

August 10, 2025 ~ 19th 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, August 9:  
Mike Salinas**

Sat., Aug. 16, 2025~4:30 pm

Sun., Aug. 17, 2025~10:30 am

**Sunday, August 10:**Marcel Bonin  
Rosemary Pontious  
**Cindy Eddy**  
**Al Holland**  
**Gina Damman****GREETERS**

Chuck &amp; Theresa McColl

Herman Family

**Monday, August 11:**St. Clare  
No Mass  
Dt 10:12-22/Mt 17:22-27**LECTORS**

Linda Lauber

Jenny Graber

**SERVERS**

Seiberts

Carson Armstrong  
Milan Herman  
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St. Peter~7:00 pm  
Dt 31:1-8/  
Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14**USHERS**JR Lauber  
Tami BevinsJohn Smith  
Matt Pacholski**Wednesday, August 13:**Sts. Pontian & Hippolytus  
St. Peter~9:00 am  
Dt 34:1-12/Mt 18:15-20**ROSARY LEADER**

Jenny Graber &amp; Chris Lopez

**MONEY COUNTERS**Nick Wlasiuk  
Jenny Graber  
Tom Young**Thursday, August 14:**St. Maximillian Kolbe  
Our Lady of Mercy~7:00 pm  
*Rosary 6:30 pm*  
Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/  
Mt 18:21-19:1**Please find a sub if you cannot make your scheduled date.****Servers should arrive 15 minutes before Mass time.****Friday, Aug. 15:**The Assumption of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary  
St. Peter~9:00 am  
Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10:ab/  
1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56**ROSARY ~ The Rosary is said every Sunday at 10:00 AM before Mass.****Saturday, August 16:**Vigil  
St. Peter ~ 4:30 pm  
**Chuck & Theresa McColl**  
*Anniversary 56 years*  
Jos 24:14-29/Mt 19:13-15**Choir for the Fulton County Fair Mass**

This year St. Peter and Our Lady of Mercy parishes are hosting the Mass at the Fulton County Fair on Saturday, August 30. To enhance the liturgy, we would like to form a combined choir from the two parishes. If you would be interested in participating, please contact Barb Bruggeman (419-237-3062) or the office by Thursday, August 14.

**Sunday, August 17:**20th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Our Lady of Mercy~8:30 am  
Marcel Bonin  
Rosemary Pontious  
St. Peter ~ 10:30 am  
**Cindy Eddy**  
**Al Holland**  
**Gina Damman**  
Eccl 1:2, 2:21-23/  
Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21



**“Amen, I say to you, the master will gird himself, and have his servants recline at table.” –Luke 12:37**

In what fantasy scenario does the CEO wait on his aides? Does a prime minister ever serve in a soup kitchen, or an estate owner set the table for her grounds crew? It sounds fantastic to imagine the scene that Jesus describes—a master waiting table on his house staff. Yet this is how Jesus himself will act when he washes the feet of his followers at the Last Supper.

This reversal of roles in servant leadership is not entirely rare, of course. Don't parents put themselves and their resources at the service of their children—not for an hour but for a lifetime? Don't teachers labor painstakingly through the years to bring their students along with ABCs and 1-2-3s? Missionary medical crews put their expertise to use for the sake of those who can never repay them. When those with resources serve those in need, wonderful things are possible. Set the table for someone soon.

*Who has served you with their wisdom, example, encouragement, or material help? Whom do you serve?*



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**The Catholic parishes of Fulton County will once again host an informational booth at the Fulton County Fair. St. Peter Church has been assigned the following dates:**

**Friday, August 29—6:00 pm-9:00 pm  
Tuesday, September 2—4:30 pm-7:00 pm  
Wednesday, September 3 (Senior Day)—All day**

**A sign-up sheet for the various shifts, along with additional volunteer information, is on the table in the hallway. Contact Dave Alt (419) 230-8561 or Jeanie Alt (419) 230-8560 if you have any questions. We are thankful for and appreciative of your help.**

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**Holy Day of Obligation**

Thursday, August 14  
**Our Lady of Mercy**  
Rosary 6:30 pm/Mass 7:00 pm

Friday, August 15  
**St. Peter**  
9:00 am



*Thank you to the Seibert family for hosting coffee and rolls last weekend!*

There will be a *Finance Council* meeting on Tuesday, August 12 at 7:30 pm.

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.



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: \$4533.01

Weekly Budget: \$3375.00

Over/(Under) Budget: \$1158.01

Past collections:

July 27 \$2700.00  
July 20 \$3401.20  
July 13 \$2359.00

# Dear Padre

August 10, 2025

## Where did the Virgin Mary spend her last days on earth? Ephesus or Jerusalem?

Shortly before Jesus died on the cross, he entrusted his widowed mother to the protective care of John the Evangelist. (See John 19:26–27.) Accordingly, when John lived his final years in Ephesus, it is believed that Mary also spent her last days nearby in a modest stone dwelling, before being assumed body and soul into heaven “to be preserved from the corruption of the tomb” (Pope Pius XII, *Munificentissimus Deus*, 1950). Moreover, it is likely in Ephesus (present-day Turkey) where the tradition of Mary’s Assumption started.

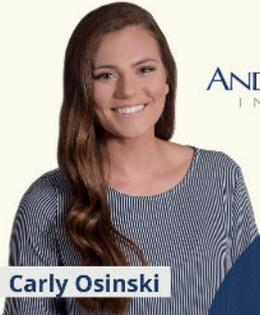
Pope Benedict XIV (1740–1758) declared Ephesus was “where the Blessed Mother...proceeded from this life into heaven.” More recent popes, such as Paul VI in 1967 and John Paul II in 1979, prayed in this venerable home, known as Mother Mary’s House.

However, close to Gethsemane in Jerusalem is the Basilica of the Tomb of Mary from the fifth century. It is built around an ancient crypt where Mary’s body was believed to have been laid before it was assumed into heaven.

While both Ephesus and Jerusalem claim to be the location where the Virgin Mary spent her last years on earth, experts contend the latter is the older tradition and the more credible place. Even if Mary temporarily left Jerusalem, it is probable she returned to the land of her birth and resided there at the end of her earthly life. ●

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