

March 26, 2023~ 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. 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. 6:15 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, March 25:
Dick Roth
Daryl Graber

Sat., April 1, 2023~4:30 pm

Sun., April 2, 2023~10:30 am

Sunday, March 26:
 For the People
Mary Grime
Pat & Juanita Arend

GREETERS

Mike & Barb Britenriker

Peaches Holland

Monday, March 27:
 Lenten Weekday
 No Mass
 Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-
 62/Jn 8:1-11

LECTORS

Mary Ann Thatcher

Peg Hines

SERVERS

Baylen Cordes
 Vivianne Pifer
 Allie Buehrer

Tripp & Vaughn Langenderfer
 Carson Armstrong

Tuesday, March 28:
 Lenten Weekday
 St. Peter~7:00 pm
William Batt
 Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30

USHERS

Mike & Barb Britenriker

Nick & Susan Wlasiuk

Wednesday, March 29:
 Lenten Weekday
 St. Peter~7:10 am
 Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/
 Jn 8:31-42

ROSARY LEADER

Evelyn Roth

MONEY COUNTERS

Brooke & Sheri Bosco
 Bryan & Jessica Miller

Thursday, March 30:
 Lenten Weekday
 Our Lady of Mercy~9:00 am
 Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59

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

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

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, April 1:
 Lenten Weekday
 St. Peter~8:00 am
 Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56

Pro-Life Speaker

Vigil
 St. Peter~4:30 pm
Mike & Joyce Britenriker

Please join us in listening to Michelle Thomas. She resides in Ft. Wayne with her husband and has had 9 children. She was adopted at seven days old, and has always been a life-long advocate for the Pro-Life movement. Being told that her heart could not withstand another pregnancy after giving birth to her first son, she placed all of her trust in her Creator. She is passionate about meeting people where they are and helping them see loving one another the way God created us to love!
 She will speak Tuesday, March 28 at 7pm after the 6:30pm Mass at St John Church in Defiance.

Sunday, April 2:
 Palm Sunday
 Our Lady of Mercy~8:30 am
 For the People
 St. Peter~10:30 am
Gina Damman
Lydia Wlasiuk
 Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/
 Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14-27:66

Fifth Sunday of Lent
Weekend of March 25/26, 2023

Jesus called to his friend from the dead, "Lazarus, come out!" It is the same call our Lord makes to us unceasingly: "Come out!" Jesus calls us from our tomb of doubt and unbelief, from the darkness of our fear and anxieties; from the depths of our weaknesses and lack of hope. Christian stewards pray for an open heart so that they may hear the voice of the Lord, heed the continuous call to come away from their former way of living and reprioritize their lives in the light of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Do we believe Christ has the power to transform our lives? Do we take time to listen for his call?



All ground flowers and decorations must be removed from the cemetery by Sunday, April 2. If not removed, items will be disposed of in order to do seasonal maintenance and cleanup. Flowers in vases or items permanently attached can remain, however.

Contact Andy Dominique if you have any questions. (419) 445-5911

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE:

Fr. Bill invites you to consider joining him on a pilgrimage that will be taking place to Medjugorje from June 12-22. As a place of alleged apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary for the past 42 years, Medjugorje draws over one million visitors per year. Pope Francis has officially approved Medjugorje as a place of pilgrimage for all the faithful. Pilgrims participate in the daily parish prayer program, spiritual conferences, and climb the Apparition hill together. As a special opportunity for this trip, arrangements have been made stay in the guest house of one of the visionaries of Medjugorje, Maria Pavlovic, and to be present in her chapel during the time of the alleged apparition of the Virgin Mary that takes place daily. For more information you may contact the Croatian Mir Center at 800-220-7729 or Fr. Bill 419-446-9288. Space is limited.

Thank you to everyone who supported the youth group fundraiser! They collected \$560 to go toward their mission trip this summer.



Come early before Religious Ed on Wednesday, March 29. There will be a pizza party at 6:00 pm



Stations of the Cross
Tuesday, March 28
6:30 pm

Religious Education
Wednesday, March 29
6:30 pm

Archbold Knights of
Columbus Fish Fry: January
13-Good Friday, April 7.

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: \$3853.00

Weekly Budget: \$3375.00
Over/(Under) Budget:
\$478.00

Past collections:

March 12	\$2435.00
March 5	\$6048.00
February 26	\$2685.00

Dear Padre

March 26, 2023

Are Catholic religious orders dying?

Yes...and no.

In Africa and Asia, some religious orders are vibrant, with orders of men and women religious increasing in number. In the United States, Europe, and Oceania, it's a different story. As many as 300 of the 420 institutes of women religious in the US are in their final decades of existence (*Leadership Conference of Women Religious*, 2019). One-third of all women's congregations in the US have fewer than fifty members. In the US, sisters over age ninety far outnumber those under sixty. Consequently, many communities fall short of the number of active ministers needed to replace their elderly and retiring members. The story is similar for many orders of religious men.

As those in religious orders struggle to remain effective in their mission and ministry for God and humanity, they are reimagining styles of leadership, levels of administration, and, in short, ways of getting the job done. This includes, for example, creative partnerships with laypeople to share in the charism, community life, and ministry of the religious order.

People are still drawn to Jesus and the work of building the kingdom. Only God knows how this "building process" will look in the future. As in all challenging times, the Church remains hopeful. From crisis comes resurrection! ●

— Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

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