

St. Peter's Church



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph December 31, 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 _____

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

The Feast of the Holy Family

The feast celebrates the human family unit, as well as the ultimate family unit; Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. The feast, not a solemnity, is usually celebrated on the Sunday after Christmas and has been on the Church liturgical calendar for about one hundred years, often on different dates. It is a "devotional" or "idea" feast that was inaugurated by Holy Family associations. Everything we know about the Holy Family, which is not much, comes from the Gospel accounts read over the three years. It celebrates the unity and love so evident in the family of Joseph, Mary, and Jesus.

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 – Jen Minnich 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
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 1/1	12:10pm	In Memory of Jack Conway (Bialas Family)
Tuesday 1/2	No Mass	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px;"> No Daily Mass Father Jacek is away </div>
Wednesday 1/3	No Mass	
Thursday 1/4	No Mass	
Friday 1/5	12:10pm	
Saturday 1/6	5:00pm <small>Mass is livestreamed</small>	In Memory of Paul Beuter, Jr. (Ann Marie Beuter)
Sunday 1/7	8:30am	Living and Deceased Members of St. Peter's Parish

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, December 31st
 No Religious Education Classes

Monday, January 1st
 Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, January 2nd
 Women's Bible Study – 10:00am; Adult Ed Room
 Adoration – 1:00pm – 6:00pm; Church

Wednesday, January 3rd
 Following Christ – 6:30pm; Parish Center

Sunday, January 7th
 Religious Education Classes
 8:30am pre-school; 9:30am K-12
 Confirmation Parent Meeting – 9:30am; Church
 Super Bingo – Knoxville Community Ctr;
 12:00pm

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 December 24, 2023: \$8,928.55
 Weekly Goal to Meet Expenses: \$6,100.00
 Difference: \$2,828.55
 Year to Date Budget Variance: \$7,672.20

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

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.

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.

Parish Directory

Extra copies of the new parish directory are available on a first come, first served basis. If you would like a copy, please contact the parish office at 570/724-3371.

2023 Year End Donations

2023 financial statements will be prepared upon request. **All donations must be received by December 31st to be included on your 2023 statement.** To request your statement, please call the parish office or write *send statement* on your weekly offering envelope.

Saint John Neumann – Feast Day, January 5th

John Neumann was born in the Czech Republic on March 28th, 1811. Zealous for the missionary life and to lead souls to Christ, he decided to leave his homeland to dedicate himself to the European immigrants in America, who were deprived of spiritual support. Neumann was ordained a priest, by the bishop of New York in 1836, and gave himself to the pastoral care of people in the vast area around Niagara Falls.

In 1852, at the age of 41, he was named bishop of Philadelphia. At this time, the Diocese of Scranton was not yet established, and Wellsboro was the responsibility of Bishop Neumann. He made it his mission to visit every town in his See, even though the trips were long and difficult. His visit to Wellsboro is recorded in his travel log from 1858, where he writes that on June 17, 1858, he Confirmed two in the home of William Carroll and 40-50 in the home of Jacob Stickley.

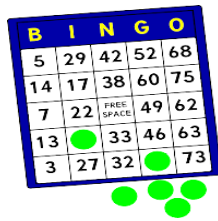
It is a proud part of St. Peter's Parish history to know that our faith community began with Confirmation administered by a man who later became the second American saint of the Roman Catholic Church.



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.

SUPER BINGO!



Sunday, January 7th

Knoxville Community Center

\$30.00

Doors open at 10:30am / Bingo starts at 12:00pm



CHRISTLIFE™

ChristLife participants will resume their journey together with **Following Christ** on **Wednesdays, January 3rd through February 14th at 6:30pm** in the Parish Center.

All those who have completed *Discovering Christ '23* are already enrolled. Any parishioner who completed *Discovering Christ* in previous years and would like to reengage with this 2nd installment in the *ChristLife* series is welcome! Call or email Norb Josten to register (contact information can be found on the front page of the bulleting, under parish contact listings).



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Confirmation Class News - There will be a parent meeting on the following dates to discuss the Sacrament of Confirmation:

Sunday, January 7th after Mass at 9:30am in the church

Sunday, January 14th after Mass at 9:30am in the church

Parents/guardians of 7th and 8th grade students who are preparing for Confirmation are asked to attend one of these meetings. Evening Confirmation classes will begin on **Sunday, January 21st** from 6:00pm – 7:30pm in the Parish Center.

Epiphany Celebration

Marian Ministries invites you to join the “wise men” and journey to the City of David (St. Mary’s Church) on Saturday, January 6, 2024 after First Saturday Mass and Adoration. Come by camel or car and be prepared to receive a gift from God...and lunch!

If you can not join us for Mass and Adoration, the Epiphany Celebration will begin around 11:00am. We will start upstairs and proceed downstairs to the manger. Please join us!

RSVP to Laurie by calling 570/549-2210, by text at 703/470-2975, or email laurie.coffee@gmail.com. Or contact Linda Sampson at 570/404-2180 so we can prepare for lunch.


2024 Calendars are Here

The 2024 Catholic Family Calendars have arrived and can be found at each entrance to the church.

A very special thank you to **Tussey-Mosher Funeral Home** for their full sponsorship of these beautiful calendars.



St. Peter's & St. Thomas Parishes Activity Calendar – January 2024


SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Solemnity of Mary Mass – 12:10pm Mass – 6:00pm St. Thomas St. Peter's Office Closed	2 Ss. Basil and Gregory No Mass Adoration – 1:00pm – 6:00pm Women's Bible Study - 10:00am AA-6:00pm / AI-Anon- 7:00pm	3 Most Holy Name of No Mass Following Christ – 6:30pm	4 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton No Mass	5 St. John Neumann Mass – 12:10pm Confessions - 11:45am St. Peter's Office Closed	6 St. Andre Bessette Mass - 5:00pm Confessions - 4:30pm
7 Epiphany of the Lord Mass – 8:30am Mass – 11:30am St. Thomas Mass – 4:00pm St. Catherine Religious Ed.–Pre-K 8:30am; K-12 th 9:30am - 10:40am Confirmation Parent Mtg – 9:30am Bingo – 12:00pm/doors open at 10:00am; Knoxville Comm. Ctr.	8 Baptism of the Lord No Mass	9 Mass – 12:10pm Adoration – 1:00pm-6:00pm Women's Bible Study- 10:00am AI-Anon – 7:00pm / AA – 8:00pm	10 Mass – 12:10pm Confessions - 11:45am Following Christ – 6:30pm	11 Mass – 12:10pm Confessions - 11:45am	12 Mass – 12:10pm Confessions - 11:45am St. Peter's Office Closed	13 St. Hilary Mass - 5:00pm Confessions - 4:30pm First Penance – 10:00am
14 2nd Sunday Ordinary Time Mass – 8:30am Mass – 11:30am St. Thomas Mass – 1:00pm St. Catherine Religious Ed.–Pre-K 8:30am; K-12 th 9:30 -10:40am Confirmation Parent Mtg – 9:30am	15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day No Mass Parish Offices Closed	16 Mass – 12:10pm Adoration – 1:00pm – 6:00pm Women's Bible Study – 10:00am AI-Anon – 7:00pm / AA – 8:00pm	17 St. Anthony Mass – 12:10pm Confessions - 11:45am Following Christ – 6:30pm	18 Mass – 12:10pm Confessions - 11:45am	19 Mass – 12:10pm Confessions - 11:45am St. Peter's Office Closed	20 St. Fabian Mass - 5:00pm Confessions - 4:30pm
21 3rd Sunday Ordinary Time Mass – 8:30am Mass – 11:30am St. Thomas Mass – 1:00pm St. Catherine Religious Ed.–Pre-K 8:30am; K-12 th 9:30 -10:40am Confirmation Class – 6:00pm	22 No Mass Knights of Columbus Mtg – 7:00pm	23 St. Vincent Mass 12:10pm Adoration – 1:00pm – 6:00pm Women's Bible Study – 10:00am AI-Anon- 7:00pm / AA – 8:00pm	24 St. Francis de Sales Mass – 12:10pm Confessions – 11:45am Following Christ – 6:30pm	25 Conversion of St. Paul Mass – 12:10pm Confessions – 11:45	26 Ss. Timothy and Titus Mass – 12:10pm Confessions – 11:45am St. Peter's Office Closed	27 St. Angela Merici Mass - 5:00pm Confessions - 4:30pm
28 4th Sunday Ordinary Time Mass – 8:30am Mass – 11:30am St. Thomas Mass – 1:00pm St. Catherine Religious Ed.–Pre-K 8:30am; K-12 th 9:30 -10:40am First Holy Communion Parent Mtg – 9:30am	29 No Mass	30 Mass – 12:10pm Adoration – 1:00pm - 6:00pm Women's Bible Study – 10:00am AI-Anon – 7:00pm / AA – 8:00pm	31 St. John Bosco Mass – 12:10pm Confessions 11:45am Following Christ – 6:30pm			

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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, Clark Hewitt, 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, 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, George Hill, Kami Maloof, Don Gordon, Christopher Moore, Jasmine Gordon, Kassie Nowak, Sr. Sally Villa; SSI, Bill Cizek, Carter Benjamin.

 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.