

December 10, 2023~ 2nd Sunday of Advent



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, December 9:
Ronnie Ruffer
Esteban Sandoval

Sat., Dec. 16, 2023~4:30 pm

Sun., Dec. 17, 2023~10:30 am

Sunday, December 10:
 Marcel Bonin
 Living & Deceased Members
 Sarnac Family
People of the Parish

GREETERS

Mike & Barb Britenriker

The Smith Family

Monday, December 11:
 St. Damasus
 No Mass
 Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26

LECTORS

Mary Ann Thatcher

Arlene Hicks

Tuesday, December 12:
 Our Lady of Guadalupe
 St. Peter~7:00 pm
 Zec 2:14-17/Lk 1:26-38
Mary Grime
Pat & Juanita Arend

SERVERS

Baylen Cordes
 Makayla Felder
 Need 1

Connor & Dalton Smith
 Alexa Alt

Wednesday, December 13:
 St. Lucy
 St. Peter~9:00 am
Penance Service-6:30 pm
 Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30

USHERS

Mike & Barb Britenriker

Susana Garcia
 Aaron Alt

ROSARY LEADER

Carol Breidenbach

Thursday, December 14:
 St. John of the Cross
 Our Lady of Mercy~9:00 am
 Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15

MONEY COUNTERS

Chuck & Theresa McColl
 Leonard Gustwiller

Friday, December 15:
 Advent Weekday
 St. Peter~9:00 am
 Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19

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, December 16:
 Advent Weekday
 No Morning Mass
 Sir 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19

Advent Penance Services

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

St. Michael, Hicksville: December 10, 2pm

St. Peter, Archbold: December 13, 6:30pm

Holy Trinity: December 20, 6:30 pm

Sunday, December 17:
 3rd Sunday of Advent
 Our Lady of Mercy~8:30 am
 St. Peter~10:30 am
Christmas Novena
Intentions
 Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/
 1 Thes 5:16-24/
 Jn 1:6-8, 19-28





The December newsletter was mailed out last week. Hopefully you have received yours or will soon! Please return your prayer intention card as soon as possible to be included for the Novena. You may either mail, place in the offering basket or drop off at the office.

Christmas Novena, December 17-25



This year the 4th Sunday of Advent will be only a few short hours and then it will be Christmas Eve. Please note that Sunday morning Mass/Saturday Evening Mass (4th Sunday of Advent) and Christmas Eve Mass are two separate Masses. If you are planning on attending a different Parish, please check the time of their Sunday morning Mass that it has not been changed.

Baptized around the age 50, Juan Diego was walking to Mass on December 9, 1531, when Mary appeared to him on Tepeyac Hill, near Mexico City. Speaking in his native language of Náhuatl, she asked him to petition the bishop for a shrine to be built there. The bishop asked for a sign. On December 12, Juan returned to Tepeyac; Mary told him to pick flowers blooming atop the hill and put them in his cloak to take to the bishop. When Juan opened the cloak, the flowers fell out and the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe adorned his garment. This miraculous image is preserved in the famous basilica in Mexico City. He was canonized in 2002.

Following our Guadalupe Mass on Saturday



**A free Mexican Meal will be served!
Everyone is invited.**

Thank you to all who helped and donated to our recent ministries: Christmas Cheer, St. Vincent and FISH! Your generosity was so appreciated!!



What a huge success and a lot of fun last weekend's festivities brought! The Rosary Altar Society collected \$296 from the Cookie Walk and the Silent Auction raised \$1,422.



Wednesday, December 13
Penance Service
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: \$4,042.00

Weekly Budget: \$3375.00
Over/(Under) Budget:
\$667.00

Past collections:
November 26 \$2856.00
November 19 \$3119.00
November 12 \$3264.00

Dear Padre

December 10, 2023

Do Catholics have to marry in the Church? If a couple decides to marry outside of the Church, are they still allowed to receive Communion and other sacraments?

Catholics are obligated to follow the laws of the Church, including those laws regarding marriage. If a Catholic marries outside the Church, meaning that they did not follow Church law, then they may not receive the other sacraments until their marriage has been witnessed by the Church.

A wedding is a sacred ceremony for the couple, but it is also a ceremony for the Church. The Christian community is called upon to witness the ceremony, with the bishop, priest, or deacon called upon to bless the union in the name of the Church. The Church can dispense from the form, that is, the place of the wedding, for good cause, and does so when necessary. When a dispensation from the law is granted, then the person has followed the marriage laws of the Church and is free to receive the sacraments.

A wedding is a sacred ceremony in which a sacrament is conferred. While the park may be pretty or the church down the street may be bigger, neither is a sufficient reason to ignore marriage law and marry outside the Church. ●

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