

January 11, 2026 ~ The Baptism 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

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Saturday, January 10:
People of the Parish

Sat., Jan. 17, 2025~4:30 pm

Sun., Jan. 18, 2025~10:30 am

Sunday, January 11:
Marcel Bonin
Al Holland

GREETERS

Mike & Brigitte Schrickel

Abby Harrow

Monday, January 12:
Weekday
No Mass
1 Sm 1:1-8/Mk 1:14-20

LECTORS

Linda Lauber

Arlene Hicks

Tuesday, January 13:
St. Hilary
St. Peter~7:00 pm
1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28

SERVERS

Seiberts

Cordes

Wednesday, January 14:
Weekday
St. Peter~9:00 am
1 sm 3:1-10, 19-20/
Mk 1:29-39

USHERS

JR Lauber
Mike Schrickel

Caleb Harrow
Gary Morman

Thursday, January 15:
Weekday
Our Lady of Mercy~9:00 am
1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45

ROSARY LEADER

Arlene Hicks

Friday, January 16:
Weekday
St. Peter~9:00 am
1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Mk 2:1-12

MONEY COUNTERS

Ron & Carlene Reese
Dave & Mari Yoder

Saturday, January 17:
Vigil
St. Peter ~ 4:30 pm
People of the Parish 1
Sm 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1/
Mk 2:13-17

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.

Sunday, January 18:
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Our Lady of Mercy~8:30 am
Jeanette Tidwell
Giovanni Stella
St. Peter ~ 10:30 am
Dick & Susan Saaf
Is 49:3, 5-6/1 Cor 1:1-3/
Jn 1:29-34



2026
Hope & Healing Masses
February 7 | May 2 | October 3
11:00am in the Upper Basilica
*The Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated within Mass.
Following Mass, all are invited to receive
an individual blessing with the Relic of the True Cross.*

Lunch, hosted by the Knights of Columbus,
will be available in the Shrine Cafeteria
following Mass.

Basilica & National Shrine of
Our Lady of Consolation
315 Clay St., Carey, Ohio 43316



Matthew 3:13-17

The Baptism of the Lord is recounted this week from the Gospel of Matthew. When Jesus approached John the Baptist to be baptized, John hesitated saying, "I need to be baptized by you." Still, Jesus said it was fitting for him to be baptized by John. When John baptized Jesus, the Holy Trinity comes together when the Holy Spirit descends as a dove, and the Father speaks from Heaven, saying: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."



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FISH FRY FRIDAYS

Jan 9 – Apr 3
4:30 – 7:30 EVERY FRYDAY!

Adults	\$13
Children 12 & Under <i>(dine in only)</i>	\$6
Carryout Dinner	\$13
Carryout Fish or Chicken Only. . .	\$20

Dial 419.446.7495 for carry out orders.

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Thank you to the Rosary Altar Society who hosted coffee and rolls last weekend!

There will be a Rosary Altar Society meeting today after Mass. All ladies of the parish are encouraged to attend.

Contribution reports for 2025 are in your mailbox.



Finance Council Meeting
Tuesday, January 13
7:30 pm

K-12 Faith Formation
Wednesday, January 14
(AT HOME)

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



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:
\$5243.29

Weekly Budget: \$3375.00

Over/(Under) Budget:
\$1868.29

Past collections:
December 28 \$4071.00
Christmas Eve 4157.00
December 21 2781.00

Dear Padre

January 11, 2026

Why do our bishops not marry? Scripture plainly says that they must be the husband of one wife and have faithful children.

This is an excellent question and brings us face to face with an important truth: for Catholics, the sacred Scripture is not the singular source of our practice and discipline. We also look, with equal authority, to the living Tradition of the Church. The magisterium is entrusted with the authentic interpretation of both Scripture and Tradition.

With this theological and historical context as a necessary background to your question, the answer to your query is this: the lived Tradition of the Church does not support a married clergy, including bishops. Although the Scripture allows for it, and provides some general guidelines, the lived Tradition of the Church does not. The Roman Catholic Church has a celibate clergy and will continue to have a celibate clergy unless and until the magisterium, in union with the pope, determines otherwise. There have been some discussions about changing this discipline, but now there is not much momentum that would suggest any imminent change.

In the wider Orthodox Catholic Church, in union with Rome, there is a provision for a married clergy, but, even in these traditions, there is no exception made for married bishops. Bishops are and will continue to be celibate regardless of what Scripture may allow. ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org

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