

March 5, 2023~ 2nd 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

Website: stpeterarchbold.com

PASTOR

Rev. William Pifher
419-446-9288
stpeter@rtceexpress.net

MUSIC DIRECTOR

Thomas Singer
419-658-2760

BOOKKEEPER

Doug Williams
419-235-0356

SECRETARY

Kim Garrow
419-446-2150

RELIGIOUS ED

Deb Herring
419-467-4870

PASTORAL COUNCIL

PRESIDENT

Stephen Bernath

FINANCE CHAIRMAN

Aaron Alt

ALTAR ROSARY

PRESIDENT

Lois Grime
419-388-7759

GRAND KNIGHT

Garrett Grime
419-388-5722

FUNERAL DINNERS

Lois Grime
419-388-7759
Chris Lopez
419-630-4416

PRAYER CHAIN

Kimberly Garrow
419-388-5142
kimberlygarrow@hotmail.com

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Theresa McColl
419-630-6316

BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE

419-446-9288

MAINTENANCE

Nick Wlasiuk
419-553-6448

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 4:
Mary Grime

Sat., Mar. 11, 2023~4:30 pm

Sun., Mar. 12, 2023~10:30 am

Sunday, March 5:
Living & Deceased
Sarnac Family
Gina Damman

GREETERS

Mike & Barb Britenriker

Matt & Kristin Shields

Monday, March 6:
Lenten Weekday
No Mass
Dn 9-4b-10/Lk 6:36-38

LECTORS

Mary Ann Thatcher

Frank Smith

Tuesday, March 7:
Sts. Perpetua & Felicity
St. Peter~7:00 pm
William Batt
Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12

SERVERSBaylen Cordes
Allie Buehrer
Vivianne PiferAnna & Marian Shields
Carson Armstrong

Wednesday, March 8:
St. John of God
St. Peter~7:10 am
Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28

USHERS

Mike & Barb Britenriker

Gary Morman
Matt Pacholski**ROSARY LEADER**

Kim Pifer

Thursday, March 9:
St. Frances of Rome
Our Lady of Mercy~9:00 am
Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31

MONEY COUNTERSChuck & Theresa McColl
Leonard Gustwiller

Friday, March 10:
Lenten Weekday
St. Peter~9:00 am
Gn 37:3-4, 12-3a, 17b-28a/
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Please find a sub if you cannot make your scheduled date.**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, March 11:
Lenten Weekday
St. Peter~8:00 am
Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

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

Sunday, March 12:
3rd Sunday of Lent
Our Lady of Mercy~8:30 am
Marcel Bonin
Muriel Pennington
St. Peter~10:30 am
Pat & Juanita Arend
Ernest & Jeannette Talbot
Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/
Jn 4:5-42



Area Happenings

Pro-Life Speaker

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.

THE CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY OF ST. PETER

Second Sunday of Lent
Weekend of March 4/5, 2023

In today's second reading, Timothy is issued a strong directive: "Bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God." For the early Christians this could mean torture and execution. For most Christians today enduring hardship for the Gospel might include accepting ridicule or mockery, or the suggestion that we lack sophistication. Nevertheless, in his letters, Saint Paul is adamant that we should not be ashamed of being followers of Christ. Good stewards are not ashamed of their allegiance to Christ. They do not hide their faith. Reflect on this question: Are you willing to speak about following Christ Jesus no matter who your listeners happen to be?



As Lent approaches, the Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo is once again leading in the annual Rice Bowl Campaign through Catholic Relief Services (CRS). Almost 17,000 cardboard bowls are being distributed through 100 parishes this Lent in our Diocese. Money raised goes to help an estimated 190 million people in 100 countries with life-saving support primarily by supplying food. About 75 percent of the funds raised will be used internationally, with the remaining money going to fight hunger through Catholic Charities in our local communities. "We're happy to coordinate the Rice Bowl Campaign in the Diocese of Toledo," said Rodney Schuster, executive director of Catholic Charities. "Feeding the hungry is one of our foundational services, and the need has never been greater than it is now," Schuster said. "Our food pantries, soup kitchen, and shelters have seen a nearly 60 percent increase in people reaching out for help." Money raised will also provide fish for ponds to help the impoverished sustain their food source. In addition, an \$80 donation will provide a family with a young goat to provide milk and becomes a source of income for that family. The bowls are being distributed through the local parishes during the Lenten season where students collect money for their individual bowls while learning about prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

Our Rice Bowls are located on the small table and are available to anyone who would like to participate in this ministry. We will send our donations after Easter.

Dispensation from Lenten Abstinence on Friday, March 17 2023

Out of pastoral solicitude, Bishop Daniel Thomas has dispensed the faithful of the Diocese of Toledo, whether actually present in the territory or not, from the obligation to abstain from meat on the memorial of Saint Patrick, Bishop, which will be observed this year on Friday, March 17. Catholics present in the Diocese of Toledo who otherwise reside in another diocese, are likewise dispensed. No member of the faithful is required to make use of this dispensation. Those who choose to make use of the dispensation are strongly encouraged to abstain from meat on some other day that week as part of their penitential practices during Lent. In this way, a faithful Catholic still keeps the penitential spirit of a Friday in Lent and unites oneself more closely with the suffering Christ and His Church.

Coffee and rolls will be served after Mass today. Everyone is invited!



STATIONS of the CROSS

Tuesdays during Lent

6:30 pm



Adoration~6:30 am

Rosary 6:45 am

Mass~7:10 am



Wednesday, March 8

Religious Education K-12

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: \$2685.00

Weekly Budget: \$3375.00
Over/(Under) Budget: (\$690.00)

Past collections:
February 19 \$2079.00
February 12 \$2966.00
January 5 \$3644.00

Dear Padre

March 5, 2023

What is the value of lighting a candle in church?

Lighting candles is one of many customs that can be found in most of the world's religions. Lit candles, in church or at home, in front of a picture or statue of a favorite saint, serve a symbolic function. The light of the candle represents our desire that our prayer may be constant, as St. Paul urged (1 Thessalonians 5:17). The candle burns while we go about our daily tasks, symbolizing our desire to be at prayer with God. Similarly, Tibetan Buddhists spin prayer wheels and believe that as long as the wheels spin, a prayer is offered. Candles give light and banish the darkness. For Catholics they symbolize the light of Christ, by whose death and resurrection we are saved.

Lighting a candle isn't a required act. You can pray without lighting candles, without statues, without anything but your faith in God. However, we Catholics love our symbols. We like to engage all of our senses in our prayer experience: beautiful churches, colored light, incense, great music and, yes, candles.

One extreme position to avoid is lighting a candle hoping it will cause something else to happen, like the sudden cure of a loved one or relief from financial ruin. We are to avoid all appearance of using candles as if they have an untapped, magical power. Nevertheless, lighting a candle as a part of our prayer is a comforting custom and most things (and people?) look lovelier by candlelight. ●

— Fr. Rick Potts, CSsR / DearPadre.org

© 2023 Liguori Publications, Liguori, MO 63057-9999. Printed in USA. *Imprimatur*: "In accordance with CIC 827, permission to publish was granted on June 7, 2022, by the Most Reverend Mark S. Rivituso, Auxiliary Bishop, Archdiocese of St. Louis. Permission to publish is an indication that nothing contrary to Church teaching is contained in this work. It does not imply any endorsement of the opinions expressed in the publication; nor is any liability assumed by this permission." No part of this work may be used in any form without the prior written permission of Liguori Publications. Scripture texts in this work are taken from the *New American Bible*, revised edition © 2010, 1991, 1986, 1970 Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, Inc., Washington, DC. All Rights Reserved.



ANDRES O'NEIL & LOWE
INSURANCE AGENCY

419.292.4895
carlyo@andresins.com

Personal • Commercial
Life • Employee Benefits

Carly Osinski

D&W
COLLISION & RADIATOR
Service
ARCHBOLD • OHIO

QUALITY SERVICE SINCE 1959
4911 STATE HIGHWAY 66N. (419) 445-5211
AUTO TRUCK BODY REPAIR; RADIATOR SERVICE;
ALIGNMENTS; FRAME STRAIGHTENING; TIRES

FRANK GRIME WWW.DWCOLLISION.COM

Cynthia Gustwiller
Realtor

Office: 224 N. Defiance St,
Archbold, Ohio 43502

Mob: 419.799.1050
Office: 419.446.0239

realtorcindyg@yahoo.com



Key REALTY

HOMIER'S MONUMENTAL



Contact: **Andy Dominique**
419-445-5911

Larry Zachrich

Consulting
(419)220-9012

Archbold
SUPERVALU FOODS

1925 South Defiance Archbold, OH 43502