

St. Peter's Church

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Rectory Office Hours

Monday through Wednesday, 8:00am–2:00pm
Thursday, 9:00am–1:00pm

Parish Staff

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Schedule of Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm (Livestreamed); Sunday 8:30am

Reconciliation

Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 11:45am-12:00pm;
Saturday, 4:30-4:45pm or by appointment



6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 13, 2022

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 after hours, please leave call our emergency number 570-439-2219. If no answer, please leave a message and Fr. Mosely 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 _____

February 13th is World Marriage Day

A day to celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage

World Marriage Day honors husband and wife as head of the family, the basic unit of society. It salutes the beauty of their faithfulness, sacrifice, and joy in daily, married life. The theme has been permanently adopted as "Love One Another." This phrase is the commandment given us by Jesus in John 14. It speaks to us in a simple but challenging way of how we are to live. Loving one another is a daily decision - simple, but challenging.



Parish Contact Listing

Women's Bible Study – Sue Singer 570-948-2184
Knights of Columbus – George Gamble 570-724-5216
Social Concerns – Karen Plumley 570-439-0175
Parish Rummage Sale – Pat Gorda 570-404-8918
Church Decorations – Sue Singer 570-948-2184
Buildings & Grounds – Rick Joachim 570-439-2591
Cemetery Committee – Howard Rutledge 570-724-4529
Fundraising Dinners – 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 – Rectory 570-724-3371
Worship Committee – Rectory 570-724-3371
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

Date	Time	Mass Intention
Monday 2/14	12:10pm	In Memory of Gavin Glimm (Joan Satler)
Tuesday 2/15	7:30am	There will be NO daily Mass Tuesday through Friday as Fr. Mosley will be away. Tuesday's Adoration will begin at 8:00am and close at 5:00pm.
Wednesday 2/16	12:10pm	
Thursday 2/17	No Mass	
Friday 2/18	12:10pm	
Saturday 2/19	5:00pm (Mass is livestreamed)	In Memory of Linda Cummings (Ostapowicz Family)
Sunday 2/20	8:30am (Mass is livestreamed)	For All Living and Deceased Members of St. Peter's Parish

The Sanctuary Candle is offered in Memory of Eileen Evert (Joe & Loretta Tascione)

Parish News and Activities

CHURCH HOURS/ADORATION

The church will be open for private prayer, Monday 11:30am–5:00pm (to allow for thorough cleaning from the weekend), Tuesday through Friday, from 8:00am–5:00pm. If the front doors are not open for entry, please use the door on the parking lot side of the church. Adoration will take place on Tuesday from 8:00am–6:00pm, with Benediction but no evening prayer. The church will also open on Saturday at 4:30pm & Sunday at 8:00am.

Stewardship

Sunday Collection for February 6, 2022: \$7,432.65
 Weekly Goal to Meet Expenses: \$6,100.00
 Difference: \$1,332.65
 Year-to-Date Budget Variance: (\$4,715.59)

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

2022 Mass Intentions Notice

At this time we have filled all of our available Mass intentions for 2022 and are no longer able to accept any new requests. Sanctuary candles are still available for many dates. Please call the rectory to reserve a candle. We are able to send Mass intentions to Villa Saint Joseph in Dunmore. The retired priests of the Diocese of Scranton will then celebrate the Mass for the intention. Please call the office for more information on this option.

UPDATED INFORMATION

Please let the rectory know whenever you make changes to your mailing address or telephone number or email. We know that many no longer use a landline. If you are one of those who has made that change, please let the rectory know so that our records can be as up to date as possible.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday, Feb. 13th – Religious Education Classes
 Tuesday, Feb. 15th – Women's Bible Study, 9:00am
 Sunday, Feb. 20th – Religious Education Classes

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

For the safety of our parishioners, if the local school are closed, there will be no daily Mass or Adoration. If the schools are delayed on a Tuesday, there will be no daily Mass or Adoration. If schools are delayed on a Monday, Wednesday, or Friday, there will be 12:10pm Mass. The Church will remain open for private prayer using the parking lot side entrance.

“We all have the right to be forgiven if we ask for forgiveness. It is a right that comes from the very nature of God and has been given as an inheritance to men. We have forgotten that someone who asks for forgiveness has the right to be forgiven. Some might say, ‘You’ve done something wrong, you have to pay for it.’ No! You have the right to be forgiven, and if you owe a debt to society, you can find a way to pay it, but with forgiveness.” Pope Francis

Liturgical Reflection ~ 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 17:5-8

Today's First Reading is the first of a small collection of wisdom sayings. This one is both a blessing and a curse. Ancient peoples understood that as a blessing was spoken, it was already bestowed on its intended recipient. The same was true of a curse. Today's presentation is that God blesses those who trust in him, while those who trust in their own strength will be frustrated and cursed. Jeremiah uses an image that was very popular at the time of the Babylonian exile, that those who trust in the Lord are like trees planted by running water. They will never wither or fade, for the Lord will bet their strength. Those who rely upon their own strength, however, are doomed as we are incomplete in ourselves and can only flourish when we learn to rely upon the love of the Lord. God is our refuge always and our only hope in times of trouble.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 1

The Responsorial Psalm continues the wisdom theme found in the First Reading and uses the same imagery found in the reading from Jeremiah. Those who trust in the Lord are said to be like planted near running water. The wicked, on the other hand, will dry up and be lost. Those who are good will not have anything to do with the wicked. If we want to follow God, we must make choices to separate ourselves from certain things.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

While everyone in this community acknowledged Jesus' death and resurrection, some deny the possibility of their own resurrection from the dead. They believed that only spiritual realities had any value. They could not understand why anyone would want to return to one's body after one's death. Paul reminds them that if they deny the resurrection of the dead, then they are also denying the resurrection of Jesus. This is the core of our faith. To deny this is to deny who we are and what we are to be. Let us join with Paul in celebrating this wondrous mystery that is also our destiny.

GOSPEL: Luke 6:17, 20-26

Today's gospel reading is the beginning of what is often called the Sermon on the Plain. Its counterpart is Matthew's Sermon on the Mount. As these titles suggest, there are differences and similarities between these gospel readings. When spoken from the mountaintop in Matthew's Gospel, we can't miss the impression that Jesus is speaking with the authority and voice of God. In Luke's account Jesus teaches on level ground, alongside the disciples and the crowd. Luke presents Jesus' authority in a different light. He is God among us. Another distinction found in Luke's version is the audience. Luke's Beatitudes sound more personal than those in Matthew's.



There is also a difference in number: Matthew describes eight beatitudes; Luke presents just four, each of which has a parallel warning, a 'woe.' The Beatitudes are often described as a framework for Christian living. Our vocation as Christians is not to be first in this world, but rather to be first in the eyes of God. We are challenged to examine our present situation in the context of our ultimate horizon, the Kingdom of God. This Gospel should give us pause to reflect on where we stand. Do we take up our calling to be true prophets or do we close ourselves to the word of God and, in effect, become false prophets?

The Diocese of Scranton strongly recommends that all parishioners wear a mask while attending Mass, regardless of vaccination status. As Catholics, we have a responsibility to protect our friends and neighbors and mask wearing remains an important mitigation tool against community spread.

"To caress an elderly person expresses the same hope as caressing a child, because the beginning of life and the end are always a mystery, a mystery that should be respected, accompanied, cared for, loved." Pope Francis

St. Peter's Church Polish Dinner

Friday, February 25, 2022
4:00 – 6:00pm

Take Out Only

Cost: \$10:00

- ❖ Homemade Pierogies
- ❖ Homemade Kielbasa
- ❖ Stuffed Cabbage
- ❖ Sauerkraut
- ❖ Applesauce
- ❖ Brownie

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REC ORY, SET, COOK!

PREMIERING FAT TUESDAY!

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NEW ALTAR SERVER



TRAINING

Open to all Youth who are at least in 4TH GRADE

Two Training Sessions

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH DURING RELIGIOUS ED

AND

SUNDAY, MARCH 6TH DURING RELIGIOUS ED

Training will take place in the CHURCH

Please call or email the religious ed office to register

(570) 724 – 9789 stpreled@ptd.net

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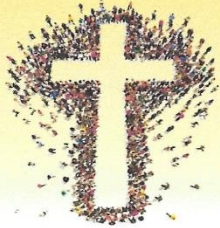
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BISHOP BAMBERA TO CELEBRATE MASS AT ST. PETER'S ON FEBRUARY 20th

As part of a pastoral visit to Tioga County, Bishop Bambera will be the celebrant at the 8:30am Mass on February 20, 2022.

All are welcome to attend and greet the Bishop following the Mass. We will livestream this Mass for those unable to attend in person.





VISION 2030

Creating Parish Communities Rooted in the Life of Jesus Christ

Parishes are meant to foster lives of holiness and discipleship among all their people. The following are some examples of societal changes that have impacted the number of parishioners who actively support the mission of the Church:

CHANGING DEMOGRAPHICS

Many of the most faithful Mass-going parishioners continue to get older and while some young people are moving out of the area for employment, others are not actively attending Mass and practicing religious beliefs. In many parishes, the number of funerals far outpace the number of Baptisms taking place.

GENERATIONAL DIFFERENCES

According to the Pew Research Center, individuals who profess no religious affiliation, "nones," are now the largest subgroup in American society. In a study released in 2019, "nones" jumped from 17% of the adult population in 2009 to 26% in 2019. Catholics, meanwhile, slipped from 23% to 20% in 2019. While some young people embrace the concept of spirituality, they do not necessarily see the need for participation in Mass or the sacraments.

SADNESS AND PAIN

While the Church has always been a gathering of the wounded, it must acknowledge the sadness and pain caused by prior parish reconfigurations as well as the clergy sex abuse crisis. As acknowledged in Bishop Bambera's 2011 Pastoral Letter, "Wounded and Loved, Regathering the Scattered," we simply cannot embrace the hope of Easter without first experiencing Good Friday and the wounds of our lives and brokenness of our world.



2. Financial Challenges and Parish Infrastructure Needs

Many parish buildings were built in a different era and there are countless facilities with deferred maintenance needs and no planned funding stream for necessary repairs. The Diocese of Scranton must continue to evaluate where and how to best invest resources not only on a particular parish-level, but also the deanery and diocesan levels.

Parishes are much more expensive to maintain now than they were in the past. With a fewer number of parishioners supporting the mission of the church overall, parish offertories have not been able to keep up with current realities.

As of early 2021, 19 parishes have been found to have significant bills, insurance premiums, or medical premiums that need to be paid to the Diocese of Scranton. The Diocese of Scranton provides pastoral and temporal services for people, parishes and institutions in the Diocese and represents the faithful in the Diocese in the worldwide Church. Funding to help support the work of the Diocese itself is primarily provided through an assessment that is paid by each parish. Likewise, funding to help support the Diocese of Scranton Catholic School System is provided through a schools assessment that is paid for by each parish. The resources provided by both parish and school assessments are carefully used to further the mission of the Church.

ANNUAL APPEAL

Thank you to those who have already made a pledge to the Diocesan Annual Appeal. We have met our goal!

St. Peter's Annual Appeal Parish Goal: \$ 46,000 ~ Current Pledged Amount: \$ 46,941

Our parish is reimbursed 75% for any gifts made to the Appeal in excess of our Appeal goal. If you have not yet given your support, please: Call the Development Office at 570-207-2250, to make a pledge or give a gift by credit card, Mail a check to the Diocesan Appeal Office at 300 Wyoming Ave., Scranton, PA 18503, or give online at www.DiocesefofScranton.org.

The dioceses is offering a new donor initiative which provides a refund to parishes for reaching new donor goals. An increase of 10% in new donors results in a \$2000 refund to the parish. An increase of 5% in new donors offers a \$1000 refund to the parish. St. Peter's needs 31 new donors to meet the 5% increase and 49 new donors to meet the 10% increase. Any donation amount qualifies.

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"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."



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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.