



# Saint Peter

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

February 22, 2026

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

## PARISH CONTACTS

### CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION:

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**Weekday Mass:**  
Tue 8:00am  
Fri 12:00noon

**Weekend Mass:**  
Saturday Vigil 5:00pm  
Sunday 9:00am

**Confession:**  
Saturday 4-4:30pm

**Adoration:**  
2nd Monday of  
Month 7-8:00pm

**Morning Prayer:**  
Mon, Wed 8:00am  
**Prayer Group:**  
Fri 12:30pm

On behalf of the entire St. Peter Catholic Parish community, we welcome you! Whether you are a parishioner, vacationer, or seeking a parish to call home, we hope that we can provide you with any desired information and spiritual support while you are here.

Deadline for bulletin submissions is Tuesday at noon.



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CATHOLIC CHURCH



**FINANCE COUNCIL** Our next meeting will be this Monday, February 23 at 5:30pm in the meeting room at church. We will be reviewing the first half of our 2025-26 fiscal year.

**Parish Organizations:**

- \*Parish Council \* Finance Council \* Choir
- \* Servers \* Lectors \* Ushers \* Greeters
- \* Eucharistic Ministers \* Mission Society
- \* Grief Ministry \* Art & Environment
- \*St. Peter Prayer Group \* Divine Mercy
- \* Men's Group \* Youth Group

To register with our parish or to schedule the Sacraments of Baptism, Marriage, or Anointing of the Sick, please contact the parish office.

If you are homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion, please contact Ken Kuruc at the parish office.

**MISSION STATEMENT**

**We, the people of St. Peter Church are a community built on Jesus Christ, our foundation, rooted in the Gospel, and distinguished by a spirit of welcome and belonging. Therefore, we strive to worship joyfully, serve gladly, and be stewards of God's gifts. We nurture spiritual growth through faith formations and education. We support one another, reach out to all, spread the Gospel, and practice our faith in our daily lives.**

**Our Family of Ministry**

St. Edward Ashland <a href="http://stedwardashland.org">stedwardashland.org</a>	St. Stephen West Salem <a href="http://ststephen.ws">ststephen.ws</a>	Ashland University Newman Center <a href="http://ashlandcatholic.org">ashlandcatholic.org</a>
Weekday Mass: Mon, Tue, Thu, & Fri 8:00am Wed 1:15pm	Weekday Mass: Mon & Thu 8:00am Wed 4:00pm	** Located in the Lower Chapel on campus, only when college is in session.
Weekend Mass: Saturday Vigil 4:30pm Sunday 8:30am, 11:00am	Weekend Mass: Saturday Vigil 4:00pm Sunday 10:30am	Weekend Mass: Sunday 4:30
Confession: Sat 3-4:00pm	Confession: Sat 3-3:45pm	Confession: Sun 4-4:30pm
Adoration: Thurs 8:30am- Sun 8:00am	Adoration: Wed 1-8:00pm	Newman Nights Adoration: Wed 8:30-9:30pm

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

This Lent there will be several opportunities for Confession. In addition to Saturdays from 4:00 – 4:30pm, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated on these additional or extended days and times:

Wednesday, March 4 from 5:30 – 7:00pm  
(including adoration)

Saturday, March 14, 21, 28 from 3:00 – 4:30pm  
(extended times)

Monday, March 30 from 5:30 – 7:00pm (Holy Week)



Do you have questions about our Faith, or would you just like to grow deeper in your understanding? Join Fr. Jim for an informal small group discussion this Tuesday, February 24 @ 10:00am in the meeting room at church. Bring any questions you may have.



**Lenten Program**

Beginning this Tuesday, February 24 at 6:00pm we will continue our Lenten tradition of a Soup Supper followed by a presentation. This year will be a bit different, when we will participate in broadcasts from St. Stephen and St. Edward, and during the second week host a presentation live at St. Peter. The topic for these first three weeks of Lent will be on "Understanding the Mass", with Fr. Rod and Fr. Jim walking through the parts of the Mass and explaining them. Get your best soup recipe ready and sign up to share it on one of the five Tuesdays. This year proves to be exciting as we experience something new.



**Holy Hour for Peace**

Reflecting on the current climate of fear and polarization, Archbishop Paul S. Coakley, president of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops, has invited parishes across the United States to offer a Holy Hour for Peace. Plan on joining in prayer on this Wednesday, February 25 at 5:30 pm as a step towards healing in our nation and our communities. May we be instruments of peace.



**Stations of the Cross**

Each Friday during Lent, beginning this week, Stations of the Cross will be held at 5:30pm. Plan on making this journey with Jesus a part of your Lenten prayer.

**Fish Fry**

Each Friday during Lent area Catholic churches will be holding a Fish Fry. St. Edward in Ashland will host their Fish Fry from 5 – 7pm and St. Peter in Millersburg from 4:00 – 7pm. If you are looking for a good meatless meal, consider stopping in.



**Angel Scholarship Fund**

Make sure you take advantage of the January 1- April 15, 2026 donation window when Ohio taxpayers can make a donation that may be eligible for a 2025 state tax credit. Please note the ASF donation page at [www.catholiccommunity.org/give/catholic-education/angel-scholarship-fund](http://www.catholiccommunity.org/give/catholic-education/angel-scholarship-fund) has been updated and donors are required to select if they are claiming a 2025 or a 2026 credit through April 15th. All contributions through April 15, 2026 will be available for schools to award as scholarships this fall. Making a contribution to this fund of up to \$750 for an individual or \$1500 if filing jointly will not increase or decrease your tax liability, but simply redirects this amount from the state to the school of your choice.



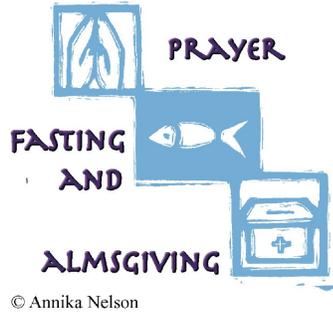
Day	Date	Feast/Holiday	Time	Symbol	Mass Intention	Requested By
Saturday	Feb 21	Vigil	5:00 pm	✙	Pamala Ann Lipps	Pat & Amanda Lipps
Sunday	Feb 22	First Sunday of Lent	9:00 am	✙	Living & deceased of the Richard & Faye Davis Family	Bruce & Mary Davis
Tuesday	Feb 24	Lenten Weekday	8:00 am	✙	William & Monnah Henley	Renata & Tom Lunt
Friday	Feb 27	Lenten Weekday	Noon	✙	Eugene Allarding & Will Soles	Chuck Henley Sr. Family
Saturday	Feb 28	Vigil	5:00 pm	✙	Beatrice & Steve Gradiski	Cathy Hier
Sunday	Mar 1	Second Sunday of Lent	9:00 am	✙	Irene DiFabio	Loud DiFabio & Darla Stitzlein

All Masses are live-streamed on our Facebook page and at [www.loudonvillecatholic.org](http://www.loudonvillecatholic.org).

### upcoming events

- Mon. Feb. 23 @ 5:30pm – Finance Council
- Tues. Feb. 24 @ 10:00am – Beta @ 6:00pm – Lenten Program/Soup Supper
- Fri. Feb. 27 @ 5:30pm – Stations of the Cross
- Sun. Mar. 1 @ 10:10am – Family of Faith PSR
- Tues. Mar. 3 @ 6:00pm – Soup Supper
- Wed. Mar. 4 @ 5:30 to 7pm – Evening of Confession @ 6:45pm – Youth Group @ 7:00pm – Men’s Group
- Fri. Mar. 6 @ 5:30pm – Stations of the Cross

Mar 1	Finance & Parish Councils	
Mar 8	Men’s Group	
Mar 15	Mission Society	
Mar 22	Parish Families	



- PRAY FOR...**
- Lisa Newcomer,
  - Dave Snyder,
  - Joe & Deb Allarding,,
  - David Hollinger,
  - David Adam,
  - John Kick,
  - Dorothy Thompson,
  - Larry Kline,
  - Sam & Flora Taghiani
  - Elizabeth Ferguson,
  - Bruce Bible,
  - Erin Smith,
  - Bill Heichel,
  - Kathy Miller,
  - Lori Baker,
  - Eleanor Chapman,
  - Sharon Gosche,
  - Barb Walls,
  - Carol Roberts,
  - John Wagner,
  - Conner Butler,
  - Janet Van Kuren,
  - Stella Joel,
  - Jeanne Peterson,
  - Josephine Grega,
  - Everett Flottrud,
  - Midge McKinley,
  - Marg Leffler,
  - Sr. Joan Rader,
  - Fr. Elmer Marquard,
  - and for peace throughout the world.

### Ken's

Well, here we are in the Season of Lent! It is apparent from our readings at Mass that we have moved from our joy-filled Christmas Season and even from our short period of Ordinary Time when we journeyed with Jesus on his mission. Now we hear quite plainly about how sin entered the world through one man, and how grace entered through another man, Jesus Christ. We hear about Jesus being tempted in the desert, just as we are beginning our 40-day journey. It is as if we have the whole Season of Lent wrapped into our First Sunday. We have only just begun, and there is plenty of time for us to grow in our relationship with the Lord. The only question we need to answer at this point is where to start. What can I do, or stop doing, that will lead me closer to Christ and allow me to love my neighbor as myself? Only I can answer that for myself.

Stewardship Report		Weekly Offering
	2/10/26-2/17/26	Fiscal YTD
Offertory	\$2,790.88	\$135,437.04
General Fund Envelope	75.00	21,894.00
Unrestricted Donations and Bequests	0.00	66,285.33

**Thank You!**  
 Saint Peter parishioners are remarkably generous. Sharing a portion of our income with the Church is a sign everything belongs to God and we dedicate our "first fruits" to the work of the kingdom of Christ. Thank you so much for your faith and generosity.

Mass Time	Greeter	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Counting Team
February 21 5:00 pm	Bill & Lourene Heichel	Kayla Vistucis	Lee Fromme	
February 22 9:00 am	Chuck Henley	Patrick Lipps	Annie Kuttothara	1

### Protecting God's Children

The Diocese of Cleveland's "Protecting God's Children" program is a continuing effort to instruct and inform everyone about the protection of children from sexual abuse. To report any past or present suspected inappropriate behavior toward children by priests, deacons, religious, lay ecclesial ministers or personnel associated with the Church, please contact the Diocesan Response Service Office at (216) 334-2999 or via email at [response\\_services@dioceseofcleveland.org](mailto:response_services@dioceseofcleveland.org). You are also asked to immediately inform local authorities about inappropriate behavior.

### Bible Study with Fr. Jim

#### Book of Judges: God's Struggle for Israel's Heart

Join us this Tuesday and every 3rd Tuesday of each month at 9 AM in the meeting room as we journey through the Book of Judges. No prior study is needed, and all are welcome.

- ♦ March 17: Othniel, Ehud, Barak (Judges 3:7-5:31)



### Church Directory Update



Over the next several weeks we will be working on putting together the church directory. Based on responses received, we will now be including a roster at the back of the directory with contact information (i.e. address, phone & email) that we have on file. If you had your picture taken, you should have been asked whether you are OK with including this information. For those who did not have a photo taken, we still plan on including your information in the directory. If you do not wish it to be listed, please contact Ken at the parish office (419-994-4396 x 4). Also, if you have any photos from recent Parish events that you would like to share, feel free to email them to Ken ([kkuruc@loudonvillecatholic.org](mailto:kkuruc@loudonvillecatholic.org)). We may not be able to use all photos but would rather have more than none. The plan is to have the directory completed by Easter.

Thanks to all who contributed in any way to make the "Blessing Box" possible. If you have a half-hour to spare during regular office hours, feel free to stop in to help make up meal bags. Monetary donations are also accepted. Please place in an envelope and mark with "Blessing Box". We will use the funds to buy items as needed. We do not need any food donations at this time.



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<b>River Run Campground</b> 3070 CR 3175 (Wally Rd.), Loudonville 419-994-5257 <b>Canoe Liveries</b> 3069 SR 3 Loudonville 419-994-5204 3042 CR 3175 (Wally Rd.) Loudonville 419-994-1116 <b>riverrunfamilycampground.com</b>	2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month @ 10:00 am 	Space Available Please call 419-994-5488 <b>PARK 'N' LAUNCH</b> BY THE NEW COVERED BRIDGE FLOAT YOUR OWN TUBE/KAYAK/CANOE TUBES FOR SALE, ATR, PARKING 16425 CR 23 (WALLY RD) AT TR 451 & CR 23 • 216-633-2109	<b>HAUDENSCHILD AGENCY</b> Home Auto Health Business Farm Life Medicare Matt Stewart • Paul Lahm John Kinkopf • Eric Haudenschild Dean Streit • Sean Lally <b>419-994-5555</b>	Courtesy of <b>Golf Ball Manufacturers GBM</b>
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