

May 24, 2026 ~ Pentecost Sunday



# 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, May 23:**  
Betty Zimmerman

May 30, 2026~4:30 pm

Sun., May 31, 2026~10:30 am

**Sunday, May 24:**  
Giovanni Stella  
Shirley Taylor  
People of the Parish

**GREETERS**

Mike &amp; Barb Britenriker

Brooke &amp; Sheri Bosco

**Monday, May 25:**  
The Blessed Virgin Mary  
No Mass  
Gn 3:9-15, 20/Jn 19:25-34

**LECTORS**

Linda Lauber

Amy Zientek

**Tuesday, May 26:**  
St. Philip Neri  
St. Peter~7:00 pm  
1 Pt 1:10-16/Mk 10:28-31

**SERVERS**

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Lainey Zientek  
Taylor Schrock  
Carson Armstrong

**Wednesday, May 27:**  
St. Augustine of Canterbury  
St Peter~9:00 am  
1 Pt 1:18-25/Mk 10:32-45

**USHERS**

Mike &amp; Barb Britenriker

Chris Lopez  
Mike Schrickel**ROSARY LEADER**

Lainey Zientek

**Thursday, May 28:**  
Weekday  
Our Lady of Mercy~9:00 am  
1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12/Mk 10:46-52

**MONEY COUNTERS**Andy & Lois Grime  
Cindy Krueger

**Friday, May 29:**  
St. Paul VI  
St. Peter~9:00 am  
1 Pt 4:7-13/Mk 11:11-26

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

Servers should arrive 15 minutes before Mass time.

**Saturday, May 30:**  
Vigil  
St. Peter ~4:30 pm  
People of the Parish  
Jude 17, 20b-25/Mk 11:27-33

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

**Sunday, May 31:**  
The Most Holy Trinity  
Our Lady of Mercy~8:30 am  
Frank Grime  
Mike & Joyce Dwyer  
St. Peter ~ 10:30 am  
Gina Damman  
Audrey Dominique  
Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/  
2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18

**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

QR Code and below is the link!

<https://forms.gle/iqHrNiTpakdhz5XH9>





**On the evening of that first day, . . . Jesus came and stood in their midst. –John 20:19**

Jesus chose to reveal his Resurrection to the disciples as a group. This is significant. When it comes to revelation, the group is where it's at. We might consider this the next time we're convinced God is telling us something no one else has figured out yet. This can feel like bad news to the roughly 50 percent of us who are introverted. Introverts like to process experiences alone, focusing their concentration most effectively in solitude. We're also territorial, reserved, slow to speak or act until we can reflect, and prefer the rich interior life to the chitchat universe around us. Maybe that's why Thomas absented himself from the upper room that night. He couldn't take one more minute of the sighing, breast-beating, and self-reporting going on around him. He needed to think. Yet consider this, my fellow introverts: Jesus offers peace and forgiveness to the Church as a community. Together is where the action is. *Why might public revelations be more helpful than private ones? Why is sainthood a job for communities and not individuals?*

**Let us pray:** Come, Holy Spirit, and fill your Church with gifts of wisdom, understanding, knowledge, counsel, courage, reverence, and awe! Make saints of us whether we sit in the sanctuary or the pews and teach us all the meaning of holy living. For this world is in certain need of our courageous witness. Amen.



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**SAINT PHILIP NERI**

Philip Neri was born in 1515 in Florence, Italy, during a time of intensive reform and vigorous renewal in the Church. The Council of Trent convened on three occasions during his lifetime. He went to Rome in 1532 where he lived in extreme poverty, but devoted himself to visiting the sick and helping poor children. With his engaging style, he evangelized young Florentines of the banking and merchant class. He arranged informal prayer and discussion groups. In 1548 he established an organization to provide hospitality for pilgrims to Rome and to care for shut-ins. At the urging of his confessor, Philip at age 36 was ordained a priest. He soon earned a reputation for being an outstanding confessor and spiritual director; gifted with being able to pierce the pretenses and illusions of others and to help them see the truth about themselves. He received penitents and visitors from all walks of life, from cardinals to the very poor. Many were attracted by the warmth of his personality, his wit, unpretentiousness and cheerfulness. Some of Philip's followers became priests. Five of them lived together with him in community and began to share a common life under his direction. The group eventually grew and became the Congregation of the Oratory, which was approved in 1575. They are best known in England through their most famous member, Cardinal John Henry Newman. Philip and the Oratorians introduced a new style of personal spirituality for the laity, and encouraged them to give public testimony to their faith, put on theatrical productions and compose and play songs with religious themes. Philip suffered a stroke on May 25, 1595 and died the next morning. He was canonized a saint in 1622, although many church leaders considered him a saint even in his lifetime. He was known as the "apostle of Rome" for evangelizing and reviving a spirit of faith among the city's populace. His many friends included St. Ignatius of Loyola, St. Francis Xavier, St. Charles Borromeo and St. Francis de Sales. He is the patron saint of the city of Rome. His feast day is May 26.



Thank you to all who helped make the Rosary Altar Society plant sale a success, and to the ladies who worked the sale.

The OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) is the Catholic Church's structured process for adults to learn, prepare, and be fully initiated into the faith. *If you are interested in starting the spiritual journey of becoming Catholic, contact Fr. Bill.*

In June 2026, as part of the celebration of the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. bishops will consecrate the United States of America to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Parishes around the country are encouraged to join the bishops in consecrating our nation to the Sacred Heart in June.



**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:  
 \$2234.00  
 Weekly Budget: \$3375.00

Over/(Under) Budget:  
 (\$1141.00)

Past collections:

May 10	\$4924.00
May 3	\$2656.00
April 26	\$2339.12

# Dear Padre

May 24, 2026

***I am a senior Catholic woman. All my life, I have waited for the Church to welcome women as priests. I have volunteered with numerous faiths over the years and have worked with pastors and rabbis who are women. Why does the Catholic Church not recognize that women have callings to the priesthood?***

My answer will probably not be acceptable to you, and it might even make you a little more frustrated and perhaps even discouraged. The understanding of the Church is that the call to priesthood is not based on merit. If it were based on merit, and that was the single important criterion, your question might be phrased in a different way. I will let you imagine what that might be!

The tradition, practice, and discipline of the Church continues to insist that the call to ordained priesthood requires the respondent to be male. Any explanation beyond this simple statement would be strained and of little use. We are aware of the traditions that are practiced in other Christian denominations. We are probably aware of the Roman Catholic theology of priesthood that is offered in support of the practice. We can probably offer example after example in support or in disagreement of the practice. None of it matters when it comes up against the hard truth of the tradition, practice, and discipline: the priesthood requires a baptized male for validity. ●

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

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