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.

Sacrament of Baptism
If someone is to be baptized, please call Fr. Stanbery. All parents must attend pre-baptism sessions for their first child. Call the rectory to make arrangements, 419-446-9288.

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. Stanbery at 419-446-9288

Weekend Mass Schedules
Office Hours: Tue. & Thurs.
9:00 am - 4:30 pm
St. Peter, Archbold
Weekend Masses
Saturday ~ 4:30 PM
Sunday ~ 10:30 AM
Reconciliation Sat. 4:00 or by appointment

Office Hours: Tue. & Thurs.
9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Our Lady of Mercy, Fayette
Weekend Mass
Sunday ~ 8:30 AM
Reconciliation Sun.
8:00 AM or by appointment
Area Happenings

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. No weekday rosary.

Burger Bash Sunday
On Sunday, May 20 between 11 and 1, it’s the 15th annual Burger Bash in the Ruihley Park Pavilion. Area cattlemen have again raised a pen of steers for our faith-based community mission outreach. Volunteers donate feed and care for the steers and when they are sold every penny after expenses goes to a wonderful International Program, Foods Resource Bank. Archbold’s own Jim Rufenacht is now on that board and has been to see the difference our local efforts make half-way around the world. The Burger Bash ends one project year and kicks off another. Our community has averaged a gift of over $30,000 each of the last 14 years to a project we select locally from the global list provided.

Black Swamp Benefit: A Family Festival
June 15 (4:00 pm-9:00 pm) & 16 (7:30 am-afternoon)
Fulton County Fairgrounds, Wauseon, OH
Learn more at: www.mcc.org, www.sunshine.org
Or email: info@blackswampbenefit.org

The Catholic Christian Community of St. Peter
There will be Benediction and Rosary on Tuesday, May 22 at 6:45 at St. Peter.

Saint Pope John Paul II’s statement on moral issues:

“The common outcry, which is justly made on behalf of human rights—for example, the right to health, to home, to work, to family, to culture—is false and illusory if the right to life, the most basic and fundamental right and the condition for all other personal rights, is not defended with maximum determination” (Christifideles Laici 38).

SENIORS: Make sure to turn in your forms that you received in the mail. You can put the papers in the bin outside the office.

There will be a Vacation Bible School meeting this Wednesday, May 23 at 6:30 in the fellowship hall. St. Peter is the host church this year for the community VBS on Sunday, July 29 – Thursday, August 2. Please consider volunteering! We need your help in order to make this ministry for our youth a success...

Contact Tami Kunesh or Kim Garrow if you are interested or have questions.

A Summer Retreat weekend for Women and Men will be held July 6-8, 2018. The theme of the retreat will be “Mysticism – The Heartbeat of God.” We all have mystical experiences, but we’re not all mystics. How can we learn how to live a mystically driven life? We will explore this topic, gleaning some insights from Fr. Ron Rolheiser, OMI and from the “mystical” gospel of John.

The Retreat will be led by Father Marty Nassr, a senior status priest of the Diocese. This will be a repeat of the retreat that was given in February (several had requested that it be held in the summer). The retreat starts early Friday evening July 6 and ends with a closing late morning Mass on Sunday, July 8. For more information about this retreat please see Our Lady of Consolation Retreat House web site at www.olcshrine.com and click on “July 6-8 Men’s & Women’s Retreat” or call for a brochure. The cost for the weekend will be $150.00 for overnight guests and $95.00 for commuters, which includes 4 hot meals and your program materials. Call Brother Randy for info at 419-396-7970 or email at retreats@olcshrine.com.
Dear Padre

May 20, 2018

There are many gifts given by the Spirit, but I don’t understand “speaking in tongues.” What is the significance of this gift?

You are probably speaking from the experience of a “charismatic” prayer service, in which an individual suddenly enters into an ecstatic state and begins speaking what sounds to others like gibberish.

Sacred Scriptures offer us some examples of this phenomenon. On the day of Pentecost, for example, the apostles were overtaken by the Holy Spirit and were understood by people of many nations, each in his or her own tongue (Acts 2:3–4, 6). The phenomenon occurred again when the first Gentiles were converted to the faith: Peter heard them “speaking in tongues and extolling God” (Acts 10:46). Paul, too, saw the ecstatic condition of the people he confirmed (Acts 19:6).

Saint Paul reminds us that speaking in tongues is one of many gifts the Spirit may bestow upon a person (1 Corinthians 12:10, 28, 30), but that, above all of them, there is love (1 Corinthians 13:8). He tells us that, like the gifts of prophecy and knowledge, so also will the gift of speaking in tongues come to an end. Love will prevail.

We must remember Paul’s words as we contemplate all the gifts of the Spirit: “So, my friends, be eager to prophesy, and do not forbid speaking in tongues; but all things should be done decently and in order” (1 Corinthians 14:39–40).

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