

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-2:00pm

Parish Staff

Pastor: Rev. Jacek Bialkowski
Secretary: Connie Spang – stpch@ptd.net
Bookkeeper: Melissa Mann – stpadm@ptd.net
Religious Education: Jen Minnich – stpred@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



*1st Sunday of Lent
February 18, 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 – 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 _____

LENT is about
BECOMING,
DOING, and
CHANGING,
WHATEVER IT IS
THAT IS BLOCKING
THE FULLNESS OF LIFE
IN US RIGHT NOW.

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

Date	Time	Mass Intention
Monday 2/19	No Mass	
Tuesday 2/20	12:10pm	In Memory of Edward Schepp (Family)
Wednesday 2/21	12:10pm	In Memory of Mary & Cecil Rogers (Family)
Thursday 2/22	No Mass	
Friday 2/23	6:00pm	In Memory of Cindy Dalton (The Grab Family)
Saturday 2/24	5:00pm Mass is livestreamed	Living and Deceased Members of St. Peter's Parish
Sunday 2/25	8:30am	In Honor of Mary Antoniw (Ostapowicz Family)

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 18th

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

Monday, February 19th

Parish Office Closed for Presidents Day

Tuesday, February 20th

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

Friday, February 23rd

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

Sunday, February 25th

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

Stewardship

Sunday Collection for February 11, 2024: \$5,515.83
 Weekly Goal to Meet Expenses: \$6,100.00
 Difference: -\$584.17
 Year to Date Budget Variance: \$13,566.67

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

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. You will notice a change in liturgy, decorations, and colors around the church. The priest will vest in violet, except on the 4th Sunday of Lent (*Laetare Sunday*) when he wears rose vestments. The sanctuary is bereft of flowers or any other decorations and the Gloria will not be prayed/sung on Sundays. Also, Alleluia is not sung or said from the beginning of Lent until the Eater Vigil.



Days of Fast and Abstinence

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence, which means no meat may be eaten. All Fridays during Lent are also days of abstinence. 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.

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.

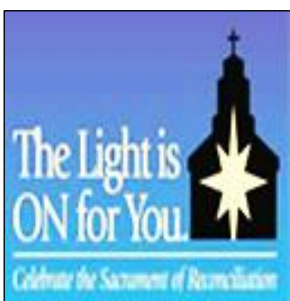
Pick Your Penance

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

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. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Kim Piller at kimp806@gmail.com



THERE WILL BE A LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE AT ST. PETER'S ON SUNDAY, MARCH 10TH AT 4:00PM




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 a 5:30pm Mass at St. Peter's followed by confessions.



Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl is a Lenten program that raises funds for those who need support and services in communities throughout the U.S. and overseas. Seventy-five percent of CRS Rice Bowl donations supports their work around the world, and twenty-five percent of gifts stay in each diocese for hunger and poverty alleviation efforts.

Rice Bowls are located on the holy handout table at the back of the church, or visit crsricebowl.org for more information on the program and to donate.



DIOCESE OF SCRANTON
 WILLIAMSPORT DEANERY
**LENTEN
 HOLY HOUR**
with Bishop Bambera
Wednesday, Feb. 28
at 7:00 P.M.
St. Joseph the Worker Parish
 702 West Fourth Street
 Williamsport, PA 17701

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.

Diocesan Annual Appeal

The money raised through the Diocesan Annual Appeal will help continue the mission of our Church in the Diocese of Scranton by providing programs and ministries that bring the love of Christ to our neighbors, our children, and those most in need in Northeastern and Northcentral PA.

Parish goal: \$43,000
Total raised to date: \$35,435

We appreciate any support that you might be able to give to the Appeal to help continue the spread of the gospel in our local Church. Blank pledge envelopes can be found near the front doors of the church. Thank you!



Scan to donate or visit annualappeal.org



The Catholic Light
 DIOCESE OF SCRANTON
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Fueling Vocations through Prayer
Four parish Vocation Centers being established in the Diocese of Scranton
 LAFLIN – Each of us has a vocation they might be able to do a retreat, shadow a priest or even spend an extended amount of time in.” After several years of discussion to which God is calling us. When it comes to discernment that discernment and planning, the first Diocesan Parish in center began at Saint Matthew Parish in Laflin. The second was created in Christ the King Parish, Archbold.

Your Gift to the Diocesan Annual Appeal
 helps the Diocesan Office for Communications spread the Good News through *The Catholic Light* newspaper

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.

----- Important Notice Regarding 2023 Statements -----

Back in December, the hard drive on the parish office computer crashed during a data transfer and much of St. Peter's financial information was lost. Because of this, we are unable to retrieve contribution numbers electronically and a more time-consuming process of reviewing weekly paper records for each individual parishioner is required. This has caused an unfortunate delay in providing 2023 statements.

We apologize for the delay and understand the importance of providing your statement in a timely manner. Please know this is a top priority for the parish office, and we anticipate mailing statements to those who requested them by the first week of March. If you should require yours sooner, please contact Melissa in the parish office and she will do her best to meet your deadline. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Ecumenical Event – Wednesday Lenten Services

The Wellsboro Ministerium will be offering Wednesday Lenten Services to our community. All services will be held at the First Presbyterian Church (130 Main St, Wellsboro) at 12:00pm with a light lunch to follow.

All are Welcome to Attend!



Have You Heard?

**GOD IS DOING SOMETHING
NEW—AND HE IS CALLING
YOU TO BE A PART OF IT!**

We are in the midst of a National Eucharistic Revival. Why? Because the Church needs healing, and the world needs Jesus. The Holy Spirit is inviting us to return to the source and summit of our faith—the Eucharist.

Scan the code to learn more about the exciting journey ahead, and sign up for weekly updates on what's happening in this unprecedented national movement!

eucharisticrevival.org



Are You Looking to Give Up Something for Lent?

Give up resentment and become more forgiving ~ Give up hatred and return good for evil
Give up complaining and be more grateful ~ Give up pessimism and become more hopeful
Give up worry and become more trusting ~ Give up anger and become more patient
Give up pettiness and become more noble ~ Give up gloom and become more joyful
Give up doubt and turn to God



Confirmation Class Reminder

The next Confirmation class is scheduled for **Sunday, February 18th** at 6:00pm in the Parish Center.



Knights of Columbus

A Knights of Columbus Meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 26th at 7:00pm in St. Peter's Parish Center.

Parish Office Hours

The Parish Office will be closed Monday, February 19th, in observance of Presidents Day

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 marian-ministries@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 Troncione (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

*"Place me and Jesus as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm.
Whether you are standing or sitting, praying, reading, writing, or working,
let Jesus and Mary be always on your lips and always in your heart."*

(Thomas Kempis, *Imitation of Mary*)



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

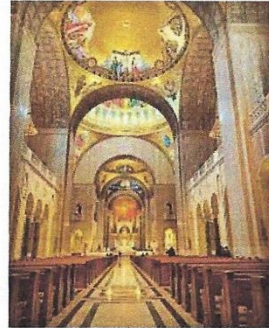
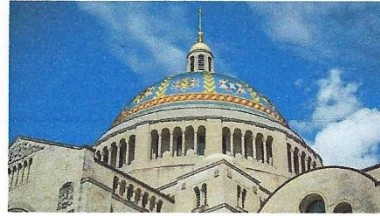
Dinner Stop: Chic-fil-A in Germantown, MD

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.**

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Pickup Location _____ Emergency Contact & Phone #: _____


Allergies: _____ Email Address: _____

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<p> 25 Main Street Wellsboro, PA 16901 570-723-4263 www.popscultureshoppe.com Games * Imagination * Fun Your proprietors Julian and Anja Stam Consider it all joy! James 1:2</p>	<p> 1803 Route 287, Morris 570-404-6159 www.Nessmuks.com A Family Owned Small Business Zack & Tracy Buck</p>	<p>A Gift in Your Will 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:</p>
<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, [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."</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, 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, 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.
Monika Moser

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.