

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
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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

The Transfiguration of the Lord August 6, 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 _____



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 8/7	No Mass	
Tuesday 8/8	12:10pm	In Memory of Helene Carpenter (Tascione Family)
Wednesday 8/9	12:10pm	In Memory of Wilhelmine Reardon (Family)
Thursday 8/10	12:10pm	In Memory of James & Martha Hopkins (Mickey Romania)
Friday 8/11	12:10pm	In Memory of Anna Beuter (Family)
Saturday 8/12	5:00pm Mass is livestreamed	Living and Deceased Members of St. Peter's Parish
Sunday 8/13	8:30am	In Memory of Eugene & Mary Pondo (Richard & Kate Black)

The Sanctuary Candle is offered in Memory of Anna Beuter (Ann Marie Beuter)

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.

Happening This Week

Tuesday, August 8th

Adoration – 1:00pm – 6:00pm; Church

Wednesday, August 9th

Rummage Sale Committee Meeting – 10:00am; Parish Center

Saturday, August 12th

Knights of Columbus Landscaping Project – 9:00am – 12:00pm; Church Grounds

Coffee Social – following the 5:00pm Mass; Parish 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.

Stewardship

Sunday Collection for July 30, 2023: \$3,440.00

Upon review of the stewardship numbers for the new fiscal year beginning in July, a discrepancy in bookkeeping was discovered. A correction of the year to date variance will be available soon in an upcoming bulletin.

Going forward, stewardship numbers will be reviewed on a monthly basis to ensure accuracy.

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

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.

"Let us not waste time and freedom on trivial things, pastimes that leave us empty inside, while life offers us each day the precious pearl of the encounter with God and with others!"

- Pope Francis

Liturgical Reflection ~ The Transfiguration of the Lord

FIRST READING: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

The First Reading gives a sublime description of heaven, with symbolic mysterious language. God takes his seat amidst throngs of angels. It is both throne room and court of law, and into it comes a man, who is presented to God and given the kingship. For Christians, the “one like a Son of man” is Christ.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 97

We respond to the vision of the First Reading by proclaiming the Lord as king over the earth. God is described as swelling amid “clouds and darkness” as at Mount Sinai. In the Gospel, Christ is surrounded by a “bright cloud” (Matthew 17:5).

SECOND READING: 2 Peter 1:16-19

In this passage we hear a firsthand account of today’s feast. Peter himself describes what he saw and heard on the mount of Transfiguration. He saw the glory of Jesus, the Father’s Son, and he heard the familiar words: “This is my Son, my beloved.” These words are a truth to cling to when we find ourselves in difficulty: they are like a light shining in darkness, a glimpse of the Transfiguration.

GOSPEL: Matthew 17:1-9



In all the synoptic accounts of the Gospel, the story of the Transfiguration comes after Jesus tells the disciples about his approaching Crucifixion. Jesus takes Peter, James, and John with him, and these three become witnesses of Jesus in his heavenly glory. Before their eyes he is changed: he is still Jesus, but his face and clothing grow bright. The light shines not from without, but from within him. Moses and Elijah appear – the Law and

the Prophets of the Old Testament – and God’s voice is heard, telling them who Jesus is and reminding them to listen to him. The disciples behold, but do not yet understand. Only after Jesus’ Crucifixion and Resurrection will they understand what they have seen: Jesus is fully human fully God.

About This Day

The Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord reminds us about the depth and mystery that surrounded Jesus – mystery in the sense that we can never exhaust who he really is or categorize him in any way. Fully human, he may indeed have needed a place to camp on the mountain, like Peter asked. But just when the Apostles may have been getting really comfortable with their understanding of Jesus as friend and teacher, they catch a glimpse of his heavenly glory, challenging them to remain open to Christ communicating to them who he is as Son of God. We have moments like the Apostles each time we encounter a new and challenging image of God in the Scriptures. Remaining humble and open to the revelatory action of God’s Word and Spirit is a way to enter ever more deeply into the mystery of who God is for us in Jesus Christ.

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!

Saturday, August 12th – Hosted by the Dinner Committee
Sunday, August 20th – Hosted by the Sunday Music Ministry
Saturday, August 26th and Sunday, August 27th – Hosted by ChristLife



Church Landscaping Project

Volunteers Needed

The Knights of Columbus, Immaculate Conception Council, will be conducting a work detail at St. Peter's Church on **Saturday, August 12th from 9:00am until 12:00pm.** Stone and mulch have been purchased to beautify the grounds of the church. We will be moving most of the material with a tractor bucket, but if you have a shovel, wheelbarrow, or rake please bring it along. A hot dog lunch and refreshments will be available. We will meet at the church, and this is open to all parish members who would like to contribute their time to help us with this parish project.

Please contact Mike Buono at 717/320-2305 or mbuono80@yahoo.com with any questions. Thank you for lending a hand with this task!



Thank you to everyone who selected a tag from the giving tree in support of the **Back to School Project** sponsored by the Social Concerns Committee. All donated items should be placed in a plastic bag with the tag attached and returned to the box next to the giving tree by **Sunday, August 13th.**

If you have any questions, please contact BJ Butler at 570/724-2222.

Thank you for your generosity!

Vacation Bible School 2023

Thank you to everyone who generously donated snacks and helped in any way to make this year's Vacation Bible School a fun, faith filled experience for the children who attended. Students in pre-k through 5th grade spent time together last week learning to love God and their neighbor through Bible lessons, stories, games, and crafts.

A special thank you to the following people who volunteered their time at this event: Steve Tokarz, Jen Minnich, Maureen Poirier, Mallory Hamm, Jen Sporer, and student volunteers: Ben DeWitt, Shaina Harrison, Jude Mann, Stephen Poirier, Jack Sensenig, Ryleigh Sporer, Wyatt Sporer, Luke Szentesy, Anna Tokarz, and Stephen Tokarz.



Temporary Parking Restriction Notice



Due to delivery of landscaping materials, parking spots on the south side of the church next to the concrete wall will be temporarily closed on Thursday, August 10th and Friday, August 11th.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Marian Ministries Upcoming Events

Mt. Saviour Monastery, Day of Reflection

Saturday, September 23rd, 9:00am-4:00pm

Mt. Saviour Monastery, located in Pine City, New York, is a lovely, peaceful place to connect with God - and it's close to home! All parishioners are invited to a Day of Reflection at Mt. Saviour, beginning with Mass at 9:00am. One of the monks will address the group after Mass, followed by a presentation by Theresa Delmotte on "Angels" and their role in our daily lives. The group will join the Benedictine community for prayer at Noon (Sext) and again at 3:00pm for "None." Contact Linda Sampson (570-404-2180) if you are interested and watch the bulletin for more details. For more information about Mt. Saviour, visit their website at www.msaviour.org.



Day of Reflection, St. Peter's Church

Sunday, October 8th, 2:00pm-6:00pm



Mark your calendars now for an inspiring afternoon of prayer and reflection at St. Peter's Church. This year, we will welcome Mary Clare Hallman, our Diocesan Secretary for Parish Life, as guest speaker. Mary served for eight years as the Director of Evangelization in the Diocese of Syracuse. She worked closely with clergy and lay leaders to form relationships and build trust in an effort to create vibrant parishes and form disciples of Jesus Christ.

Mary is a passionate speaker and evangelist, as well as a veteran of the ChristLife program. The afternoon will include Mary's presentation, Eucharistic Adoration, Evening Prayer, and a buffet dinner. Watch the bulletin for more details, coming soon!

August

The Month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

The month of August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary takes place on the day after the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, usually in June, but in this month when we celebrate Mary's Assumption (August 15th) and her Coronation or Queenship (August 22nd), we also give honor to her Immaculate Heart. There are many prayers to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Here is one short enough to memorize and pray every day during this special month:

O Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary, obtain for me from Jesus a pure and humble heart.



NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Revival**

At their November 2021 General Assembly, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops voted to move forward with plans for a National Eucharistic Revival to renew the Church by enkindling a living relationship with Jesus Christ

in the Holy Eucharist. The multi-year Eucharistic Revival culminates with the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis, July 17-21, 2024.


Resources, including the document issued by the USCCB concerning the Revival, *The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church*, can be found at Eucharisticrevival.org.

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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, 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, Lucille Keck, 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, Sr. Sally Villa, SSJ.

 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.