

March 10, 2024 ~ 4th Sunday of Lent



614 North Defiance Street
Archbold, OH

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, March 9:
Gina Damman
John Michael Kennedy

Sat., Mar. 16, 2023~4:30 pm Sun., Mar. 17, 2023~10:30 am

Sunday, March 10:
 Marcel Bonin
 Muriel Pennington
People of the Parish

GREETERS

Steve & Barb Dominique Susan Bernath
 Sandy Schaffner

Monday, March 11:
 Lenten Weekday
 No Mass
 Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54

LECTORS

Theresa McColl Amy Zientek

Tuesday, March 12:
 Lenten Weekday
 St. Peter~7:00 pm
 Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:17-30

SERVERS

Seiberts Cassidy & Lainey Zientek
 1 Shields

Wednesday, March 13:
 Lenten Weekday
 St. Peter~7:10 am
 Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30

USHERS

Steve & Barb Dominique Peaches Holland
 Tami Bevins

Thursday, March 14:
 Lenten Weekday
 Our Lady of Mercy~9:00 am
 Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47

MONEY COUNTERS

Chuck & Theresa McColl
 Leonard Gustwiller

Friday, March 15:
 Lenten Weekday
 St. Peter~9:00 am
 Wis 2:1a, 12:22/
 Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

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, March 16:
 Lenten Weekday
 No Morning Mass
 Jer 11:18:20/Jn 7:40-53

Vigil
 St. Peter~4:30 pm
People of the Parish

Sunday, March 17:
 5th Sunday of Lent
 Our Lady of Mercy~8:30 am
 Muriel Pennington
 St. Peter~10:30 am
Gina Damman
Marysusan Vinskey
 Jer 31:31-34/Heb 5:7-9/
 Jn 12:20-33

37th Annual St. Michael Ridge Altar & Rosary Society CRAFT SHOW

Saturday, March 16

10:00 am-3:00 pm

K of C Hall
 Elliott Rd, Defiance, OH

Free Admission

Lunch Stand: Sandwiches, Soup, Pies & Desserts

Bake Sale

Basket Raffle

For more information contact Sandy Wagner @ 419-769-7926
 or skwagner59@gmail.com

Fourth Sunday of Lent
Weekend of March 9/10, 2024

If your parish celebrates the Mass for the Second Scrutiny for catechumens preparing for Baptism at the Easter vigil, you may hear the Gospel story of how a man born blind came to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. Jesus and his disciples are walking along when they encounter the man. The disciples ask a question that reflects a narrow understanding of God's mercy. They assume that if people suffer, then they must have done something bad to deserve it. In the case of a man born blind, it had to be something done by his parents. But Jesus says: "Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him..." Good stewards know that God is working in their lives so that through their lives, God's goodness will be revealed. How is God working in you? Do you see God's goodness reflected in your life? If your parish does not celebrate the Mass for the Second Scrutiny for catechumens, you may hear the Gospel story of Jesus' encounter with Nicodemus, a Pharisee and leader of the Jews who comes to Jesus by night, recognizing Jesus as a teacher from God, but coming in secret for fear of being put out of the synagogue. Jesus rebukes him for his lack of understanding. Good stewards realize that for the sake of this world, God gives his most cherished beloved son. And so they are willing to confess Jesus as their Lord and savior in a public way. They do not keep their faith to themselves, in darkness. The Gospel reading challenges us to profess our faith in word and deed publicly, not to hide it away. Are we willing to accept the Gospel's challenge? Are we willing to get out of our personal "comfort zone" and confess our faith in Christ Jesus in an open, tangible way?

WHAT IS LENT?

Lent is a 40-day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. It's a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. During Lent, we seek the Lord in prayer by reading Sacred Scripture; we serve by giving alms; and we practice self-control through fasting. We are called not only to abstain from luxuries during Lent, but to a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ's will more faithfully. We recall the waters of baptism in which we were also baptized into Christ's death, died to sin and evil, and began new life in Christ.

Many know of the tradition of abstaining from meat on Fridays during Lent, but we are also called to practice self-discipline and fast in other ways throughout the season. Contemplate the meaning and origins of the Lenten fasting tradition in this reflection. In addition, the giving of alms is one way to share God's gifts—not only through the distribution of money, but through the sharing of our time and talents. As St. John Chrysostom reminds us: "Not to enable the poor to share in our goods is to steal from them and deprive them of life. The goods we possess are not ours, but theirs." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2446).

In Lent, the baptized are called to renew their baptismal commitment as others prepare to be baptized through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, a period of learning and discernment for individuals who have declared their desire to become Catholics.



THE CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY OF ST. PETER

Thank you to the Rosary Altar Society for donating the rolls for the Youth Group Breakfast and to all who supported this ministry. The fundraiser raised \$712 for the Catholic Heart Work Camp. Mark your calendar! There will be another fundraiser breakfast on April 21.

There will be a Rosary Altar Society meeting today after Mass. All women of the parish are welcome to attend.

This Week

Tuesday, March 12
Stations of the Cross 6:30 pm
Finance Council Meeting 7:30

Wednesday, March 13
Rosary 6:45/Mass 7:10 am
St. Peter
Penance Service 6:30 pm
Our Lady of Mercy
Stations of the Cross 7:00 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: \$6,204.00

Weekly Budget: \$3375.00
Over/(Under) Budget: \$2829.00

Past collections:
February 25 \$2,426.01
February 18 \$2585.00
February 11 \$3571.00



Dear Padre

March 10, 2024

In the Church's eyes, what constitutes pornography? Art museums have statues of nude men and women, some of which are quite explicit. Is the only difference the respectability of the venue?

The "respectability" of the location or publisher doesn't matter. A product is pornographic if it was created to sexually arouse users of the product regardless of the venue. Michelangelo's intention in carving his famous statue of David was not to arouse the people who look at it, so the Church does not call it pornography.

Pornography has existed for centuries, but it didn't arrive in our homes uninvited until recently. People with internet access are regularly confronted by pornographic images and literature, and many find it a very powerful temptation. In response, the US bishops issued a helpful document, which is available online at usccb.org: *Create in Me a Clean Heart: A Pastoral Response to Pornography*.

From this document: "Using and/or producing pornography is a sin against chastity and against human dignity.... The sin of pornography needs the Lord's forgiveness and should be confessed in the sacrament of penance. Pornography objectifies people and brings hurt and pain. It is an illusory substitute for real relationships and intimacy, which in the end bring true joy. Many good people struggle with the sin of pornography and [strive] to cultivate chastity. You are not alone. Jesus is with you, the Church offers you love and support. Trust in the Lord's mercy and his power to free and heal you." ●

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