

July 28, 2024 ~ 17th Sunday in Ordinary Times



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, July 27:
John Grieser
Gina Damman

Sat., Aug. 3, 2024~4:30 pm

Sun., Aug. 4, 2024~10:30 am

Sunday, July 28:
 People of the Parish
Andy & Ann Dominique in
honor of their Retirement

GREETERS

Sylvia Miller

Jessica Miller
Peaches Holland

Monday, July 29:
 Sts. Martha, Mary & Lazarus
 No Mass
 Jer 13:1-11/Jn 11:19-27/
 Lk 10:38-42

LECTORS

Linda Lauber

Frank Smith

SERVERSTripp & Vaughn Langenderfer
Carson ArmstrongBrooks & Layne Miller
Plus ONE

Tuesday, July 30:
 St. Peter Chrysologus
 St. Peter ~ 7:00 pm
Communion Service
 Jer 14:17-22/Mt 13:36-43

USHERSTami Bevins
JR Lauber

Bryan & Mason Miller

Wednesday, July 31:
 St. Ignatius of Loyola
 St. Peter ~ 9:00 am
Communion Service
 Jer 15:10, 16-21/Mt 13:44-46

ROSARY LEADER

Vivianne Pifer

MONEY COUNTERSKaren Dominique
Nick & Susan Wlasiuk

Thursday, August 1:
 St. Alphonsus Liguori
 Our Lady of Mercy ~ 9:00 am
Communion Service
 Jer 19:1-6/Mt 13:47-53

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

Friday, August 2:
 Sts Eusebius of Vercelli &
 Peter Julian Eymard
 St. Peter ~ 9:00 am
Communion Service
 Jer 26:1-9/Mt 13:54-58

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

Saturday, August 3:
 Vigil
 St. Peter ~ 4:30 pm
People of the Parish
 Jer 26:11-16, 24/Mt 14:1-12

BREAKFAST

Our Lady of Mercy Church
 409 E. Main St., Fayette
 August 3, 2024
 8 a.m. - 10 a.m.

Sunday, August 4:
 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Our Lady of Mercy~8:30 am
 Frances Uzdella
 Conklin Family
 Ron & Melody Lichtenwald
 Dewey & Ivy Kunkly
 St. Peter ~ 10:30 am
Gina Damman
 Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/
 Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35

Home of the Bull Thistle
 Breakfast Bowl



Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Weekend July 27/28, 2024

VBS starts today! It's not too late to sign up...



The story of the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes is a familiar one, and has many lessons, not least of which is how our willingness to share who we are and what we have - exercising good stewardship - releases God's power and bountifulness on the world and its people. Do we realize that there is enough for all if we are willing to share? Are we aware that God is at work when we share our time, money and our other resources in His name?

SAINT MARTHA – ONE OF JESUS' CLOSEST FRIENDS

Just before Jesus' final entry into Jerusalem, his close friends, Martha, her sister, Mary, and brother, Lazarus, entertained Jesus at their home in Bethany (John 12:1-8). Martha "served," while Mary anointed his feet. It is in the simple statement, "Martha served," that we recognize Martha for her witness to stewardship. She isn't a prolific evangelist, she doesn't work miracles. She simply serves Jesus.

Jesus may have been a frequent visitor to Martha's home and perhaps this is one of the reasons the Gospel of John reveals to us that "Jesus loved Martha, and her sister Mary, and Lazarus" (11:5). This unique statement in the gospel informs us of the special relationship Jesus had with Martha and her siblings. And, as another one of Jesus' visits to Martha's home affirms, Martha continues to be concerned that Jesus be served. Like any good steward, hospitality was very important to Martha (Luke 10:38-42).

What is most revealing about Martha is on the occasion of the death of Lazarus (John 11:1-44). Martha takes an active role, going out to meet Jesus to let him know what happened to her brother while Mary stays at home. Jesus assures her that Lazarus will be raised from dead.

With courage and conviction, Martha confesses her deep faith in Jesus Christ: "I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day." And then Jesus said to her: "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die." When he asked Martha if she believed this, she replied: "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world" (John 11:24-27).

The feast of St. Martha, a witness to service who confessed her faith in Jesus, is July 29. She is the patron saint of homemakers, cooks, domestic workers, waiters and waitresses, and hotel employees.



Archbold Community VBS is sponsored by St. Peter Catholic Church, St. Martin Lutheran Church, and Archbold United Methodist Church. AUMC is hosting this year - July 28 thru August 1, 6:30-8:30 PM!

The faith formation of our children is so important! We need Catechists and helpers for the upcoming Religious Education year. It may seem a long way off, but now is the time to start thinking and praying about this ministry and if you have a calling to fill a role. 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: \$2694.00

Weekly Budget: \$3375.00
Over/(Under) Budget: (\$681.00)

Past collections:
July 14 \$2903.00
July 7 \$5263.00
June 30 \$2472.00

Dear Padre

July 28, 2024

Is there really an unforgivable sin?

In the Gospels, Jesus teaches that blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven (Matthew 12:31–32, Mark 3:28–29, Luke 12:10). This seems to imply the existence of a sin that God either cannot or will not forgive. Yet we have the overwhelming testimony of the Scriptures and Church teaching that God’s mercy and forgiveness are more powerful than any sin, no matter how serious or frequent it might be. This apparent contradiction disappears when we carefully consider the context of Jesus’ teaching on the “unforgivable sin.”

Jesus’ statements regarding blasphemy against the Holy Spirit occurred as part of his ongoing dispute with the scribes and Pharisees who witnessed Jesus’ exorcisms but attributed them to the power of Satan, thus denying the evidence of the Spirit’s saving action in Jesus’ work and teaching (Matthew 12:22–32). This denial is not simply a misunderstanding. Rather, it is willful, malicious, deliberate, and unrepentant. For such people, there can truly be no forgiveness, not because God is unwilling or unable to forgive, but because the people will not recognize their need for forgiveness.

The “unforgivable sin” is not an action so horrible that even God’s patience and mercy are exhausted. Rather, it is the attitude of people who reject the Lord’s presence in their lives. God’s offer of forgiveness is still universal. We need only respond to his grace and seek his forgiveness. ●

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