

February 2, 2025 ~ The Presentation of the Lord



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, February 1:  
People of the Parish**

Sat., Feb. 8, 2025~4:30 pm

Sun., Feb. 9, 2025~10:30 am

**Sunday, February 2:**Living & Deceased Members-  
Sarnac Family**Frank & Mary Smith****Cathy Warner****Carolyn Bigger****GREETERS**

Dave &amp; Jeanie Alt

Kristin Shields

**Monday, February 3:**

Sts. Blaise &amp; Ansgar

No Mass

Heb 11:32-40/Mk 5:1-20

**LECTORS**

Dexter Krueger

Matt Shields

**SERVERS**Carson Armstrong  
2 KruegersAnna & Marian Shields  
Alexa Alt**Tuesday, February 4:**

Weekday

St. Peter~7:00 pm

*Communion Service*

Heb 12:1-4/Mk 5:21-43

**USHERS**

Dave &amp; Jeanie Alt

Aaron Alt  
Matt Pacholski**Wednesday, February 5:**

St. Agatha

St. Peter~9:00 am

*Communion Service*

Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Mk 6:1-6

**ROSARY LEADER**Mary Schrock  
Chris Lopez**MONEY COUNTERS**Karen Dominique  
Nick & Susan Wlasiuk**Thursday, February 6:**

St. Paul Miki

Our Lady of Mercy ~ 9:00 am

*Communion Service*Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/  
Mk 6:7-13**Please find a sub if you cannot make your scheduled date.****Servers should arrive 15 minutes before Mass time.****Friday, February 7:**

Weekday

*Communion Service*

Heb 13:1-8/Mk 6:14-29

**ROSARY ~ The Rosary is said every Sunday at 10:00 AM before Mass.****Saturday, February 8:**

Vigil

St. Peter ~ 4:30 pm

**People of the Parish**Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/  
Mk 6:30-34

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**Widow/Widower Event: "Broken Heart Open Heart"****Location: Pettisville Missionary Church****Thursday, February 20, 2025****5-7pm****Sunday, February 9:**

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our Lady of Mercy~8:30 am

Marcel Bonin

St. Peter ~ 10:30 am

**Lydia Wlasiuk****Greg Wlasiuk**Is 6:1-2a,3-8/1 Cor 15:1-11/  
Lk 5:1-11**If you are a widow or widower, we would love for you to join us for an evening of a free dinner & program provided by Weeping Willow Florist.****The evening includes: hors d'oeuvres, complimentary picture taken by Ambria, dinner and program.*****\*Must call Weeping Willow to register by February 10\*  
(419) 445-7773***



On February 2, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. This feast is also known as Candlemas, since candles are blessed at this Mass. The Law of Moses instructed parents to present their firstborn son in the Temple forty days after birth. Mary and Joseph, filled with the joy of following God's Law, brought Jesus to Jerusalem. This feast is so important that when it falls on a Sunday, its readings replace those for the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time. The Gospel mentions two important individuals who recognized Jesus at that time: Simeon and Anna. Simeon was a just and devout old man. Moved by the Holy Spirit, he took Jesus in his arms and blessed him, saying that he is the light that will shine upon the nations. There was also a woman named Anna, who served God by fasting and praying. Even though Simeon and Anna were very old, both were full of life because their lives were filled with the Holy Spirit. They were docile to the Spirit's action and sensitive to its call. During this encounter, Simeon and Anna received the gift of being face to face with God's Promised One. Their patience and faith were finally rewarded.

**Pray!** Lord, help me to imitate the Holy Family and follow the teachings of the Catholic Church. Amen.

**Think!** What Catholic faith traditions and customs are important to you and your family?

**Act!** The Presentation of the Lord is one of the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary. Pray these mysteries with your family.



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**Sunday, February 2**

Coffee & Rolls (After Mass)

**Wednesday, February 5**

Religious Education K-12 (6:30 pm)

**Friday, February 7**

Fish Fry

**Sunday, February 9**

Rosary Altar Society Meeting (After Mass)

**Wednesday, February 12**

Religious Education (AT HOME)

**Friday, February 14**

Fish Fry (Rosary Altar Society Bake Sale @ Fish Fry)

**Tuesday, February 18**

Parish Council Meeting (7:30 pm)

**Wednesday, February 19**

Religious Education K-12 (6:30 pm)

**Friday, February 21**

Fish Fry

**Wednesday, February 26**

Religious Education (AT HOME)

**Friday, February 28**

Fish Fry



Coffee and rolls will be served today after Mass. Everyone is invited for food, fun, and fellowship!

The Rosary Altar Society will be holding a bake sale at the K of C Fish Fry on Friday, February 14. Monetary donations to purchase pies can be placed in the collection basket or office bin in a marked envelope.

There will be a Rosary Altar Society meeting next Sunday after Mass. All women of the parish are invited to attend.

Please clean out your mailbox...



**Wednesday, February 5**

Religious Education

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:

\$1894.00

Weekly Budget: \$3375.00

Over/(Under) Budget:

(\$1481.00)

Past collections:

|            |           |
|------------|-----------|
| January 19 | \$3446.20 |
| January 12 | \$3446.20 |
| January 5  | \$6569.00 |

# Dear Padre

February 2, 2025

**What happened to Candlemas? When I was a child, there was one day when everyone brought candles to church to have them blessed. At the end of Mass, the priest would bless everyone's throats with the candles.**

Candlemas is another name for our celebration of the Presentation of the Lord: the day Mary and Joseph presented their child to God in the Temple at Jerusalem in accordance with the law of Moses (Luke 2:22-38). We remember how the elderly believers Simeon and Anna recognized Jesus as their longed-for Messiah and how, addressing God in a canticle, Simeon proclaimed Christ to be "a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel" (Luke 2:32).

Mass on this day often begins with the blessing and lighting of candles, which the priest and people carry into the church. The name Candlemas springs from this ritual blessing.

The day after the feast of the Presentation is the memorial celebration of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr. According to tradition, St. Blaise was instrumental in healing a person who was choking. The Church remembers this encounter and celebrates the intervention of the Spirit of God through the blessing of throats, using the blessed candles from the feast of the Presentation. It is a wonderful and very practical spiritual practice that is much appreciated and anticipated each year. ●

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

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