

June 25, 2023~ 12th Sunday of Ordinary Times



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, June 24:  
For the People**

Sat., July 1, 2023~8:30 pm

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

**Sunday, June 25:  
Mary E. Smith  
Mary Grime****GREETERS**

Joel &amp; Melinda Felder

Andy &amp; Lois Grime

**Monday, June 26:  
No Mass  
Gn 12:1-9/Mt 7:1-5****LECTORS**

Deb Herring

Amy Zientek

**Tuesday, June 27:  
St. Cyril of Alexandria  
St. Peter~7:00 pm  
Gn 13:2, 5-18/Mt 7:6, 12-14****SERVERS**Makayla Felder  
Tripp & Vaughn LangenderferKassidy & Lainey Zientek  
Alexa Alt**Wednesday, June 28:  
St. Irenaeus  
St. Peter~9:00 am  
Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/Mt 7:15-20****USHERS**Paul Herring  
Joel FelderAndy Grime  
Aaron Alt**Thursday, June 29:  
Sts. Peter & Paul  
Our Lady of Mercy~9:00 am  
Acts 12:1-11/  
2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/  
Mt 16:13-19****ROSARY LEADER**

Kassidy &amp; Lainey Zientek

**MONEY COUNTERS**Brooke & Sheri Bosco  
Nick & Susan Wlasiuk**Friday, June 30:  
The 1st Martyrs of the Holy  
Roman Church  
St. Peter~9:00 am  
Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22/Mt 8:1-4****Please find a sub if you cannot make your scheduled date.****Servers should arrive 15 minutes before Mass time.****Saturday, July 1: 1st Saturday  
St. Junipero Serra  
St. Peter~8:00 am  
Gn 18:1-15/Mt 8:1-4****ROSARY ~ The Rosary is said every Sunday at 10:00 AM before Mass.  
No weekday rosary.****Vigil  
St. Peter~4:30 pm  
Mike & Joyce Britenriker*****SAVE THE DATE*****2023 Diocesan Celebration of Wedding Anniversaries****Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral  
October 22, 2022 | 3:00 p.m.****Sunday, July 2:  
13th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Our Lady of Mercy~8:30 am  
For the People  
St. Peter~10:30 am  
Mary Grime  
Mona LaNeve  
2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/  
Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42**

If you are celebrating a milestone wedding anniversary in 2023 – 25, 40, 50, 60, or 60+ years – plan to join Bishop Daniel E. Thomas for the Order of Blessing Married Couples within Holy Mass. Registered couples receive a commemorative certificate and are invited to a reception following mass. To register visit:

[www.toledoanniversarymass.org](http://www.toledoanniversarymass.org)



Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Weekend of June 24/25, 2023



Jesus minces no words with his disciples: If we acknowledge Jesus publicly, Jesus will remember us before God, our Father. If we deny Jesus, he will forget us. It is very rare that a Christian will denounce Jesus publicly. But we can deny Jesus in more subtle ways. There are many people who conveniently forget all about Jesus Christ and the work of his Kingdom in their daily lives, in moments of weakness, spiritual immaturity or when times get tough. Good stewards strengthen their confession of Christ by praying and attending Mass regularly, examining their lives and going to confession frequently, and reminding themselves daily that Christ resides in them. Take a look at your own daily life. Do you acknowledge Christ before others? How often do you remind yourself that Jesus lives in you?

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**Ten Commandments for Welcoming Visitors at Mass**

Welcoming newcomers to your parish is not just the job of the pastoral staff, ushers, ministers of hospitality or greeters. It is everyone's responsibility. Here are ten things you can do to provide better hospitality in your parish.

1. Cultivate the virtue of hospitality at Mass. Many Mass attendees tend to gather into little cliques and ignore those who are not members of their particular clique. They are not really inhospitable, just heedless of the need for hospitality. Make hospitality a new habit when you go to Mass.
2. Come early, leave late. Instead of rushing to Mass to be there on time, and then rushing out at its conclusion, make time to come a little early and linger just a bit later. Make room in your busy life to greet and spend time with others at Mass.
3. Go in peace to greet someone! Seek out someone you've not met before. Shake their hand, introduce yourself, and take a few moments to welcome them to your parish home, God's house.
4. Welcome everyone. Not only do visitors need your warm welcome, regular Mass attendees also need a friendly greeting. Develop a good handshake and be enthusiastic about your parish. You are greeting others in the name of Christ.
5. Help newcomers connect. While you are getting to know visitors, introduce them to other parishioners as the opportunity presents itself. Feel free to invite visitors to sit next to you.
6. Say goodbye with genuine warmth. After Mass, bid farewell to visitors, inviting them to return next week. Introduce them to the pastor if the opportunity arises.
7. Avoid parish business. Avoid conducting parish business with others immediately before or after Mass. Focus on visitors.
8. Give visitors information about the parish. Ensure that a visitor has a bulletin and other information about the parish before they leave. If there is a social gathering after Mass, invite them.
9. Be part of a greeting ministry team. Parishes are always in need of greeters to serve regularly, and provide ongoing formation to new greeters. Help out, be a greeter. If your parish doesn't have greeters, now is a good time to start!
10. Greet those who already minister in the area of hospitality. It isn't necessary to neglect the people who are already ministers of hospitality in order to make visitors feel at home. A simple wave and a smile go a long way.

It's on its way to your mailbox! If you have a new address or know someone who would like to be added to our mailing list, please contact the office.

Coffee and rolls will be served after Mass next Sunday. Everyone is invited for food, fun and fellowship!

The Rosary Altar Society Garage Sale made \$1477.05! Thank you to everyone for your donations, volunteering and your generosity in making this fundraiser a success!

*Welcome Back!*

Our youth group and leaders are back from Catholic Heart Work Camp as they spent the week serving others. Special blessings to all who were called to this ministry!



**Haley Doehrmann & Ethan Schlachter**

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: \$2458.61

Weekly Budget: \$3375.00  
Over/(Under) Budget: (\$916.39)

Past collections:

May 28	\$4289.50
May 21	\$3779.50
May 28	\$2899.00



# Dear Padre

June 25, 2023

## **A friend of mine wants to be cremated. Does the Church permit it?**

The Church permits cremation when extraordinary circumstances warrant it. There was never a direct canonical ban on cremation until 1886, simply because it was not widely practiced by the Christian Church; its members preferred inhumation—the traditional form of burial—in hopeful imitation of Christ, whose body was resurrected from the dead. The Church reacted to a proliferation of nineteenth-century cremation societies, primarily in Europe, with a decree that forbade Catholics from membership in these societies or from cremation (with obvious exceptions made in times of public crisis, plagues, wars, etc.). The Church restated the ban as late as 1926 out of concern that these groups were anti-religious in promoting cremation as an argument against belief in the resurrection.

The Vatican has allowed cremation as an acceptable alternative to burial since 1963, except in cases where irreligious motives are apparent (Canon 1176, No. 3). Nevertheless, "although cremation is now permitted by the Church, it does not enjoy the same value as burial of the body. The Church clearly prefers and urges that the body of the deceased be present for the funeral rites, since the presence of the human body better expresses the values which the Church affirms in those rites" (No. 413, *Order of Christian Funerals*, "Appendix 2, Cremation," 1997). Moreover, while the Church permits cremation, the scattering of ashes is forbidden. They are to be reserved with reverence in a sacred place. ●

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