

December 15, 2024 ~ 3rd 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

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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 14:
People of the Parish

Sat., Dec. 21, 2024~4:30 pm

Sun., Dec. 22, 2024~10:30 am

Sunday, December 15:
Marcel Bonin
Joy Short
Gina Damman
Frank O & Mary Smith

GREETERS

Abby Harrow

Matt & Kristin Shields

Monday, December 16:
Advent Weekday
No Mass
Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Mt 1:1-17

LECTORS

Linda Lauber

Arlene Hicks

Tuesday, December 17:
Late Advent Weekday
St. Peter~7:00 pm
Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17

SERVERSCaleb Harrow
Tripp & Vaughn LangenderferMakayla Felder
Anna & Marian Shields

Wednesday, December 18:
Late Advent Weekday
St. Peter~9:00 am
Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25

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Tyson LangenderferChris Lopez
Joel Felder

Thursday, December 19:
Late Advent Weekday
Our Lady of Mercy ~ 9:00 am
Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25

ROSARY LEADER

Arlene Hicks

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

MONEY COUNTERSChuck & Theresa McColl
Leonard Gustwiller

Saturday, December 21:
Vigil
St. Peter ~ 4:30 pm
Christmas Novena
Zep 3:14-18a/Lk 1:39-45

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.

Sunday, December 22:
4th Sunday of Advent
Our Lady of Mercy~8:30 am
St. Peter ~ 10:30 am
Christmas Novena
Mi 5:1-4a/Heb 10:5-10/
Lk 1:39-45



Christmas Novena
*(Say for 9 consecutive days,
December 16-December 24)*



In this Advent Gospel, John the Baptist answers some specific questions about preparing for the coming of the Messiah. He urges the sharing of food and clothing. He asked tax collectors to be fair and soldiers to be satisfied with their wages. Most of all, John pointed to the one who is to come and who would baptize them with the Holy Spirit.

Pray!

Holy Spirit, you move me and help me change. Teach me to follow Jesus in all things. Amen.

Think!

How can the Holy Spirit help me on my faith journey?

Act!

At mealtime, discuss how the Holy Spirit moves in our lives like the wind. Look around our church for images of the Holy Spirit—fire, wind, or dove. Display images of the Holy Spirit in your domestic church.



What a special event celebrating Our Lady of Guadalupe last Saturday. Thank you to all the ladies who made the night possible: Chris Lopez, Maria Gonzales, Maria Sandoval, Lola Sanchez, Amelia Avina, Alejandra Ramirez, Lou Anne Hissong and Evelyn Roth.

Our youth group will be having a cookie fundraiser after both Masses this weekend to help raise money for the mission trip this summer. Help support this wonderful ministry!





Christmas Eve: Tuesday, December 24

4:30 pm ~ St. Peter

7:00 pm ~ Our Lady of Mercy

9:00 pm ~ St. Peter

Christmas Morning: Wednesday, December 25

9:00 am ~ Our Lady of Mercy

New Year's Eve

Tuesday, December 31

4:30 pm ~ St. Peter

New Year's Day

Wednesday, January 1

9:00 am ~ Our Lady of Mercy

Wednesday, Dec., 18
Religious Ed (K-12)
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: \$4997.00

Weekly Budget: \$3375.00

Over/(Under) Budget: \$1622.00

Past collections:
December 1 \$3941.12
November 24 \$3289.00
November 17 \$3252.00

Dear Padre

December 15, 2024

My family, friends, and coworkers seem to be uncomfortable when I tell them that I've been praying for them. Should I just keep it to myself?

There is nothing fundamentally wrong with telling people you have been praying for them. Most people are probably grateful for such care and support. But it can be a little tricky. If the person believes the praying is actually a judgment and not a blessing, it may provoke a less-than-grateful response. This is where honest discernment on your part is invited. Are you coming across as prayerfully concerned, or is there some criticism or judgment in what seems to be an innocent blessing? People are able to perceive the difference.

Another consideration—and this is not at all unusual as a response in the culture of today—is that some people are very defensive about any religious expressions and do not react favorably. Think, for example, about the different reactions to “Merry Christmas” or “Happy Holidays,” which can often provoke the familiar idiom “them’s fightin’ words.” My best advice is to keep praying for everyone, as no one truly understands or fully appreciates the power of prayer. That being said, temper your announcement when you suspect it will not be well received. This demonstrates a grateful and blessed heart, which is what you intend and hope for, after all. ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSSR / DearPadre.org

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