

April 23, 2023~ Third Sunday of Easter



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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. 6:15 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, April 22: Richard Johnson		Sat., April 29, 2023~8:30 pm	Sun., April 30, 2023~10:30 am
Sunday, April 23: Gina Damman Grace New	<u>GREETERS</u>	Abby Harrow	Brooke & Sheri Bosco
Monday, April 24: St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen No Mass Acts 6:8-15/Jn 6:22-29	<u>LECTORS</u>	Deb Herring	Theresa McColl
Tuesday, April 25: St. Mark St. Peter~7:00 pm 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Mk 16:15-20	<u>SERVERS</u>	Caleb Harrow Vivian Pifer Alexa Alt	Anna & Marian Shields Allie Buehrer
Wednesday, April 26: Easter Weekday St. Peter~9:00 am Acts 8:1b-8/Jn 6:35-40	<u>USHERS</u>	Paul Herring Aaron Alt	Chris Lopez Matt Pacholski
Thursday, April 27: Easter Weekday Our Lady of Mercy~9:00 am Acts 8:26-40/Jn 6:44-51	<u>ROSARY LEADER</u>		John Smith
Friday, April 28: Sts. Peter Chanel & Louis Grignon de Montfort St. Peter~9:00 am Acts 9:1-20/Jn 6:52-59	<u>MONEY COUNTERS</u>		Brooke & Sheri Bosco Bryan & Jessica Miller
Saturday, April 29: St. Catherine of Siena No Mass Acts 9:31-42/Jn 6:60-69			

Vigil
St. Peter~4:30 pm
Pat & Juanita Arend
Mary Grime

Sunday, April 30:
4th Sunday of Easter
Our Lady of Mercy~8:30 am
For the People
St. Peter~10:30 am
Mike & Joyce Britenriker
Acts 2:14a, 36-41/
1 Pr 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10

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.

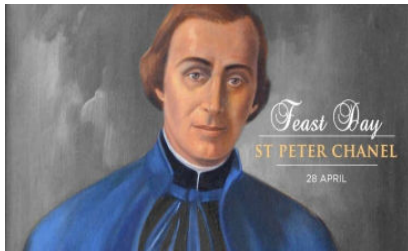
The Junior Choral Society (JCS)

Sunday, April 30 @ 7:00 pm at Central Mennonite Church, Archbold. Come hear this energetic group of 4th-8th grade children sing a variety of music they have worked hard to present this season! Refreshments & fellowship to follow the concert. Thank you for supporting the musical arts for the young people in our community!



Third Sunday of Easter
Weekend of April 22/23, 2023

As today's gospel reveals, the first meal shared with the risen Lord happened in a place called Emmaus. Perhaps there is no better time to reflect on this story than in those prayerful moments at Mass when we return to our place after receiving Holy Communion. Those few moments give us an opportunity to reflect on our stewardship of Christ's presence within us. We have a chance to practice hospitality by inviting Jesus into our hearts to walk and talk with us about our own Emmaus journey. We can relive once again the time when he broke bread for the disciples. And just as they did, we too can recognize Christ in this meal we have just shared with others.



Saint Peter Chanel Peter Chanel was born in a small village near Lyons, France in 1803. Observing his simple piety and intelligence, his parish priest had him admitted to a church-sponsored school. Chanel eventually studied for the priesthood and was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Belley in 1827. His mind was set on missionary work and after four years of parish ministry, he joined a recently formed religious community of missionary priests called the Society of Mary, the Marists. Father Chanel sought an assignment to a foreign mission, but instead was sent to teach in the local seminary where he soon became a spiritual director and the vice rector. In 1836, the Marist congregation was assigned a vast area in the South Pacific for its mission work. Very little was known of the New Hebrides, the colonial name for the island group that now forms the nation of Vanuatu. But a delighted Father Chanel was appointed superior of a small group of missionaries that travelled to the area. They split up and Father Chanel went to the Island of Futuna, between Fiji and French Samoa, accompanied by a lay brother and an English layman. They were received by the island inhabitants with much hospitality and soon earned a great deal of respect for their care of the sick. Once the missionaries learned the local language and began preaching directly to the people, the king of the islanders became disturbed that Christianity would pose a threat to his sovereignty. When his son asked to be baptized, the angered king sent warriors to assassinate Father Chanel. On April 28, 1841, Father Chanel was killed with an axe and his body cut up with knives. Two weeks after the killing, a passing American trading ship took Father Chanel's companions and others to New Zealand and safety. The French landed the following year to make official inquiries and to take Father Chanel's remains with them. By the time of their arrival, however, the entire island nation had converted to Christianity. Father Chanel was declared a martyr and was canonized in 1954. His relics were returned to Futuna in 1977.



From the Rosary Altar Society: The supplier for our plant sale is asking that we get our fern preorders in a bit earlier than we stated on our flyer which was in last weekend's bulletin. Please return your preorder forms by **Sunday, May 7**. If you missed the bulletin last weekend, there are forms on the table in the hall.

Rice Bowls can be turned in until the weekend of *April 30*. A bin will be placed in the entryway for donations.



Wednesday, April 25
Religious Education K-12
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: 3375.00

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

Past collections:

April 9	\$5,449.00
April 2	\$5,975.00
March 26	\$2301.00

Dear Padre

April 23, 2023

Our planet's condition is now a serious problem. Why is climate change hardly mentioned in homilies?

Many people view climate change as a political issue more than a religious one. As such, some homilists avoid controversial, politicized topics altogether; others are selective in preaching about them; still others tend to use the pulpit as a soapbox for a single political issue or a variety of them. Moreover, preachers themselves are not apolitical, nor are they all centrist in their ideologies. Like those in the pews, homilists have biases, too.

So how did climate change become so politicized? Despite decades of substantial evidence from many respected scientific experts, confusion exists about climate change because the issue's scope is massive and hard to digest, international cooperation is mandatory, and polar-opposite opinions of politicians and their followers are often intransigent. Nevertheless, Pope Francis convened an international conference in 2019 to look at how religions can help the world reach sustainable ecological goals by 2030 to, he said, repair "the damage we have done. No branch of science or form of wisdom should be overlooked, and this includes religions and the languages particular to them."

Thus, according to the Pope, "religious voices" play a crucial role in addressing the serious condition of our planet. Inasmuch as religion has a fundamental responsibility to offer people faith and hope in a better world—and homilies help believers find meaning and purpose—taking action and speaking out about humanity's well-being are becoming less optional. ●

— Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

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