

August 17, 2025 ~ 20th 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

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Saturday, August 16:
Chuck & Theresa McColl
Anniversary 56 years

Sat., Aug. 23, 2025~4:30 pm

Sun., Aug. 24, 2025~10:30 am

Sunday, August 17:
 Jeannette Tidwell
 Living & Deceased Members
 Sarnac Family
Cathy Warner
Carolyn Bigger
Dick & Susan Saaf

GREETERS

Mike & Barb Britenriker

Dave & Cindy Gustwiller

LECTORS

Dexter Krueger

Theresa McColl

Monday, August 18:
 Weekday
 No Mass
 Jgs 2:11-19/Mt 19:16-22

SERVERS

Kruegers

Seiberts

Tuesday, August 19:
 St. John Eudes
 St. Peter~7:00 pm
 Jgs 6:11-24a/Mt 19:23-30

USHERS

Mike & Barb Britenriker

Joe Gonzales
Chuck McColl

Wednesday, August 20:
 St. Bernard
 St. Peter~9:00 am
 Jgs 9:6-15/Mt 20:1-16

ROSARY LEADERJenny Graber
Chris Lopez

Thursday, August 21:
 St. Pius X
 Our Lady of Mercy~9:00 am
 Jgs 11:29-39a/Mt 22:1-14

MONEY COUNTERSNick Wlasiuk
Jenny Graber
Tom Young

Friday, Aug. 22:
 The Queenship of the Blessed
 Virgin Mary
 St. Peter~9:00 am
 Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/
 Mt 22:34-40

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, August 23:
 Vigil
 St. Peter ~ 4:30 pm
Loman Radabaugh
 Ru 2:1-3, 8-11, 4:13-17/
 Mt 23:1-12

Care & Share Gift & Thrift in Archbold would like to THANK YOU for your church family's continued support of our mission around the world and in our community.

We have an immediate opening for a full time (32-35 hrs/wk) Furniture & Store Operations Coordinator. A complete job description and other information is available contacting our Office Manager at 419-445-1926, x7.

We value your continued support and prayers as we look to fill this position.

Sunday, August 24:
 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Our Lady of Mercy~8:30 am
 Rosemary Pontious
 Sean Ricko
 St. Peter ~ 10:30 am
People of the Parish
 Is 66:18-21/
 Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/
 Lk 13:22-30

Kathy Nofziger

General Manager



“Do you think that I have come to establish peace? No, I tell you, but rather division.” –Luke 12:51

Many of us are fans of Jesus the peacenik. A generation ago, every Catholic I know used to have a plastic plaque on the wall that said: “Peace to all who enter here.” Indeed, we’d prefer to have our guests experience peace in our homes. We like to envision our personal space as a sanctuary of tranquility.

Yet when Jesus was brought to the Temple as a baby, the holy man Simeon warned that Jesus would be a sign of contradiction. Jesus wasn’t forecast to be a bridge-builder but a troublemaker who would draw lines in the sand that would be painful for some to cross. Those who embraced the way of Jesus would find those lines drawn across their own homes. That peacenik Jesus wasn’t evident in his own generation. Everywhere he went, some folks loved him, and others wanted him dead.

If you’ve ever lost a friend because of your faith, if you’ve been dismissed or put down or deserted in Jesus’ name, that’s all part of the territory. Peace is coming, but maybe not today.

How can you answer the call to be a peacemaker but accept that personal serenity may not be part of the package?



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.

There is a volunteer sign-up sheet for the Rosary Altar Society garage sale on the table. Questions contact Barb Dominique.

Our FISH July toilet paper count: 230 rolls. They have really needed our donations! Thank you for continuing to support this ministry.

You can continue dropping off garage sale items after Masses and on Tuesday or Wednesday.

**Rosary Altar Society
Garage Sale**

Thursday, August 21
9:00 am-5:00 pm

Friday, August 22
9:00 am-5:00 pm

Saturday, August 23
9:00 am-12:00 pm

We are still in need of catechist/helpers for Religious Education. 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:
\$1929.25

Weekly Budget: \$3375.00

Over/(Under) Budget:
(\$1445.75)

Past collections:

August 3 \$4533.01
July 27 \$2700.00
July 20 \$3401.20

Dear Padre

August 17, 2025

Is "co-redemptrix" a title for the Blessed Virgin Mary?

The Church does not officially regard Mary as a co-redemptrix with Christ. Her "'unique holiness'... 'from the first instant of her conception' comes wholly from Christ: she is 'redeemed, in a more exalted fashion, by reason of the merits of her Son'" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 492).

According to Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, the title "co-redemptrix" would "obscure" the origin that "everything comes through Christ," as written in Ephesians and Colossians. "Mary, too, is everything she is through Him," stated the future Pope Benedict XVI, adding that "co-redemptrix" is a departure "from the language of Scripture and of the Fathers, and therefore gives rise to misunderstandings."

Likewise, in 2019, Pope Francis quoted St. Bernard, who said that no praise is sufficient to talk about Mary, but, ultimately, her title as a humble "disciple" best represents Mary's faithfulness to "her Son, the only Redeemer." "She never wanted for herself something that was of her Son," explained the pontiff. "She never introduced herself as co-redemptrix. No. Disciple."

Pope Francis reiterated the Church's position on this matter in 2021, saying that Jesus entrusted the universal Church and all the faithful to Mary, "Not as a goddess. Not as a co-redemptrix. As a mother." Incidentally, "Mother of God" (Greek: *Theotokos*, "God-bearer") is Mary's oldest title, established in 431 by the Council of Ephesus. ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

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