



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

Saturday, June 21:
John Van Pelt

Sat., June 28, 2025~4:30 pm

Sun., June 29, 2025~10:30 am

Sunday, June 22:
Rosemary Pontius
Edward Joseph Britenriker Jr.
People of the Parish

GREETERS

Paul & Deb Herring

Matt & Kristin Shields

Monday, June 23:
Weekday
No Mass
Gn 12:1-9/Mt 7:1-5

LECTORS

Jenny Graber

Matt Shields

Tuesday, June 24:
The Nativity of St. John the Baptist
St. Peter~7:00 pm
Communion Service
Is 49:1-9/Acts 13:22-26/
Lk 1:57-66, 80

SERVERS

Seiberts

Anna & Marian Shields
Makayla Felder**USHERS**

Paul & Deb Herring

Nick Wlasiuk
Matt Pacholski

Wednesday, June 25:
Weekday
St. Peter~9:00 am
Communion Service
Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/Mt 7:15-20

ROSARY LEADERAnna & Marian Shields
Chris Lopez**MONEY COUNTERS**David and Mari Yoder
Ron and Carlene Reese

Thursday, June 26:
Weekday
Our Lady of Mercy~9:00 am
Communion Service
Gn 16:1-12, 15-16/Mt 7:21-29

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

Friday, June 27:
The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
No Mass
Ez 34:11-16/Rom 5:5b-11/
Lk 15:3-7

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

Saturday, June 28:
Vigil
St. Peter ~ 4:30 pm
John Van Pelt
Gn 18:1-15/Mt 8:5-17

Cedar Point Day

Join youth, families, and parish groups for a day of faith and fun at the **Diocese of Toledo Day at Cedar Point** on Sunday, July 27! Bishop Daniel E. Thomas will celebrate Mass inside the park at 11:00 a.m. at the Convention Center (across from the WindSeeker and Pavilion). Tickets are just \$34.28. The first 100 people at Mass will receive free Diocesan swag to wear in the park! Don't miss this joyful tradition of community and celebration.

Sunday, June 29:
Sts. Peter & Paul
Our Lady of Mercy~8:30 am
Rosemary Pontius
St. Peter ~ 10:30 am
Al Holland
Gina Damman
Intentions of Lynn Schrickel
Acts 12:1-11/2 Tm 4:6-8,
17-18/Mt 16:13-19

Learn more and purchase tickets: toledodiocese.org/ceda



You are what you eat. Many of us have heard that maxim since childhood. From a strictly physical standpoint, we understand that what we eat and drink is pretty important to our health. We can also apply that wisdom to other things we consume. The shows we watch, books we read, video games we play, music we listen to—all of these affect our thinking and view of self, others, and the world. It seems we need to watch our diet of more than just food and drink!

And then there's the Eucharist, Jesus Christ's very Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. We consume this in the form of bread and wine, but its effect is far more than physical nourishment. As Christ's Body and Blood becomes part of our body and blood, we are spiritually nourished and strengthened. We are called to *become what we eat*—**Christ's Body in the world.** May we always recognize both this gift and call!



The USCCB begins Religious Freedom Week on June 22, the day when the Church celebrates the feast day of Sts. Thomas More and John Fisher. **We ask for the intercession of Sts. Thomas More and John Fisher, that we too would be good servants to our country, but God's first!**

Pray that Catholics will have the courage to put the truth of the gospel and fidelity to the Church above partisan politics.

Reflect

Catholic social doctrine does not provide ready-made solutions to every political problem that arises within a particular set of circumstances. Catholics, and all people of good will, exercise the virtue of prudence in making practical judgments about what policies to pursue and how to pursue them. So, it is to be expected that Catholics will disagree with one another about how to approach different social issues. Disagreement is not a problem. What is a problem is abandoning the search for truth and fidelity to the Church in order to support one or another political party or ideology. Vigorous debate can be a sign that we are seeking the truth together. Speaking uncharitably or deliberately misrepresenting our fellow Catholics in public discourse in order to score political points is almost certainly a sign that we are putting loyalty to a political ideology above loyalty to the Truth. Polarization within the Church is not only a problem for the body politic; it is a spiritual sickness in the body of Christ.

Act

Polarization is not simply a phenomenon "out there." It names a tendency within many people to turn away from truth in order to remain loyal to their political tribe. But Catholics are called to be conformed to Christ, not to partisan political leaders, media personalities, and social media influencers. Catholics can take a step towards de-polarizing our nation's politics by honestly undertaking an [examination of conscience](#) and availing themselves of the sacrament of Confession. Have I spoken untruthfully in order to defeat a political opponent in an argument? Have I failed to treat others with genuine charity? Have I remained culpably ignorant about an issue by refusing to listen to others? When we come before the Lord in Confession, God's grace heals us as individuals and as members of the body of Christ.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE



Andrew Shininger
Morgan Medina

We collected 124 rolls of toilet paper in May for FISH.



Thank you to all who have contributed to the Annual Catholic Appeal!
We are at \$13,013.22 (week 17) toward our parish goal of \$10,345.29.

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: \$2453.00

Weekly Budget: \$3375.00

Over/(Under) Budget: (\$922.00)

Past collections:

June 8	\$3634.00
June 1	\$3,013.00
May 25	\$2825.00

Dear Padre

June 22, 2025

Some of my non-Catholic friends say the bread and wine are just symbols of the Body and Blood of Jesus. Is there documented proof that we receive the Body and Blood at Communion?

Your non-Catholic friends are accurately representing their understanding of the Eucharist within their Christian denomination, but it is not the Catholic understanding. Catholics believe that, "in the most blessed sacrament of the Eucharist, the 'body and blood, together with the soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ, and therefore, the whole Christ, is truly, really, and substantially contained'" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1374). Therefore, Catholics do not believe that the Eucharist is a symbol of Jesus but rather, "This presence is called 'real'" (CCC 1374).

To answer your question regarding "documented proof," this can be offered only by the consistent and unchanging witness of the Christian community, found in the Catholic Church, that has never wavered in belief or practice of this understanding. At the same time, we understand that it is a mystery. It is not something that can be placed under a microscope or dissected. As a mystery, it is not subject to the laws of science and biology. Such laws are not applied to theological mystery, which goes beyond what can be physically seen but is "seen" through the eyes of faith. As the hymn proclaims: "Look beyond the bread you eat, see your Savior and your Lord" ("Look Beyond," Darryl Ducote). ●

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

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