

March 16, 2025 ~ 2nd Sunday of Lent



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, March 15:**John Van Pelt**

Sat., Mar. 22, 2025~4:30 pm

Sun., Mar. 23, 2025~10:30 am

Sunday, March 16:

Muriel Pennington

Cindy Eddy**Frank O & Mary Smith****GREETERS**

Paul & Deb Herring

Frank & Benie Smith

Monday, March 17:

St. Patrick

No Mass

Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38

LECTORS

Linda Lauber

Arlene Hicks

Tuesday, March 18:

St. Cyril of Jerusalem

St. Peter~7:00 pm

(Stations of the Cross~6:30 pm)

Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12

SERVERS

Baylen & Ashlyn Cordes

Anna & Marian Shields
Caleb Harrow**USHERS**

Paul & Deb Herring

Matt Pacholski
Frank Smith**Wednesday, March 19:**

St. Joseph

St. Peter~7:10 am

(Rosary 6:45 am)

1 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/

Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/

Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

ROSARY LEADER

Arlene Hicks

MONEY COUNTERSChuck & Theresa McColl
Leonard Gustwiller**Thursday, March 20:**

Lenten Weekday

Our Lady of Mercy ~ 9:00 am

Rosemary Pontius

Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31

Please find a sub if you cannot make your scheduled date.**Servers should arrive 15 minutes before Mass time.****Friday, March 21:**

Lenten Weekday

St. Peter~9:00 am

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/

Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

ROSARY ~ The Rosary is said every Sunday at 10:00 AM before Mass.**Saturday, March 22:**

Vigil

St. Peter ~ 4:30 pm

John Van Pelt**Dick Roth**

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/

Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Speaker: St. John Catholic Church

St. John Catholic Church Defiance, OH

Tuesday, March 25

7:00 pm

Sunday, March 23:

3rd Sunday of Lent

Our Lady of Mercy~8:30 am

Rosemary Pontius

Ron Lichtenwald

St. Peter ~ 10:30 am

People of the Parish

Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/

1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9

Please join us to listen to Josh Kuhn who is originally from Divine Mercy in Payne where he now lives in Defiance as a firefighter and attends St Mary's. He will be speaking at 7 pm at St John's Defiance on March 25 after the 6:30 Mass about how he lived a crazy life doing things of the world being miserable then God gave him a purpose.



Jesus journeys to a mountain with Peter, James, and John in this Sunday's Gospel. While praying, Jesus becomes transfigured. His glory shows through as the ancient Israelite leaders Moses and Elijah speak with him. Then the voice of God tells the Apostles that Jesus is his Son, "Listen to him."

Pray! Open my ears and my heart to better hear you, Lord. Amen.

Think! How can you listen to Jesus? What might he say to you?

Act! God reveals himself through Sacred Scripture, Tradition, and Jesus—God's most perfect Revelation. Think about what God reveals to you through each of these.



Thank you to all who have contributed to the Annual Catholic Appeal! We are at \$5,629.00 (week 3) toward our parish goal of \$10,345.29. We are hopeful to meet our goal this year.



Merciful Lord,

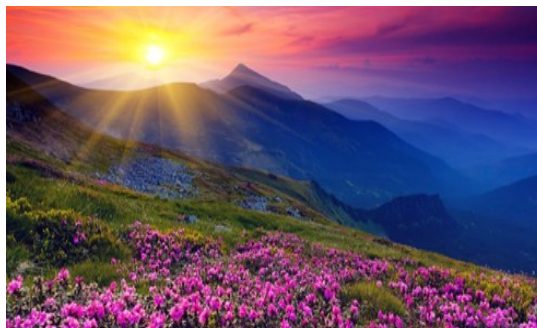
As we prepare for our journey of renewal toward the great paschal feast of Easter, teach us to be good stewards of your mercy and forgiveness, so that we may extend these gifts to others.

Give us the strength to bear witness to you at all times, even in times of stress and adversity.

And fill our hearts with love that we may be faithful to the Gospel Jesus proclaimed and ready to celebrate his resurrection.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.



Tuesdays during Lent
6:30 pm



Rosary: 6:45 am
Mass 7:10 am

We have some months still available for hosting coffee and rolls. The sign-up sheet is on the upstairs bulletin board.

FISH toilet paper count:
January 133 rolls
February 149 rolls



Tuesday, March 18
Parish Council Meeting
7:30 pm

Wednesday, March 19
Family Catechesis Night
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: \$2536.00

Weekly Budget: \$3375.00

Over/(Under) Budget: (\$839.00)

Past collections:
March 2 \$4757.00
February 23 \$1980.00
February 16 \$3176.00

Dear Padre

March 16, 2025

Does the Church teach how we should dress to go to Mass? Maybe I'm just old-fashioned, but the way some people dress seems very disrespectful.

Church teaching, dogmas, doctrines, and creedal formulations are not the specific resources to consult in order to answer this question. It is properly a matter of discipline and practice, although the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* does direct that "bodily demeanor (gestures, clothing) ought to convey respect" (1387). There are many commentaries on what exactly "respect" might mean.

It would be very difficult to establish a universal dress code. The many different cultures, climates, and particular circumstances of a specific Catholic community make a dress code unmanageable. It seems that you judge the local practice not up to your standards. Your judgment may be correct, or you may have unreasonable expectations. There was a time when "Sunday best" was the established norm. In other communities, the expectation would be "business casual" as a bare minimum. Now, it seems standards and practices are very fluid and flexible. All of this being said, it is ultimately a pastoral concern, not doctrinal or dogmatic. Try not to allow how other people dress distract you from your purpose at Mass. While they may not look like you imagine they should, their prayer might be genuine and heartfelt. ●

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

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