

August 6, 2023~ The Transfiguration of the Lord



614 North Defiance Street
Archbold, OH

THE CATHOLIC, CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY OF ST. PETER

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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, Aug. 5:
Mike & Joyce Britenriker

Sat., Aug. 12, 2023~8:30 pm Sun., Aug. 13, 2023~10:30 am

Sunday, Aug. 6:
Chad Miller
Mary Grime

GREETERS

Lois Grime
Sylvia Miller

Frank & Benie Smith

Monday, Aug. 7:
Sts. Sixtus II & Cajetan
No Mass
Nm 11:4b-15/Mt 14:13-21

LECTORS

Mary Ann Thatcher

Frank Smith

Tuesday, Aug. 8:
St. Dominic
St. Peter~7:00 pm
Pat & Juanita Arend
Nm 12:1-13/Mt 14:22-36

SERVERS

Tripp & Vaughn Langenderfer
1 Krueger

Millers

Wednesday, Aug. 9:
St. Teresa Benedicta of the
Cross
St. Peter~9:00 am
Mike Salinas
Nm 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26-29a,
34-35/Mt 15:21-28

USHERS

Tyson Langenderfer
Andy Grime

Koby Kennedy
Susana Garcia

ROSARY LEADER

Mary Schrock

MONEY COUNTERS

Roger Johnson
Nick & Susan Wlasiuk

Thursday, Aug. 10:
St. Lawrence
Our Lady of Mercy~9:00 am
2 Cor 9:6-10/Jn 12:24-26

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

Friday, Aug. 11:
St. Clare
St. Peter~9:00 am
Dt 4:32-40/Mt 16:24-28

Servers should arrive 15 minutes before Mass time.

Saturday, Aug. 12:
St. Jane Frances de Chantal-
No Mass
Dt 6:4-13/Mt 17:14-20

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

Vigil
St. Peter~4:30 pm
Mary Grime
Mona LaNeve

Sunday, Aug. 13:
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Our Lady of Mercy~8:30 am
Marcel Bonin
St. Peter~10:30 am
Gina Damman
Cindy Eddy
1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/
Rom 9:1-5

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SUNDAY 9/3 @ 5:00PM

THE CRAGUNS
MONDAY 9/4 @ 5:00PM

More at www.fccmm.org!

Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord
Weekend of August 5/6, 2023

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord, and in today's Gospel reading we hear it proclaimed that on Mount Tabor, Peter, James, and John caught a glimpse of Jesus' divinity strong enough to strike fear into their hearts. The event took place shortly after Peter's confession of faith that Jesus was, indeed, the Messiah. In today's second reading from Peter, we hear his personal testimony. This comes from a man who spent more than three years with Jesus. Peter witnessed his humanity. He saw Jesus hungry, tired, and finally, rejected and crucified. But he also saw Jesus feed the 5,000, walk on water, heal the sick, and raise the dead. He saw Jesus in his glory when he was transfigured. He saw Jesus risen from the dead and ascend into heaven with the promise that he is coming again in power and glory. How strong is the stewardship of our own faith? Do we accept Peter's apostolic witness to Jesus as Christ? Does this testimony help us acknowledge and trust Christ Jesus as our Lord and savior?



August 8: Vote YES on Issue 1 strongly recommended by the Ohio Bishops

A YES vote for *Issue 1* will help protect our Ohio Constitution from the aggressive ballot initiatives that will seek to expand abortion in the future.

As we enter the Month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Pope Francis' words resonate deeply: "We are in need of your immaculate heart, To love freely, Without secondary aims but seeking the good of the other, With simplicity and sincerity, renouncing masks and tricks." Let us draw near to the Blessed Mother, seeking her intercession, and may her pure and selfless love inspire us in our journey of faith.



THE CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY OF ST. PETER



Welcome to all who are new or visiting St. Peter. If you would like to register as a parishioner you can find membership forms on the table in the entryway.

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



The faith formation of our children is so important! We are in need of Catechists and helpers for the upcoming Religious Education year. If you have questions or interest, please contact Deb Herring, Father Bill or the office.

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: \$2661.66

Weekly Budget: \$3375.00
Over/(Under) Budget:
(\$713.34)

Past collections:

July 23	\$2942.16
July 16	\$2423.00
July 9	\$3797.69

Dear Padre

August 6, 2023

For the past year or so I have been trying to pray on a regular basis, but I am constantly distracted. My mind wanders so easily. Do you have any suggestions?

Distractions in prayer are an inescapable part of the human condition and the result of our imagination. Even great saints experienced distractions in prayer, and some of their suggestions may help. When St. Thérèse of Lisieux struggled with prayer, she would recite an Our Father or a Hail Mary or read from the Gospels. Praying an act of faith or returning to God's presence and love can turn our focus away from other concerns, but even then, distractions may still arise.

When we become aware of them, we should calmly renew our focus and continue our prayer. Saint Teresa of Ávila offers this guidance: "We should not be distressed by reason of our thoughts, nor allow ourselves to be worried by them....The thing is inevitable, therefore do not let it disturb or grieve you" (*The Interior Castle*). No matter how often distractions return or how long they last, they are not sinful. Rather, they are opportunities to show God that we are sincere about praying.

Saint Alphonsus, another great teacher of prayer, reminds us that prayer is necessary, beneficial, and always possible. Hang in there, he says, because the devil would like nothing better than for you to stop praying. ●

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