

March 8, 2026 ~ 3rd 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 7:  
People of the Parish**

Sat., March 14, 2025~4:30 pm Sun., Mar. 15, 2025~10:30 am

**Sunday, March 8:**Marcel Bonin  
Larry Miller**GREETERS**

Dave &amp; Jeanie Alt

Drew &amp; Melissa Pifer

**Monday, March 9:**St. Frances of Rome  
No Mass  
2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Lk 4:24-30**LECTORS**

Jenny Graber

Peg Hines

**Tuesday, March 10:**St. Peter~7:00 pm  
**Fr. Schetter**  
*Stations of the Cross~6:30 pm*  
Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35**SERVERS**

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Alexa & Gia Alt  
Taylor Schrock**Wednesday, March 11:**Lenten Weekday  
St Peter~7:10 am  
Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19**USHERS**

Dave &amp; Jeanie Alt

Aaron Alt  
Gary Morman**ROSARY LEADER**Mary Schrock  
Chris Lopez**Thursday, March 12:**Lenten Weekday  
Our Lady of Mercy~9:00 am  
Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23**MONEY COUNTERS**Chuck & Theresa McColl  
Leonard Gustwiller**Friday, March 13:**Lenten Weekday  
St. Peter~9:00 am  
Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34**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 14:**Vigil  
St. Peter ~ 4:30 pm  
**Daryl Graber**  
Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14**Sunday, March 15:**4th Sunday of Lent  
Our Lady of Mercy~8:30 am  
Frank Grime  
Giovanni Stella  
St. Peter ~ 10:30 am  
**Gina Damman**  
1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/  
Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41**Annual St. Michael Ridge Alta Rosary Society Craft Show**

Saturday, March 21, 2026

10:00-3:00 pm

K of C Hall-Elliott Rd., Defiance, OH

Free Admission

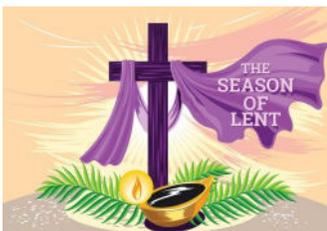
Lunch Stand

Sandwiches, Soup, Pies &amp; Desserts

Bake Sale

Basket Raffle

For more information contact:

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**John 4:5-42**

Sunday's Gospel shows how Jesus' mission for all of us works. Jesus meets a Samaritan woman at Jacob's well. He tells her about a different kind of water that he offers: a living water that makes life eternal with God. The woman sees that he is the promised Messiah and immediately evangelizes the local villagers. They too come to accept who Jesus is after listening to him teach for two days. Like Jesus, we share his Good News and invite others to "drink" the living water from God.



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

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**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.

There will be a Rosary Altar Society meeting today after Mass. All women of the parish are invited!

*Flowers this weekend are in memory of Larry Miller.*

Thank you to the RAS members who hosted coffee and rolls last weekend!

February FISH toilet paper count: 242 rolls.



**Finance Council Meeting**  
*Tuesday, March 10*

**K-12 Faith Formation**  
*Wednesday, March 8*

**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:  
\$5215.00

Weekly Budget: \$3375.00

Over/(Under) Budget:  
\$1604.15

Past collections:

February 22 \$4979.15  
February 15 \$2428.00  
February 8 \$3187.26

# Dear Padre

March 8, 2026

**When I was young, my parish covered all the statues during part of Lent. What did it mean exactly? Do any churches still do this?**

In 2001, the US Conference of Catholic Bishops approved the practice of veiling statues and crosses during the last two weeks of the season of Lent, beginning on the fifth Sunday of Lent. This practice is optional, at the discretion of the local pastor. According to the Roman Missal, "Crosses remain covered until the end of the celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, but images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil."

Covering crosses and statues in violet cloth in the final weeks of Lent indicates a shift in the Church's focus from Jesus in the desert (gospel for the first Sunday of Lent) to Christ during his Passion. Similar to other Lenten disciplines of penance and fasting that align us in solidarity with Christ, the veiling custom is meant to deepen our appreciation for Christ's ultimate sacrifice. It represents our "fasting" from sacred depictions of the cross on which hung our salvation and from images of the saints, who glorify Christ and in whom he is glorified. This concealment creates an absence to make our hearts grow fonder for the Lord, who "bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed" (1 Peter 2:24). ●

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