

December 26, 2021 ~ The Most Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



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THE CATHOLIC, CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY OF ST. PETER

A MEMBER OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE DEANERY

WELCOME TO OUR COMMUNITY

Website: stpeterarchbold.com

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 25:
Our Lady of Mercy~9:00 am

Sat., Jan. 1, 2022~4:30 pm Sun., Jan. 2, 2022~10:30 am

Sunday, December 26:
Healing prayers for family
& friends of Ritzert family

**EXTRAORDINARY
MINISTERS OF HOLY
COMMUNION**

Monday, December 27:
St. John
St. Peter~9:00 am
1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

GREETERS

Drew & Melissa Pifer

Chuck & Theresa McColl

LECTORS

Mary Ann Thatcher

Theresa McColl

SERVERS

Vivianne Pifer
Alexa Alt
Karter Zachrich

Makayla Felder
Olivia & Alex Baden

Tuesday, December 28:
The Holy Innocents Martyrs
Our Lady of Mercy~9:00 am
St. Peter~6:50 *Benediction*
7:00 pm *Communion Service*

USHERS

Aaron Alt
Dave Alt

John Smith
Joel Felder

Wednesday, December 29:
St. Thomas Becket
St. Peter~9:00 am
1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35

ROSARY LEADER

John Smith

MONEY COUNTERS

Chuck & Theresa McColl
Leonard Gustwiller

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

Friday, December 31:
St. Sylvester
St. Peter~9:00am
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.

Saturday, January 1:
The Octave Day of the
Nativity of the Lord
St. Peter~9:00am
Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/
Lk 2:16-21

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

Vigil
St. Peter~4:30 pm
All Souls

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

Area Happenings

Fri., Jan. 7, 2022 – Mass of Remembrance with Bishop Daniel E. Thomas
7 p.m. at Saint Rose Church, 215 E. Front St., Perrysburg, OH.

The mass is for any mother, father or family member who has lost a child to miscarriage, still birth or abortion. Confessions will be heard prior to Mass. Then join us for a coffee/cookie meet and greet in the church basement following Mass hosted by Catholic Charities Project Rachel and the St. Rose Respect Life Committee. For more event information, contact Kerstin Pakka, Project Rachel Coordinator, at (419) 260-5811 or email kpakka@toledodiocese.org.



The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Day)
Saturday, December 25, 2021

In today’s Christmas Mass at dawn we hear from the Gospel reading that God has entered quietly into the world. Not into the great city of Jerusalem, but into a small village about five miles south. Not into a noble family, but to an outcast couple keeping the newborn in a manger. Not announced by royal edicts, but to common shepherds, the first human heralds of Christ’s birth. As Christian stewards we simply allow Christ to live in us no matter what our circumstances happen to be. We allow Christ to share his love with us and reflect that love out to others. We now are the heralds of Christ’s Incarnation. What an unimaginable gift from a generous Lord. Good stewards rejoice in this gift and give glory to God.

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS

Christmas is one of the most important days of the Church year, second only to Easter itself. The liturgical season of Christmas begins with the vigil Masses on Christmas Eve and concludes on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. During this season, we celebrate the birth of Christ into our world and into our hearts. You likely already celebrate many Christmas traditions rooted in Catholicism. The Christmas tree and the Nativity scene are popular symbols of the season and a tradition in many Christian homes. It is also traditional to exchange Christmas gifts with family and friends as a way to honor God the Father's gift of his only son to the world. Having received the gift of Christ, we naturally want to pass that gift along to our loved ones. This Christmas, be intentional about keeping the focus on Christ.

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Sunday, December 26, 2021

The ultimate aim of Saint Paul’s Letter to the Colossians is to teach the community how to deepen its relationship with Christ Jesus. His list of virtues summarizes the ideals of communal stewardship: compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. For Paul, practicing these virtues opens our hearts to Christ as individuals and as a worshipping community. This is how the Christian community ought to live. This is how its members should behave in their dealings with others, particularly with fellow believers. As we approach a new year, how might we embrace one of these virtues more fully in order to deepen our relationship with Jesus.

The Holy Family is celebrated on the Sunday following Christmas. The Holy Family serves as a model for all families. This feast honors their lives together, beginning in Bethlehem and then moving to Nazareth, Egypt and back to Nazareth. The feast recognizes the humility of Jesus, Mary’s virtue and Joseph’s steadfastness, along with the obedience of all three to God’s plan for them in salvation history.



January 1

We close out the Christmas octave—the eight days following the birth of Christ—with a day honoring Mary as the Mother of God. This holiday is a celebration of Mary’s motherhood of Jesus. It is a reminder of the role she played in the salvation of humankind. The title “Mother of God” is a western derivation from the Greek Theotokos, which means “God-bearer”. Mary being chosen by God, the Father, to bring Jesus Christ into this world, and her willingness to do so is a great cause for celebration. The honoring of Mary as the Mother of God can be traced back to the Council of Ephesus in 431.

If you had a picture of a deceased loved one displayed in church, you can pick it up from the table in the fellowship hall.

Most years, January 1 is a Holy Day of Obligation. In 2022, the Solemnity falls on a Saturday, so it's not a holy day of obligation. It's still a wonderful chance to go to Mass, though. It's also a perfect opportunity to pray the Hail Mary slowly and intentionally.

Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

New lector books are available!

There are Christmas envelopes for all servers. Make sure to pick yours up...Thank you so much for being a part of this ministry!

There will be no CCD on December 29. Religious Education class will resume on Wednesday, January 5.

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: 4200.00

Weekly Budget: \$3375.00
Over/(Under) Budget: \$825.00

Past collections:

December 12 \$3467.00
December 5 \$4423.05
November 28 \$2,930.85

Dear Padre

December 26, 2021

I've been trying to teach my children about the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. Any advice?

It's easy to teach young children about the works of mercy if you keep it simple and call their attention to what they're doing.

When they set the table and pour drinks, tell them they're feeding the hungry and giving drink to the thirsty. When they bring homework to a sick classmate, they're visiting the sick. If they go to a funeral, they're helping bury the dead. When they make up with their siblings after a fight, they bear wrongs patiently and forgive all injuries. Siblings who help each other with their homework are instructing the "ignorant."

A child who soothes someone who's been hurt is comforting the sorrowful. Praying for anyone, living or dead, is a spiritual work of mercy. Listening when someone confides in them is counseling the doubtful. Talking a friend or sibling out of doing something wrong is admonishing the sinner.

As your children get older, volunteer as a family with organizations that build homes for low-income families and help the children of prisoners. Performing the corporal and spiritual works of mercy, whether for each other or with each other, will bring you closer as a family as well as closer to God.

Fr. Rick Potts, CSsR

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