

St. Peter's Church



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–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, 4:20-4:50pm; or by appointment

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time February 12, 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 _____

World Marriage Day - Sunday, February 12

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 – 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 – 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

Date	Time	Mass Intention
Monday 2/13	No Mass	
Tuesday 2/14	12:10pm	The Sattler Richter Family (Joan Sattler)
Wednesday 2/15	12:10pm	In Memory of Jan Gubala (Ann Marie Beuter)
Thursday 2/16	12:10pm	In Memory of Barbara Walters Ehrhart (Don and Lucy Whitney)
Friday 2/17	12:10pm	In Memory of Ted Sykora (Don and Lucy Whitney)
Saturday 2/18	5:00pm Mass is livestreamed	All Living and Deceased Members of St. Peter's Parish
Sunday 2/19	8:30am	In Memory of Wayne Singer (Sue Singer)

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.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

For the safety of our parishioners, if the local school are **closed**, there will be **no daily Mass or Adoration**. The Church will remain open for private prayer using the parking lot side entrance.

Happening This Week

Sunday, February 12th

Religious Education Classes -
 8:30am pre-school; 9:30am K-12
 Social Concerns Valentine's Dinner Prep & Delivery -
 10:30am - 12:00pm; Parish Kitchen
 Knights of Columbus Charity Unity Fraternity Ceremony -
 Practice at 3:00pm; Ceremony at 4:00pm; Church
 Exodus 90 - 4:00pm; Music Room

Tuesday, February 14th

Polish Dinner Prep - 9:00am; Parish Kitchen
 Women's Bible Study - 10:00am; Adult Ed. Room
 Adoration - 1:00pm - 6:00pm; Church
 Knights of Columbus February Mtg. - 6:00pm; St. Thomas

Wednesday, February 15th

Polish Dinner Prep - 9:00am; Parish Kitchen
 Following Christ - 6:30pm; Parish Center

Thursday, February 16th

Marian Ministries Meeting - 5:00pm; Samaritan House

Friday, February 17th

Polish Dinner Prep - 11:00am; Cooks/Kitchen Crew,
 3:30pm; Packers, 4:00pm; Cash Crew/Runners,
 5:00pm; Clean Up Crew
 Polish Dinner - 4:30pm

Sunday, February 19th

Religious Education Classes -
 8:30am pre-school; 9:30am K-12
 Exodus 90 - 4:00pm; Adult Ed. Room
 Confirmation Prep Class - 6:00pm

Stewardship

Sunday Collection for February 5, 2023: \$6,992.00
 Weekly Goal to Meet Expenses: \$6,100.00
 Difference: \$892.00
 Year to Date Budget Variance -\$205.09

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

Liturgical Reflection ~ 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING: Sirach 15:15-20

The Book of Sirach is a collection of wise sayings that help humans order their life and make right choices. These sayings have been handed on within the community. Sirach offers a series of choices, starting with the fundamental choice to keep the commandments of God. Three others follow: fire and water, life, and death, good and evil. Each represents a total opposite of the other. The wise person chooses the positive option, the one that gives life.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 119

The first verse is an affirmation of blessing that comes to those who live a blameless life. People can choose to live according to the law of the Lord or not; a theme that echoes the wisdom teaching in the First Reading. Those who observe the law of the Lord are blessed and wise. The remaining verses address God in a form of petition. The psalmist believes that faithful persons need the grace of the Lord in order to make right choices. Only the Lord can instruct the faithful; only the Lord can help to discern the depths of the law.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

The notion of wisdom connects this reading with the reading from Sirach and the psalm. Paul speaks of the wisdom of God which has been hidden from all time and which will be revealed in the time to come, the end of time. The wisdom is not available to rulers of this age, or they would not have crucified “the Lord of glory.” However, this wisdom has been made available through God’s son and in turn to those who believe and accept him. Paul’s quote from Isaiah (64:4) underlines the way of wisdom; it is the love of God.

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:17-37

In this lengthy passage from chapter five, Jesus replies to those who have accused him of doing away with the tradition of the law and the prophets. He states that he intends to fulfill the law. His words are emphatic and he employs a repeating technique to make his point by using the phrase, “You have heard that it was said... But I say to you.” Using four examples from Mosaic Law he offers an interpretation that goes beyond the mere letter of the law. He wants his listeners to live the law from their hearts, not just from external obligation.

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.

2023 Men’s Lenten Retreat – “Son of the Father”

A Lenten Retreat sponsored by **Be A Catholic Man** is scheduled for the weekend of Friday, March 31 – Saturday, April 1, at Holy Transfiguration Retreat Center in Dalton, PA. The Retreat theme is “Son of the Father”. Monsignor John A. Esseff will be speaking on “True Fatherhood” and additional speakers are being finalized. The cost is \$75 per person and includes an overnight and two meals.

For a schedule of events, a list of speakers and to register, please visit BeACatholicMan.com. This is a great way to begin Holy Week so please consider joining us.

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Polish Dinner

Friday, February 17th, 2023
4:30pm – 6:30pm or until sold out
No early sales

Take Out Only - \$15 per meal

Pierogi Kielbasa Halupki
Sauerkraut Brownie

In order for this event to be a success, we need volunteers to work during and after the dinner.
 Donations of some food items are also needed.
 Look for the sign-up sheets on the table at the back of the church to volunteer.



National Marriage Week
 Every Feb 7-14

The observances of **National Marriage Week** (Feb. 7-14) and World Marriage Day (Sunday, Feb. 12) are an opportunity to focus on building a culture of life and love that begins with supporting and promoting marriage and the family.

This year's theme, "**Marriage...one flesh, given and received**" highlights the one-flesh union of husband and wife that is willed by God.

It also indicates the personal self-gift of each spouse, one to the other. These concepts point to Christ who gives Himself under the appearance of bread and wine—as real flesh and blood.

Visit dioceseofscranton.org/national-marriage-week for resources to build up your marriage all year long

SUPER
 ALL PAPER
Sunday



PAYOUTS	
100 OR LESS PLAYERS	\$2,000
120 OR LESS PLAYERS	\$2,500
121 PLUS PLAYERS	\$3,000

February 19, 2023
Knoxville Community Center
 Main Street, Knoxville, PA

\$30.00 Purchase at the Door

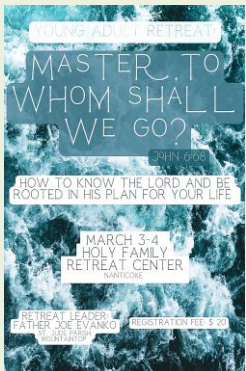
Doors will open at 10:30 am
 Bingo starts at 12 pm (Noon)
 Kitchen will be Open

MYSTERY NUMBER WON last Bingo!

Benefit: St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Westfield/Ekland

Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule

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



Young Adult Retreat

The Diocesan Offices for Parish Life and Vocations is hosting a Young Adult Retreat Friday, March 3rd – Saturday, March 4th at Holy Family Spiritual Renewal Center in Nanticoke, PA. The retreat is open to young adults ages 18-35 and registration is \$20.

This year's theme is, *Master, to Whom Shall We Go? How to Know the Lord and Be Rooted in His Plan for Your Life*, and Father Joe Evanko will lead the retreat.

To register, please visit dioceseofscranton.org/parish-life-word/young-adult-ministry/young-adult-retreat.

"I remain close with all my heart to the people affected by the earthquake in Turkey and Syria. I continue to pray for those who have lost their lives, as well as the injured, family members, and rescuers. May our concrete aid sustain them in the midst of this appalling tragedy."

- Pope Francis

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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

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Number of Households	389	396	412	422	423
Number of Parishioners	816	846	879	911	902
Total Number of Masses	2	2	2	2	2
Total Average Weekend Mass Attendance	265	291	132	397	425

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Baptisms	4	9	4	12	10
First Holy Communions	6	19	1	1	9
Confirmations	4	16	1	6	5
RCIA/Baptism	1	0	0	0	2
RCIA/Full Communion	0	3	1	1	3
Marriages	1	2	3	2	1
Funerals	17	15	13	12	15

FAITH FORMATION PARTICIPATION

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Religious Education K-8	72	71	72	87	85
Religious Education 9-12	6	31	0	44	43
Catholic School Students	0	0	-	-	-
Adult Faith Formation	40	0	0	50	75

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<p> MITCHELL'S CARQUEST AUTO PARTS FAMILY OWNED SINCE 1950 kenneth@mitchellcarquest.com 688 South Main Street Mansfield, PA 16933 T 570.662.2277 F 570.662.1078  Kenneth Mitchell Owner</p>	<p> Stephen F. Tokarz • Artisan • Craftsman Specializing in Custom Wood Products 570-404-0693 Established in Tioga County, PA</p>	<p><i>"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."</i></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, Helene Carpenter, Clark Hewitt, 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, 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 Fermevic, Alice Kohut, John Bowe, Kathy Wheeler, Phyliss Davis, Tom Patt, Sammi Swinnich, Raymond Butler, Michael Joseph Harris, Maggie Stirnaman, Jane Johnson, Maureen Bailey, George Hill, Kami Maloof, Don Gordon, Midge Bialas, B.J. Butler.

 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.