

January 4, 2026 ~ The Epiphany of the Lord



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, January 3:
John Van Pelt
Tom Young

Sat., Jan. 10, 2025~4:30 pm

Sun., Jan. 11, 2025~10:30 am

Sunday, January 4:
Al Holland
Frank Grime

GREETERS

Paul & Deb Herring

Herman Family

Monday, January 5:
 St. John Neumann
 No Mass
 1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

LECTORS

Jenny Graber

Steve Bernath

Tuesday, January 6:
 St. Andre' Bessette
 St. Peter~7:00 pm
 1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44

SERVERSConnor & Dalton Smith
Taylor SchrockAlexa & Gia Alt
Milan Herman

Wednesday, January 7:
 St. Raymond of Penyafort
 St. Peter~9:00 am
 1 Jn 5:11-18/Mk 6:45-52

USHERSAaron Alt
John Smith**ROSARY LEADER**

John Smith

Thursday, January 8:
 Christmas Weekday
 Our Lady of Mercy~9:00 am
 1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Lk 4:14-22

MONEY COUNTERSRon & Carlene Reese
Dave & Mari Yoder

Friday, January 9:
 Christmas Weekday
 St. Peter~9:00 am
 1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16

Please find a sub if you cannot make your scheduled date.**Servers should arrive 15 minutes before Mass time.**

Saturday, January 10:
 Vigil
 St. Peter ~ 4:30 pm
People of the Parish
 1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30

ROSARY ~ The Rosary is said every Sunday at 10:00 AM before Mass.

Sunday, January 11:
 The Baptism of the Lord
 Our Lady of Mercy~8:30 am
 Marcel Bonin
 St. Peter ~ 10:30 am
Al Holland
 Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Acts 10:34-38/
 Mt 3:13-17

Protecting Youth

The Diocese of Toledo remains committed to ensuring the protection of children and providing a safe environment for all young people. If you have any knowledge of abuse that has been committed by a cleric, or any personnel of the Catholic Church, you are urged to report the abuse to your local police department, Children Services, and the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at (419) 214-4880 or by mail at 1933 Spielbusch Avenue, Toledo, Ohio 43604.





January 4, 2026: The Epiphany of the Lord

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, “Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.” When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, He inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: *And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel.*” Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star’s appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage.” After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.



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

Thank you for all of the prayers, cards, gifts, and greetings this Christmas season. Blessings to you now and in the New Year.

Deacon Larry



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

K of C FISH FRY
 Friday, January 9 –April 3
 4:30-7:30 pm

Rosary Altar Society Mtg
 Sunday, January 11



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:
 \$4071.00

Weekly Budget: \$3375.00

Over/(Under) Budget:
 \$696.00

Past collections:
 Christmas Eve 4157.00
 December 21 2781.00
 December 14 \$5594.00

Dear Padre

January 4, 2026

I recently lost my husband of sixty years. I prayed for him through his four-year illness. Since he has died, I cannot pray. Any advice for me?

My heartfelt condolences on your profound loss. When someone we love dies, a part of us dies too. Sometimes, the trauma is so severe that it can even affect our relationship with God.

Psychiatrist Elisabeth Kübler-Ross identified five stages of grief. In the denial stage, some people can't accept the reality of the death. It becomes too much to handle. In the anger stage, some may question their belief in God—especially if their prayer requests (such as, "Please God, if you heal my loved one, I will...") weren't successful in the bargaining stage. People in the depression stage feel overwhelmed by the reality of the loss and may not always feel like connecting with others—even with God in prayer. However, in the acceptance stage, emotions stabilize, and a person comes to terms with their new reality. Nothing makes up for the absence of a loved one, but people manage to cope and live on.

It's because you loved so deeply that the loss feels so deep. God accepts you completely; God understands how you feel. He wants you to be at peace and live life fully. Our compassionate God yearns to help console you and offer assistance in your healing process until you can embrace him again in prayer. ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

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