

March 9, 2025 ~ 1st 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

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, March 8:
John Van Pelt

Sat., Mar. 15, 2025~4:30 pm

Sun., Mar. 16, 2025~10:30 am

Sunday, March 9:
Rosemary Pontius
Marcel Bonin
Al Holland
Gina Damman
Rod Britenriker

GREETERS

JR & Linda Lauber

Pifer Family

Monday, March 10:
Lenten Weekday
No Mass
Lv 19:1-2m 11-18/
Mt 25:31-46

LECTORS

Peg Hines

Theresa McColl

SERVERS

Seiberts

Kruegers

Tuesday, March 11:
Lenten Weekday
St. Peter~7:00 pm
(*Stations of the Cross~6:30 pm*)
Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15

USHERS

JR & Linda Lauber

John Smith
Chuck McColl

Wednesday, March 12:
Lenten Weekday
St. Peter~7:10 am
(*Rosary 6:45 am*)
Jon 3:1-10/Lk 1:29-32

ROSARY LEADER

John Smith

MONEY COUNTERSChuck & Theresa McColl
Leonard Gustwiller

Thursday, March 13:
Lenten Weekday
Our Lady of Mercy ~ 9:00 am
James Pontius
Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/
Mt 7:7-12

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.**

Friday, March 14:
Lenten Weekday
St. Peter~9:00 am
Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26

Saturday, March 15:

Vigil
St. Peter ~ 4:30 pm
John Van Pelt
Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48

Sunday, March 16:
2nd Sunday of Lent
Our Lady of Mercy~8:30 am
Muriel Pennington
St. Peter ~ 10:30 am
Cindy Eddy
Frank O & Mary Smith
Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/
Phil 3:17-4:1

Youth Group Breakfast: Our Lady of Mercy

There will be a breakfast fundraiser following Mass at ***Our Lady of Mercy*** supporting all youth (**OLOM & St. Peter**) going to *Catholic Heart Work Camp* this summer.

March 9, 2025
Our Lady of Mercy
Following 8:30 am Mass



This Sunday's Gospel is the familiar temptation of Jesus by the Devil. Satan tempts Jesus who was led into the desert by the Holy Spirit for forty days. Jesus fasted the entire time, but he did not yield to the false power and glory promised by the Devil. Use this passage to give you and your family strength to face the temptations of everyday life.

Pray! Pray the Lord's Prayer together. Focus on the words "Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen."

Think! What are some temptations you face? How does the Church help you strengthen yourself against them?

Act! As a family, talk about things that you struggle with. Then look up Scripture passages to encourage you to overcome these challenges. Consider placing one or two of these Bible passages where you can see them daily.



Truly the Lord has borne our infirmities, and he has carried our sorrows.
(Entrance Antiphon, Masses for Various Occasions, 45. For the Sick)

The Holy See continues to request that the faithful pray for the intention of Pope Francis, 88 years old, whose health is in decline. Bishop Daniel Thomas is asking all members of our diocese to unite in prayer for Pope Francis, and has asked that I provide the following information which you are encouraged to utilize. It would be most appropriate to remember Pope Francis in the recitation of the Holy Rosary, in daily prayer, and in the Liturgy of the Hours. Prayer The following prayer is posted on the website of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).

O God, shepherd and ruler of all the faithful, look favorably on your servant Francis, whom you have set at the head of your Church as her shepherd; Grant, we pray, that by word and example he may be of service to those over whom he presides so that, together with the flock entrusted to his care, he may come to everlasting life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Thank you to all who have contributed to the Annual Catholic Appeal! We are at \$4,929.00 toward our parish goal of \$10,345.29. We are hopeful to meet our goal this year.

Thank you to Cindy Krueger, Dexter & Missy Krueger and family for hosting coffee and rolls on Sunday!

There is a Rosary Altar Society meeting today after Mass. All women of the parish are invited!



TUESDAYS DURING LENT
6:30 pm



Rosary: 6:45 am
Mass 7:10 am



Tuesday, March 11
Finance Meeting
7:30 pm

Wednesday, March 12
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:
\$4757.00

Weekly Budget: \$3375.00
Over/(Under) Budget:
\$1382.00

Past collections:
February 23 \$1980.00
February 16 \$3176.00
February 9 \$2097.00

Dear Padre

March 9, 2025

Who decided that fish isn't meat? I really dislike fish; also, it bugs me when my friends eat lobster for dinner on Fridays in the name of "sacrifice."

Latin is the official language of the Catholic Church. Canon law, as written in Latin, states that we must abstain from *carne* (meat), a word that refers to warm-blooded animals that walk on the ground. By that definition, fish is allowed.

You make an excellent point about the lobster dinners and the nature of sacrifice. In the document "Questions and Answers About Lent and Lenten Practices," the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops states, "While fish, lobster, and other shellfish are not considered meat and can be consumed on days of abstinence, indulging in the lavish buffet at your favorite seafood place sort of misses the point. Abstaining from meat and other indulgences during Lent is a penitential practice. On the Fridays of Lent, we remember the sacrifice of Christ on Good Friday and unite ourselves with that sacrifice through abstinence and prayer."

As we enter Lent, we must remember that our acts of penance should be more than thinking about just giving something up, like meat. Our fasting isn't just an external discipline—sacrifice for the sake of checking a box. It's supposed to be a sacrifice that leads us closer to God. When we take that deeper step ourselves, then we can invite our friends to go deeper, too. ●

Fr. Paul Borowski, CSsR / DearPadre.org

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