

St. Peter's Church



47 Central Avenue, Wellsboro, Pennsylvania 16901
Parish Office: 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

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time August 20, 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 _____



The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

August 22

Queen of All Hearts,
Advocate of the Most
Hopeless Cases,
Mother of Divine Love.

Pray for us.

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 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 8/21 | No Mass | |
| Tuesday 8/22 | No Mass | |
| Wednesday 8/23 | No Mass | |
| Thursday 8/24 | No Mass | |
| Friday 8/25 | No Mass | |
| Saturday 8/26 | 5:00pm Mass is livestreamed | In Honor of Lucy Dziengowski (Grandmother Ida) |
| Sunday 8/27 | 8:30am | Living and Deceased Members of St. Peter's Parish |

The Sanctuary Candle is offered in Memory of Merle Wilcox (Wife Kathy)

Parish News 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.

Parish Prayer List

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 an immediate family member. This would include a spouse, child, sibling, parent, or grandparent of the person to be added.

Stewardship

Weekly Goal to Meet Expenses: \$6,100.00

Sunday Collections for JULY

Sunday Collection for July 2, 2023: \$8,486.00
 Difference: \$2,386.00

Year to Date Budget Variance: \$2,386.00

Sunday Collection for July 9, 2023: \$5,040.80
 Difference: -\$1,059.20

Year to Date Budget Variance: \$1,326.80

Sunday Collection for July 16, 2023: \$6,028.05
 Difference: -\$71.95

Year to Date Budget Variance: \$1,254.85

Sunday Collection for July 23, 2023: \$5,570.75
 Difference: -\$529.25

Year to Date Budget Variance: \$725.60

Sunday Collection for July 30, 2023: \$4,038.50
 Difference: -\$2,061.50

Year to Date Budget Variance: -\$1,335.90

Sunday Collections for AUGUST

Sunday Collection for August 6, 2023: \$6,048.00
 Difference: -\$52.00

Year to Date Budget Variance: -\$1,387.90

Sunday Collection for August 13, 2023: \$8,567.75
 Difference: \$2,467.75

Year to Date Budget Variance: \$1,079.85

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

Liturgical Reflection ~ 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

God invites all people to come and share in the promises made to Israel. Not only the Jewish people, but everyone is invited to keep the covenant and enter God's house, which is open not to a single tribe, but to all people. Isaiah's visions should be our vision for our churches: God's house is "a house of prayer for all peoples."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 67

Psalm 67 calls upon all the nations to praise God, who is king over all peoples and nations.

SECOND READING: Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

Paul continues his reflection on the Jewish people – his people. He knows that Christ is the source of salvation; and he knows that God's promises are "irrevocable." Not all accept Christ, or turn towards him; but God desires to "have mercy upon all." God's plan unfolds according to his will, and not ours.

GOSPEL: Matthew 15:21-28



The theme of insiders and outsiders appears in all today's readings. In the Gospel, a Canaanite woman – and outsider, part of a nation who were long enemies of Jews – approaches Jesus to beg healing for her daughter. The disciples try to send her away, but she stubbornly refuses to go. Even when Jesus tells her that he has come for Israel only, she keeps asking for what she needs, and Jesus grants it. Both her words and actions show a greatness of faith that stands in sharp contrast with the littleness of faith that

Jesus' own disciples have shown (see Matthew 8:26). What started out as a rejection, culminates in the healing of her daughter. Jesus' insistence that he came for the lost sheep of Israel does not mean that Gentiles who come in faith will be excluded. Jesus' love and compassion has no boundaries.



The month of August is dedicated to The Immaculate Heart of Mary

The entire month falls within the liturgical season of Ordinary Time, which is represented by the liturgical color green. This symbol of hope is the color of the sprouting seed and arouses in the faithful the hope of reaping the eternal harvest of heaven, especially the hope of a glorious resurrection.

It is used in the offices and Masses of Ordinary Time.

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.

Join us for Coffee and Conversation!



There will be a Coffee Social after Mass on the following dates.
Please join us in the Parish Center.
All are welcome!

Sunday, August 20th – Hosted by the Sunday Music Ministry
Saturday, August 26th and Sunday, August 27th – Hosted by ChristLife



Religious Education News

Religious Education classes for the 2023-24 year will begin on **Sunday, September 17th**. Registration forms will be mailed to families next week and extra forms can be found in the box outside the Religious Education Office. For new students, please contact Melissa Mann, Director of Religious Education, at stpreled@ptd.net or 570/724-9789.

We are in need of several catechists to join this important ministry. All necessary materials, teaching resources, and support will be provided. As a catechist, not only will you be nurturing the children of our parish, you will also grow in your faith and deepen your own relationship with Jesus. If you are willing to commit a few hours a week sharing your faith, please contact Melissa Mann in the Religious Education Office.

St. Peter's Polish Dinner

Friday, September 29th
4:30pm – 6:30pm or until sold out

Take-out or Dine-In the Parish Center

Adults: \$15.00
Age 12 and under: \$5.00
Age 3 and under: Free

Pierogi Sauerkraut Kielbasa
Halupki (stuffed cabbage)
Hot Dogs Applesauce
Homemade Desserts



Fall Fest

Saturday, September 9, 2023

Knoxville Firemen's Field from 10:00am to 4:00pm

Chicken BBQ * Food * Games * Chinese Basket Raffle * and More!

To benefit St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Westfield/Elkland

“GOD DOES NOT LOVE YOU BECAUSE YOU BEHAVE WELL. HE LOVES YOU PLAIN AND SIMPLE. HIS LOVE IS UNCONDITIONAL; IT DOES NOT DEPEND ON YOU”. – POPE FRANCIS

SCHEDULING 2024 MASS INTENTIONS

Scheduling Mass intentions for 2024 will be available beginning September 5th 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 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 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 in honor of someone, is available on a weekly basis with no limit to the number each family may reserve. The stipend given for the Sanctuary Candle is \$10.

Fall Rummage Sale Schedule

St. Peter's Parish Center

Donation Drop-Off Dates

Saturday, Sept. 9th – Donations accepted after the 5:00pm Mass

Sunday, Sept. 10th – Donations accepted after the 8:30am Mass

Monday, Sept. 11th – Donations accepted from 9:00am – 6:00pm

Sale Dates

Tuesday, Sept. 12th – 9:00am – 6:00pm

Wednesday, Sept. 13th – 9:00am – 5:00pm

Thursday, Sept. 14th – 9:00am – 2:00pm; Fill a bag for a donation

~ NO EARLY SALES – NO DONATIONS OF TV'S ~

Volunteers are needed (especially men) during set up and tear down to help move tables and racks. Please see the sign-up sheets at the back of the church. Thank you!



Jesus is waiting for you!

We, as Catholics, are truly blessed. We have with us the Real Presence of Jesus Christ. He is with us in His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. What makes us even more blessed is that we have the opportunity to visit Jesus during Eucharistic Adoration. In Eucharistic Adoration, we are not just thinking about God, we are with God!


Adoration takes place at St. Peter's Church each Tuesday from 1:00pm – 6:00pm with Benediction. **Come Spend Time in the Presence of Jesus.**

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

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| <p> U-Haul® Dealer Since 2011 uhaul.com Ken Mitchell Mitchell's Carquest Auto Parts 688 South Main Street Mansfield, PA 16933 Business: (570) 662-2534 www.mitchellcarquest.com </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, 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, Gloria Fermenic, Alice Kohut, John Bowe, Kathy Wheeler, Phyliss Davis, Sammi Swinnich, Raymond Butler, Michael Joseph Harris, Maggie Stirnaman, Jane Johnson, Maureen Bailey, George Hill, Kami Maloof, Don Gordon, B.J. Butler, Christopher Moore, Jasmine Gordon, Kassie Nowak.

 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.