

St. Peter's Church

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*20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 14, 2022*

Rectory Office Hours
Labor Day to Memorial Day - Monday through Wednesday, 8:00am–2:00pm;
Thursday, 9:00am–1:00pm

Memorial Day to Labor Day – Monday through Thursday, 9:00am-1:00pm

Parish Staff

Pastor: Rev. Jacek Bialkowski

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Maintenance Staff: Connie Spang, Francis Kennedy

Schedule of Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm (Livestreamed); Sunday 8:30am

Reconciliation

Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 11:45am-12:00pm;

Saturday, 4:15-4:45pm 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!

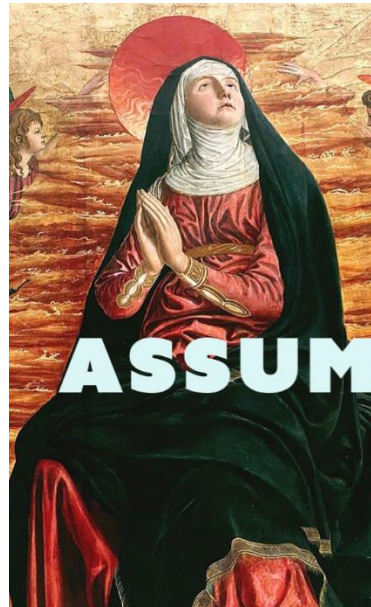
If you are visiting Tioga County this weekend, welcome and thank you for worshipping with us! If you are searching for a Spiritual home, we welcome you to join us and invite you to become part of our church family. Please complete this form and return it to the parish office or drop it in the offertory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

Request for Parishioner Registration Form

Name _____

Phone _____

Address _____



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Feast of the Assumption of the
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August 15th

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
Church Decorations – Sue Singer 570-948-2184
Buildings & Grounds – Rick Joachim 570-439-2591
Cemetery Committee – Howard Rutledge 570-724-4529
Fundraising Dinners – Michelle Sepiol 570-439-6206
Music Ministry – Christina Simonis 570-724-2085
Samaritan House – Linda Sampson 570-404-2180
Youth Group – Melissa Mann 570-724-9789
Eucharistic Adoration – Rhonda Gooch 570-724-3092
Finance Council – Priscilla Walrath 570-724-2056
Parish Council – Rectory 570-724-3371
Worship Committee – Rectory 570-724-3371
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

Date	Time	Mass Intention
Monday 8/15	No Mass	
Tuesday 8/16	12:10pm	In Memory of Fr. James Cronen (Tom & Linda Sampson)
Wednesday 8/17	12:10pm	In Memory of Robbie Butler (B.J. Butler & Family)
Thursday 8/18	No Mass	
Friday 8/19	12:10pm	In Memory of James & Martha Hopkins (Mickey Romania)
Saturday 8/20	5:00pm (Mass is livestreamed)	In Memory of Beth Patt (Frank Patt & Family)
Sunday 8/21	8:30am	All Living and Deceased Members of St. Peter's Parish

The Sanctuary Candle is offered in Memory of Paul Beuter (Family)

Parish News and Activities

Church Hours/Adoration

The church will be open for private prayer, Monday through Friday from 8:00am–5:00pm. Generally, all three doors leading into the church will be unlocked. If for some reason the front and carport doors are not open for entry, please use the door on the parking lot side of the church. Saturday, the church will be open from 8:00am–4:30pm using only the parking lot side door. The front and carport doors will be unlocked at 4:30pm 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.

Stewardship

Sunday Collection for August 7, 2022: \$6,314.00
 Weekly Goal to Meet Expenses: \$6,100.00
 Difference: \$ 214.00
 Year-to-Date Budget Variance:(\$2,249.00)

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

CARPORT ENTRANCE TO CHURCH CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

The carport entrance to the church will be closed until further notice due to a motor vehicle accident that occurred on Wednesday, July 13th. Significant damage occurred and we will not be able to use that entrance until repairs can be made. For weekend Masses only, the temporary handicap entrance to the church will be through the parish center side door; located just beyond the carport, next to the three, handicap parking spaces. The church can then be accessed through the music room. These doors will be open until Mass begins. As usual, once Mass begins, the side doors will be locked and the church will have to be accessed through the front doors. At the conclusion of Mass, you will be able to exit the church through the music room to the parish center side door. Those attending weekday Masses will enter and exit through the front door or parking lot side door. Thank you for your assistance as we await the repairs to the carport.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Wednesday, August 18th – Fall Dinner Committee Meeting, 10:00am

Thursday, August 19th – Deanery Meeting in Williamsport, 1:00pm

NEW BOILERS NEEDED

The two boilers used to heat the church, are in need of replacement at a cost of approximately \$20,000. Contributions to help offset this cost are greatly appreciative. If you are an envelope user, please include your contribution in your Building Fund envelope that is included in your monthly packet. If you are not an envelope user, please just note on your check or the envelope that your donation is for the boilers. Please give as you are able.

Liturgical Reflection ~ 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10

Today's reading shows the struggles that come to those who choose to live by God's word rather than by traditional human advice and practice. Jeremiah again undergoes one of many sufferings as a result of his fidelity in proclaiming God's prophetic word to the people. His words of God's judgment and punishment for their sinfulness are continually rejected as the people take their anger out on Jeremiah personally, often endangering his life. Jeremiah, despite constant danger, trusted in the Lord and faithfully spoke God's words. God had warned Jeremiah that his prophetic words would lead some to "fight against you, but not prevail over you" (1:19). While constantly challenged in his ministry, Jeremiah continued to trust in the Lord and in today's passage, God once again save Jeremiah to preach again. How do you handle opposition and rejection for believing and trusting in God?

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 40

The Responsorial Psalm celebrates the fact that God delivers us from all of our difficulties. This is especially significant today, for the First Reading and Gospel speak of the fact that we will suffer if we give witness to the world of God in our lives. When we suffer we wonder, like the psalmist, when God will intervene. This psalm reminds us to trust in God who will deliver us.

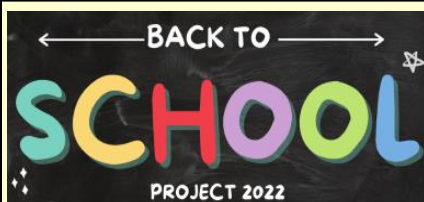
SECOND READING: Hebrews 12:1-4

Today's Second Reading reminds the baptized that committing their life to Jesus will entail suffering, but also that no one suffers alone. Addressing the opposition to their faith, values, and lifestyle, the author of the Letter to the Hebrews counsels that faith community to consider the suffering that Jesus experienced during his lifetime and learn from it so "that you may not grow weary and lose heart." Jesus endured the Cross, despised its shame, and rightly took "his seat at the right of the throne of God." "We are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses" who ran the race before us and despite the difficulties persevered in their faith while keeping their eye on Jesus, "the leader and perfecter of faith." Similarly, we too are to shed all sin and all that burdens us and persevere in the faith, running steadily towards the prize, total union with Jesus at God's right hand.

GOSPEL: Luke 12:49-53

Luke's Jesus knows that his mission and ministry will bring opposition, rejection, and suffering. It will divide families, cause disruption and havoc in community groupings and bring division instead of peace. Aware of all this, Jesus longs to "set the earth on fire" with God's Kingdom, proclaiming a way of relating that is countercultural and contrary to the normal way of thinking and acting. In doing so, Jesus will have to undergo the Baptism of rejection, suffering, and death, trusting that it will lead to ultimate victory. Despite all the rejection and suffering that will result from this ministry, both personally and to his followers, Jesus is determined to be faithful throughout bringing to completion and fulfillment God's Kingdom. As disciples we too are challenged to take up the same mission and ministry, even knowing that commitment to Jesus can change even our most cherished relationships.

I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!



SOCIAL CONCERNS BACK-TO-SCHOOL PROJECT

Back to School is coming soon! The Social Concerns committee will again be sponsoring the Back-To-School project to help area children as they begin school this year. We are collecting clothing, shoes, and backpacks. Please select a tag from the Giving Tree, purchase the items listed, place the items in a plastic bag with the tag attached, and finally, place the bag in the box located in the church near the Giving Tree no later than Thursday, August 25th. Any questions? Contact Karen Plumley 570-439-0175. Thank you for your generosity!

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SYNOD REPORT AVAILABLE

For six months, people throughout our diocese responded to Pope Francis' call to the Synod on Synodality by sharing their hopes, concerns, and dreams for the Catholic Church. Some participated at listening sessions, and many others through an online survey. Through this participation, many themes began to emerge.

Our Diocesan Synthesis Report representing these themes has been submitted to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, and is also available for general review. To learn more and to review the synthesis report, please visit the [Synod on Synodality page](#) on our diocesan website www.dioceseofscranton.org.

Up and Over Retreat

It has been a long time since we have had a retreat opportunity for middle school students due to the pandemic. Today, I want to invite our middle school students to our first Up and Over Retreat in three years! Up and Over will be held September 23-25 at Camp Orchard Hill in Dallas. This weekend is centered around how students can use their God given talents in order to work together with others. The weekend involves fun activities, mass, free time, a movie, and an outdoor obstacle course! It is a great opportunity for students to meet new friends and grow in their faith!

Registration will open on August 1st on the Diocese of Scranton's website dioceseofscranton.org. The registration fee is \$180, and includes all meals, lodging, a t-shirt, and other retreat materials. If you have any questions, please contact Shannon Kowalski at (570) 207-2213 or skowalski@dioceseofscranton.org. We hope to see some of our middle school students at one of our first in person retreats for a great weekend!



CONFERENCE REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN

Greetings Catholic Men - We are pleased to announce that our 7th annual Be A Catholic Man Conference is now open for registration. The Conference will be on October 8, 2022, from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM at Holy Redeemer High School, 159 S. Pennsylvania Blvd., Wilkes Barre, PA. and will be favored with nationally known Catholic Speakers: Father Stan Fortuna, Dr. Ralph Martin, and Kevin Wells. This year's theme is "Be Not Afraid" under the patronage of Saint Joseph. All of us are challenged to live virtuous lives in this secular world, --- whether single, married, or clergy. Men are encouraged to set this date aside and attend. There will be Rosary, Eucharistic Adoration, Sacramental Confession, and lunch break. Mass will be offered by the Most Reverend Bishop Joseph Bambera. For reservations, write a check payable to "Be A Catholic Man" for \$40.00 (early bird price \$30.00 till September 9th) and mail to: Bill Leandri, 239 Hayfield Road, Shavertown, Pa. 18708; or Online at BeACatholicMan.com. Questions, please contact Michael Kilmer, Conference Chairman, at 570-746-0100 or michaelkilmer71@gmail.com.

SCHEDULING 2023 MASS INTENTIONS

Scheduling Mass intentions for 2023 is now open through the parish office, during regular business hours. **The following are the established guidelines for scheduling intentions:**

- One weekend Mass on each weekend must be celebrated for the intentions of the parish. This is required by Canon Law (c. 534). Because of this we only have one weekend Mass for which we can accept an intention. Due to this limited availability of weekend Masses, no family may schedule more than ONE WEEKEND MASS PER QUARTER, or four weekend Masses per year.
- There is no limit to the number of DAILY MASS INTENTIONS, including those Masses said at the nursing homes each month, which may be scheduled by each family.
- Canon 948 states, "Separate Masses are to be applied for the intentions of those for whom a single offering, although small, has been given and accepted." Therefore, only one intention may be scheduled for any given Mass. However, for pastoral concerns to better accommodate the needs of the parishioners, we will adhere to the following: Up to three first names with the same last name (i.e., John, Paul and Mary Smith) or two last names only (i.e., Scott and Smith Families) will be allowed per intention.
- The stipend given for a Mass intention is \$10. While we are willing to take requests over the phone, your Mass Intention will be not be scheduled until we are in receipt of your donation.
- Christmas, Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day, and All Souls Day Masses are always for the individual intentions listed by parishioners on their envelope.
- The Sanctuary Candle, burning in memory or honor of someone, is available on a weekly basis with no limit to the number each family may reserve.

We also have about 10 open Masses for the remainder of 2022 that are now available.

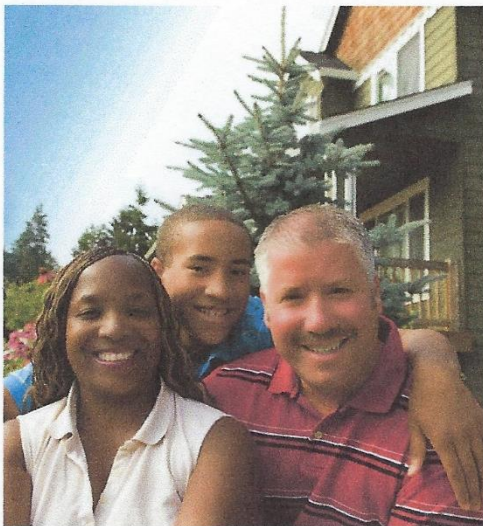


Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!" Luke 12:49

The Fourth Commandment

Honor your father and your mother – CCC, nos. 2196-2257



The first three Commandments help us to understand how to love God with our whole selves. The next seven Commandments teach us how to love each other as we love ourselves.

The Fourth Commandment deals with all aspects of family life—parental and filial duties and responsibilities, that is, those of love from child to parent. This includes the duties of children toward their parents, the duties of brothers and sisters toward each other, and the responsibilities of adult children toward their older parents. This Commandment also addresses the duties of government and the duties of citizens (cf. CCC, nos. 2234-2246), including the responsibility of the state and society to foster family values and to strengthen the family in every possible way.

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"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."



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Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord and
Let the Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them.

John Stirnaman

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.