

St. Peter's Church



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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

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time February 5, 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!

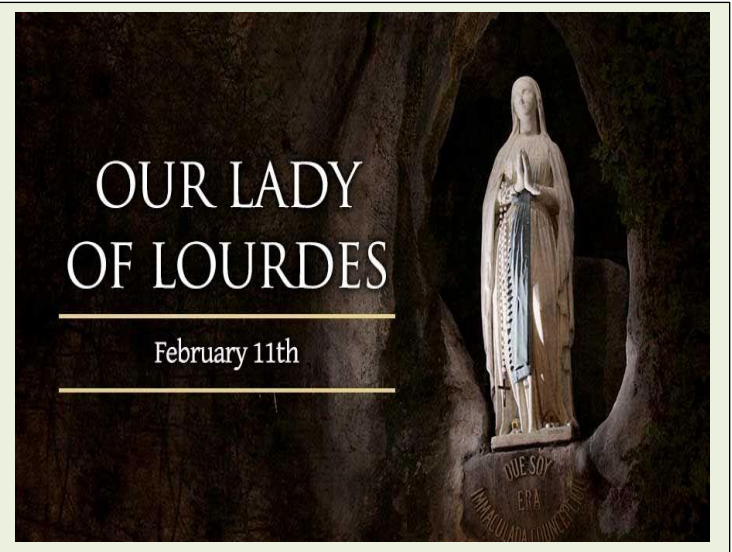
If you are visiting Tioga County this weekend, welcome and thank you for worshiping with us! If you are searching for a Spiritual home, we welcome you to join us and invite you to become part of our church family. Please complete this form and return it to the parish office or drop it in the offertory basket.

Request for Parishioner Registration Form

Name _____

Phone _____

Address _____



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 2/6	No Mass	
Tuesday 2/7	12:10pm	In Memory of Beth Patt (Frank Patt & Family)
Wednesday 2/8	No Mass	
Thursday 2/9	12:10pm	In Memory of Patrick Lannak (Charles & Mary Fagg)
Friday 2/10	12:10pm	In Memory of Peter & Helen Demcher (Robert Tobaygo)
Saturday 2/11	5:00pm Mass is livestreamed	In Memory of Paul Patt (Marion Patt)
Sunday 2/12	8:30am	In Memory of Stanley Myslinski (Tom & Linda Sampson)

Altar & Tabernacle Flowers and Mary Arrangement are in Memory of Louis & Julia Kleso (Nancy Szabo)

The Sanctuary Candle is offered in Honor of Paul Beuter, Jr. (Sister, Ann Marie)

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 5th

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

Tuesday, February 7th

Women's Bible Study – 10:00am; Adult Ed. Room
 Adoration – 1:00pm – 6:00pm; Church
 Worship Committee Mtg. – 6:00pm, Adult Ed.

Wednesday, February 8th

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

Thursday, February 9th

Samaritan House Meeting – 10:00am; Samaritan House
 Parish Council Meeting – 6:30pm; Adult Ed. Room

Friday, February 10th

Valentine's Dinner Donation Drop-Off – 9:00am – 5:00pm,
 Parish Kitchen

Saturday, February 11th

Social Concerns Valentine's Meal Prep – 9:00am – 2:00pm;
 Parish Kitchen

Sunday, February 12th

Religious Education Classes –
 8:30am pre-school; 9:30am K-12
 Social Concerns Valentine's Meal 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

Stewardship

Sunday Collection for January 29, 2023: \$4,453.00
 Weekly Goal to Meet Expenses: \$6,100.00
 Difference: -\$1,647.00
 Year to Date Budget Variance: -\$1,097.09

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

Liturgical Reflection ~ 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING: Isaiah 58:7-10

The expectations of the covenant were twofold: first the people were called to fidelity to God and second, they were called to care for their fellow members of the covenant community. Isaiah addresses some of those obligations. They deal with the most basic and obvious of human needs: having food, shelter and clothing. Those who are in need are to be treated as your own, meaning they are family; together they share a common bond. When the faithful live in this way they are blessed by the Lord; they will be like a light that shines before others and the Lord will answer their every prayer.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 112

The Psalmist sings the praises of the just person. Echoing the image of light in the First Reading, the psalmist says that the just person is like a light in the darkness and his justice toward others will rebound on his own life. He will never need to fear adversity from others because the Lord remembers his good works. The just person lives from his heart, and in the end he will be exalted.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

In many of Paul's letters to the early Christians, he makes a point of being self-effacing in order to impress upon his readers that it is the power of the Spirit and the importance of the Word of God. This is the gist of today's text. Paul distances himself from the high wisdom teaching of other orators. He humbly admits to his own weakness and anxiousness in their presence, but he boldly affirms that the message of Christ Jesus is what is really important.

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:13-16



The familiar images and ordinary use of salt and light become metaphors of a spiritual identity for Jesus' disciples. Both salt and light cause other things to happen. Salt adds flavor to food; light gets rid of darkness so others can see and move about safely. The task of the disciple is to be an agent of the Kingdom of God, so that others will be enriched. Jesus' statement is emphatic: "you are", not you might be or someday you will be. This identity and accompanying mission has a present purpose:

to declare the Kingdom of God now.

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.

Blessing of throats will take place after both Masses this weekend.

Marian Ministries - Living Rosary

A current Living Rosary sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the church (located on the confessional door). Participants without internet access are asked to check the sheet to be sure their assigned decades are correct. Please contact Linda Sampson at 570-404-2180 with any changes or if you wish to take part in this devotion.

Volunteer Opportunity *Collection Counter*

Each Sunday, volunteers count the offerings collected during the weekend Masses and prepare the funds for deposit. There are five teams of counters, and each team serves once every five weeks. We are looking for someone to join a counting team. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the rectory at 570/724-3371.

St. Peter's Youth Choir

St. Peter's Youth Choir, grades 5-12, is preparing to lead music at Mass. We will especially prepare for the Easter Sunday morning Mass. We meet every Sunday after religious education classes from 10:40am – 11:15am. Interested students are encouraged to come after class and SING! Contact Mrs. Simonis at 570/724-2085 for more information.



*The Paschal Candle
was donated by Synthia Topf
In Memory of Henry E. Topf, Jr.*

World Day of the Sick

The Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, will celebrate Mass for the 31st World Day of the Sick on **Friday, February 10, 2023, at 12:10pm at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton.**

The commemoration of the World Day of the Sick not only provides an opportunity to devote special attention to those who are ill, but is also a celebration of God's works of mercy especially through those who work tirelessly in the healthcare field.

The World Day of the Sick Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Peter will feature the Liturgy of the Anointing. Any infirmed person who wishes to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be invited to approach the bishop/priest with their hands open and palms facing up. The bishop/priest will anoint both the forehead and hands of the sick person.

CTV: Catholic Television of the Diocese of Scranton will provide a live broadcast of the Mass. It will also be livestreamed on the Diocese of Scranton website and YouTube channel and links for the Mass will be provided on all Diocesan social media platforms. All faithful are invited to participate.

World Day of the Sick is celebrated every year on February 11th. Pope John Paul II established this day in 1992 to urge people to pray for individuals who are ill and their caretakers.

There is no Christianity without community, just as there is no peace without fraternity. Let us believe in community and, with God's help, build a Church free of the worldly spirit and full of the Holy Spirit, free from the personal hoarding of riches and filled with brotherly love! - Pope Francis



Social Concerns Valentine's Dinner

On February 12th, the Social Concerns Committee is planning to deliver a Valentine's dinner to any parishioner who would like one, who is home bound, living alone, recovering from an illness, or a "sweetheart" who contributes in a special way to the Parish. If you would like to receive a meal or know a parishioner who might like to receive one, **or if you can help with delivery**, please contact Karen Plumley at 570/439-0175.

Also, to assist with needed supplies, please look for sign-up sheets on the table near the main entrance of the church this weekend. Food donations should be dropped off in the Parish Center kitchen Friday, February 10th, between 9:00am and 5:00pm. Monetary donations to offset some of our costs are also greatly appreciated.

St. Peter's Church 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 sign-up sheets on the table at the back of the church to volunteer.

Calling All Young Adults! *Registration for ISLI is open.*

Registration is now open for the International Student Leadership Institute (ISLI), which is a peer facilitated, faith-based retreat for high school students in the Diocese of Scranton. The program is open to all students in 9th – 12th grade and will run from Friday, February 17th through Sunday, February 19th at Holy Transfiguration Retreat Center in Dalton, PA.

The ISLI retreat is designed to provide the knowledge and skills necessary for students to excel in both the leadership and membership roles of task-oriented groups.

The cost is \$200 before January 30 and \$225 after that date. This fee covers program materials, meals, room, and a t-shirt. A \$100 non-refundable deposit and reservation are required and registration will close on Feb. 10.


For more information and to register, visit dioceseofscranton.org or call Shannon Kowalski, Diocesan Director of Service & Mission, at 570/207-2213 ext. 1155

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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, Clark Hewitt, Everett Dean Brown, Roberta Mahar, 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, 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 Fermenic, 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.