

March 21, 2021 ~ 5th Sunday of Lent



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, March 20:**  
**All Souls**

Sat., March 27~ 4:30 pm

Sun., March 28~10:30 am

**Sunday, March 21:**  
Anthony Higgins  
**Todd Langel**  
**Fr. Ramiro Trejo**

**EXTRAORDINARY  
MINISTERS OF HOLY  
COMMUNION**

**GREETERS**

**Monday, March 22:**  
Lenten Weekday  
St. Peter~9:00 am  
Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30,  
33-62-  
Jn 8:1-11

**LECTORS**

Dexter Krueger

Stephen Bernath

**SERVERS**

**Tuesday, March 23:**  
St. Turbius of Mogrovejo  
Our Lady of Mercy~9:00 am  
For the People  
Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30

**USHERS**

JR Lauber  
Linda LauberDoug Williams  
Chuck McColl

**ROSARY LEADER**

**Wednesday, March 24:**  
Lenten Weekday  
St. Peter~9:00 am  
Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/  
Jn 8:31-42

**MONEY COUNTERS**

*(We need more volunteers!)*

**Thursday, March 25:**  
The Annunciation of the Lord  
No Mass  
Is 7:10-14, 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/  
Lk 1:26-38

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

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

**Friday, March 26:**  
Lenten Weekday  
St. Peter~9:00 am  
Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42

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

**Saturday, March 27:**  
Lenten Weekday  
St. Peter~9:00 am  
Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56

**Archbold K of C Drive-Thru Fish Fry**

Archbold K of C Hall-700 W. Lutz Road  
4:30-7:30 pm EVERY FRYDAY!  
February 19-April 23

Vigil  
St. Peter~4:30 pm  
**All Souls**

Adults-\$9

**Sunday, March 28:**  
Palm Sunday  
Our Lady of Mercy~8:30 am  
Living & Deceased Members  
Sarnac Family  
St. Peter~10:30 am

Child 12 & under dinner-\$5

Fish or Chicken only-\$15

Drive-thru only.-No call ahead or carryout orders

**Jeff Dominique**  
Mk 11:1-10/Is 50:4-7/  
Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1-15:47

\*Cholesterol free oil\*

*Dinners include hash browns or baked potato, cole slaw, and dinner roll*

Blessed Palms on Palm Sunday will be available on tables in church until 4:00 pm on Palm Sunday.



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The livestreamed Chrism Mass, from Rosary Cathedral, will be available for viewing/listening at 11:00 am on Tuesday, March 30 via the Diocese of Toledo Facebook page as well as my Facebook page. The links to these sites are listed below:

Diocese of Toledo Facebook page:  
<https://www.facebook.com/diocesetoledo>

Bishop Thomas' Facebook page:  
<https://www.facebook.com/bishopdethomas>

All are warmly encouraged spiritually to unite themselves by viewing/listening to the Chrism Mass.

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March 25<sup>th</sup> marks the anniversary of Pope John Paul II's encyclical, The Gospel of Life (Evangelium vitae). Check out this brief summary that highlights key themes and foundational teachings. [https://www.usccb.org/resources/rfp-20-bulletin-insert-ev-summary\\_0.pdf](https://www.usccb.org/resources/rfp-20-bulletin-insert-ev-summary_0.pdf)

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**Abstinence: So why aren't you eating pepperoni pizza on Friday?**

You love pepperoni pizza. You eat it all the time. Suddenly, you can't have it on Fridays?! What could possibly be going on? It must be that Catholic thing, again. Absolutely! On Fridays during Lent, we particularly remember the sacrifice of Christ on the cross. In memory of this great sacrifice, we continue the tradition of penance and sacrifice – abstaining from meat on Fridays is an outward manifestation of an interior reality: the conversion of our hearts. As Pope John Paul II has said, "In fact, the external aspects of fasting, though important, do not convey the full measure of the practice. Joined to the practice should be a sincere desire for inner purification, readiness to obey the divine will and thoughtful solidarity with our brothers and sisters, especially the very poor." Christ himself fasted and prayed in the desert. Through fasting and praying, we unite ourselves with the sacrifice of Christ and offer him reparation for our sins and failings. It's a little thing to give him in the face of his ultimate sacrifice, but what a grace that our God accepts and loves little gifts!

*Catechumens who have been preparing for baptism will soon be initiated into the Church. Today, say a prayer for all the elect, whose journeys of spiritual growth have led them to becoming our brothers and sisters in Christ.*

There is a Tridentine Mass today at 1:00 pm

Blessed candles are on the table for \$3.00. You can put your money in the collection basket.

Everyone should have received an election ballot in the recent church mailing for Parish Council. You can mail or bring your marked ballot to church.

Annual Catholic Appeal Online Giving  
<https://toledodiocese.org/donate-now>

Our parish goal this year for the Annual Catholic Appeal is \$8,573.00.

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: \$3191.00  
Weekly Budget: \$3375.00  
Over/(Under) Budget: (\$184.00)

Past collections:  
March 7 \$3803.00  
February 28 \$1854.00  
February 21 \$3127.25

# Dear Padre

March 21, 2021

***I'm a non-Catholic church secretary who receives questions about a Purgatorial Society. What is it?***

"Those who die in God's grace and friendship imperfectly purified, although they are assured of their eternal salvation, undergo a purification after death, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of God" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1054). This process of purification is known as purgatory. Saint Gregory the Great (540–604) wrote "certain offenses can be forgiven in this age, but certain others in the age to come" (see Dialogues 4, 39). This forgiveness of sins granted after death is also suggested in Matthew 12:32 and 2 Timothy 1:18.

Because Catholics believe we're in communion with one another through an active relationship that transcends death, our prayers and sacrifices benefit the deceased (see 2 Maccabees 12:38–46). Thus, a Purgatorial Society is a formal association of Catholics who offer prayers, Masses, and other works of charity to benefit the souls in purgatory. Souls that get to heaven, in turn, offer their prayers to benefit the living. This mutual assistance affirms our belief in an earthly and heavenly Church forming one body in Christ.

Purgatorial societies were especially prevalent from the Middle Ages through the previous century, but they're currently seeing a revival in some church parishes and religious communities. Societies generally maintain a registry to enroll names of the deceased so that Masses are regularly offered for the holy souls in purgatory—especially during the month of November.

*Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR*

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