

St. Peter's Church



Second Sunday of Easter
April 16, 2023

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-1:00pm

Parish Staff

Pastor: Rev. Jacek Bialkowski
Secretary: Connie Spang – stpch@ptd.net
Bookkeeper: Louise Wheaton – stpadm@ptd.net
Religious Education: Melissa Mann – 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-12:00pm;
Saturday, 4:20-4:50pm; 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 held for Pre-K – 12th grade. Classes begin in September and conclude in May. Pre-K (ages 3-5) is held during the 8:30am Mass. K-12th 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-4th) is held during the 8:30am Mass when Religious Education classes are in session.

Welcome to St. Peter's Church!

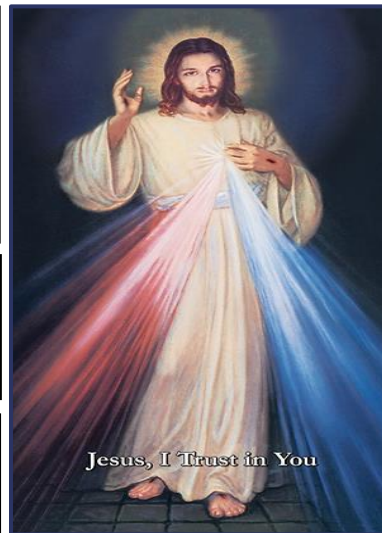
If you are visiting Tioga County this weekend, welcome and thank you for worshiping with us! If you are searching for a Spiritual home, we welcome you to join us and invite you to become part of our church family. Please complete this form and return it to the parish office or drop it in the offertory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

Request for Parishioner Registration Form

Name _____

Phone _____

Address _____



For the sake of
His sorrowful
Passion, have
mercy on us
and on the
whole world.

Divine Mercy Sunday

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 – Rectory 570-724-3371
Music Ministry – Christina Simonis 570-724-2085
Samaritan House – Mary D. Grab 607-857-3447
Youth Group – Melissa Mann 570-724-9789
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
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
Welcoming Committee – Melissa Mann 570-724-9789

Date	Time	Mass Intention
Monday 4/17	No Mass	
Tuesday 4/18	12:10pm	In Memory of Julie Dy (Dy Family)
Wednesday 4/19	12:10pm	In Memory of Casmir Gubala (Ann Marie Beuter)
Thursday 4/20	12:10pm	In Memory of Clifford Parsells (Parsells Family)
Friday 4/21	12:10pm	In Memory of Jennifer Anne Bober (Janet Perkowski Bober)
Saturday 4/22	5:00pm Mass is livestreamed	In Memory of Norman Bucheit (Sue Singer)
Sunday 4/23	8:30am	All Living and Deceased Members of St. Peter's Parish

The Sanctuary Candle is offered in Memory of Frank Dziengowski (Wife; Ida)

News Parish and Activities

Church Hours/Adoration

The church will be open for private prayer, Monday through Friday from 8:00am-5:00pm. From 8:00-9:00am, the only entrance will be through the door on the main parking lot side. From 9:00am-5:00pm, the front door and carport entrance will be open. If for some reason the main door is not unlocked, please enter through the parking lot door, as this entrance will always be open from 8:00am-5:00pm, Monday through Friday. Saturday, the church will be open from 8:00am-4:30pm using only the parking lot door. The front and carport doors will be unlocked at 4:15pm 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 1:00pm-6:00pm, with Benediction but no evening prayer.

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 are **closed**, there will be **no daily Mass or Adoration**. The Church will remain open for private prayer using the parking lot side entrance.

Happening This Week

Sunday, April 16th

Religious Education Classes -
 8:30am pre-school; 9:30am K-12
 Super Bingo - 12:00pm; Knoxville Community Center
 Divine Mercy Chaplet - 3:00pm-4:00pm; St. Peter's Church

Tuesday, April 18th

Women's Bible Study - 10:00am; Adult Ed. Room
 Adoration - 1:00pm - 6:00pm; Church

Wednesday, April 19th

Sharing Christ - 6:30pm; Parish Center

Saturday, April 22nd

Confirmation Retreat - 1:00pm; St. Peter's Parish Center

Sunday, April 23rd

Religious Education Classes -
 8:30am pre-school; 9:30am K-12

Stewardship

Sunday Collection for April 9, 2023: \$9,745.00
 Weekly Goal to Meet Expenses: \$6,100.00
 Difference: \$3,645.00
 Year to Date Budget Variance \$4,559.91

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

Liturgical Reflection ~ 2nd Sunday of Easter

FIRST READING: Acts 2:42-47

Throughout Easter Time, our First Reading is taken from the Acts of the Apostles, leading us to reflect upon the story of the first Christians and the community of believers. Their brief passage we hear today provides a glimpse into the life of the early Christian community, a vision statement of the ideal community in which God is praised and the people are in communion with one another.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 118

Through the proclamation of Psalm 118, we are called together to sing the praise of God whose “mercy endures forever”. The psalmist acknowledges that we may falter and fall at times, yet the Lord is our strength. Particularly in Easter Time, our song of praise is appropriate. The rejected stone has become the cornerstone. “This is the day the Lord has made: let us be glad and rejoice in it.”

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:3-9

This reading begins with a great proclamation of praise, summarizing the reason for our rejoicing, namely the Resurrection of Jesus Christ which opens the doors to salvation for those who are “safeguarded through faith” by the power of God. While we may have to suffer through various trials, we are encouraged to remain steadfast in faith, ensuring that we will attain the goal of faith; salvation in Christ.

GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

Our reflection on this passage often focuses on Thomas, whom we label “doubting”. So much so, we may miss the other aspects of the story: Jesus’ proclamation of peace, the disciples being sent, the gift of the Holy Spirit, the life that is offered through belief in Christ. The familiar story of the disciples’ encounter with the Risen Christ encourages our focus on faith, even when we experience doubt, and the impact of this faith in our lives: peace, mission, and new life.



About this Sunday

The Sunday of Divine Mercy is a day established by Pope John Paul II as a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face with confidence, in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that humankind will experience in the years to come. This is not a new solemnity of feast, nor does it celebrate a new or separate mystery of redemption, but rather, it leads into the continuing celebration of God’s mercy during Easter time. As the Octave Day of Easter, the readings and prayer texts highlight the mystery of divine compassion that underlies the Church’s Easter faith.

Celebrate



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

With the Diocese of Scranton
Sunday, June 4th 2023
2:30pm

2023 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 2023 to a diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 4. The event includes a 2:30pm Mass at St. Peter’s Cathedral followed by a reception.

For more information and to register online, visit the diocese website at dioceseofscranton.org.

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.

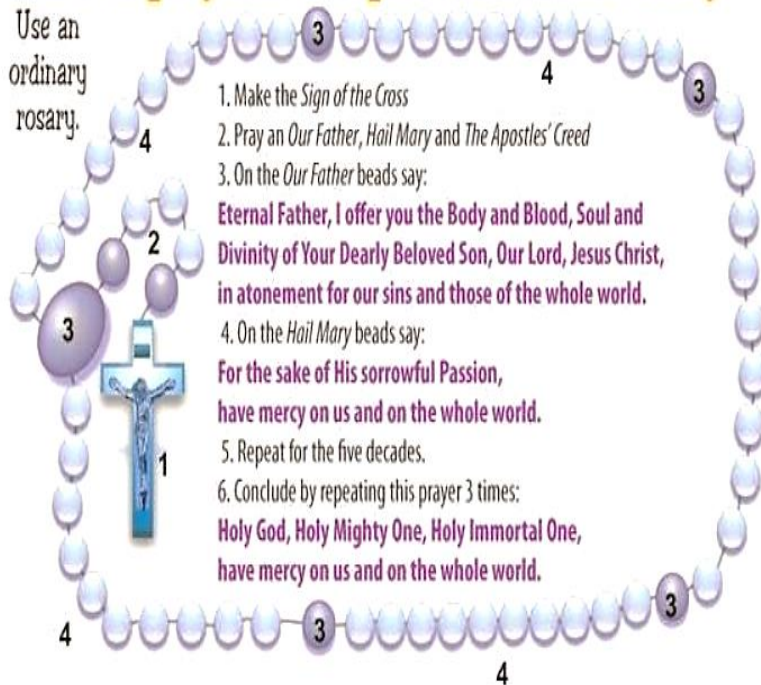


DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

On **Sunday, April 16th**, we will celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday from 3:00pm – 4:00pm in the church with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet, confessions, and Benediction. All members of the parish are invited and encouraged to participate in this special devotion.

How to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy

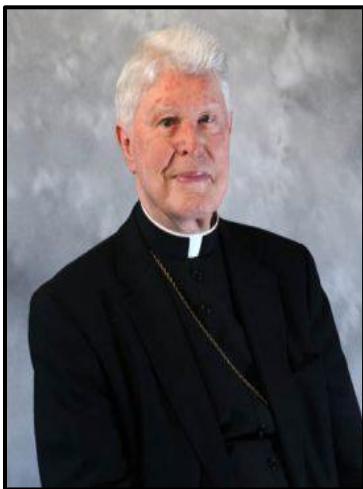
Use an ordinary rosary.



1. Make the *Sign of the Cross*
2. Pray an *Our Father*, *Hail Mary* and *The Apostles' Creed*
3. On the *Our Father* beads say:
Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.
4. On the *Hail Mary* beads say:
For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.
5. Repeat for the five decades.
6. Conclude by repeating this prayer 3 times:
Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated on the Second Sunday of Easter. It is based on the private revelations of St. Faustina Kowalska, which recommended a particular devotion to the Divine Mercy. In 2000, Pope John Paul II canonized St. Faustina and, during the ceremony, he declared: "It is important then that we accept the whole message that comes to us from the word of God on this Second Sunday of Easter, which from now on throughout the Church will be called Divine Mercy Sunday." This is not a new solemnity of feast, nor does it celebrate a new or separate mystery of redemption, but rather, it leads into the continuing celebration of God's mercy during Easter time and is not based solely on St. Faustina's revelations. Indeed, it is not primarily about St. Faustina – nor is it altogether a new feast. The Second Sunday of Easter was already a solemnity as the Octave Day of Easter. The title "Divine Mercy Sunday" does, however highlight the meaning of the day.

Bishop James C. Timlin 1928-2023



The Most Reverend James C. Timlin, D.D., eighth Bishop of Scranton, died on Easter Sunday morning, April 9, 2023, in Scranton. He was 95.

In response to the passing of Bishop Timlin, the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, said the following: "On behalf of the priests, deacons, religious and laity of the Diocese of Scranton, I extend my sympathy, condolences and prayers to Bishop Timlin's family and friends. Bishop Timlin was a prayerful man devoted to serving the faithful of northeastern and north central Pennsylvania as a priest and bishop for more than 70 years. May God grant Bishop Timlin the gift of eternal life and give consolation to all those who loved and respected him."

Funeral arrangements are pending at this time.

SUPER BINGO at Knoxville Community Center
Sunday, April 16 - \$30.00 purchase at the door
Bingo starts at 12:00pm / Doors open at 10:30am

Samaritan House Celebrates 25 Years

Since 1998, the Samaritan House of Wellsboro has offered residence to persons receiving hospice care in the last stages of their lives. Our volunteers provide comfort and care to guests and their families in cooperation with the UPMC Hospice team.

The time and talents of many enable the ministry of Samaritan House. Volunteers are our greatest resource; it takes at least 75 men and women to comfortably maintain a schedule. The opportunity to share another's precious last days of living is indeed a privilege and a blessing. Please consider this invitation to spend a morning with our family of volunteers. [Samaritan House Needs You!](#)

Volunteer Celebration - April 29th, 2023

9am-11am, St. Peter's Parish Center

April is **National Volunteers Month**. All current volunteers and anyone interested in becoming part of the Samaritan House family are invited to join us for a celebration in honor of this vital ministry. A local Hospice nurse will speak about care for the dying and answer frequently asked questions. We will honor Anna Dunlap's retirement and introduce our new Director, Mary G. Grab. Updates on our website and other important matters will be provided, along with light snacks and beverages.

To register for this event, email samaritan.house.3@gmail.com
or call Mary Grab at 607-857-3447.



Seated: Laurie Coffee (Volunteer Recruitment) Mary D. Grab (Administrator)
Back Row: Mel Rupert (Building & Grounds) Michele Comes,
Linda Sampson (Volunteer Scheduler) and Coleen Evert.
Missing from photo: Julie Stager and Lillian Fox.

33 Days to Merciful Love A Consecration to Divine Mercy

All parishioners of St. Peter's, St. Thomas, St. Catherine's, Holy Child, and St. Mary's Churches are invited to participate in *33 Days to Merciful Love*, a consecration to Divine Mercy that begins on *Friday, April 28th*, and ends on *Wednesday, May 31st*. Participants will receive daily emails and are encouraged to share their thoughts and prayer requests with each other.

The group will journey for 33 days in the company of St. Therese, reflecting on *What is Trust?* "The Little Way," the *Offering to Merciful Love*, and *Into the Darkness*. Each daily reading is brief but powerful. So, whether you want to deepen your love of Divine Mercy or have a devotion to St. Therese, *33 Days to Merciful Love* is the book to transform you.




Copies of the book can be purchased at St. Peter's or Holy Child Rectories for \$12.00 each, or contact Laurie Coffee (570) 549-2210 or Linda Sampson (570) 404-2180. **Books will be available the week of April 17th.** To join the group, send an email to marian-ministries@outlook.com or use the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board at St. Peter's. A special ceremony in June will commemorate the consecration.

Please patronize our sponsors and thank them for their support. Their advertising helps to make our bulletin possible.

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<p> U-Haul Dealer Since 2011 uhaul.com Ken Mitchell Mitchell's Carquest Auto Parts 688 South Main Street Mansfield, PA 16933 Business: (570) 662-2534 www.mitchellcarquest.com</p> 	<p> Stephen F. Tokarz • Artisan • Craftsman Specializing in Custom Wood Products 570-404-0693 Established in Tioga County, PA</p>	<p>"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."</p>

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, 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, 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, Richard and Valerie Tobin, Shirley Dixon, Lucy Whitney, Adele Young, Suzan Richar, Lucille Keck, Gloria Fermevic, Alice Kohut, John Bowe, Kathy Wheeler, Phyliss Davis, Tom Patt, Sammi Swinnich, Raymond Butler, Michael Joseph Harris, Maggie Stirnaman, Jane Johnson, Maureen Bailey, George Hill, Kami Maloof, Don Gordon, B.J. Butler.



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.