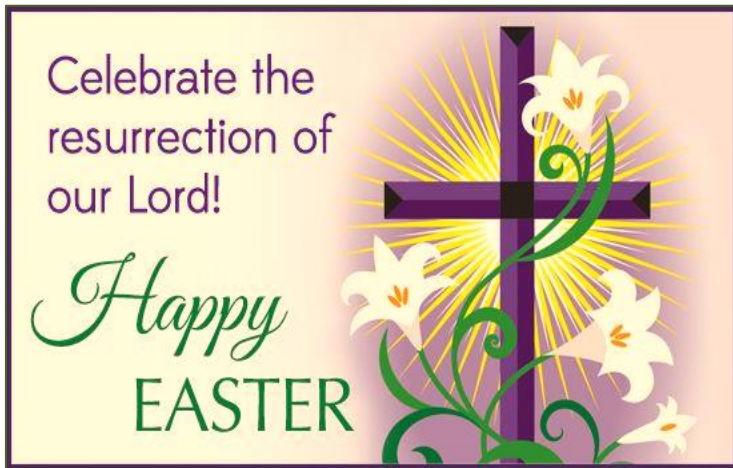


St. Peter's Church



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-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

*Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
April 9, 2023*

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 _____

Easter Sunday Blessing

May the celebration of resurrected life
bring new hope to your being.

May the victory over earthly death turn
your eyes to the promises of heaven.

May the empty tomb help you leave your
sorrows at the foot of the cross.

So that God's hope, promises and
forgiveness reign in your life
forever. Amen.

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 4/10	No Mass	
Tuesday 4/11	No Mass	
Wednesday 4/12	No Mass	
Thursday 4/13	No Mass	
Friday 4/14	12:10pm	In Memory of Henry Topf (Wife; Cindy)
Saturday 4/15	5:00pm Mass is livestreamed	In Memory of Charles Statts (BJ Butler & Family)
Sunday 4/16	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 9th

No Religious Education Classes

Tuesday, April 11th

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

Wednesday, April 12th

Sharing Christ - 6:30pm; Parish Center

Saturday, April 15th

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

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

Stewardship

Sunday Collection for April 2, 2023: \$8,080.00
 Weekly Goal to Meet Expenses: \$6,100.00
 Difference: \$1,980.00
 Year to Date Budget Variance \$914.91

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

Liturgical Reflection ~ Easter Sunday

FIRST READING: Acts 10:34, 37-43

Jesus of Nazareth, anointed by God with the Holy Spirit, healed many people. He was put to death but was raised by God. We have seen him and have eaten with him. He has sent us to preach this Good News. And this is the truth we speak to you today: “Everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name.” Peter took a very bold step that day to broaden the mission of the followers of Jesus. Because of the vision he received, Peter had come to believe that all people were to be included in the great work of preaching the story of Jesus Christ. The Good News could not and should not be contained, for it is meant for all time.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 118

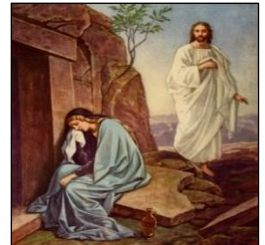
More verses of the song of victory, Psalm 118, are heard in this reading. God’s mercy is not a one-time reality; it endures across the ages. God will protect those who believe, who are rescued through his power. The final verse, in which the rejected stone is mentioned, are recited by Jesus in reference to himself in the Gospel accounts of Matthew, Mark, and Luke. They also appear in Acts, Ephesians, and 1 Peter. Jesus has not fit the blueprint expected for the rebuilding of God’s house.

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-4

The Colossians reading urges us to die to self in order to focus on the Lord, for having been baptized in Christ, the concerns of the world should diminish in meaning. For those who are caught up in the things of this world, however, this reading is an invitation to reorder our lives. On the day of glory, the worldly things that can consume human hearts will have no significance.

GOSPEL: John 20:1-9

Mary Magdalene is the first person at the tomb in all four Gospel accounts. In the synoptic accounts, she brings oil to anoint the body of the Lord. In John’s account, the anointing has already taken place, but Mary is still the first person on record to go to the tomb. She is the messenger who then brings Peter and the Beloved Disciple to see the stone has been moved. There are not angels in this story to suggest that a body has inexplicably been raised. There are only cloths that lay on the ground, the head cloth arranged in a separate place, all to indicate that this is not the scene of a robbery. In those first moments, what it all means is unclear, and only the Beloved Disciple “saw and believed.” Time and future appearances of the Lord will add believers to the community. As we gather on this Easter day, we remember and celebrate that Jesus is indeed risen and walks among us still. Yet, it is only with eyes of faith that we recognize him – in the breaking of bread, in the preaching of his Word, and in the presence of his people gathered in his name.



About this Sunday

Easter Sunday marks the end of the Triduum and is the first day of the Easter Octave. The great 50 days begin. Forty days of fast yield to fifty days of feast. The Collect uses the important phrase “on this day”. Our participation in the liturgy on this day is our participation in the salvation won for us and made present for us; therefore, it is on this day that God, through his only begotten Son, has “conquered death and unlocked for us the path to eternity.” Therefore, we pray that “we who keep the solemnity of the Lord’s Resurrection” may rise to new life through the renewal brought by the Holy Spirit.

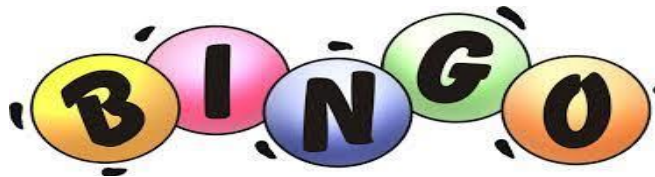
Notice Regarding Reporting Sexual Abuse of a Minor

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.



SUPER BINGO at Knoxville Community Center

Sunday, April 16th

Bingo starts at 12:00pm

Doors open at 10:30am

\$30.00 - Purchase at the door

Welcoming Committee

St. Peter's is looking for parishioners to form a committee focused on creating a welcome and inviting climate for new members, visitors, and all guests attending Mass. Volunteers are needed to acknowledge people arriving/leaving the church and to offer guidance to those visiting for the first time who may have questions. Committee members will be scheduled on a rotating basis during both weekend Masses starting next month. If you would like to be a part of this new ministry or for more information, please contact Melissa at stpored@ptd.net.

Celebrate



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

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

To register, please visit
www.dioceseofscranton.org or by calling the Office for Parish Life at
(570) 207-2213



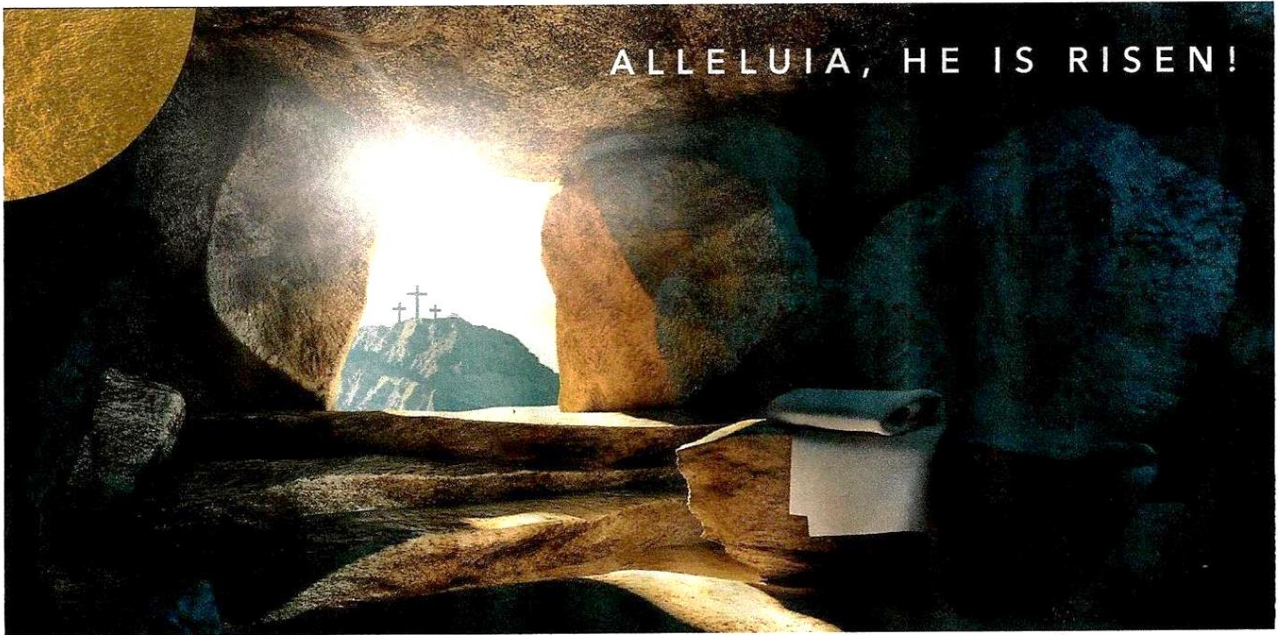
Cemetery Clean-Up

Spring Cleaning of St. Peter's Cemetery on Pearl Street will take place Saturday, April 15th starting at 9:00am. **We can use all the help we can get to beautify these sacred grounds. 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 15th. Please do not dispose of the decorations on the cemetery grounds, but instead take them with you to discard elsewhere.

Easter Sunday—The Resurrection of the Lord



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Break Open the Tomb

Lord of Easter's Promise, I live in faith of the Resurrection,
but such is the nature of my faith that so much of me remains entombed.

Break open the tomb.

Where I've buried my compassion, break open the tomb.
Where I've buried my sense of mercy, break open the tomb.
Where I've buried my humility, break open the tomb.
Where I've buried my humanity, break open the tomb.
Where I've buried my love for my Heavenly Father, break open the tomb.
Where I've buried my sense of joy, break open the tomb.
Where I've buried my willingness to forgive, break open the tomb.

Lord, in you I've found a Savior no grave can withstand.
Help me to roll away this stone and find the miracle of new life.
That I may live more fully in your saving grace.

Amen

The Easter Season

Easter is not just celebrated on Easter Sunday. It's an entire season that lasts for 50 days! This time of joy and exultation, from the Resurrection of the Lord to Pentecost, is one feast day, or one "great Sunday."



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BULLETIN

Easter Flowers



In Loving Memory:

Connie & Robert Brown
Ethel & Lyman Brown
Mary & Joseph Tarszowicz
Robert Johnson
Brown & Tarszowicz Families
Carrie Daugherty
Kohut & Owlett Families
Staff Sgt. Scott P. Waclawik
James Callahan
Austin Seymour
Ginger Callahan
Christine Plato
Cynthia Gordon
Thelma Hill
John Gordon
Norman Hill
Lipski & Miskovitz Families
Paul Patt
Joseph & Clara Patt
John & Marion Redell
Jack & Arlyne Robinson
John & Frances Kohut
Ted & Janet Owlett
Mary & Joseph Kupchak
Angelo Giannovola
Basile & Gooch Families
Frank J. Dziengowski, Jr.
Nero/Dinsmore Family
Whitney Family
Sykora Family

Charles & Viola Statts
Srs. Gladys & Raphael DuPrey
Alfonse & Therese Krol
Robbie Butler
Deceased Members of the
Spink/West Families
Myslinski & Sampson Families
& Friends
Mann & Turton Families
Anna & Paul Beuter
Tecla & Jan Gubala
Mary & Cecil Rogers
Flora & Ray Beuter
Paul Beuter
Deceased Members of the
Niles, Cuda & Daugherty Families
Joey Banik
Tutak/Ring Family
John & Marion Camiskey
Doug Robinson

In Honor Of:

Gabriella Grace Daugherty
Brown & Tarszowicz Families



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.

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

<p>Advertise with us! See your ad here</p>	<p>WALRATH & COOLIDGE Probate & Estate Administration Real Estate Personal Injury 570-724-3801 R. Lowell Coolidge, Esq • Priscilla Walrath, Esq Fax: 570-724-7239 126 Main St • Wellsboro, PA</p>	<p>Take advantage of a unique marketing opportunity and advertise in the church bulletin.</p>
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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, 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 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.
Joseph Tascione

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.