



Saint Peter

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

April 19, 2026

THIRD SUNDAY
OF EASTER

PARISH CONTACTS

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

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. Specific food needs would be canned chicken (10 oz.), Kraft Mac & Cheese boxes, Rotel diced tomatoes with chilies, Red Kidney beans, and black beans. There is a designated drawer to drop off items near the choir stairs. Items can also be brought to the office during office hours.



The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is a fundamental practice in the Catholic Church designed to provide comfort, peace, and spiritual strength to those who are seriously ill or aging. This practice, deeply rooted in Christian tradition and Jesus' teachings, has the primary purpose of alleviating the physical and spiritual suffering of the faithful in times of illness or extreme weakness. For many, it is a source of hope and a tangible reminder of God's presence and love in life's most difficult moments.

The Rite of Anointing tells us there is no need to wait until a person is at the point of death to receive the sacrament. A careful judgment about the serious nature of the illness is sufficient. Reasons to receive this sacrament include a significant illness (even chronic), advanced age, or upcoming surgery.

On the weekend of April 25-26, we will have a communal Anointing of the Sick at all Masses for those who feel they need sacramental anointing.



The Mission Society will have their next meeting Monday, April 20th in the church basement at 9:00. There will be breakfast and a brief meeting followed by project work. All ladies are welcome!

Bible Study with Fr. Jim

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

Join us 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.

- ◆ April 21: Gideon & Jephthah (Judges 6:1-12:15)



2026 Buy Me Now/Bid Auction - St. Francis Xavier Mission Society

St. Peter Catholic Church Mission Society will be hosting their annual fund raising event. This year there are 170 baskets, gift cards and many other wonderful items which can be purchased at a buy me now designated price and taken home. If the item isn't purchased outright, the highest bidder will receive the item. The event, which benefits local charities, takes place in our social hall Friday afternoon, April 24 from 1-5:00 pm and Saturday morning, April 25, from 9-12.

We will also be open an hour before and an hour after each Mass. Come down for breakfast on Sunday and check out the sales. Please note many items are purchased at the buy me now price so shop early for best selection. Call Susie Henley Piskur with any question at 614-571-5357

Loudonville Church Women Luncheon

All women of the parish are invited to the Loudonville Church Women's yearly May luncheon which will be at noon, May 2 at the Trinity Church. The speaker will be Ashland Advocates for Families. Come enjoy a delicious lunch and good fellowship!



Day	Date	Feast/Holiday	Time	Symbol	Mass Intention	Requested By
Saturday	April 18	Vigil	5:00 pm	✙	Joe Strausbaugh & Gerald Stanger	Ruth Stanger
Sunday	April 19	Third Sunday of Easter	9:00 am	✙	Herb & Mary Simmons	Julia Brewer
Tuesday	April 21	Easter Weekday	8:00 am	✙	Al Steffen	Chuck & Rita Henley
Friday	April 24	Easter Weekday	Noon	✙	Allison Bucher	Linda Bucher
Saturday	April 25	Vigil	5:00 pm	✙	Paul & Mary Henley	Paula Bush Adam
Sunday	April 26	Fourth Sunday of Easter	9:00 am	✙	Edwin & Velma Jean Zinser	Pat & Amanda Lipps

All Masses are live-streamed on our Facebook page and at www.loudonvillecatholic.org.

upcoming events

- Sun. April 19 @ 10:15am – Jr. High PSR
- Mon. April 20 @ 9:00am – Mission
- Tues. April 21 @ 9:00am – Bible Study
- Fri. April 24 @ 1:00pm – Buy Me Now Auction
- Sat. April 25 @ 8:30am – First Penance @ 9:00am – Buy Me Now Auction
- Sun. April 26 @ 9:00am – Communal Anointing @ 10:15am – PSR & Youth Mass Walk Thru
- Tues. April 28 @ 10:00am – Beta
- Wed. April 29 @ 6:45pm – Youth
- Wed. May 6 @ 6:30pm – Men’s Group
- Sun. May 10 – Mother’s Day (no breakfast)

- April 19 Mission Society
- April 26 Parish Families
- May 3 Finance & Parish Councils



Mission Society Buy Me Now/Bid Auction is this coming weekend. We will be open Friday, April 24 between 1-5, Saturday, April 25 from 9 to noon and 1 hour before and after each mass that weekend. Auction benefits local charities including our parish. Please come and visit us.



PRAY FOR...

- Rhonda Ramos,
- Ray McGann,
- Rosa Leonard,
- Barb Davis,
- Sam Solon,
- Lisa Newcomer,
- Dave Snyder,
- Joe & Deb Allerding,
- 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.



Congratulations to Jackson Donley, Paisley Allerding and Isabel Allerding who will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time next Saturday.

Reflections

As we listen to the account of the road to Emmaus this weekend at Mass, can we recall times when Jesus has been present to us, yet we didn't see or recognize him? Unfortunately, it can happen more often than most of us are even aware. As we know, Jesus' presence is all around us, everywhere. There is nowhere that we can go that he is absent. So why is it so difficult for us to recognize His presence? Can it be our hardened hearts that keep us from seeing Him in those less fortunate than us, in our neighbor or family member who might be a little demanding, in the sick or even in the stranger we seem to randomly encounter while out running errands? Jesus is present in every person we meet, situation we find ourselves in, and event that we participate in. Instead of looking for Him, perhaps we need to picture His face on every individual we encounter.

Stewardship Report



	4/8/26-4/13/26	Fiscal YTD
Offertory	\$2,483.00	\$168,221.50
General Fund Envelope	110.00	26,319.00
Unrestricted Donations and Bequests	0.00	20,363.82

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
April 25 5:00 pm	Mary Davis	Michele Crider	Rob Turk	
April 26 9:00 am	Jerry & Judy Dudte	Larry Henley	Kelly Esselburn	3



Do you enjoy working with people? Would you like to make a young couple's wedding day extra special by helping to ensure everything proceeds smoothly? If so, we are looking for you! While we don't usually have many weddings within our parish family, we have opened our church to Catholic couples who are looking to take advantage of our beautiful area to celebrate their wedding in Loudonville. The wedding coordinator would be responsible for assisting with the rehearsal, setting up for Mass, answering questions that come up, and making sure the church is secured after the wedding. Time commitment would be approximately 1 hour for the rehearsal and 2 hours for the wedding. Compensation would be \$100 per wedding. For more information, please contact Ken in the parish office.

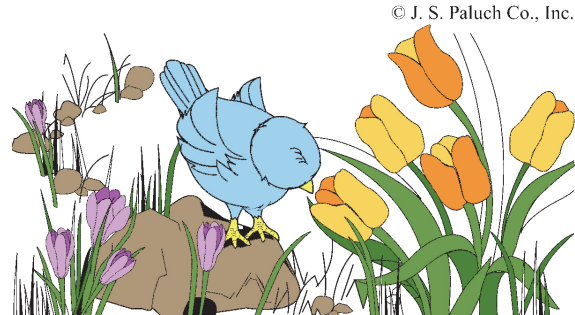
MY DAILY Prayers

A free emailed recording of prayers and insights led by our bishops and priests. Take 10 minutes and join us in prayer.

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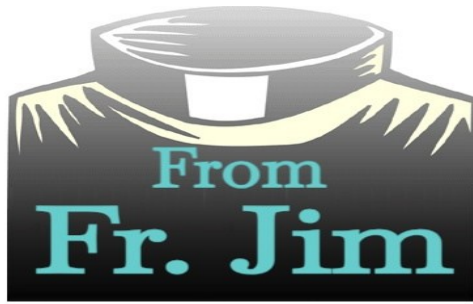
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 - and encourage others to join us!

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<p>River Run Campground 3070 CR 3175 (Wally Rd.), Loudonville 419-994-5257 Canoe Liveries 3069 SR 3 Loudonville 419-994-5204 3042 CR 3175 (Wally Rd.) Loudonville 419-994-1116 riverrunfamilycampground.com</p>	<p>2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month @ 10:00 am BETA</p>	<p>Space Available Please call 419-994-5488</p>	<p>HAUDENSCHILD AGENCY Home Auto Health Business Farm Life Medicare Matt Stewart • Paul Lahm John Kinkopf • Eric Haudenschild Dean Streit • Sean Lally 419-994-5555</p>	<p>PSR</p>
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Pope Leo has made headlines over the past several weeks for his bold statements in opposition to war. The United States Bishops, including the Archbishop of the Diocese for the Military, have supported the Pope in his statements. Regardless of our political party or affiliation, it is important for us as Catholics to be able to defend and explain the Catholic approach to war and to oppose war when it is not justified.

The Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church is a document that was published in 2004 at the request of John Paul II. This document contains authoritative teaching, based on Scripture and Tradition, that is intended to inform our consciences and guide us in making good social, political, and economic decisions. This document may be found for free on the [Vatican's Website](#) or it can be purchased in book format.

Catholic teaching on war can be found in sections 497-515 of the Compendium. In these sections it outlines the situations and scenarios in which war can be justified, while also explaining the reasons why nations are justified in having a military. I encourage you to pray through these sections, to seek to better understand what the Church teaches on this issue, and to offer your obedience in faith to what you read. As the Catechism teaches “to obey in faith is to submit freely to the word that has been heard, because its truth is guaranteed by God, who is Truth itself” (CCC 144).

A short summary of just war theory can be found in paragraph 500. The Compendium teaches the following general principles:

- A war of aggression is intrinsically immoral
- A war of defense must be against an aggressor who is inflicting damage that is lasting, grave, and certain
- All other means of preventing the war must have proven impractical or ineffective
- There must be serious prospects of success
- The use of arms must not produce evils or disorders that are graver than the evil to be eliminated (The power of modern means of destruction weighs very heavily in discernment)
- War must be fought by a legitimate authority

Section 501 also addresses the issue of preventive or preemptive war stating, “a preventive war without clear proof that an attack is imminent cannot fail to raise serious moral and juridical questions.”

Please continue to pray for peace, and that our nation’s leaders as well as the leaders of other nations may find ways to move forward for the good of all peoples and the world.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Jim