

St. Peter's Church



Third Sunday of Easter
April 23, 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, 4:30–4:50pm; 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 _____

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 – 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 4/24	No Mass	
Tuesday 4/25	12:10pm	In Memory of T.J. DiPiano (The Grab Family)
Wednesday 4/26	12:10pm	In Memory of Mary Campbell (Nancy Cannizzaro)
Thursday 4/27	12:10pm	In Memory of Ellen & Louise Schaut (Sue Singer)
Friday 4/28	12:10pm	In Memory of Beth Patt (Frank Patt & Family)
Saturday 4/29	5:00pm Mass is livestreamed	In Memory of Paul Mays (Jackson Family)
Sunday 4/30	8:30am	All Living and Deceased Members of St. Peter's Parish

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 23rd

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

Monday, April 24th

Knights of Columbus Meeting - 7:00pm; St. Peter's Parish Center

Tuesday, April 25th

Women's Bible Study - 10:00am; Adult Ed. Room
 Adoration - 1:00pm - 6:00pm; Church
 Worship Committee Mtg. - 6:15pm; Adult Ed. Room

Wednesday, April 26th

Sharing Christ - 6:30pm; Parish Center

Thursday, April 27th

First Holy Communion Practice & Prayer Service -
 6:30pm; Church

Saturday, April 29th

Samaritan House Volunteer Celebration - 9:00am;
 Parish Center
 First Holy Communion - 5:00 Mass; St. Peter's

Sunday, April 30th

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

Stewardship

Sunday Collection for April 16, 2023: \$5,369.00
 Weekly Goal to Meet Expenses: \$6,100.00
 Difference: -\$731.00
 Year to Date Budget Variance \$3,828.91

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

Liturgical Reflection ~ 3rd Sunday of Easter

FIRST READING: Acts 2:14, 22-33

After the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, Peter speaks to all who are in Jerusalem, particularly the Jewish people who were there for the feast. He tells them that Jesus was commended to them by God, yet he was crucified and died. God raised him up, as foretold by David. Quoting psalm 16, he explains that David foretold the Resurrection; while David died, Jesus died yet was raised. Exalted at the right hand of God, Christ received the promise of the Holy Spirit from the Father.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 16

As we proclaim the psalm today, we will recall Peter's use of this psalm in his discourse. On this Sunday in Easter we take refuge in God, blessing the Lord who is always with us. We rejoice that through Christ, we will not be abandoned to the netherworld; at his right hand, we will abound in joy.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:17-21

Those who commit themselves to living faith are to conduct themselves with reverence, recognizing and responding to the sacrificial and saving act of Christ, the unblemished lamb. This same Christ was known before the foundation of the world, and was revealed to those who through him, believe in God. As those who have been saved by the blood of the spotless lamb, we are exhorted to find our faith and hope in God through Christ.

GOSPEL: Luke 24:13-35

The encounter of the disciples on the road with Jesus, whom they do not recognize, is Likely a familiar story. Yet the narrative rings true for us, as it would have for its first hearers. Jesus reassures the disciples, explains the Scriptures they would have known since childhood, and joins them for supper, only to be made known to them in the breaking of the bread. This Easter narrative gives witness to the Resurrection and the enduring presence of Christ in the Eucharist.



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.



Thank you to the following parishioners who volunteered for spring clean-up at St. Peter's Cemetery last weekend. Your help to beautify these sacred grounds is greatly appreciated!

David Bleggi
Shaina and Serenity Harrison
Jeremy Morgan
Stephen and Maureen Poirier
Mickey Romania
Dan and Jackson Sensenig
Mark Sepiol
Sue and Arnie Sticklin
Robert Tobaygo

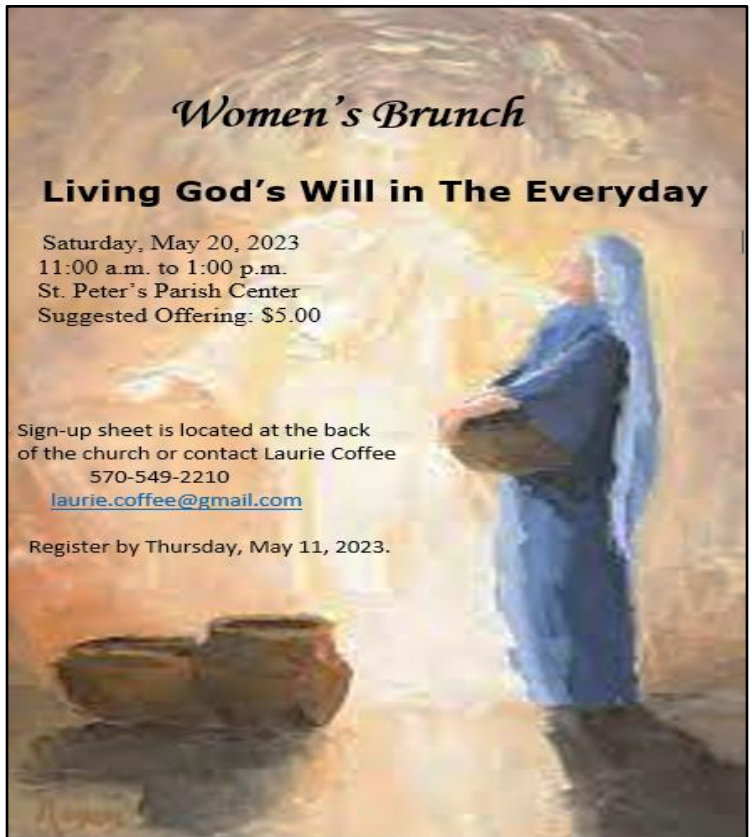
Women's Brunch

Living God's Will in The Everyday

Saturday, May 20, 2023
11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
St. Peter's Parish Center
Suggested Offering: \$5.00

Sign-up sheet is located at the back of the church or contact Laurie Coffee
570-549-2210
laurie.coffee@gmail.com

Register by Thursday, May 11, 2023.



Catholic Women's Conference – "With the Holy Spirit" Saturday, June 10, 2023

This year, the Catholic Women's Conference will explore the mystery and the gift of the Holy Spirit in our daily lives and how, if we listen, we will hear and feel the presence of the Holy Spirit and be transformed into who he meant us to be.

The cost to attend the conference is \$55. Student tickets are \$20, and women religious are welcome free of charge. For more information and to register, visit the Diocese of Scranton website at dioceseofscranton.org.



With the Holy Spirit

Catholic Women's Conference
Marywood University
Saturday, June 10, 2023



33 Days to Merciful Love

A Consecration to Divine Mercy

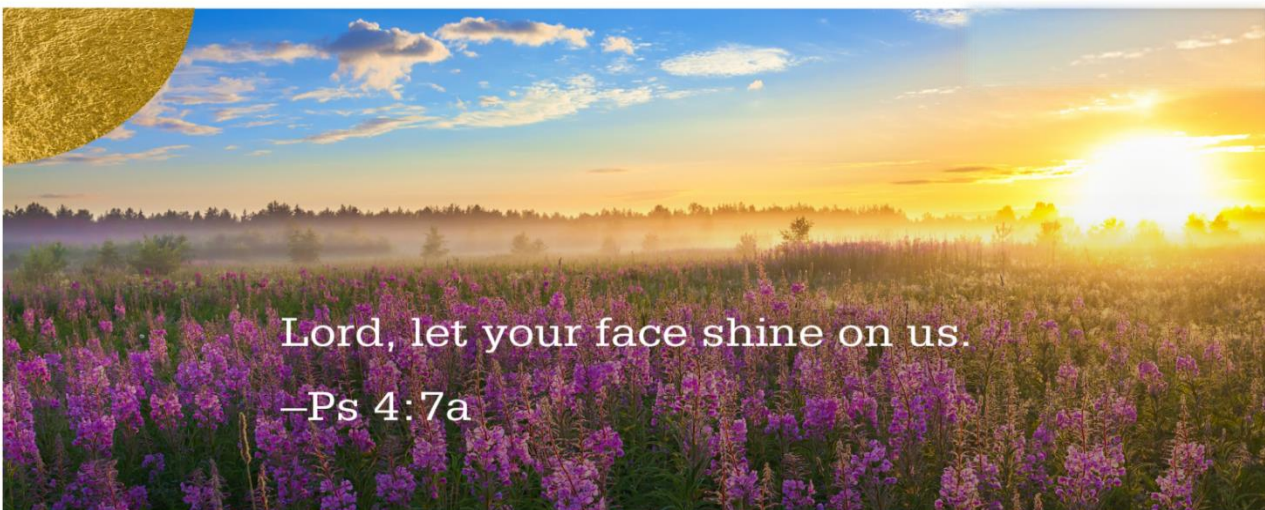
All parishioners of St. Peter's, St. Thomas, St. Catherine's, Holy Child, and St. Mary's Churches are invited to participate in *33 Days to Merciful Love*, a consecration to Divine Mercy that begins on *Friday, April 28th*, and ends on *Wednesday, May 31st*. Participants will receive daily emails and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

The Third Sunday of Easter



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April 22 is Earth Day!

As Catholics, we are called to:

- uphold life and the dignity of each human person
- support families and future generations
- love the poor and vulnerable
- advocate for basic rights and a just economy
- be in solidarity with all, as one human family
- care for all of God's creation

Grounded in our Catholic Tradition, now is the time to protect the earth for our children and grandchildren.

PRAY to hear God's call to live our faith for the common good, knowing that everything is interconnected.

LEARN how the climate crisis is a profound moral issue greatly affecting the poor and vulnerable.

TELL your local and national leaders to protect creation.

Praise be to you, our Lord, God of all Creation!

Learn more!

uscgb.org/environment
wearesaltandlight.org/cst101
catholicclimatecovenant.org

St. Peter's Social Concerns Layette Project

St. Peter's Social Concerns Committee will be collecting and assembling layette sets for donation to women who deliver at Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hospital and are poorly prepared for the baby's arrival. Donations of infant clothing size newborn to 3 months, sweaters, socks, new blankets, etc. are needed. Also, disposable diapers will be collected for donation to Seeds of Hope. Tags with items needed will be located on the giving tree at the back of the church starting next week. Please take a tag and return the gift item to the table at the back of the church **no later than Thursday, May 11th**. All donations will be delivered on Mother's Day. Questions? Contact B.J. Butler at 570/724-2222.

Thank you for your generosity!


Our hope is called Jesus. He is alive and evil has no more power over Him. Failure cannot prevent us from beginning again, and death becomes the passage to the beginning of new life. - Pope Francis

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<p> 25 Main Street Wellsboro, PA 16901 570-723-4263 www.popscultureshoppe.com Games * Imagination * Fun Your proprietors Julian and Anja Stam Consider it all joy! James 1:2</p>	<p> Hunting~Fishing~Trapping~Trekking 1803 Route 287, Morris 570-404-6159 www.Nessmuks.com A Family Owned Small Business Zack & Tracy Buck</p>	<p>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:</p>
<p> MITCHELL'S CARQUEST AUTO PARTS FAMILY OWNED SINCE 1950 kenneth@mitchellcarquest.com 688 South Main Street Mansfield, PA 16933 T 570.662.2277 F 570.662.1078  Kenneth Mitchell Owner</p>	<p> Stephen F. Tokarz • Artisan • Craftsman Specializing in Custom Wood Products 570-404-0693 Established in Tioga County, PA</p>	<p><i>"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."</i></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, Everett Dean Brown, Roberta Mahar, 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, Jacoby Aratari, Lou Kirby, Shannon Jones, Steve Ziemak, Cody Bowers, Carolyn Clark, Don Hayden, 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 Fermenic, 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.