

July 5, 2026 ~ 14th 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

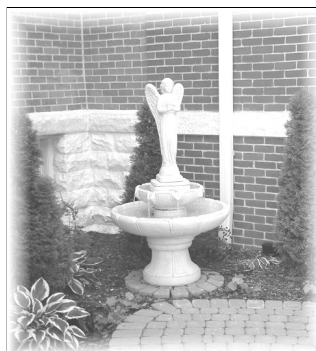
Weekend Masses

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 4:**  
**Betty Britenriker**  
**Audrey Dominique**

July 11, 2026~4:30 pm

Sun., July 12, 2026~10:30 am

**Sunday, July 5:**  
 People of the Parish  
**Frank Grime**  
**Loman Radabaugh**  
**Frenchy Dominique**

**GREETERS**

Herman Family

Smith Family

**Monday, July 6:**  
 St. Maria Goretti  
 No Mass  
 Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22/  
 Mt 9:18-26

**LECTORS**

Linda Lauber

Steve Bernath

**SERVERS**Alexa & Gia Alt  
Milan HermanConnor & Dalton Smith  
Carson Armstrong

**Tuesday, July 7:**  
 Weekday  
 St. Peter~7:00 pm  
 Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Mt 9:32-38

**USHERS**

Dave &amp; Jeanie Alt

Matt Pacholski  
Gary Morman

**Wednesday, July 8:**  
 Weekday  
 St Peter~9:00 am  
 Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Mt 10:1-7

**ROSARY LEADER**

Diane Sessen

**MONEY COUNTERS**Brooke and Sheri Bosco  
Bryan and Jessica Miller

**Thursday, July 9:**  
 St. Augustine Zhao Rong  
 Our Lady of Mercy~9:00 am  
 Hos 11:1-4, 8c-9/Mt 10:7-15

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

**Friday, July 10:**  
 Weekday  
 St. Peter~9:00 am  
 Hos 14:2/Mt 10:16-23

**Servers should arrive 15 minutes before Mass time.**

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

**Saturday, July 11:**  
 Vigil  
 St. Peter ~4:30 pm  
**People of the Parish**  
 Is 6:1-8/Mt 10:24-33

**Sunday, July 12:**  
 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Our Lady of Mercy~8:30 am  
 Marcel Bonin  
 Susan Saaf  
 Giovanni Stella  
 St. Peter ~ 10:30 am  
**Gina Damman**  
**Loman Radabaugh**  
 Is 55:10-11, Rom 18-23/  
 Mt 13:1-23

## **Protecting Youth**

The Diocese of Toledo remains committed to ensuring the protection of children and providing a safe environment for all young people. If you have any knowledge of abuse that has been committed by a cleric, or any personnel of the Catholic Church, you are urged to report the abuse to your local police department, Children Services, and the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at (419) 214-4880 or by mail at 1933 Spielbusch Avenue, Toledo, Ohio 43604.

**“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.” – Matthew 11:28**

Summer for many is a lazier time of the year. The longer hours of daylight give us license to cram a little more fun into each day. Yet trouble never takes a vacation, and burdens that weigh on us in December are just as heavy in July. Our prayer list remains lengthy with the names of those needing healing, work, reconciliation—or hope, by any other name.

Jesus knows all about carrying loads too heavy to lift, and suffering anguish too deep to express. He has experience forgiving the enemy, snatching victory from defeat and even death. For those who feel they labor to no purpose, Jesus has stories to tell about three years of thankless ministry, followed by betrayal—not to mention twenty centuries of a variably faithful church. In Jesus alone do we find a place to lay the burden down.

*Write down three burdens that you’ve carried a while and would like to lay down. Put them at the foot of a cross or in a Bible. Ask Jesus to carry them for you.*

**LET US PRAY...** Lord, we confess to you that we are not the people you created us to be. You know our failings and our weaknesses well, for you see the hearts of all plainly. Inspire us with the fire of your word, that we might incarnate the truth of Scripture in the lives we lead. Teach us to take risks for love’s sake. Amen.



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**A Message from the company we get our offertory collection envelopes:**

*Cathedral Letter Concepts will not be sending monthly envelopes for July in order to catch up production for its 3,000-plus customers. Please use a previous month's envelope you still have available and write the correct date on it.*

Coffee and rolls will be served after Mass today. Everyone is invited!

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.*

*Check your mailbox! If you discover you do not have one, please contact the office.*



**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:  
\$3103.00

Weekly Budget: \$3375.00

Over/(Under) Budget:  
\$272.00

**Past collections:**

June 21	\$3820.00
June 14	\$1590.00
June 7	\$2475.00



# Dear Padre

July 5, 2026

## **Is it appropriate to display the American flag in our church?**

A diocesan bishop—who often delegates this matter to the discretion of the pastor—determines regulations on whether and how to display the American flag in a Catholic church. Displaying the flag, and a book of remembrance for those serving in the armed forces, seems to have originated in many US parishes during World War II. The practice has continued through subsequent wars and national tragedies.

While the Bishops' Committee on the Liturgy advised that national symbols should not be *permanent* fixtures of a worship space, they may be appropriate at worship services on a civil holiday, etc. This same committee discouraged pastors from displaying the American flag within the sanctuary itself—a space reserved for the altar, ambo, presidential chair, and tabernacle—but instead to place the flag in the vestibule of the church together with a book of petitions for the living and deceased.

Fundamentally, a church building is where the liturgical assembly gathers as one body in Christ—the same Christ of the Eucharist who is beyond time and place, who came to unite our divisions. “The church building is a sign and reminder of the immanence and transcendence of God—who chose to dwell among us and whose presence cannot be contained or limited to any single place” (US Conference of Catholic Bishops, *Built of Living Stones*, 2000). ●

*Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org*

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