

January 9, 2022 ~ Baptism of the Lord



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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, January 8:
Jerry Dominique

Sat., Jan. 15, 2022~4:30 pm Sun., Jan. 16, 2022~10:30 am

Sunday, January 9:
Marcel Bonin
Muriel Pennington
Ritzert Family

**EXTRAORDINARY
MINISTERS OF HOLY
COMMUNION**

Monday, January 10:
Weekday
St. Peter~9:00 am
1 Sm 1:1-8/Mk 1:14-20

GREETERS

Sylvia Miller

Brooke & Sheri Bosco

Tuesday, January 11:

Weekday
Our Lady of Mercy~9:00 am
For the People
St. Peter~7:00 pm
1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28

LECTORS

Linda Lauber

Dexter Krueger

SERVERS

Tripp & Vaughn Langenderfer
Karley Ramirez

Kruegers

Wednesday, January 12:

Weekday
St. Peter~9:00 am
1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/
Mk 1:29-39

USHERS

JR Lauber
Tyson Langenderfer

Steve & Barb Dominique

ROSARY LEADER

Kim Pifer

MONEY COUNTERS

Chuck & Theresa McColl
Leonard Gustwiller

Thursday, January 13:

St. Hilary
No Mass
1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45

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

Friday, January 14:

Weekday
St. Peter~9:00am
1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Mk 2:1-12

Servers should arrive 15 minutes before Mass time.

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

Saturday, January 15:

Weekday
St. Peter~9:00am
1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1/
Mk 2:13-17

Area Happenings

Vigil
St. Peter~4:30 pm
All Souls

Archbold Knights of Columbus
Fish Fry Fridays - Jan. 21- April 15.

As of now, we plan on returning to dine in and carryout dinners just like pre pandemic times. The first fish fry will be January 21 from 4:30 - 7:30.



Sunday, January 16:
Second Sunday in Ordinary
Time
Our Lady of Mercy~8:30 am
Jeanette Tidwell
Muriel Pennington
St. Peter~10:30 am
All Souls
Tridentine~1:00 pm
Evert Ritchie
Is 62:1-5/1 Cor 12:4-11/
Jn 2:1-11



The Baptism of the Lord
Weekend of January 8/9, 2022

In today's reading from the Gospel of Luke we hear the proclamation of the baptism of Jesus with "all the people." Indeed, "heaven was opened," and the Father announced his special favor. Whenever we partake of the body and blood of Christ, heed his call in our daily lives, share his Good News, become instruments of his transforming justice and peace, heaven is opened to us, and through the Holy Spirit, the Lord announces his special favor on us as well. A good stewardship reflection this week might be this: How, or in what ways, have we personally experienced God's special favor in our lives?

CELEBRATE YOUR BAPTISM

In the liturgical calendar, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord signifies the end of the Christmas season. The Baptism of the Lord is notable because it marks the beginning of Jesus' ministry and confirms his identity as the Son of God. As we reflect on Christ's baptism, we are reminded of our own baptism. "Celebrate the anniversary of your baptism like a birthday", says Pope Francis. It is a day to give thanks for God's gift of faith to us, and to give thanks for baptism, the foundation of our Christian life. Celebrate the day like a birthday. It is a day to remind ourselves that we are loved and cherished by God.

Pray together

Almighty ever-living God, who, when Christ had been baptized in the River Jordan and as the Holy Spirit descended upon Him, solemnly declared Him your beloved Son, grant that your children by adoption, reborn of water and the Holy Spirit, may always be well pleasing to you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Plan together

Do you know when you were baptized? If you don't – find out! Contact the parish where you were baptized to get the date.

Watch together

FORMED.org has Born into the Kingdom: The Miracle of Baptism (kids).

Thank you very much for your prayers, gifts, and cards in the Christmas season.

- Deacon Larry Zachrich

Thank you to Vicki Williams and Barb Hug for hosting coffee & rolls last week! The new sign-up sheet is on the board looking for hosts...

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



Tuesday, January 11
Parish Council~7:30 pm
Finance Council~7:50 pm

Wednesday, January 12
Religious Ed K-HS
6:30 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: \$2748.00
Weekly Budget: \$3375.00
Over/(Under) Budget: (\$627.00)
Past collections:
December 24 \$6285.00
December 19 \$4200.00
December 12 \$3467.00

Dear Padre

January 9, 2022

Why did Jesus have to be baptized? Did he have original sin like us or was there another reason to be baptized?

Jesus is God and did not have original sin like us. He is like us in all things except sin. The baptisms John performed did not free people from their original sin. The people who came to John to be baptized were declaring that they were going to change their ways and reform their lives. They promised to turn away from sin and follow the commandments. The baptism of Jesus was different. When Jesus was baptized, God revealed who Jesus is and commissioned him to begin his mission on earth.

There were three significant components to Jesus' baptism. First, the skies opened above Jesus. The prophet Isaiah prayed that God would tear open the sky and come down to earth (Isaiah 63). This was a sign to the people that God was coming down to earth. A new era was beginning. God was no longer "locked up" in the heavens.

Second, the Spirit of God, in the form of a dove, descended from the sky and hovered over Jesus and the water. This takes us back to the first moments of creation when the spirit of God hovered over the waters. The Spirit was a sign to the people that a new creation was being made.

Finally, a voice declared that Jesus is the Son of God. Jesus is the new Adam, who will begin the new creation. Let us call the Holy Spirit to be within our hearts and send us forth, as Jesus was sent, to proclaim a new creation founded on the love and peace of our Savior.

Fr. Paul J. Coury, CSsR

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