

March 22, 2026 ~ 5th 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 21:
Betty Zimmerman
Cari, Lenny, and Andy
Breidenbach

Sat., March 28, 2026~4:30 pm Sun., Mar. 29, 2026~10:30 am

Sunday, March 22:
 People of the Parish
Dick & Susan Saaf

GREETERS

Tami Bevins

Andy & Lois Grime

Monday, March 23:
 St. Turibius of Mogrovejo
 No Mass
 Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62

LECTORS

Linda Lauber

Barbara Dominique

Tuesday, March 24:
 St. Oscar Romero
 St. Peter~7:00 pm
Stations of the Cross~6:30 pm
 Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30

SERVERS

Cordes

Connor & Dalton Smith
 1 Miller

Wednesday, March 25:
 The Annunciation of the Lord
 St Peter~7:10 am
 Is 7:10-14, 8:10/
 Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

USHERS

Tami Bevins
 JR Lauber

Andy & Lois Grime

ROSARY LEADER

Bonnie Wickerham

Thursday, March 26:
 Lenten Weekday
 Our Lady of Mercy~9:00 am
 Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59

MONEY COUNTERS

Chuck & Theresa McColl
 Leonard Gustwiller

Friday, March 27:
 Lenten Weekday
 St. Peter~9:00 am
 Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42

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

Servers should arrive 15 minutes before Mass time.

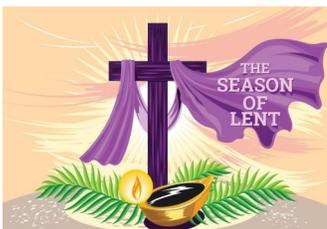
ROSARY ~ The Rosary is said every Sunday at 10:00 AM before Mass.

Saturday, March 28:
 Vigil
 St. Peter ~ 4:30 pm
Dick Roth
 Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56

Sunday, March 29:
 Palm Sunday
 Our Lady of Mercy~8:30 am
 Giovanni Stella
 St. Peter ~ 10:30 am
People of the Parish
 Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/
 Phil 1:6-11/Mt 26:14-27:66

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 11:1-45

Sunday's Gospel describes Jesus raising of his friend Lazarus from the dead. The story hints at Jesus' own Resurrection, which we will celebrate at Easter. The raising of Lazarus puts Jesus in danger from his enemies, but he risks his life to be with and to help his friends.





April 12th

We have some Novena prayer booklets to help prepare for Divine Mercy Sunday. This 9-Day Novena begins on Good Friday, April 3. These prayers can also be easily found online at www.thedivinemercy.org. There are special intentions for each day, and the *Divine Mercy Chaplet* is easy to learn, and takes only about 6 minutes using your rosary beads. Many choose to pray it at 3:00 pm every day, to commemorate the supreme saving moment of Jesus death on the cross.

Jesus revealed his desire for Divine Mercy Sunday and the accompanying Novena Chaplet to St. Faustina Kowalska. St. John Paul II confirmed these desires by instituting them for the whole Church. Mighty promises are attached to those who sincerely prepare for this great day of Mercy. Jesus said to her:

"The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates throughout which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet... Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy." These words, along with the 14 other promises Jesus makes, can be found in *St. Faustina's Diary*.

"O Blood and Water that gushed forth from the heart of Jesus, as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in you."

Local Penance Services

March 25

St. Caspar
5-7 pm

Holy Trinity
6:30-8:00 pm



K-12 Faith Formation

Wednesday, March 25

Family Catechesis

Prayer Night &

Refreshments

Our Lady of Mercy

Stations of the Cross

Thursday, March 26

7:00 pm

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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:

\$2153.00

Weekly Budget: \$3375.00

Over/(Under) Budget:

(\$1222.00)

Past collections:

March 8 \$4562.00

March 1 \$5215.00

February 22 \$4979.15

Dear Padre

March 22, 2026

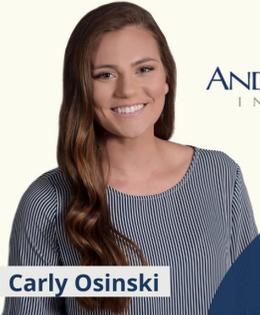
I've offered many Masses for wife and family, thinking if perhaps they are in Purgatory, it would help shorten their time. How can we tell if our prayers and Masses are beneficial? How do we know?

It has been a long- and well-established expression of Catholic faith and practice to pray for the departed. Our prayers help us as we grieve and mourn the passing of the people we love. Our prayers help us keep their passing in perspective—not as the end of something, but rather as the beginning of new life in Christ. This is beneficial and needs no further evidence to illustrate the value of the practice.

Your question, on the other hand, goes beyond what the tradition emphasizes. It seems like you are seeking some sort of guarantee or warranty, which you assume will be reassuring. Unfortunately, there is no guarantee or warranty either promised or implied in this spiritual practice. In death, indeed in the whole of Christian life, we bump up against mystery, not certitude. We are invited to enter into the mystery. To grow in the mystery. To be graced by the mystery. Nothing more is possible. We hope because we believe. We believe because we practice what we hope for. ●

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

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