

September 17, 2023~ 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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, Sept. 16:
Deceased Members of the
French & Florence
Dominique family

Sat., Sep. 23, 2023~8:30 pm Sun., Sep. 24, 2023~10:30 am

Sunday, Sept. 17:
Mike Dwyer
People of the Parish

GREETERS

Paul & Deb Herring

Steve & Barb Dominique

Monday, Sept. 18:
Weekday
No Mass
1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 7:1-10

LECTORS

Mary Ann Thatcher

Steve Bernath

Tuesday, Sept. 19:
St. Januarius
St. Peter~7:00 pm
1 Tm 3:1-13/Lk 7:11-17

SERVERS

Allie Buehrer
Baylen Cordes
1 Krueger

Millers

Wednesday, Sept. 20:
St. Sts. Andre Kim Tae-gon &
Paul Chong Ha-sang
No MORNING MASS
Religious Education Mass
6:45 pm
1 Tm 3:14-16/Lk 7:31-35

USHERS

Paul & Deb Herring

Steve & Barb Dominique

ROSARY LEADER

Diane Sessen

Thursday, Sept. 21:
St. Matthew
Our Lady of Mercy~9:00 am
Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Mt 9:9-13

MONEY COUNTERS

Chuck and Theresa McColl
Leonard Gustwiller

Friday, Sept. 22:
Weekday
St. Peter~9:00 am
1 Tm 6:2c-12/Lk 8:1-3

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, Sept. 23:
St. Pius of Pietrelcina
No MORNING Mass
1 Tm 6:13-16/Lk 8:4-15

Vigil
St. Peter~4:30 pm
**Mike & Joyce Britenriker
Pat & Juanita Arend**

St. Mary Drive-Thru Chicken & Ham Dinner

300 S. Michigan Ave., Edgerton, OH

Sunday, September 24, 2023

DRIVE-THRU ONLY

Serving 11:00 am to 2:00 pm

Sunday, Sept. 24:
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Our Lady of Mercy~8:30 am
Giovanni Stella
St. Peter~10:30 am
People of the Parish
Is 55:6-9/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/
Mt 20:1-16a

Adult Meals Only

Free-will Donation (Cash or Check)

The line will begin on Sargent Street off of St. Rt. 49, to Elm Street, to Bement St, into the parish parking lot. Watch for signs. While in line you may purchase your 50/50 raffle tickets, turn in or purchase general raffle tickets, place your meal order and then proceed down the fire lane to purchase general raffle tickets, place your meal order and then proceed down the fire lane to purchase drinks, choose your favorite pie and on to the basement door where you will be greeted with your meals. Exit carefully back out onto St. Rt. 49.

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Weekend of September 16/17, 2023

Today's Gospel reading continues Jesus' instructions on being good stewards of others – the direction that if we love Jesus Christ, we must forgive an individual 77 times. The reading compels us to consider one of the most difficult practices of Christian discipleship. Forgiveness is the way of Jesus, the way of the cross. Vengeance, bitterness and hatred seem so much easier and certainly more desirable. Forgiveness is a hard road to travel, but it is the only road that leads to life in Christ. Consider this week who you need to forgive.

Help Support Our Diocesan Priests' Retirement!

Your gift to the *Perpetuate The Gift* appeal supports our retired diocesan priests, enabling them to pay for their living expenses, such as medical, housing, car, clothing, and food. Our priests have given their lives in service to us and our parish, and we are most grateful! Please offer your gratitude for those who faithfully served the Diocese of Toledo today! All funds contributed between September 17 through December 31, 2023, assist our parish in fulfilling its assessed contribution to the fund. A gift of cash or check can be sent to Perpetuate The Gift, PO Box 954, Toledo, OH 43697, or placed in the parish collection. A gift may also be made online at www.toledodiocese.org under the **Give** tab. You can also make a gift on your handheld device by holding the camera up to the QR code. Our parish and our retired priests are so very grateful for your support!



Congratulations to Savannah (Short) and Trent Crouch. Blessings on your marriage!

The Religious Education program and the Youth Group program will begin Wednesday, September 20. The events of this evening will be the following:

- Meet and Greet 6:30 pm
*Parents gather in church
Students in classroom*
- Mass at 6:45 pm
- Pizza Party immediately following Mass



**Tuesday, September 19
Parish Council Mtg 7:30 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: \$3621.30

Weekly Budget: \$3375.00
Over/(Under) Budget: \$2008.30

Past collections:
September 3 \$5383.30
August 27 \$2990.45
August 20 \$1836.34

Dear Padre

September 17, 2023

Why are churches doing away with the confessionals?

In many churches, when it is feasible, the traditional confessional box is modified or even replaced by a more spacious, less darkened reconciliation room. In 1974, the US Conference of Catholic Bishops decreed that "small chapels or rooms of reconciliation be provided in which penitents might choose to confess their sins through an informal face-to-face exchange with the priest, with the opportunity for appropriate spiritual counsel." Later, a further elaboration recommended austere furnishings and decoration in this space, "with nothing superfluous in evidence beyond a simple cross, table and Bible. The purpose of this room is primarily for the celebration of the reconciliation liturgy; it is not a lounge, counseling room, etc. The word 'chapel' more appropriately describes this space." If a reconciliation chapel does not provide a fixed screen or grille between the penitent and confessor, it must be offered elsewhere, according to canon law. "The purpose of this norm is...to afford the penitent anonymity if he or she desires and to make certain that there is no suspicion of impropriety in the confessor-penitent relationship" (Code of Canon Law, 964 commentary).

Ideally, the environment of the reconciliation chapel helps the penitent and confessor feel they are "on holy ground" (Exodus 3:5) in encountering God in this sacrament. It offers an inviting sacred space to celebrate a powerful expression of God's mercy and unconditional love. ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

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