# St. Peter's Church



8<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time February 27, 2022

### **Mission Statement**

We, the parishioners of St. Peter's Church, are called to holiness by God as present-day disciples of Jesus Christ. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, we are united in service to God to share our faith with one another and our community. May our participation in the Holy Sacraments, our ministries and our devotion to Mary bring glory to God and His Kingdom.

### **Pregnancy Support**

Catholic Social Services (800) 982-4310 Crisis Pregnancy Help line (888) 4-OPTIONS Heart of Tioga County Pregnancy & Parent Support 570-948-2020

### **Emergency Contact**

In the event of an emergency, please call the rectory at 570-724-3371. If after hours, please leave call our emergency number 570-439-2219. If no answer, please leave a message and Fr. Mosely will return your call as soon as he is able.

### **Religious Education and Formation**

Religious Education classes are held for Pre-K – 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Classes begin in September and conclude in May. Pre-K (ages 3-5) is held during the 8:30am Mass. K-12<sup>th</sup> begins at 9:30am and concludes at 10:40am. To register, please contact the Religious Education Office at 570-724-9789 or the Rectory at 570-724-3371. Children's Liturgy (grades K-4<sup>th</sup>) is held during the 8:30am Mass when Religious Education classes are in session.

### Welcome to St. Peter's Church!

If you are visiting Tioga County this weekend, welcome and thank you for worshiping with us! If you are searching for a Spiritual home, we welcome you to join us and invite you to become part of our church family. Please complete this form and return it to the parish office or drop it in the offertory basket.

### **Request for Parishioner Registration Form**

Name	
Phone	
Address	

47 Central Avenue, Wellsboro, Pennsylvania 16901 Rectory Phone:570-724-3371~ Fax: 570-724-6322 Religious Education Office: 570-724-9789 Website: www.stpeterswellsboro.com

### **Rectory Office Hours**

Monday through Wednesday, 8:00am-2:00pm Thursday, 9:00am-1:00pm

### **Parish Staff**

Pastor: Rev. Joseph Mosley – joseph.mosley81@gmail.com Secretary: Connie Spang – stpch@ptd.net Business Manager: Patti Mitchell– stpadm@ptd.net Religious Education.: Melissa Mann – stpreled@ptd.net Maintenance Staff: Connie Spang, Francis Kennedy

### **Schedule of Weekend Masses**

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm (Livestreamed); Sunday 8:30am

### Reconciliation

Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 11:45am-12:00pm; Saturday, 4:30-4:45pm or by appointment



Congratulations Dan Sensenig on your Confirmation and full initiation into the faith!

### **Parish Contact Listing**

Women's Bible Study – Sue Singer 570-948-2184 Knights of Columbus – George Gamble 570-724-5216 Social Concerns – Karen Plumley 570-439-0175 Parish Rummage Sale – Pat Gorda 570-404-8918 Church Decorations – Sue Singer 570-948-2184 Buildings & Grounds - Rick Joachim 570-439-2591 Cemetery Committee – Howard Rutledge 570-724-4529 Fundraising Dinners – Michelle Sepiol 570-439-6206 Music Ministry – Christina Simonis 570-724-2085 Samaritan House – Linda Sampson 570-404-2180 Youth Group – Melissa Mann 570-724-9789 Eucharistic Adoration – Rhonda Gooch 570-724-3092 Finance Council – Priscilla Walrath 570-724-2056 Parish Council - Rectory 570-724-3371 Worship Committee - Rectory 570- 724-3371 Sunday Nursing Home Communion – Rectory 570-724-3371 Prayer Chain – Kate Black 570-916-9573 ChristLife – Norb Josten 570-724-9095 Prayer Shawl Ministry - Michelle Sepiol 570-439-6206

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Date	Time	Mass Intention
Monday 2/28	12:10pm	In Memory of Paul Patt (Marion Patt)
Tuesday 3/1	7:30am	In Memory of Deacon Morris Smith (Sue Singer)
Wednesday 3/2	7:30am 12:10pm 7:00pm (Mass is livestreamed)	(Liturgy of the Word with Distribution of Ashes) In Memory of Christine Plato (Charles & Mary Fagg) In Memory of Elinore Sattler (Daughter, Joan)
Thursday 3/3	No Mass	
Friday 3/4	12:10pm	In Memory of Ora Franco (Mickey Romania)
Saturday 3/5	5:00pm (Mass is livestreamed)	In Memory of Deceased Members of the Grab Family (Grab Family)
Sunday 3/6	8:30am	All Living and Deceased Members of St. Peter's Parish

The Sanctuary Candle is offered in Memory of Bob Dalton (Dy Family)

# **Parish News and Activities**

### **UPDATED Church Hours/Adoration**

The church will be open for private prayer, Monday through Friday from 8:00am-5:00pm. Generally, all three doors leading into the church will be unlocked. If for some reason the front and carport doors are not open for entry, please use the door on the parking lot side of the church. Saturday, the church will be open from 8:00am – 4:30pm using only the parking lot side door. The front and carport doors will be unlocked at 4:30pm for those attending Mass. All doors of the church will be unlocked on Sunday morning at 8:00am for those attending Mass. Adoration will take place on Tuesday from 8:00am-6:00pm, with Benediction but no evening prayer.

### **ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE**

7:30am - Liturgy of the Word with Distribution of Ashes



12:10pm - Mass

7:00pm – Mass (This Mass will be livestreamed.)

# **HAPPENING THIS WEEK**

Sunday, Feb. 27th - Religious Education Classes, 9:30am

Tuesday, Mar. 1st - Women's Bible Study, 9:00am

**Sunday, Mar. 6**th– Religious Education Classes, 9:30am Confirmation Class, 6:00pm

# Stewardship

Sunday Collection for February 20, 2022: \$9,744.00 Weekly Goal to Meet Expenses: \$6,100.00

Difference: \$3,644.00

Year-to-Date Budget Variance: \$ 351.41

We are grateful to all those who are able to financially support our parish.

### 2022 Mass Intentions Notice

At this time we have filled all of our available Mass intentions for 2022 and are no longer able to accept any new requests. Sanctuary candles are still available for many dates. Please call the rectory to reserve a candle. We are able to send Mass intentions to Villa Saint Joseph in Dunmore. The retired priests of the Diocese of Scranton will then celebrate the Mass for the intention. Please call the office for more information on this option.

# St. Peter's Music Ministry News

You may have noticed a new face playing the piano or organ at Mass in the past couple of months. Gary Citro is a retired music teachers who recently moved to Wellsboro with his family. We welcome Gary to St. Peter's and the music ministry.

# Liturgical Reflection ~ 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### FIRST READING: Sirach 27:4-7

The Book of Sirach belongs to the collection of wisdom books of the Bible. Toay's First Reading presents a series of wisdom sayings that speak of finding out what really lies in peoples' hearts. They can put on a false front that hides what is inside of them, yet it is when they speak and when they are tested by adversity that whatever lies inside is revealed. The true nature of a person will be revealed in their speech. A wise person will wait until people speak before praising them. This theme will be continued in the Gospel where it speaks of good trees bearing good fruit and bad trees bearing bad fruit, continuing the tree imagery seen here.

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 92**

The Responsorial Psalm also continues the tree imagery. The just will be like the palm tree, large, fruitful, and visible from a distance and like the cedar of Lebanon, which was a common symbol in the Old Testament for strength and beauty. This is a wisdom psalm that calls us to choose a righteous path. We have to choose to live in God's ways and reject anything that might distract us from our true goal. We must praise and thank God, placing him at the center of our lives and our love.

### **SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:54-58**

Today's Second Reading comes from the final selection of Paul's teaching on resurrection from the dead, continuing from the last three Sunday's readings. Paul reflects on the harvest of our sinful nature or of our virtue. Those who are embedded in a life of sin and corruption, are destined for death. For those who are "steadfast and persevering," death wins no definitive victory; the harvest is eternal life. The good people, who are "fully engaged in the work of the Lord," know their toil is not in vain. They shall bear fruit for eternal life. Paul asserts that our victory over sin and death comes through Jesus Christ, which is a gift to all who are steadfast in their commitment to the work of the Lord.

### **GOSPEL:** Luke 6:39-45

Today's Gospel is the conclusion of Luke's Sermon on the Plain and like the First Reading, contains a series of wisdom sayings. The first is about a blind person leading a blind person. It reminds us to be careful in choosing our spiritual guides and to choose someone who truly believes in the truth. The second saying concerns judging others and ignoring one's own faults. We often hate in others what we see in ourselves. We should be brutally honest with ourselves and deal with our own problems before we set about to solve the problems of the world. Finally, there is a saying about bearing good fruit.

A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit.

Sometimes it is difficult to decide whether a person is in the right. Jesus counsels us to watch for the fruit that they bear. If the fruit is division and discord, then something is wrong. If it is compassion and love, then such a person is truly in the Lord. We have an excellent guide in Jesus, who instructs us with confidence. The excellent teacher tells us that "from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks." We should strive to be fully committed disciples of Jesus who are eager to turn our inner arrogance and judgement into openness and humility before the One who can teach us to act with love and mercy from the "store of goodness" in our hearts.

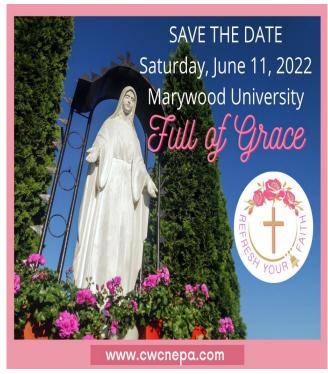
### ANNUAL APPEAL

Thank you to those who have already made a pledge to the Diocesan Annual Appeal. We have met our goal! St. Peter's Annual Appeal Parish Goal: \$ 46,000 ~ Current Pledged Amount: \$ 46,941

Our parish is reimbursed 75% for any gifts made to the Appeal in excess of our Appeal goal. If you have not yet given your support, please: Call the Development Office at 570-207-2250, to make a pledge or give a gift by credit card, Mail a check to the Diocesan Appeal Office at 300 Wyoming Ave., Scranton, PA 18503, or give online at www.DioceseofScranton.org.

The dioceses is offering a new donor initiative which provides a refund to parishes for reaching new donor goals. An increase of 10% in new donors results in a \$2000 refund to the parish. An increase of 5% in new donors offers a \$1000 refund to the parish. St. Peter's needs 31 new donors to meet the 5% increase and 49 new donors to meet the 10% increase. Any donation amount qualifies.







# Young Adult Retreat

The Diocesan Offices for Parish Life and Vocations are sponsoring a retreat for young adults (aged 18-35) on Friday, March 25. This 24-hour retreat is titled "Signposts: How to Recognize and Trust the Work of God's Hand in One's Life." The retreat will consist of interactive sessions led by Father Patrick Rogers, S.J., Executive Director of the Jesuit Center at the University of Scranton, small group discussion, private prayer, Eucharistic Adoration, reconciliation, Mass, and time to connect with other young adults from throughout the Diocese. Registration fee is \$20.00. To register or for more information, visit dioceseofscranton.org or call 570-207-1452.

# Everyone is invited to take and share the Diocese of Scranton's online survey for the **Synod on Synodality**

By calling for the 2023 Synod on Synodality, Pope Francis is inviting the Church to gather and to listen to each and every Catholic to find the Church's path forward at this time in our history. This is a moment for the voice of God's people to be heard to give voice to the direction of the Church.

Pope Francis is providing the opportunity for this ancient and tested model to find relevance in light of today's challenges and opportunities. The Holy Father seeks to hear every voice.

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Prayerfully consider participating either in your parish's in-person consultation session or through

To participate in the survey, go to the Diocese's website https://www.dioceseofscranton.org/ synod-on-synodality/





### **Lenten Reminders**

Ash Wednesday – First and foremost, the reception of ashes is not mandatory or required. Parishioners should be remined that it is their own internal disposition and intention to repent and start over that is the best fruit of Ash Wednesday and the ashes are an external sign of that internal reality. Individuals may enter into Lent with a repentant heart even if they decide that receiving ashes is not the right thing for them this year.

Days of Fast and Abstinence - Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. All Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence. All Catholics, 18-59 years of age, are bound by Church law to fast, which means only one large meal and two smaller meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's needs, but together should not equal another full meal, unless dispensed or excused. Catholics 14 years of age and older are required to abstain, which means no meat may be eaten. Note: This year, the Feast of the Annunciation falls on Friday, March 25. 2022. Because it is considered a solemnity by the church, the law of abstinence from meat and meat products does not apply specifically on Friday, March 25th, this year (per Canon 1251.)

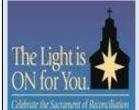
Easter Duty – All parishioners are reminded of their obligation to fulfill their Easter Duty. A person's Easter Duty consists of receiving Holy Communion at least once between Ash Wednesday and Pentecost Sunday as well as going to the Sacrament of Reconciliation to confess any mortal sins.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday during Lent at 7:00pm in the church. All parishioners are encouraged to attend Stations of the Cross during the Lenten season.



### THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU



As we begin this season of Lenten preparation, each of us is invited to reflect on those choices which will bring about the new life we celebrate in Easter. For this reason, the Church invites us

to experience Lent as a time for deepened prayer, personal sacrifice, and self-giving – all so that we can be raised to new life in Christ! The Church encourages us to make confession a regular part of our spiritual life, especially during the holy season of Lent, as we reflect on our baptism and repentance. Bishop Joseph C. Bambera is helping to make this experience possible by arranging for a Lenten initiative called *The* Light Is On for You. Every Monday evening during Lent, each parish throughout the Diocese of Scranton will have their lights on for confession so that Catholics can come to or return to this incredible source of God's grace, mercy and healing. Due to Fr. Mosley's responsibility for St. Thomas Parish, the schedule for St. Peter's will be March 7th and 21st, and April 45<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-6:30pm.

Please make plans to come on a Lenten Monday, and spread the word of this special outreach of mercy to those you know. If you have been reluctant to come to the sacrament, have been away for some time, or just find it difficult to get to a Saturday afternoon confession time, this is a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with Christ and his Church. "The Light Is On for You!"

### WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERVICES

The Wellsboro Ministerium will be offering Wednesday Lenten Services. All services will be held at the First Presbyterian Church from 12:00- 12:30pm, with a light lunch to follow. This year's theme is *People Who Witnessed the Cross*.

The schedule for the church who will host the luncheon and lead the prayer service is as follows: March 2<sup>nd</sup> – First Presbyterian Church; March 9<sup>th</sup> – St. Paul's Episcopal Church; March 16<sup>th</sup> – Vineyard/Living Word; March 23<sup>rd</sup> – First Baptist Church; March 30<sup>th</sup> – United Methodist Church; April 6<sup>th</sup> – St. Peter's Catholic Church. **All are welcome to attend!** 



# **VISION 2030**

Creating Parish Communities Rooted in the Life of Jesus Christ

# OUR PATH FORWARD TOGETHER EMBRACING HOPE AMIDST CHANGE

As Catholics, we believe the Holy Spirit guides us, especially during challenging times. The Diocese of Scranton, along with all of its people, are being given the privilege and responsibility to write our history for those to come.

As we embrace hope amidst change, we must focus on the following areas:

# 1. Inviting Participation in Parish Life

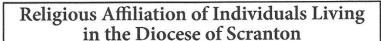
The clergy and lay faithful should strive to form vibrant and faith-filled parish families guided by our common witness to the Lord Jesus Christ. The parish is where most Catholics publicly express their faith, joining with others to give proof to their communion with God and with one another. Parishes should be committed to proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ and aspire to lead others to grow in holiness and deepen their relationship with Christ.

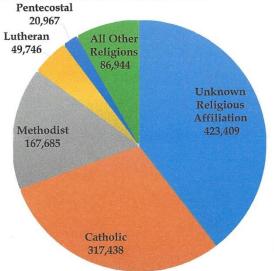
### The opportunity for evangelization exists

While many focus on the number of people who are not in the pews, a custom demographics report from MissionInsite on the geographic territory of the Diocese of Scranton provides reason for hope.

Using census information and other data, the report found that 29.8% of the population (317,438 people) identify as Catholic in the 11 counties of the Diocese. That means there is work to do in getting individuals who identify as Catholics registered in a local parish, since currently only 224,075 people are registered with a parish.

More importantly, the report shows that the religious affiliation for nearly 40% of the population (423,409 people) is unknown. This data provides a tremendous opportunity for evangelization and creating the invitation to participate in the Catholic faith and parish life.



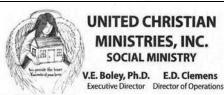


Source: Mission Insite Demographics Report 2020

# St. Peter's Church - Activity Calendar - March 2022

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 Ash Wednesday	3 St. Katherine Drexel	4 St. Casimir	
		Mass – 7:30am Adoration – 8:00-6:00pm	Mass – 12:10pm, 7:00pm 7:30am – Liturgy of the Word with Ashes	No Mass	Mass – 12:10pm Confessions - 11:45am Rectory Closed	Mass - 5:00pm Confessions - 4:15pm
		Women's Bible Study – 9:00am Al-Anon/AA–7:00pm & 8:00pm			Stations of the. Cross –7:00pm	
6 1st Sunday of Lent	7 SS. Perpetua & Felicity	8 St. John of God	9 St. Frances of Rome	10	11	12
Mass – 8:30am	Mass – 12:10pm	Mass – 7:30am	Mass – 7:30am	No Mass	Mass – 12:10pm	Mass - 5:00pm
Rel. EdPre K 8:30am; K-12 <sup>th</sup> 9:30 - 10:40am	Confessions - 11:45am	Adoration – 8:00-6:00pm			Confessions - 11:45am Rectory Closed	Confessions - 4:15pm
Altar Server Training –7:30am Confirmation Prep. – 6:00pm	The Light is on For You 5:00-6:30pm at St. Peter's	Staff Meeting – 9:00am Women's Bible Study – 9:00am Al-Anon/AA–7:00pm & 8:00pm	Lenten Services – 12:00pm Presbyterian Church	з.	Stations of the Cross –7:00pm	<b>S</b>
13 2nd Sunday of Lent	14	15	16	17 St. Patrick	18 St. Cyril of Jerusalem	19 St. Joseph
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SAVING TIME	The Light is on For You 5:00-6:30pm at St. Thomas	Women's Bible Study – 9:00am Al-Anon/AA-7:00pm & 8:00pm	Lenten Services – 12:00pm Presbyterian Church		Stations of the Cross –7:00pm	
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### A Gift in Your Will

We hope you'll consider including a gift to St. Peter's Church in your will or living trust. Called a charitable bequest, just a few sentences in your will or trust are all that is needed. Share this sample bequest language for St. Peter's Church with your estate planning attorney:

"I, [name], of [city, state, zip], give, devise and bequeath to St. Peter's Church. Wellsboro [written amount or percentage of the estate or description of property] for its unrestricted use and purpose."

### **Parish Prayer List**

Nan Bowser, Trish Knowlton, Judy Nagel, Shirley Mekos Broughton, Donna Brennan, Mary Mekos, Jonathan Hardman, Stephen Hurd, Stephanie Hemighaus, Suzie Alexander, Syler Sullivan, Adrienne Gilbert, Bob Murphy, Sylvia Smith, Tom Mohr, Carol Weatherby, Carol Shine, Teresa Pavlock, Jerry Pierce, Joann Black, Lori Lopaz, Patricia Quattrone, Larry Jackson, Katie Seip, Lisa Jones, Floyd Williammee, Renee Kennedy, Gay Furlong, Fran Rose, June Sherman, Kathy Smith, Tim Bogaczyk, Beth Valdez, Charles Barrett, Joe Engel, Darleen Kohler, Victoria Salerno, Bob Snyder, Don Brooks, Paul Beuter, Cole Salerno, Mark Kilmer, Stephen Horvatch, Fr. Paul Mullen, Helene Carpenter, Clark Hewitt, Everett Dean Brown, Roberta Mahar, Bud Boyce, Marian Coolidge, Kay Evans, Elizabeth Payne, Cindy Sereno, Carolyn Tester, Richard Stankiewicz, Jim Callahan, Mary Antoniw, Ruth Russell, Edward Cruttenden, Anne Marie Beuter, Skip Warriner, Stephanie Calicchia, Jacoby Aratari, Lou Kirby, Shannon Jones, Steve Ziemak, Cody Bowers, Carolyn Clark, Don Hayden, Shannon Slaton, Lisa Neil-Keller, Ann Callahan, John Harling, Shawn Wheeler, John Wheeler, Kayleigh Johnson, Mary Clark, Ruth Braham, Jim Walker, Richard and Valerie Tobin, Shirley Dixon, Lucy Whitney, Adele Young, Suzan Richar, Lucille Keck, Gloria Fermenic, Alice Kohut, John Bowe, Kathy Wheeler, Phyliss Davis, Tom Patt, Sammi Swinnich, Claire Smith, Raymond Butler, Michael Joseph Harris, Bob & Pam Trynovich, Maggie Stirnaman, Jane Johnson, Dan Usavage, Philip Kniceley, Maureen Bailey, George Hill, and Mary Kay Clark.



Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord and Let the Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them.

Lord, this we know, no matter how difficult life may be at this time, we know you will not stop loving us and will always hold us in the palm of your hand. We are reaching to you, Lord, to hold us, comfort us, and heal us. Lord, this we know, you are faithful in your love for us today and forever. You are with us, and we are with you. Amen.