

May 17, 2026 ~ The Ascension 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

Saturday, May 16:
People of the Parish

May 23, 2026~4:30 pm

Sun., May 24, 2026~10:30 am

Sunday, May 17:

Jeanette Tidwell
Fr. Fred Duschl
Gina Damman
Loman Radabaugh

GREETERS

Steve & Barb Dominique

Ruth Solarik

Monday, May 18:

St. John
 No Mass
 Acts 19:1-8/Jn 16:29-33

LECTORS

Dexter Krueger

Peg Hines

Tuesday, May 19:

Easter Weekday
 St. Peter~7:00 pm
Communion Service
 Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11a

SERVERS

Kruegers

Alexa & Gia Alt
Milan Herman**USHERS**

Steve & Barb Dominique

Aaron Alt
Gary Morman

Wednesday, May 20:

St. Bernadine of Siena
 St Peter~9:00 am
Communion Service
 Acts 20:38-38/Jn 17:11b-19

ROSARY LEADERAlexa & Gia Alt
Chris Lopez**MONEY COUNTERS**Andy & Lois Grime
Cindy Krueger

Thursday, May 21:

St. Christopher Magallanes
 Our Lady of Mercy~9:00 am
Communion Service
 Acts 22-30, 23:6-11/
 Jn 17:20-26

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.

Friday, May 22:

St. Rita of Cascia
 St. Peter~9:00 am
Communion Service
 Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19

Saturday, May 23:

Vigil
 St. Peter ~4:30 pm
Betty Zimmerman
 Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/
 Jn 21:20-25

2026 Fish Fry Worker Appreciation Meal

For all those who helped make the fish fries happen this year!

When: Sunday, June 14

Where: K of C Hall

Time: Doors open @ 4:00 pm

Meal starts @ 5:00 pm

Sunday, May 24:

Pentecost Sunday
 Our Lady of Mercy~8:30 am
 Giovanni Stella
 Shirley Taylor
 St. Peter ~ 10:30 am
People of the Parish

QR Code and below is the link!

<https://forms.gle/iqHrNiTpakdhz5XH9>





Ascension of the Lord: [Matthew 28:16-20](#)

“And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.” –Matthew 28:20

We humans no longer speak simply to our families and our neighbors, our tribe or our village. We are all mice that roar as loud and as far as our technology can carry us. With this amplification and multiplication of words, images, and ideas, what are we actually saying to one another? Jesus asks us to do one thing only: to bring the Good News to the far corners of the earth. Much of the news we receive each day is hardly encouraging or uplifting. But we are not just news absorbers. We also generate plenty of words daily for which we are answerable. What do you do to promote a word of hope and encouragement wherever your voice carries? *The Ascension is celebrated on the Seventh Sunday of Easter in most places in the United States, and the obligation to attend Mass on the traditional Ascension Thursday is set aside. The exceptions are the Archdioceses of Boston, Hartford, New York, Omaha, and Philadelphia. They have retained the celebration and Mass obligation on the Thursday of the sixth week of Easter.



The OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) is the Catholic Church's structured process for adults to learn, prepare, and be fully initiated into the faith.

What is OCIA?

OCIA, formerly known as RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults), is the normative process for adults and children of catechetical age to enter the Catholic Church. It emphasizes a holistic approach to faith formation, combining **prayer, education, and living the Catholic faith** as a way of life rather than just a ceremonial process. The program is designed to guide participants through spiritual, intellectual, and practical preparation for full initiation into the Church

Stages of OCIA

Evangelization and Precatechumenate: Inquirers explore the Catholic faith, engage in dialogue with a priest or parish director, and discern their interest in becoming Catholic

Catechumenate: Participants, now called catechumens or candidates, receive structured instruction in Catholic teachings, participate in rites such as the **Rite of Acceptance** and **Rite of Election**, and deepen their spiritual formation.

Purification and Enlightenment: Typically during Lent, catechumens prepare for initiation through prayer, reflection, and learning, culminating in the **Easter Vigil**, where they receive the sacraments of **Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist**

Mystagogy: After initiation, new Catholics continue their formation, integrating fully into parish life and deepening their understanding of the faith until Pentecost.

If you are interested in starting the spiritual journey of becoming Catholic, contact Fr. Bill.

Today is the Baccalaureate Mass celebrating our seniors. The Knights of Columbus will be hosting lunch after the service in their honor. Everyone is invited to attend!



**Olivia Baden
Ethan Pacholski
Kobe Schrock
Bradley Williams**

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

Jeremiah 29:11



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:

\$4924.00

Weekly Budget: \$3375.00

Over/(Under) Budget:
\$1549.00

Past collections:

May 3	\$2656.00
April 26	\$2339.12
April 19	\$2525.00

Dear Padre

May 17, 2026

I am scared of the end times and predictions of these dates. I feel saved, but I don't truly know if I would be accepted into heaven. What are the Catholic teachings on the end times/rapture?

No one but our heavenly Father knows the precise time of our Lord's return. (See Mark 13:32-37.) If this uncertainty about when Jesus will return evokes more apprehension than anticipation, it doesn't help that prophets of doom make predictions based on a distorted understanding of apocalyptic literature in the Bible. An example of this literary form includes the Book of Revelation. It contains elements of a final judgment and cosmic struggle between good and evil written in highly symbolic and imaginative language; however, it wasn't intended to provide a literal description or timeline of how the world ends. In 1 Thesalonians 4:16-17, St. Paul also uses apocalyptic imagery to say that all the faithful will be "caught up" ("rapt up") to meet the Lord at his Coming. Some use this single text to vividly imagine true believers being "raptured" from the earth and escaping the destruction of humankind at the end times, but it's a misinterpretation. For Catholics, these apocalyptic passages offer hope and guidance: despite the powerful forces of evil, Christ will overcome. His death and resurrection already ushered in the last age. We don't know how long this age will last before the final consummation, hence the need to be watchful and prepared. ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

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