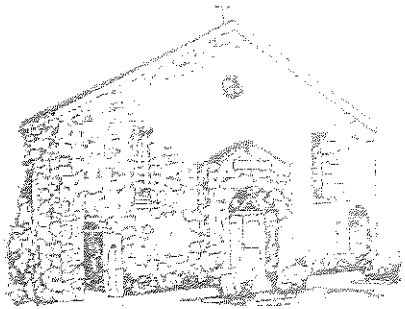
Catholic Communities

Rev. William Pifher – Parish Pastor

Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church



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9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

MASS SCHEDULE
Sunday 8:30 a.m.
(Reconciliation 30 minutes
before Mass or by appointment)
Thursday 9:00 a.m.

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Sunday
November 22, 2026
Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe

St. Peter Catholic Church



614 N. Defiance St.
Archbold, Ohio 43502
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9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday 4:30 p.m.
Sunday 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.
Friday 9:00 a.m

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Pat Eisel
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Traci Maginn
Barbara Roby

FINANCE COUNCIL

Terry Kovar
Barb Bruggeman

Council meetings are generally held on the 3rd Thursdays of the month
5:45 p.m. – Finance
6:15 p.m. – Pastoral

Clothing items can be donated via our drop off site on the east side of the building. Our store is open on Thursdays from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Contact Rhonda Monahan at 517-306-7986 for information

OUR LADY OF MERCY WEBSITE (bulletin online)

Stpeterarchbold.com/our-lady-of-mercy

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Please note that the bulletin deadline is ***Tuesday by noon.*** Please either call, email or put in the collection basket any announcement for the following weeks bulletin.

Welcome to Our Lady of Mercy

Parish Mission Statement

Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church is united by our commitment to minister to the physical and spiritual needs of our rural families and steward the resources entrusted to us. We value the diversity within our Catholic community and invite all to walk with us on our journey of faith.

New Parishioners

A warm welcome as you enter our Parish Community! You are asked to register at the parish office or see the pastor as soon as possible. If you are moving from the parish, please inform the office so we may remove your name from our parish records.

Sacrament of Baptism

Please call the office 419-237-2441 or Father Pifher at 419-446-9288 to make arrangements for Baptism. A month's notice would be helpful.

Sacrament of Marriage

Initial arrangements are to made *six* months prior of your planned wedding date. The Diocesan policy is to allow sufficient time for the couple to make adequate preparation to receive the sacrament. Please call the office 419-237-2441 or Father Pifher at 419-446-9288 to make arrangements.

Anointing of the sick

Please call the office 419-237-2441 or Father Pifher 419-446-9288 to make arrangements for a visit.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults(OCIA)

Having questions about the Catholic faith? Thinking of joining the Catholic Church? You can learn more by contacting the office 419-237-2441 or Father Pifher 419-446-9288 for the process.

Offering Envelopes

Please fill out a form on the back tables if you are not receiving offering envelopes.

Prayer Chain

Anyone wishing to submit prayer requests can email or call Our Lady of Mercy office. Email: olomfayette@olom2441.onmicrosoft.com

Privacy issues for Parish Office:

IMMEDIATE FAMILY - must contact the Parish Office for all prayer requests to be posted in the parish bulletin. Contact Sherry Renner at the parish office at 419-237-2441, no later than Thursday at noon or email to olomfayette@olom2441.onmicrosoft.com with the exact verbiage requested. By law, the parish office does not divulge private information we receive from hospitals

ROSARY WILL BE PRAYED SUNDAY'S AT 8:00 A.M.

OCIA
OCIA will meet today after Mass.

YOUTH BREAKFAST
Kevin Seibert and the youth say a big THANK YOU for all who attended and supported the Youth Group going to Catholic Heart Workcamp last Sunday at Our Lady of Mercy's breakfast. They raised $733.

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS
Our Lady of Mercy's office will be open on Monday, November 23, 2026 and Tuesday, November 24, 2026, 9:00 a.m. – 3 p.m. Please have anything for the bulletin in by noon on Monday.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING
Wishing all a very Happy Thanksgiving, may God Bless you all and make lots of lasting memories on this day of gratitude.



LECTOR TRAINING
There will be a Lector's training on November 29, 2026, after Mass. Please meet with Father Bill up by the lectern.

Month of The Holy Souls
DEVOTION OF THE MONTH (MORNINGOFFERING.COM)
Prayer of St. Gertrude the Great for the holy souls in purgatory: Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal Church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen.

ST. PETER NEWS

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
Every Tuesday starting at 8 a.m. and ending with Mass at 7 p.m.

Nov. 26 Thanksgiving Day – Rosary 8:30 a.m. and Mass at 9 a.m.

Dec. 6 – Potluck, Altar Rosary Silent Auction (bidding starts Nov. 21), cookie walk, coffee & rolls – after Mass

Did you know that Deacon Larry Zachrich is also available for Baptisms and Weddings? Contact Larry at 419-966-7091.

FAYETTE/SURROUNDING AREA COMMUNITY EVENTS

November 24 – Fayette Community Meal – Fayette Methodist Family Life Center – 5 p.m. – 6p.m. Thanksgiving meal

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Date	*Time*	*Church*	*Intention*
Sun., Nov. 22	**8:30 a.m.**	**OLOM**	**Jimmie Crowell**
	10:30 a.m.	SP	For the People
Mon., Nov. 23		NO MASS	NO MASS
Tues., Nov. 24	6:30 p.m.	SP	For the People
Wed., Nov. 25	9:00 a.m.	SP	For the People
Thanksgiving Thurs., Nov. 26	8:30a.m. Rosary 9:00a.m. Mass	SP	Audrey Dominique Betty Britenriker
Communion Svc. Fri., Nov. 27	9:00 a.m	SP	
Sat., Nov. 28	4:30 p.m.	SP	For the People
Sun., Nov. 29	**8:30 a.m.**	**OLOM**	**Giovanni Stella, Chuck Wurth**
	10:30 a.m.	SP	Gina Damman, Celeste Grime

PRAYERS FOR / FROM PARISHIONERS
Please keep the following person(s) / intention(s) in your prayers this week.

Karl Obermoser (Barbara Roby's brother)
Amy Boyers (friend of Sherry's)

All OCIA candidates

If you have someone or an intention you would like the Parish to pray for, please contact the office at 419-237-2441 or email olomprayer@olom2441.onmicorsoft.com before noon on Tuesday.

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTERS – NOVEMBER 29, 2026

Greeters / Gifts	Mary Bird / Marge Crowell
Proclaimer	Mary Bird
Servers	
Ushers	Phil & Tami Baker
Money Counters	Barb Bruggeman / Barbara Roby / Cindi Siegel

SACRIFICIAL OFFERING REPORT
Reported for November 15, 2026

Sunday Offertory (14 envelopes)	$ 597.00
Loose Offerings	$ 417.00
BUDGET	**$ 1,747.00**
Over / (Under)	($ 733.00)
OTHER COLLECTIONS	
CPC Jar/Votives	$ 6.00
Maintenance	$ 100.00
All Saints	$ 2.00
All Souls	$ 2.00
Postage Help	$ 10.00
Feast Day Celebration	$ 500.00
Christmas	$ 500.00
TOTAL COLLECTIONS (Sunday Offertory, & Other)	**$ 2,134.00**

MEDITATION (morningoffering.com – Today's Meditation (November 15, 2026)

"Now there's no one who approaches God with a true and upright heart who isn't tested by hardships and temptations. So in all these temptations see to it that even if you feel them, you don't consent to them. Instead, bear them patiently and calmly with humility and long suffering."—St. Albert the Great, p. 164 excerpt from Manual For Spiritual Warfare

FOCUS ON THE MIDDLE (franciscanmedia.org / Minute Meditations November 10, 2026) There is a quote from one of my favorite movies—*Hope Floats*—that I often find myself returning to. It seems to sum up this whole concept of beginnings and endings very well. It states: "Beginnings are usually scary, endings are usually sad, but it is the middle that counts the most."

That is so very true. The majority of our lives are spent in the middle. It is there, between all the endings and beginnings we encounter, that we should bask in the blessings of life.

—from St. Anthony Messenger's "Faith and Family: Beginnings and Endings"
by Susan Hines-Brigger

SAINT OF THE DAY (resources morningoffering.com / franciscanmedia.org)
Week of November 22 – November 28

Sunday, November 22 – St. Cecilia

Monday, November 23 – St. Clement / Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro

Tuesday, November 24 – St. Columbanus / St. Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions

Wednesday, November 25 – St. Catherine of Alexandria

Thursday, November 26 – St. John Berchmans / St. Columban

Friday, November 27 – Our Lady of Miraculous Medal / St. Francesco Antonio Fasani

Saturday, November 28 – St. Catherine Laboure / St. James of the Marche

ST. ANTHONY MESSENGER (franciscanmedia.org)
Richard B. Patterson, PhD – August 2021, St. Anthony Messenger

WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM? A MEDITATION ON JESUS(part 4)

Jesus asks this of all his disciples. How do we respond?

The Criminal. It might strike you as strange, even irreverent, that I have listed criminal as part of my answer to Jesus' question. But was he not labeled a criminal? Was he not tried and convicted? And, most important, was he not executed between two other criminals?

The part of his message that seems to get lost is that he came for the marginalized. He was condemned for dining with sinners. The hero of his good Samaritan story is someone treated as a foreigner. Remember his great teaching on the final judgment? He counts himself among the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked, the sick, and the imprisoned, and points out to each of us that when we refuse to help these marginalized people, we refuse to help him!
In naming Jesus as criminal, I also note that, in our day, many of our greatest saints and prophets spent time in jail: Dorothy Day, Nelson Mandela, and Dietrich Bonhoeffer. In that regard, Daniel Berrigan's observation on prison garb strikes me as rather Christlike: "For the first time, I put on the prison blue jeans and denim shirt, the clerical attire I highly recommend for a new church."

The Friend to Sinners. Naming Jesus as the friend to sinners goes beyond his commitment to the marginalized. For me, it offers hope. The Catholicism of my youth paid a lot of attention to sin, such that, when I did sin, I felt I had lost Jesus' friendship. Jesus didn't excuse sin, but he clearly loved the sinner. As I bump along on my own spiritual path, that image of Jesus as a friend to sinners helps me persist in my effort to do better and to see that he is out of my life only if I banish him.

Your Name for Jesus
There are other names for Jesus: the good shepherd, the bread of life, the king of glory. These are just a few of them. Perhaps these names have a greater meaning to you. Just keep in mind that, for you, the only correct answer to his question is your personal one. Who do you say that he is?

ASK HER – SIMPLE WORDS TO JUMPSTART YOUR CONVERSATION WITH MARY
By Jane Tufant Harvey

"Ask Her...to reassure you that she sees how tired you are. Go rest in front of her Son in the Blessed Sacrament, where the weariest of souls are strengthened and refreshed!"

MESSAGES OF MEDJUGORJE
Up-to-date messages may be obtained at http://www.medjugorje.org
On the 25th of day of each month the Queen of Peace gives a message to the visionary, Marija Pavlovic, for the whole world.

May 2, 1985 – "Dear Children! These days I call you especially to open your hearts to the Holy Spirit. Especially during these days the Holy Spirit is working through you. Open your hearts and surrender your life to Jesus so that He works through your hearts and strengthens your in faith. Thank you for having responded to my call."

PAUSE AND PRAY (franciscanmedia.org)

CATHEDRAL OF TREES
Christopher Heffron – November 16 2026

Reflect
While God invites us to his house every Sunday, he can be found just as easily in a dense wood. Do you ever feel close to God in nature?

Pray

Creator/God,
You are found in churches,
but I can feel you under my feet in nature too.
The trees above me are like the buttresses
of a cathedral: enclosing me in a living house of worship.
I can find you there, waiting for me.
The sound of a rushing brook, the chorus of birds,
the breeze as it tickles the land are a congregation of believers.
And in it, I feel home.
Amen.

Act
If you can, spend an hour in nature. Say a prayer of thanks for this living church.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

---Nov. 22 – OCIA after Mass in the basement

---Nov. 26 – Thanksgiving
8:30 a.m. Rosary and Mass 9 a.m. at St. Peter

Word(s) of the week (from the America College Dictionary)

KING – God or Christ

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him."
Matthew 25: 31-32