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#### **WELCOME**

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.

#### MASS SCHEDULE

#### The Lord's Day

#### Weekday Masses

Saturday 5:00 p.m. \* Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Mon. -Wed. 8:00 a.m. \* Friday Noon (See inside for occasional changes.)

#### CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS

#### Councils, Ministries & Groups

Parish Council \* Finance Council \* Choir \* Servers \* Lectors \* Ushers \* Greeters \* Eucharistic Ministers \* Mission Society \* Knights of Columbus \* Grief Ministry \* Gabriel Project \* Art & Environment \* St. Peter KEYS Youth Group \* St. Peter Prayer Group \* After Alpha

#### **Social Concerns**

Community Help Mission, Helping Hands & Support of Community Projects

#### **SACRAMENTS**

#### Sacrament of Baptism

Please contact the parish office to attend classes and schedule a Baptism.

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. or by appointment.

#### Sacrament of Marriage

Contact the parish at least 6 months before the wedding for required pre-marriage preparation.

#### Anointing of the Sick

If you are in the hospital, contact the hospital Chaplin.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY

Call the parish office for programs and details.

#### **RCIA/ Inquiry Class**

Are you thinking of becoming Catholic? Contact Father Hawk at the parish office for further information.





#### 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 formation and education. We support one another, reach out to all, spread the Gospel, and practice our faith in our daily lives.

### October 1, 2017



#### THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS IS BEING OFFERED FOR ...



Day	Date		Feast/Holiday	Mass Time		Mass Intention	Requested By
Saturday	Sept	30	Vigil	5:00 pm		People of St. Peter	Tom & Toni Klimkewicz
Sunday	Oct	1	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00 am	†	Angela Gross	Sue Timmons
Monday	Oct	2	The Holy Guardian Angels	8:00 am	†	Floyd & Helen Powell	Dan & Susie Piskur
Tuesday	Oct	3	Weekday	8:00 am	†	Mable Mutchler Family	Robert Mutchler
Wednesday	Oct	4	St. Francis of Assisi	8:00 am	†	Edward & Clara Himmelberg	Larry & Deb Henley
Thursday	Oct	5	Weekday			No Mass	
Friday	Oct	6	Weekday	Noon	†	Alice & Bob Frey	Dan & Susie Piskur
Saturday	Oct	7	Vigil	5:00 pm	†	John & Jean Gardner	Patrick & Jenny Snyder
Sunday	Oct	8	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00 am		People of St. Peter	

#### MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER 7 & 8

Ma	ss Time	Greeter	Lector	Server	Server	Eucharistic Minister	Cup Ministers
Oct	7 5:00 pm	Mary Davis	Rich Stoker	Ashton Henley	Х	Ken Kuruc	Please sign up
Oct	8 9:00 am	Christine Shepherd	Rita Henley	James Henley	Matthew Henley	Deb Allerding	Please sign up

COUNTING 10-2-17 TEAM 1

10-9-17 TEAM 2

#### **Breakfast Schedule**

Oct 1 Youth Group/PSR Parents
Oct 8 Knights of Columbus

Oct 15 Mission
Oct 22 Parish Council



#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Zec 8:1-8; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23;

Mt 18:1-5, 10

Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23; Ps 87:1b-7; Lk 9:51-56 Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8; Ps 137:1-6; Lk 9:57-62 Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Ps 19:8-11;

Lk 10:1-12

Friday: Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9; Lk 10:13-16 Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Ps 69:33-37; Lk 10:17-24

Sunday: Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20; Phil 4:6-9;

Mt 21:33-43

#### **Hurricane Irma Relief Collection**

The Catholic Diocese of Cleveland and dioceses across the country have been asked by the leadership of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops to have and emergency collection for those impacted by Hurricane Irma. Our collection will take place this weekend, September 30 and October 1.

#### TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — When the wicked turn away from their wickedness they have committed and do what is right, they shall surely live (Ezekiel 18:25-28).

Psalm — Remember your mercies, O Lord (Psalm 25). Second Reading — Consider others as better than yourselves; look not to your own interests, but to the interests

of others (Philippians 2:1-11 [1-5]).

Gospel — Tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you (Matthew 21:28-32).

	Stewardship Report September 24, 2017				
	Weekly Budget	Last Week	YTD Budget	Total YTD	Saint Peter parishioners are re- markably generous. Sharing a portion of our income with the
Offertory	\$2,939.00	2,817.16	\$38,207.00	39,812.38	Church is a sign everything be-
General Fund Envelope	363.00	0.00	4,719.00	4,037.00	longs to God and we dedicate our "first fruits" to the work of the
Unrestricted Donations and Bequests	289.00	10,000	3,757.00	10,950.00	kingdom of Christ. Thank you so much for your faith and generosi- ty.
	Catholic (	Communication	s Campaign	\$105.00	

### Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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#### **Adult Education Opportunities**

Adult Enrichment – NO SESSION this week due to the Loudonville Street Fair.

Adult Reflection - NO SESSION this week due to the Loudonville Street Fair.

#### **Grief Recovery**

Grief comes in all shapes and sizes and from all different areas of life. It doesn't take a death to have grief. It's not too late to join us on the road to Grief Recovery ~ Monday evenings from 7:00 pm—9:00 pm in the classroom behind the sanctuary. This class is open to the public, so if you know someone outside of the parish that is in need of Grief Recovery, please pass along the information. If you would like to register, or want to know more, please email linda@loudonvillecatholic.org or call Linda at 419-994-4396.

GOD'S WAYS



In the stream of readings during this portion of Ordinary Time one week's texts can often appear to pick up exactly where the previous week's concluded. The sentiments expressed in today's first reading seem to be a direct reaction

to the Gospel passage we heard last week. In that Gospel, the landowner pays the same wages to his workers whether they worked for a full day or for only a few minutes. Today Ezekiel gives us the lament, "The Lord's way is not fair!" (Ezekiel 18:25). These Sundays in Ordinary Time offer us a glimpse into the ways of the Lord. We see how God's way has the tendency to turn the accepted conventions of the day upside down. Those who always expected that their way to heaven was guaranteed are disappointed. Those who thought they never had a chance are given that chance. Today offers us another opportunity to discover the abundance of God's mercy and love. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

#### Women's Retreat Weekend

October 13th-15th at Inspiration Hills in Burbank OH Sponsored by the women of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception in Wooster Contact Jamie Durstine at 330-353-0130 to register and with any questions

#### **Parish Calendar of Events**

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Oct	1	PSR	10:15 am					
	1	Cleveland Indians Game	3:00 pm					
	1	Youth Group	5:30 pm					
	2	Grief Recovery	7:00 pm					
	8	PSR	10:15 am					
	9	Grief Recovery	7:00 pm					
	11	Knights of Columbus Meeting	7:30 pm					
	12	Adult Enrichment	7:00 pm					
	14	Parish Council	9:00 am					
	15	PSR	10:15 am					
	15	Youth Group	5:00 pm					
	16	Mission Society Meeting	8:30 am					
	16	Grief Recovery	7:00 pm					
	19	Adult Enrichment	7:00 pm					
	21	Finance Council Meeting	8:30 am					
	22	PSR	10:15 am					
	23	Grief Recovery	7:00 pm					
	24	After Alpha	10:00 am					
	26	Adult Enrichment	7:00 pm					
	29	PSR	10:15 am					
	30	Grief Recovery	7:00 pm					
	31	All Saints Day Mass	7:00 pm					

#### **Youth Group**

Join Katie and members of the youth group tonight, October 1 from 5:30-7:30 for a night of fellowship , fun and learning. All high school aged students are welcome to join.

## Catholic Commission Hosts Medina County Opioid Crisis Community Forum

As part of a Fall opioid awareness campaign by Catholic Charities, the Catholic Commission-Wayne, Ashland, Medina is hosting an Opioid Crisis Community Forum on Oct. 4, 7-8:30 PM at St. Martin of Tours Parish (1800 Station Rd., Valley City). The panel features: Phillip Titterington – Exec. Director, Medina Co. ADAMH Board, Sheriff Tom Miller, Rebecca Rak – Lodi Family Ctr., and Rob Brandt, Robby's Voice Co-founder. Learn how opioid addiction happens, its consequences, treatment/recovery best practices, its impact on our community, and responses in place and still needed. Event is free, open to the public. For more on this event, contact: Jeff Campbell, jcampbell@ccdocle.org, 330.723.9615, x.11. For more on raising awareness on this crisis and how to seek support, visit the Catholic Charities "Hope and Healing Beyond Heroin" page at www.ccdocle.org or the Greater Than Heroin initiative at www.greaterthanheroin.com.

PRAY FOR... Tom Kamenik, Mary Walker, Robert S. Huy, Jack VanKuren, Alfred Stanley, Mary Kay Ellis, Donna Foote, Bill Derr, Scott Roberts, Art Adams, Andy Kochera, Rich & Gloria Stoker, Mary Moses, Deb Baisel, Eddie Murphy, Tim Sage, Bruce Bible, Logan Stake, Tripp Heffelfinger, Larry Kline, John Kick, Michele Mizick, Kaden Allerding, Ed & Kae White, Eleanor Chapman, Marilyn & Raymond Keck, Jane Bible, Dan Sved, Buzz Henley, Betty Ginnetti, Dick Porter, Linda Sage, Micki Gaines, Clara Jane Conrad, Mrs. Jackson, Ginny Dunmire, John Metzger, Taylor Kinney, Eileen Esselburn, Fr. Elmer Marquard, Pope Francis, and for peace throughout the world.

### God's will be done

Ever pray really hard for something only to be disappointed in the outcome? The let down feels like God isn't listening. Yet, our way isn't God's way. He always listens to our prayers but doesn't necessarily answer the way we expect. Of course, we know no one is more qualified to lead than our heavenly Father. Doesn't it make sense to trust him?

Don't be outcome specific. Asking God to double your income may not be reasonable. Instead put your worries in his hands. Know that

your Father has your best interest in mind and will find the solution that is just right for you.

Be open to alternatives. Sometimes taking a different job or buying a less expensive home is the better choice. You may net more personal time and less overall stress.

Let Scripture speak to you. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, on your own intelligence rely not; In all your ways be mindful of him, and he will make straight your paths" (Proverbs 3:5-6).



## Matthew 22:34-40. Jesus has the right answers.

In their first meeting with Jesus, the Pharisees attempted to trap him into publicly contradicting Jewish law by

sending a slick lawyer to
"engage" him. Then Jesus
could be arrested and
silenced. The lawyer they
sent knew that generations
of Jews had debated
fruitlessly about which
law was the most
important. Pretending to
seek Jesus' opinion, he asked
him to choose which of the 613
commandments of the Jewish law was
the most important.

Jesus silenced them by saying that everything starts and ends with love –

love of God and love of others. To love God is to love one another. Love is at the heart of all the other laws.

Even the Pharisees couldn't argue with that.

While it is easy to love God, loving others is more difficult. It means including those our natural inclination says to exclude or avoid. Jesus

loved prostitutes, thieves, lepers, even his political enemies. True love of neighbor is measured by how we treat the poor, the vulnerable, and our enemies. This is how God loves and he calls us to the same.



Oct. 23 – St. John of Capistrano (1456). Born in Capistrano, Italy in 1386, St. John studied law at Perugia. He resigned his post as governor to join the Franciscans in 1416. Renowned for his preaching, he was asked to lead the crusade that successfully recaptured Constantinople from the Ottomans and saved Christendom.

Oct. 28 – Saints Simon and Jude (1st Century). St. Simon was a Zealot – a Jew who believed that the Messiah would free them from political

oppression. St. Jude was a fisherman. After being called by Jesus to be Apostles, they eventually traveled to Persia where they preached the Gospel until they were martyred.

Oct. 30 – St. Alphonsus Rodriguez (1617). Following the tragic losses of his children and wife, St. Alphonsus entered the Jesuit order as a lay brother and worked as a hall porter at a college on the island of Majorca. Known for holiness and wisdom, many students and civil authorities came to him for advice, including the young St. Peter Claver.



# What is a "sacramental character?"

Certain Sacraments leave an indelible mark on our souls. Called the



"character" or "seal," it marks us as belonging to Christ (Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC), #1272) in a special and permanent way. The

Sacramental character is first received in Baptism and is also imprinted in the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Orders. Like Baptism, these Sacraments are only received once.

Each "mark" patterns us after Christ in a different way. In Baptism, we become children of God and sharers in Jesus' mission. In Confirmation, we receive a second character, which strengthens us to proclaim Christ publically (CCC, #1304). In Holy Orders, a man is consecrated to the service of Christ and the Church.

The Father set his seal on Christ (John 6:27) and we are sealed in Christ (2 Corinthians 1:22). It is a sign that the one baptized, confirmed, and ordained bears a special and unique relationship to Christ. This indelible seal remains even in a person not in the state of grace or who has lost faith.

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St. Peter Church Fr. Hawk

## One Minute Meditations

#### St. Anthony Mary Claret

The son of a cloth weaver, St. Anthony was born in Spain in 1807. He wanted to become a Jesuit

become a
Jesuit
missionary but
was prevented by his health.
He was ordained a priest in
Catalonia and in 1849, he
founded the Claretian order.
Shortly after, he became the
archbishop of Cuba. He
established the Religious
Publishing House and
produced more than 200
works. He was confessor to
Queen Isabella II and
participated in the First Vatican
Council.

#### God's search for us

Oftentimes it feels like we are searching for God, but he is the one looking for us. God created us, redeemed us, and calls us to follow him. Today, ask God to show you where he's calling you and resolve to follow him.

"Thou art my God; I will exalt thee, I will praise thy name; for thou hast done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure" (Isaiah 25:1).

## Begin again

It is an unfortunate part of our human condition that we make mistakes. Fortunately, our loving Father always grants additional chances. In fact, he is delighted when we refresh our sincere attempts to live fully in his love. Here's how to

begin again.

Shake off failure. There is nothing more defeating than dwelling on sins or errors of the past. Do what you can to prevent repeating past mistakes, shake it off, and move confidently forward.

Take stock and confess. Rebuild your future on a solid foundation. Perform a detailed examination of conscience and then go to Confession. If necessary, ask your priest for a good

examination tool to use. Perform your penance immediately and make

amends. Then, knowing that God has forgiven you, forgive yourself. Repeat often.

Make a plan. What would you like to change in your life? Are there steps you can take that will make you holier, happier, healthier? Write them down and commit.

Pray for strength. You may want to make minor tweaks to your life or major change may be in order. Either way, prayer and daily

spiritual exercises are key to success. We need God's strength and guidance to succeed.

Begin. Each beginning starts with a new day. Take your first step knowing that God is with you and success is possible.

## Why Do Catholics Do That

## Why do Catholics sit, stand, and kneel during the Mass?

We adopt different postures throughout the Mass to help us focus, and each posture means something different.

We sit during the homily and the readings to help us listen. We stand during the Gospel, and when the priest enters and

leaves, to show him honor and respect when he represents Christ.

Finally, we kneel at the Consecration in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, because Christ, himself, is present. These actions are intended to engage both our bodies and our minds in prayer.

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