

St. Peter's Church



5th Sunday of Easter
April 28, 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 _____

“Be who God
meant you to be
and you will set the
world on fire.”

St. Catherine of Siena
Doctor of the Church

Feast Day
April 29



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 4/29	No Mass	
Tuesday 4/30	12:10pm	In Memory of Julie Dy (Dy Family)
Wednesday 5/1	12:10pm	In Memory of Angela Farr (Ida Dziengowski)
Thursday 5/2	12:10pm	In Memory of Fr. James Cronen (Tom & Linda Sampson)
Friday 5/3	12:10pm	In Memory of Teddy Sykora (Don & Lucy Whitney)
Saturday 5/4	5:00pm Mass is livestreamed	In Memory of Anna Beuter (Family)
Sunday 5/5	8:30am	All Living and Deceased Members of St. Peter's Parish

The Sanctuary Candle is offered in Memory of Carrie Daugherty (Niles & Daugherty Families)

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 28th

Religious Education Classes

Youth Group Event at Three Springs – departing St. Peter's at 9:30am; returning at 4:00pm.

Tuesday, April 30th

Adoration – 1:00pm – 6:00pm; Church

Women's Bible Study – 10:00am; Adult Ed. Room

Wednesday, May 1st

Sharing Christ – 6:30pm; Parish Center

Saturday, May 4th

Sharing Christ Retreat – 9:00am; Parish Center

Sunday, May 5th

May Crowning during 8:30am Mass

End of Year Religious Education Donut Social - following Mass; Parish Center

Bingo – 12:00pm; Knoxville Community Center

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 21, 2024: \$5,198.50

Weekly Goal to Meet Expenses: \$6,100.00

Difference: -\$901.50

Year to Date Budget Variance: \$12,938.72

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

QUO VADIS DAYS

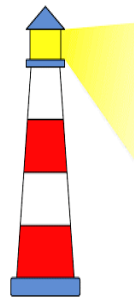
• HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER CAMP •

High school men (rising sophomores through graduating seniors) are invited to join the Diocesan Vocations Office for our annual **Quo Vadis Days, June 24-26** at Marywood University!

Quo Vadis is a 3-day summer camp for high school men that is designed to teach them about vocations and enrich their faith through prayer, fellowship, speakers, and activities.

Participants will have the opportunity to connect with other faithful young men in the Diocese through games, sports, music, and small group discussion. The event also includes a visit from Bishop Joseph Bambera and the seminarians of the Diocese of Scranton.

Those interested in participating must have a recommendation from their pastor, youth minister, DRE, or other parish minister. For more information, please email info@dioceseofscranton.org or call 570/207-1452. Cost is \$25.



Be the Light

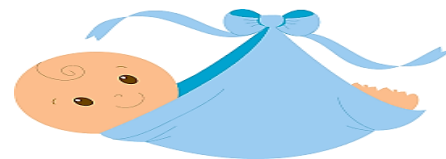
. Have you noticed any lighthouses placed around the church?

In keeping with the theme, "*Be the Light*", second year confirmation students made these lighthouses as a team building exercise during their retreat on Saturday, April 20th.

Please keep these students in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation next month.



Social Concerns Layette Project



St. Peter's Social Concerns Committee will be collecting items for donation to women who deliver at Soldiers and Sailors Hospital and are poorly prepared for their baby's arrival.

Items for Hearts of Tioga Pregnancy Center will also be collected.

Please select a tag from our giving tree, located at the back of the church, and place the items, UNWRAPPED and with the tag attached, in the box by the tree. **All items are due by Monday, May 6th.** Thank you for supporting this annual collection.

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.



SUPER BINGO!

Sunday, May 5th

Knoxville Community
Center

Cost - \$30.00

Doors Open at 10:30am

Bingo starts at 12:00pm

CARD SHOWER

There will be a “Card Shower” for the religious education students preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this spring.

If you would like to participate and send a card of celebration, offering words of prayer, joy, and encouragement, there will be a card collection box located in the back of the church.

The students being confirmed this year are:

Ariel	Wyatt
Brayden	Ella
Shaina	Luke
Sylvia	Stephen T.
Stephen P.	Liam
Rosa	Claire
Abigail	

Cards can be placed in the collection box from April 27th through May 17th, and they will be shared with the students.



The Ascension of the Lord

Mass Times

Wednesday, May 8th – Vigil Mass

6:00pm at St. Peter’s

Thursday, May 9th

12:10pm at St. Peter’s

6:00pm at St. Thomas



2024 Bishop’s Youth Award Recipients

Congratulations to 8th graders Brayden Benjamin, Stephen Tokarz, Shaina Harrison and senior Julian Mann, this year’s recipients of the Bishop’s Youth Award. This award is presented to 8th and 12th grade students throughout the Diocese of Scranton who show exceptional service and leadership skills and who are an outstanding public example of a young Catholic, reflecting and living the Gospel of Jesus Christ through Word, Worship, Community, and Service.



The Month of May is dedicated to our Mother, Mary.

Spend time with her in prayer.



Religious Education

April Calendar

- April 27 - First Holy Communion celebrated at the 5:00pm Mass.
April 28 - Class



Knights of Columbus Scholarship Award

The Knights of Columbus, Immaculate Conception Council #4493, is offering a **\$500 scholarship award** to seniors of St. Peter's Church, who will be attending a technical school, 2-year program or 4-year program after high school.

Applications can be found on the sign-up table in the back of the church. Completed applications must be returned to the Religious Education Office by May 15th.

* 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.

Mother's Day Remembrance Envelopes

Included in your monthly packet is a Mother's Day Intention envelope to remember our living and deceased mothers and grandmothers. The envelopes will be placed on the altar for Mother's Day.

Women's Brunch

"Walking With Mary"

Saturday, May 18th at St. Peter's Church

11:00am – 1:30pm

Suggested Donation: \$15.00

Last Saturday, the Marian Ministries team met with our Women's Brunch speaker, Jessica Ryan, for lunch and a preview of her presentation. She will share beautiful personal stories and practical information about how to walk closely with Mary every day.

Jessica's talk will include powerful reflections on Our Lady of Lourdes and Our Lady of Guadalupe. She will focus on Saints Bernadette, Juan Diego, and Maximillian Kolbe, connecting their stories to the virtue of charity. Jessica will also offer practical and creative ways to pray with Mary.

Her presentation is amazing!

Jessica plans to bring some of her students from Notre Dame High School as our guests. You won't want to miss this event, so register soon!

To register, contact Laurie Coffee at 703/470-2975 or 570/549-2210, or use the sign-up sheet at your parish.



Guest Speaker:
Jessica Ryan

Spring Rummage Sale Schedule

St. Peter's Parish Center

Donation Drop-Off Dates:

Saturday, May 11th – Donations accepted after the 5:00pm Mass

Sunday, May 12th – Donations accepted from 9:30am until 12:30pm

Monday, May 13th – Donations accepted from 9:00am – 5:00pm

Sale Dates:

Tuesday, May 14th – 9:00am – 6:00pm

Wednesday, May 15th – 9:00am – 5:00pm

Thursday, May 16th – 9:00am – 2:00pm



Volunteers needed:

Please see the sign-up sheet on the table at the back of the church to volunteer and help with the sale. We are also asking for help from men on Sunday, May 12th and Monday, May 13th to move tables and heavier items. Thank you!



Second year confirmation students welcome parishioners to Mass during their retreat on April 20th.

THANK YOU
Volunteers



A big **Thank You** to everyone who came out to help clean and beautify St. Peter's Cemetery during the spring cemetery clean-up day on April 13th.

Your help and hard work are greatly appreciated.

May Crowning

May Crowning, led by our First Holy Communion Class, will take place on **Sunday, May 5th at the 8:30am Mass**. All religious education students are invited to participate in the procession and should meet in the Parish Center at 8:15am. Flowers will be provided.

After the procession, students will return to the pews to sit with their family for Mass.

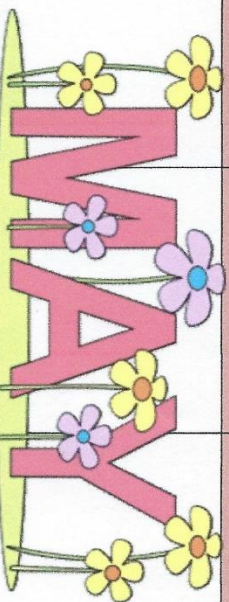


End of Year Donut Social

The last day of Religious Education classes will be May 5th. All students, parents, and parishioners are invited to join us for "A Festival of Donuts and Sweets" in the Parish Center following the 8:30am Mass.



St. Peter's and St. Thomas Parishes Activity Calendar - May 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						
5 6th Sunday of Easter Mass – 8:30am May Crowning at St. Peter's Mass – 11:30am; St. Thomas Rel. Education – End of Year Donut Social; following 8:30am Mass Bingo – Knoxville Comm. Ctr.; 12:00pm	6 No Mass	7 Mass – 12:10pm Confessions – 11:45am Adoration – 1:00pm-6:00pm Women's Bible Study – 10:00am AA - 6:00pm / Al-Anon-7:00pm	8 Mass – 6:00pm Sharing Christ – 6:30pm; St. Peter's	9 Ascension of the Lord Mass – 12:10pm Confessions – 11:45am Mass – 6:00pm; St. Thomas Both Parish Offices Closed	10 St. John of Avila Mass – 12:10pm Confessions - 11:45am St. Peter's Parish Office Closed	11 Mass - 5:00pm Confessions - 4:30pm Mass – 7:00pm; St. Catherine Rummage Sale Donations Accepted; 6:00pm – 7:00pm
12 7th Sunday of Easter Mass – 8:30am Mass – 11:30am; St. Thomas Rummage Sale Donations Accepted; 9:30am-12:30pm	13 Our Lady of Fatima No Mass	14 St. Matthias, Apostle Mass – 12:10pm Confessions – 11:45am Adoration – 1:00pm-6:00pm Spring Rummage Sale – 9:00am – 6:00pm Women's Bible Study – 10:00am Al-Anon -7:00pm/AA - 8:00pm	15 St. Isidore Mass – 12:10pm Confessions - 11:45am Mass – 6:00pm Spring Rummage Sale – 9:00am – 5:00pm	16 Mass – 12:10pm Confessions – 11:45am Mass – 6:00pm; St. Thomas Spring Rummage Sale – 9:00am – 2:00pm Confirmation Practice – 6:30pm; St. Peter's Church	17 Mass – 12:10pm Confessions - 11:45am St. Peter's Parish Office Closed	18 St. John I, Pope Mass - 5:00pm Confessions – 4:30pm Mass – 7:00pm; St. Catherine Marian Ministry Women's Brunch – 11:00am; St. Peter's Parish Center
19 Pentecost Sunday Mass – 8:30am Sacrament of Confirmation Mass – 11:30am; St. Thomas	20 The Blessed Virgin Mary No Mass	21 Mass – 12:10pm Confessions – 11:45am Adoration – 1:00pm-6:00pm Women's Bible Study – 10:00am Al-Anon 7:00pm/AA- 8:00pm	22 St. Rita of Cascia Mass – 12:10pm Confessions – 11:45am	23 Mass – 12:10pm Confessions – 11:45am	24 Mass – 12:10pm Confessions - 11:45am St. Peter's Parish Office Closed	25 St. Mary Magdalene Mass - 5:00pm Confessions - 4:30pm Mass – 7:00pm; St. Catherine
26 The Most Holy Trinity Mass – 8:30am Mass – 11:30; St. Thomas Holy Hour following Mass at St. Thomas	27 St. Augustine of Canterbury Mass – 10:00am Both Rectories Closed Blessing of Graves St. Peter's Cemetery -10:45a Antrim Cemetery – 11:30am Knights of Columbus Mtg – 7:00pm; St. Peter's	28 Mass 12:10pm Confessions – 11:45am Adoration – 1:00pm-6:00pm Women's Bible Study – 10:00am Al-Anon 7:00pm/AA – 8:00pm	29 St. Paul VI, Pope Mass – 12:10pm Confessions – 11:45am	30 Mass – 12:10pm Confessions – 11:45am	31 Visitation of Virgin Mary Mass – 12:10pm Confessions – 11:45am St. Peter's Parish Office Closed	

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<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, [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, Everett Dean Brown, Bud Boyce, Marian Coolidge, Kay Evans, Elizabeth Payne, Cindy Sereno, Richard Stankiewicz, Jim Callahan, Mary Antoniw, 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 Fermeric, Alice Kohut, John Bowe, Kathy Wheeler, Phyliss Davis, 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.

Raymond Butler

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.