

December 17, 2023~ 3rd Sunday of Advent



614 North Defiance Street
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THE CATHOLIC, CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY OF ST. PETER

A MEMBER OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE DEANERY

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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 16:
Mike & Joyce Britenriker
Cathy Warner

Sat., Dec. 23, 2023~4:30 pm

Sun., Dec. 24, 2023~10:30 am

Sunday, December 17:
Christmas Novena
Intentions

GREETERS

Mike & Brigitte Schrickel

Peaches Holland
Ruth Solarik

Monday, December 18:
Late Advent Weekday
No Mass
Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25

LECTORS

Linda Lauber

Steve Bernath

Tuesday, December 19:
Late Advent Weekday
St. Peter~7:00 pm
Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25

SERVERS

Kruegers

Millers

Wednesday, December 20:
Late Advent Weekday
St. Peter~9:00 am
Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38

USHERSJR Lauber
Mike SchrickelDavid Dominique
Garrett Grime**ROSARY LEADER**

John Smith

Thursday, December 21:
St. Peter Canisius
Our Lady of Mercy~9:00 am
Sg 2:8-14/Zep 3:14-18a/
Lk 1:39-45

MONEY COUNTERSChuck & Theresa McColl
Leonard Gustwiller

Friday, December 22:
Advent Weekday
St. Peter~9:00 am
1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56

Please find a sub if you cannot make your scheduled date.**Servers should arrive 15 minutes before Mass time.**

Saturday, December 23:
St. John of Kanty
No Morning Mass
Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66

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

Vigil
St. Peter~4:30 pm
**Christmas Novena
Intentions**

Sunday, December 24:
4th Sunday of Advent
Our Lady of Mercy~8:30 am
St. Peter~10:30 am
**Christmas Novena
Intentions**
2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/
Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

CHRISTMAS SERVICES
St. Peter~Christmas Eve
4:30 pm & 10:00 pm
Our Lady of Mercy~7:00 pm

Our Lady of Mercy
Christmas Day~9:00 am

ARCHBOLD KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

**JANUARY 12-
MARCH 29**



Third Sunday of Advent
Weekend of December 16/17, 2023

In today's second reading Paul concludes his letter to the Christian community at Thessalonica by providing it with actions to take as its members wait for the return of the Lord. The first action is to rejoice always and give thanks in all circumstances. This sounds easy but it's not. The two words that make this task difficult are "always" and "all". This means giving thanks and rejoicing even when our circumstances are not always moments of joy and thanksgiving, or when we are confronted with a broken world. Prayerful stewards rejoice and give thanks in all circumstances because they are people of hope. A good reflection this week would be how the season of Advent can give you reason to hope.

Thank you to all who had a part in making our Guadalupe dinner so special! From the decorations, the food and the sweet treats...the whole night was extra memorable!

This weekend after Saturday & Sunday Mass our youth group will be having a cookie bake sale fundraiser for their mission trip this June.

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.

4:30 pm Mass

Greeters: Tom Young & Susan Grieser

Lector: Jenny Graber

Servers: Anna & Maria Shields

Baylin Cordes

Ushers: Tom Young & Susan Grieser



10:00 pm Mass

Greeters: Kevin & Elizabeth Seibert

Lector: Theresa McColl

Servers: Seiberts

Ushers: Chuck McColl & Gary Morman

*Come Lord Jesus!
Make us good stewards of Advent. Strengthen our faith; calm our fears.
Come Lord Jesus! We hear John the Baptist's cry. Open our hearts.
Give us the humility to repent. Come, Lord Jesus!
Let us walk in your light!
Show us how we prepare your way; and make straight your paths.
Come, Lord Jesus!
We give you thanks and praise, for the shining star and angelic host, for Mary and Joseph, good stewards, both. Come, Lord Jesus! We rejoice and are glad! For the Good News you bring And God's glory you revealed. Come, Lord Jesus!*

Amen.

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: \$4,475.00

Weekly Budget: \$3375.00
Over/(Under) Budget: \$1100.00

Past collections:
December 3 \$4,042.00
November 26 \$2856.00
November 19 \$3119.00

Dear Padre

December 17, 2023

Was Jesus born in a stable or a cave? The Christmas scene in our church has Jesus born in a little shed, but in my friend's church it looks more like a cave. The Bible says Jesus was born in a manger, so just where was Jesus born?

The Christmas scenes, sometimes called Nativity scenes or crèches, vary from church to church. In Scripture, we find more details about the Nativity in Luke's Gospel, but even he simply says that Mary wrapped Jesus in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger because the inn was full (Luke 2:7).

In none of the Scriptures do we have any details about what the place looked like, but since a manger is a place where caregivers feed livestock, we can assume that Jesus was born in a stable of some kind. At that time, small caves sometimes were used as stables.

Nativity scenes, though, are not an attempt to present a historically accurate picture of where Jesus was born. Rather, scenes of the birth of Jesus remind us of the special love that God shows for us in sending the Son to us. We do not care so much about creating an exact picture of what took place as we do of beholding the beauty and wonder of God born among us. ●

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