

May 18, 2025 ~ 5th Sunday of Easter



614 North Defiance Street  
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# 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, May 17:**

**Greg Wlasiuk**  
**John Van Pelt**

Sat., May 24, 2025~4:30 pm

Sun., May 25, 2025~10:30 am

**Sunday, May 18:**

Jeannette Tidwell Edward  
Joseph Britenriker Jr.  
**Frank O & Mary Smith**  
**Rod Britenriker**  
**Susan & Dick Saaf**

**GREETERS**

Dave &amp; Cindy Gustwiller

Susan Bernath  
Sandy Schaffner

**LECTORS**

Theresa McColl

Arlene Hicks

**Monday, May 19:**

Easter Weekday  
No Mass  
Acts 14:5-18/Jn 14:21-26

**SERVERS**

Seiberts

Alexa & Gia Alt  
Carson Armstrong

**Tuesday, May 20:**

St. Bernadine of Siena  
St. Peter~7:00 pm  
Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a

**USHERS**

Chuck McColl  
Dave Gustwiller

Aaron Alt  
Joe Gonzales

**Wednesday, May 21:**

St. Christopher Magallanes  
St. Peter~9:00 am  
Acts 15:7-21/Jn 15:1-8

**ROSARY LEADER**

Arlene Hicks

**MONEY COUNTERS**

Andy & Lois Grime  
Cindy Krueger

**Thursday, May 22:**

St. Rita of Cascia  
Our Lady of Mercy~9:00 am  
Acts 15:22-31/Jn 15:9-11

Please find a sub if you cannot make your scheduled date.

**Friday, May 23:**

Easter Weekday  
St. Peter~9:00 am  
Acts 15:22-31/Jn 15:12-17

Servers should arrive 15 minutes before Mass time.

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

**Saturday, May 24:**

Vigil  
St. Peter ~ 4:30 pm  
**John Van Pelt**  
**Al Holland**  
Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21

**Mass for Pope Leo****Sunday, May 25:**

6th Sunday of Easter  
Our Lady of Mercy~8:30 am  
Rosemary Pontius  
Andrew Lichtenwald  
Giovanni Stella  
St. Peter ~ 10:30 am  
**People of the Parish**  
Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/  
Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/  
Jn 14:23-29

Join Bishop Daniel E. Thomas for a Mass in thanksgiving for the election of Pope Leo XIV, formerly Cardinal Robert F. Prevost, who was elected the 267th pope on May 8, 2025. The Mass will be held on Thursday, *May 22* at 6:00 p.m. at Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral, 2535 Collingwood Blvd, Toledo. We hope you will join us in celebrating this historic occasion!



***“As I have loved you, so you also should love one another.” –John 13:34***

*Here’s a tiny detail to notice in this story from the Last Supper. Jesus issues the love commandment after Judas leaves the room. The spirit of self-interest must depart before the command of love can be heard and take root in the community of faith. So long as we’re concerned with defending our wealth, saving our skins, or having our way, love has nowhere to go in us. We can say we love our families, our Church, our country, but if self-interest is in the room, we’re possessed by that spirit and nothing more.*

*Is self-interest really such a bad thing? Why not seek to be Number One and to love ourselves before anything else? Certainly self-loathing is unproductive, and self-regard is healthy and necessary. But a world of self-interested people looks like—honestly, it looks like the world we have right now, full of grasping, greedy people seeking dominance over others. It’s a world where fear is institutionalized, injustice inevitable, and violence a virtue. The love command is not a suggestion. It’s the only way to the kingdom coming.*



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### ***Prayer for the Holy Father***

Lord, source of eternal life and truth, give to your shepherd a spirit of courage and right judgment, a spirit of knowledge and love. By governing with fidelity those entrusted to his care, may he, as successor to the Apostle Peter and Vicar of Christ, build your Church into a sacrament of unity, love and peace for all the world. Amen.

V/ Let us pray for the Pope.

R/ May the Lord preserve him, give him a long life, make him blessed upon the earth, and not hand him over to the power of his enemies.

V/ May your hand be upon your holy servant.

R/ And upon your son, whom you have anointed.

Our Father ...

Hail Mary ...

Glory Be ...

**THE CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY OF ST. PETER**



Congratulations to our seniors who we honor today!

**Evan Beauregard  
Caleb Harrow  
Anahi Garcia  
Oliver Seibert**

*Following Mass we will be celebrating these students with a luncheon hosted by the Knights of Columbus. Everyone is invited!*

Thank you to everyone who helped make the Annual Plant Sale a huge success either by working or purchasing plants!



**Tuesday, May 20**

*Parish Council Meeting*

7:30 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:  
\$3115.00

Weekly Budget: \$3375.00

Over/(Under) Budget:  
(\$260.00)

Past collections:

May 4	\$4284.00
April 27	\$2764.20
April 20	\$7074.00

# Dear Padre

May 18, 2025

***I have gay/homosexual friends and coworkers. How do I respond appropriately when they announce they got married or are engaged, as we Catholics do not believe in same-sex marriage?***

Context and perspective are always useful and necessary. It is also important to remember that your beliefs can often conflict with another person's belief system. It does not change the truth of what you believe, but it can be sobering. When you offer someone congratulations, it does not mean you are giving your approval or acceptance. It just means you are engaging in respectful social protocol. Let's assume that most people are mature enough to understand the difference between acceptance and protocol. Confusion arises when some people insist that you cannot be "both/and," as they reduce everything to "either/or." With this kind of perspective, life is a battle to be fought rather than an opportunity to live a life of graciousness and thanksgiving that invites us to celebrate. Be respectful. Be gentle. Be loving. Be compassionate. Each of those virtues speak much louder than judgment, rigidity, and a posture that proclaims, "I am better than you." ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / Dear Padre.org

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