

December 29, 2024 ~ The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph



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 28:**  
Jose Sandoval

Sat., Jan. 4, 2024~4:30 pm

Sun., Jan. 5, 2024~10:30 am

**Sunday, December 29:**

People of the Parish

Cindy Eddy

Loman Radabaugh

**GREETERS**

Paul &amp; Deb Herring

Drew &amp; Melissa Pifer

**Monday, December 30:**

6th Day within the Octave of  
the Nativity of the Lord

No Mass

1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40

**LECTORS**

Jenny Graber

Steve Bernath

**SERVERS**

Seiberts

Anna & Marian Shields  
Brylee Grime

**Tuesday, December 31:**

St. Sylvester

St. Peter~4:30 pm

1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18

**USHERS**

Paul &amp; Deb Herring

Pete Grime  
Garrett Grime

**Wednesday, January 1:**

New Year's Day

Our Lady of Mercy~9:00 am

Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/

Lk 2:16-21

**ROSARY LEADER**Vivianne Pifer  
Chris Lopez

**Thursday, January 2:**

Sts. Basil the Great &amp;

Gregory Nazianzen

Our Lady of Mercy ~ 9:00 am

1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28

**MONEY COUNTERS**David & Mari Yoder  
Ron & Carlene Reese

**Friday, January 3:**

Holy Name of Jesus

St. Peter~9:00 am

*Communion Service*

1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Jn 1:29-34

**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.**

**Saturday, January 4:**

Vigil

St. Peter ~ 4:30 pm

Ben Garza

Mary Cole: prayers for  
health

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Jn 1:29-34

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**Jesus Thirsts: The Miracle of the Eucharist**

**Location:** Fremont Performing Arts Center 1100 North Street  
Fremont, OH 43420

**Sunday, January 5:**

Epiphany of the Lord

Our Lady of Mercy~8:30 am

People of the Parish

St. Peter ~ 10:30 am

Lynn Schrickel: intention

Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/

Mt 2:1012

Show times and ticket prices

Sunday, January 5 at 3:00 pm or Friday, January 17 at 6:30 pm \$5 for  
adults/\$3 for Senior Citizens and Teens/\$3 for ages 8-12

Free for ages 7 and under, but you must reserve a seat. You can do  
that by texting: (419) 355-9169 or emailing: healthnowjo@gmail.com



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

*Christmas celebrates God's becoming one of us and one with us. Jesus comes as an infant, placed in the care of a struggling but loving family.*

**Pray!** Lord, help me to see and seek you as I celebrate Jesus' coming at Christmas. Amen.

**Think!** How can Jesus be born into your heart this Christmas season?

**Act!** On Christmas Day, in your home Nativity scene, you placed the Baby Jesus figure in the manger. Place the Magi outside the scene and move them closer as the Epiphany gets nearer. Think about who was present at Jesus' birth. Imagine yourself in the scene.



Coffee and rolls will be served next Sunday after Mass. Everyone is invited!

**Check your mailbox!**

There will be  
**NO ADORATION**  
Tuesday, December 31.



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:  
\$4029.00

Weekly Budget: \$3375.00

Over/(Under) Budget:  
\$654.00

Past collections:  
December 15 \$2696.00  
December 8 \$4997.00  
December 1 \$3941.12

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The ultimate aim of Saint Paul's Letter to the Colossians is to teach the community how to deepen its relationship with Christ Jesus. His list of virtues summarizes the ideals of communal stewardship: compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. For Paul, practicing these virtues opens our hearts to Christ as individuals and as a worshipping community. This is how the Christian community ought to live. This is how its members should behave in their dealings with others, particularly with fellow believers. As we approach a new year, how might we embrace one of these virtues more fully in order to deepen our relationship with Jesus?

# Dear Padre

December 29, 2024

## ***If Jesus was a Jew, why are we Catholic and not Jewish?***

Jesus was a first-century Jew, as were his first disciples. They continued their Jewish practices after Jesus' resurrection, but they believed and proclaimed that Jesus was the long-awaited Messiah, the fulfillment of Judaism. Such claims inevitably led to clashes with Jewish authorities, as when St. Stephen, the first martyr, was charged with blasphemy and stoned to death in Jerusalem in the year 36 (Acts 6—7).

Nevertheless, Jesus' followers initially saw themselves as reformers of Judaism—not founders of a new religion. The Acts of the Apostles traces the first thirty years of this community of believers, from Jesus' ascension in Jerusalem to Paul's imprisonment in Rome. It details the beginnings of their separation from Judaism, as when the Jewish disciples wanted to impose certain practices of Mosaic Law on the Gentile disciples—circumcision, for example (Acts 15:11). Acts and the epistles also chronicle the expansion outside of Jerusalem to the Mediterranean region, where, for example, in Antioch, the disciples of Jesus were called Christians for the first time (Acts 11:26). The first written reference to "Catholic Church" is from St. Ignatius of Antioch around the year 107. Catholic means "universal." "The Church is catholic: she proclaims the fullness of the faith.... She is sent out to all peoples. She speaks to all men. She encompasses all times" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 868). ●

*Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org*

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