

December 28, 2025 ~ The Holy Family



# 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, December 27:**  
**John Grieser**  
**Lenny, Andy, and**  
**Cari Breidenbach**

Sat., Jan. 3, 2025~4:30 pm

Sun., Jan. 4, 2025~10:30 am

**Sunday, December 28:**  
**Cindy Eddy**  
**Cathy Warner**  
**Carolyn Bigger**  
**Dick & Susan Saaf**

**GREETERS**

Dave & Jeanie Alt

Bryan & Jessica Miller

**LECTORS**

Amy Zientek

Chris Lopez

**Monday, Dec. 29:**  
 St. Thomas Becket  
 No Mass  
 1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35

**SERVERS**

Lainey Zientek  
 2 Kruegers

Brooks & Layne Miller  
 Carson Armstrong

**Tuesday, Dec. 30:**  
 6th Day within the Octave of  
 the Nativity of the Lord  
 St. Peter~7:00 pm  
 1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40

**USHERS**

Dave & Jeanie Alt

Bryan & Jessica Miller

**Wednesday, Dec. 31:**  
 St. Sylvester  
 St. Peter~4:30 pm  
 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18

**ROSARY LEADER**

Judy Smith

**Thursday, Jan. 1:**  
 Solemnity of Mary  
 Our Lady of Mercy~9:00 am  
 Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/  
 Lk 2:16-21

**MONEY COUNTERS**

Ron & Carlene Reese  
 Dave & Mari Yoder

**Friday, Jan. 2:**  
 Sts. Basil the Great and  
 Gregory Nazianzen  
 St. Peter~9:00 am  
 1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19

**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, Jan. 3:**  
 The Most Holy Name of Jesus  
*1st Saturday*  
 St. Peter~9:00 am  
*Rosary 8:30 am*  
 1 Jn 2:29-36/Jn 1:29-34

Vigil  
 St. Peter ~ 4:30 pm  
**John Van Pelt**  
**Tom Young**

**Sunday, Jan. 4:**  
 The Epiphany of the Lord  
 Our Lady of Mercy~8:30 am  
 St. Peter ~ 10:30 am  
**Al Holland**  
**Frank Grime**  
 Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3:5-6/  
 Mt 2:1-12





Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

In today's second reading we listen to one of the most compelling exhortations for Christian living: "Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him" (Col 3:17). "Whatever you do" that means the whole of life is to be related to Christ Jesus. Everything in life, every activity, can become an act of glorifying the Lord. Good stewards commit even their daily routine to Christ: doing everything "in the name of the Lord." Perhaps it would be a good idea this week to memorize this marvelous verse and repeat it to yourself frequently. Make it part of your morning prayer each day.



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**Holy Day of Obligation**

**St. Peter**  
**Wednesday, December 31**  
**4:30 pm**

**Our Lady of Mercy**  
**Thursday, January 1**  
**9:00 am**



If you would like to register as a parishioner, please get a membership form from the table.

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

Servers: we have a Christmas gift in the sacristy for you.



**K-12 Faith Formation**  
*Wednesday, January 7*  
**(ON SITE)**



**Eucharistic Adoration**  
Tuesdays 8 am-7 pm  
Mass at 7 pm

Contact Pat Dominique if you want to commit to a Holy Hour. 419-446-2206

**Stewardship of Treasure**  
Sunday Offering:  
*Not available at time of printing.*

Weekly Budget: \$3375.00

Over/(Under) Budget:

Past collections:

December 14	\$5594.00
December 7	\$2822.68
November 30	\$3607.00

# Dear Padre

December 28, 2025

**A friend of mine took his life. He was a very staunch Catholic. His wife wanted to know if he could be buried or have a Mass in the Catholic Church.**

Yes, your friend should most certainly receive a Catholic funeral and burial. "We should not despair of the eternal salvation of persons who have taken their own lives. By ways known to him alone, God can provide the opportunity for salutary repentance. The Church prays for persons who have taken their own lives" (*The Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2283).

A person who is suffering with a mental illness or disorder, certainly a prerequisite for suicide, may not have the necessary mental freedom to choose something that is understood as grave or mortal. In other words, he or she does not have the necessary requirements for full and free consent of the will.

Not that long ago, suicide was often misunderstood. Thankfully, today we understand the havoc and suffering of mental illness, and that a person can be a victim, even if it might look like he or she is not. The great suffering of those who take their own lives must not be dismissed or discarded. The family members and friends of a person who suffers suicide should also not be judged but should only receive compassion and understanding. They, too, are victims, in the fullest sense of the word and in the truest understanding of what it means to be a fragile human being. ●

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