



Saint Peter

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

May 3, 2026

FIFTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER

PARISH CONTACTS

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*In my
Father's house
there are many dwelling places*

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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.



St. Peter CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

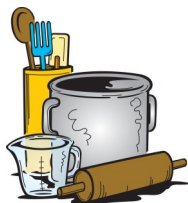
We, the people of St. Peter Church are a community built on Jesus Christ, our foundation, rooted in the Gospel, and distinguished by a spirit of welcome and belonging. Therefore, we strive to worship joyfully, serve gladly, and be stewards of God's gifts. We nurture spiritual growth through faith formations 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
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 Ad- oration: Wed 8:30-9:30pm

Biscotti Baking with Linda

May 6th from 6 to 7 pm gather to bake biscotti. All basic ingredients and supplies will be provided. Bring chocolate chips, peanut butter chips, dried fruits and nuts if you'd like. Linda O'Brien will provide a quick demonstration then you will start prepping to make your own biscotti! (Once baked you can take it home or trade with others.) Salted Caramel will be prepared as a quick demonstration then let the YUM begin.



St. Peter Mission Society Auction Report

Our St. Peter Mission Society would like to thank all those who made our 2026 auction a success. Donations from our Mission Society, parishioners and local businesses in addition to cash donations, enabled us to raise approximately \$ 5,400. This profit will be used to support local organizations which include our parish PSR and Divine Mercy Programs and our mission projects. We loved and appreciated the variety of donations which included: creative theme baskets, gift cards, rag rugs, comforter, cozies, stained glass, tools, biscotti, scones, pies, cookies and many miscellaneous items. Thank you so much for coming to our auction and for your continued support.



We have talked about offering donuts and coffee during the summer months for both parishioners and our seasonal visitors. We tried this for a limited period last year and it was well received. However, to continue such a program, we need more volunteers. Donuts would be provided by the parish, but we need 2-3 helpers each Sunday to set up a table outside, put out the donuts and coffee, and to take everything back inside when finished. The commitment would be for 20-30 minutes after Sunday Mass. A signup sheet will be available at the entrance of the church beginning next weekend. We will only do this if we have volunteers. It is a great opportunity for us as a parish to welcome our visitors and to continue fellowship among ourselves.



For quite some time, the question of whether we should kneel or stand after the "Lamb of God" has come up at just about every gathering and meeting at the parish. This has caused questions, confusion, and distraction, especially with visitors from other dioceses. Is it more reverent to stand or kneel? Kneeling and standing are equally reverent. To be clear, the Diocese is following what the Church has taught since 1969 as our posture during communion. However, this teaching was never widely accepted or practiced. The different practices between our parishioners and visitors, and even among our parishioners, have become a distraction to focus on the reception of the Eucharist. This distraction has also introduced division into our worship when we should be focused on receiving Our Lord. Because this question keeps coming up, the leadership of St. Peter, St. Stephen and St. Edward have discussed this. We balanced the two sides: 1) Listening to what the Church has asked, giving it the weight of what we are called to do; 2) Listening to the hearts of the people, and the desire for reverence before the Lord. In the end, we concluded that it is better for all to kneel after the Lamb of God because this is the most common posture in the United States. We also concluded that kneeling after the reception of communion would be observed. You may ask: Are we being disobedient if we kneel? No, the Church does not demand conformity. We are trying to address a complex issue with pastoral care. Our focus must be on receiving the Eucharist and not on distraction and division. We do ask, though, that all continue to sing the communion song until communion is completed. We are hoping to begin this uniform practice on Pentecost, Sunday May 24.



Day	Date	Feast/Holiday	Time	Symbol	Mass Intention	Requested By
Saturday	May 2	Vigil	5:00 pm		People of St. Peter	
Sunday	May 3	Fifth Sunday of Easter	9:00 am	✙	All Souls in Purgatory	
Tuesday	May 5	Easter Weekday	8:00 am	✙	Deceased of the Henley & Allerding Families	Chuck & Rita Henley
Friday	May 8	Easter Weekday	Noon	✙	Greg & David Bilick	Mary Ann Bilick
Saturday	May 9	Vigil	5:00 pm	✙	Bruce Hier & Ray Delfosse	Cathy Hier
Sunday	May 10	Sixth Sunday of Easter	9:00 am	✙	All mothers both living and deceased	

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

upcoming events

- Mon. May 4 @ 5:30pm – Finance Council
- Wed. May 6 @ 6:00 pm—Learn to make Biscotti @ 6:30pm – Men’s Group
- Sun. May 10 Mother’s Day (no breakfast)
- Tues. May 12 @ 10:00am – Beta
- Wed. May 13 @ 6:45pm – Youth Group
- Sun. May 17 @ 9:00am – First Holy Communion @ 10:15am – Junior High PSR
- Mon. May 18 @ 9:00am – Mission @ 7:00pm – Holy Hour
- Tues. May 19 @ 9:00am – Bible Study
- Sun. May 24 Pancake & Sausage Breakfast
- Mon. May 25 Memorial Day (Office Closed)
- Tues. May 26 @ 10:00am – Beta
- Wed. May 27 @ 6:45pm – Youth Group



Please join the community for an ecumenical event consisting of prayer stations and prayer for our churches, first responders, teachers and local community on Thursday, May 7 at 6:00pm at Loudonville’s Riverside Park pavilion.



Our next meeting is this Monday, May 4 @ 5:30pm in the meeting room at church. We will be reviewing Q3 results.



Our next meeting will be this Wednesday, May 6 at 6:30pm in the meeting room at church.



PRAY FOR...

- Rhonda Ramos,
- Ray McGann,
- Rosa Leonard,
- Barb Davis,
- Sam Solon,
- Lisa Newcomer,
- Dave Snyder,
- Joe & Deb Allerding,
- David Adam,
- John Kick,
- Dorothy Thompson,
- Larry Kline,
- Sam & Flora Taghiani
- Elizabeth Ferguson,
- 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.

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Most weekends I use this format to comment on our Sunday readings. While the readings are an integral part of our celebration, liturgy, which comes from the Greek leitourgia literally means “work of the people”. When we celebrate Mass, we participate through our words and actions. Our posture (i.e. standing, sitting, kneeling) at Mass is intentional and varies with each part. While certain postures are more appropriate at one time or another, what is most important is that we are reverent. Please take a moment to read the section “Liturgy Matters” in today’s bulletin. In the future we will be using this heading to communicate components of liturgy and their significance. If you ever have questions or concerns about anything surrounding our liturgies, feel free to approach me, Fr. Rod or Fr. Jim.

Stewardship Report



	4/14/26—4/20/26	4/21/26--4/27/26	Fiscal YTD
Offertory	\$3,527.38	\$4,274.88	\$175,798.76
General Fund Envelope	80.00	750.00	27,374.00
Unrestricted Donations and Bequests	200.00	2,100.00	66,285.33

Cemetery \$277.00

Mass Time	Greeter	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Counting Team
May 9 5:00 pm	Mary Davis	Leslie Kamenik	Linda O'Brien	
May 10 9:00 am	Jerry & Judy Dudte	Justin Esselburn	Lee Fromme	1



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.

Catholic Diocese of Cleveland

Sign up!
dioceseofcleveland.org/mydailyprayers
— and encourage others to join us!



Pen Pal Writers

As the school year draws to a close, you will have one more opportunity to write to your Pen Pal this month. Our group writes to a Loudonville Budd School classroom. The school is having an end of the year assembly, and Pen Pals are invited. The classroom's assembly is on May 28 at 9:00 am. If you plan to attend, you will need to let Ken know by May 17 so the names can be provided to our Catholic Charities representative.

<p>Mohican Reservation CAMP 419-994-2267 CANOE 419-994-4097 3045-3058 SR 3, Loudonville OH www.mohicanadventures.com</p>	<p>Mohican Reservation Campgrounds & Canoeing <i>Ohio's Most Scenic Riverfront Sites</i> 1-800-766-CAMP www.mohicanreservation.com Home of the Great Mohican Pow-Wow September 18-20, 2026</p>	<p>LAW OFFICE OF DAVID M. HUNTER 224 W. Main St., Loudonville 419-994-3141</p>	<p>Pauly CPA, Inc. Tax Preparation • Payroll & Accounting Financial Planning Douglas E. Pauly, CPA, MBA 535 Claremont Ave., Ashland 419-281-9656</p>	<p>HARRIS AUTOMOTIVE Auto Repair Service Gates Hydraulic Hoses Gas Tanks COOPERTIRES Radiators • Tires 336 W. Main St (Rear) • 994-4712</p>
<p>Mohican Reservation RIVER TRIPS • CAMP CABINS • FUN CENTER 3045-3058 SR 3, Loudonville OH www.mohicanadventures.com</p>	<p>MEN'S GROUP</p>	<p>Knights of Columbus Mark R. Hedge, FICF, CLTC Field Agent Phone: 740-599-2963 mark.hedge@kofc.org Life Insurance • Long-Term Care Insurance Retirement Annuities • Disability Income Insurance <small>Protecting Catholic Families since 1882</small></p>	<p>Snyder Funeral Homes</p>	<p>HEFFELFINGER Auto Service & Towing 419-606-1841 696 St. Rt. 39 W, Perrysville</p>
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<p>River Run Campground 3070 CR 3175 (Wally Rd.), Loudonville 419-994-5257 Canoe Liveryes 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 SINCE 1937 Medicare Matt Stewart • Paul Lahm John Kinkopf • Eric Haudenschild Dean Streit • Sean Lally 419-994-5555</p>	<p>PSR</p>
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