

St. Peter's Church

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 – stpreld@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



*2nd Sunday of Easter – Sunday of Divine Mercy
April 7, 2024*

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 _____



Divine Mercy Sunday

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

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 4/8	No Mass	
Tuesday 4/9	No Mass	
Wednesday 4/10	12:10pm	In Memory of Rev. Casmir Gubala (Family)
Thursday 4/11	12:10pm	In Memory of Henry Topf (Synthia Topf)
Friday 4/12	12:10pm	In Memory of Jake & Gertrude Whitney (Don & Lucy Whitney)
Saturday 4/13	5:00pm Mass is livestreamed	Living and Deceased Members of St. Peter's Parish
Sunday 4/14	8:30am	In Memory of Lynn Grant (Don & Lucy Whitney)

The Sanctuary Candle is offered for Sampson Family & Friends (Tom & Linda Sampson)

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 7th

Religious Education Classes
 Divine Mercy Chaplet – 3:00pm-4:00pm; Church Super Bingo – 12:00pm; Knoxville Community Center
 Confirmation Class – 6:00pm; Parish Center

Tuesday, April 9th

Adoration – 1:00pm – 6:00pm; Church Parish Council Meeting – 6:15pm; Parish Center

Wednesday, April 10th

Sharing Christ – 6:30pm; Parish Center

Saturday, April 13th

Cemetery Spring Clean-Up – 9:00am; St. Peter's Cemetery

Sunday, April 14th

Religious Education Classes

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 March 31, 2024: \$10,606.50
 Weekly Goal to Meet Expenses: \$6,100.00
 Difference: \$4,506.50
 Year to Date Budget Variance: \$13,782.22

Diocese Collection: Good Friday/Holy Land: \$1,048.00

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

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

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, St. Pope John Paul II canonized St. Faustina and, to ensure that the faithful would observe this day with intense devotion, he established that this Sunday be enriched by a plenary indulgence so that the faithful might receive in great abundance the gift of the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

Through a plenary indulgence, all temporal punishment due to sin is removed.

To receive this indulgence, the following criteria must be met:

- The faithful must be in a state of grace at least at the time the indulgenced work is completed.
- The faithful must have the interior disposition of complete detachment from sin, even venial sin.
- Make a sacramental Confession.
- Receive Holy Communion
- In the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed or reserved in the tabernacle, recite the Our Father and the Creed, adding a devout prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus (such as, "Merciful Jesus, I trust in you!")

On **Sunday, April 7th**, we will celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday from 3:00pm-4:00pm in the church with the 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.



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 deliver statewide. Proceeds benefit spring landscaping at St. Peter's Church. **Only 200 tickets will be sold!**

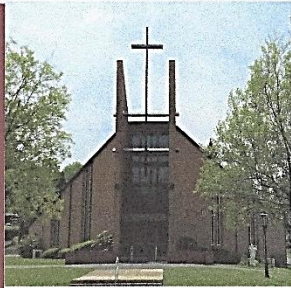
Thank you and may God bless you!

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 weekend Masses on **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.



Additional Easter Memorial Flowers

In Loving Memory:

*All Saints
Ruth Knapke
Ruth Reindl*

First Saturday Pilgrimages St. Mary's Church, Blossburg

A carpool is available each First Saturday of the month for those who wish to attend these services. Mass begins at 9:30am, followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions. The service concludes with Benediction at 11:00am Those who wish to join the carpool meet at Whitneyville Fairgrounds at 9:00am.

Contact Linda Sampson at 570/404-2180.

We welcome those who were fully initiated into the Roman Catholic Church during the Easter Vigil Mass

(Pictured with Fr. Jacek):

*Emily Frances Griffin
Dionisio Domanic DeGuzman
Margaret Brenda Thomas*





Religious Education

April Calendar

- April 7 – Class
Confirmation Class 6:00pm – 7:30pm
- 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.



SUPER BINGO!

Sunday, April 7th

Knoxville Community Center
\$30.00

Doors Open at 10:30am
Bingo starts at 12:00pm

* 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.



Spring Cemetery Clean-Up Day

Spring cleaning at St. Peter's Cemetery on Pearl Street will take place Saturday, April 13th at 9:00am. **We can use all the help we can get to beautify these sacred grounds.** A sign-up sheet is located on the table at the back of the church. Volunteers should meet at the cemetery and bring your rakes, shovels, and gloves.

Please note:

All winter decorations should be removed from the cemetery prior to clean-up day on the 13th. Please do not dispose of the decorations on cemetery grounds; we ask that you instead take them with you to discard elsewhere.



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.

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

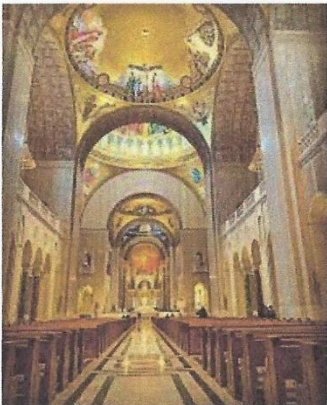
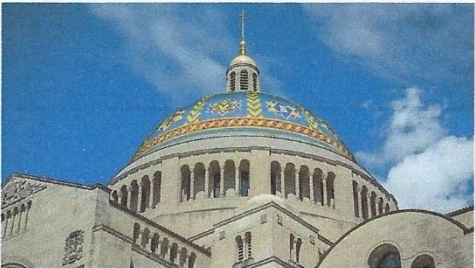
Cost: \$50/person plus lunch and supper; snacks provided.

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.

Carolyn Tester

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.