

December 11, 2022 ~ Third Sunday of Advent



614 North Defiance Street
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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. Bill. 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. Bill 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

Tues. 6:30 pm & 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 10:
Mike & Joyce Britenriker

Sat., Dec. 17, 2022~4:30 pm

Sun., Dec. 18, 2022~10:30 am

Sunday, December 11:
Marcel Bonin
John Herr
Juanita Arend

GREETERS

Smith Family

Evelyn Roth
Maria Gonzales

Monday, December 12:
Our Lady of Guadalupe
No Mass
Zec 2:14-17/Lk 1:26-38

LECTORS

Jenny Graber

Dexter Krueger

Tuesday, December 13:
St. Lucy
St. Peter~7:00 pm
Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Mt 21:28-32

SERVERSConnor & Dalton Smith
1 Seibert

Kruegers

Wednesday, December 14:
St. John of the Cross
St. Peter~9:00 am
Penance Service~6:30 pm
Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25/
Lk 7:18b-23

USHERS

Mike & Brigitte Schrickel

Chris Lopez
Gary Morman**ROSARY LEADER**

Chris Lopez

Thursday, December 15:
Advent Weekday
Our Lady of Mercy~9:00 am
Is 54:1-10/Lk 7:24-30

MONEY COUNTERSChuck & Theresa
Leonard Gustwiller

Friday, December 16:
Advent Weekday
St. Peter~9:00 am
Is 56:1-3a, 6-8/Jn 5:33-36

Please find a sub if you cannot make your scheduled date.**Servers should arrive 15 minutes before Mass time.**

Saturday, December 17:
Late Advent Weekday
No Mass
Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17

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

Vigil
St. Peter~4:30 pm
Mary Oyer

Sunday, December 18:
4th Sunday of Advent
Our Lady of Mercy~8:30 am
Eddie Tidwell
John Herr
St. Peter~10:30 am
Marjorie Grime
Is 7:10-14/Rom 1:1-7/
Mt 1:18-24

Area HappeningsComfort & Joy Advent Concert: Steve Angrisano & Sara HartTuesday, December 13 at 7:00 pm
St. Michael Catholic Church Hicksville, OHSpaghetti Dinner before the Concert beginning at 5:00 pm
Spaghetti and Salad meal served by St. Michael ARS
Free will offering for the dinner.To buy concert tickets go to: <https://bit.ly/st-michaels-advent>

Tickets are:

\$20 + \$2.85 fee/adults

\$15 + \$2.55 fee/children under 15

Questions, contact Janice Richardson at 260-705-1914

Third Sunday of Advent
Weekend of December 10/11, 2022

From the loneliness of his prison cell John the Baptist asks of Jesus: "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" The weeks before Christmas offer much to be joyous about, celebrating with family and friends, the glitter of seasonal decorations, the excitement of gift giving and receiving. But in our midst there are the lonely and neglected, the poor, the hospitalized, the wayward, the shut-ins. There are those who feel that they have no hope. To whom should they look? Discipleship in the Lord includes being good stewards of others. Are there those in our family, our neighborhood, our community to whom we can reach out to show them a sign of Christ's presence in their midst? Fourth Sunday of Advent Weekend of December 17/18, 2022 In today's Gospel we hear of the coming of Emmanuel, which means "God is with us." We celebrate three Advents: the birth of Christ, his Second Coming, and his presence in the world today. Our daily lives are attended by God's presence. Indeed, "God is with us." The Good News of Christ's Incarnation is that we are the sign, the "sacrament," of Christ's presence in the world. People are supposed to see us, see how we love one another, see how we treat the stranger among us, see how we give comfort to the poor and afflicted, and share the Good News with joy. They see how good stewards are the light of Christ. And there can be no possible response except to say: "God is here!" Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) December 25, 2022 Amidst the beautiful Christmas readings at today's Masses is a reading from a small New Testament letter from Saint Paul to his protégé, Titus, read at Midnight Mass. Saint Paul reminds Titus that God has given us a gift in the person of Jesus Christ. This gift represents God's active presence in our lives and in our world. This gift redeems us from evil and death. This gift purifies us as God's people. This is a gift that also comes with an expectation: that we receive it with thanksgiving, allow it to transform us into Christ's image; and from it, learn how to live a life "eager to do what is good." Take time the next few days to reflect on the marvelous gift we celebrate at Christmas, and how we might become better stewards of this gift.



OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE MASS

Saturday, December 10
4:30 pm

Free Mexican dinner will follow the service. Everyone is invited!

THE CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY OF ST. PETER

The Parish Potluck/Silent Auction/Cookie Walk event, sponsored by the Rosary Altar Society on December 4, was a tremendous success! The parish hall was full and it was so wonderful to be able to gather together in fellowship again! A big THANK YOU to everyone who contributed in any way, large or small, to help make this event the success that it was, including the youth of our parish who helped serve beverages—YOU are appreciated! The silent auction total was \$1,425.00, and the cookie walk "free will" donations totaled \$219.00—for a grand total of \$1,644.00!

This Week

Wednesday, December 14
Religious Education K-12
Penance Service
(open to everyone)
6:30 pm

Eucharistic Adoration
starts at 8 am ending with
Mass at 7 pm every
Tuesday. Call Pat
Dominique: 419-446-2206

Stewardship of Treasure
Sunday Offering: \$4215.10

Weekly Budget: \$3375.00
Over/(Under) Budget:
\$840.10

Past collections:
November 27 \$2230.00
November 20 \$3835.00
November 13 \$3193.00

Dear Padre

December 11, 2022

I struggle with depression, and sometimes it gets really bad during the holidays. When is it morally acceptable to use antidepressant medication?

You are not alone. People who struggle with depression often find the holidays especially difficult. To answer your question, it is morally acceptable to use antidepressant medications when a medical professional judges them to be the best response to the condition of the patient. As we learn more about the causes of depression and other disorders that challenge the sense of equilibrium in people, we hope that the most reliable responses may be found and employed to restore a sense of peace to those suffering from these ailments.

Evaluation and treatment of depression must be done within the context of a person's whole life. Depression often involves a chemical imbalance in the brain, and some people respond quite well to antidepressants. For others, the best treatment might be counseling or psychotherapy. Or both medicine and therapy. As each experience of suffering is unique, so, too, must be the response.

Frequently people will be embarrassed to admit to suffering with depression or consider it a sign of weakness or inability to deal with matters in life. Such thinking is of little help in resolving the issue. People who experience depression need the love and support of family and friends to accompany them in the suffering and to assist in their healing. ●

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