

March 15, 2026 ~ 4th 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, March 14:
Daryl Graber

Sat., March 21, 2025~4:30 pm Sun., Mar. 22, 2025~10:30 am

Sunday, March 15:

Frank Grime
Giovanni Stella
Gina Damman

GREETERS

Paul & Deb Herring

Ruth Solarik

Monday, March 16:

Lenten Weekday
No Mass
Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54

LECTORS

Dexter Krueger

Steve Bernath

Tuesday, March 17:

St. Patrick
St. Peter~7:00 pm
Stations of the Cross~6:30 pm
Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16

SERVERS

Milan Herman
2 Kruegers

Langenderfers

Wednesday, March 18:

St. Cyril of Jerusalem
St Peter~7:10 am
Penance Service~6:45 pm
Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30

USHERS

Paul & Deb Herring

Tyson Langenderfer
Joe Gonzales

ROSARY LEADER

Diane Sessen

Thursday, March 19:

St. Joseph
Our Lady of Mercy~9:00 am
2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/
Mt 1:16, 18-21, 2a

MONEY COUNTERS

Chuck & Theresa McColl
Leonard Gustwiller

Please find a sub if you cannot make your scheduled date.

Servers should arrive 15 minutes before Mass time.

Friday, March 20:

Lenten Weekday
St. Peter~9:00 am
Wis 2:1a, 12-22/
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

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

Saturday, March 21:

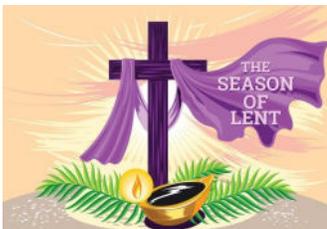
Vigil
St. Peter ~ 4:30 pm
Betty Zimmerman
Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53

Sunday, March 22:

5th Sunday of Lent
Our Lady of Mercy~8:30 am
People of the Parish
St. Peter ~ 10:30 am
Dick & Susan Saaf
Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/
Jn 11:1-45

Evening with Dr. Ray Guarendi

Join us on **March 27** at St. Patrick Parish for a special Lenten evening with Catholic speaker Ray Guarendi. Dr. Ray, well known for his practical wisdom, humor, and strong Catholic faith, will offer an evening of encouragement and insight that is both entertaining and spiritually uplifting. A Lenten meal will be provided. Couples are especially encouraged to attend for this enriching night together. Come enjoy a great evening of faith, laughter, and inspiration as we continue our Lenten journey together. Seating is limited, so please contact the parish office to get your tickets.





John 9:15-41

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus opens the eyes of a man blind from birth. It is the man born blind who sees Jesus for who he really is. The man's neighbors, parents, and teachers have sight but are blind to who Jesus is. In many parishes, those preparing for Baptism receive the Creed this week, and many of this week's lessons help young people know the Creed.





St. Peter Church
Wednesday, March 18
6:45 pm

A Guide for Confession

The basic requirement for a good confession is to have the intention of returning to God like the "prodigal son" and to acknowledge our sins with true sorrow before the priest.

Sin in my Life

Modern society has lost a sense of sin. As a Catholic follower of Christ, I must make an effort to recognize sin in my daily actions, words and omissions. The Gospels show how important is the forgiveness of our sins. Lives of saints prove that the person who grows in holiness has a stronger sense of sin, sorrow for sins, and a need for the Sacrament of Penance or Confession.

The Differences in Sins

As a result of Original Sin, human nature is weakened. Baptism, by imparting the life of Christ's grace, takes away Original Sin, and turns us back toward God. The consequences of this weakness and the inclination to evil persist, and we often commit personal or actual sin. Actual sin is sin which people commit. There are two kinds of actual sin, mortal and venial. Mortal sin is a deadly offense against God, so horrible that it destroys the life of grace in the soul. Three simultaneous conditions must be fulfilled for a mortal sin: 1) the act must be something very serious; 2) the person must have sufficient understanding of what is being done; 3) the person must have sufficient freedom of the will.



Welcome to all who are visiting or new to St. Peter Church. If you would like to register, membership forms are on the table in the entryway.



Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday, March 17

K-12 Faith Formation
Wednesday, March 18
Penance Service
6:45 pm

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:
\$4562.00

Weekly Budget: \$3375.00

Over/(Under) Budget:
\$1187.00

Past collections:

March 1 \$5215.00
February 22 \$4979.15
February 15 \$2428.00

Dear Padre

March 15, 2026

I am left-handed. Why doesn't the church allow the sign of the cross to be made left-handed?

A Catholic who is unable to make the sign of the cross with the right hand is certainly permitted to do so with the left. There is no rule against it. When Pope Saint John Paul II injured his right arm, he used his left hand to impart his blessing.

The sign of the cross is a sacramental, one of the symbols that identifies you as a Roman Catholic. Just like all such symbolic gestures, there is an expected uniformity. To use a secular example, at a University of Texas football game, fans of the Longhorns give the "hook-'em horns" sign. You wouldn't give the "thumbs-up" sign instead. It would be confusing.

It's true that at one time, the left hand was associated with evil. Jesus sends the goats to sit at his left and the sheep to his right. (See Matthew 25:33.) And, throughout the Scriptures, we read that Jesus sits at the right hand of God. (See Mark 16:19.) The word "sinister" is from the Latin sinister, meaning "left."

Left-handedness is no longer associated with evil. If you wish to make the sign of the cross with your left hand, you may. But do consider why you are doing it. Most left-handed people have no trouble using their right hand for many simple tasks. If your purpose is a bit rebellious, maybe realize that signifying unity with your brothers and sisters in Christ is more important. ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.

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