

Sunday, December 27, 2020 ~ The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



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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, December 26:
Father Leyland

Sat., January 2~ 4:30 pm

Sun., January 3~10:30 am

Sunday, December 27:
Jean Dominique
 Living & deceased members
 Sarnac family

**EXTRAORDINARY
 MINISTERS OF HOLY
 COMMUNION**

GREETERS

Monday, December 28:
 The Holy Innocents
 St. Peter~9:00 am
 1 Jn 1:5-22/Mt 2:13-18

LECTORS

Deb Herring

Theresa McColl

SERVERS

Tuesday, December 29:
 St. Thomas Becket
 Our Lady Mercy~9:00 am
 For the People
 St. Peter~7:00 pm
 1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35

USHERS

JR Lauber
Chuck McColl

Doug & Vicki Williams

Wednesday, December 30:
 6th Day within the Octave of
 the Nativity of the Lord
 St. Peter~9:00 am
 1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40

ROSARY LEADER

MONEY COUNTERS

To be announced
(We need more volunteers!)

Thursday, December 31:
New Year's Eve
 St. Sylvester I
 St. Peter~5:00 pm
 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18

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

Servers should arrive 15 minutes before Mass time.

Friday, January 1:
New Year's Day
 The Octave Day of the
 Nativity of the Lord
 Our Lady of Mercy~8:30 am
 St. Peter~10:30 am
 Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/
 Lk 1:16-21

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

Saturday, January 2:
 Sts. Basil the Great &
 Gregory Nazianzen
 St. Peter~9:00 am
 1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28

Vigil
 St. Peter~4:30 pm
All Souls

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

March for Life in Washington, DC.

Thurs., Jan. 28 - Sat., Jan. 30, 2021

Buses of college students, young adults and their families will leave St. Thomas More Parish in Bowling Green, OH, on Thurs., Jan. 28 and return Sat., Jan. 30. Catholic Charities Office for Life and Justice is leading the trip which includes two nights in a Washington D.C. hotel. For more information, email Peter Range, Catholic Charities Director of Life and Justice at prange@toledodiocese.org.

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New Year's Eve Mass

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St. Peter~5:00 pm

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Our Lady of Mercy~8:30 am
St. Peter~10:30 am

Pope Francis' Prayer for Peace

Lord God of peace, hear our prayer!

We have tried so many times and over so many years to resolve our conflicts by our own powers and by the force of our arms. How many moments of hostility and darkness have we experienced; how much blood has been shed; how many lives have been shattered; how many hopes have been buried... But our efforts have been in vain. Now, Lord, come to our aid! Grant us peace, teach us peace; guide our steps in the way of peace. Open our eyes and our hearts, and give us the courage to say: "Never again war!"; "With war everything is lost". Instill in our hearts the courage to take concrete steps to achieve peace. Lord, God of Abraham, God of the Prophets, God of Love, you created us and you call us to live as brothers and sisters. Give us the strength daily to be instruments of peace; enable us to see everyone who crosses our path as our brother or sister. Make us sensitive to the plea of our citizens who entreat us to turn our weapons of war into implements of peace, our trepidation into confident trust, and our quarreling into forgiveness. Keep alive within us the flame of hope, so that with patience and perseverance we may opt for dialogue and reconciliation. In this way may peace triumph at last, and may the words "division", "hatred" and "war" be banished from the heart of every man and woman. Lord, defuse the violence of our tongues and our hands. Renew our hearts and minds, so that the word which always brings us together will be "brother", and our way of life will always be that of: Shalom, Peace, Salaam!

Amen.

THE CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY OF ST. PETER

If you were a server this year, you may pick up your Christmas gift certificate in the sacristy. Thank you for being a part of this ministry!

Lector books are on the cart in the sacristy.

We are in need of more money counters! Please contact Doug Williams or Father Stanbery if you can help.

A special thank you to Chuck and Theresa McColl who blessed our parish with the large screen TV in the hall. Their generous gift will provide a wonderful service to our church family!

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: \$6825.00

Weekly Budget: \$3375.00

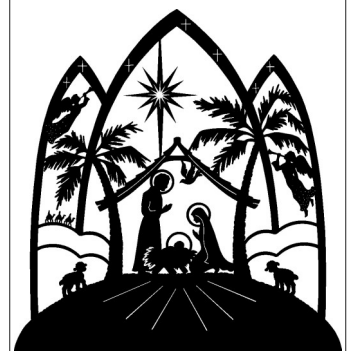
Over/(Under) Budget: \$3450.00

Past collections:

December 6 \$4590.00

November 29 \$2330.00

November 22 \$1998.00



Dear Padre

December 27, 2020

Why does the Church celebrate the Holy Family? Jesus doesn't seem to be much of a family person. Scripture show him ignoring—even rejecting—Mary and Joseph.

As Jesus grows in age and wisdom, it becomes clear that he hasn't come to build up his own little family but to create a worldwide family of disciples. This family would claim God as the father of everyone in the family, with Jesus and all others as brothers and sisters. All who followed him would be as dear to Jesus as his mother or his foster father. As Jesus said: "As the Father loves me, so I also love you" (John 15:9).

The roles of Mary and Joseph in this new family of Jesus were not to be only earthbound parents but, more importantly, to be examples of how to follow God's purpose. Both Mary and Joseph accepted God's path for them, even though they didn't know where the path would take them.

In the new family of God, we are people who seek out and follow God's purpose in our lives. We are to say yes with Mary; we are to imitate Joseph in following God's direction. Jesus said this quite plainly: "Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother" (Mark 3:35). The will of God becomes the cornerstone of Jesus' new, universal family of humankind. Every Christian family, then, has a double task in raising their children: teaching and inspiring them to love and believe in Jesus and to always seek God's will.

—Fr. Paul J. Coury, CSsR

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