

St. Peter's Church



3rd Sunday of Easter
April 14, 2024

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 Thursday, 9:00am–2:00pm

Parish Staff

Pastor: Rev. Jacek Bialkowski
Secretary: Connie Spang – stpch@ptd.net
Bookkeeper: Melissa Mann – stpadm@ptd.net
Religious Education: Jen Minnich – stpreled@ptd.net
Maintenance Staff: Connie Spang, Rob Minnich

Schedule of Weekend Masses

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

Reconciliation

Tuesday through Friday: 11:45am–12:10pm;
Saturday: 4:30–5:00pm; or by appointment

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 no answer, please leave a message. Fr. Jacek will return your call as soon as he is able.

Religious Education and Formation

Religious Education classes are available at St. Peter's for grades K – 12. Classes are held in the Parish Center immediately following Sunday Mass, from 9:30am until 10:40am, from September through May. To register, please contact the Religious Education Office at 570-724-9789. Children's Liturgy (grades K-4th) 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 _____

Christ our Light

May our celebration of Christ Risen be a graced time for each of us and for our world. May we be bearers of the Light of Christ for all whom we encounter.

Parish Contact Listing

Women's Bible Study – Sue Singer 570/948-2184
Social Concerns – Karen Plumley 570/439-0175
Parish Rummage Sale – Pat Gorda 570/404-8918
Diane Bill 516/458-9130
Church Decorations – Sue Singer 570/948-2184
Buildings & Grounds – Rick Joachim 570/439-2591
Cemetery Committee – Howard Rutledge 570/724-4529
Dinner Committee – Karen Novak 570/982-5115
Music Ministry – Christina Simonis 570/724-2085
Samaritan House – Mary Grab – 607/857-3447
Youth Group – Steve Tokarz – 570/404-0693
Eucharistic Adoration – Rhonda Gooch 570/724-3092
Finance Council – Tim Gooch 570/971-5826
Parish Council – Steve Tokarz 570/404-0693
Worship Committee – Christina Simonis 570/724-2085
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
Marian Ministries – Linda Sampson 570/404-2180
Fundraising Committee – Tim Gooch 570/971-5826
Knights of Columbus – Mike Buono 717/320-2305

Date	Time	Mass Intention
Monday 4/15	No Mass	
Tuesday 4/16	12:10pm	In Memory of Josephine Patt (Marion Patt)
Wednesday 4/17	12:10pm	In Memory of Charles Statts (B.J. Butler)
Thursday 4/18	12:10pm	Sampson Family and Friends (Tom & Linda Sampson)
Friday 4/19	12:10pm	In Memory of Brian Stahler (Ostapowicz Family)
Saturday 4/20	5:00pm Mass is livestreamed	Special Intention (Sue Singer)
Sunday 4/21	8:30am	All Living and Deceased Members of St. Peter's Parish

The Sanctuary Candle is offered in Memory of Christine Plato (Family)

Church Hours / Adoration

Monday – Friday: The church doors will be open for private prayer from 8:00am – 5:00pm. If the main doors of the church are locked, please enter through the side parking lot door.

Saturday: The side parking lot door (only) will be open from 8:00am – 4:30pm for private prayer. All church doors will be unlocked at 4:30pm for Mass.

Sunday: All church doors will be unlocked at 8:00am for Mass and will remain open until 9:30am when religious education classes begin.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place on Tuesdays from 1:00pm - 6:00pm, with Benediction.

Happening This Week

Sunday, April 14th
Religious Education Classes

Monday, April 15th
Sharing Christ – 6:30pm; Parish Center

Tuesday, April 16th
Adoration – 1:00pm – 6:00pm; Church
Women’s Bible Study – 10:00am; Adult Ed.
Room
Social Concerns Meeting– 6:30pm; Parish Center

Wednesday, April 17th
Sharing Christ – 6:30pm; Parish Center

Saturday, April 20th
Confirmation Retreat – 11:00am – 5:00pm;
Parish Center

Sunday, April 21st
Religious Education Classes
- No class for 2nd year confirmation students

Flower Arrangements

Parishioners are now able to purchase the flower arrangements that are placed at the altar, tabernacle, or by the Mary statue in memory or in honor of someone. The cost is as follows:

- Altar Flower Arrangements–1 arrangement \$70, 2 arrangements \$140
- Tabernacle Arrangements – 2 arrangements \$40
- Mary Arrangement – 1 arrangement \$25

You may request a particular flower(s) or color scheme and Akiko’s will do their best to honor that if at all possible. The Arrangements will arrive in time for the weekend Masses and remain for the following week. Please stop in or call the rectory for available dates. The Memorial/Honorarium will be listed in the bulletin.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

For the safety of our parishioners, if the local school is **closed**, there will be **no daily Mass or Adoration**. The Church will remain open for private prayer, using the parking lot side entrance, and the parish office hours may be affected.

Stewardship

Sunday Collection for April 7, 2024: \$5,712.00
Weekly Goal to Meet Expenses: \$6,100.00
Difference: -\$388.00
Year to Date Budget Variance: \$13,394.22

Diocese Collection - Rice Bowl: \$631.06
Care & Education of Priests: \$493.00

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

Youth Group News

St. Peter's Youth Group is kicking off 2024 with our first event and St. Peter's youth in grades 8th -12th are invited to join. The Youth Group's three focus areas are:

- Quality time together engaging in fun activities
- Service in our community
- Fund raising events

Our first event will be April 28th at Three Springs Ministries in Nauvoo, PA. Activities will include a team challenge course, horseback riding, rock wall climbing, and games. Permission slips and waivers will be sent home or emailed to parents. Three Springs will be providing transportation, and we will depart St. Peter's at 9:30am and return at 4:00pm. Lunch, drinks and snacks will be provided. Please note if your child has any dietary restrictions.

We are planning for approximately six events each year, comprising of fun, service and fundraising. Every event will be prayerfully centered around Jesus Christ and our Catholic faith. Please support our youth through your prayers, encouragement and fund-raising participation.

Confirmation Retreat

Please keep St. Peter's second year Confirmation students in your prayers as they attend their retreat on Saturday, April 20th in the Parish Center, from 11:00am – 5:00pm.

The theme for the retreat is

"Be the Light"

and students will have an opportunity to reflect on and celebrate their faith as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in May.

Holy Spirit, strengthen our students with your gifts of Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, and Fear of the Lord. Grant that they may grow into the fullness of the stature of Christ and fill them with the joy of your presence. Amen.



Knights of Columbus Raffle Fundraiser

The Knights of Columbus are raffling off a **Pit Boss 1150 Gen.2 pellet grill/smoker valued at \$699!** We will be selling tickets for \$10 each outside of the church, starting April 6th & 7th after Mass. Tickets can also be purchased by calling one of the following members or by seeing one of the Knights after Mass:



Mike Buono	717/320-2305
Rob Minnich	570/404-1434
Steve Tokarz	570/404-0693
John Grab	570/724-6606
Tim Gooch	570/971-5826

Drawing will be held on May 20th and the grill will be set-up and delivered to your home. We will deliver statewide. Proceeds benefit spring landscaping at St. Peter's Church. **Only 200 tickets will be sold!**

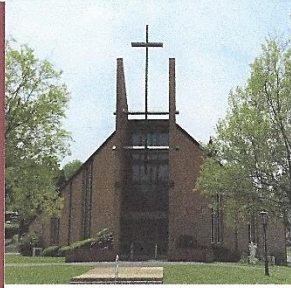
Thank you and may God bless you.

Notice Regarding Reporting Sexual Abuse of a Minor

It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement. It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. In accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Child Protective Services Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24-Hour Child Abuse hotline (ChildLine) at 1-800-932-0313 or electronically at www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis. To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator Mary Beth Pacuska at 570-862-7551.

St. Peter's

Parish Center
50 Central Ave
Wellsboro



CHICKEN & BISCUIT DINNER

Friday
April 26, 2024
4:30 - 6:30 PM

Dine In or Take Out

**Chicken, Biscuits
and Gravy**

**Mashed
Potatoes**

Glazed Carrots

**Homemade
Desserts**

**\$15.00 - ADULT
\$5.00 - 12 & UNDER
Free - 3 & UNDER**



Samaritan House Special Collection

There will be a special collection taken during both Masses this weekend, April 13 & 14, to benefit Samaritan House, a community ministry coordinated by St. Peter's Parish. Samaritan House offers residence to people in the last stages of life. Care and comfort are provided by volunteers in cooperation with Hospice, and Samaritan House charges no fees. They are supported 100% by donation and fund-raising efforts.



Catholic Women's Conference
June 7 evening and June 8 day, 2024
Marywood University

www.cwcnepa.com
570-430-2735



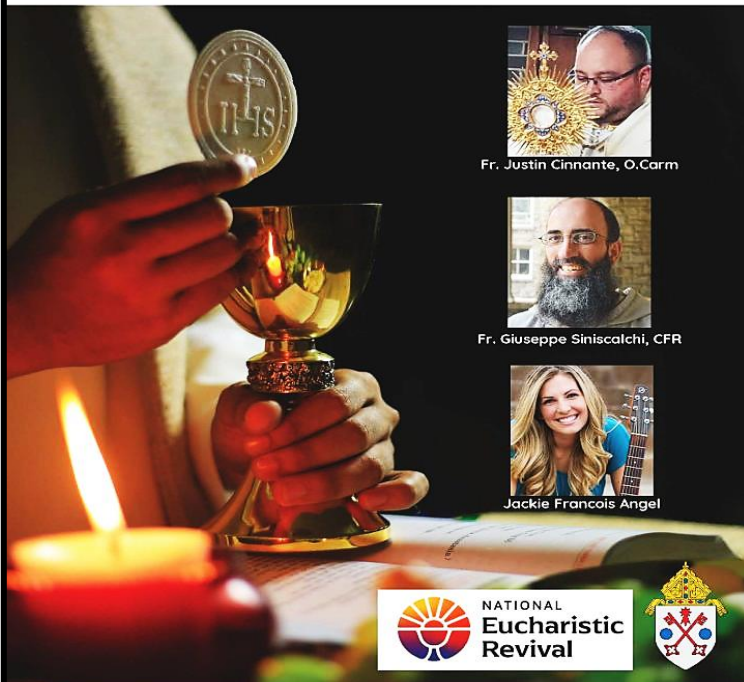
NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Congress**

**JULY 17-21, 2024
LUCAS OIL STADIUM**

The Diocese of Scranton has a limited number of reduced-price individual passes to the Eucharistic Congress, July 17-21, 2024, at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis.

These passes are valid for the full 5-day event and are priced at \$200. (Regular 5-day passes are \$360.) These passes will only be sold online and are available on a first-come, first served basis. Passes do not include travel, meals, or housing for the Congress. All arrangements must be made by the individual.

To register and for more information about this event, visit <https://ccrscranton.org/national-eucharistic-revival>




Fr. Justin Cinnante, O.Carm


Fr. Giuseppe Siniscalchi, CFR


Jackie Francois Angel



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Religious Education

April Calendar

- April 14 - Class
- April 20 - Retreat for 2nd year Confirmation students at 11:00am. Retreat will conclude with 5:00pm Mass
- April 21 - Class
No class for 2nd year Confirmation students
- April 25 - First Holy Communion Practice, Prayer Service and Penance at 6:30pm in the church
- April 27 - First Holy Communion celebrated at the 5:00pm Mass
- April 28 - Class

RCIC – Right of Christian Initiation for Children

Are you new to the Catholic Church and would like your children to receive the Sacraments? Or has your family been away from the Church, you would like to come back and your children have not received all of their sacraments? RCIC initiates children of catechetical age into the Catholic Church and prepares them to receive the sacraments. The program is intended for children beyond 2nd grade who were not baptized as infants, or who are baptized and have not received formal religious education. For more information, call the parish office at 570/724-3371.



The Journey Continues!

Beginning April 3rd, the third installment in the *ChristLife* series, “Sharing Christ”, begins at 6:30pm in the Parish Center. Attendees are requested to arrive 5-10 minutes early, as we will start on time.

Please note that next fall, beginning October 2nd, we will begin the *ChristLife* series again with “Discovering Christ”. Course alumni and all interested parties are encouraged to come and see and bring a friend. For further information, please contact Norb Josten at norb.josten@gmail.com.

* New Grave Site Rates * for St. Peter’s Cemetery

Effective May 1, 2024

On the recommendation of the Cemetery Committee at their meeting on March 13th, and due to inflation, Father Jacek approved the following price increase:

Full Size Grave

Current price – \$275

New price as of May 1st - \$500

This new rate remains competitive for our area. In comparison, the price for a full size grave at the Wellsboro Cemetery is \$1000.

The current rate of \$275 will be honored through April 30, 2024.



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, and the Office for Parish Life wish to invite couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2024 to a diocesan **Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 23rd**. The event includes a 2:30pm Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Peter, followed by a reception.

To register, please go to www.dioceseofscranton.org or contact Bridget Guarnieri at 507/207-2213 x 1133.
Registration deadline is May 26th.

Upcoming Events Sponsored by Marian Ministries

Paint & Pray "Guardian Angels"

Saturday, April 27th
Holy Child Parish Center
11am-1pm

Cost: \$15.00

Includes art supplies and lunch.
Seating is limited to 20 participants.



To Register: Please provide your name, email address, phone number, and payment. Mail or deliver to:

St. Peter's Church
47 Central Avenue
Wellsboro, PA 16901

(Registrations can also be placed in the collection baskets at St. Peter's or Holy Child.)

Friend us on Facebook:
Marian Ministries



For more information about these events, contact Linda Sampson @ 570-404-2180 or Email marian-ministries@outlook.com.

A Marian Pilgrimage

Notre Dame Retreat Center
Canandaigua, NY

Tuesday, May 7th
9am-3pm

Cost: \$35 includes:

Coffee & Pastries, Retreat, Lunch
Confessions, and Mass

For more information and to register, visit <https://notredameretreat.org/about>

To join a carpool, contact
Terrie Thomas at (570) 418-3881

"Walking With Mary"

Women's Brunch
Saturday, May 18th
St. Peter's Church
11am-1:30pm

Guest Speaker: Jessica Ryan
Catered Brunch

Suggested Donation: \$15

To Register contact Laurie Coffee
@ (703) 470-2975 or (570) 549-2210



Jessica Ryan is a member of the theology faculty at Notre Dame High School. Her courses include the Jesus Narratives (the life and teachings of Christ through the Gospels and Sacraments), the History of the Church, Moral Theology, and Theology of Life & Living (to include Death & Dying).

She will be graduating from the

University of Notre Dame with a Masters degree in Theology this Summer. Last Spring she studied the history of the Church with the University in Rome, and attended Pentecost Mass celebrated by Pope Francis!

Jessica resides in Ithaca, New York with her family and is a parishioner at St. Catherine of Siena Church. She is a Lector and Extraordinary Minister of Communion and participates in the Adult Faith Enrichment committee and helps with the middle school youth group and Confirmation preparation.

**Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine
of the Immaculate Conception**
Saturday, June 29th, 2024

Departure Time: 5am

St. Peter's Catholic Church

Arrival at Basilica: 10:30am

Rosary: 11:30am

Departure for Home: 6:30pm

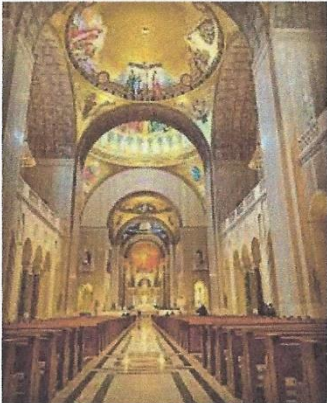
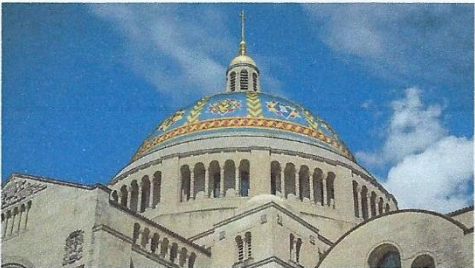
Cost: \$50/person plus lunch and supper; snacks provided.

Pick-Up Stops:

- 5:10am - CVS Plaza, Mansfield, PA
- 5:20am - Blossburg Park N Ride, Blossburg, PA
- 6am - Burger King 50 Maynard St., Williamsport, PA

Comfort/Breakfast Stop: McDonald's in Dillsburg

Dinner Stop: Chic-fil-A in Germantown, MD



Daily Mass: 12:10pm **Confessions:** 10am-Noon; 3:30-6:00pm
Tours: 1pm and 3pm. **Vigil Mass:** 5:15pm

Reservations will be taken on a first-come, first-serve basis.

To Register: Provide your name, phone number,
email address, and payment and mail to:

St. Peters Church
47 Central Avenue
Wellsboro, PA 16901

*** Payment must be made to confirm registration. Deadline: May 20th***

For more information, contact Terrie Thomas (570) 418-3881.

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Parish Prayer List

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, Joann Black, Patricia Quattrone, Larry Jackson, Katie Seip, Lisa Jones, Renee Kennedy, Gay Furlong, Fran Rose, June Sherman, Kathy Smith, Tim Bogaczyk, Beth Valdez, Charles Barrett, Joe Engel, Darleen Kohler, Victoria Salerno, Paul Beuter, Cole Salerno, Mark Kilmer, Stephen Horvatch, Fr. Paul Mullen, Helene Carpenter, Everett Dean Brown, Bud Boyce, Marian Coolidge, Kay Evans, Elizabeth Payne, Cindy Sereno, Carolyn Tester, Richard Stankiewicz, Jim Callahan, Mary Antoniow, Ruth Russell, Anne Marie Beuter, Skip Warriner, Stephanie Calicchia, 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, Richard and Valerie Tobin, Shirley Dixon, Lucy Whitney, Adele Young, Suzan Richar, Gloria Fermenic, Alice Kohut, John Bowe, Kathy Wheeler, Phyliss Davis, Raymond Butler, Michael Joseph Harris, Maggie Stirnaman, Jane Johnson, George Hill, Kami Maloof, Don Gordon, Christopher Moore, Kassie Nowak, Sr. Sally Villa; SSJ, Bill Cizek, Carter Benjamin, Stephen Farrell, Elexxa Germino



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

To add a name to the bulletin prayer list, please contact the Parish Office at 570/724-3371. **For privacy reasons, the person making the request must be the individual themselves or an immediate family member.** This would include a spouse, child, sibling, parent, or grandparent of the person to be added.