

St. Peter's Church



5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 4, 2024

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

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 Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life

Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

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 2/5	No Mass	
Tuesday 2/6	12:10pm	In Memory of Jeanette Neidhoefer (Family)
Wednesday 2/7	12:10 pm	In Memory of Stephen Zahurik (Family)
Thursday 2/8	12:10pm	In Memory of Paul Usavage (Bialas Family)
Friday 2/9	12:10pm	In Memory of Paul Patt (Patt Family)
Saturday 2/10	5:00pm Mass is livestreamed	Living and Deceased Members of St. Peter's Parish
Sunday 2/11	8:30am	In Memory of Anthony Machiarola (Don and Lucy Whitney)

The Sanctuary Candle is offered in Memory of Dr. Richard Black (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 4th

Religious Education Classes
8:30am pre-school; 9:30am K-12
Bingo – 12:00pm; Knoxville Community Center

Monday, February 5th

Samaritan House Mtg – 6:00pm; Adult Ed. Room

Tuesday, February 6th

Women's Bible Study – 10:00am; Adult Ed Room
Adoration – 1:00pm – 6:00pm; Church
Parish Council Mtg – 6:30pm; Adult Ed. Room

Wednesday, February 7th

Staff Meeting – 10:00am; Parish Office
Following Christ – 6:30pm; Parish Center

Sunday, February 11th

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

Stewardship

Sunday Collection for January 28, 2024: \$7,923.00
Weekly Goal to Meet Expenses: \$6,100.00
Difference: \$1,823.00
Year to Date Budget Variance: \$13,298.84

Diocesan: Support the Church in Latin America: \$320.00

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.

Liturgical Reflection – 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

GOSPEL: Mark 1:29-39



Today we hear about the healing of Peter's mother-in-law. It is important to note that once she received the miracle from Jesus, Peter's mother-in-law responded in the appropriate manner – with service to others. We hear from Jesus himself the main purpose for his public ministry: to “preach” the Gospel to the nearby villages. Mark makes an important assertion here: while Jesus' deeds are truly amazing and astonishing, it is his words that also communicate the Good News of the Kingdom of God. Both Jesus' words and deeds left an impact on those he touched in his public ministry.



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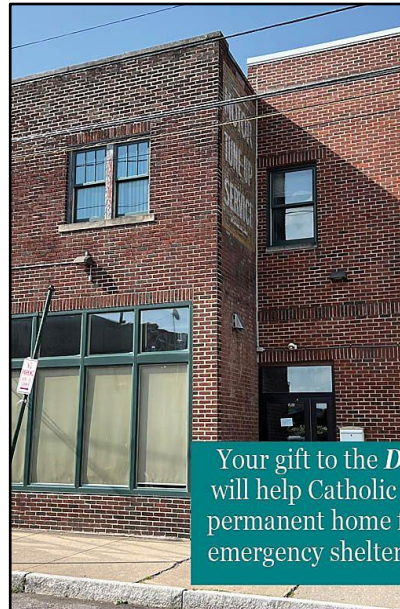
LENTEN HOLY HOUR

with Bishop Bambera


Wednesday, Feb. 28
at 7:00 P.M.

St. Joseph the Worker Parish
702 West Fourth Street
Williamsport, PA 17701

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Your gift to the *Diocesan Annual Appeal* will help Catholic Social Services establish a permanent home for Mother Teresa's Haven emergency shelter in Wilkes-Barre this year.



Knights of Columbus Event

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.

Are You Interested in Joining the Knights of Columbus?

If you would like to join the Knights and do good things for your church and community, please contact Grand Knight Michael Buono at 717/320-2305.

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.



Ash Wednesday, February 14th
Mass Times:

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



The Church celebrates the feast of St. Blaise, Bishop and martyr, on Saturday, February 3rd. St. Blaise has traditionally been associated with the healing of throats, so it is the practice of the Church to have a blessing of throats around his feast day to seek his intercession.

A blessing of throats will take place after both Masses this weekend.



Super Bingo!

Sunday, February 4th

Knoxville Community Center

Doors open at 10:30am
Bingo starts at 12:00pm
Cost: \$30

Altar Server Training

Altar Server training will take place on **Sunday, February 18th** during religious education classes. If your child is in third grade or above, has received First Holy Communion and is interested in becoming an altar server, please fill out the form below and return it to their religious education teacher. Contact Jen Minnich in the Religious Education Office at stpreled@ptd.net with any questions.



My child, _____ in grade _____, has received their First Holy Communion and is interested in attending altar server training on Sunday, February 18th.

Signed _____



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.



Thank you to everyone who participated in St. Peter's raffle fundraiser! One winning ticket will be drawn and the winner of the 65" LG UHD TV will be contacted on Monday. We will announce the winner and publish profit totals from the raffle in next week's bulletin.

St. Peter's and St. Thomas Parishes Activity Calendar – February 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>4 5th Sunday Ordinary Time</p> <p>Mass – 8:30am Blessing of Throats Mass – 11:30am St. Thomas Mass – 4:00pm St. Catherine Rel. Ed.–Pre K 8:30am; K-12th 9:30 - 10:40am Bingo – 12:00pm; Knoxville Community Center</p>	<p>5 St. Agatha</p> <p>No Mass Samaritan House Meeting- 6:00pm-8:00pm; Parish Center</p>	<p>6 St. Paul Miki & Companions</p> <p>Mass – 12:10pm Confessions – 11:45am Adoration – 1:00pm – 6:00pm Women's Bible Study – 10:00am Parish Council Meeting – 6:30pm; Parish Center AA – 6:00pm/Al-Anon – 7:00pm</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Mass – 12:10pm Confessions – 11:45am Staff Mtg. – 10:00am Following Christ – 6:30pm; Parish Center</p>	<p>8 St. Jerome</p> <p>Mass – 12:10pm Confessions – 11:45am</p> <p>St. Peter's Parish Office Closed</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Mass – 12:10pm Confessions – 11:45am</p> <p>St. Peter's Parish Office Closed</p>	<p>10 St. Scholastica</p> <p>Mass – 5:00pm Confessions – 4:30pm</p>
<p>11 6th Sunday Ordinary Time</p> <p>Mass – 8:30am Mass – 11:30am St. Thomas Mass – 1:00pm St. Catherine Rel. Ed.–Pre K 8:30am; K-12th 9:30 -10:40am</p>	<p>12</p> <p>No Mass Following Christ – 6:30pm; Parish Center</p>	<p>13 Mardi Gras/Shrove Tuesday</p> <p>Mass – 12:10pm Confessions – 11:45am Adoration – 1:00pm – 6:00pm Women's Bible Study – 10:00am Al-Anon – 7:00pm / AA – 8:00pm</p>	<p>14 Ash Wednesday</p> <p>Mass – 12:10pm Confessions – 11:45am Mass – 3:00pm St. Thomas Mass – 6:00pm St. Peter's</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Mass – 12:10pm Confessions – 11:45am</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Mass – 6:00pm Followed by Stations of the Cross; St. Peter's Children's Stations of the Cross – 3:30pm St. Peter's Parish Office Closed</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Mass – 5:00pm Confessions – 4:30pm Knights of Columbus - Third Degree Exemplification 1:00pm; St. Peter's</p>
<p>18 1st Sunday of Lent</p> <p>Mass – 8:30am Mass – 11:30am St. Thomas Mass – 1:00pm St. Catherine Rel. Ed.–Pre K 8:30am; K-12th 9:30 -10:40am Altar Server Training – during Rel. Ed. classes Confirmation Class – 6:00pm</p>	<p>19 President's Day</p> <p>No Mass Parish Offices Closed</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Mass – 12:10pm Confessions – 11:45am Adoration – 1:00pm – 6:00pm Women's Bible Study – 10:00am Al-Anon – 7:00pm / AA – 8:00pm</p>	<p>21 St. Peter Damian</p> <p>Mass – 12:10pm St Peter's Confessions – 11:45am</p>	<p>22 The Chair of St. Peter</p> <p>No Mass</p>	<p>23 St. Polycarp</p> <p>Mass – 6:00pm Followed by Stations of the Cross; St. Peter's Children's Stations of the Cross– 3:30pm St. Peter's Parish Office Closed</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Mass – 5:00pm Confessions – 4:30pm</p>
<p>25 2nd Sunday of Lent</p> <p>Mass – 8:30am Mass – 11:30am St. Thomas Mass – 1:00 St. Catherine Rel. Ed.–Pre K 8:30am; K-12th 9:30 -10:40</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Mass – 5:30pm followed by confessions "The Light is On for You" Knights of Columbus Mtg – 7:00pm; St. Peter's Parish Center</p>	<p>27 St. Gregory of Narek</p> <p>Mass – 12:10pm Confessions – 11:45am Adoration – 1:00pm – 6:00pm Women's Bible Study – 10:00am Al-Anon – 7:00pm / AA – 8:00pm</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Mass – 12:10pm Confessions – 11:45am</p>	<p>29</p> <p>No Mass</p>		




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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, 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

 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.