2433.13
December 15 \$3419.00
December 8 \$2783.50

Dear Padre

January 5, 2020

What do we know about the Three Kings?

Your question reminds us how much human tradition has embellished some of the events described in sacred Scripture. Historically, the name Magi designates members of an ancient Near Eastern priestly caste. In Matthew's Gospel, they are presented as noble wise men and astrologers.

The number three has long been associated with the Magi. However, the Gospel narratives never mention their number (though they did offer three gifts—gold, frankincense, and myrrh). Saint Matthew is also silent about their names. However, in the eighth century, Western traditions began calling them Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. Other Christian traditions use different names.

Though their gifts indicate they were from South Arabia, it's doubtful that they represented particular nations or the major racial families. At the very least, the Magi represent the Gentile peoples coming from afar to find the true God in Jesus Christ. This contrasts with King Herod and Israel. Both neglected this manifestation of God's presence in their midst.

Astrology permeated ancient cultures, so it isn't strange that astrologers appear in the Bible. The Church responded by "Christianizing" aspects of astrology. For example, the Church deliberately called Christ the "Sun of Justice," thus replacing the pagan god Sol with one true God. In the fourth century, the Church placed the celebration of Christ's Nativity on December 25, the birthday of the sun. We emphasize Jesus as the Light of the World and celebrate his feast every week on Sunday.

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