

January 12, 2025 ~ Baptism 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

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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, January 11:
Mikolaj Wlasiuk
Roger Anderson
Retirement: Susan Bernath

Sat., Jan. 18, 2024~4:30 pm

Sun., Jan. 19, 2024~10:30 am

Sunday, January 12:
 Marcel Bonin
 Cindy Eddy

GREETERS

Dave & Jeanie Alt

Frank & Benie Smith

Monday, January 13:
 St. Hilary
 No Mass
 Heb 1:1-6/Mk 1:14-20

LECTORS

Peg Hines

Arlene Hicks

Tuesday, January 14:
 Weekday
 St. Peter~7:00 pm
 Heb 2:5-12/Mk 1:21-28

SERVERS2 Seiberts
Makayla FelderCarson Armstrong
Baylen & Ashlyn Cordes

Wednesday, January 15:
 Weekday
 St. Peter~9:00 am
 Heb 2:14-18/Mk 1:29-39

USHERS

Dave & Jeanie Alt

Frank Smith
Tami Bevins

Thursday, January 16:
 Weekday
 Our Lady of Mercy ~ 9:00 am
 Heb 3:7-14/Mk 1:40-45

MONEY COUNTERSDavid & Mari Yoder
Ron & Carlene Reese

Friday, January 17:
 St. Anthony
 St. Peter~9:00 am
 Heb 4:1-5, 11/Mk 2:1-12

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

Saturday, January 18:
 Vigil
 St. Peter ~ 4:30 pm
John Van Pelt
Rod Britenriker
 Heb 4:12-16/Mk 2:13-17

ROSARY ~ The Rosary is said every Sunday at 10:00 AM before Mass.

Sunday, January 19:
 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Our Lady of Mercy~8:30 am
 Jeanette Tidwell
 St. Peter ~ 10:30 am
People of the Parish
 Is 62:1-5/1 Cor 12:4-11/
 Jn 2:1-11

ARCHBOLD KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

January 24 -April 18
4:30 PM-7:30 pm
Adults: \$12
Children 12 & under: \$6
Carryout dinners: \$12

Carryout fish or chicken only: \$20
For carry out orders: 419-446-7495

**Fish
Fry-days**



the
JOY
of the
LORD
is your strength.

Nehemiah 8:10

THE CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY OF ST. PETER



The story of Jesus' baptism in Sunday's Gospel shows the mystery of the Blessed Trinity. After John baptizes Jesus in the Jordan, God announces to the crowd that Jesus is his beloved Son, and the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove settled on him. Baptism gives us new life as adopted children of God and gives all the gift of that Holy Spirit. Living the Gospel helps those who follow Jesus be a witness to the world that the Good News is for everyone.

Pray! Thank you, Lord, for making me a member of your family through Baptism. Amen.

Think! What difference does being baptized make in the choices you make?

Act! Look up the dates of your family members' Baptisms. Write them on the calendar and celebrate those days with a cake or treat. When you bless yourself with holy water the next time you enter the church, imagine God's voice saying to you, "You are my beloved son/daughter; with you I am well pleased."



Retirement Blessings

Susan Bernath has recently retired from Sauder Woodworking after 49 years of employment. Please pray for a long, healthy, and happy retirement for her.



THE CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY OF ST. PETER

Thank you to Frank & Benie Smith, John & Judy Smith and Arlene Hicks for hosting coffee and rolls last weekend.

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



Tuesday, January 14
Finance Council Meeting
7:30 pm

Wednesday, January 15
Religious Education
AT HOME

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: \$6569.00

Weekly Budget: \$3375.00

Over/(Under) Budget: \$3194.00

Past collections:
December 29 \$3788.00
December 24 \$4137.02
December 22 \$4029.00

Dear Padre

January 12, 2025

We are told that we are baptized into Jesus' death and resurrection, and that baptism is necessary for our salvation. But why was Jesus baptized?

Jesus was baptized, not because he needed saving, but so that others might be saved. By accepting baptism, he established this act as the normative path for salvation. Saint John Chrysostom addressed this question: "Though [Christ] needed not baptism for his own sake, yet carnal nature in others had need thereof." Or as St. Gregory Nazianzen said more poetically: "Christ was baptized that he might plunge the old Adam entirely in the water."

Another reason Jesus accepted baptism is suggested by St. Augustine. He said our Lord was baptized "because he wished to do what he had commanded all to do." This is true servant leadership—not asking of others what one is not willing to do oneself. Or as St. Ambrose said, "This is justice, to do first thyself that which thou wishest another to do, and so encourage others by thy example."

Perhaps as we launch into a new year, we might try to remember our baptismal promise to "put on Christ" and imitate Jesus in this way: to not ask of anyone—our children or parents; employers or employees; teachers or students; principals or pastors; or even presidents—what we do not ask of ourselves, especially when it comes to honesty, dedication, civility, and charity. ●

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