St. Peter's Church



6th Sunday in Ordinary Time February 11, 2024

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 -12^{th} grade. Classes begin in September and conclude in May. Pre-K (ages 3-5) is held during the 8:30am Mass. K- 12^{th} 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- 4^{th}) 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 | | |
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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 – 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-12:10pm; Saturday: 4:30-5:00pm; or by appointment

World Marriage Day - Sunday, February 11th

A Prayer for Married Couples

Almighty and eternal God,

You blessed the union of married couples so that they might reflect the union of Christ with his Church; look with kindness on them. Renew their marriage covenant, increase your love in them, and strengthen their bond of peace so that, with their children, they may always rejoice in the gift of your blessing. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

foryourmarriage.org

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 – Steve Tokarz – 570/404-0693 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

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

| Date | Time | Mass Intention |
|----------------|--------------------------------|---|
| Monday 2/12 | No Mass | |
| Tuesday 2/13 | 12:10pm | In Memory of Dr. Richard Black (Dy Family) |
| Wednesday 2/14 | 12:10pm 6:00pm | In Memory of Bialis & Crawford Families (Family) In Memory of Maryanne Cunningham (Ostapowicz Family) |
| Thursday 2/15 | No Mass | Fr. Jacek will be out-of-town for a funeral |
| Friday 2/16 | 6:00pm | In Memory of Ted Sykora (Don & Lucy Whitney) |
| Saturday 2/17 | 5:00pm Mass is livestreamed | In Memory of Walter & Marie Tobaygo (Robert Tobaygo, Jr.) |
| Sunday 2/18 | 8:30am | Living and Deceased Members of St. Peter's Parish |
| Sullday 2/18 | o.suam | Living and Deceased Members of St. Feter's Falish |

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.

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 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.

Happening This Week

Sunday, February 11th

Religious Education Classes 8:30am pre-school; 9:30am K-12

Monday, February 12th

Following Christ – 6:30pm; Parish Center

Tuesday, February 13th

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

Wednesday, February 14th

Ash Wednesday

Friday, February 16th

Children's Stations of the Cross – 3:00pm Stations of the Cross – Following 6:00pm Mass

Sunday, February 18th

Religious Education Classes 8:30am pre-school; 9:30am K-12 Alter Server Training During Rel Ed. Classes Confirmations Class – 6:00pm; Parish Center

Stewardship

Sunday Collection for February 4, 2024: \$6,952.00 Weekly Goal to Meet Expenses: \$6,100.00

Difference: \$852.00

Year to Date Budget Variance: \$14,150.84

Diocesan: Care & Education of Priests: \$2,708.00

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.

Lenten Reminders

Ash Wednesday

The reception of ashes is not mandatory or required. Parishioners should be remineded that it is their own internal disposition and intention to repent and start over that is the best fruit of Ash Wednesday, and the ashes are an external sign of that internal reality. Individuals may enter into Lent with a repentant heart even if they decide that receiving ashes is not the right thing for them this year.

Days of Fast and Abstinence

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. All Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence. All Catholics, 18-59 years of age, are bound by Church law to fast, which means only one large meal and two smaller meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's needs, but together should not equal another full meal, unless dispensed or excused. Catholics 14 years of age and older are required to abstain, which means no meat may be eaten.

Easter Duty

All parishioners are reminded of their obligation to fulfill their Easter Duty. A person's Easter Duty consists of receiving Holy Communion at least once between Ash Wednesday and Pentecost Sunday as well as going to the Sacrament of Reconciliation to confess any mortal sins.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be held in the church every Friday during Lent, following the 6:00pm Mass. All parishioners are encouraged to attend Stations of the Cross during the Lenten season.



Children's Stations of the Cross will also be held every Friday during Lent. Students are invited to the Parish Center after school at 3:00pm for a light snack before Stations begin in the church at 3:30pm. Please have children enter through the Parish Center doors. Students can be picked up at 4:00pm and parents are also welcome to attend.



Mass Times

12:10pm - St. Peter's 3:00pm - St. Thomas 6:00pm - St. Peter's

Pick Your Penance

After the weekend Masses during Lent, parishioners will have an opportunity to "pick your penance", which is a prayer or act of kindness that can be performed during Lent. A new penance may be picked each week. Penances will be available for both adults and children.

Would you like to help distribute the penances this Lent? We are looking for volunteers to hold the baskets of penances and offer them to parishioners immediately after each weekend Mass. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Kim Piller at kimp806@gmail.com.



As we begin this season of Lenten preparation, each of us is invited to reflect on those choices which will bring about the new life we celebrate in Easter. For this reason, the Church invites us to experience Lent as a time for deepened prayer, personal sacrifice, and self-giving – all so that we can be raised to new life in Christ! The Church encourages us to make confession a regular part of our spiritual life, especially during the holy season of Lent, as we reflect on our baptism and repentance.

On Mondays during Lent beginning February 26th, there will be Mass at 5:30pm at St. Peter's followed by confessions.



CONGRATULATIONS to Jen and Eli Cochran, winners of St. Peter's raffle and the 65" LG UHD TV!

Thank you to everyone who participated.



What is a Holy Hour?

A Holy Hour is a period of time, usually an hour, spent in prayer before our Lord Jesus Christ present to us sacramentally in the Eucharist. This involves silent personal prayer, meditation, reading from Scripture, hymns, spoken prayers and litanies, and can even involve popular devotions such as recitation of the Rosary or the Divine Mercy Chaplet. As Catholic Christians, there are many different ways to pray, and a Holy Hour is a great time to be in the very presence of Jesus and to pray in whatever manner is most fruitful for our spirituality.





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-HourChild 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.

St. Peter's TV Raffle Financial Report

Total Collected: \$1,960.00

191 tickets sold: \$1,910.00 Donations: \$50.00

Expenses: \$702.95

TV: \$399.00 Raffle tickets: \$39.95 Postage: \$264.00

Total Profit: \$1,257.05



Knights of Columbus

There will be a Third Degree Exemplification at St. Peter's Church on Saturday, February 17th at 1:00pm. We currently have three Candidates to receive the First through Third Degrees.

Upcoming Marian Ministries Events



Restore Book Study

Ash Wednesday-Easter

There's still time to register for this online Book Study. Contact Linda Sampson @ 570-404-2180 or email mainteries@outlook.com A stipend of \$10 is suggested to assist with the cost of the books. Drop your donation in the collection basket. To receive a copy of the book, contact Linda Sampson (570-404-2180) or Chris Troncone (570-404-7278.) *Those who have received the books can leave their stipends at Holy Child or St. Peter's rectory.

"A Morning Mary Pilgrimage" with Christine DiNova

Tuesday, May 7th, 2024, 9am-3pm

Notre Dame Retreat Center, Canandaigua

Participants will form a carpool for this event. The cost is \$35, which includes lunch. Watch the bulletin for more information.

Women's Brunch

Saturday, May 18th

St. Peter's Parish Center

We have an amazing guest speaker and so much more in store for this event. Mark your calendars, invite a friend, and stay tuned.

Paint & Pray

Saturday, April 27th

Holy Child Parish Center (Details coming soon.)

Women's Conference

Saturday, June 8th, 2024

Marywood College, Scranton

Marian Ministries will be represented at this year's conference! The team is busy preparing items to sell and share at our vendor's table.
The annual Women's Conference is always a powerful, inspiring event, so mark your calendars now. We will arrange a carpool for those who plan to attend.

Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

Saturday, June 29th, 2024

* Please see the separate bulletin announcement for details about this amazing pilgrimage. Make your reservations soon as this is a multi-parish excursion.

Mt. Saviour Retreat

Saturday, September 21, 2024

9am-3pm

Back by popular demand, participants will welcome the first weekend of Fall at the beautiful Mt. Saviour Monastery.

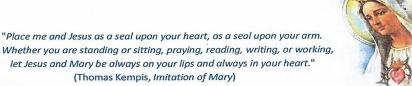
Living Rosary Celebration

Saturday, October 5, 2024

St. Mary's Church, Blossburg

Advent Book Study

December 1-24, 2024





Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception Saturday, June 29th, 2024

Departure Time: 5am St. Peter's Catholic Church

Arrival at Basilica: 10:30am

Rosary: 11:30am

Departure for Home: 6:30pm

Cost: \$50/person plus lunch and supper; snacks will be provided.

Pick-Up Stops:

5:10am - CVS Plaza, Mansfield, PA

5:20am - Blossburg Park N Ride, Blossburg, PA **6am** - Burger King 50 Maynard St., Williamsport, PA

Comfort/Breakfast Stop: McDonald's in Dillsburg

Dinner Stop: Chic-fil-A in Germantown, MD

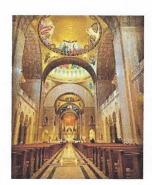
Daily Mass: 12:10pm

Confessions: 9am-Noon; 3pm-5 pm

Tours: 1pm and 3pm.

Vigil Mass: 4:30pm





About the Basilica:

The **Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception** is a large minor Catholic basilica and national shrine in the United States in Washington, D.C., located at 400 Michigan Avenue Northeast, adjacent to Catholic University.

The shrine is the largest Catholic church building in North America, and one of the largest in the world; the basilica is also the tallest habitable building in Washington, D.C. Its construction of Byzantine Revival and Romanesque Revival architecture began on September 23, 1920, with renowned contractor John McShain and was completed on December 8, 2017, with the dedication and solemn blessing of the *Trinity Dome* mosaic.

The basilica is the national and patronal Catholic church of the United States, honoring the Immaculate Conception as Patroness, accorded by Pope Pius IX on February 7, 1847. Pope Pius XI donated a mosaic rendition of the image in 1923. The shrine has merited several papal visits. More information at https://www.nationalshrine.org/rectors-welcome/

Plenary Indulgence:

"For the faithful who are able to devoutly visit the Basilica of the Nation Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on the Solemnity of the Saints Peter and Paul and who, while within this church, participate in any sacred rite or at least recite the Lord's Prayer and the Profession of Faith may obtain a plenary indulgence under the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic Communion, and offer a prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father) (Domus Ecclesiae, 9 November 1989)

Reservations will be taken on a first-come, first-serve basis. Payment should accompany registrations. Return using the collection basket at St. Peter's Church or mail to **St. Peter's Rectory, 47 Central Avenue, Wellsboro, PA 16901.** Make checks payable to St. Peter's Church. **For more information, contact Terrie Thomas at (570) 418-3881.**

| Name | Cell Phone Number | |
|-----------------|------------------------------|--|
| Pickup Location | Emergency Contact & Phone #: | |
| Allergies: | Email Address: | |

Saint Peter Parish

Pastor: Rev. Jacek J. Bialkowski

Williamsport Deanery

- -Holy Child, Mansfield
- -Immaculate Conception BVM, Bastress
- -Our Lady of Lourdes, Montoursville
- -Resurrection, Muncy
- -Saint Ann, Williamsport
- -Saint Boniface, Williamsport
- -Saint Joseph the Worker, Williamsport
- -Saint Lawrence, South Williamsport
- -Saint Luke, Jersey Shore
- -Saint Peter, Wellsboro
- -Saint Thomas the Apostle, Elkland

PARISH DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

| | 2023 | 2022 | 2021 | 2020 | 2019 |
|---------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Number of Households | 387 | 389 | 396 | 412 | 422 |
| Number of Parishioners | 809 | 816 | 846 | 879 | 911 |
| Total Number of Weekend Masses | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Total Average Weekend Mass Attendance | 251 | 265 | 291 | 132 | 397 |

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

| | 2023 | 2022 | <u>2021</u> | <u>2020</u> | <u>2019</u> |
|-----------------------|------|------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Baptisms | 2 | 4 | 9 | 4 | 12 |
| First Holy Communions | 8 | 6 | 19 | 1 | 1 |
| Confirmations | 6 | 4 | 16 | 1 | 6 |
| RCIA/Baptism | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| RCIA/Full Communion | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 1 |
| Marriages | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 2 |
| Funerals | 15 | 17 | 15 | 13 | 12 |

FAITH FORMATION PARTICIPATION

| | <u>2023</u> | <u>2022</u> | 2021 | 2020 | 2019 |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|------|------|------|
| Religious Education K-8 | 69 | 72 | 71 | 72 | 87 |
| Religious Education 9-12 | 7 | 6 | 31 | 0 | 44 |
| Catholic School Students | 0 | 0 | 0 | - | |
| Adult Faith Formation | 220 | 40 | 0 | 0 | 50 |

*All data in this report has been supplied to the Diocese by your Parish. 2023 data is from July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023.



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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:

"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."

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, Everett Dean Brown, 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, 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, Gloria Fermenic, Alice Kohut, John Bowe, Kathy Wheeler, Phyliss Davis, Raymond Butler, Michael Joseph Harris, Maggie Stirnaman, Jane Johnson, George Hill, Kami Maloof, Don Gordon, Christopher Moore, Kassie Nowak, Sr. Sally Villa; SSJ, Bill Cizek, Carter Benjamin, Stephen Farrell, Elexxa Germino

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.