

June 29, 2025 ~ Saints Peter and Paul



# 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, June 28:****John Van Pelt**

Sat., July 5, 2025~4:30 pm

Sun., July 6, 2025~10:30 am

**Sunday, June 29:**

Rosemary Pontius

**Al Holland****Gina Damman**

Intentions of Lynn Schrickel

**GREETERS**

Paul &amp; Deb Herring

Abby Harrow

Ruth Solarik

**Monday, June 30:**

The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

No Mass

Gn 18:16-33/Mt 8:18-22

**LECTORS**

Peg Hines

Steve Bernath

**SERVERS**

Seiberts

Carson Armstrong

Alexa &amp; Gia Alt

**Tuesday, July 1:**

St. Junipero Serra

St. Peter~7:00 pm

**Rod Britenriker**

Gn 19:15-29/Mt 8:23-27

**USHERS**

Paul &amp; Deb Herring

Caleb Harrow

Chris Lopez

**Wednesday, July 2:**

Weekday

St. Peter~9:00 am

Gn 21:5, 8-20a/Mt 8:28-34

**ROSARY LEADER**

Judy Smith

**MONEY COUNTERS**

Brooke &amp; Sheri Bosco

Bryan &amp; Jessica Miller

**Thursday, July 3:**

St. Thomas

Our Lady of Mercy~9:00 am

Eph 2:19-22/Jn 20:24-29

**Please find a sub if you cannot make your scheduled date.****Friday, July 4:**

St. Peter~9:00 am

*Communion Service*

Gn 23:1-4, 19, 24:1-8, 62-67/

Mt 9:9-13

**Servers should arrive 15 minutes before Mass time.****ROSARY ~ The Rosary is said every Sunday at 10:00 AM before Mass.****Saturday, July 5:**

Vigil

St. Peter ~ 4:30 pm

**Frenchy Dominique**

Gn 27:1-5, 15-29/Mt 9:14-17

**Cedar Point Day****Sunday, July 6:**

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our Lady of Mercy~8:30 am

People of the Parish

St. Peter ~ 10:30 am

**Frank O & Mary Smith****Al Holland****Gina Damman**

Is 66:10-14c/Gal 6:14-18/

Lk 10:1-12, 17-20

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.

Learn more and purchase tickets: [toledodiocese.org/ceda](https://toledodiocese.org/ceda)



“ . . . you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church . . . ” – Matthew 16:18

Today, we celebrate the feast day of Sts. Peter and Paul, two apostles who played key roles in the early Church. Despite past mistakes, both were chosen by God to spread the message of Christ. Peter, originally a fisherman, became the “rock” on which Jesus built His Church, leading the early Christian community with faith and courage. Paul, once a persecutor of Christians, was transformed on the road to Damascus and became a tireless preacher to the Gentiles. Through their lives, Peter and Paul show us that God can work through anyone to share His message.

At the conclusion of every Mass, we are told to “Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord” or “Go in peace glorifying the Lord by your life.” Let us pray that we may actually do that. Can we live our life so there is no doubt that we have an unshakeable foundation? May we follow the example of Peter and courageously help to build the Church.



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From the Chair: Hope in the Sacred Heart of Jesus  
by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades

In the coming days, Americans will celebrate Independence Day, a joyful celebration of this great country. At the same time, we cannot help but think about the violent events we have witnessed recently in the United States. Political assassinations, attacks on houses of worship, civil unrest across our nation and the uncertainty of war overseas are deeply concerning.

But we Catholics always have reason to place our hope in Christ, even amid such serious challenges. Each summer we celebrate the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart, which impels us to bear witness to our hope in Christ.

Faith in our Lord, Jesus Christ, gives us the strength and hope we need to build this civilization of love. As we celebrate both the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart and Independence Day, let us be united to Christ who calls us to be salt and light here in the United States of America, no matter what challenges we might encounter.

**BANNS OF MARRIAGE**



**Andrew Shininger**  
**Morgan Medina**  
(July 25, 2025)

Coffee and rolls will be served after Mass next Sunday. Everyone is invited!

**HELP WANTED**

Our Lady of Mercy is looking for a part time (6 – 9 hours per week) cleaning person for the church and office.

Starting date will be July 1, 2025. Please contact Father Bill or call the office 419-237-2441, if you are interested or know of someone.

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:  
\$2116.25

Weekly Budget: \$3375.00

Over/(Under) Budget:  
(\$1258.75)

Past collections:

June 15	\$2453.00
June 8	\$3634.00
June 1	\$3,013.00

# Dear Padre

June 29, 2025

**What does the Church say about free will and predestination? I am confused and wonder if there is any fundamental difference?**

The Church can be viewed as the champion of free will, for it is descriptive of God's grace at work in his creation. On the other hand, the Church does not champion predestination. The Church understands that this concept is in direct opposition and contradicts the creative act of God. It is understandable how someone might confuse these two different perspectives. In fact, some Christian belief systems have historically confused them; for example, those who follow the thought of John Calvin (1509–1564), including various Congregational, Reformed, and Presbyterian churches. But, regardless of the confusion, the two positions are not complementary, and someone cannot hold both positions because they are incompatible with each other. Catholics believe that we have been created by God with free will. In response to this wonderful gift, we are invited to form our consciences and live our lives lovingly and deliberately as people who choose to respond, in total freedom, to the Way, the Truth, and the Life that is found in Jesus. ●

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

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