

July 20, 2025 ~ 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time



# 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, July 19:**  
People of the Parish

Sat., July 26, 2025~4:30 pm

Sun., July 27, 2025~10:30 am

**Sunday, July 20:**  
Eddie Tidwell  
Rosemary Pontius  
**Frank O & Mary Smith**  
**Al Holland, Gina Damman**

**GREETERS**

Steve &amp; Barb Dominique

Susan Bernath  
Sandy Schaffner

**Monday, July 21:**  
St. Lawrence of Brindisi  
No Mass  
Ex 14:5-18/Mt 12:38-42

**LECTORS**

Dexter Krueger

Jenny Graber

**Tuesday, July 22:**  
St. Mary Magdalene  
St. Peter~7:00 pm  
Sg 3:1-4b/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

**SERVERS**

Kruegers

Makayla Felder  
Lainey Zientek  
Plus ONE

**Wednesday, July 23:**  
St. Bridget  
St. Peter~9:00 am  
Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Mt 13:1-9

**USHERS**

Steve &amp; Barb Dominique

Mike Kennedy  
Gary Morman**ROSARY LEADER**

Bonnie Wickerham

**Thursday, July 24:**  
St. Sharbel Makhluuf  
Our Lady of Mercy~9:00 am  
Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/  
Mt 13:10-17

**MONEY COUNTERS**Brooke & Sheri Bosco  
Bryan & Jessica Miller

**Friday, July 25:**  
St. James  
St. Peter~9:00 am  
2 Cor 4:7-15/Mt 20:20-28

**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.**

**Saturday, July 26:**  
Vigil  
St. Peter ~ 4:30 pm  
**John Van Pelt**  
**John Grieser**  
Ex 24-3:8/Mt 13-24-30

**Sunday, July 27:**  
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Our Lady of Mercy~8:30 am  
Rosemary Pontius  
Ron Lichtenwald  
St. Peter ~ 10:30 am  
**People of the Parish**  
Gn 18:20-32/Col 2:12-14/  
Lk 11:1-13

**St. John Catholic Church: Speaker**

*Please join us July 22 after the 6:30 Mass about 7pm at St. John Catholic Church to hear members Jake and Cathy Reineck. They will be speaking on how God has blessed them with their 7 children and one grandson. They will share their experience with fostering and other major events in their 30 years of marriage.*





**Martha had a sister named Mary who sat beside the Lord at his feet. –Luke 10:39**

*Most of us refuse to pit Mary against Martha anymore. That's one of the oldest games in Christianity, and it doesn't serve either woman's honor very well. Mary is the contemplative disciple, Martha the busy server.*

*The Church can't do without either personality. Let's not pretend Martha's service is an inferior gift, or that Mary's attention to Jesus is more sincere. The best parishes have truckloads of Marys and busloads of Marthas. We'd miss either one if there were a sudden shortage.*

*Still, we have to deal with Jesus' reply to Martha that Mary has chosen the better part. Jesus reacts to Martha's criticism of Mary's apparent carelessness. Jesus points out Martha's anxiety about "many things"—not the wrong things, mind you, but multiple distractions. Martha's worrying makes her uncharitable toward her sister and distracts her from her beloved guest. The better part, we can imagine, would be for all of us to keep our focus on Jesus at the center, not on one another's behavior.*

*Is your heart more "Mary" or "Martha"?  
How might you make more room for the "other sister" to shine?*



The faith formation of our children is so important! We need Catechists and helpers for the upcoming Religious Education year. It may seem a long way off, but now is the time to start thinking and praying about this ministry and if you have a calling to fill a role. If you have questions or interest, please contact Deb Herring, Father Bill or the office.



We collected 164 rolls of toilet paper for FISH in June. Please continue bringing in donations because the families are in much need!

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: \$2359.00

Weekly Budget: \$3375.00

Over/(Under) Budget: (\$1016.00)

Past collections:

July 6	\$3282.00
June 29	\$3559.00
June 22	\$2116.25

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The St. Peter garage sale is just around the corner...

*Thursday, August 21 (9-5), Friday, August 22 (9-5)  
and Saturday, August 23 (9-12)*

**Drop off days:**

Tuesday, August 12 (8-8)

Wednesday, August 13 (9-5)

After Mass on Saturday, August 16 & Sunday, August 17

Tuesday, August 19 (8-8)

Wednesday, August 20 (9-5)

Set up on Wednesday, August 20-TO BE ANNOUNCED

*No books or large appliances/TVs*

*Leave the donations in the Fellowship Hall*

# Dear Padre

July 20, 2025

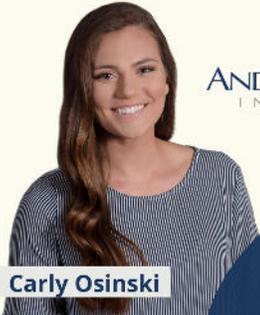
**"Lead us not into temptation..." God does not lead us into temptation, so what is this saying?**

You are of the same mind as the pope! In 2019, Pope Francis approved changing the Lord's Prayer, that is, changing the phrase "lead us not into temptation" to "do not let us fall into temptation." Pope Francis said that the original appeared to suggest that God caused the temptation. However, most Scripture scholars agree that "lead us not into temptation" is the best translation from the Greek. It's a subjunctive verb. It's used in the second person, addressed directly to God. And it really does say "do not lead us into temptation."

What did the pope hope to accomplish? Those who are most familiar with the pope say that what he was trying to clarify was not anchored in the intricacies of translation but rather anchored in pastoral life. He wanted to focus the attention of God's people on their action, "falling into temptation," and not on a misunderstanding of what Jesus was teaching. It was a point of focus and clarification to help us in our spiritual journey and our understanding of our relationship with God. Understood in this sense, the new translation would accomplish this pastoral purpose. ●

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