

February 22, 2026 ~ 1st Sunday of Lent



# 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, February 21:**  
Betty Zimmerman

Sat., Feb. 28, 2025~4:30 pm

Sun., March 1, 2025~10:30 am

**Sunday, February 22:**  
People of the Parish  
Al Holland  
Gina Damman

**GREETERS**

Dean Thatcher

Bryan &amp; Jessica Miller

**Monday, February 23:**  
St. Polycarp  
No Mass  
Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46

**LECTORS**

Linda Lauber

Theresa McColl

**Tuesday, February 24:**  
Lenten Weekday  
St. Peter~7:00 pm  
*Stations of the Cross~6:30 pm*  
Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15

**SERVERS**

Seiberts

Millers  
Colton Rogers

**Wednesday, February 25:**  
Lenten Weekday  
St Peter~7:10 am  
Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:19-32

**USHERS**JR Lauber  
Joel FelderChuck McColl  
Bryan Miller**ROSARY LEADER**

Arlene Hicks

**Thursday, February 26:**  
Lenten Weekday  
Our Lady of Mercy~9:00 am  
Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/  
Mt 7:7-12

**MONEY COUNTERS**Chuck & Theresa McColl  
Leonard Gustwiller

**Friday, February 27:**  
St. Gregory of Narek  
St. Peter~9:00 am  
Betty Zimmerman  
Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26

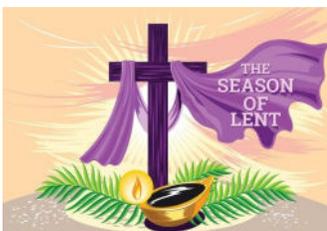
**Please find a sub if you cannot make your scheduled date.****Servers should arrive 15 minutes before Mass time.****ROSARY ~ The Rosary is said every Sunday at 10:00 AM before Mass.**

**Saturday, February 28:**  
Vigil  
St. Peter ~ 4:30 pm  
Gina Damman  
Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48

**Sunday, March 1:**  
2nd Sunday of Lent  
Our Lady of Mercy~8:30 am  
People of the Parish  
St. Peter ~ 10:30 am  
Frank Grime  
Mike Salinas  
Gn 12:1-4a/2 Tm 1:8b-10/  
Mt 17:1-9

**Lourdes University**

The Diocese of Toledo is aware that the **Sisters of Saint Francis of Sylvania have determined to close Lourdes University**. As a diocese, we are deeply disappointed that we are losing our only Catholic liberal arts university. Bishop Daniel Thomas was informed only yesterday by the leadership of the Sisters of Saint Francis of Sylvania of their decision to close the university. We send our prayers and encouragement to the Sisters of Saint Francis of Sylvania during this time of transition, and to all the administration, faculty, staff and students as they seek a new home.



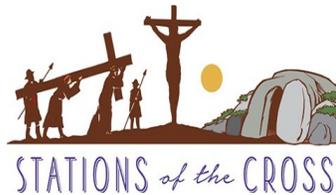


Matthew 4:1-11

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus goes into the desert to fast and pray. When Jesus is tired and hungry, Satan tempts Jesus to use his power to make bread of stones, to jump from great heights, and to become a temporal ruler. Jesus boldly tells the Devil to go away pointing out that Sacred Scripture says to worship God and to serve only God. His lesson tells us all that we can use our Lenten experience to straighten our priorities.



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**TUESDAYS DURING LENT**

**6:30 pm**

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**7:10 am**

**Mass**

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

There are Rice Bowls on the table for anyone who would like to support this ministry for Lent.



**K-12 Faith Formation**  
Wednesday, February 25  
**AT HOME**

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

**YOUTH GROUP**  
**BAKE SALE-K of C**  
Friday, February 27

**1ST Communion Retreat**  
Saturday, February 28  
1:00-4:00



**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:  
\$2428.00

Weekly Budget: \$3375.00

Over/(Under) Budget:  
(\$947.00)

Past collections:

February 8 \$3187.26  
February 1 \$3980.00  
January 25 \$1865.00

# Dear Padre

February 22, 2026

***I was taught that it is a requirement to fast at least one hour before receiving Communion. However, I've seen donuts out before Mass begins and hear candy wrappers being crumpled around me. This seems disrespectful to me.***

It is important to use the correct words when describing a particular action. In this case, "requirement" does not really capture the full meaning and understanding of what the Church teaches. A better understanding is that it is a discipline and a practice of the Church to ordinarily observe the eucharistic fast for one hour before receiving holy Communion. If you are of a certain age, you may remember that there have been changes regarding the eucharistic fast. A "requirement" might suggest that the fast is integral to the sacrament itself. It is not.

The second part of your question seems to be a matter of perception. Based on your perception, you judge something to be not quite right. But, consider that there are many reasons why hospitality may be set up before Mass. The crumpling of wrappers could be something other than what you identify. Regardless, you are not required to assume the burden of policing what is taking place at Mass. It is much better to participate, celebrate, and be grateful for the sacrament that we gather to experience as a community of faith. ●

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

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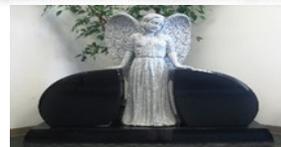
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