

July 12, 2026 ~ 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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, July 11:
People of the Parish**

July 18, 2026~4:30 pm

Sun., July 19, 2026~10:30 am

Sunday, July 12:

Marcel Bonin

Susan Saaf

Giovanni Stella

Gina Damman**Loman Radabaugh****GREETERS**

Steve & Barb Dominique

Brooke & Sheri Bosco

Monday, July 13:

St. Henry

No Mass

Is 1:10:17/Mt 10:34-11:1

LECTORS

Barb Dominique

Arlene Hicks

SERVERS

Seiberts

Millers

Colton Rogers

Tuesday, July 14:

St. Kateri Tekawitha

St. Peter~7:00 pm

Is 7:1-9/Mt 11:20-24

USHERS

Steve Dominique

Bryan & Jessica Miller

Kevin Seibert

Wednesday, July 15:

St. Bonaventure

St Peter~9:00 am

Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Mt 11:25-27

ROSARY LEADER

Evelyn Roth

Brooke & Sheri Bosco

Bryan & Jessica Miller

Thursday, July 16:

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

Our Lady of Mercy~9:00 am

Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/

Mt 11:28-30

MONEY COUNTERS**Please find a sub if you cannot make your scheduled date.****Friday, July 17:**

Weekday

St. Peter~9:00 am

Is 39:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/

Mt 12:1-8

Servers should arrive 15 minutes before Mass time.**ROSARY ~ The Rosary is said every Sunday at 10:00 AM before Mass.****Saturday, July 18:**

Vigil

St. Peter ~4:30 pm

Cari, Lenny & Andy**Breidenbach**

Mi 2:1-5/Mt 12:14-21

Sunday, July 19:

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our Lady of Mercy~8:30 am

Eddie Tidwell

Shirley Taylor

St. Peter ~ 10:30 am

People of the Parish

Wis 12:13, 16-19/

Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43

*It's time for a new**Church Directory!*

Photography sessions—October 1, 2, 3

Everyone who is photographed by Universal will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait and a directory!*Universal provides a complete professional portrait studio right here at our church! Much more information will be shared in the coming weeks!*

“Blessed are your eyes, because they see, and your ears, because they hear.”

Matthew 13:16

It’s no wonder the Parable of the Sower left the disciples mystified. It’s a crazy story! The sower is a wild man. Instead of plowing fertile ground and responsibly planting it like a normal farmer, he wanders down an unlikely path and throws seed in the most random way imaginable. Fistfuls of seed land behind him on the path, on rocks to the right and thorns to the left. Only by accident does any seed wind up on soil that can be expected to produce a yield. If the sower worked for me, he’d be fired before the end of the day.

What’s most confounding about this parable is that Jesus doesn’t tell us not to be like this careless farmer. Instead, Jesus compares himself to the sower! Apparently, it’s his will that the Gospel be shared not only in cathedrals, but also in prisons and back alleys and casinos and boardrooms. The Gospel is a capricious seed!

*Are you free with your sprinkling of the Gospel seed?
To what unlikely places have you taken this news?*

LET US PRAY... We praise you, Source of Love, for the generous gift you’ve made to us in Creation. We thank you for the beauty of nature, the warmth of friendship, the responsibility of family, and the goodness of our labor. Help us to see this world as charged with your grace and to protect what you have planted. Amen.



From our envelope company: Cathedral Letter Concepts will not be sending monthly envelopes for July in order to catch up production for its 3,000-plus customers. Our goal is to ensure that your August envelopes are delivered on time and that we remain on schedule moving forward. We are committed to restoring the reliable service you expect and deserve.

In the meantime, you can put your offering in a plain envelope with your name and which account (building, general, cemetery, etc.) you would like your donation to be put in. You do not need to add your envelope number if you do not know it. Or simply put your check (no need for an envelope) in the collection basket.

Thank you to Ron & Carlene Reese and Dave & Jeanie Alt for hosting coffee and rolls last weekend.

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.*

June FISH toilet paper count: 82 rolls.



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:
\$3224.59

Weekly Budget: \$3375.00

Over/(Under) Budget:
\$150.41

Past collections:

July 5	\$3103.00
June 21	\$3820.00
June 14	\$1590.00

Dear Padre

July 12, 2026

I look at what's going on in our world today, and I start to lose faith. How can I keep my faith strong in a time that seems faithless?

Evil isn't a new phenomenon. The Book of Judges, for example, presents a faithless time that may rival what's happening in our world today. Judges' twenty-one chapters are so full of vandalism and war, murder and assassination, fratricide and suicide, that it makes a grim statement on the worst of humanity. Judges reminds us of humanity's need for salvation. In *A Catholic Guide to the Bible*, author Oscar Lukefahr writes, "Left to itself, humanity degenerates into a frightful caricature of what we ought to be. We see such lessons repeated in recent history.... In the Book of Judges, we see our need for God." It's easy to lose faith when our focus is on how bad the world is rather than on how we can do our part to make it holy. Pope St. John Paul II wrote in *Crossing the Threshold of Hope*, "Awareness of our own sinfulness, including that which is inherited, is the first condition for salvation; the next is the confession of this sin before God, who desires only to receive this confession so that he can save man. To save means to embrace and lift up with redemptive love, with love that is always greater than any sin." Don't lose Christian hope! While Christ already triumphed over sin and death, the reality of evil remains until God's kingdom is fully realized on earth as it is in heaven. (See 1 John 5:18-20.) ●

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